## **QC2** Exception Codes (preliminary version)

Fatals: immediate action neccessary, errors: data unacceptable, warnings: data possibly not ok, informatory: fine - just for info, unclear: title lines or open issues.

Thematic exception groups (see first column): ACCEss errors, GENEral checks, METAdata and file name checks, TABL: inconsistencies in comparison to meta data tables, TIMEaxis checks, VARIables' checks. OBSOlete messages (not used for CMIP5 project).

The following flags F<n> refer to general checks, mainly on the time axis.

key group	description	comment
F-1 GENE	 Not checked	
F0 gene	 No error found	
<b>F1</b> TIME	testTimeStep() <u>^0</u> , <u>^5</u> Error: negative time step	
F2 TIME	testTimeStep() <u>^0</u> , <u>^5</u> Error: missing time step	This, of course, is no error if the QC is run over several time slices with intentional gaps in between. You may want to set NON_REGULAR_TIME_STEP in the setup file to check only for positive increments (of perhaps different sizes).
F4 TIME	testTimeStep() <u>^0</u> , <u>^5</u> Error: identical time step	
F8 TIME	testCalendarTimeBounds() Error: negative/zero time bounds range	
<b>F16</b> TIME	testCalendarTimeBounds() <u>^0</u> Error: overlapping time bounds ranges	
<b>F32</b> TIME	testCalendarTimeBounds() <u>^0</u> Warning: gap between time bounds ranges	This warning refers to the bounds CF defines for every time step within a file. Rightbound(n) should be = $Leftbound(n+1)$ .
<b>F100</b> VARI	testData() Warning: found a record entirely with filling value	
<b>F200</b> VARI	testData() Warning: found a record entirely with constant value	
<b>F400</b> VARI	testData() Warning: suspect minimum Note: no table comparison; inferred from the data	
<b>F800</b> VARI	testData() Warning: suspect maximum Note: no table comparison; inferred from the data	
<b>F1600</b> VARI	testData() Warning: undefined standard deviation	
<b>F3200</b> VARI	testData() Warning: suspecting a replicated record Note: a record of min, max, ave, and stdDev is identical to a previous one. Note: fields of constant or filling value excluded.	For most variables this should not happen. Check if 2 consecutive steps may have identical values. The comparison of the values is: $abs(diff) < 10^{**}$ -7.

