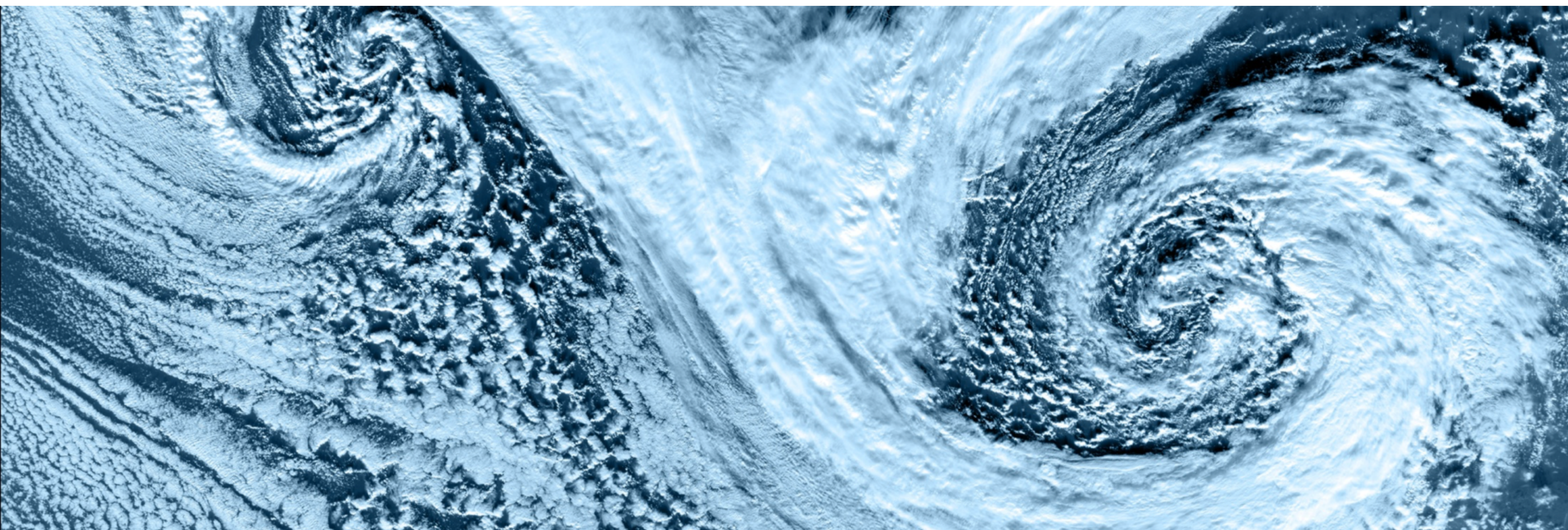


# COSMO Development at MeteoSwiss

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# About me

- Maintainer of the C++ Dynamical Core
- Successor of Andrea Arteaga
- Primarily work at MeteoSwiss
- POMPA project contributor

# Why?

- Development process has grown organically
- Developing against multiple architectures creates overhead
- Goal
  - Decrease developer friction
  - Reduce the number of introduced bugs
  - Make the development process more open: Students, industry, external collaborators

# Overview

- Source code management
- Development process
- Testing and code validation

# Source code management

# Git - All the way

- SVN
  - Need access to a server
  - Cumbersome with a lot of users
  - Difficult to move code and features around
- Git
  - Easy to branch and merge code
  - Lots and lots of free tools available that make life easier
  - Entire history can be stored locally and moved around
  - Flexible workflows

# Definitions

- Commit: A changeset
- Tree: A set of commits forming a parent child relationship
- Repository: Contains the git tree
- Branch: A dynamic pointer to a commit (similar to SVN)
- Tag: A static pointer to a commit (similar to SVN)
- Clone: To copy of a repository to your workspace



# Migration to git

- Finished since December 2015
- Relatively painless
  - Git and SVN share the same concepts
  - Users needed only one tutorial to get started
- No vendor lock-in



# New team member!



# GitHub

# Github for source code management

- Facilitates easier collaboration between MeteoSwiss and external partners
- Popular with a lot of companies and the OpenSource community
- Easy to use web interface to browse code and commits
- Encourages an interactive style of software development



# Github Definitions

- Fork: A copy of a repository from one Github account to another
- Pull-Request: An interactive tool for **reviewing code** and **merging** branches automatically


# Setup on Github



C2SM-RCM x

GitHub, Inc. [US] https://github.com/C2SM-RCM?utf8=✓&query=

Search GitHub Pull requests Issues Gist

 **C2SM-RCM**  
Regional climate modeling

Repositories People 27 Teams 22

Filters Find a repository...

**physics-standalone** PRIVATE FORTRAN ★ 0 3  
Updated a day ago


**cosmo** PRIVATE FORTRAN ★ 0 3  
Updated a day ago

**cosmo-prerelease** PRIVATE FORTRAN ★ 0 3  
Updated 2 days ago

**buildenv** PRIVATE Shell ★ 0 1  
Updated 2 days ago

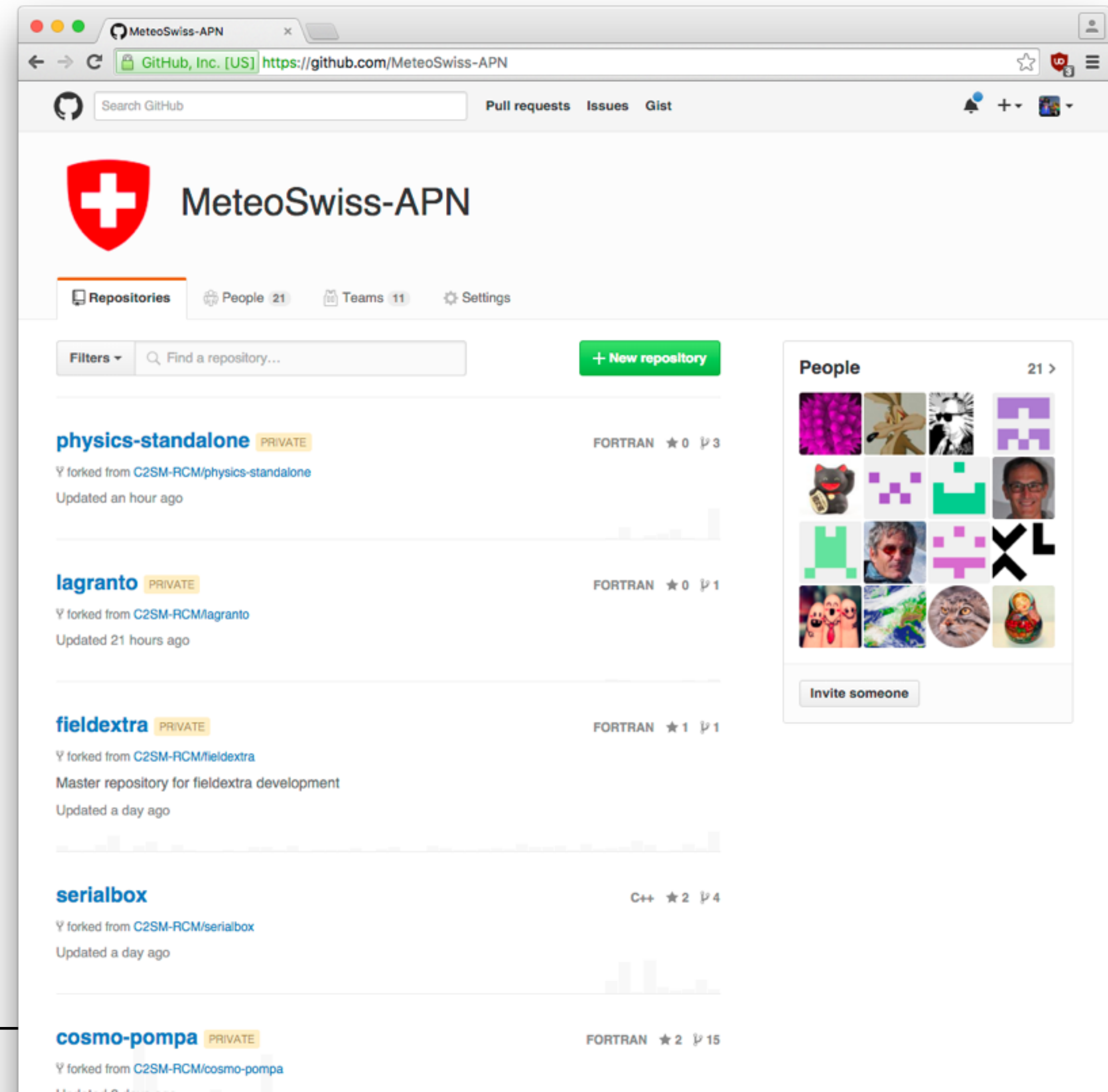
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Updated 3 days ago

