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# ARCCSSive Documentation

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ARCCSSive is a Python library developed by the CMS team at the [ARC Centre of Excellence for Climate Systems Science](#) for working with data at [NCI](#). Contents:



# CHAPTER 1

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## New Postgres Database

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### Install

Currently the v2 api is available as the ‘postgres’ branch of the repository:

```
git checkout https://github.com/coecms/ARCCSSive
cd ARCCSSive
git checkout -b postgres
conda env create -f conda/dev-environment
source activate arccssive-dev
pip install .
```

You could also use virtualenv if preferred

### Use

Connect to the database:

```
from ARCCSSive.db import connect, Session
connect()
```

This will prompt you for your NCI password (it gets your username from \$USER). Probably best not to use this in ipython notebook for the moment.

Create a session:

```
session = Session()
```

The session used to perform actual queries to the database (see <http://docs.sqlalchemy.org/en/latest/orm/tutorial.html#querying>)

## Models

Models represent tables in the database, you can feed them to `session.query()`

Each model has a number of available relationships that can be used to `join()` to other models

Models are in the `ARCCSSive.model` package, divided into sub-packages by category (eg. the `cmip5` package holds `cmip5` related models)

`ARCCSSive.model.cmip5.File`

A CMIP5 file's metadata

### Joins:

- dataset: `cmip5.Dataset` The dataset this file is part of
- version: `cmip5.Version`: This file's dataset version
- warnings: list[`cmip5.Warning`]: Warnings associated with this file
- timeseries: `cmip5.Timeseries` Holds all files in the dataset with the same variable at different time periods
- variables: list[`cfnetcdf.Variable`]: CF variables in the file (excluding axes)

`ARCCSSive.model.cmip5.Dataset`

A CMIP5 dataset, pretty much what you'd find listed on ESGF, with the exception that there's no version field (this is held separately in the `cmip5.Version` class)

### Joins:

- versions: list[`cmip5.Version`]: Available versions of this dataset
- variables: list[`cmip5.Timeseries`]: The latest version of each of the variables in the dataset

`ARCCSSive.model.cmip5.Version`

A single version of a specific `cmip5.Dataset`. Different versions exist due to bugfixes after publication.

### Joins:

- dataset: `cmip5.Dataset`: The dataset this version is associated with
- files: list[`cmip5.File`]: Files belonging to this version
- warnings: list[`cmip5.Warning`]: Warnings for this version
- variables: list[`cmip5.Timeseries`]: Collects the files by variable into timeseries

`ARCCSSive.model.cmip5.Timeseries`

All files for a single dataset, version and variable. The full output is often split into multiple files covering different time periods, the timeseries model joins these files back together again.

### Joins:

- dataset: `cmip5.Dataset`: the dataset this timeseries is part of
- version: `cmip5.Version`: the dataset version
- files: list[`cmip5.File`]: Files belonging to the timeseries

`ARCCSSive.model.cfnetcdf.File`

Base class for CF compliant netcdf files

### Joins:

- variables: list[`cfnetcdf.Variable`]: CF variables in the file (excluding axes)

`ARCCSSive.model.cfnetcdf.Variable`

A CF compliant variable

**Joins:**

- files: list[`cfnetcdf.File`]: Files containing the variable

## Old-style models

These models are from the previous ARCCSSive iteration. They are mostly the same as the new version, however they also contain the variable name rather than this being a separate ‘timeseries’ table.

It’s intended that these be moved to the new top-level *model* namespace

`ARCCSSive.CMIP5.Model.Instance`

Equivalent to the newer `cmip5.Dataset` class but also has the variable name

**Joins:**

- versions: list[`ARCCSSive.CMIP5.Model.Version`]: Versions of the instance
- latest\_version: `ARCCSSive.CMIP5.Model.Version`: Latest version of the instance
- files: list[`cmip5.File`] Files belonging to the instance

`ARCCSSive.CMIP5.Model.Version`

Equivalent to the newer `cmip5.Version` class but also has the variable name

**Joins:**

- variable: `ARCCSSive.CMIP5.Model.Instance`: Instance this is a version of
- files: list[`cmip5.File`] Files belonging to the instance version
- new\_version: `cmip5.Version`: Equivalent new-style version



