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# Getting started overview

# Design Considerations and Overview

This document describes Version 3 of a software library called "Climate Model Output Rewriter" (CMOR3)[1], written in C with access also provided via Fortran 90 and through Python[2]. CMOR is used to produce CF-compliant[3] netCDF[4] files. The structure of the files created by CMOR and the metadata they contain fulfill the requirements of many of the climate community's standard model experiments (which are referred to here as "MIPs"[5] and include, for example, AMIP, PMIP, APE, and IPCC [DN1] scenario runs).

CMOR was not designed to serve as an all-purpose writer of CF-compliant netCDF files, but simply to reduce the effort required to prepare and manage MIP model output. Although MIPs encourage systematic analysis of results across models, this is only easy to do if the model output is written in a common format with files structured similarly and with sufficient metadata uniformly stored according to a common standard. Individual modeling groups store their data in different ways, but if a group can read its own data, then it should easily be able to transform the data, using CMOR, into the common format required by the MIPs. The adoption of CMOR as a standard code for exchanging climate data will facilitate participation in MIPs because after learning how to satisfy the output requirements of one MIP, it will be easy to prepare output for other MIPs.

#### CMOR output has the following characteristics:

- Each file contains a single primary output variable (along with coordinate/grid variables, attributes and other metadata) from a single model and a single simulation (i.e., from a single ensemble member of a single climate experiment). This method of structuring model output best serves the needs of most researchers who are typically interested in only a few of the many variables in the MIP databases. Data requests can be satisfied by simply sending the appropriate file(s) without first extracting the individual field(s) of interest.
- There is flexibility in specifying how many time slices (samples) are stored in a single file. A single file can contain all the time-samples for a given variable and climate experiment, or the samples can be distributed in a sequence of files.
- Much of the metadata written to the output files is defined in MIP-specific tables of information, which in this document are referred to simply as "MIP tables". These tables are JSON files that can be read by CMOR and are typically made available from MIP web sites. Because these tables contain much of the metadata that is useful in the MIP

context, they are the key to reducing the programming burden imposed on the individual users contributing data to a MIP. Additional tables can be created as new MIPs are born.

- For metadata, different MIPs may have different requirements, but these are accommodated by CMOR, within the constraints of the CF convention and as specified in the MIP tables.
- CMOR can rely on NetCDF4 See unidata web page 2 to write the output files and can take advantage of its compression and chunking capabilities. In that case, compression is controlled with the MIP tables using the shuffle, deflate and deflate\_level attributes, default values are respectively 0, 0 and 0(disable). It is worth noting that even when using NetCDF4, CMOR3 still produces NETCDF4 CLASSIC formatted output. This allows the file generated to be readable by any application that can read NetCDF3 provided they are re-linked against NetCDF4. When using the NetCDF4 library it is also still possible to write files that can be read through the NetCDF3 library by adding "\_3" to the appropriate cmor\_setup argument (see below). Note: CMOR3 NOW output NetCDF3 files by default. For CMIP6, the NetCDF4/NC\_CLASSIC\_Model mode is used (and chunking is not invoked, but shuffle and delfation can be invoke on-demand).
- CMOR also must be linked against the udunits2 library see http://www.unidata.ucar.edu/software/udunits/\$\overline{\mathcal{C}}\$, which enables CMOR to check that the units attribute is correct[6]. Finally CMOR3 must also be linked against the uuid library see http://www.ossp.org/pkg/lib/uuid \$\overline{\mathcal{C}}\$ in order to produce a unique tracking number for each file.

Although the CMOR output adheres to a fairly rigid structure, there is considerable flexibility allowed in the design of codes that write data through the CMOR functions. Depending on how the source data are stored, one might want to structure a code to read and rewrite the data through CMOR in several different ways. Consider, for example, a case where data are originally stored in "history" files that contain many different fields, but a single time sample. If one were to process several different fields through CMOR and one wanted to include many time samples per file, then it would usually be more efficient to read all the fields from the single input file at the same time, and then distribute them to the appropriate CMOR output files, rather than to process all the time-samples for a single field and then move on to the next field. If, however, the original data were stored already by field (i.e., one variable per file), then it would make more sense to simply loop through the fields, one at a time. The user is free to structure the conversion program in either of these ways (among others).

Converting data with CMOR typically involves the following steps (with the CMOR function names given in parentheses):

• Initialize CMOR and specify where output will be written and how error messages will be handled (cmor\_setup).

- Provide information directing where output should be placed and identifying the data source, project name, experiment, etc. (cmor\_dataset\_json). User need to provide a User Input CMOR file to define each attribute.
- Set any additional "dataset" (i.e. global) attributes (cmor\_set\_cur\_dataset function).
   Note that all CMIP6 attributes can also be defined in the CMOR input user JSON file (cmor\_dataset\_json).
- Define the axes (i.e., the coordinate values) associated with each of the dimensions of the data to be written and obtain "handles", to be used in the next step, which uniquely identify the axes (cmor axis).
- In the case of non-Cartesian longitude-latitude grids or for "station data", define the grid and its mapping parameters (cmor\_grid and cmor\_set\_grid\_mapping)
- Define the variables to be written by CMOR, indicate which axes are associated with each variable, and obtain "handles", to be used in the next step, which uniquely identify each variable (cmor\_variable). For each variable defined, this function fills internal table entries containing file attributes passed by the user or obtained from a MIP table, along with coordinate variables and other related information. Thus, nearly all of the file's metadata is collected during this step.
- Write an array of data that includes one or more time samples for a defined variable (cmor\_write). This step will typically be repeated to output additional variables or to append additional time samples of data.
- Close one or all files created by CMOR (cmor close)

There is an additional function (cmor\_zfactor), which enables one to define metadata associated with dimensionless vertical coordinates.

CMOR was designed to reduce the effort required of those contributing data to various MIPs. An important aim was to minimize any transformations that the user would have to perform on their original data structures to meet the MIP requirements. Toward this end, the code allows the following flexibility (with the MIP requirements obtained by CMOR from the appropriate MIP table and automatically applied):

- The input data can be structured with dimensions in any order and with coordinate values either increasing or decreasing monotonically; CMOR will rearrange them to meet the MIP's requirements before writing out the data.
- The input data and coordinate values can be provided in an array declared to be
  whatever "type" is convenient for the user (e.g., in the case of coordinate data, the
  user might pass type "real" values (32-bit floating-point numbers on most platforms)
  even though the output will be written type double (64-bit IEEE floating-point); CMOR
  will transform the data to the required type before writing.

- The input data can be provided in units different from what is required by a MIP. If those units can be transformed to the correct units using the udunits (version 2) software (see udunits)[http://www.unidata.ucar.edu/software/udunits/], then CMOR performs the transformation before writing the data. Otherwise, CMOR will return an error. Time units are handled via the built-in cdtime interface [7].
- So-called "scalar dimensions" (sometimes referred to as "singleton dimensions") are automatically inserted by CMOR. Thus, for example, the user can provide surface air temperature (at 2 meters) as a function of longitude, latitude, and time, and CMOR adds as a "coordinate" attribute the "height" dimension, consistent with the metadata requirements of CF. If the model output does not conform to the MIP requirements (e.g., carries temperature at 1.5 m instead of 2 m), then the user can override the MIP table specifications.

The code does not, however, include a capability to interpolate data, either in the vertical or horizontally. If data originally stored on model levels, is supposed to be stored on standard pressure levels, according to MIP specifications, then the user must interpolate before passing the data to CMOR.

The output resulting from CMOR is "self-describing" and includes metadata summarized below, organized by attribute type (global, coordinate, or variable attributes) and by its source (specified by the user or in a MIP table, or generated by CMOR).

Global attributes typically provided by the MIP table or generated by CMOR:

- *title*, identification of the project, experiment, and table.
- Conventions, ('CF-1.4')
- *history*, any user-provided history along with a "timestamp" generated by CMOR and a statement that the data conform to both the CF standards and those of a particular MIP.
- activity\_id, scientific project that inspired this simulation (e.g., CMIP6)
- *table\_id*, MIP table used to define variable.
- data specs version Base on the latest CMIP6-Datarequest latest database version.
- *mip\_era*, define what cycle of CMIP dictates the experiment and data specificiation.
- experiment, a long name title for the experiment.
- realm(s) to which the variable belongs (e.g., ocean, land, atmosphere, etc.).
- *tracking\_id*, a unique identification string generated by uuid, which is useful at least within the ESG distributed data archive.
- cmor\_version, version of the library used to generate the files.
- frequency, the approximate time-sampling interval for a time-series of data.

- creation\_date, the date and time (UTZ) that the file was created.
- product, a descriptive string that distinguishes among various model data products.

Global attributes typically provided by the user in a call to a CMOR function:

- *institution*, identifying the modeling center contributing the output.
- *institute\_id*, a shorter identifying name of the modeling center (which would be appropriate for labeling plots in which results from many models might appear).
- source, identifying the model version that generated the output.
- contact, providing the name and email of someone responsible for the data
- *source id*, an acronym that identifies the model used to generate the output.
- experiment id, a short name for the experiment.
- *history*, providing an "audit trail" for the data, which will be supplemented with CMORgenerated information described above.
- references, typically containing documentation of the model and the model simulation.
- comment, typically including initialization and spin-up information for the simulation.
- realization\_index, an integer distinguishing among simulations that differ only from different equally reasonable initial conditions. This number should be greater than or equal to 1.
- *initialization\_index*, an integer distinguishing among simulations that differ only in the method of initialization. This number should be greater than or equal to 1.
- physics\_index, an integer indicating which of several closely related physics versions of a model produced the simulation.
- parent\_experiment\_id, a string indicating which experiment this branches from. For CMIP6 this should match the short name of the parent experiment id.
- parent\_experiment\_rip, a string indicating which member of an ensemble of parent experiment runs this simulation branched from.
- branch\_time, time in parent experiment when this simulation started (in the units of the parent experiment).

Note: additional global attributes can be added by the user via the cmor set cur dataset attribute function (see below).

Coordinate attributes typically provided by a MIP table or generated by CMOR:

- standard\_name, as defined in the CF standard name table.
- *units*, specifying the units for the coordinate variable.

- axis, indicating whether axis is of type x, y, z, t, or none of these.
- bounds, (when appropriate) indicating where the cell bounds are stored.
- *positive*, (when appropriate) indicating whether a vertical coordinate increases upward or downward.
- formula\_terms, (when appropriate) providing information needed to transform from a dimensionless vertical coordinate to the actual location (e.g., from sigma-level to pressure).
- Coordinate or grid mapping attributes typically provided by the user in a call to a CMOR function:\*
- calendar, (when appropriate) indicating the calendar type assumed by the model.
- grid\_mapping\_name and the names of various mapping parameters, when necessary to describe grids other than lat-lon. See CF conventions at: (http://cf-pcmdi.llnl.gov/documents/cf-conventions/1.1/cf-conventions.html#grid-mappings-and-projections)
- Variable attributes typically provided by a MIP table or generated by CMOR:\*
- standard name as defined in the CF standard name table.
- *units*, specifying the units for the variable.
- long name, describing the variable and useful as a title on plots.
- missing value and FillValue, specifying how missing data will be identified.
- cell\_methods, (when appropriate) typically providing information concerning calculation
  of means or climatologies, which may be supplemented by information provided by the
  user.
- *cell\_measures*, when appropriate, indicates the names of the variables containing cell areas and volumes.
- *comment*, providing clarifying information concerning the variable (e.g., whether precipitation includes both liquid and solid forms of precipitation).
- *history*, indicating what CMOR has done to the user supplied data (e.g., transforming its units or rearranging its order to be consistent with the MIP requirements)
- *coordinates*, (when appropriate) supplying either scalar (singleton) dimension information or the name of the labels containing names of geographical regions.
- flag values and flag meanings
- modeling\_realm, providing the realm associated to the variable (ocean, land, aerosol, Sealce, Landlce, ...)

Variable attributes typically provided by the user in a call to a CMOR function:

- grid\_mappingi
- original\_name, containing the name of the variable as it is known at the user's home institution.i\*
- original units, the units of the data passed to CMOR.
- *history*, (when appropriate) information concerning processing of the variable prior to sending it to CMOR. (This information may be supplemented by further history information generated by CMOR.)
- *comment*, (when appropriate) providing miscellaneous information concerning the variable, which will supplement any comment contained in the MIP table.

As is evident from the above summary of metadata, a substantial fraction of the information is defined in the MIP tables, which explains why writing MIP output through CMOR is much easier than writing data without the help of the MIP tables. Besides the attribute information, the MIP tables also include information that controls the structure of the output and allows CMOR to apply some rudimentary quality assurance checks. Among this ancillary information in the MIP tables is the following:

- The direction each coordinate should be stored when it is output (i.e., either in order of increasing or decreasing values). The user need not be concerned with this since, if necessary, CMOR will reorder the coordinate values and the data.
- The acceptable values for coordinates (e.g., for a pressure coordinate axis, for example, perhaps the WCRP standard pressure levels).
- The acceptable values for various arguments passed to CMOR functions (e.g., acceptable calendars, experiment i.d.'s, etc.)
- The "type" of each output array (whether real, double precision, or integer). The user need not be concerned with this since, if necessary, CMOR will convert the data to the specified type.
- The order of the dimensions for output arrays. The user need not be concerned with this since, if necessary, CMOR will reorder the data consistent with the specified dimension order.
- The normally applied values for "scalar dimensions" (i.e., "singleton dimensions").
- The range of acceptable values for output arrays.
- The acceptable range for the spatial mean of the absolute value of all elements in output arrays.
- The minimal global attributes required.

- [1] CMOR is pronounced "C-more", which suggests that CMOR should enable a wide community of scientists to "see more" climate data produced by modeling centers around the world. CMOR also reminds us of Ecinae Corianus, the revered ancient Greek scholar, known to his friends as "Seymour". Seymour spent much of his life translating into Greek nearly all the existing climate data, which had originally been recorded on largely inscrutable hieroglyphic and cuneiform tablets. His resulting volumes, organized in a uniform fashion and in a language readable by the common scientists of the day, provided the basis for much subsequent scholarly research. Ecinae Corianus was later indirectly honored by early inhabitants of the British Isles who reversed the spelling of his name and used the resulting string of letters, grouped differently, to form new words referring to the major elements of climate.
- [2] CMOR1 was written in Fortran 90 with access also provided through Python.
- [3] See http://www.cgd.ucar.edu/cms/eaton/cf-metadata
- [4] See http://my.unidata.ucar.edu/content/software/netcdf/
- [5] "MIP" is an acronym for "model intercomparison project".
- [6] CMOR1 was linked to an earlier version of the netCDF library and udunits was optional.
- [7] Cdtime is now built into CMOR. Therefore linking against cdms is no longer necessary.

## Preliminary notes

In the following, all arguments should be passed using keywords (to improve readability and flexibility in ordering the arguments). Those arguments appearing below that are followed by an equal sign may be optional and, if not passed by the user, are assigned the default value that follows the equal sign. The information in a MIP-specific input table determines whether or not an argument shown in brackets is optional or required, and the table provides MIP-specific default values for some parameters. All arguments not in brackets and not followed by an equal sign are always required.

Three versions of each function are shown below. The first one is for Fortran (green text) the second for C (blue text), and the third for Python (orange text). In the following, text that applies to only one of the coding languages appears in the appropriate color.