**People** 27 >



# Source Code Management

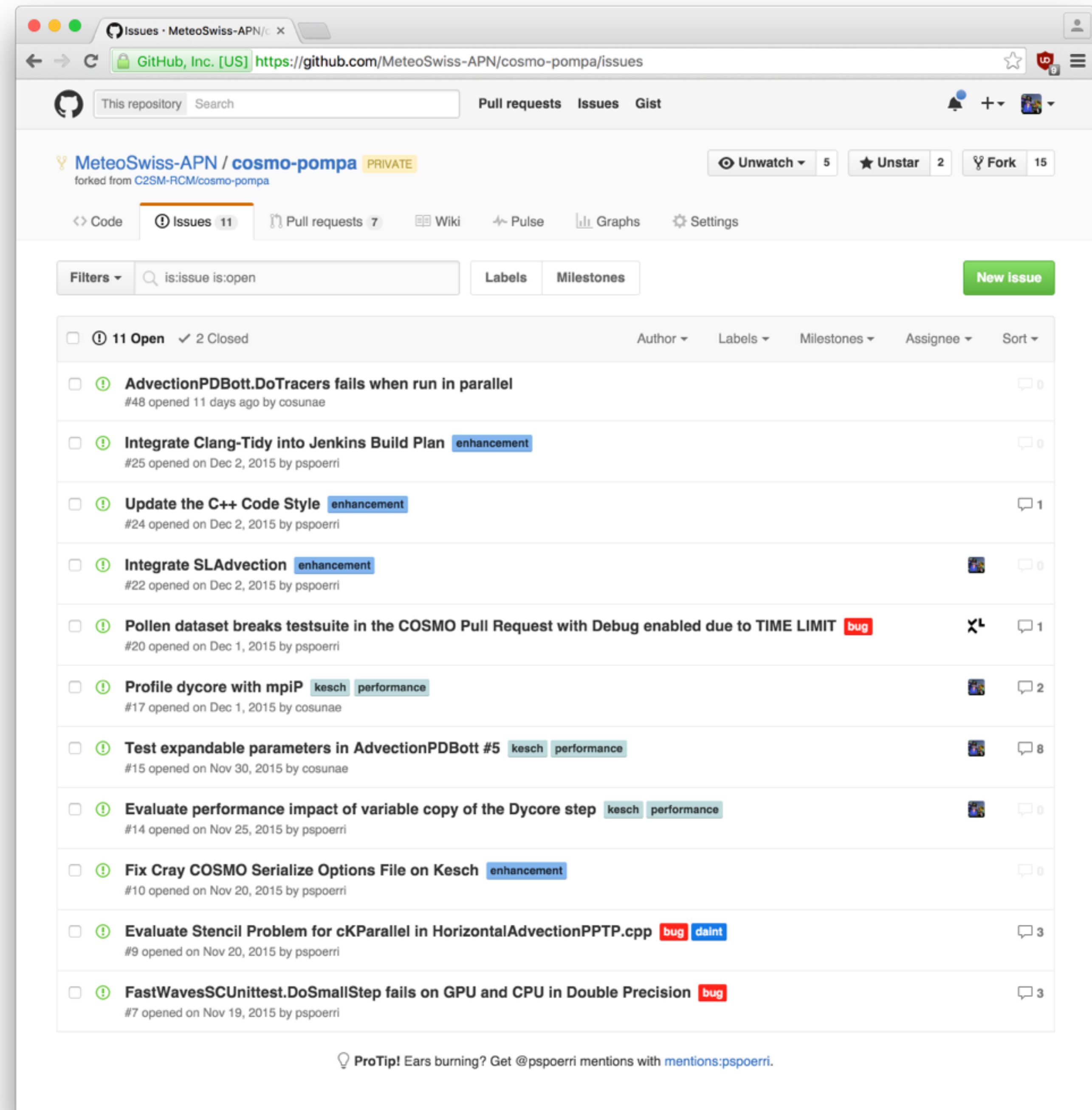
- MeteoSwiss maintains its own fork (copies)
  - Facilitate internal development
  - Prepare releases for production
- Regular releases with production code to base repositories
- Great for collaboration: Easy to migrate changes