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<b>1</b> OBSO	from qc_main.cpp: Internal errors indicating flaws in the scripts or qc_main.cpp.	All the errors of the 1_ family should not happen unless scripts or qc_main.cpp was changed. They may happen in test or debugging situations.
1_1 OBSO	from qc_main.cpp: getFilename() <u>^2</u> Invalid name.	in script qcExecutor (see comment of exception 1).
1_2 OBSO	from qc_main.cpp: insertPointedObj() <u>^2</u> String parsing: definition of object must not have references.	in the c++ code (see comment of exception 1).
1_3 OBSO	from qc_main.cpp: getopt() <u>^2</u> Undefined option	in the c++ code (see comment of exception 1).
1_4 OBSO	from qc_main.cpp: setObjLinks() <u>^2</u> must have a single reference.	in the c++ code (see comment of exception 1).
2 OBSO	from qc_main.cpp: entry() <u>^2</u> No QC object linked to InFile object.	in the c++ code (see comment of exception 1).
5 OBSO	from Base.cpp: setFillingValue() Undefined explicitly provided variable name. Note: not related to CMIP5.	
<b>6</b> OBSO	from Base.cpp: setVarPropsNoOperation() No rules to link alias to any variable in operation. Note: not related to CMIP5.	
7 OBSO	from Base.cpp: setVarPropsNoOperation() No rules for finding a variable name. Note: not related to CMIP5.	
<b>8</b> OBSO	from Base.cpp: setVarPropsNoOperation() No rules for finding a variable name. Note: not related to CMIP5.	in the c++ code (see comment of exception 1).
9 OBSO	from Base.cpp: getVarname(std::string &s, std::vector <std::string> &amp;) ^2 Invalid assignment statement of variable names. Note: not related to CMIP5.</std::string>	
<b>10</b> ACCE	from InFile.cpp: init() <u>^2</u> Could not open netCDF file. Note: non-operational processing only.	NetCDF output file for (QC results) could not be opened. This is checked before, too - so there normally should be no access errors here.
12 VARI	from InFile.cpp: checkVarType() The type of the variable is not float. Note: CMIP5 requires always float.	The checked variables are expected to be float! Double variables are not checked but their error messages can be suppressed in setup file. Unchecked variables cannot be part of a DOI (persistent Document Object Identifier).
<b>14</b> TIME	from InFile.cpp: setGeoParam() Dimension rank of the field is higher than 3D. Note: the dimension of time is excluded.	Three space dimensions are allowed as maximum.
<b>15</b> VARI	from InFile.cpp: setGeoParam() Vertices or bounds of unknown format.	
<b>16</b> VARI	from InFile.cpp: scanNcVars() <u>^2</u> Explicitly provided variable name not found in the netCDF file. Note: non-operational processing only.	The expected variable was not found in the NetCDF header.
<b>18</b> VARI	from InFile.cpp: xtractNum() Dimension rank of the field is higher than 3D. Note: the dimension of time is excluded.	2D (lat/lon) and 3D (lat/lon/alt) data are expected.
<b>19</b> GENE	from InFile.cpp: init() <u>^2</u> No QC object linked to the InFile object. Note: non-operational processing only.	Instance of c++ class "QC" does not exist (see comment of exception 1). If this is the case, exception 2 should have been thrown
<b>21</b> VARI	from InFile.cpp: scanNcVars() Neither explicit variable name nor CMOR encoded filename. Note: search priority: clear excluded variables, time dependence, multi-dimensional variables, independent variables matched with filename.	before. In the setup file a fixed field variable was spcified but not found in the data.

22from InFile.cpp: scanNcVars()VARIFixed field variable name from filename not found in the netCDF file.

<b>28</b> GENE	from Parse.cpp: convertEmbeddedObj() Undefined specification in the command-line arguments. Note: non-operational processing only.	
<b>29</b> GENE	from Parse.cpp: convertEmbeddedObj() Syntax error in the command-line arguments. Note: non-operational processing only.	
<b>30</b> OBSO		
<b>30_1</b> ACCE	from qcExecutor_FS (script): checkParent() Invalid path to parent: <pre>cpath&gt; Note: issues a warning.</pre>	
<b>30_2</b> ACCE	from qcExecutor_FS (script): checkParent() No parent file found in path: <file> Note: issues a warning.</file>	
<b>30_3</b> META	from QC.cpp: QC.checkCMIP5_Filename() Missing netCDF attribute: parent_experiment_id.	
<b>30_4</b> META	from QC.cpp: QC.checkCMIP5_Filename() Missing netCDF attribute: parent_experiment_rip.	