Some of the arguments passed to CMOR (e.g., names of variables and axes are only unambiguously defined in the context of a specific CMOR table, and in the Fortran version of the functions this is specified by one of the function arguments, whereas in the C and Python versions it is specified through a call to cmor\_load\_table and cmor\_set\_table.

All functions are type "integer". If a function results in an error, an "exception" will be raised in the Python version (otherwise None will be returned), and in either the Fortran or C versions, the error will be indicated by the integer returned by the function itself. In C an integer other than 0 will be returned, and in Fortran errors will result in a negative integer (except in the case of cmor grid, which will return a positive integer).

If no error is encountered, some functions will return information needed by the user in subsequent calls to CMOR. In almost all cases this information is indicated by the value of a single integer that in Fortran and Python is returned as the value of the function itself, whereas in C it is returned as an output argument). There are two cases in the Fortran version of CMOR, however, when a string argument may be set by CMOR (cmor\_close and cmor\_create\_output\_path). These are the only cases when the value of any of the Fortran function's arguments might be modified by CMOR.

# CMOR Application program interface (API)

#### cmor setup()

Fortran: error\_flag = cmor\_setup(inpath='./', netcdf\_file\_action=CMOR\_PRESERVE, set verbosity=CMOR NORMAL, exit control=CMOR NORMAL, logfile, create subdirectories)

C: error\_flag = cmor\_setup(char \*inpath, int \*netcdf\_file\_action, int \*set\_verbosity, int \*exit\_control, char \*logfile, int \*create\_subdirectories)

Python: setup(inpath='.', netcdf\_file\_action=CMOR\_PRESERVE, set\_verbosity=CMOR\_NORMAL, exit\_control=CMOR\_NORMAL, logfile=None, create\_subdirectories=1)

Description: Initialize CMOR, specify path to MIP table(s) that will be read by CMOR, specify whether existing output files will be overwritten, and specify how error messages will be handled

## Arguments:

- **[inpath]** = a character string specifying the path to the directory where the needed MIP-specific tables reside.
- [netcdf\_file\_action] = controls handling of existing netCDF files. If the value passed is CMOR\_REPLACE, a new file will be created; any existing file with the same name as the one CMOR is trying to create will be overwritten. If the value is CMOR\_APPEND, an existing file will be appended; if the file does not exist, it will be created. If the value is CMOR\_PRESERVE, a new file will be created unless a file by the same name already exists, in which case the program will error exit.[8] To generate a NetCDF file in the "CLASSIC" NetCDF3 format, a "\_3" should be appended to the above parameters (e.g., CMOR\_APPEND would become CMOR\_APPEND\_3). To generate a NetCDF file in the "CLASSIC" NetCDF4 format, a "\_4" should be appended to the above parameters (e.g., CMOR\_APPEND would become CMOR\_APPEND\_4), this allows the user to take advantage of NetCDF4 compression and chunking capabilities. The default values (no underscore) are aliased to the 3 values (satisfying the requirements of CMIP6).
- [set\_verbosity] controls how informational messages and error messages generated by CMOR are handled. If set\_verbosity=CMOR\_NORMAL, errors and warnings will be sent to the standard error device (typically the user's screen). If verbosity=CMOR\_QUIET, then only error messages will be sent (and warnings will be suppressed).
- [exit control] determines if errors will trigger program to exit:

- CMOR EXIT ON MAJOR = stop only on critical error;
- CMOR NORMAL = stop only if severe errors;
- CMOR\_EXIT\_ON\_WARNING = stop even after minor errors detected.
- [logfile] where CMOR will write its messages default is "standard error" (stderr).
- [create\_subdirectories] do we want to create the correct path subdirectory structure or simply dump the files wherever cmor\_dataset will point to.

## Returns upon success:

• Fortran: 0

• C: 0

· Python: None

### cmor\_dataset\_json()

Fortran: cmor\_dataset\_json(filename)

C: cmor\_dataset\_json(char \*name)

Python: dataset\_json(name)

Description: This function provides information to CMOR that is common to all output files that will be written. The "dataset" defined by this function refers to some or all of the output from a single model simulation (i.e., output from a single realization of a single experiment from a single model). Only one dataset can be defined at any time, but the dataset can be closed (by calling cmor\_close()), and then another dataset can be defined by calling cmor\_dataset. Note that after a new dataset is defined, all axes and variables must be defined; axes and variables defined earlier are not associated with the new dataset.

#### Arguments:

• name: JSON file which contains all information needed by CMOR in the form of key:value. Here is an example: cmorlnput.json ✓

#### Returns upon success:

• Fortran: 0

• C: 0

• Python: 0

#### cmor set cur dataset attribute()

Fortran: error flag = cmor set cur dataset attribute(name, value)

C: error\_flag = cmor\_set\_cur\_dataset\_attribute(char \*name, char \*value, int optional)

Python: set cur dataset attribute(name, value)

Description: Associate a global attribute with the current dataset. In CMIP5, this function can be called to set, for example, "institute id", "initialization" and "physics".

#### Arguments:

- **name** = name of the global attribute to set.
- **value** = character string containing the value of this attribute.
- **optional** = an argument that is ignored. (Internally, CMOR calls this function and needs this argument.)

#### Returns upon success:

Fortran: 0

• C: 0

• Python: None

#### cmor\_get\_cur\_dataset\_attribute()

Fortran: error\_flag = cmor\_get\_cur\_dataset\_attribute(name,result)

C: error\_flag = cmor\_get\_cur\_dataset\_attribute(char \*name, char \*result)

Python: result = get cur dataset attribute(name)

Description: Retrieves a global attribute associated with the current dataset.

#### Arguments:

- **name** = name of the global attribute to retrieve.
- **result** = string (or pointer to a string), which is returned by the function and contains the retrieved global attribute (not for Python).

#### Returns upon success:

- Fortran: 0
- C: 0

Python: None

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cmor_has_cur_dataset_attribute()
Fortran: error_flag = cmor_has_cur_dataset_attribute(name)
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Python: error flag = has cur dataset attribute(name)

Description: Determines whether a global attribute is associated with the current dataset.

Arguments:

• **name** = name of the global attribute of interest.

C: error flag = cmor has cur dataset attribute(char \*name)

#### Returns:

- a negative integer if an error is encountered; otherwise returns 0.
- 0 upon success
- True if the attribute exists, False otherwise.

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cmor load table()
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Fortran: table id = cmor load table(table)

C: error flag = cmor load table(char \*table, int \*table id)

Python: table id = load table(table)

Description: Loads a table and returns a "handle" (table\_id) to use later when defining CMOR components. CMOR will look for the table first following the path as specified by the "table" argument passed to this function. If it doesn't find a file there it will prepend the outpath defined in calling cmor\_dataset. If it still doesn't find it, it will use the "prefix" where the library CMOR is to be installed (from configure time) followed by share (e.g /usr/local/cmor/share). If it stills fails an error will be raised.

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cmor_set_table()
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Fortran: cmor\_set\_table(table\_id)

C: error flag = cmor set table(int table id)

Python: table id = set table(table id)

Description: Sets the table referred to by table\_id as the table to obtain needed information when defining CMOR components (variables, axes, grids, etc...).

## cmor\_axis()

Fortran: axis\_id = cmor\_axis([table], table\_entry, units, [length], [coord\_vals], [cell\_bounds], [interval])

C: error\_flag = cmor\_axis(int \*axis\_id, char \*table\_entry, char \*units, int length, void \*coord\_vals, char type, void \*cell\_bounds, int cell\_bounds\_ndim, char \*interval)

Python: axis\_id = axis(table\_entry, length=??, coord\_vals=None, units=None, cell bounds=None, interval=None)

Description: Define an axis and pass the coordinate values associated with one of the dimensions of the data to be written. This function returns a "handle" (axis\_id) that uniquely identifies the axis to be written. The axis\_id will subsequently be passed by the user to other CMOR functions. The cmor\_axis function will typically be repeatedly invoked to define all axes. The axis specified by the table\_entry argument must be found in the currently "set" CMOR table, as specified by the cmor\_load\_table and cmor\_set\_table functions, or as an option, it can be provided in the Fortran version (for backward compatibility) by the now deprecated "table" keyword argument. There normally is no need to call this function in the case of a singleton (scalar) dimension unless the MIP recommended (or required) coordinate value (or cell\_bounds) are inconsistent with what the user can supply, or unless the user wants to define the "interval" attribute.

### Arguments:

- **[table]** = character string containing the filename of the MIP-specific table where the axis defined here appears. (e.g., 'CMIP5\_table\_Amon', 'IPCC\_table\_A1', 'AMIP\_table\_1a', 'AMIP\_table\_2', 'CMIP\_table\_2', etc.). In CMOR2 this is an optional argument and is deprecated because the table can be specified through the cmor\_load\_table and cmor\_set\_table functions.
- axis\_id = the "handle": a positive integer returned by CMOR, which uniquely identifies
  the axis stored in this call to cmor\_axis and subsequently can be used in calls to
  cmor\_write.
- **table\_entry** = name of the axis (as it appears in the MIP table) that will be defined by this function. units = units associated with the coordinates passed in coord\_vals and cell\_bounds. (These are the units of the user's coordinate values, which, if CMOR is built with udunits (as is required in version 2), may differ from the units of the coordinates written to the netCDF file by CMOR. For non-standard calendars (e.g., models with no leap year), conversion of time values can be made only if CMOR is built with CDMS.) These units must be recognized by udunits or must be identical to the units specified in

the MIP table. In the case of a dimensionless vertical coordinate or in the case of a non-numerical axis (like geographical region), either set units='none', or, optionally, set units='1'.

- **[length]** = integer specifying the number of elements that CMOR should extract from the coord\_vals array (normally length will be the size of the array itself). For a simple "index axis" (i.e., an axis without coordinate values), this specifies the length of the dimension. In the Fortran and Python versions of the function, this argument is not always required (except in the case of a simple index axis); if omitted "length" will be the size of the coord vals array,
- [coord vals] = 1-d array (single precision float, double precision float, or, for labels, character strings) containing coordinate values, ordered consistently with the data array that will be passed by the user to CMOR through function cmor write (see documentation below). This argument is required except if: 1) the axis is a simple "index axis" (i.e., an axis without coordinate values), or 2) for a time coordinate, the user intends to pass the coordinate values when the cmor write function is called. Note that the coordinate values must be ordered monotonically, so, for example, in the case of longitudes that might have the values, 0., 10., 20, ... 170., 180., 190., 200., ... 340., 350., passing the (equivalent) values, 0., 10., 20, ... 170., 180., -170., -160., ... -20., -10. is forbidden. In the case of time-coordinate values, if cell bounds are also passed, then CMOR will first check that each coordinate value is not outside its associated cell bounds; subsequently, however, the user-defined coordinate value will be replaced by the mid-point of the interval defined by its bounds, and it is this value that will be written to the netCDF file. In the case of character string coord vals there are no cell bounds, but for the C version of the function, the argument cell bounds ndim is used to specify the length of the strings in the coord val array (i.e., the array will be dimensioned [length][cell bounds ndim]).
- **type** = type of the coord\_vals/bnds passed, which can be 'd' (double), 'f' (float), 'l' (long) or 'i' (int).
- [cell\_bounds] = 1-d or 2-d array (of the same type as coord\_vals) containing cell bounds, which should be in the same units as coord\_vals (specified in the "units" argument above) and should be ordered in the same way as coord\_vals. In the case of a 1-d array, the size is one more than the size of coord\_vals and the cells must be contiguous. In the case of a 2-d array, it is dimensioned (2, n) where n is the size of coord\_vals (see CF standard document, http://www.cgd.ucar.edu/cms/eaton/cfmetadata, for further information). This argument may be omitted when cell bounds are not required. It must be omitted if coord\_vals is omitted.
- **cell\_bounds\_ndim** = This argument only appears in the C version of this function. Except in the case of a character string axis, it specifies the rank of the cell\_bounds array: if 1, the bounds array will contain n+1 elements, where n is length of coords and

the cells must be contiguous, whereas if 2, the dimension will be (n,2) in C order. Pass 0 if no cell\_bounds values have been passed. In the special case of a character string axis, this argument is used to specify the length of the strings in the coord\_val array (i.e., the array will be dimensioned [length] [cell\_bounds\_ndim]).

• **[interval]** = Supplemental information that will be included in the cell\_methods attribute, which is typically defined for the time axis in order to describe the sampling interval. This string should be of the form: "value unit comment: anything" (where "comment:" and anything may always be omitted). For monthly mean data sampled every 15 minutes, for example, interval = "15 minutes".

#### Returns:

- Fortran: a negative integer if an error is encountered; otherwise returns a positive integer (the "handle") uniquely identifying the axis ..
- C: 0 upon success.
- Python: upon success, a positive integer (the "handle") uniquely identifying the axis, or if an error is encountered an exception is raised.

#### cmor\_grid()

Fortran: grid\_id = cmor\_grid(axis\_ids, latitude, longitude, [latitude\_vertices], [longitude vertices], [area])

C: error\_flag = cmor\_grid(int \*grid\_id, int ndims, int \*axis\_ids, char type, void \*latitude, void \*longitude, int nvertices, void \*latitude\_vertices, void \*longitude\_vertices, void \*area)

Python: grid\_id = grid( axis\_ids, latitude, longitude, latitude\_vertices=None, longitude\_vertices=None, area=None)

Description: Define a grid to be associated with data, including the latitude and longitude arrays. The grid can be structured with up to 6 dimensions. These dimensions, which may be simple "index" axes, must be defined via cmor\_axis prior to calling cmor\_grid. This function returns a "handle" (grid\_id) that uniquely identifies the grid (and its data/metadata) to be written. The grid\_id will subsequently be passed by the user to other CMOR functions. The cmor\_grid function will typically be invoked to define each grid necessary for the experiment (e.g ocean grid, vegetation grid, atmosphere grid, etc...). There is no need to call this function in the case of a Cartesian lat/lon grid. In this case, simply define the latitude and longitude axes and pass their id's ("handles") to cmor\_variable.

#### Arguments:

• **grid\_id** = the "handle": a positive integer returned by CMOR, which uniquely identifies the grid defined in this call to CMOR and subsequently can be used in calls to CMOR.

- **ndims** = number of dimensions needed to define the grid. Namely the number of elements from axis ids that will be used.
- **axis\_ids** = array containing the axis\_s returned by cmor\_axis when defining the axes constituing the grid.
- **latitude** = array containing the grid's latitude information (ndim dimensions)
- **longitude** = array containing the grid's longitude information (ndim dimensions)
- [latitude\_vertices] = array containing the grid's latitude vertices information (ndim+1 dimensions). The vertices dimension must be the fastest varying dimension of the array (i.e first one in Fortran, last one in C, last one in Python)
- [longitude\_vertices] = array containing the grid's longitude vertices information (ndim+1 dimensions). The vertices dimension must be the fastest varying dimension of the array (i.e first one in Fortran, last one in C, last one in Python)
- [area] = array containing the grid's area information (ndim)

#### Returns:

- Fortran: a positive integer if an error is encountered; otherwise returns a negative integer (the "handle") uniquely identifying the grid.
- C: 0 upon success.
- Python: upon success, a positive integer (the "handle") uniquely identifying the axis, or if an error is encountered an exception is raised.