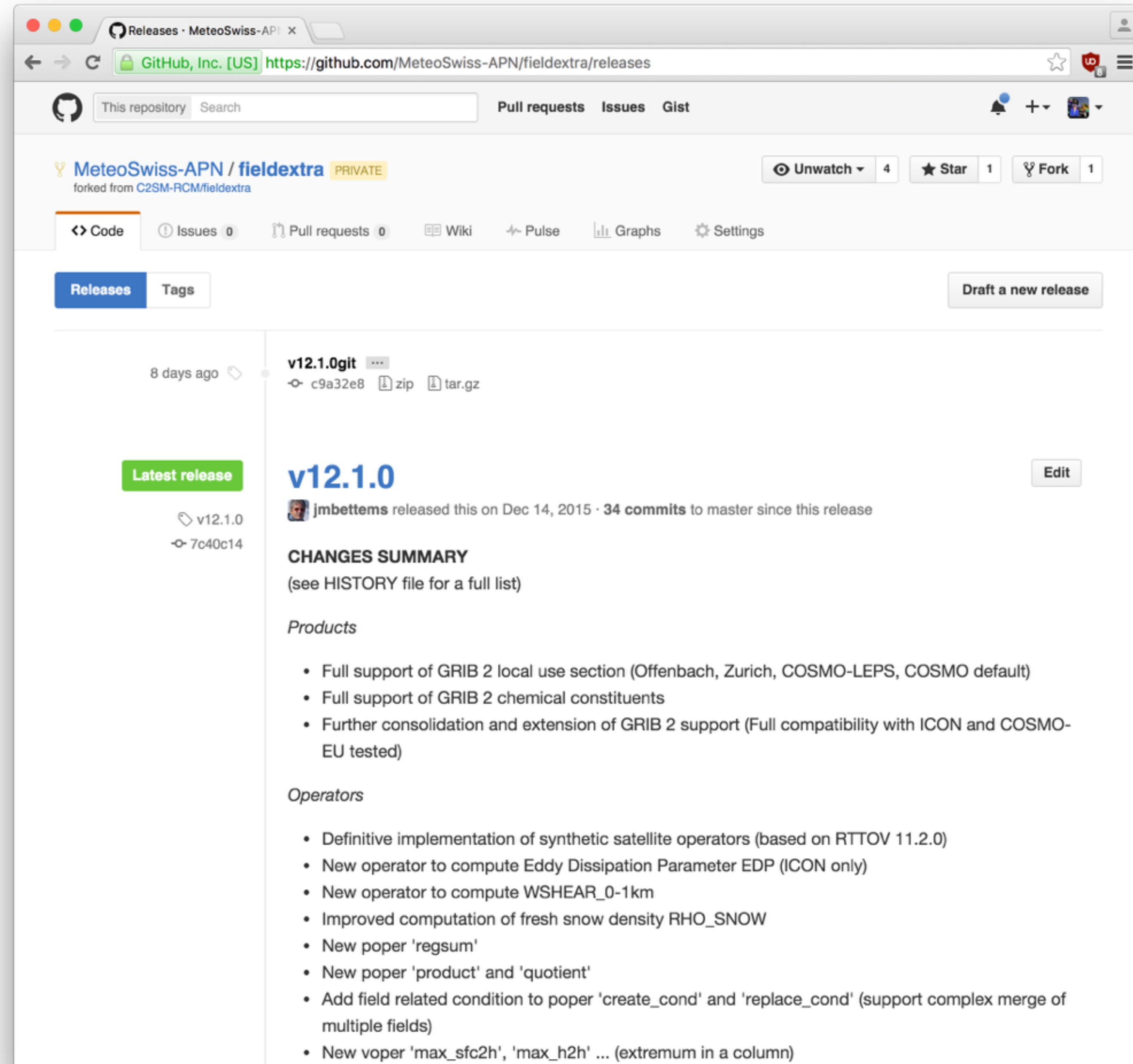
# Issue Tracking

- Track Issues
- Make feature requests visible
- Plan releases



The screenshot shows a GitHub Issues page for the repository 'MeteoSwiss-APN / cosmo-pompa'. The page displays a list of 11 open issues, each with a title, a description, and a status. The issues are sorted by most recent first. The top issue is '#48 AdvectionPDBott.DoTracers fails when run in parallel', opened 11 days ago by cosunae. Other issues include '#25 Integrate Clang-Tidy into Jenkins Build Plan', '#24 Update the C++ Code Style', '#22 Integrate SLAdvection', '#20 Pollen dataset breaks testsuite in the COSMO Pull Request with Debug enabled due to TIME LIMIT', '#17 Profile dycore with mpiP', '#15 Test expandable parameters in AdvectionPDBott #5', '#14 Evaluate performance impact of variable copy of the Dycore step', '#10 Fix Cray COSMO Serialize Options File on Kesch', '#9 Evaluate Stencil Problem for cKParallel in HorizontalAdvectionPPTP.cpp', and '#7 FastWavesSCUnitest.DoSmallStep fails on GPU and CPU in Double Precision'. The page also shows a search bar, filters, and a 'New Issue' button.

# Releases



Releases · MeteoSwiss-APN

GitHub, Inc. [US] <https://github.com/MeteoSwiss-APN/fieldextra/releases>

This repository Search Pull requests Issues Gist

MeteoSwiss-APN / fieldextra PRIVATE  
forked from C2SM-RCM/fieldextra

Unwatch 4 Star 1 Fork 1

Code Issues 0 Pull requests 0 Wiki Pulse Graphs Settings

Releases Tags Draft a new release

8 days ago

**v12.1.0** git  
c9a32e8 zip tar.gz

**Latest release**

v12.1.0  
7c40c14

**v12.1.0** Edit

jmbettems released this on Dec 14, 2015 · 34 commits to master since this release

**CHANGES SUMMARY**  
(see HISTORY file for a full list)

*Products*

- Full support of GRIB 2 local use section (Offenbach, Zurich, COSMO-LEPS, COSMO default)
- Full support of GRIB 2 chemical constituents
- Further consolidation and extension of GRIB 2 support (Full compatibility with ICON and COSMO-EU tested)


*Operators*

- Definitive implementation of synthetic satellite operators (based on RTTOV 11.2.0)
- New operator to compute Eddy Dissipation Parameter EDP (ICON only)
- New operator to compute WSHEAR\_0-1km
- Improved computation of fresh snow density RHO\_SNOW
- New poper 'regsum'
- New poper 'product' and 'quotient'
- Add field related condition to poper 'create\_cond' and 'replace\_cond' (support complex merge of multiple fields)
- New voper 'max\_sfc2h', 'max\_h2h' ... (extremum in a column)