- **30\_5** from testParentChild.cpp: testParentChild.main() GENE Missing command-line parameter for the child experiment: -c file.
- **30\_6** from testParentChild.cpp: testParentChild.main()
- GENE Missing command-line parameter for the parent experiment: -p file.
- **31\_1** from testParentChild.cpp: testParentChild.main()
- ACCE Could not open the netCDF file of the child experiment
- **31\_2** from testParentChild.cpp: testParentChild.main() ACCE Could not open the netCDF file of the parent experiment
- from testParentChild.cpp: testParentChild.getTimeProperties()
   TIME Different calendar types in parent and child. Note: This could work. Thus, only a warning.
- **33\_1** from testParentChild.cpp: testParentChild.getTimeProperties() META No time units attribute in the child file.
- **33\_2** from testParentChild.cpp: testParentChild.getTimeProperties() META No time units attribute in the parent file.
- **34\_1** from testParentChild.cpp: testParentChild.getTimeProperties() META Time units attribute: different measuring in child and parent
- META Time units attribute: different measuring in child and parent.
- **34\_2** from testParentChild.cpp: testParentChild.getTimeProperties() META Time units attribute: different reference dates in child and parent.
- 35 from testParentChild.cpp: testParentChild.sync()
   TIME Child begins earlier than the parent Note: potentially different time units are taken into account. The last lag of the parent is the one closest before the first one of the child.
- from testParentChild.cpp: testParentChild.checkTime()
   TIME The lag across files differs from the last lag in the parent. Note: potentially different time units are taken into account. The last lag of the parent is the one closest before the first one of the child.
- 37 from testParentChild.cpp: testParentChild.checkTime()
   TIME The last lag of the parent differs from the first lag of the child. Note: potentially different time units are taken into account. The last lag of the parent is the one closest before the first one of the child.
- **38\_1** from testParentChild.cpp: testParentChild.checkTime() TIME No bounds attribute of time of the parent.
- **38\_2** from testParentChild.cpp: testParentChild.checkTime()
- TIME No bounds attribute of time of the child.
- **38\_3** from testParentChild.cpp: testParentChild.checkTime()
- TIME Time bound lags of the last parent lag and the first lag of the child overlap.
- 41 from testParentChild.cpp: CMIP5.openTable() <u>^3</u>

ACCE Could not open the CMIP5 table.

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Checks from 30 to 39 refer to the consistency of parentchild relations between experiments.

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You may want to set PARENT\_EXP\_RIP=none in the setup file to suppress this check (e.g., for older data from when this attirbute was not yet required).

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<b>42</b> TABL	from testParentChild.cpp: CMIP5.findNextVariableHeadline() <u>^3</u> MIP table name not found in the CMIP5 table.
<b>43</b>	from testParentChild.cpp: QC.checkStandardTable() <u>^3</u>
TABL	Missing column(s) in the standard table.
<b>44</b>	from testParentChild.cpp: QC.checkStandardTable() <u>^3</u>
TABL	Variable not found in the standard table.

- **45\_1** from testParentChild.cpp: QC.getDimMetaData() TIME Variable time has no unit attribute.
- **45\_2** from testParentChild.cpp: QC.getDimMetaData() TIME Time attribute declares time bounds, but there is no such variable.
- **45\_3** from testParentChild.cpp: QC.getVariableMetaData()
- TIME Variable name in filename does not match any variable in the file.
- **45\_4** from testParentChild.cpp: exploitFormulaTerms() TIME Attribute formula or formula terms is missing for varia
- TIME Attribute formula or formula\_terms is missing for variable <var>.

## **46** from testParentChild.cpp: CMIP5.checkGlobalAttributes() META Missing required netCDF global attribute: <name>

- **46\_1** from testParentChild.cpp: checkCMIP5\_Filename()
- META Missing netCDF attribute: project\_id.
- **46\_2** from testParentChild.cpp: checkCMIP5\_Filename() META Missing netCDF attribute: physics\_version.
- **46\_3** from testParentChild.cpp: checkCMIP5\_Filename() META Missing netCDF attribute: initialization\_method.
- **46\_4** from testParentChild.cpp: checkCMIP5\_Filename()
- META Missing netCDF attribute: realization.
- 46\_5 from testParentChild.cpp: checkCMIP5\_Filename()
- META Missing netCDF attribute: experiment\_id.
- **46\_6** from testParentChild.cpp: CMIP5.checkCMIP5\_Filename() META Filename is inconsistent with CMOR encoding.
- 46\_7 from testParentChild.cpp: CMIP5.checkCMIP5\_Filename()
- META Filename does not match CMIP5 attributes.

## **46\_8** from testParentChild.cpp: CMIP5.getMIP\_table() META Invalid MIP table name in CMIP5 attributes.

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**47** from testParentChild.cpp: QC.checkDimTableEntry() <u>^5</u> TABL Table error for dimension(s) of a variable.

