

ESMValTool

Earth System Model Evaluation Tool

Reliable and reproducible Earth System Model data analysis with ESMValTool

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Software ecosystem: ESMValCore and ESMValTool

ESMValCore: highly optimized, pure-Python package, responsible for **computationally-heavy pre-processing of data** (climate statistics, regridding, multi-model statistics etc) → **COMPUTING** and **DATA REDUCTION** are the outputs, **SMALL TECHNICAL TEAM (strong technical skills)** the developers



ESMValTool: main scientific analysis and diagnostics library (written in Python, NCL, R, and Julia) – responsible for **development of diagnostics and metrics (stored in recipes), with scientific output** (plots, files etc) → **SCIENCE** is the main output, **LARGE and DIVERSE (coding skills, technical knowledge) COLLABORATIVE** group the developers



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Common to both:

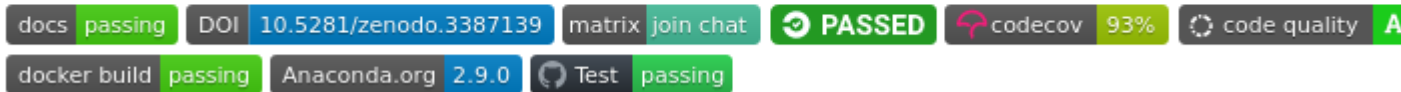
- lots of code (~200k lines, minimal code rot)
- complex dependency environments (100 direct dependencies, 500-1000 dependencies in any given environment)
- need for wide supported platforms (operating systems, Python versions etc)
- need for ease of installation, and maintenance
- complex configurations, but made as simple as possible for users



Testing is absolutely necessary to ensure correct functionality and portability, over long development cycles, with widely varied developers' skills and interests

Overall **testing strategy** - ESMValCore

ESMValCore package [↗](#)



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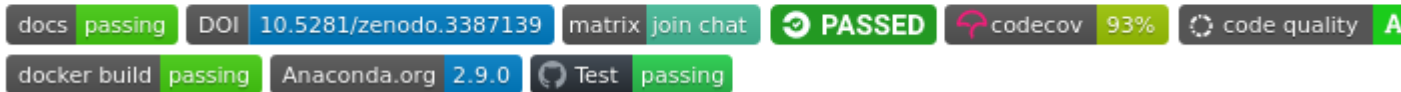
Testing needs to be technically **diverse** and **comprehensive**

- ▶ Testing done for all supported operating systems and Python (as main language) versions
- ▶ Both **strict** and **in-depth** testing



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- ▶ Both **strict** and **in-depth** testing:

Core system tests:

- software environment fitness (building the environment, and installing the package in it, regularly)
- backup environment recipe build and installation tests (conda-lock)
- Python package build tests
- Docker container(s) build and deploy tests

General purpose tests:

- unit/integration/regression (with sample data) tests
- coding standards tests (pylint and flake8)
- test coverage tests (when adding new code)

Documentation:

- documentaton build and deploy tests

Overall testing strategy (for separate packages)

ESMValCore package

docs

passing

DOI

10.5281/zenodo.3387139

matrix

join chat

docker build

passing

Anaconda.org

2.9.0

Test

passing

← Test

✓ Test #1419

Summary

Jobs

✓ Linux Python 3.9

✓ Linux Python 3.10

✓ Linux Python 3.11

✓ OSX Python 3.9

✓ OSX Python 3.10

✓ OSX Python 3.11

Run details

Usage

Workflow file

Linux Python 3.11

succeeded 12 hours ago in 3m 49s

> ✓ Set up job

> ✓ Run actions/checkout@v3

> ✓ Run conda-incubator/setup-miniconda@v2

> ✓ Run mkdir -p test_linux_artifacts_python_3.11

> ✓ Run conda --version 2>&1 | tee test_linux_artifacts_python_3.11/conda_version.txt

> ✓ Run python -V 2>&1 | tee test_linux_artifacts_python_3.11/python_version.txt

> ✓ Run pip install -e .[development] 2>&1 | tee test_linux_artifacts_python_3.11/install.txt

> ✓ Run flake8

> ✓ Run pytest -n 2 -m "not installation" 2>&1 | tee test_linux_artifacts_python_3.11/test_report

> ✓ Upload artifacts

> ✓ Post Run conda-incubator/setup-miniconda@v2

> ✓ Post Run actions/checkout@v3

> ✓ Complete job

Issues ?

Duplication ?

Complexity ?

Coverage ?

+13

-

-8

-

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Diff coverage

Variation

New Issues

Fixed Issues

New Duplication

Fixed Duplication

Diff

Files

Commits

Showing 4 files with new issues

esmvalcore/preprocessor/_regrid.py

MINOR

Code Style

_load_scheme is too complex (14) (MC0001)

554

def _load_scheme(src_cube: Cube, scheme: str | dict):

esmvalcore/preprocessor/_regrid_esmpy.py

MINOR

Code Style

Too few public methods (1/2) (too-few-public-methods)

43

class _ESMPyRegridder:

codecov bot commented 2 weeks ago • edited

Codecov Report

Merging #2242 (4b67bd7) into main (56cc385) will increase coverage by 0.00% .
The diff coverage is 100.00% .

	Coverage	Diff	
@@	main	#2242	+/-
##	##	##	##
Coverage	93.47%	93.48%	
Files	238	239	+1
Lines	12932	12945	+13
+ Hits	12088	12101	+13
- Misses	844	844	

Files	Coverage Δ
esmvalcore/preprocessor/ derive/ init .py	89.13% <100.00%> (0)
esmvalcore/preprocessor/ derive/sfcwind.py	100.00% <100.00%> (0)

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Testing needs to ensure **scientific correctness** and **allow for variability of developers' skills** (ie not too restrictive, definitely not too lax, or “not great, not terrible”)

- ▶ Testing done for all supported OS and Python versions
- ▶ Scientific output-oriented tests
- ▶ Still include some technical testing (like for ESMValCore, but less strict)

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- ▶ Scientific output-oriented tests include:
 - numerical and graphical output comparisons (with previous versions, and current version when changes occur; both manual and automated triggers) via a dedicated tool for recipe output comparison which is smart enough to handle small differences in numerical results in NetCDF files and small differences in plots through image hashing
 - EXIF and Mark I Eyeball testing (visualization of output)
 - input data specifications consistency tests
 - output provenance tests
- ▶ Still with some technical testing like for ESMValCore, but less strict:
 - FEWER unit/integration/regression (with sample data) tests
 - FEWER coding standards tests (pylint and flake8)
 - NO test coverage tests (when adding new code)

Provenance output and testing

all our software is stored on Zenodo for every release with a DOI
we have docker containers that offer pretty good software environment reproducibility,
we record the filenames and global NetCDF attributes of all input files.