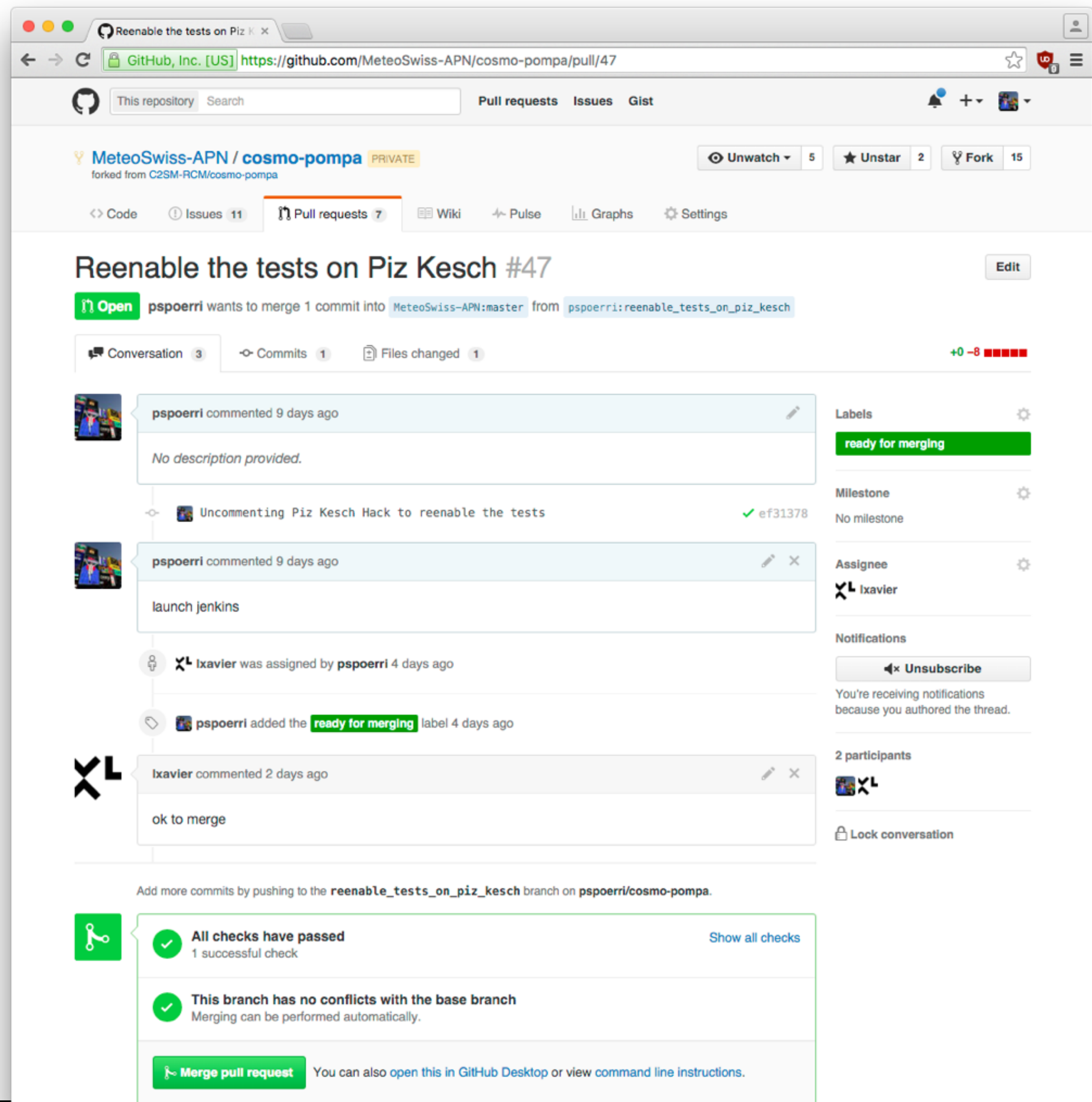
# Development Workflow

# Developer Workflow

1. Developer creates a fork of \$REPO on Github
2. Developer creates a \$FEATUREBRANCH
3. Developer opens a pull-request on Github to reintegrate \$FEATUREBRANCH
4. Code review/verification
  1. Code Owner reviews code
  2. Automatic testing with Jenkins 
  3. Developer fixes the issues reported by Code Owner and Jenkins
5. The code is merged into the master



# A typical pull request



The screenshot shows a GitHub pull request page for the repository 'MeteoSwiss-APN / cosmo-pompa'. The pull request is titled 'Reenable the tests on Piz Kesch #47' and is currently in the 'ready for merging' state. The pull request was created by 'pspoerri' and is targeting the 'master' branch of the repository. The pull request description is 'No description provided.' and the commit message is 'Uncommenting Piz Kesch Hack to reenable the tests'. The pull request has 3 conversations, 1 commit, and 1 file changed. The pull request is assigned to 'Ixavier' and has 2 participants. The pull request is ready for merging and all checks have passed. The pull request is ready for merging and all checks have passed.

Reenable the tests on Piz Kesch #47

Open pspoerri wants to merge 1 commit into MeteoSwiss-APN:master from pspoerri:reenable\_tests\_on\_piz\_kesch

Conversation 3 Commits 1 Files changed 1 +0 -8

pspoerri commented 9 days ago  
No description provided.

Uncommenting Piz Kesch Hack to reenable the tests ef31378

pspoerri commented 9 days ago  
launch jenkins

Ixavier was assigned by pspoerri 4 days ago

pspoerri added the ready for merging label 4 days ago

Ixavier commented 2 days ago  
ok to merge

All checks have passed  
1 successful check Show all checks

This branch has no conflicts with the base branch  
Merging can be performed automatically.

Merge pull request You can also open this in GitHub Desktop or view command line instructions.

# Benefits of the Pull-Request Workflow

- Less code breakages
  - The code is tested automatically, reduces friction with developer
- Developer is responsible to adapt his changes to the code base
- Smaller change sets
- High developer interaction
- Each developer works on his own clone of the repository