# CHAPTER 2

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## Installing

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### ### Raijin

The stable version of ARCCSSive is available as a module on NCI's Raijin supercomputer:

```
rajin $ module use ~access/modules raijin $ module load pythonlib/ARCCSSive
```

### ### NCI Virtual Desktops

NCI's virtual desktops allow you to use ARCCSSive from a Jupyter notebook. For details on how to use virtual desktops see <http://vdi.nci.org.au/help>

To install the stable version of ARCCSSive:

```
vdi $ pip install --user ARCCSSive vdi $ export CMIP5_DB=sqlite:///g/data1/ua6/unofficial-ESG-replica/tmp/tree/cmip5_rajin_latest.db
```

or to install the current development version (note this uses a different database):

```
vdi $ pip install --user git+https://github.com/coecms/ARCCSSive.git vdi $ export CMIP5_DB=sqlite:///g/data1/ua6/unofficial-ESG-replica/tmp/tree/cmip5_rajin_latest.db
```

Once the library is installed run *ipython notebook* to start a new notebook



# CHAPTER 3

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## CMIP5

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The CMIP5 module provides tools for searching through the CMIP5 data stored on NCI's */g/data* filesystem

### Getting Started:

The ARCSSive library is available as a module on Raijin. Load it using:

```
module use ~access/modules
module load pythonlib/ARCSSive
```

To use the CMIP5 catalog you first need to connect to it:

```
>>> from ARCSSive import CMIP5
>>> cmip5 = CMIP5.connect()
```

The session object allows you to run queries on the catalog. There are a number of helper functions for common operations, for instance searching through the model outputs:

```
>>> outputs = cmip5.outputs(
...     experiment = 'rcp45',
...     variable   = 'tas',
...     mip        = 'day',
...     ensemble   = 'r1i1p1')
```

You can then loop over the search results in normal Python fashion:

```
>>> for o in outputs.filter_by(model='ACCESS1.3'):
...     (o.model, o.filenames())
('ACCESS1.3', ['tas_day_ACCESS1-3_rcp45_r1i1p1_20310101-20551231.nc'])
```

## Examples

### Get files from a single model variable

```
>>> outputs = cmip5.outputs(
...     experiment = 'rcp45',
...     variable   = 'tas',
...     mip        = 'day',
...     model      = 'ACCESS1.3',
...     ensemble   = 'r1i1p1')

>>> for f in outputs.first().filenames():
...     f
'tas_day_ACCESS1-3_rcp45_r1i1p1_20310101-20551231.nc'
```

### Get files from all models for a specific variable

```
>>> outputs = cmip5.outputs(
...     experiment = 'rcp45',
...     variable   = 'tas',
...     mip        = 'day',
...     ensemble   = 'r1i1p1')

>>> for m in outputs:
...     model = m.model
...     files = m.filenames()
```

### Choose more than one variable at a time

More complex queries on the `Session.outputs()` results can be performed using SQLAlchemy's `filter()`:

```
>>> from ARCSSive.CMIP5.Model import *
>>> from sqlalchemy import *

>>> outputs = cmip5.outputs(
...     experiment = 'rcp45',
...     model      = 'ACCESS1-3',
...     mip        = 'Amon',) \
...     .filter(Instance.variable.in_(['tas', 'pr']))
```

### Get results from a specific output version

Querying specific versions currently needs to go through the `Session.query()` function, this will be simplified in a future version of ARCSSive:

```
>>> from ARCSSive.CMIP5.Model import *

>>> res = cmip5.query(Version) \
...     .join(Instance) \
...     .filter(
...         Version.version == 'v20120413',
```

```

...     Instance.model      == 'ACCESS1-3',
...     Instance.experiment == 'rcp45',
...     Instance.mip        == 'Amon',
...     Instance.ensemble   == 'r1i1p1')

>>> # This returns a sequence of Version, get the variable information from
>>> # the .variable property
>>> for o in res:
...     o.variable.model, o.variable.variable, o.filenames()

