
SCOPE: A Script Based Coupler for Simulations of the Earth System Documentation

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Welcome to the `scope` documentation. `scope` is a two-in-one command line utility as well as a Python library designed to facilitate coupling and communication between various Earth system models. The minimal quickstart:

```
$ pip install scope-coupler
$ scope --help
$ scope preprocess ${CONFIG_FILE} echam
$ scope regrid ${CONFIG_FILE} pism
```

The commands listed above would install the `scope` coupler; show you what it can do, gather relevant files from the atmosphere model `echam`, and regrid them onto a `pism` ice sheet grid.

However, `scope` is capable of much more than this. You can preprocess or postprocess data on either side of the communication, modify variable names and attributes, perform corrections due to resolution differences, and provide your own specific steps for each part of the coupling process.

`scope` is designed to run completely independently of the models being used, the run-time infrastructure available on the supercomputer, and, perhaps most importantly **requires 0 modifications to your model code**. To get started, have a look at the documentation below.

1.1 Stable release

To install `scope`, run this command in your terminal:

```
$ pip install scope-coupler
```

This is the preferred method to install `scope`, as it will always install the most recent stable release.

Warning: Since `scope` is still under active development, there is no “stable release” yet.

If you don’t have `pip` installed, this [Python installation guide](#) can guide you through the process.

1.2 From sources

The sources for `scope` can be downloaded from AWT’s [Gitlab repo](#).

You can either clone the public repository:

```
$ git clone git://gitlab.awi.de/pgierz/scope
```

Or download the [tarball](#):

```
$ curl -OL https://gitlab.awi.de/pgierz/scope/tarball/master
```

Once you have a copy of the source, you can install it with:

```
$ python setup.py install
```


CHAPTER 2

Using SCOPE

scope uses configuration files, generally written in the YAML syntax, to define what you want it to do. This configuration is divided into separate sections. Here, we give a brief overview. A complete reference is currently being written.

The first section, simply titled `scope`, defines general parameters for the program:

```
1 scope:
2   couple_dir: "/path/to/directory/"
3   number openMP processes: 8
```

In the example above, we define two things for the program.

couple_dir Line 2

This entry defines where scope will save its files. These files generally include remap weights to be reused each time the coupler is called; gathered output files for processing for the other model; and intermediate files that may be interesting for diagnosis.

number openMP processes Line 3

Since scope uses `cdo` in the background; you can use this to define how many processes you want to run `cdo` on. This generally speeds up regridding.

Next, there is a section which may optionally be defined, `template_replacements`. Here, you can store key/value pairs which will be replaced elsewhere in the configuration. As an example:

```
1 template_replacements:
2   EXP_ID: "PI_1x10"
3   DATE_PATTERN: "[0-9]{6}"
```

Now, any other time that `{{ EXP_ID }}` is used in the configuration, it will be replaced with `PI_1x10`. The syntax here is derived from the Jinja2 Python package used for templating.

Warning: I'm not sure what happens here if you try to use recursion in the template replacements!

You can also see in this section that you can define a `DATE_PATTERN`. Specific key/value pairs ending with the substring `PATTERN` are treated as a regular expression.

Next, you describe the models you wish to couple together.

```

1 model_name:
2   type: physical_domain
3   griddes: built-in CDO grid description, or path to a SCRIP formatted file
4   outdata_dir: /some/path
5   code_table: build-in CDO code table, or path to a file with GRB-style code table
6   send:
7     ...send directives...
8   receive:
9     ...receive directives...
10  pre_step:
11    ...description of pre step...
12  post_step:
13    ...description of post step...

```

In the generalised example above, we define:

model_name A model to couple, in this case, `model_name`. Usually, this would be more specific, e.g. `echam`, `openifs`, `pism`, `fesom`.

Inside the `model_name` configuration, we again have:

type This describes the *type* of the model; e.g. `atmosphere`, `ice`, `ocean`.

griddes Here, you must specify which grid description to use for this model. This is the default for this model.

outdata_dir This defines where scope will, by default, look for files for this particular model. However, you can override this on a case by case basis. See the send directives for more information.

code_table Since `scope` is built on top of `cdo`, which supports `grb` files, here you can specify which code table to use in order to detect variable names when converting from `grb` to `netcdf`.

send This configuration contains send directives for other coupling partners. More on this in the next section.

receive This configuration is used to receive information from other models.

pre_step Programs run before a particular step. Can be configured for each step separately, e.g. `pre_preprocess`, or `pre_regrid`.