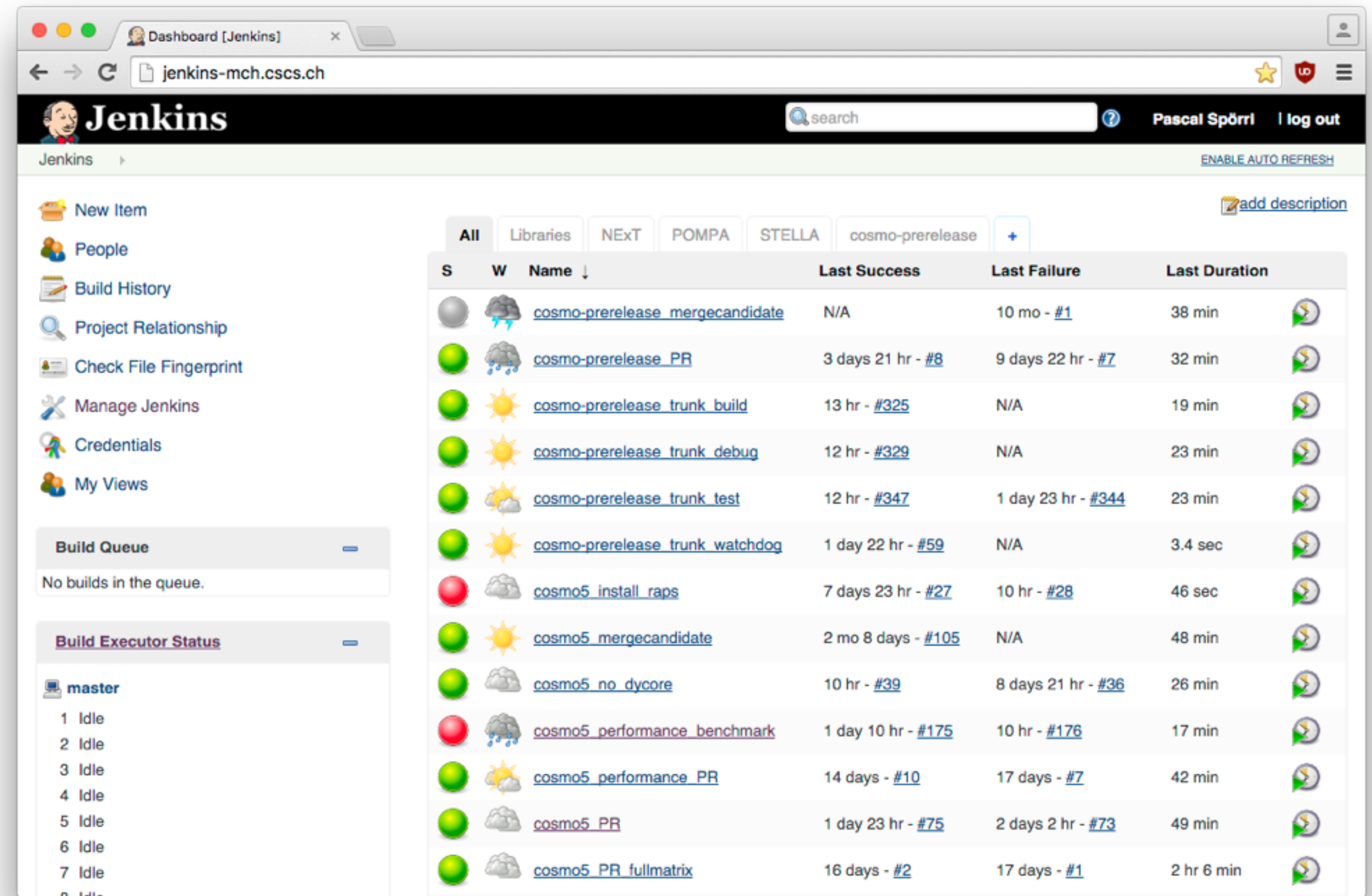
# Testing and Validation





# Jenkins

- Jenkins instance running at CSCS
- Daily builds of the latest version at \$repository/master
- Daily tests of the build version



























The screenshot shows the Jenkins dashboard for 'jenkins-mch.cscs.ch'. The interface includes a search bar, user information (Pascal Spörri), and a 'log out' link. A sidebar on the left contains navigation options like 'New Item', 'People', 'Build History', and 'Build Queue'. The main area displays a table of build jobs with columns for status, name, last success, last failure, and last duration.

S	W	Name ↓	Last Success	Last Failure	Last Duration
🌧️	🌧️	<a href="#">cosmo-prerelease_mergecandidate</a>	N/A	10 mo - <a href="#">#1</a>	38 min
🟢	🌧️	<a href="#">cosmo-prerelease_PR</a>	3 days 21 hr - <a href="#">#8</a>	9 days 22 hr - <a href="#">#7</a>	32 min
🟢	☀️	<a href="#">cosmo-prerelease_trunk_build</a>	13 hr - <a href="#">#325</a>	N/A	19 min
🟢	☀️	<a href="#">cosmo-prerelease_trunk_debug</a>	12 hr - <a href="#">#329</a>	N/A	23 min
🟢	☀️	<a href="#">cosmo-prerelease_trunk_test</a>	12 hr - <a href="#">#347</a>	1 day 23 hr - <a href="#">#344</a>	23 min
🟢	☀️	<a href="#">cosmo-prerelease_trunk_watchdog</a>	1 day 22 hr - <a href="#">#59</a>	N/A	3.4 sec
🔴	🌧️	<a href="#">cosmo5_install_raps</a>	7 days 23 hr - <a href="#">#27</a>	10 hr - <a href="#">#28</a>	46 sec
🟢	☀️	<a href="#">cosmo5_mergecandidate</a>	2 mo 8 days - <a href="#">#105</a>	N/A	48 min
🟢	🌧️	<a href="#">cosmo5_no_dycore</a>	10 hr - <a href="#">#39</a>	8 days 21 hr - <a href="#">#36</a>	26 min
🔴	🌧️	<a href="#">cosmo5_performance_benchmark</a>	1 day 10 hr - <a href="#">#175</a>	10 hr - <a href="#">#176</a>	17 min
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🟢	🌧️	<a href="#">cosmo5_PR</a>	1 day 23 hr - <a href="#">#75</a>	2 days 2 hr - <a href="#">#73</a>	49 min
🟢	🌧️	<a href="#">cosmo5_PR_fullmatrix</a>	16 days - <a href="#">#2</a>	17 days - <a href="#">#1</a>	2 hr 6 min

# Test Matrix

- Target machines
  - Piz Daint (Research, Fall-Back)
  - Piz Lema/Albis (Production)
  - Piz Kesch/Es-Cha (Next-Gen)
- Single and Double Precision
- GPU and CPU testing

Configuration Matrix			release	debug
daint	double	cpu		
		gpu		
	float	cpu		
		gpu		
kesch	double	cpu		
		gpu		
	float	cpu		
		gpu		
lema	double	cpu		
		gpu		
	float	cpu		
		gpu		

# Testsuite

- Executed as a shell script
- 38 test cases
  - Split into cosmo1, cosmo2, cosmo7, flake, kenda, pollen
- Prerlease
  - DWD tests
- Results are validated against reference run
  - Mitigate development errors
  - Need to be recomputed when results are changed