```

## Compare model results between two experiments

Link two sets of outputs together using joins:

```

>>> from ARCCSSive.CMIP5.Model import *
>>> from sqlalchemy.orm import aliased
>>> from sqlalchemy import *

>>> # Create aliases for the historical and rcp variables, so we can
>>> # distinguish them in the query
>>> histInstance = aliased(Instance)
>>> rcpInstance = aliased(Instance)
>>> rcp_hist = cmip5.query(rcpInstance, histInstance).join(
...     histInstance, and_(
...         histInstance.variable == rcpInstance.variable,
...         histInstance.model == rcpInstance.model,
...         histInstance.mip == rcpInstance.mip,
...         histInstance.ensemble == rcpInstance.ensemble,
...     )).filter(
...         rcpInstance.experiment == 'rcp45',
...         histInstance.experiment == 'historicalNat',
...     )
...
>>> for r, h in rcp_hist:
...     r.versions[-1].path, h.versions[-1].path

```

## API

### connect()

`ARCCSSive.CMIP5.connect()`

Connect to the CMIP5 catalog

**Returns** A new `Session`

Example:

```

>>> from ARCCSSive import CMIP5
>>> cmip5 = CMIP5.DB.connect()
>>> outputs = cmip5.query()

```

## Session

The session object has a number of helper functions for getting information out of the catalog, e.g. `Session.models()` gets a list of all available models.

**class ARCCSSive.CMIP5.Session**

Holds a connection to the catalog

Create using `ARCCSSive.CMIP5.connect()`

**experiments()**

Get the list of all experiments in the dataset

**Returns** A list of strings

**files(\*\*kwargs)**

Query the list of files

Returns a list of files that match the arguments

**Parameters** `kwargs` – Match any attribute in `Model.Instance`, e.g. `model = 'ACCESS1-3'`

**Returns** An iterable returning `Model.File` matching the search query

**mips()**

Get the list of all MIP tables in the dataset

**Returns** A list of strings

**models()**

Get the list of all models in the dataset

**Returns** A list of strings

**outputs(\*\*kwargs)**

Get the most recent instances matching a query

Arguments are optional, using them will select only matching outputs

**Parameters**

- `variable` – CMIP variable name
- `experiment` – CMIP experiment
- `mip` – MIP table
- `model` – Model used to generate the dataset
- `ensemble` – Ensemble member

**Returns** An iterable sequence of `ARCCSSive.CMIP5.Model.Instance`

**query(\*args, \*\*kwargs)**

Query the CMIP5 catalog

Allows you to filter the full list of CMIP5 outputs using SQLAlchemy commands

**Returns** A SQLAlchemy query object

**variables()**

Get the list of all variables in the dataset

**Returns** A list of strings

## Model

The model classes hold catalog information for a single entry. Each model run variable can have a number of different data versions, as errors get corrected by the publisher, and each version can consist of a number of files split into a time sequence.

Each model class has a number of relationships, which can be used in a query to efficiently return linked data e.g.:

```
>>> q = (cmip5.query(Instance, VersionFile)
...     .join(Instance.latest_version)
...     .join(Version.files))
```

This query returns an iterator of (*Instance*, *ARCCSSive.model.cmip5.File*) pairs and only needs to query the database once, whereas using a loop requires a database query for each iteration.

```
class ARCCSSive.CMIP5.Model.Instance(**kwargs)
    A combination of a CMIP5 Dataset and a single variable
```

### Relationships:

#### **versions**

`list[Version]`: List of all available versions of this dataset

#### **latest\_version**

`Version`: The most recent version of this dataset

#### **files**

`list[ARCCSSive.model.cmip5.File]`: All files belonging to this dataset and variable, regardless of version

### Attributes:

#### **variable**

Variable name

#### **experiment**

CMIP experiment

#### **mip**

MIP table specifying output frequency and realm

#### **model**

Model that generated the dataset

#### **ensemble**

Ensemble member

#### **realm**

Realm: ie atmos, ocean

#### **filenames()**

Returns the file names from the latest version of this variable

**Returns** List of file names

#### **drstree\_path()**

Returns the drstree path for this instance latest version

```
class ARCCSSive.CMIP5.Model.Version(**kwargs)
```

