

Supplementary material to “A Maturity Model for Assessing the Completeness of Climate Data Records”

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Climate Data Record (CDR) Maturity Matrix

Maturity	Software Readiness	Metadata	Documentation	Product Validation	Public Access	Utility
1	Conceptual development	Little or none	Draft Climate Algorithm Theoretical Basis Document (C-ATBD); paper on algorithm submitted	Little or None	Restricted to a select few	Little or none
2	Significant code changes expected	Research grade	C-ATBD Version 1+ ; paper on algorithm reviewed	Minimal	Limited data availability to develop familiarity	Limited or ongoing
3	Moderate code changes expected	Research grade; Meets intl standards: ISO or FGDC for collection; netCDF for file	Public C-ATBD; Peer-reviewed publication on algorithm	Uncertainty estimated for select locations/times	Data and source code archived and available; caveats required for use.	Assessments have demonstrated positive value.
4	Some code changes expected	Exists at file and collection level. Stable. Allows provenance tracking and reproducibility of dataset. Meets international standards for dataset	Public C-ATBD; Draft Operational Algorithm Description (OAD); Peer-reviewed publication on algorithm; paper on product submitted	Uncertainty estimated over widely distributed times/location by multiple investigators; Differences understood.	Data and source code archived and publicly available; uncertainty estimates provided; Known issues public	May be used in applications; assessments demonstrating positive value.
5	Minimal code changes expected; Stable, portable and reproducible	Complete at file and collection level. Stable. Allows provenance tracking and reproducibility of dataset. Meets international standards for dataset	Public C-ATBD, Review version of OAD, Peer-reviewed publications on algorithm and product	Consistent uncertainties estimated over most environmental conditions by multiple investigators	Record is archived and publicly available with associated uncertainty estimate; Known issues public. Periodically updated	May be used in applications by other investigators; assessments demonstrating positive value
6	No code changes expected; Stable and reproducible; portable and operationally efficient	Updated and complete at file and collection level. Stable. Allows provenance tracking and reproducibility of dataset. Meets current international standards for dataset	Public C-ATBD and OAD; Multiple peer-reviewed publications on algorithm and product	Observation strategy designed to reveal systematic errors through independent cross-checks, open inspection, and continuous interrogation; quantified errors	Record is publicly available from Long-Term archive; Regularly updated	Used in published applications; may be used by industry; assessments demonstrating positive value

1 & 2	Research
3 & 4	IOC
5 & 6	FOC

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