# C++ Dynamical Core unit testing

- Special COSMO serialize build is created

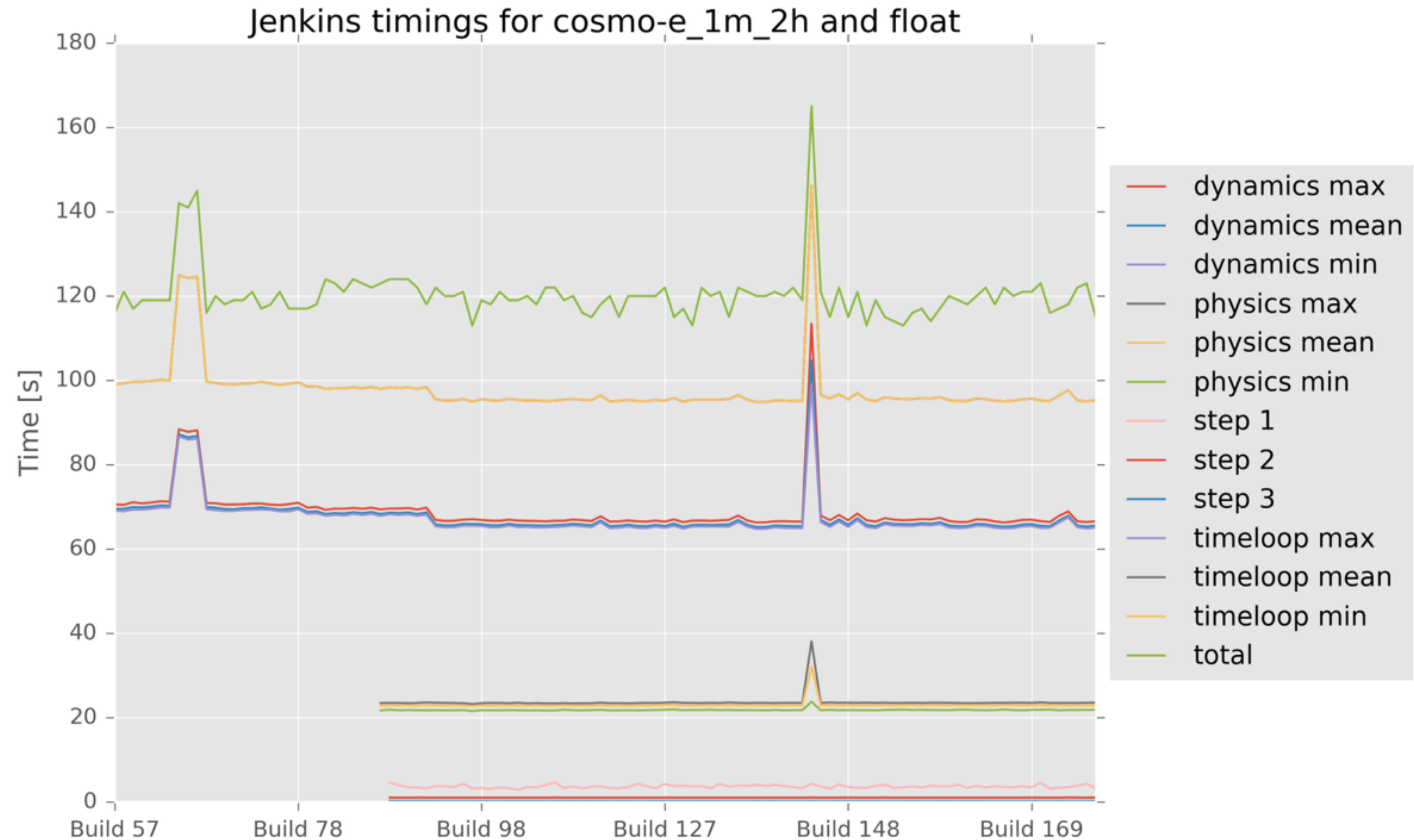
```
!$ser savepoint VerticalDiffusionUnittest.PrepareStep-in LargeTimeStep=ntstep
```

```
!$ser data u_nnow=u(:, :, :, nnow) v_nnow=v(:, :, :, nnow)
```

- Serialize build is run against test case
  - Generates serialize data of specified fields at each tag
  - Typically 10 time steps
- Each component is tested individually (40 test cases)

# Performance Testing

- Small test runs that represent our operational configuration
- Detect performance regressions
- Observe a lot of fluctuations depending on the utilization



# Validation for the Future

- Currently not sufficient
- Components often require expert knowledge to validate
  - Automation needed
  - Testsuite not sufficient for correctness
- Testing values in production good for safety but bad for cycles
  - Reductions are expensive on GPUs
- First experiments with analytic tests



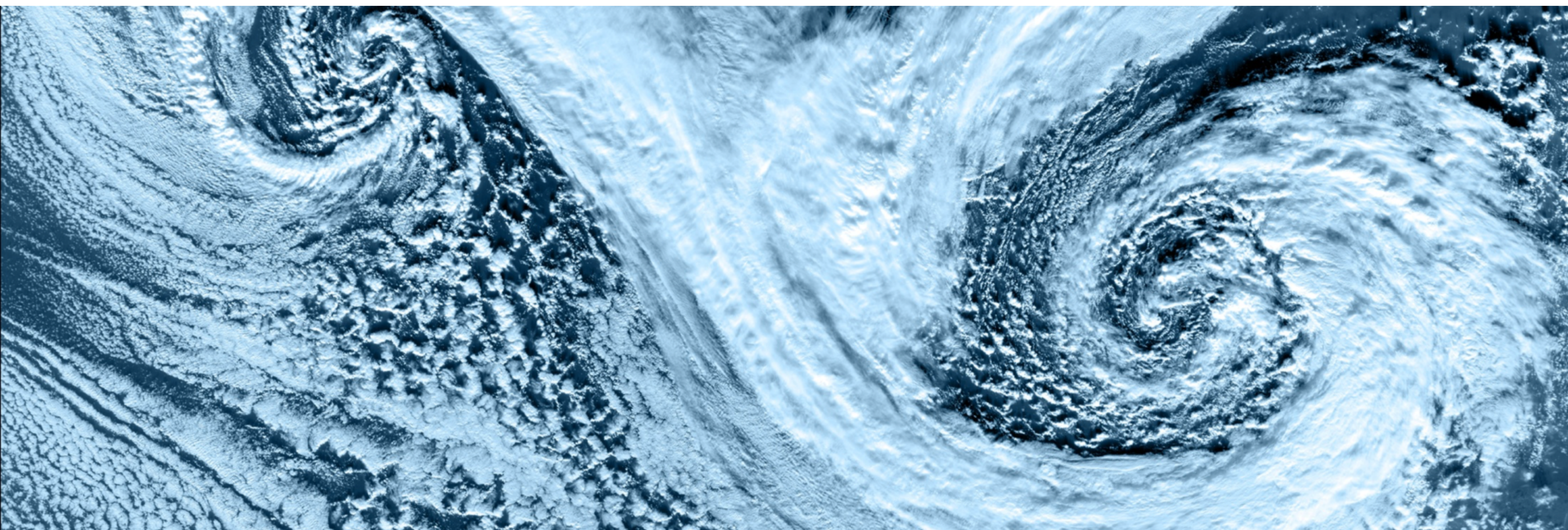
# New tool for testing



# Serialbox



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# Serialbox

- Serialization framework originally developed for the C++ Dycore
- Developed by MeteoSwiss APND
- Serialize and deserialize Fortran, STELLA, Python Numpy fields
- OpenSource, BSD Clause 2 License
- Available on Github: <https://github.com/C2SM-RCM/serialbox>



# Definitions and Use Cases

- Purpose: Write and read fields from and to the disk at any point in time
- Usefulness
  - Testing
  - Validation of small components



# Producer

```
PROGRAM serialbox_producer

  IMPLICIT NONE

  REAL, DIMENSION(5,5,5) :: a

  a = 5.0

  PRINT *, 'Serialize with sum(a)=', sum(a)

  !$ser init directory='.' prefix='SerialboxTest'
  !$ser savepoint sp1
  !$ser mode write
  !$ser data a=a

END PROGRAM serialbox_producer
```



# Consumer

```
PROGRAM serialbox_consumer
```

```
IMPLICIT NONE
```

```
REAL, DIMENSION(5,5,5) :: a
```

```
a = 0.0
```

```
!$ser init directory='.' prefix_ref='SerialboxTest'
```

```
!$ser savepoint sp1
```

```
!$ser mode read
```

```
!$ser data a=a
```

Mixed Read/Write is also possible

```
PRINT*, 'After read from serializer: sum(a)=', sum(a)
```