A version of a model run's variable

### Relationships:

**variable**

*Instance*: Dataset and variable this version is attached to

**warnings**

[[ARCCSSive.model.cmip5.Warning](#)]: Warnings attached to this dataset version

**files**

[[ARCCSSive.model.cmip5.File](#)]: Files belonging to this dataset version

**Attributes:****version**

Version identifier

**path**

Path to the output directory

```
>>> instance = cmip5.query(Instance).filter_by(dataset_id = 'c6d75f4c-793b-5bcc-  
->2ab-1af81e4b679d', variable='tas').one()  
>>> version = instance.latest()  
>>> version = instance.versions[-1]
```

**glob()**

Get the glob string matching the CMIP5 filename

```
>>> six.print_(version.glob())  
tas_day_ACCESS1.3_rcp45_r1i1p1*.nc
```

**build\_filepaths()**

Returns the list of files matching this version

**Returns** List of file names

```
>>> pprint.pprint(version.build_filepaths())  
['/g/data1/ua6/unofficial-ESG-replica/tmp/tree/pcmdi9.llnl.gov/thredds/  
->fileServer/cmip5_css02_data/cmip5/output1/CSIRO-BOM/ACCESS1-3/rcp45/day/  
->atmos/day/r1i1p1/tas/1/tas_day_ACCESS1-3_rcp45_r1i1p1_20060101-20301231.nc',  
 '/g/data1/ua6/unofficial-ESG-replica/tmp/tree/pcmdi9.llnl.gov/thredds/  
->fileServer/cmip5_css02_data/cmip5/output1/CSIRO-BOM/ACCESS1-3/rcp45/day/  
->atmos/day/r1i1p1/tas/1/tas_day_ACCESS1-3_rcp45_r1i1p1_20310101-20551231.nc',  
 '/g/data1/ua6/unofficial-ESG-replica/tmp/tree/pcmdi9.llnl.gov/thredds/  
->fileServer/cmip5_css02_data/cmip5/output1/CSIRO-BOM/ACCESS1-3/rcp45/day/  
->atmos/day/r1i1p1/tas/1/tas_day_ACCESS1-3_rcp45_r1i1p1_20560101-20801231.nc',  
 '/g/data1/ua6/unofficial-ESG-replica/tmp/tree/pcmdi9.llnl.gov/thredds/  
->fileServer/cmip5_css02_data/cmip5/output1/CSIRO-BOM/ACCESS1-3/rcp45/day/  
->atmos/day/r1i1p1/tas/1/tas_day_ACCESS1-3_rcp45_r1i1p1_20810101-21001231.nc']
```

**filenames()**

Returns the list of filenames for this version

**Returns** List of file names

```
>>> sorted(version.filenames())  
['tas_day_ACCESS1-3_rcp45_r1i1p1_20060101-20301231.nc', 'tas_day_ACCESS1-3_<br/>->rcp45_r1i1p1_20310101-20551231.nc', 'tas_day_ACCESS1-3_rcp45_r1i1p1_<br/>->20560101-20801231.nc', 'tas_day_ACCESS1-3_rcp45_r1i1p1_20810101-21001231.nc  
<br/>->']
```

**tracking\_ids()**

Returns the list of tracking\_ids for files in this version

**Returns** List of tracking\_ids

```
>>> sorted(version.tracking_ids())
['54779e2d-41fb-4671-bbdf-2170385afa3b', '800713b7-c303-4618-aef9-f72548d5ada6
˓→', 'd2813685-9c7c-4527-8186-44a8f19d31dd', 'f810f58d-329e-4934-bb1c-
˓→28c5c314e073']
```

### **drstree\_path()**

Returns the drstree path for this particular version

## **class ARCCSSive.model.cmip5.File(\*\*kwargs)**

A CMIP5 output file's attributes

Relationships:

**attribute:: dataset** Dataset: The dataset this file is part of

**attribute:: version** *Version*: This file's dataset version

**attribute:: warnings** [Warning]: Warnings associated with this file

**attribute:: timeseries** Timeseries holding all files in the dataset with the same variables

Attributes:

attribute:: experiment\_id attribute:: frequency attribute:: institute\_id attribute:: model\_id attribute:: modeling\_realm attribute:: product attribute:: table\_id attribute:: tracking\_id attribute:: version\_number attribute:: realization attribute:: initialization\_method attribute:: physics\_version