## cmor\_set\_grid\_mapping()

Fortran: error\_flag = cmor\_set\_grid\_mapping(grid\_id, mapping\_name, parameter\_names, parameter\_values, parameter\_units)

C: error\_flag = cmor\_set\_grid\_mapping(int grid\_id, char \*mapping\_name, int nparameters, char \*\*parameter\_names, int lparameters, double parameter\_values[], char \*\*parameter\_units, int lunits)

Python: set\_grid\_mapping(grid\_id, mapping\_name, parameter\_names, parameter\_values=None, parameter\_units=None)

Description: Define the grid mapping parameters associated with a grid (see CF conventions for more info on which parameters to set). Check validity of parameter names and units. Additional mapping names and parameter names can be defined via the MIP table.

#### Arguments:

- **grid\_id** = the "handle" returned by a previous call to cmor\_grid, indicating which grid the mapping parameters should be associated with.
- **mapping\_name** = name of the mapping (see CF conventions). This name dictates which parameters should be set and for some parameters restricts their possible values or range. New mapping names can be added via MIP tables.
- **nparameters** = number of parameters set.
- parameter\_names = array (list for Python) of strings containing the names of the parameters to set. In the case of "standard\_parallel", CF allows either 1 or 2 parallels to be specified (i.e. the attribute standard\_parallel may be an array of length 2). In the case of 2 parallels, CMOR requires the user to specify these as separate parameters, named standard\_parallel\_1 and standard\_parallel\_2, but then the two parameters will be stored in an array, consistent with CF. In the case of a single parallel, the name standard\_parallel should be specified. In the C version of this function, parameter\_names is declared of length [nparameters][lparameters], where lparameters in the length of each string array element (see below). In Python parameter\_names can be defined as a dictionary containing the keys that represent the parameter\_names. The value associated with each key can be either a list [float, str] (or [str, float]) representing the value/units of each parameter, or another dictionary containing the keys "value" and "units". If these conditions are fulfilled, then parameter\_units and parameter\_values are optional and would be ignored if passed.
- **Iparameters** = length of each element of the string array. If, for example, parameter\_names includes 5 parameters, each 24 characters long (i.e., it is declared [5][24]), you would pass lparameters=24.
- **parameter\_values** = array containing the values associated with each parameter. In Python this is optional if parameter\_names is a dictionary containing the values and units.
- **parameter\_units** = array (list for Python) of string containing the units of the parameters to set. In C parameter\_units is declared of length [nparameters][lunits]. In Python it is optional if parameter\_names is a dictionary containing the value and units.
- **lunits** = length of each elements of the units string array (e.g., if parameters\_units is declared [5][24], you would pass 24 because each elements has 24 characters).

## Returns upon success:

• Fortran: 0

• C: 0

Python: None

#### cmor\_time\_varying\_grid\_coordinate()

Fortran: coord\_var\_id = cmor\_time\_varying\_grid\_coordinate(grid\_id, table\_entry, units, missing value)

C: error\_flag = cmor\_time\_varying\_grid\_coordinate(int \*coord\_var\_id, int grid\_id, char \*table entry, char \*units, char type, void \*missing, [int \*coordinate type])

Python: coord\_var\_id = time\_varying\_grid\_coordinate(grid\_id, table\_entry, units, [missing\_value])

Description: Define a grid to be associated with data, including the latitude and longitude arrays. Note that in CMIP5 this function must be called to store the variables called for in the cf3hr MIP table. The grid can be structured with up to 6 dimensions. These dimensions, which may be simple "index" axes, must be defined via cmor\_axis prior to calling cmor\_grid. This function returns a "handle" (grid\_id) that uniquely identifies the grid (and its data/metadata) to be written. The grid\_id will subsequently be passed by the user to other CMOR functions. The cmor\_grid function will typically be invoked to define each grid necessary for the experiment (e.g., ocean grid, vegetation grid, atmosphere grid, etc.). There is no need to call this function in the case of a Cartesian lat/lon grid. In this case, simply define the latitude and longitude axes and pass their id's ("handles") to cmor\_variable.

## Arguments:

- **coord\_var\_id** = the "handle": a positive integer returned by this function, which uniquely identifies the variable and can be used in subsequent calls to CMOR.
- **grid\_id** = the value returned by cmor\_grid when the grid was created.
- **table\_entry** = name of the variable (as it appears in the MIP table) that this function defines.
- units = units of the data that will be passed to CMOR by function cmor\_write. These units may differ from the units of the data output by CMOR. Whenever possible, this string should be interpretable by udunits (see http://my.unitdata.ucar.edu/content/software/udunits/). In the case of dimensionless quantities the units should be specified consistent with the CF conventions, so for example: percent, units='percent'; for a fraction, units='1'; for parts per million, units='1e-6', etc.).
- **type** = type of the missing\_value, which must be the same as the type of the array that will be passed to cmor\_write. The options are: 'd' (double), 'f' (float), 'l' (long) or 'i' (int).

- [missing\_value] = scalar that is used to indicate missing data for this variable. It must be the same type as the data that will be passed to cmor\_write. This missing\_value will in general be replaced by a standard missing\_value specified in the MIP table. If there are no missing data, and the user chooses not to declare the missing value, then this argument may be omitted.
- [coordinate type] = place holder for future implementation, unused, pass NULL

#### Returns:

- Fortran: a positive integer if an error is encountered; otherwise returns a negative integer (the "handle") uniquely identifying the grid.
- C: 0 upon success.
- Python: upon success, a positive integer (the "handle") uniquely identifying the axis, or if an error is encountered an exception is raised.

#### cmor zfactor()

Fortran: zfactor\_id = cmor\_zfactor(zaxis\_id, zfactor\_name, [axis\_ids], [units], zfactor\_values, zfactor\_bounds)

C: error\_flag = cmor\_zfactor (int \*zfactor\_id, int zaxis\_id, char \*zfactor\_name, char \*units, int ndims, int axis ids[], char type, void \*zfactor values, void \*zfactor bounds)

Python: zfactor\_id = zfactor(zaxis\_id, zfactor\_name, units, axis\_ids, type, zfactor\_values=None, zfactor\_bounds=None)

Description: Define a factor needed to convert a non-dimensional vertical coordinate (model level) to a physical location. For pressure, height, or depth, this function is unnecessary, but for dimensionless coordinates it is needed. In the case of atmospheric sigma coordinates, for example, a scalar parameter must be defined indicating the top of the model, and the variable containing the surface pressure must be identified. The parameters that must be defined for different vertical dimensionless coordinates are listed in Appendix D of the CF convention document (http://www.cgd.ucar.edu/cms/eaton/cf-metadata). Often bounds for the zfactors will be needed (e.g., for hybrid sigma coordinates, "A's" and "B's" must be defined both for the layers and, often more importantly, for the layer interfaces). This function must be invoked for each z-factor required.

## Arguments:

• **zfactor\_id** = the "handle": a positive integer returned by this function which uniquely identifies the grid defined in this call to CMOR and can subsequently be used in calls to CMOR.

- **zaxis\_id** = an integer ("handle") returned by cmor\_axis (which must have been previously called) indicating which axis requires this factor.
- **zfactor\_name** = name of the z-factor that will be defined by this function. This should correspond to an entry in the MIP table.
- [axis\_ids] = an integer array containing the list of axis\_id's (individually defined by calls to cmor\_axis), which the z-factor defined here is a function of (e.g. for surface pressure, the array of i.d.'s would usually include the longitude, latitude, and time axes.) The order of the axes must be consistent with the array passed as param\_values. If the z-factor parameter is a function of a single dimension (e.g., model level), the single axis\_id should be passed as an array of rank one and length 1, not as a scalar. If the parameter is a scalar, then this parameter may be omitted. If this parameter is carried on a non-cartesian latitude-longitude grid, then the grid\_id should be passed instead of axis\_ids, for latitude/longitude. Again if axis\_ids collapses to a scalar, it should be passed as an array of rank one and length 1, not as a scalar.
- **[units]** = units associated with the z-factor passed in zfactor\_values and zfactor\_bounds. (These are the units of the user's z-factors, which may differ from the units of the z-factors written to the netCDF file by CMOR.) . These units must be recognized by udunits or must be identical to the units specified in the MIP table. In the case of a dimensionless z-factors, either omit this argument, or set units="1", or set units="1".
- **type** = type of the zfactor\_values and zfactor\_bounds (if present) passed to this function. This can be 'd' (double), 'f' (float), 'l' (long), 'i' (int), or 'c' (char).
- **[zfactor\_values]** = z-factor values associated with dimensionless vertical coordinate identified by zaxis\_id. If this z-factor is a function of time (e.g., surface pressure for sigma coordinates), the user can omit this argument and instead store the z-factor values by calling cmor\_write. In that case the cmor\_write argument, "var\_id", should be set to zfactor\_id (returned by this function) and the argument, "store\_with", should be set to the variable id of the output field that requires zfactor as part of its metadata. When many fields are a function of the (dimensionless) model level, cmor\_write will have to be called several times, with the same zfactor\_id, but with different variable ids. If no values are passed, omit this argument.
- **[zfactor\_bounds]** = z-factor values associated with the cell bounds of the vertical dimensionless coordinate. These values should be of the same type as the zfactor\_values (e.g., if zfactor\_values is double precision, then zfactor\_bounds must also be double precision). If no bounds values are passed, omit this argument or set zfactor = 'none'. This is a ONE dimensional array of length nlevs+1.

Returns:

- Fortran: a negative integer if an error is encountered; otherwise returns a positive integer (the "handle") uniquely identifying the z-factor.
- C: 0 upon success.
- Python: upon success, a positive integer (the "handle") uniquely identifying the z-factor, or if an error is encountered an exception is raised.

#### cmor\_variable()

Fortran: var\_id = cmor\_variable([table], table\_entry, units, axis\_ids, [missing\_value], [tolerance], [positive], [original\_name], [history], [comment])

C: error\_flag = int cmor\_variable(int var\_id, char \*table\_entry, char \*units, int ndims, int axis\_ids[], char type, void \*missing, double \*tolerance, char \*positive, charoriginal\_name, char \*history, char \*comment)

Python: var\_id = variable(table\_entry, units, axis\_ids, type='f', missing\_value=None, tolerance = 1.e-4, positive=None, original\_name=None, history=None, comment=None)

Description: Define a variable to be written by CMOR and indicate which axes are associated with it. This function prepares CMOR to write the file that will contain the data for this variable. This function returns a "handle" (var\_id), uniquely identifying the variable, which will subsequently be passed as an argument to the cmor\_write function. The variable specified by the table\_entry argument must be found in the currently "set" CMOR table, as specified by the cmor\_load\_table and cmor\_set\_table functions, or as an option, it can be provided in the Fortran version (for backward compatibility) by the now deprecated "table" keyword argument. The cmor\_variable function will typically be repeatedly invoked to define other variables. Note that backward compatibility was kept with the Fortran-only optional "table" keyword. But it is now recommended to use cmor\_load\_table and cmor\_set\_table instead (and necessary for C/Python).

## Arguments:

- **var\_id** = the "handle": a positive integer returned by this function, which uniquely identifies the variable and can be used in subsequent calls to CMOR.
- **[table]** = character string containing the filename of the MIP-specific table where table\_entry (described next) can be found (e.g., "CMIP5\_table\_amon", 'IPCC\_table\_A1', 'AMIP\_table\_1a', 'AMIP\_table\_2', 'CMIP\_table\_2', etc.) In CMOR2 this is an optional argument and is deprecated because the table can be specified through the cmor\_load\_table and cmor\_set\_table functions.
- **table\_entry** = name of the variable (as it appears in the MIP table) that this function defines.

- **units** = units of the data that will be passed to CMOR by function cmor\_write. These units may differ from the units of the data output by CMOR. Whenever possible, this string should be interpretable by udunits (see http://my.unitdata.ucar.edu/content/software/udunits/). In the case of dimensionless quantities the units should be specified consistent with the CF conventions, so for example: percent, units='percent'; for a fraction, units='1'; for parts per million, units='1e-6', etc.).
- **ndims** = number of axes the variable contains (i.e., the rank of the array), which in fact is the number of elements in the axis\_ids array that will be processed by CMOR.
- axis\_ids = 1-d array containing integers returned by cmor\_axis, which specifies, via their "handles" (i.e., axis\_ids), the axes associated with the variable that this function defines. These handles should be ordered consistently with the data that will be passed to CMOR through function cmor\_write (see documentation below). If the size of the 1-d array is larger than the number of dimensions, the 'unused' dimension handles must be set to 0. Note that if the handle of a single axis is passed, it must not be passed as a scalar but as a rank 1 array of length 1. Scalar ("singleton") dimensions defined in the MIP table may be omitted from axis\_ids unless they have been explicitly redefined by the user through calls to cmor\_axis. A "singleton" dimension that has been explicitly defined by the user should appear last in the list of axis\_ids if the array of data passed to cmor\_write for this variable actually omits this dimension; otherwise it should appear consistent with the position of the axis in the array of data passed to cmor\_write. In the case of a non-Cartesian grid, replace the values of the grid specific axes (representing the lat/lon axes) with the single grid\_id returned by cmor\_grid.
- **type** = type of the missing\_value, which must be the same as the type of the array that will be passed to cmor\_write. The options are: 'd' (double), 'f' (float), 'l' (long) or 'i' (int).
- [missing\_value] = scalar that is used to indicate missing data for this variable. It must be the same type as the data that will be passed to cmor\_write. This missing\_value will in general be replaced by a standard missing\_value specified in the MIP table. If there are no missing data, and the user chooses not to declare the missing value, then this argument may be omitted or assigned the value 'none' (i.e., missing\_value='none').
- **[tolerance]** = scalar (type real) indicating fractional tolerance allowed in missing values found in the data. A value will be considered missing if it lies within ±tolerance\*missing\_value of missing\_value. The default tolerance for real and double precision missing values is 1.0e-4 and for integers 0. This argument is ignored if the missing\_value argument is not present.
- **[positive]** = 'up' or 'down' depending on whether a user-passed vertical energy (heat) flux or surface momentum flux (stress) input to CMOR is positive when it is directed upward or downward, respectively. This information will be used by CMOR to determine

whether a sign change is necessary to make the data consistent with the MIP requirements. This argument is required for vertical energy and salt fluxes, for "flux correction" fields, and for surface stress; it is ignored for all other variables.

- **[original\_name]** = the name of the variable as it is commonly known at the user's home institute. If the variable passed to CMOR was computed in some simple way from two or more original fields (e.g., subtracting the upwelling and downwelling fluxes to get a net flux), then it is recommended that this be indicated in the "original\_name" (e.g., "irup irdown", where "irup" and "irdown" are the names of the original fields that were subtracted). If more complicated processing was required, this information would more naturally be included in a "history" attribute for this variable, described next.
- **[history]** = how the variable was processed before outputting through CMOR (e.g., give name(s) of the file(s) from which the data were read and indicate what calculations were performed, such as interpolating to standard pressure levels or adding 2 fluxes together). This information should allow someone at the user's institute to reproduce the procedure that created the CMOR output. Note that this history attribute is variable-specific, whereas the history attribute defined by cmor\_dataset provides information concerning the model simulation itself or refers to processing procedures common to all variables (for example, mapping model output from an irregular grid to a Cartesian coordinate grid). Note that when appropriate, CMOR will also indicate in the "history" attribute any operations it performs on the data (e.g., scaling the data, changing the sign, changing its type, reordering the dimensions, reversing a coordinate's direction or offsetting longitude). Any user-defined history will precede the information generated by CMOR.
- [comment] = additional notes concerning this variable can be included here.