post_step Programs run after a particular step

2.1 Example: Configuration Files for SCOPE

A complete example configuration file is provided under `examples/scope_config.yaml`:

```

1 template_replacements:
2   EXP_ID: "PI_1x10"
3   DATE_PATTERN: "[0-9]{6}"
4
5 scope:
6   couple_dir: "/work/ollie/pgierz/scope_tests/couple/"
7   number openMP processes: 8
8

```

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```

9 echam:
10   type: atmosphere
11   griddes: T63
12   outdata_dir: "/work/ollie/pgierz/scope_tests/outdata/echam/"
13   code table: "echam6"
14   pre_preprocess:
15     program: "echo \"hello from pre_preprocess. Do you know: $(( 7 * 6 )) is the_
↪answer!\""
16   send:
17     ice:
18       temp2:
19         files:
20           pattern: "{{ EXP_ID }}_echam6_echam_{{ DATE_PATTERN }}.grb"
21           take:
22             newest: 12
23           code table: "echam6"
24         aprl:
25           files:
26             dir: "/work/ollie/pgierz/scope_tests/outdata/echam/"
27             pattern: "{{ EXP_ID }}_echam6_echam_{{ DATE_PATTERN }}.grb"
28             take:
29               newest: 12
30             code table: "/work/ollie/pgierz/scope_tests/outdata/echam/PI_1x10_
↪185001.01_echam.codes"
31           aprc:
32             files:
33               dir: "/work/ollie/pgierz/scope_tests/outdata/echam/"
34               pattern: "{{ EXP_ID }}_echam6_echam_{{ DATE_PATTERN }}.grb"
35               take:
36                 newest: 12
37
38 pism:
39   type: ice
40   griddes: ice.griddes
41   recieve:
42     atmosphere:
43       temp2:
44         interp: bil
45         transformation:
46           - expr: "air_temp=temp2-273.15"
47     ocean:
48   send:
49     atmosphere:
50     ocean:

```

2.2 Example: PISM to ECHAM6

2.3 Command line interface

scope comes with a command line interface. For a very quick introduction:

```
$ scope --help
```

This will print usage information.

Any `scope` commands you normally would run in a batch job can also be individually targeted via command line arguments. In principle, the command structure is always the same, namely:

```
$ scope <command> ${CONFIG} ${WHOS_TURN}
```

This allows you to run one specific part of `scope` for a particular configuration assuming a particular model is currently doing something. As an example, this could take the form of:

```
$ scope preprocess ~/Code/scope/examples/scope_config.yaml echam
```

This would cause `scope` to run the prepare steps described for `echam`; in this particular case gathering output files, extracting variables, and placing the resulting file into the couple folder described in the configuration file. Note that also and pre- and post-processing hooks defined in the configuration file will also be run at this point.

All available commands are printed via `scope --help`.

Currently, the following commands are implemented:

- `preprocess`
- `regrid`

2.4 Python Library Usage

While the command line interface is nice for users who never want to actually touch `scope` code; we also support the ability to use `scope` functions in your own `Python` programs. this section describes how to use `scope` from a script.

To use `scope` in a project:

```
import scope
```

Consider having a look at the developer API for more detailed usage.

3.1 scope package

3.1.1 Submodules

3.1.2 scope.cli module

Console script for scope.

`scope.cli.yaml_file_to_dict(filepath: str) → dict`

Given a scope configuration yaml file, returns a corresponding dictionary.

If you do not give an extension, tries again after appending one:

- .yaml
- .yaml
- .YML
- .YAML

Note that this function also uses `~jinja2` to replace any templated variables found in the under the top-level key `template_replacements`. This key is then deleted from the remainder of the dictionary.

Parameters `filepath` (*str*) – Where to get the YAML file from

Returns A dictionary representation of the yaml file.

Return type dict

Raises `OSError` if the file cannot be found.

3.1.3 scope.models module

Not sure what to do with this stuff yet...

```

class scope.models.Component
    Bases: scope.models.SimObj

    NAME = 'Generic Component Object'

class scope.models.Model
    Bases: scope.models.SimObj

    NAME = 'Generic Model Object'

class scope.models.SimObj
    Bases: object

    after_run()

    before_recieve()

    before_send()

    recieve()

    send()