# CHAPTER 4

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## CF-NetCDF Data

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```
class ARCSSive.model.cfnetcdf.File(**kwargs)
    A CF-compliant NetCDF file's attributes

    attributes
        dict: Full metadata

    collection
        str: Data collection this file belongs to

    institution
        str: Generating institution

    open()
        Open the file

    path
        str: Path to data file

    source
        str: Dataset source

    title
        str: File title

    variables
        list[Variable]: Component variables

class ARCSSive.model.cfnetcdf.Variable(**kwargs)
    A CF-Compliant variable

    aliases
        list[str]: Aliases of this variable

    amip
        AMIP name

    canonical_unit
        Canonical unit
```

**description**

Description of the variable

**files**

list[*File*]: Files containing this variable

**grib**

Grib code

**name**

Variable standard name

**class** ARCCSSive.model.cfnetcdf.**VariableAlias**(\*\*kwargs)

**name**

Alias name

**variable**

*Variable*: Variable this is an alias to

# CHAPTER 5

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## CMIP5 Outputs

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```
class ARCSSive.model.cmip5.Dataset(**kwargs)
    A CMIP5 Dataset, as you'd find listed on ESGF

    drsree_path()
        Get the drs tree path to variables within this dataset

    ensemble_member
        str: Ensemble member

    frequency
        str: Data output frequency

    institute_id
        str: ID of the institute that ran the experiment

    latest_version
        The latest Version for this dataset

    mip_table
        str: MIP Table

    model_id
        str: ID of the model used

    modeling_realm
        str: Model component - atmos, land, ocean, etc.

    variables
        list[Timeseries]: The most recent versions of the variables in this dataset

    versions
        list[Version]: Available versions of this dataset, in release order

class ARCSSive.model.cmip5.Version(**kwargs)
    A version of a ESGF dataset

    Over time files within a dataset get updated, due to bug fixes and processing improvements. This results in multiple versions of files getting published to ESGF
```

**dataset**

*Dataset*: Dataset associated with this version

**files**

list[*File*]: Files belonging to this dataset version

**is\_latest**

boolean: True if this is the latest version available

**open()**

Open all variables in the dataset

**override**

*VersionOverride*: Errata information for this version

**version\_number**

str: Version number

**warnings**

list[*Warning*]: Warnings attached to the dataset by users

**class ARCCSSive.model.cmip5.File (\*\*kwargs)**

A CMIP5 output file's attributes

Relationships:

**attribute:: dataset** *Dataset*: The dataset this file is part of

**attribute:: version** *Version*: This file's dataset version

**attribute:: warnings** [*Warning*]: Warnings associated with this file

**attribute:: timeseries** Timeseries holding all files in the dataset with the same variables

Attributes:

attribute:: experiment\_id attribute:: frequency attribute:: institute\_id attribute:: model\_id attribute:: modeling\_realm attribute:: product attribute:: table\_id attribute:: tracking\_id attribute:: version\_number attribute:: realization attribute:: initialization\_method attribute:: physics\_version

**open()**

Open the file

# CHAPTER 6

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## CMIP5 Errata

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```
class ARCSSive.model.cmip5.VersionOverride(**kwargs)
    Errata for a CMIP5 dataset version, for cases when the published version_id is unset or incorrect
    Editing this table will automatically update the corresponding Version.
    v = session.query(Version).first() v.override = VersionOverride(version_number='v20120101') session.add(v)

    is_latest
        boolean: True if this is the latest version available

    version_number
        str: New version number

class ARCSSive.model.cmip5.Warning(**kwargs)

    added_by
        str: Who added the warning

    added_on
        str: Date the warning was added

    warning
        str: Warning text
```



# CHAPTER 7

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## Administration

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### — Making a new release —

Use the Github interface to create a new release with the version number, e.g. ‘1.2.3’. This should use semantic versioning, if it’s a minor change increase the third number, if it introduces new features increase the second number and if it will break existing scripts using the library increase the first number.

After doing this the following will happen:

- Travis-ci will upload the package to PyPI
- CircleCI will upload the package to Anaconda
- The conda update cron job at NCI will pick up the new version overnight



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