#### Returns:

- Fortran: a negative integer if an error is encountered; otherwise returns a positive integer (the "handle") uniquely identifying the variable.
- C: 0 upon success.
- Python: upon success, a positive integer (the "handle") uniquely identifying the variable, or if an error is encountered an exception is raised.

## cmor\_set\_variable\_attribute()

Fortran: error\_flag = cmor\_set\_variable\_attribute(integer var\_id, character() name, character() value)

C: error\_flag = cmor\_set\_variable\_attribute(int variable\_id, char \*attribute\_name, char type, void \*value)

Python: set variable attribute(var id,name,value)

Description: Defines an attribute to be associated with the variable specified by the variable\_id. This function is unlikely to be called in preparing CMIP5 output, except to delete the "ext\_cell\_measures" attribute (setting it to a empty string). For this reason you can only set character type attributes at the moment via Python and Fortran.

## Arguments:

- **variable\_id** = the "handle" returned by cmor\_variable (when the variable was defined), which will become better described by the attribute defined in this function.
- attribute\_name = name of the attribute
- **type** = type of the attribute value passed, which can be 'd' (double), 'f' (float), 'l' (long), 'i' (int), or 'c' (char).
- **value** = whatever value you wish to set the attribute to (type defined by type argument).

## Returns upon success:

• Fortran: 0

• C: 0

• Python: 0

#### cmor\_get\_variable\_attribute()

Fortran: error\_flag = cmor\_get\_variable\_attribute(integer var\_id, character(\*) name, character \*value)

C: error\_flag = cmor\_get\_variable\_attribute(int variable\_id, char \*attribute\_name, char type, void \*value)

## Python: get\_variable\_attribute(var\_id,name)

Description: retrieves an attribute value set for the variable specified by the variable\_id. This function is unlikely to be called in preparing CMIP5 output. The Python and Fortran version will only work on attribute of character (string) type, otherwise chaotic results should be expected

#### Arguments:

• **variable\_id** = the "handle" returned by cmor\_variable (when the variable was defined) identifying which variable the attribute is associated with.

- attribute\_name = name of the attribute
- **type** = type of the attribute value to be retrieved. This can be 'd' (double), 'f' (float), 'l' (long), 'i' (int), or 'c' (char)
- **value** = the argument that will accept the retrieved attribute.

Returns upon success:

• Fortran: 0

• C: 0

Python: The attribute value

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cmor_has_variable_attribute()
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Fortran: error\_flag = cmor\_has\_variable\_attribute(integer var\_id, character(\*) name)

C: error flag = cmor has variable attribute(int variable id, char \*attribute name)

Python: has variable attribute(var id,name)

Description: Determines whether an attribute exists and is associated with the variable specified by variable\_id, which is a handle returned to the user by a previous call to cmor variable. This function is unlikely to be called in preparing CMIP5 output.

### Arguments:

- **variable\_id** = the "handle" specifying which variable is of interest. A variable\_id is returned by cmor\_variable each time a variable is defined.
- attribute\_name = name of the attribute of interest.

Returns upon success (i.e., if the attribute is found):

Fortran: 0

• C: 0

• Python: True

#### cmor create output path()

Fortran: call cmor create output path(var id, path)

C: isfixed = cmor create output path(int var id, char \*path)

Python: path = create output path(var id)

Description: construct the output path, consistent with CMIP5 specifications, where the file will be stored.

## Arguments:

- **var\_id** = variable identification (as returned from cmor\_variable) you wish to get the output path for.
- **path** = string (or pointer to a string), which is returned by the function and contains the output path.

#### Returns:

- Fortran: nothing it is a subroutine
- C: 0 upon success or 1 if the filed is a fixed field
- Python: the full path to the output file

#### cmor write()

Fortran: error\_flag = cmor\_write(var\_id, data, [file\_suffix], [ntimes\_passed], [time\_vals], [time\_bnds], [store\_with])

C: error\_flag = cmor\_write(int var\_id, void \*data, char type, char \*file\_suffix, int ntimes\_passed, double \*time\_vals, double \*time\_bounds, int \*store\_with)

Python: write(var\_id, data, ntimes\_passed=None, file\_suffix="", time\_vals=None, time\_bnds=None, store\_with=None)

Description: For the variable identified by var\_id, write an array of data that includes one or more time samples. This function will typically be repeatedly invoked to write other variables or append additional time samples of data. Note that time-slices of data must be written chronologically.

#### Arguments:

- **var\_id** = integer returned by cmor\_variable identifying the variable that will be written by this function.
- data = array of data written by this function (of rank<8). The rank of this array should either be: (a) consistent with the number of axes that were defined for it, or (b) it should be 1-dimensional, in which case the data must be stored contiguously in memory. In case (a), an exception is that for a variable that is a function of time and when only one "time-slice" is passed, then the array can optionally omit this dimension. Thus, for a variable that is a function of longitude, latitude, and time, for example, if only a single time-slice is passed to cmor\_write, the rank of array "data" may be declared as either 2 or 3; when declared rank 3, the time-dimension will be size 1. It is

recommended (but not required) that the shape of data (i.e., the size of each dimension) be consistent with those expected for this variable (based on the axis definitions), but they are allowed to be larger (the extra values beyond the defined dimension domain will be ignored). In any case the dimension sizes (lengths) must obviously not be smaller than those defined by the calls to cmor axis.

- **type** = type of variable array ("data"), which can be 'd' (double), 'f' (float), 'l' (long) or 'i' (int).
- [file suffix] = string that will be concatenated with a string automatically generated by CMOR to form a unique filename where the output is written. This suffix is only required when a time-sequence of output fields will not all be written into a single file (i.e., two or more files will contain the output for the variable). The file prefix generated by CMOR is of the form variable table, where variable is replaced by table entry (i.e., the name of the variable), and table is replaced by the table number (e.g., tas A1 refers to surface air temperature as specified in table A1). Permitted characters will be: a-z, A-Z, 0-9, and "-". There are no restrictions on the suffix except that it must yield unique filenames and that it cannot contain any "". If the user supplies a suffix, the leading " should be omitted (e.g., pass '1979-1988', not '1979-1988'). Note that the suffix passed through cmor write remains in effect for the particular variable until (optionally) redefined by a subsequent call. In the case of CMOR "Append mode" (in case the file already existed before a call to cmor setup), then file suffix is to be used to point to the original file, this value should reflect the FULL path where the file can be found, not just the file name. CMOR2 will be smart enough to figure out if a suffix was used when creating that file. Note that this file will be first moved to a temporary file and eventually renamed to reflect the additional times written to it.
- **[ntimes\_passed]** = integer number of time slices passed on this call. If omitted, the number will be assumed to be the size of the time dimension of the data (if there is a time dimension).
- **[time\_vals]** = 1-d array (must be double precision) time coordinate values associated with the data array. This argument should appear only if the time coordinate values were not passed in defining the time axis (i.e., in calling cmor\_axis). The units should be consistent with those passed as an argument to cmor\_axis in defining the time axis. If cell bounds are also passed (see next argument, '[time\_bnds]'), then CMOR will first check that each coordinate value is not outside its associated cell bounds; subsequently, however, the user-defined coordinate value will be replaced by the midpoint of the interval defined by its bounds, and it is this value that will be written to the netCDF file.

- **[time\_bnds]** = 2-d array (must be double precision) containing time bounds, which should be in the same units as time\_vals. If the time\_vals argument is omitted, this argument should also be omitted. The array should be dimensioned (2, n) in Fortran, and (n,2) in C/Python, where n is the size of time\_vals (see CF standard document, http://www.cgd.ucar.edu/cms/eaton/cf-metadata, for further information).
- **[store\_with]** = integer returned by cmor\_variable identifying the variable that the zfactor should be stored with. This argument must be defined when and only when writing a z-factor. (See description of the zfactor function above.)

## Returns upon success:

• Fortran: 0

• C: 0

Python: None

## cmor close()

Fortran: error flag = cmor close(var id, file name, preserve)

C: error flag = cmor close(void) or

C: error flag = cmor close variable(int var id, char \*file name, int \*preserve)

Python: error\_flag (or if name=True, returns the name of the file) = close(var\_id=None, file\_name=False, preserve=False)

Description: Close a single file specified by optional argument var\_id, or if this argument is omitted, close all files created by CMOR (including log files). To be safe, before exiting any program that invokes CMOR, it is best to call this function with the argument omitted. In C to close a single variable, use: cmor\_close\_variable(var\_id). When using this function to close a single file, an additional optional argument (of type "string") can be included, into which will be returned the file name created by CMOR. [In python, the string is returned by the function.] Another additional optional argument can be passed specifying if the variable should be preserved for future use (e.g., if you want to write additional data but to a new file). Note that when preserve is true, the original var\_id is preserved.

#### Arguments:

• **[var\_id]** = the "handle" identifying an individual variable and the associated output file that will be closed by this function.

- [file\_name] = a string where the output file name will be stored. The file\_name is returned only if its var\_id has been included in the close\_cmor argument list. This option provides a convenient method for the user to record the filename, which might be needed on a subsequent call to CMOR, for example, in order to append additional time samples to the file.
- **[preserve]** = Do you want to preserve the var definition? (0/1) If true, the original var\_id is preserved.

#### Returns:

- Fortran: 0 upon success
- C: 0 upon success
- Python: None if file\_name=False, or the name of the file if file\_name=True and a var\_id is passed as an argument.

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# Anaconda installation

## All Platforms System Requirements

- Anaconda ☑
- Make sure anaconda is in your PATH (assuming ananconda is installed in \${HOME}/anaconda)

```
export PATH=${HOME}/anaconda/bin:${PATH} # for [ba]sh
setenv PATH ${HOME}/anaconda/bin:${PATH} # for [t]csh
```

## Bypassing firewalls

• If your institution has a firewall

```
conda config --set ssl_verify False
binstar config --set verify_ssl False # it's not a typo ssl and verify are reverse
d
```

#### Installing

· Run the following command

```
# install cmor, it will also install cdms2.
# ------
conda install -c conda-forge -c pcmdi -c uvcdat cmor
# Clone the CMIP6 table to your working directory.
# ------
mkdir CMIP6 work
cd CMIP6 work
# Disable SSL verification (firewall only).
# ------
export GIT SSL NO VERIFY=true
git clone https://github.com/PCMDI/cmip6-cmor-tables.git
# Create a softlink of your tables in your working directory.
# ------
ln -s cmip6-cmor-tables/Tables .
# Set the UDUNITS2 XML PATH to your anaconda installation.
       export UDUNITS2 XML PATH=${HOME}/anaconda/share/udunits/udunits2.xml
```

## Conda environment

· Create your CMOR environment with anaconda.

```
conda create -n [YOUR_ENV_NAME_HERE] -c conda-forge -c pcmdi -c uvcdat cmor
source activate [YOUR_ENV_NAME_HERE]
conda env list
conda create -n [YOUR_ENV_NAME_HERE] --clone ENV
```

# Github Installation

## **Environment setup**

```
# To get trough the firewall!!
export GIT_SSL_NO_VERIFY=true
# Where do you want you installation?
export PREFIX=$HOME/build
mkdir build
cd build
```

### Compile Dependencies

#### Retrieve sources

- http://www.hdfgroup.org/ftp/HDF5/current/src/hdf5-1.8.17.tar 
   or latest
- ftp://ftp.unidata.ucar.edu/pub/netcdf/netcdf-4.4.0.tar.gz (ftp://ftp.unidata.ucar.edu/pub/netcdf/netcdf-4.4.0.tar.gz) or latest
- ftp://ftp.unidata.ucar.edu/pub/udunits/udunits-2.2.20.tar.gz (ftp://ftp.unidata.ucar.edu/pub/udunits/udunits-2.2.20.tar.gz) or latest
- http://www.mirrorservice.org/sites/ftp.ossp.org/pkg/lib/uuid/uuid-1.6.2.tar.gz 🗷 or latest

```
tar xf hdf5-1.8.17.tar
tar xzf netcdf-4.4.0.tar.gz
tar xzf udunits-2.2.20.tar.gz
tar xzf uuid-1.6.2.tar.gz
```

#### build libuuid

```
cd uuid-1.6.2
./configure --prefix=$PREFIX
make
make install
```

## build udnits2

```
cd ../udunits-2.2.20
./configure --prefix=$PREFIX
make
make install
```

## build hdf5

```
cd ../hdf5-1.8.17
./configure --prefix=$PREFIX
make
make install
```

## build netcdf4

```
export CFLAGS="-I${PREFIX}/include"
export LDFLAGS="-L${PREFIX}/lib"

cd ../netcdf-4.4.0
   ./configure --prefix=$PREFIX --enable-netcdf4
make
make install
```

## **Build** cmor

```
cd ..
git clone https://github.com/PCMDI/cmor.git
cd cmor
git checkout master

./configure --prefix=$PREFIX --with-python --with-uuid --with-udunits --with-netcdf=$PREF
IX/
make
make install
make python
```