    NAME = 'Generic Sim Object'

```

3.1.4 scope.scope module

Here, the `scope` library is described. This allows you to use specific parts of `scope` from other programs.

`scope` consists of several main classes. Note that most of them provide Python access to `cdo` calls via Python's built-in `subprocess` module. Without a correctly installed `cdo`, many of these functions/classes will not work.

We provide a quick summary, but please look at the documentation for each function and class for more complete information. The following functions are defined:

- `determine_cdo_openMP` – using `cdo --version`, determines if you have openMP support.

The following classes are defined here:

- `Scope` – an abstract base class useful for starting other classes from. This provides a way to determine if `cdo` has openMP support or not by parsing `cdo --version`. Additionally, it has a nested class which gives you decorators to put around methods for enabling arbitrary shell calls before and after the method is executed, which can be configured via the `Scope.config` dictionary.
- `Send` – a class to extract and combine various NetCDF files for further processing.
- `Recieve` – a class to easily regrid from one model to another, depending on the specifications in the `scope_config.yaml`
- `- * .`
- `.`
- `.`

```

class scope.scope.Recieve (config: dict, whos_turn: str)
    Bases: scope.scope.Scope

    Parameters

```

- **config** (*dict*) – A dictionary (normally recieved from a YAML file) describing the scope configuration. An example dictionary is included in the root directory under `examples/scope_config.yaml`
- **whos_turn** (*str*) – An explicit model name telling you which model is currently interfacing with `scope` e.g. `echam` or `pism`.

Warning: This function has a filesystem side-effect: it generates the couple folder defined in `config["scope"]["couple_dir"]`. If you don't have permissions to create this folder, the object initialization will fail...

Some design features are listed below:

- “pre” and “post” hooks

Any appropriately decorated method of a `scope` object has a hook to call a script with specific arguments and flags before and after the main scope method call. Best explained by an example. Assume your Scope subclass has a method “send”. Here is the order the program will execute in, given the following configuration:

```
pre_send:
  program: /some/path/to/an/executable
  args:
    - list
    - of
    - arguments
  flags:
    - "--flag value1"
    - "--different_flag value2"

post_send:
  program: /some/other/path
  args:
    - A
    - B
    - C
  flags:
    - "--different_flag value3"
```

Given this configuration, an idealized system call would look like the example shown below. Note however that the Python program calls the shell and immediately destroys it again, so any variables exported to the environment (probably) don't survive:

```
$ ./pre_send['program'] list of arguments --flag value1 --different_flag value2
$ <... python call to send method ...>
$ ./post_send['program'] A B C --different_flag value 3
```

_calculate_weights (*model, type_, interp*)

_combine_tmp_variable_files (*target_file, source_files*)

recieve ()

regrid_one_var (*model, type_, interp, variable, target_file*)

regrid_recieve_from (*model, type_, interp, variable, target_file, recv_from*)

run_cdos (*model, type_, variable, target_file, cdo_commands*)

class `scope.scope.Scope` (*config: dict, whos_turn: str*)

Bases: `object`

Base class for various Scope objects. Other classes should extend this one.

Parameters

- **config** (*dict*) – A dictionary (normally recieved from a YAML file) describing the scope configuration. An example dictionary is included in the root directory under `examples/scope_config.yaml`

- **whos_turn** (*str*) – An explicit model name telling you which model is currently interfacing with scope e.g. echam or pism.

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    - C
  flags:
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$ <... python call to send method ...>
$ ./post_send['program'] A B C --different_flag value 3
```

class ScopeDecorators

Bases: object

Contains decorators you can use on class methods

static `_wrap_hook` (*self, meth, pre_or_post*)

classmethod `post_hook` (*meth*)

classmethod `pre_hook` (*meth*)

Based upon the `self.config`, runs a specific system command

Using the method name, you can define

get_cdo_prefix (*has_openMP: bool = False*)

Return a string with an appropriate `cdo` prefix for using OpenMP with the `-P` flag.

Parameters `has_openMP` (*bool*) – Default is `False`. You can explicitly override the ability of `cdo` to use the `-P` flag. If set to `True`, the config must have an entry under

`config[scope][number openMP processes]` defining how many openMP processes to use (should be an int)

Returns A string which should be used for the `cdo` call, either with or without `-P X`, where `X` is the number of openMP processes to use.

Return type `str`

class `scope.scope.Send` (*config: dict, whos_turn: str*)

Bases: `scope.scope.Scope`

Subclass of `Scope` which enables sending of models via `cdo`. Use the `send` method after building a `Precprocess` object.

Parameters

- **config** (*dict*) – A dictionary (normally recieved from a YAML file) describing the scope configuration. An example dictionary is included in the root directory under `examples/scope_config.yaml`
- **whos_turn** (*str*) – An explicit model name telling you which model is currently interfacing with scope e.g. `echam` or `pism`.

Warning: This function has a filesystem side-effect: it generates the couple folder defined in `config["scope"]["couple_dir"]`. If you don't have permissions to create this folder, the object initialization will fail...