- **47\_1** from testParentChild.cpp: QC.checkDimTableEntry() <u>^5</u>, <u>^7</u> TABL Standard/Project table: <variable> <dimension>: output nam
- TABL
   Standard/Project table: <variable>, <dimension>: output name.
- **47\_2** from testParentChild.cpp: QC.checkDimTableEntry() <u>^5</u>, <u>^7</u> TABL Standard/Project table: <variable>, <dimension>: standard name.
- **47\_3** from testParentChild.cpp: QC.checkDimTableEntry() <u>^5</u>, <u>^7</u> TABL Standard/Project table: <variable>, <dimension>: long name.
- **47\_4** from testParentChild.cpp: QC.checkDimTableEntry() <u>^5</u>, <u>^7</u> TABL Standard/Project table: <variable>, <dimension>: axis.
- 47\_5from testParentChild.cpp: QC.checkDimTableEntry() <u>^5</u>, <u>^7</u>TABLStandard/Project table: <variable>, <dimension>: checksum.<br/>Note: Indicates a change in the layering or model grid.

The variable does not need to be in the CMIP5 standard table in case option "TABLE\_VARIABLE\_CONSTRAINT=RELAXED" is set in the setup file. An additional variable of surface pressure (e.g., ps) to base the vertical coord system on is ok.

Fatal, as the time axis cannot be checked.

The following exceptions (46\_x) refer to the file name syntax and to NetCDF attributes. Checks are based on the conventions used in CMIP5.

Fatal, as many parts of the CMIP5 workflow depend on the DRS syntax.

Fatal, as "no sub-table named in file header" should not happen when data is written by CMOR2.

The names of the CMIP5's subtable differ in file name and file header of the NetCDF file. Fatal, as this should not happen when data is written by CMOR2.

For the required structure of the file name see *Taylor et al, CMIP5 Data Reference Syntax (DRS) and Controlled Vocabularies.* 

The file (chunk) name constructed from the header information in the file does not match the actual file name. E.g., the header's global attribute for the realisation's number (or initialisation or physics) does not match the  $*_r <i>i<j>p<k>_*$  portion of the file name.

Mind: a string like "amon" is case sensitive.

The following exceptions (47\_x) refer to the dimension information in the NetCDF file header. At first, this is compared to the CMIP5 standard table, from the second temporal subset (chunk, file) on to the internal project table.

The output name is the variable acronym used in the file name.

Correlation lon/lat/alt/time vs X/Y/Z/T according standard table did not match.

Checksum is over the set of values of this (1D) axis, e.g., over var=altitudeValues() or var=listOfBasins:{atlantic, pacific, indic}.

The axes' values of different chunks (including char dimensions) are compared by checksums to a: each other (file to file) and

b: the required values of Taylor's tables (if given there). This error is "nearly fatal". However, we might accept

