

Paper Review

Climate Models: Challenges for Fortran Development Tools

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General Description - Topic

It was written by 2 researchers from Argentina and 1 from USA in 2014

Topic :

- ▶ Analyze 16 different softwares about climate simulation and weather forecasting
- ▶ Provide some guidelines for people wishing to develop software development tools for Fortran for this purpose

The analysis

They focus :

- ▶ the number of code lines
- ▶ the amount of "old" and "recent" Fortran features
- ▶ the complexity of the code
- ▶ the quantity of C preprocessor directives

Strengths and weaknesses

Strengths

- ▶ Quite complete analysis
- ▶ Some complicated notions well-explained
- ▶ Clear descriptions of the results

Weaknesses

- ▶ Data sometimes difficult to interpret without reading descriptions
- ▶ Some figures at the wrong place