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    - of
    - arguments
  flags:
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    - "--different_flag value2"

post_send:
  program: /some/other/path
  args:
    - A
    - B
    - C
  flags:
    - "--different_flag value3"
```

Given this configuration, an idealized system call would look like the example shown below. Note however that the Python program calls the shell and immediately destroys it again, so any variables exported to the environment (probably) don't survive:

```
$ ./pre_send['program'] list of arguments --flag value1 --different_flag value2
$ <... python call to send method ...>
$ ./post_send['program'] A B C --different_flag value 3
```

_all_senders()

A generator giving tuples of the *reciever_type* (e.g. ice, atmosphere, ocean, solid earth), and the *configuration for the reciever type*, including variables and corresponding specifications for which files to use and how to process them.

Example

Here is an example for the reciever specification dictionary. See the documentation regarding scope configuration for further information:

```
temp2:
  files:
    pattern: "{{ EXP_ID }}_echam6_echam_{{ DATE_PATTERN }}.grb"
    take:
      newest: 12
    code_table: "echam6"
aprl:
  files:
    dir: "/work/ollie/pgierz/scope_tests/outdata/echam/"
    pattern: "{{ EXP_ID }}_echam6_echam_{{ DATE_PATTERN }}.grb"
    take:
      newest: 12
    code_table: "/work/ollie/pgierz/scope_tests/outdata/echam/PI_1x10_185001.
    ↪01_echam.codes"
```

Yields *tuple of (str, dict)* – The first element of the tuple, *reciever_type*, is a string describing what sort of model should get this data; e.g. “ice”, “atmosphere”

The second element, *reciever_spec*, is a dictionary describing which files should be used.

_combine_tmp_variable_files (reciever_type, files_to_combine)

Combines all files in the couple directory for a particular reciever type.

Depending on the configuration, this method combines all files found in the *couple_dir* which may have been further processed by scope to a file *<sender_type>_file_for_<reciever_type>.nc*

Parameters *reciever_type* (*str*) – Which reciever the model is sending to, e.g. ice, ocean, atmosphere

Returns

Return type None

Notes

This executes a `cdo merge` command to concatenate all files found which should be sent to particular model.

_construct_filelist (var_dict)

Constructs a file list to use for further processing based on user specifications.

Parameters *var_dict* (*dict*) – Configuration dictionary for how to handle one specific variable.

Returns A list of files for further processing.

Return type file_list

Example

The variable configuration dictionary can have the following top-level **keys**:

- **files** may contain:

- a `filepath` in regex to look for
- take which files or timesteps to take, either specific, or `newest/latest` followed by an integer.
- `dir` a directory where to look for the files. Note that if this is not provided, the default is to fall back to the top level `outdata_dir` for the currently sending model.

`_make_tmp_files_for_variable` (*varname*, *var_dict*)

Generates temporary files for further processing with `scope`.

Given a variable name and a description dictionary of how it should be extracted and processed, this method makes a temporary file, `<sender_name>_<varname>_file_for_scope.dat`, e.g. `echam_temp2_file_for_scope.dat` in the `couple_dir`.

Parameters

- **`varname`** (*str*) – Variable name as that should be selected from the files
- **`var_dict`** (*dict*) – A configuration dictionary describing how the variable should be extracted. An example is given in `_construct_filelist`.

Notes

In addition to the dictionary description of `files`, further information may be added with the following top-level keys:

- `code_table` describing which GRIB code numbers correspond to which variables. If not given, the fallback value is the value of `code_table` in the sender configuration.

Converts any input file to `nc` via `cdo`. Runs both `select` and `settable`.

Returns

Return type None

`_rename_send_as_variables` (*variable_name*, *variable_dict*)

`_run_cdo_for_variable` (*variable_name*, *variable_dict*)

`send` ()

Selects and combines variables from various file into one single file for futher processing.

- `<sender_type>_file_for_<reciever_type>` (e.g. `atmosphere_file_for_ice.nc`)

Parameters None –

Returns

Return type None

`scope.scope.determine_cdo_openMP()` → bool

Checks if the `cdo` version being used supports OpenMP; useful to check if you need a `-P` flag or not.

Parameters None –

Returns True if OpenMP is listed in the Features of cdo, otherwise False

Return type bool

`scope.scope.determine_fileextension (f: str) → str`

`scope.scope.get_newest_n_timesteps (f: str, take: int) → str`

Given a file, takes the newest n timesteps for further processing.

Parameters

- **f** (*str*) – The file to use.
- **take** (*int*) – Number of timesteps to take (newest will be taken, i.e. from the end of the file). Please use a positive value!

Returns A string with the path to the new file

Return type str

`scope.scope.get_oldest_n_timesteps (f: str, take: int) → str`

Given a file, takes the oldest n timesteps for further processing.

Parameters

- **f** (*str*) – The file to use.
- **take** (*int*) – Number of timesteps to take (oldest will be taken, i.e. from the beginning of the file).

Returns A string with the path to the new file

Return type str

`scope.scope.rename_with_suggested_fileext (f: str) → None`

Renames a file with the suggested file extension

`scope.scope.suggest_fileext (f: str) → str`

Given a file, uses CDO to determine which file extension is should have, and gives back an appropriate string that can be used for renaming.

3.1.5 Module contents

Top-level package for SCOPE.

Contributions are welcome, and they are greatly appreciated! Every little bit helps, and credit will always be given. You can contribute in many ways:

4.1 Types of Contributions

4.1.1 Report Bugs

Report bugs at <https://github.com/pgierz/scope/issues>.

If you are reporting a bug, please include:

- Your operating system name and version.
- Any details about your local setup that might be helpful in troubleshooting.
- Detailed steps to reproduce the bug.

4.1.2 Fix Bugs

Look through the GitHub issues for bugs. Anything tagged with “bug” and “help wanted” is open to whoever wants to implement it.

4.1.3 Implement Features

Look through the GitHub issues for features. Anything tagged with “enhancement” and “help wanted” is open to whoever wants to implement it.

4.1.4 Write Documentation

SCOPE: A Script Based Coupler for Simulations of the Earth System could always use more documentation, whether as part of the official SCOPE: A Script Based Coupler for Simulations of the Earth System docs, in docstrings, or even on the web in blog posts, articles, and such.

4.1.5 Submit Feedback

The best way to send feedback is to file an issue at <https://github.com/pgierz/scope/issues>.

If you are proposing a feature:

- Explain in detail how it would work.
- Keep the scope as narrow as possible, to make it easier to implement.
- Remember that this is a volunteer-driven project, and that contributions are welcome :)

4.2 Get Started!

Ready to contribute? Here's how to set up *scope* for local development.

1. Fork the *scope* repo on GitHub.
2. Clone your fork locally:

```
$ git clone git@github.com:your_name_here/scope.git
```

3. Install your local copy into a virtualenv. Assuming you have virtualenvwrapper installed, this is how you set up your fork for local development:

```
$ mkvirtualenv scope
$ cd scope/
$ python setup.py develop
```

4. Create a branch for local development:

```
$ git checkout -b name-of-your-bugfix-or-feature
```

Now you can make your changes locally.

5. When you're done making changes, check that your changes pass flake8 and the tests, including testing other Python versions with tox:

```
$ flake8 scope tests
$ python setup.py test or py.test
$ tox
```

To get flake8 and tox, just pip install them into your virtualenv.

6. Commit your changes and push your branch to GitHub:

```
$ git add .
$ git commit -m "Your detailed description of your changes."
$ git push origin name-of-your-bugfix-or-feature
```

7. Submit a pull request through the GitHub website.

4.3 Pull Request Guidelines

Before you submit a pull request, check that it meets these guidelines:

1. The pull request should include tests.
2. If the pull request adds functionality, the docs should be updated. Put your new functionality into a function with a docstring, and add the feature to the list in README.rst.
3. The pull request should work for Python 2.7, 3.4, 3.5 and 3.6, and for PyPy. Check https://travis-ci.org/pgierz/scope/pull_requests and make sure that the tests pass for all supported Python versions.

4.4 Tips

To run a subset of tests:

```
$ python -m unittest tests.test_scope
```

4.5 Deploying

A reminder for the maintainers on how to deploy. Make sure all your changes are committed (including an entry in HISTORY.rst). Then run:

```
$ bumpversion patch # possible: major / minor / patch
$ git push
$ git push --tags
```

Travis will then deploy to PyPI if tests pass.

CHAPTER 5

Credits

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6.1 0.1.4 (2019-12-12)

- Includes examples directory and a test `scope_config.yaml`
- Fixes a small logging error in the command line interface
- Updates documentation of main module
- Adds pre and post hooks functionality
- Changes maximum line length in flake8 to 160 characters, black code style for 120 characters.

6.2 0.1.3 (2019-12-4)

- Automatically builds documentation from docstrings
- Most of `scope send` works

6.3 0.1.0 (2019-11-13)

- First release on PyPI.

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