# **Example Python**

CMOR user Input

common\_user\_input.json ☐

```
{
           "_control_vocabulary_file": "CMIP6_CV.json",
           " cmip6 option":
                                       "CMIP6",
           "tracking prefix":
                                      "hdl:21.14100",
           "activity_id":
                                      "ISMIP6",
           "branch method":
                                      "standard",
           "branch time in child":
                                      "365.0",
           "#output":
                                      "Output Path where files are written",
           "outpath":
                                      "CMIP6",
                                      "CMIP6 valid experiment_ids are found in CMIP6_CV.js
           "#experiment id":
on",
           "experiment_id":
                                      "piControl-withism",
           "sub experiment id":
                                      "none",
           "sub_experiment":
                                      "none",
           "source type":
                                      "AOGCM ISM AER",
           "parent mip era":
                                      "N/A",
                                      "CMIP6",
           "mip era":
           "calendar":
                                      "360 day",
           "branch time":
                                      "1.34",
           "realization index":
                                      "11".
           "initialization_index":
                                      "1",
           "physics index":
                                      "1",
           "forcing index":
                                      "1",
           "#contact ":
                                      "Not required",
                                     "Python Coder (coder@a.b.c.com)",
           "contact ":
           "#history":
                                      "not required, supplemented by CMOR",
           "history":
                                      "Output from archivel Al.nce/gicem 03 std 2xC02 225
6.",
           "#comment":
                                      "Not required",
           "comment":
                                      "Equilibrium reached after 30-year spin-up after whi
ch data were output starting with nominal date of January 2030",
           "#references":
                                      "Not required",
           "references":
                                      "Model described by Koder and Tolkien (J. Geophys. R
es., 2001, 576-591). Also see http://www.GICC.su/giccm/doc/index.html 2XCO2 simulation
described in Dorkey et al. '(Clim. Dyn., 2003, 323-357.)'",
           "grid":
                                      "qs1x1",
```

```
"grid label":
                                     "gr",
           "nominal resolution":
                                     "5 km",
           "institution id":
                                     "PCMDI",
           "parent activity id":
                                     "CMIP",
           "parent experiment id":
                                     "histALL",
           "parent source id":
                                     "GFDL-CM2-1",
           "parent variant label":
                                     "rlilp1f3",
           "#run variant":
                                     "Description of run variant (Recommended).",
           "run variant":
                                     "forcing: black carbon aerosol only",
           "#source id":
                                      "Model Source",
           "source id":
                                      "PCMDI-test-1-0",
           "#source":
                                     "source title, first part is source_id",
           "source":
                                     "PCMDI-test 1.0",
           "#output path template":
                                      "Template for output path directory using tables ke
ys or global attributes",
           "output path template":
                                      "<activity id><institution id><source id><experimen
t id><variant label><variable id><grid label><version>",
           "output file template":
                                      "<variable id><experiment id><source id><var
iant_label><grid_label>",
           "license":
                                       "CMIP6 model data produced by PCMDI is licensed un
der a Creative Commons Attribution \"Share Alike\" 4.0 International License (http://crea
tivecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/). Use of the data should be acknowledged following guide
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ity and fitness for a particular purpose. All liabilities arising from the supply of the
information (including any liability arising in negligence) are excluded to the fullest e
xtent permitted by law."
}
```

```
import cmor
cmor.setup(inpath='Tables',netcdf_file_action=cmor.CMOR_REPLACE_4)
cmor.dataset json("Test/common user input.json")
table='CMIP6 Amon.json'
cmor.load_table(table)
itime = cmor.axis(table entry= 'time',
                  units= 'days since 2000-01-01 00:00:00',
                  coord vals= [15,],
                  cell bounds= [0, 30])
ilat = cmor.axis(table entry= 'latitude',
                 units= 'degrees_north',
                 coord vals= [0],
                 cell_bounds= [-1, 1])
ilon = cmor.axis(table entry= 'longitude',
                 units= 'degrees east',
                 coord vals= [90],
                 cell bounds= [89, 91])
axis ids = [itime,ilat,ilon]
varid = cmor.variable('ts', 'K', axis_ids)
cmor.write(varid, [273])
outfile=cmor.close(varid, file name=True)
print "File written: ",outfile
cmor.close()
```

# Fortran Example

# CMOR user input

• common\_user\_input.json ☐

```
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           "source type":
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           "mip era":
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                                      "360 day",
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           "#comment":
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described in Dorkey et al. '(Clim. Dyn., 2003, 323-357.)'",
           "grid":
                                      "qs1x1",
```

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"grid label":
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                                     "histALL",
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t id><variant label><variable id><grid label><version>",
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iant_label><grid_label>",
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ity and fitness for a particular purpose. All liabilities arising from the supply of the
information (including any liability arising in negligence) are excluded to the fullest e
xtent permitted by law."
}
```

#### Fortran source code

• ipcc\_test\_code.f90 ☑

```
!!$pgf90 -I/work/NetCDF/5.1/include -L/work/NetCDF/5.1/lib -l netcdf -L. -l cmor Test/tes
t dimensionless.f90 -IModules -o cmor test
!!$pgf90 -g -I/pcmdi/charles work/NetCDF/include -L/pcmdi/charles work/NetCDF/lib -lnetcd
f -module Modules -IModules -L. -lcmor -I/pcmdi/charles work/Unidata/include -L/pcmdi/cha
rles work/Unidata/lib -ludunits Test/test dimensionless.f90 -o cmor test
MODULE local subs
 USE cmor_users_functions
 PRIVATE
  PUBLIC read coords, read time, read 3d input files, read 2d input files
CONTAINS
  SUBROUTINE read_coords(alats, alons, plevs, bnds_lat, bnds_lon)
    IMPLICIT NONE
    DOUBLE PRECISION, INTENT(OUT), DIMENSION(:) :: alats
    DOUBLE PRECISION, INTENT(OUT), DIMENSION(:) :: alons
    DOUBLE PRECISION, INTENT(OUT), DIMENSION(:) :: plevs
    DOUBLE PRECISION, INTENT(OUT), DIMENSION(:,:) :: bnds lat
    DOUBLE PRECISION, INTENT(OUT), DIMENSION(:,:) :: bnds_lon
    INTEGER :: i
    D0 i = 1, SIZE(alons)
       alons(i) = (i-1)*360./SIZE(alons)
       bnds lon(1,i) = (i - 1.5)*360./SIZE(alons)
       bnds lon(2,i) = (i - 0.5)*360./SIZE(alons)
    END DO
    D0 i = 1, SIZE(alats)
       alats(i) = (size(alats)+1-i)*10
       bnds lat(1,i) = (size(alats)+1-i)*10 + 5.
       bnds lat(2,i) = (size(alats)+1-i)*10 - 5.
    END DO
    D0 i = 1, SIZE(plevs)
       plevs(i) = i*1.0e4
    END DO
      plevs = (/100000., 92500., 85000., 70000.,&
       60000., 50000., 40000., 30000., 25000., 20000.,&
       15000., 10000., 7000., 5000., 3000., 2000., 1000., 500., 100./)
    RETURN
  END SUBROUTINE read_coords
```

```
SUBROUTINE read time(it, time, time bnds)
    IMPLICIT NONE
    INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: it
    DOUBLE PRECISION, INTENT(OUT) :: time
    DOUBLE PRECISION, INTENT(OUT), DIMENSION(2,1) :: time bnds
    time = (it-0.5)*30.
    time bnds(1,1) = (it-1)*30.
    time bnds(2,1) = it*30.
    RETURN
  END SUBROUTINE read_time
INCLUDE "reader_2D_3D.f90"
END MODULE local subs
PROGRAM ipcc test code
ļ
Ţ
               To serve as a generic example of an application that
        uses the "Climate Model Output Rewriter" (CMOR)
Ţ
ļ
     CMOR writes CF-compliant netCDF files.
     Its use is strongly encouraged by the IPCC and is intended for use
Ţ
Ţ
        by those participating in many community-coordinated standard
ļ
        climate model experiments (e.g., AMIP, CMIP, CFMIP, PMIP, APE,
Ţ
        etc.)
Ţ
ļ
    Background information for this sample code:
ļ
       Atmospheric standard output requested by IPCC are listed in
Ţ
    tables available on the web. Monthly mean output is found in
ļ
Ţ
    tables Ala and Alc. This sample code processes only two 3-d
    variables listed in table Alc ("monthly mean atmosphere 3-D data"
!
    and only four 2-d variables listed in table Ala ("monthly mean
Ţ
ļ
    atmosphere + land surface 2-D (latitude, longitude) data"). The
Ţ
    extension to many more fields is trivial.
ļ
Ţ
       For this example, the user must fill in the sections of code that
ļ
    extract the 3-d and 2-d fields from his monthly mean "history"
    files (which usually contain many variables but only a single time
    slice). The CMOR code will write each field in a separate file, but
Ţ
Ţ
    many monthly mean time-samples will be stored together. These
    constraints partially determine the structure of the code.
```

```
Ţ
!
!
   Record of revisions:
1
       Date
                  Programmer(s)
                                         Description of change
                  ========
Ţ
       ====
                                         Ţ
      10/22/03
                  Rusty Koder
                                          Original code
       1/28/04
                  Les R. Koder
!
                                          Revised to be consistent
                                          with evolving code design
! include module that contains the user-accessible cmor functions.
 USE cmor users functions
 USE local subs
 IMPLICIT NONE
     dimension parameters:
 ! -----
 INTEGER, PARAMETER :: ntimes = 2
                                   ! number of time samples to process
 INTEGER, PARAMETER :: lon = 4
                                   ! number of longitude grid cells
 INTEGER, PARAMETER :: lat = 3
                                  ! number of latitude grid cells
 INTEGER, PARAMETER :: lev = 5
                                   ! number of standard pressure levels
 INTEGER, PARAMETER :: lev2 = 19
                                    ! number of standard pressure levels
 INTEGER, PARAMETER :: n2d = 4
                                   ! number of IPCC Table Ala fields to be
                                         output.
                                    ! number of IPCC Table Alc fields to
 INTEGER, PARAMETER :: n3d = 3
                                         be output.
     Tables associating the user's variables with IPCC standard output
     variables. The user may choose to make this association in a
     different way (e.g., by defining values of pointers that allow him
     to directly retrieve data from a data record containing many
     different variables), but in some way the user will need to map his
     model output onto the Tables specifying the MIP standard output.
  I ..........
                              ! My variable names for IPCC Table Alc fields
 CHARACTER (LEN=5), DIMENSION(n3d) :: &
                               varin3d=(/'CLOUD', 'U ', 'T '/)
                              ! Units appropriate to my data
 CHARACTER (LEN=5), DIMENSION(n3d) :: &
                                units3d=(/ '% ', 'm s-1', 'K ' /)
                    ! Corresponding IPCC Table Alc entry (variable name)
 CHARACTER (LEN=2), DIMENSION(n3d) :: entry3d = (/ 'cl', 'ua', 'ta' /)
```

```
! My variable names for IPCC Table Ala fields
 CHARACTER (LEN=8), DIMENSION(n2d) :: &
                varin2d=(/ 'LATENT ', 'TSURF ', 'SOIL WET', 'PSURF ' /)
                              ! Units appropriate to my data
  CHARACTER (LEN=6), DIMENSION(n2d) :: &
                        units2d=(/ 'W m-2 ', 'K ', 'kg m-2', 'Pa ' /)
  CHARACTER (LEN=4), DIMENSION(n2d) :: &
                    positive2d= (/ 'down', ' ', ' ', ' /)
                   ! Corresponding IPCC Table Ala entry (variable name)
 CHARACTER (LEN=5), DIMENSION(n2d) :: &
                      entry2d = (/ 'hfls ', 'tas ', 'mrsos', 'ps ' /)
! uninitialized variables used in communicating with CMOR:
! -------
 INTEGER :: error flag
 INTEGER :: znondim id, zfactor id
 INTEGER, DIMENSION(n2d) :: var2d ids
 INTEGER, DIMENSION(n3d) :: var3d ids
 REAL, DIMENSION(lon,lat) :: data2d
 REAL, DIMENSION(lon,lat,lev2) :: data3d
 DOUBLE PRECISION, DIMENSION(lat) :: alats
 DOUBLE PRECISION, DIMENSION(lon) :: alons
 DOUBLE PRECISION, DIMENSION(lev2) :: plevs
 DOUBLE PRECISION, DIMENSION(1) :: time
 DOUBLE PRECISION, DIMENSION(2,1):: bnds time
 DOUBLE PRECISION, DIMENSION(2, lat) :: bnds lat
 DOUBLE PRECISION, DIMENSION(2,lon) :: bnds lon
 DOUBLE PRECISION, DIMENSION(lev) :: zlevs
 DOUBLE PRECISION, DIMENSION(lev+1) :: zlev bnds
 REAL, DIMENSION(lev) :: a coeff
 REAL, DIMENSION(lev) :: b coeff
 REAL :: p0
 REAL, DIMENSION(lev+1) :: a coeff bnds
 REAL, DIMENSION(lev+1) :: b coeff bnds
 INTEGER :: ilon, ilat, ipres, ilev, itim, itim2, ilon2,ilat2
 DOUBLE PRECISION bt
 character(256):: outpath, mycal
 ! Other variables:
   ______
```

```
INTEGER :: it, m
bt=0.
! Execution begins here:
! Read coordinate information from model into arrays that will be passed
    to CMOR.
! Read latitude, longitude, and pressure coordinate values into
    alats, alons, and plevs, respectively. Also generate latitude and
    longitude bounds, and store in bnds lat and bnds lon, respectively.
    Note that all variable names in this code can be freely chosen by
   the user.
   The user must write the subroutine that fills the coordinate arrays
    and their bounds with actual data. The following line is simply a
    a place-holder for the user's code, which should replace it.
! *** possible user-written call ***
call read coords(alats, alons, plevs, bnds lat, bnds lon)
! Specify path where tables can be found and indicate that existing
     netCDF files should not be overwritten.
error flag = cmor setup(inpath='Test', netcdf file action='replace')
! Define dataset as output from the GICC model (first member of an
    ensemble of simulations) run under IPCC 2xCO2 equilibrium
    experiment conditions, and provide information to be included as
    attributes in all CF-netCDF files written as part of this dataset.
mycal = '360 day'
error flag = cmor dataset json("Test/common user input.json")
! Define all axes that will be needed
ilat = cmor axis( &
     table='Tables/CMIP6 Amon.json',
     table entry='latitude',
     units='degrees north',
                                  &
     length=lat,
     coord vals=alats,
                                  'n
     cell_bounds=bnds_lat)
```

```
ilon2 = cmor axis( &
     table='Tables/CMIP6 Lmon.json',
                                        &
     table entry='longitude',
     length=lon,
     units='degrees east',
                                   &
     coord vals=alons,
                                   &
     cell bounds=bnds lon)
ilat2 = cmor axis( &
     table='Tables/CMIP6 Lmon.json',
                                        &
     table entry='latitude',
     units='degrees north',
                                   &
     length=lat,
                                   &
     coord vals=alats,
                                   &
     cell bounds=bnds lat)
ilon = cmor axis( &
     table='Tables/CMIP6 Amon.json',
     table entry='longitude',
     length=lon,
                                   &
     units='degrees east',
                                   &
     coord vals=alons,
                                   &
     cell_bounds=bnds_lon)
ipres = cmor axis( &
     table='Tables/CMIP6_Amon.json',
     table entry='plev19',
     units='Pa',
                                   &
     length=lev2,
     coord vals=plevs)
    note that the time axis is defined next, but the time coordinate
    values and bounds will be passed to cmor through function
    cmor_write (later, below).
itim = cmor axis( &
     table='Tables/CMIP6 Amon.json',
                                        &
     table entry='time',
     units='days since 2030-1-1', &
     length=ntimes,
     interval='20 minutes')
itim2 = cmor axis( &
     table='Tables/CMIP6 Lmon.json',
                                        &
     table entry='time',
     units='days since 2030-1-1', &
     length=ntimes,
     interval='20 minutes')
```

```
! define model eta levels (although these must be provided, they will
     actually be replaced by a+b before writing the netCDF file)
zlevs = (/ 0.1, 0.3, 0.55, 0.7, 0.9 /)
zlev bnds=(/ 0.,.2, .42, .62, .8, 1. /)
ilev = cmor axis( &
     table='Tables/CMIP6 Amon.json',
     table entry='standard hybrid sigma',
                                                &
     units='1', &
                                   &
     length=lev,
     coord vals=zlevs,
                                   &
     cell bounds=zlev bnds)
    define z-factors needed to transform from model level to pressure
p0 = 1.e5
a coeff = (/ 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.22, 0.1 /)
b_coeff = (/ 0.0, 0.1, 0.2, 0.5, 0.8 /)
a coeff bnds=(/0.,.15, .25, .25, .16, 0./)
b coeff_bnds=(/0.,.05, .15, .35, .65, 1./)
error_flag = cmor_zfactor( &
     zaxis id=ilev,
                                         &
     zfactor name='p0',
                                         &
     units='Pa',
     zfactor_values = p0)
error flag = cmor zfactor( &
     zaxis id=ilev,
                                          &
     zfactor name='b',
                                          &
                                          &
     axis ids= (/ ilev /),
     zfactor values = b coeff,
                                          &
     zfactor_bounds = b_coeff_bnds )
error flag = cmor zfactor( &
     zaxis id=ilev,
                                          &
     zfactor name='a',
                                          &
                                          &
     axis ids= (/ ilev /),
     zfactor values = a coeff,
                                          &
     zfactor_bounds = a_coeff_bnds )
zfactor_id = cmor_zfactor( &
     zaxis_id=ilev,
                                            &
     zfactor name='ps',
                                            &
     axis_ids=(/ ilon, ilat, itim /),
     units='Pa' )
```