- **47\_6** from testParentChild.cpp: QC.checkDimTableEntry() <u>^5</u>, <u>^7</u> TABL Standard/Project table: <variable>, <dimension>: units.
- 47\_7 from testParentChild.cpp: QC.checkDimTableEntry() <u>^5</u>, <u>^7</u>
- TABL Standard/Project table: <variable>, <dimension>: bounds.a) Conflict in request for bounds.b) Bounds not available in the file.
- **47\_8** from testParentChild.cpp: QC.checkDimTableEntry() <u>^5</u>, <u>^7</u> TABL Standard/Project table: <variable>, <dimension>: size.
- 47\_9 from testParentChild.cpp: QC.checkDimTableEntry() <u>^5</u>, <u>^7</u>
  TIME Standard/Project table: time, units: missing key string in the units attribute 'PERIOD since'. Note: PERIOD indicates key: minutes, hours, days, etc. Note: Throws always an error flag, because the date at each time step cannot be determined later.
- **47\_10** from testParentChild.cpp: QC.checkDimTableEntry() <u>^5</u>, <u>^7</u> TIME Standard/Project table: time, units: different reference dates. Note: Throws always a warning flag, because the date at each time step might be found correct later.
- **47\_11** from testParentChild.cpp: QC.checkStandardTableDimBounds() <u>^5</u>, <u>^7</u> TABL Number of dim\_bounds do not match those of the standard table.
- **47\_12** from testParentChild.cpp: QC.checkStandardTableDimBounds() <u>^5</u>, <u>^7</u> TABL Values of dim\_bounds do not match those of the standard table.
- **47\_13** from testParentChild.cpp: QC.checkDimTableEntry() <u>^5</u>, <u>^7</u> TABL File: coordinate attribute variable: incorrect units
- TABL File: coordinate attribute variable: incorrect units.48 from testParentChild.cpp: QC.checkDimStandardTable() ^3, ^4
- TABL Dimension not found in the standard table.
- **49** from testParentChild.cpp: QC.checkDimStandardTable()  $\underline{^3}$ TABL Table sheet for dimensions not found in the CMIP5 table.
- **50** from testParentChild.cpp: QC.checkDimStandardTable() <u>^3</u> TABL Corrupt standard sub-table for dimensions: wrong number of columns.
- from testParentChild.cpp: QC.checkDimStandardTable() <u>^3</u>
   TABL Missing value in MIP table 'dims' in column 'bounds'?. Note: Required is 'yes' or 'no'.
- 52 from testParentChild.cpp: QC.checkDimStandardTable() <u>^3</u>, <u>^4</u>
- TABL Dimension from the table not found in the file.
- from testParentChild.cpp: QC.checkProjectTable()
   ACCE Could not create project table.
   Note: Due to a faulty configguration file entry.
   Note: Signal to qcManager to shutdown.
- 55 from testParentChild.cpp: QC.checkProjectTable() <u>^2</u> TABL Corrupt project table: variable | dimension | auxiliary.
- Corrupt project table. Variable | dimension | auxiliar
- 56 from testParentChild.cpp: QC.checkProjectTableAuxiliary()TABL Project-table errors for auxiliaries.
- 56\_1 from testParentChild.cpp: QC.checkProjectTableAuxiliary()
- TABL Project-table: time independence check failed.
- **56\_2** from testParentChild.cpp: QC.checkProjectTableAuxiliary() TABL Project-table: number of dimensions of auxiliary changed.
- **56\_3** from testParentChild.cpp: QC.checkProjectTableAuxiliary() TABL Project-table: checksum of levels or grid values changed.
- **56\_4** from testParentChild.cpp: QC.checkProjectTableAuxiliary() TABL Project-table: missing auxiliary in the file.
- **56\_5** from testParentChild.cpp: QC.checkProjectTableAuxiliary() TABL Project-table: missing auxiliary in the table.
- **56\_6** from testParentChild.cpp: QC.getVariableMetaData() TABL Option AUXILIARIES is not syntax compliant.
- 57 from testParentChild.cpp: QC
   ACCE No path to tables; faulty config-file entry. Note: Signal to qcManager to shutdown.

obvious rounding errors.

Existence of bounds in the file header needs to be one of {yes,no}. Value found does not match.

Length of axis (=number of points) should be constant! Except: the number of vertical levels may vary (dim=plev).

For files where time is coded as <referenceTime>+ <timeStep>: change of reference time. This may be ok in case <timeStepUnit> is changed accordingly.

The following exceptions (56\_x) refer to checks of auxiliary variables in the file against the internal project table. Here "auxiliary variables" refers to all time independent variables (except a fixed variable as standard name), e.g. dimensions etc.

A variable which changed from being independent on time to being time dependent.

E.g., a change in the number of pressure levels.

Checksum of the set of values of a space dimension has changed between files.

An auxiliary variable "disappeared" between two temporal subsets (chunks, files).

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No path to CMIP5 standard table OR to project table ==> no checks possible ===> end of work.