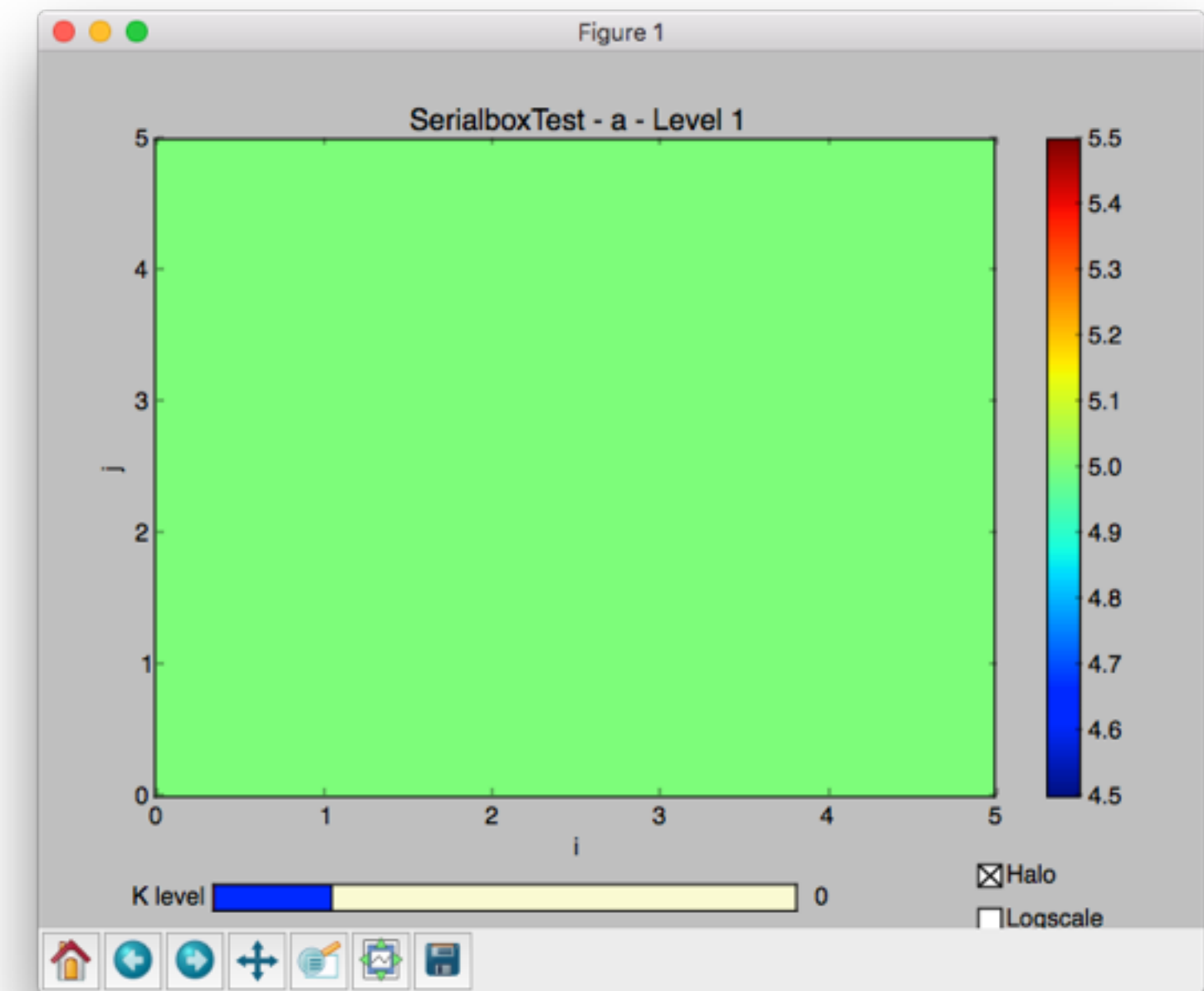
```
END PROGRAM serialbox_consumer
```





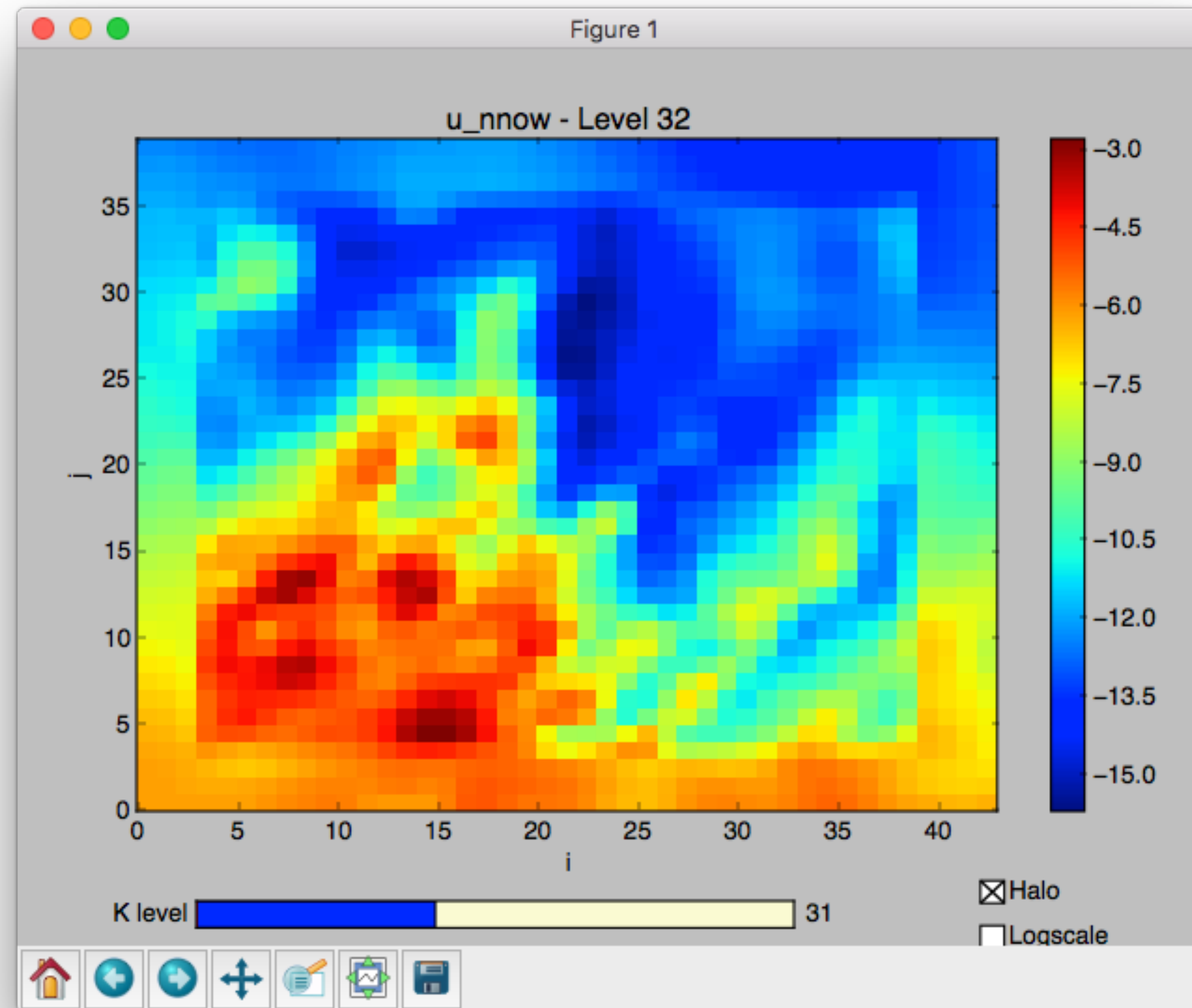
# Python

```
from serialbox import *
ser = Serializer('.', 'SerialboxTest')
print(ser)
# { 'sp1' = [...] }
print(ser['sp1']['a'])
# array([[ 5.,  5.,  5.,  5.,  5.],
#        [ 5.,  5.,  5.,  5.,  5.],
#        [ 5.,  5.,  5.,  5.,  5.],
#        [ 5.,  5.,  5.,  5.,  5.],
#        [ 5.,  5.,  5.,  5.,  5.]], ... , dtype=float32)
Visualizer(ser['sp1']['a'], 'SerialboxTest - a')
```