```
Define the only field to be written that is a function of model level
     (appearing in IPCC table A1c)
var3d ids(1) = cmor variable(
     table='Tables/CMIP6 Amon.json', &
     table entry=entry3d(1),
     units=units3d(1),
     axis ids=(/ ilon, ilat, ilev, itim /), &
     missing value=1.0e28, &
     original name=varin3d(1))
! Define variables appearing in IPCC table Alc that are a function of pressure
          (3-d variables)
D0 m=2,n3d
   var3d ids(m) = cmor variable(
        table='Tables/CMIP6_Amon.json', &
        table entry=entry3d(m),
        units=units3d(m),
        axis ids=(/ ilon, ilat, ipres, itim /), &
        missing value=1.0e28,
        original_name=varin3d(m))
ENDD0
! Define variables appearing in IPCC table Ala (2-d variables)
D0 m=1,n2d
   if (m.ne.3) then
   var2d ids(m) = cmor variable(
        table='Tables/CMIP6 Amon.json',
                                             &
        table entry=entry2d(m),
        units=units2d(m),
        axis ids=(/ ilon, ilat, itim /), &
        missing value=1.0e28,
        positive=positive2d(m),
        original name=varin2d(m))
else
   var2d ids(m) = cmor variable(
        table='Tables/CMIP6 Lmon.json',
                                             &
        table_entry=entry2d(m),
        units=units2d(m),
                                    &
        axis_ids=(/ ilon2, ilat2, itim2 /), &
        missing value=1.0e28,
        positive=positive2d(m),
        original name=varin2d(m))
```

```
endif
ENDD0
PRINT*, ' '
PRINT*, 'completed everything up to writing output fields '
PRINT*, ' '
  Loop through history files (each containing several different fields,
       but only a single month of data, averaged over the month). Then
       extract fields of interest and write these to netCDF files (with
       one field per file, but all months included in the loop).
time loop: D0 it=1, ntimes
   ! In the following loops over the 3d and 2d fields, the user-written
   ! subroutines (read 3d input files and read 2d input files) retrieve
   ! the requested IPCC table Alc and table Ala fields and store them in
   ! data3d and data2d, respectively. In addition a user-written code
   ! (read time) retrieves the time and time-bounds associated with the
   ! time sample (in units of 'days since 1970-1-1', consistent with the
   ! axis definitions above). The bounds are set to the beginning and
   ! the end of the month retrieved, indicating the averaging period.
   ! The user must write a code to obtain the times and time-bounds for
      the time slice. The following line is simply a place-holder for
      the user's code, which should replace it.
  call read time(it, time(1), bnds time)
  call read_3d_input_files(it, varin3d(1), data3d)
  error flag = cmor write(
                                                            &
       var id
                    = var3d ids(1),
                                                            &
       data
                    = data3d,
                                                            &
       ntimes passed = 1,
                                                            &
       time vals
                   = time,
                                                            &
       time bnds
                    = bnds time
                                 )
  call read 2d input files(it, varin2d(4), data2d)
  error flag = cmor write(
                                                            &
       var id
                    = zfactor id,
                                                            &
                                                            &
       data
                    = data2d,
       ntimes_passed = 1,
                                                            &
       time vals
                   = time,
                                                            &
                    = bnds_time,
      time_bnds
                                                            &
       store with
                    = var3d ids(1))
```

```
! Cycle through the 3-d fields (stored on pressure levels),
! and retrieve the requested variable and append each to the
! appropriate netCDF file.
D0 m=2,n3d
    ! The user must write the code that fills the arrays of data
    ! that will be passed to CMOR. The following line is simply a
    ! a place-holder for the user's code, which should replace it.
    call read 3d input files(it, varin3d(m), data3d)
    ! append a single time sample of data for a single field to
    ! the appropriate netCDF file.
    error_flag = cmor_write(
                                                               &
                                                               &
         var id
                       = var3d ids(m),
         data
                       = data3d,
                                                               &
         ntimes_passed = 1,
                                                               &
         time_vals
                      = time,
                                                               &
                       = bnds time )
         time bnds
    IF (error_flag < 0) THEN</pre>
       ! write diagnostic messages to standard output device
       write(*,*) ' Error encountered writing IPCC Table A1c ' &
            // 'field ', entry3d(m), ', which I call ', varin3d(m)
       write(*,*) ' Was processing time sample: ', time
    END IF
 END DO
 ! Cycle through the 2-d fields, retrieve the requested variable and
 ! append each to the appropriate netCDF file.
 D0 m=1,n2d
    ! The user must write the code that fills the arrays of data
    ! that will be passed to CMOR. The following line is simply a
    ! a place-holder for the user's code, which should replace it.
   call read_2d_input_files(it, varin2d(m), data2d)
    ! append a single time sample of data for a single field to
    ! the appropriate netCDF file.
    error flag = cmor write(
                                                               &
```

```
var id
                    = var2d ids(m),
                                                              &
            data
                         = data2d,
                                                              &
            ntimes passed = 1,
                                                              &
                                                              &
            time_vals
                      = time,
                      = bnds time )
            time bnds
      IF (error flag < 0) THEN
          ! write diagnostic messages to standard output device
          write(*,*) ' Error encountered writing IPCC Table Ala ' &
               // 'field ', entry2d(m), ', which I call ', varin2d(m)
          write(*,*) ' Was processing time sample: ', time
       END IF
    END DO
 END DO time loop
     Close all files opened by CMOR.
 error_flag = cmor_close()
 print*, ' '
 print*, '*******************
 print*, ' '
 print*, 'ipcc test code executed to completion '
 print*, '******************
END PROGRAM ipcc_test_code
```

# C example

# CMOR user input

 $\bullet \ \ common\_user\_input.json\, \hbox{$\ensuremath{\ensuremath{\mathcal{Z}}}$}$ 

```
{
           "_control_vocabulary_file": "CMIP6_CV.json",
           " cmip6 option":
                                       "CMIP6",
           "tracking prefix":
                                      "hdl:21.14100",
           "activity_id":
                                      "ISMIP6",
           "branch method":
                                      "standard",
           "branch time in child":
                                      "365.0",
           "#output":
                                      "Output Path where files are written",
           "outpath":
                                      "CMIP6",
                                      "CMIP6 valid experiment_ids are found in CMIP6_CV.js
           "#experiment id":
on",
           "experiment_id":
                                      "piControl-withism",
           "sub experiment id":
                                      "none",
           "sub_experiment":
                                      "none",
           "source type":
                                      "AOGCM ISM AER",
           "parent mip era":
                                      "N/A",
                                      "CMIP6",
           "mip era":
           "calendar":
                                      "360 day",
           "branch time":
                                      "1.34",
           "realization index":
                                      "11".
           "initialization_index":
                                      "1",
           "physics index":
                                      "1",
           "forcing index":
                                      "1",
           "#contact ":
                                      "Not required",
                                     "Python Coder (coder@a.b.c.com)",
           "contact ":
           "#history":
                                      "not required, supplemented by CMOR",
           "history":
                                      "Output from archivel Al.nce/gicem 03 std 2xC02 225
6.",
           "#comment":
                                      "Not required",
           "comment":
                                      "Equilibrium reached after 30-year spin-up after whi
ch data were output starting with nominal date of January 2030",
           "#references":
                                      "Not required",
           "references":
                                      "Model described by Koder and Tolkien (J. Geophys. R
es., 2001, 576-591). Also see http://www.GICC.su/giccm/doc/index.html 2XCO2 simulation
described in Dorkey et al. '(Clim. Dyn., 2003, 323-357.)'",
           "grid":
                                      "qs1x1",
```

```
"grid label":
                                     "gr",
           "nominal resolution":
                                     "5 km",
           "institution id":
                                     "PCMDI",
           "parent activity id":
                                     "CMIP",
           "parent experiment id":
                                     "histALL",
           "parent source id":
                                     "GFDL-CM2-1",
           "parent variant label":
                                     "rlilp1f3",
           "#run variant":
                                     "Description of run variant (Recommended).",
           "run variant":
                                     "forcing: black carbon aerosol only",
           "#source id":
                                      "Model Source",
           "source id":
                                      "PCMDI-test-1-0",
           "#source":
                                     "source title, first part is source id",
           "source":
                                     "PCMDI-test 1.0",
           "#output path template":
                                      "Template for output path directory using tables ke
ys or global attributes",
           "output path template":
                                      "<activity id><institution id><source id><experimen
t id><variant label><variable id><grid label><version>",
                                      "<variable id><experiment id><source id><var
           "output file template":
iant_label><grid_label>",
           "license":
                                       "CMIP6 model data produced by PCMDI is licensed un
der a Creative Commons Attribution \"Share Alike\" 4.0 International License (http://crea
tivecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/). Use of the data should be acknowledged following guide
lines found at https://pcmdi.llnl.gov/home/CMIP6/citation.html. [Permissions beyond the s
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ity and fitness for a particular purpose. All liabilities arising from the supply of the
information (including any liability arising in negligence) are excluded to the fullest e
xtent permitted by law."
}
```

# C source code

ipcc\_test\_code.c □

```
#include <time.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include<string.h>
#include "cmor.h"
#include <stdlib.h>
void read_coords(alats, alons, plevs, bnds_lat, bnds_lon,lon,lat,lev)
     double *alats,*alons;
     int *plevs;
     double *bnds lat,*bnds lon;
     int lon,lat,lev;
{
  int i;
  for (i=0;i<lon;i++) {
    alons[i] = i*360./lon;
    bnds lon[2*i] = (i - 0.5)*360./lon;
    bnds_lon[2*i+1] = (i + 0.5)*360./lon;
  };
  for (i=0;i<lat;i++) {
    alats[i] = (lat-i)*10;
    bnds lat[2*i] = (lat-i)*10 + 5.;
    bnds_lat[2*i+1] = (lat-i)*10 - 5.;
  };
  plevs[0]=1000;
  plevs[1]=925;
  plevs[2]=850;
  plevs[3]=700;
  plevs[4]=600;
  plevs[5]=500;
  plevs[6]=400;
  plevs[7]=300;
  plevs[8]=250;
  plevs[9]=200;
  plevs[10]=150;
  plevs[11]=100;
  plevs[12]=70;
  plevs[13]=50;
  plevs[14]=30;
  plevs[15]=20;
  plevs[16]=10;
}
```

```
void read time(it, time, time bnds)
     int it;
     double time[];
     double time bnds[];
{
  time[0] = (it-0.5)*30.;
  time bnds[0] = (it-1)*30.;
  time bnds[1] = it*30.;
  time[0]=it;
  time bnds[0] = it;
  time bnds[1] = it+1;
}
#include "reader_2D_3D.h"
int main()
     /*
/*
                To serve as a generic example of an application that */
     Purpose:
         uses the "Climate Model Output Rewriter" (CMOR) */
/*
/*
      CMOR writes CF-compliant netCDF files. */
      Its use is strongly encouraged by the IPCC and is intended for use */
/*
/*
         by those participating in many community-coordinated standard */
/*
         climate model experiments (e.g., AMIP, CMIP, CFMIP, PMIP, APE, */
/*
         etc.) */
/*
     Background information for this sample code: */
/*
        Atmospheric standard output requested by IPCC are listed in */
/*
     tables available on the web. Monthly mean output is found in */
/*
     tables Ala and Alc. This sample code processes only two 3-d */
/*
     variables listed in table A1c ("monthly mean atmosphere 3-D data" */
/*
     and only four 2-d variables listed in table Ala ("monthly mean */
/*
     atmosphere + land surface 2-D (latitude, longitude) data"). The */
/*
     extension to many more fields is trivial. */
/*
        For this example, the user must fill in the sections of code that */
/*
     extract the 3-d and 2-d fields from his monthly mean "history" */
/*
     files (which usually contain many variables but only a single time */
/*
     slice). The CMOR code will write each field in a separate file, but */
/*
     many monthly mean time-samples will be stored together. These */
/*
     constraints partially determine the structure of the code. */
/*
     Record of revisions: */
```

```
/*
        Date
                   Programmer(s)
                                          Description of change */
/*
                    =======
                                          */
        ====
/*
       10/22/03
                   Rusty Koder
                                           Original code */
                   Les R. Koder
/*
        1/28/04
                                           Revised to be consistent */
/*
                                           with evolving code design */
{
 /*
      dimension parameters: */
  /* ----- */
#define
         ntimes 2 /* number of time samples to process */
#define
         lon 4
                    /* number of longitude grid cells */
                    /* number of latitude grid cells */
#define
         lat 3
#define lev 17
                     /* number of standard pressure levels */
                     /* number of IPCC Table Ala fields to be
#define n2d 4
*/
                                            output. */
#define n3d 3
                  /* number of IPCC Table Alc fields to */
                   /*
                                                    be output.
 /*
      Tables associating the user's variables with IPCC standard output */
      variables. The user may choose to make this association in a */
 /*
 /*
      different way (e.g., by defining values of pointers that allow him */
 /*
      to directly retrieve data from a data record containing many */
 /*
      different variables), but in some way the user will need to map his */
 /*
      model output onto the Tables specifying the MIP standard output. */
 /* ----- */
 /* My variable names for IPCC Table Alc fields */
 char varin3d[n3d][6]={"CLOUD", "U", "T" };
 /* Units appropriate to my data */
 char units3d[n3d][6]={"%", "m s-1", "K"};
 /* Corresponding IPCC Table Alc entry (variable name) */
 char entry3d[n3d][3]={"cl","ua","ta"};
 /* My variable names for IPCC Table Ala fields */
 char varin2d[n2d][9]={ "LATENT", "TSURF", "SOIL WET", "PSURF" };
 /* Units appropriate to my data */
 char units2d[n2d][7]={ "W m-2", "K", "kg m-2", "Pa"};
 char positive2d[n2d][4]={"down"," ", " ", " "};
 /* Corresponding IPCC Table Ala entry (variable name) */
 char entry2d[n2d][6]={"hfls", "tas", "mrsos", "ps"};
```