<b>58</b> TABL	from testParentChild.cpp: QC.checkVarTableEntry() <u>^5</u> Table error for a variable.	The following exceptions $(58_x)$ refer to checks of the main variable in the file against the internal project table (or the CMIP5 standard table). You may use a flag in the setup file to switch between the detailed code $(58_x)$ and the lumped coarse form (just "58").
<b>58_1</b> TABL	from testParentChild.cpp: QC.checkVarTableEntry() <u>5</u> Standard/Project table: variable: standard name conflict.	Different standard names in NetCDF header and project/standard table.
<b>58_2</b> TABL	from testParentChild.cpp: QC.checkVarTableEntry() <u>^5</u> Standard/Project table: variable: long name conflict.	Different long names in NetCDF header and project/standard table.
<b>58_3</b> TABL	<pre>from testParentChild.cpp: QC.checkVarTableEntry() <u>5</u> Standard/Project table: variable: units conflict. a) variable has no units attribute, table requires units= or units=1. b) variable has no units attribute. c) variable has <v_units>, table requires <t_units>.</t_units></v_units></pre>	Different units in NetCDF header and project/standard table.
<b>58_4</b> TABL	from testParentChild.cpp: QC.checkVarTableEntry() <u>5</u> Standard/Project table: variable: cell-method conflict.	Different cell methods in NetCDF header and project/standard table. Cell method may be missing in the file header (or the table) or is wrong. In the latter case, this will affect the time step width (provided it refers to dimension time) and will be detected as time axis inconsistency.
<b>58_5</b> TABL	from testParentChild.cpp: QC.checkVarTableEntry() <u>^5</u> Standard/Project table: variable: type conflict.	Different variable type (float expected) in NetCDF header and project/standard table. Fatal, as this variable will not be checked.
<b>58_6</b> TABL	from testParentChild.cpp: QC.checkSigmaPressureCoordinates() No variables a(k) or b(k) found for the hybrid sigma pressure coordinates.	
<b>58_7</b> TABL	from testParentChild.cpp: QC.checkVarTableEntry() <u>5</u> Standard/Project table: variable: cell-measures conflict.	Dimensions in CF carry the "cell-measure" attribute (mean,). This information is compared to the entries in the Taylor tables.
<b>58_8</b> TABL	from testParentChild.cpp: QC.checkVarTableEntry() <u>^5</u> Standard/Project table: variable: incorrect coordinate attribute.	
<b>58_9</b> TABL	from testParentChild.cpp: QC.checkVarTableEntry() <u>^5</u> Standard/Project table: variable: type check discarded, not specified in the MIP Table.	The type of the variable could not be checked as it was not found in the MIP table.
<b>59</b> VARI	+	The following exceptions $(59_x)$ refer to checks of variables.
<b>59_1</b> VARI	from testParentChild.cpp: QC.finally() Data set entirely of const value.	
<b>59_2</b> VARI	from testParentChild.cpp: QC.finally() Data set entirely of _FillValue.	
<b>59_3</b> VARI	from testParentChild.cpp: QC.finally() All records (data at given time steps) are identical.	
<b>60</b> META	from testParentChild.cpp: QC.initResumeSession() Name of a variable has changed Note: Compared to previous chunks.	
<b>63</b> OBSO	from testParentChild.cpp: QC.sync() All records have previously been processed. Note: This is not an error: idle	All existing records of the file have been processed. However, expected file end (according to file name) and time stamp of last record do not match. This should not happen, if you run these checks on a non- increasing (=not supplemented) fixed set of data.
<b>64</b> GENE	from testParentChild.cpp: QC.syncRedo() Indication of a renewal of the input file.	This should not happen unless you run QC during the model run. In this case it means that the model perhaps has newly started to write this file (i.e., less time steps as during last visit of this file were found by the checking routine).
<b>65</b> GENE	from testParentChild.cpp: QC.syncRedo() Faulty argument in config-file for redo-option.	
<b>66</b> GENE	from testParentChild.cpp: QC.syncRedo() REDO is selected, but the qc-file is empty.	
<b>67</b> GENE	from testParentChild.cpp: QC.syncRedo() REDO requires at least one record in qc_ <filename>.nc</filename>	

68 from testParentChild.cpp: QC.testTimeStep() Waiting for a closing temporal gap. Note: This is not an error.