# Visualizer Demo





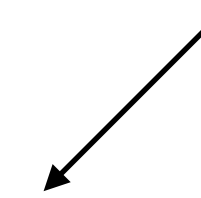
# Usage sample





# COSMO

Metainformation



```
!$ser savepoint AdvectionPDBottUnittest.DoTracers-in LargeTimeStep=ntstep
!$ser data u=u(:, :, :, nnew) u_nnow=u(:, :, :, nnow)
!$ser&      v=v(:, :, :, nnew) v_nnow=v(:, :, :, nnow)
!$ser&      w=w(:, :, :, nnew) w_nnow=w(:, :, :, nnow)
!$ser&      rho=rho(:, :, :)
!$ser tracer %all@nnow
CALL advection_pd(u_half(:, :, :), v_half(:, :, :), w_half(:, :, :), nnow, dt, &
                 im, ip, j2dim, ny_2dim)
!$ser savepoint AdvectionPDBottUnittest.DoTracers-out LargeTimeStep=ntstep
!$ser data rho=rho
!$ser tracer %all@nnew
```

&  
&  
&



# Conventions

- The name determines the unit test and the function
  - AdvectionPDBottUnittest — The unit test
  - DoTracers — The function
- The -in and -out postfix determines unit test in/output
- The meta information stores the current iteration



# C++ Dycore unit tests

```
TEST_F(AdvectionPDBottUnittest, DoTracers)
```

```
{
```

Specify input data

Specify reference data

```
for(int i = 0; i < iterations; ++i)
```

```
{
```

Call Advection PD

Verify Result

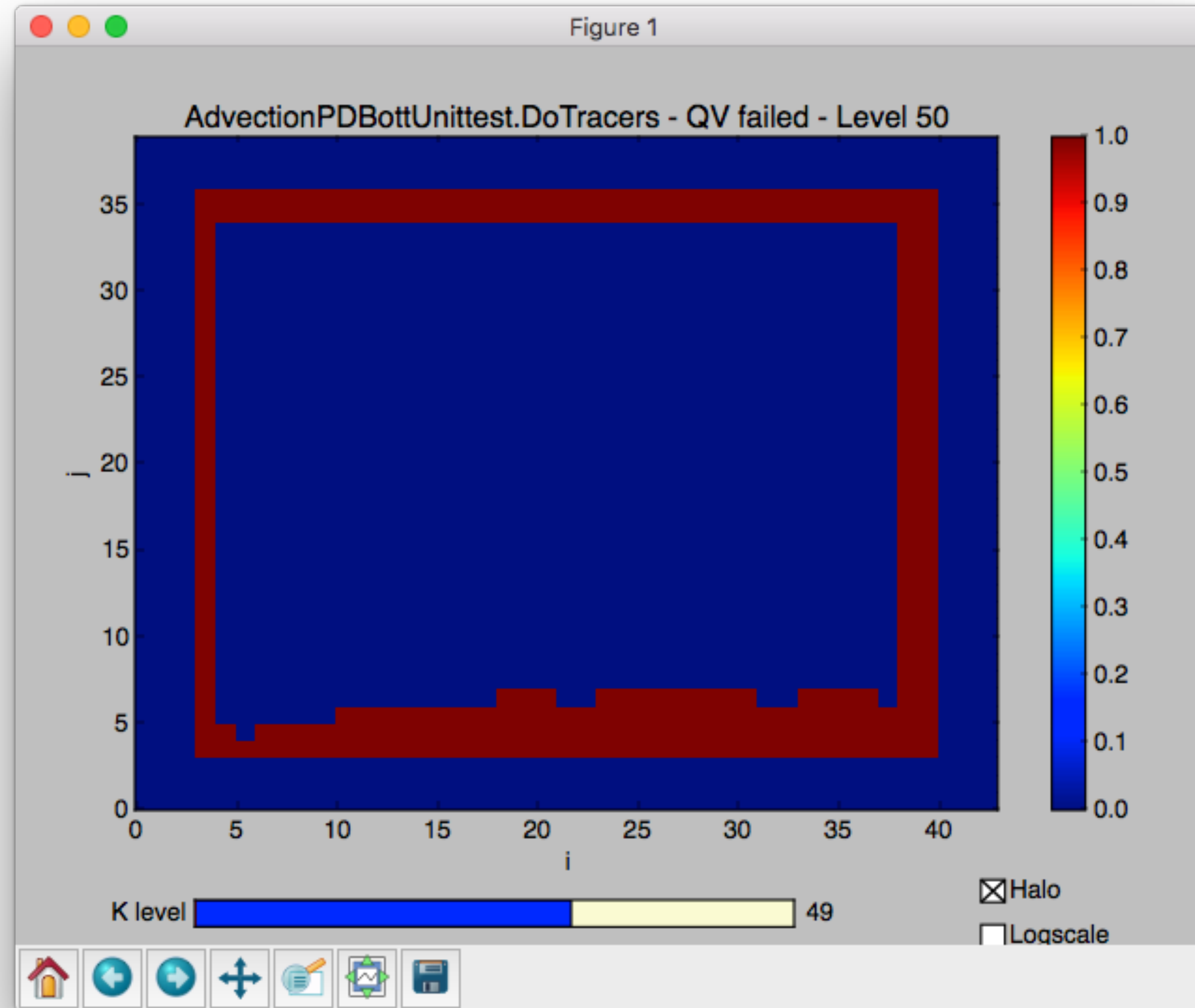
```
}
```

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}
```





# Direct error visualization



Most likely a problem with the  
boundary conditions



# Status

- Support for COSMO fields
- Floating point precision agnostic
- Fortran module support: Work in progress
- Unit tests: Work in progress
- Documentation: Planned

# Questions?

Git:

<https://wiki.c2sm.ethz.ch/C2SM/Git>

Serialbox:

<https://github.com/C2SM-RCM/serialbox>

Source: [xkcd.com/1597](http://xkcd.com/1597)