```
/* uninitialized variables used in communicating with CMOR: */
/* -----*/
 int error flag;
 int znondim_id, zfactor_id;
 int var2d ids[n2d];
 int var3d_ids[n3d];
 double data2d[lat*lon];
 double data3d[lev*lat*lon];
 double alats[lat];
 double alons[lon];
 int ilats[lat];
 int ilons[lon];
 double plevs[lev];
 int
       iplevs[lev];
 long lplevs[lev];
 float fplevs[lev];
 double Time[2];
 double bnds time[4];
 double bnds lat[lat*2];
 double bnds lon[lon*2];
 double zlevs[lev];
 double zlev bnds[lev+1];
 double a coeff[lev]={ 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.22, 0.1 };
 double b_coeff[lev]={ 0.0, 0.1, 0.2, 0.5, 0.8 };
 float p0=1.e5;
 double a_coeff_bnds[lev+1]={0.,.15, .25, .25, .16, 0.};
 double b_coeff_bnds[lev+1]={0.,.05, .15, .35, .65, 1.};
 int ilon, ilat, ipres, ilev, itim;
 double dtmp, dtmp2;
 /* Other variables: */
  /* ----- */
 int it, m, i,ierr , j;
 int myaxes[10];
 int myaxes2[10];
 int myvars[10];
 char id[CMOR_MAX_STRING];
 char units[CMOR_MAX_STRING];
 char interval[CMOR MAX STRING];
 char anames[25][CMOR_MAX_STRING];
 char type;
 char regions[5][23] = { "atlantic_arctic_ocean", "indian_pacific_ocean", "pacific_ocea
n", "global_ocean", "sf_bay"};
```

```
double timestest[5];
/* Externals funcs */
int tables[5];
char msq[555];
double bt=0.;
/* ======= */
/* Execution begins here: */
/* ======= */
/* Read coordinate information from model into arrays that will be passed */
    to CMOR. */
/* Read latitude, longitude, and pressure coordinate values into */
    alats, alons, and plevs, respectively. Also generate latitude and */
/*
/*
    longitude bounds, and store in bnds lat and bnds lon, respectively. */
    Note that all variable names in this code can be freely chosen by */
/*
/*
    the user. */
/*
    The user must write the subroutine that fills the coordinate arrays */
/*
    and their bounds with actual data. The following line is simply a */
    a place-holder for the user's code, which should replace it. */
/*
/* *** possible user-written call *** */
m = CMOR EXIT ON MAJOR;
j = CMOR_REPLACE_4;
i=1;
printf("ok mode is:%i\n",m);
ierr = cmor_setup(NULL,&j,NULL,&m,NULL,&i);//," ipcc_test.LOG ");
read coords(&alats[0], &alons[0], &iplevs[0], &bnds lat[0], &bnds lon[0],lon,lat,lev);
int tmpmo[12];
printf("Test code: ok init cmor\n");
char c1[CMOR MAX STRING];
char c2[CMOR MAX STRING];
strcpy(c1, "GICCM1(2002)\0");
strcpy(c2,"Nat\0");
printf("yep: %s, %s\n",c1,c2);
ierr = cmor dataset json("Test/common user input.json");
printf("Test code: ok load cmor table(s)\n");
ierr = cmor_load_table("Tables/CMIP6_Omon.json",&tables[0]);
ierr = cmor load table("Tables/CMIP6 Amon.json",&tables[1]);
```

```
strcpy(id,"time");
  strcpy(units,"months since 1980");
  strcpy(interval, "1 month");
  read_time(0, &Time[0], &bnds_time[0]);
  read time(1, &Time[1], &bnds time[2]);
  ierr = cmor_axis(&myaxes[0],id,units,ntimes,&Time[0],'d',&bnds_time[0],2,interval);
  strcpy(id,"latitude");
  strcpy(units, "degrees north");
  strcpy(interval,"");
  ierr = cmor_axis(&myaxes[1],id,units,lat,&alats,'d',&bnds_lat,2,interval);
  strcpy(id, "longitude");
  strcpy(units, "degrees_east");
  ierr = cmor axis(&myaxes[2],id,units,lon,&alons,'d',&bnds lon,2,interval);
  strcpy(id, "plev17");
  strcpy(units, "hPa");
  ierr = cmor_axis(&myaxes[3],id,units,lev,&iplevs,'i',NULL,0,interval);
  zlevs[0]=0.1;
  zlevs[1] = 0.3;
  zlevs[2]=0.5;
  zlevs[3] = 0.72;
  zlevs[4] = 0.9;
  zlev bnds[0]=0.;
  zlev_bnds[1]=.2;
  zlev bnds[2]=.42;
  zlev bnds[3]=.62;
  zlev bnds[4]=.8;
  zlev_bnds[5]=1.;
/*
    p0 = 1.e5; */
/*
     a coeff = { 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.22, 0.1 }; */
/*
    b coeff = { 0.0, 0.1, 0.2, 0.5, 0.8 }; */
/*
     a coeff bnds={0.,.15, .25, .25, .16, 0.}; */
/*
     b coeff bnds={0.,.05, .15, .35, .65, 1.}; */
  ierr = cmor_axis( &myaxes[4], "standard_hybrid_sigma", "1",5,&zlevs, 'd',&zlev_bnds,1,int
erval);
  cmor set table(tables[0]);
  /* ok here we declare a "regions" axis */
  printf("Test code: defining axis region \n");
```

```
ierr = cmor axis( &myaxes[5], "basin", "", 4, &regions[0], 'c', NULL, 23, interval);
  printf("Test code: Redefining time/lat from 0 table\n");
  strcpy(id,"time");
  strcpy(units, "months since 1980");
  strcpy(interval,"1 month");
  read time(0, &Time[0], &bnds time[0]);
  read time(1, &Time[1], &bnds time[2]);
  ierr = cmor axis(&myaxes[7],id,units,ntimes,&Time[0],'d',&bnds time[0],2,interval);
 strcpy(id,"latitude");
  strcpy(units, "degrees north");
  strcpy(interval,"");
  ierr = cmor axis(&myaxes[8],id,units,lat,&alats,'d',&bnds lat,2,interval);
  cmor set table(tables[1]);
 dtmp = -999;
 dtmp2=1.e-4;
 myaxes2[0] = myaxes[0];
 myaxes2[1] = myaxes[3];
 myaxes2[2] = myaxes[1];
 myaxes2[3] = myaxes[2];
 printf("Test code: defining variables from table 1, %s\n",positive2d[0]);
  ierr = cmor_variable(&myvars[0],entry2d[0],units2d[0],3,myaxes,'d',NULL,&dtmp2,positive
2d[0], varin2d[0], "no history", "no future");
  ierr = cmor variable(&myvars[1],entry3d[2],units3d[2],4,myaxes2,'d',NULL,&dtmp2,NULL,va
rin3d[2],"no history","no future");
  printf("Test code: definig tas\n");
  ierr = cmor variable(&myvars[5], "tas", "K", 3, myaxes, 'd', NULL, &dtmp2, NULL, "TS", "no histor
y", "no future");
 myaxes2[1] = myaxes[4];
  ierr = cmor variable(&myvars[2],entry3d[0],units3d[0],4,myaxes2,'d',NULL,&dtmp2,NULL,va
rin3d[0], "no history", "no future");
  ierr = cmor zfactor(&myvars[3], myaxes2[1], "p0", "Pa", 0, NULL, 'f', &p0, NULL);
  ierr = cmor_zfactor(&myvars[3],myaxes2[1],"b","",1,&myaxes2[1],'d',&b_coeff,&b_coeff_bn
ds);
  ds);
/*
    printf("defining ap\n"); */
    for(i=0;i<5;i++) \ \{a\_coeff[i]*=1.e3;printf("sending acoef: %i, %lf\n",i,a coef = 0:i<5:i++) \}
/*
f[i]);} */
/*
     for(i=0;i<6;i++) {a coeff bnds[i]*=1.e5;printf("sending acoef: %i, %lf\n",i,a coef
```

```
f bnds[i]);} */
     ierr = cmor_zfactor(&myvars[3],myaxes2[1],"ap","hPa",1,&myaxes2[1],'d',&a_coeff,&a_c
oeff bnds); */
  ierr = cmor_zfactor(&myvars[3],myaxes2[1],"ps","hPa",3,&myaxes[0],'d',NULL,NULL);
 /* ok here we decalre a variable for region axis testing */
  cmor set table(tables[0]);
 myaxes2[0] = myaxes[7]; /* time */
 myaxes2[1] = myaxes[5]; /* region */
 myaxes2[2] = myaxes[8]; /* latitudes */
  printf("Test code: ok we define hfogo positive: %s\n",positive2d[0]);
  ierr = cmor variable(&myvars[4], "htovgyre", "W", 3, myaxes2, 'd', NULL, &dtmp2, NULL, varin2
d[0],"no history","no future");
  cmor set table(tables[1]);
  for (i=0; i< ntimes; i++) {
    printf("Test code: writing time: %i of %i\n",i+1,ntimes);
    printf("2d\n");
    read 2d input files(i, varin2d[0], &data2d,lat,lon);
    sprintf(id, "%i",i);
    ierr = cmor write(myvars[0],&data2d,'d',1,NULL,NULL,NULL);
    printf("3d\n");
    read_3d_input_files(i, varin3d[2], &data3d,lev,lat,lon);
    ierr = cmor write(myvars[1],&data3d,'d',1,NULL,NULL,NULL);
    printf("writing tas\n");
    read_2d_input_files(i, varin2d[1], &data2d,lat,lon);
    ierr = cmor write(myvars[5],&data2d,'d',1,NULL,NULL,NULL);
    printf("3d zfactor\n");
    read_3d_input_files(i, varin3d[0], &data3d,5,lat,lon);
    ierr = cmor write(myvars[2],&data3d,'d',1,NULL,NULL,NULL);
    printf("writing ps\n");
    read 2d input files(i, varin2d[3], &data2d,lat,lon);
    ierr = cmor write(myvars[3],&data2d,'d',1,NULL,NULL,&myvars[2]);
    /* rereading hfls to fake hfogo */
    printf("2d region\n");
    read_2d_input_files(i, "htov", &data2d,lat,lon);
    ierr = cmor write(myvars[4],&data2d,'d',1,NULL,NULL,NULL);
  }
  ierr = cmor_close_variable(myvars[0], NULL, NULL);
  ierr = cmor_close();
```

```
return( 0 );
}
```

# Control Vocabulary (CMIP6)

### CMIP6 Control vocabulary minimum requirements.

- CMOR 3 required a new Control Vocabulary file which must contains 4 mandatory keys for CMIP6.
  - institutions ids: A dictionary of of registered institution IDs with a description.
  - source\_ids: A dictionary of registered source IDS (model) with a specific description.
  - experiment\_ids: A dictionary of experiment\_ids (CMIP6) pointing to a dictionary of specific metadata.
  - grid\_labels: A dictionary of grid labels(gr, gn, ...) pointing to a grid\_resolution for the selected grid.

# Example

#### To register, activities, sources or institutions

• Contact: cmor@listserv.llnl.gov (mailto:cmor@listserv.llnl.gov)

#### CMIP6 required global attributes

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```
"required global attributes":
    "variant label",
    "activity_id",
    "branch method",
    "Conventions",
    "creation date",
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    "experiment id",
    "experiment",
    "forcing index",
    "further_info_url",
    "frequency",
    "grid",
    "grid_label",
    "grid resolution",
    "initialization_index",
    "institution",
    "institution id",
    "license",
    "physics index",
    "product",
    "realization index",
    "realm",
    "variant label",
    "source",
    "source id",
    "source_type",
    "sub_experiment",
    "sub_experiment_id",
    "table id",
    "tracking id",
    "variable_id"
    ],
```

• CMOR validates required attributes using list of values or regular expression(REGEX)

# Registered activities

```
"activity_id": [
    "DECK",
    "AerChemMIP",
    "C4MIP",
    "CFMIP",
    "CMIP",
    "CORDEX",
    "DAMIP",
    "DCPP",
    "DynVar",
    "FAFMIP",
    "GMMIP",
    "GeoMIP",
    "HighResMIP",
    "ISMIP6",
    "LS3MIP",
    "LUMIP",
    "OMIP",
    "PDRMIP",
    "PMIP",
    "RFMIP",
    "SIMIP",
    "ScenarioMIP",
    "SolarMIP",
    "VIACSAB",
    "VolMIP",
    "LS3MIP LUMIP",
    "RFMIP, AerChemMIP",
    "ScenarioMIP AerChemMIP",
    "ScenarioMIP AerChemMIP LUMIP"
    ],
```

## Registered sources

```
"source_ids": {
        "ACCESS1-0": "ACCESS1.0: adaptation of unified model with interactive chemistry
(ca. 2012)",
        "AWI-CM": "AWI-CM:",
        "BCC": "BCC:",
        "BESM": "BESM:",
        "BNU": "BNU:",
        "CAMS-CSM": "CAMS-CSM:",
        "CAS-ESM": "CAS-ESM:",
        "CESM1-CAM5": "CESM1 (CAM5): model version ca. 2009",
        "CESS-THU": "CESS-THU:",
        "CMCC": "CMCC:",
        "CNRM": "CNRM:",
        "CanESM": "CanESM:",
        "EC-Earth": "EC-Earth:",
        "FGOALS": "FGOALS:",
        "FIO": "FIO:",
        "GFDL-CM2-1": "GFDL CM2.1",
        "GISS": "GISS:",
        "HadGEM3": "HadGEM3:",
        "IITM": "IITM:",
        "INM": "INM:",
        "IPSL": "IPSL:",
        "KMA-ACE": "KMA-ACE:",
        "MIROC-ESM": "MIROC-ESM:",
        "MIROC6-CGCM": "MIROC6-CGCM:",
        "MPI-ESM": "MPI-ESM:",
        "MRI-AGCM3-xS": "MRI-AGCM3-xS:",
        "MRI-ESM1-x": "MRI-ESM1-x:",
        "NICAM": "NICAM:",
        "NUIST-CSM": "NUIST-CSM:",
        "NorESM": "NorESM:",
        "UKESM": "UKESM:",
        "UKESM--KMA": "UKESM--KMA:"
        },
```

## Registered institutions

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"institution ids": {
            "NOAA-GFDL": "NOAA Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory",
            "BCC": "Beijing Climate Center, China Meteorological Administration, China",
            "BNU": "GCESS, BNU, Beijing, China",
            "CCCma":"Canadian Centre for Climate Modelling and Analysis, Victoria, BC, Ca
nada",
            "CMCC": "Centro Euro-Mediterraneo per i Cambiamenti Climatici, Bologna, Ital
у",
            "CNRM-CERFACS": "Centre National de Recherches Meteorologiques, Meteo-France,
Toulouse, France) and CERFACS (Centre Europeen de Recherches et de Formation Avancee en C
alcul Scientifique, Toulouse, France",
            "COLA-CFS": "Center for Ocean-Land-Atmosphere Studies, Calverton, MD",
            "CSIRO-BOM": "Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, Au
stralia, and Bureau of Meteorology, Australia",
            "CSIRO-QCCCE": "Australian Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Org
anization (CSIRO) Marine and Atmospheric Research (Melbourne, Australia) in collaboratio
n with the Queensland Climate Change Centre of Excellence (QCCCE) (Brisbane, Australia)",
            "FIO": "The First Institution of Oceanography, SOA, Qingdao, China",
            "ICHEC": "European Earth System Model",
            "INM": "Institute for Numerical Mathematics, Moscow, Russia",
            "IPSL": "Institut Pierre Simon Laplace, Paris, France",
            "LASG-CESS": "Institute of Atmospheric Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences, B
eijing, China and Tsinghua University",
            "LASG-IAP": "Institute of Atmospheric Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Bei
jing,China",
            "MIROC": "AORI (Atmosphere and Ocean Research Institute, The University of Tok
yo, Chiba, Japan), NIES (National Institute for Environmental Studies, Ibaraki, Japan), J
AMSTEC (Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology, Kanagawa, Japan)",
            "MIROC": "JAMSTEC (Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology, Kanag
awa, Japan), AORI (Atmosphere and Ocean Research Institute, The University of Tokyo, Chib
a, Japan), and NIES (National Institute for Environmental Studies, Ibaraki, Japan)",
            "MOHC": "Met Office Hadley Centre, Fitzroy Road, Exeter, Devon, EX1 3PB, UK.",
            "MPI-M": "Max Planck Institute for Meteorology",
            "MRI": "Meteorological Research Institute, Tsukuba, Japan",
            "NASA-GISS": "Goddard Institute for Space Studies, New York, NY",
            "NASA-GMAO": "Global Modeling and Assimilation Office, NASA Goddard Space Flig
ht Center, Greenbelt, MD 20771",
            "NCAR": "National Center for Atmospheric Research, Boulder, CO, USA",
            "NCC": "Norwegian Climate Centre",
            "NICAM": "Nonhydrostatic Icosahedral Atmospheric Model (NICAM) Group (RIGC-JAM
STEC/AORI-U.Tokyo/AICS-RIKEN, Japan)",
            "NIMR-KMA": "National Institute of Meteorological Research, Seoul, South Kore
a",
            "NOAA-GFDL": "NOAA GFDL, 201 Forrestal Rd, Princeton, NJ, 08540",
            "NOAA-NCEP": "National Centers for Environmental Prediction, Camp Springs, M
D",
            "NSF-DOE-NCAR": "National Center for Atmospheric Research, Boulder, CO, USA",
```

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"NSF-DOE-NCAR": "PNNL (Pacific Northwest National Laboratory) Richland, WA, US A/NCAR (National Center for Atmospheric Research) Boulder, CO, USA",

"NSF-DOE-NCAR": "NSF/DOE NCAR (National Center for Atmospheric Research) Bould er, CO, USA"

},
```