- 69 from testParentChild.cpp: QC.initResumeSession() <sup>∧</sup>2
   TIME Sub-cycle of time step has changed. Note: For any kind of cycles within a time step (e.g. diurnal cycle). Note: Not for CMIP5
- 70 from testParentChild.cpp: QC.(different methods)
- GENE Any error in any record.
- 71
   from testParentChild.cpp: QC.testTimeStep()

   GENE
   Error in a time record (Error Flags: 1, 2, 4) stops and blocks further attempts, if option STOP\_AT\_TIME\_ERROR is enabled.
- 71\_1 from testParentChild.cpp: qcManager Ambiguity check failed for sorted dates of sub-temporal file set.
- 71\_2 from testParentChild.cpp: qcManager Modification time check failed for ascending dates of sub-temporal files.
- 72 from testParentChild.cpp: QC.parseTimeTable()
- TABL Violation against time information of the standard table.
- 72\_1 from testParentChild.cpp: QC.parseTimeTable()
- TABL Time record before the first time-table range.
- **72\_2** from testParentChild.cpp: QC.parseTimeTable() TABL Time record after the last time-table range
- This record after the fast time-table fange
- **72\_3** from testParentChild.cpp: QC.parseTimeTable() TABL Too many time records compared to the time-table.
- 95 from testParentChild.cpp: QC.testTimeStamp()
   TIME Ambiguous or faulty first time-stamp in the filename. Note: Faulty, if the stamp is younger than 1st time-record. Ambig., if the stamp is too coarse to resolve time-records.
- 96
   from testParentChild.cpp: QC.testTimeStamp()

   TIME
   Filename time-stamp error (2nd date).

   Note: Time record exceeds time-stamp of the filename.
- **97** from testParentChild.cpp: QC.testTimeStamp() TIME Invalid time-range in filename.
- 99 from testParentChild.cpp: QC.finally()
  GENE Status: apparently in progress. Note: This indicates that no error occurred. But, the end time of the input filename and the last time value in the data did not match (with the uncertainty of 0.75 of a time step). So, it is likely that the file is still in a stage of processing.
- **111** from testParentChild.cpp: qc-main
- GENE The program exited without any exit code above and did not produce a single file. This is an error.

## Footnotes:

- 1. also across from previous file
- 2. Non-operative mode.
- 3. for option TABLE\_STANDARD=... set in the configuration
- 4. for option TABLE\_RELAXED\_DIM\_CONSTRAINT disabled
- 5. a series of tests where a failure of one of a few of them aborts the program and leads to a blocking of further attempts.
- 6. writes messages to a file qc\_error\_<variable...>.nc and blocks further attempts
- 7. conflict is reported, if the attribute of the dimension is available in both table and file meta data. If one is missing, this is reported.

Should not happen in CMIP5 as values of, e.g., subcycle UTC 0/6/12/18 never are aggregated to four distinct monthly means.

In this case, F<value> is given for specification according to the table at the top of this page (see file qc\_<fileName>.nc, too). The severity level of this exception depends on the level of exception F<value>.

In this case, F1,F2 or F4 is given for specification according to the table at the top of this page. No further attempts to check these Atomic Dataset are made.

This check refers to the modification time stamp which is stored by the operating system of the computer. The modification times of the files (chunks) should be ascending for files with ascending values on their time axes.

In this case the check failed.

This check refers to the modification time stamp which is stored by the operating system of the computer. The modification times of the files (chunks) should be ascending for files with ascending values on their time axes. In case of this warning it is not. The check may be suppressed by setting "SYNC\_FILE\_AMBIGUITY\_CHECK = NO\_MOD".

The following exceptions  $(72_x)$  refer to checks of the file time axis against the CMIP5 standard table's time information.

The time of the file's start record is in conflict with the starttime of the file name. The max allowed difference depends on the step width.

The time of a file's record is not in the time span of the file name.

The file name does not provide a legal (:= CMOR2 conform) start-stop time span (start>stop).

As these procedures are meant to run on continuously supplemented files, <stop time of file name> != <time of last record> might indicate that this file has not yet been readily filled.

A run that has not found any exception should have left a NetCDF file.