## valid grids

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"grid labels": {
        "gs1x1": { "grid_resolution":"1x1" },
        "gs1x1 gn": { "grid_resolution":"1x1" },
        "gslx1 gr": { "grid resolution":"1x1" },
        "gn": { "grid resolution":[ "5 km", "10 km", "25 km", "50 km",
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m", "250 km",
               "500 km", "1000 km", "2500 km", "5000 km", "10000 km"] },
        "gr": { "grid resolution":[ "5 km",
                                               "10 km",
                                                                    "50 km",
                                                         "25 km",
                                                                               "100 k
m", "250 km",
               "500 km", "1000 km", "2500 km", "5000 km", "10000 km"] }
   },
```

## Registered experiments

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experiment ids": {
        "hist-piNTCF": {
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h pre-industrial NTCF emissions",
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        "hist-piAer": {
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h pre-industrial aerosol emissions",
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1950s halocarbon concentrations; initialized in 1950",
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nd historical forcing",
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                                                               "CHEM"
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        "histSST-piNTCF": {
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al forcing, but with pre-industrial NTCF emissions",
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al forcing, but with pre-industrial methane concentrations",
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    "modeling_realm": "atmos atmosChem",
    "cell measures": "time: mean",
    "cell methods": "",
    "ok_min_mean_abs": "",
    "units": "1e-09",
    "out name": "n2oglobal",
    "type": "real",
    "valid max": "",
    "ok max mean abs": ""
},
"ts": {
    "comment": "'skin' temperature (i.e., SST for open ocean)",
    "dimensions": "longitude latitude time",
    "positive": "",
    "valid_min": "176.8",
    "long name": "Surface Temperature",
    "standard_name": "surface_temperature",
    "modeling realm": "atmos",
```

```
"cell measures": "time: mean",
        "cell methods": "area: areacella",
        "ok min mean abs": "262.8",
        "units": "K",
        "out name": "ts",
        "type": "real",
        "valid max": "339.6",
        "ok_max_mean_abs": "293.3"
    },
    "clt": {
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        "dimensions": "longitude latitude time",
        "positive": "",
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        "long name": "Total Cloud Fraction",
        "standard_name": "cloud_area_fraction_in_atmosphere_layer",
        "modeling realm": "atmos",
        "cell measures": "time: mean",
        "cell methods": "area: areacella",
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        "units": "1.0",
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        "type": "real",
        "valid max": "105",
        "ok max mean abs": "84.98"
    },
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        "comment": "maximum near-surface (usually, 2 meter) air temperature (add cell met
hod attribute 'time: max')",
        "dimensions": "longitude latitude time height2m",
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        "standard_name": "air_temperature",
        "modeling realm": "atmos",
        "cell_measures": "time: maximum within days time: mean over days",
        "cell methods": "area: areacella",
        "ok min mean abs": "264.9",
        "units": "K",
        "out_name": "tasmax",
        "type": "real",
        "valid max": "341.9",
        "ok max mean abs": "294"
    }
}
```

# **CMIP6 Global Attributes**

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- variant\_label
- activity\_id
- branch\_method
- Conventions
- creation\_date
- mip\_era
- data\_specs\_version
- experiment\_id
- experiment
- forcing\_index
- further\_info\_url
- frequency
- grid
- grid\_label
- grid\_resolution
- initialization\_index
- institution
- institution\_id
- license
- physics\_index
- product
- realization\_index
- realm
- variant\_label

- source
- source\_id
- source\_type
- sub\_experiment
- sub\_experiment\_id
- table\_id
- tracking\_id
- variable\_id

# **CMIP6** User Input

#### **Notes**

- 1. Keys beginning with character \_ will not be written in netCDF file as attribute. They can be use for template filename of template path.
- 2. Keys beginning with charachter # can be used as comment.

## CMIP6 CMOR User Input

CMIP6\_global\_attributes\_filenames\_CVs.doc <a href="mailto:CMIP6\_global\_attributes\_filenames\_CVs.doc">CMIP6\_global\_attributes\_filenames\_CVs.doc</a>

- \_control\_vocabulary\_file:"Specify Control Vocabulary file name"
- \_cmip6\_option: "used to trigger validation for CMIP6 only."
- activity id: "Specify an activity PMIP, GeoMIP"
- output: "Output Path where files are written must be created by the user."
- experiment\_id: "Correspond to id found in "\_control\_vocabulary\_file""
- source\_type: "type of model used",
- sub\_experiment: "description of sub-experiment",
- sub experiment id: "none",
- parent\_sub\_experiment\_id:
- parent\_mip\_era:
- mip\_era:
- institution:
- source:
- calendar:
- realization index:
- initialization\_index:
- physics\_index:
- forcing\_index:
- \*contact \*:

- history:
- comment:
- · references:
- institution id:
- model id:
- forcing:
- parent\_variant\_label:
- parent\_experiment\_id:
- branch time:
- parent\_activity\_id:
- parent\_source\_id:
- branch\_method:
- branch\_time\_in\_child:
- branch\_time\_in\_parent:
- branch\_time\_units\_in\_parent:
- further info url: "http://furtherinfo.es-doc.org//",
- grid:
- grid label:
- grid\_resolution:
- run\_variant:
- source id:
- output\_path\_template: "",
- output file template: "",
- *license*: "One of 2 licenses: CMIP6 model data produced by is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution 'NonCommercial Share Alike' 4.0 International License (http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/). Use of the data should be acknowledged following guidelines found at <what URL???> The data is hosted via the Earth System Grid Federation. Permissions beyond the scope of this license may be available at http://pcmdi.org/cmip5/terms-of-use. Individuals using this data should register at ??? to receive notice of selected categories of errata and updates. Further information about this data, including some limitations, can be found at ???. The data producers and data

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# Appendix A

#### Critical Errors

The following errors are considered as CRITICAL and will cause a CMOR code to stop.

- Calling a CMOR function before running cmor\_setup
- 2. NetCDF version is neither 3.6.3 or 4.1 or greater
- 3. Udunits could not parse units
- 4. Incompatible units
- 5. Udunits could not create a converter
- 6. Logfile could not be open for writing
- 7. Output directory does not exist
- 8. Output directory is not a directory
- 9. User does not have read/write privileges on the output directory
- 10. Wrong value for error mode
- 11. wrong value for netCDF mode
- 12. error reading udunits system
- NetCDF could not set variable attribute
- 14. Dataset does not have one of the required attributes (required attributes can be defined in the MIP table)
- 15. Required global attribute is missing
- If CMIP5 project: source attributes does not start with model id attribute.
- 17. Forcing dataset attribute is not valid
- 18. Leap year defined with invalid leap month
- 19. Invalid leap month (<1 or >12)
- 20. Leap month defined but no leap year
- 21. Negative realization number
- 22. Zfactor variable not defined when needed

- 23. Zfactor defined w/o values and NOT time dependent.
- 24. Variable has axis defined with formula terms depending on axis that are not part of the variable
- 25. NetCDF error when creating zfactor variable
- 26. NetCDF Error defining compression parameters
- 27. Calling cmor\_write with an invalid variable id
- 28. Could not create path structure
- 29. "variable id" contains a "\_" or a '-' this means bad MIP table.
- 30. "file\_suffix" contains a "\_"
- 31. Could not rename the file you're trying to append to.
- 32. Trying to write an "Associated variable" before the variable itself
- 33. Output file exists and you're not in append/replace mode
- 34. NetCDF Error opening file for appending
- 35. NetCDF could not find time dimension in a file onto which you want to append
- 36. NetCDF could not figure out the length time dimension in a file onto which you want to append
- 37. NetCDF could not find your variable while appending to a file
- 38. NetCDF could not find time dimension in the variable onto which you're trying to append
- 39. NetCDF could not find time bounds in the variable onto which you're trying to append
- 40. NetCDF mode got corrupted.
- 41. NetCDF error creating file
- 42. NetCDF error putting file in definition mode
- 43. NetCDF error writing file global attribute
- 44. NetCDF error creating dimension in file
- 45. NetCDF error creating variable
- 46. NetCDF error writing variable attribute
- 47. NetCDF error setting chunking parameters
- 48. NetCDF error leaving definition mode
- 49. Hybrid coordinate, could not find "a" coefficient

- 50. Hybrid coordinate, could not find "b" coefficient
- 51. Hybrid coordinate, could not find "a\_bnds" coefficient
- 52. Hybrid coordinate, could not find "b\_bnds" coefficient
- 53. Hybrid coordinate, could not find "p0" coefficient
- 54. Hybrid coordinate, could not find "ap" coefficient
- 55. Hybrid coordinate, could not find "ap bnds" coefficient
- 56. Hybrid coordinate, could not find "sigma" coefficient
- 57. Hybrid coordinate, could not find "sigma\_bnds" coefficient
- 58. NetCDF writing error
- 59. NetCDF error closing file
- 60. Could not rename temporary file to its final name.
- 61. Cdms could not convert time values for calendar.
- 62. Variable does not have all required attributes (cmor\_variable)
- 63. Reference variable is defined with "positive", user did not pass it to cmor variable
- 64. Could not allocate memory for zfactor elements
- 65. Udunits error freeing units
- 66. Udunits error freeing converter
- 67. Could not allocate memory for zfactor\_bounds
- 68. Calling cmor variable before reading in a MIP table
- 69. Too many variable defined (see appendix on CMOR limits)
- 70. Could not find variable in MIP table
- 71. Wrong parameter "positive" passed
- 72. No "positive" parameter passed to cmor variable and it is required for this variable
- 73. Variable defined with too many (not enough) dimensions
- 74. Variable defined with axis that should not be on this variable
- 75. Variable defined within existing axis (wrong axis\_id)
- 76. Defining variable with axes defined in a MIP table that is not the current one.
- 77. Defining a variable with too many axes (see annex on CMOR limits)
- 78. Defining variable with axes ids that are not valid.

- 79. Defining variable with grid id that is not valid.
- 80. Defining a variable with dimensions that are not part of the MIP table (except for var named "latitude" and "longitude", since they could have grid axes defined in another MIP table)
- 81. Trying to retrieve length of time for a variable defined w/o time length
- 82. Trying to retrieve variable shape into an array of wrong rank (Fortran only really)
- 83. Calling cmor write with time values for a timeless variable
- 84. Cannot allocate memory for temporary array to write
- 85. Invalid absolute mean for data written (lower or greater by one order of magintudethan what the MIP table allows)
- 86. Calling cmor\_write with time values when they have already been defined with cmor\_axis when creating time axis
- 87. Cannot allocate memory to store time values
- 88. Cannot allocate memory to store time bounds values
- 89. Time values are not monotonic
- 90. Calling cmor\_write w/o time values when no values were defined via cmor\_axis when creating time axis
- 91. Time values already written in file
- 92. Time axis units do not contain "since" word (cmor axis)
- 93. Invalid data type for time values (ok are 'f','l','i','d')
- 94. Time values are not within time bounds
- 95. Non monotonic time bounds
- 96. Longitude axis spread over 360 degrees.
- 97. Overlapping bound values (except for climatological data)
- 98. bounds and axis values are not stored in the same order
- 99. requested value for axis not present
- 100. approximate time axis interval much greater (>20%) than the one defined in your MIP table
- 101. calling cmor\_axis before loading a MIP table
- 102. too many axes defined (see appendix on CMOR limits)
- 103. could not find reference axis name in current MIP table

- 104. output axis needs to be standard\_hybrid\_sigma and input axis is not one of : "standard hybrid sigma", "alternate hybrid sigma", "standard sigma"
- 105. MIP table requires to convert axis to unknown type
- 106. requested "region" not present on axis
- 107. axis (with bounds) values are in invalid type (valid are: 'f','d','l','i')
- 108. requested values already checked but stored internally, could be bad user cleanup
- 109. MIP table defined for version of CMOR greater than the library you're using
- 110. too many experiments defined in MIP table (see appendix on CMOR limits)
- 111. cmor\_set\_table used with invalid table\_id
- 112. MIP table has too many axes defined in it (see appendix on CMOR limits)
- 113. MIP table has too many variables defined in it (see appendix on CMOR limits)
- 114. MIP table has too many mappings defined in it (see appendix on CMOR limits)
- 115. MIP table defines the same mapping twice
- 116. grid mapping has too many parameters (see appendix on CMOR limits)
- 117. grid has different number of axes than what grid mapping prescribes.
- 118. Could not find all the axes required by grid mapping
- 119. Call to cmor grid with axis that are not created yet via cmor axis
- 120. Too many grids defined (see appendix on cmor limits)
- 121. Call to cmor grid w/o latitude array
- 122. Call to cmor grid w/o longitude array

# Appendix B

### Limits in cmor

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The following are defined in cmor.h

#define CMOR_MAX_STRING 1024

#define CMOR_DEF_ATT_STR_LEN 256

#define CMOR_MAX_ELEMENTS 500

#define CMOR_MAX_AXES CMOR_MAX_ELEMENTS*3

#define CMOR_MAX_VARIABLES CMOR_MAX_ELEMENTS

#define CMOR_MAX_GRIDS 100

#define CMOR_MAX_DIMENSIONS 7

#define CMOR_MAX_ATTRIBUTES 100

#define CMOR_MAX_ERRORS 10

#define CMOR_MAX_TABLES 10

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# CMOR3 issues

https://github.com/PCMDI/cmor/issues <a>C̄
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### CMIP6 table issues

https://github.com/PCMDI/cmip6-cmor-tables/issues <a>C</a>

### CMOR3 documentations issues

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