

CMIP Documentation

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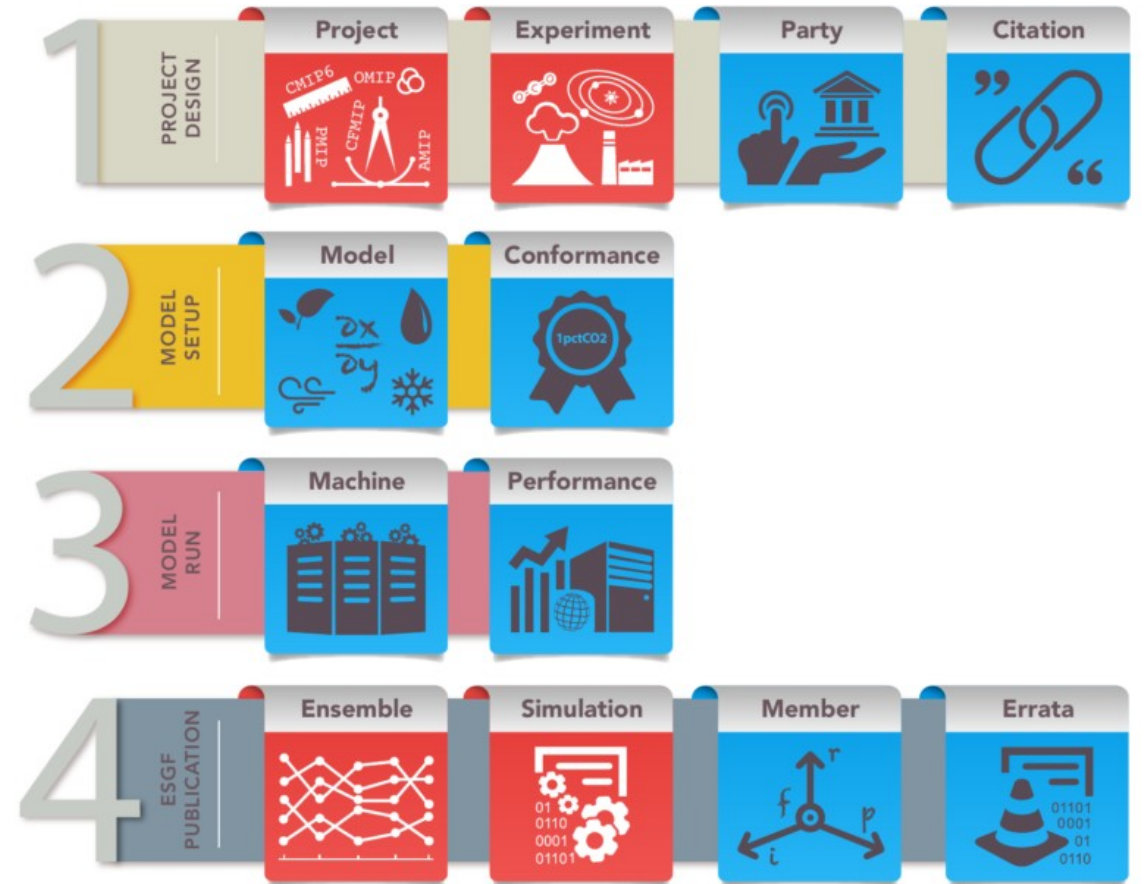
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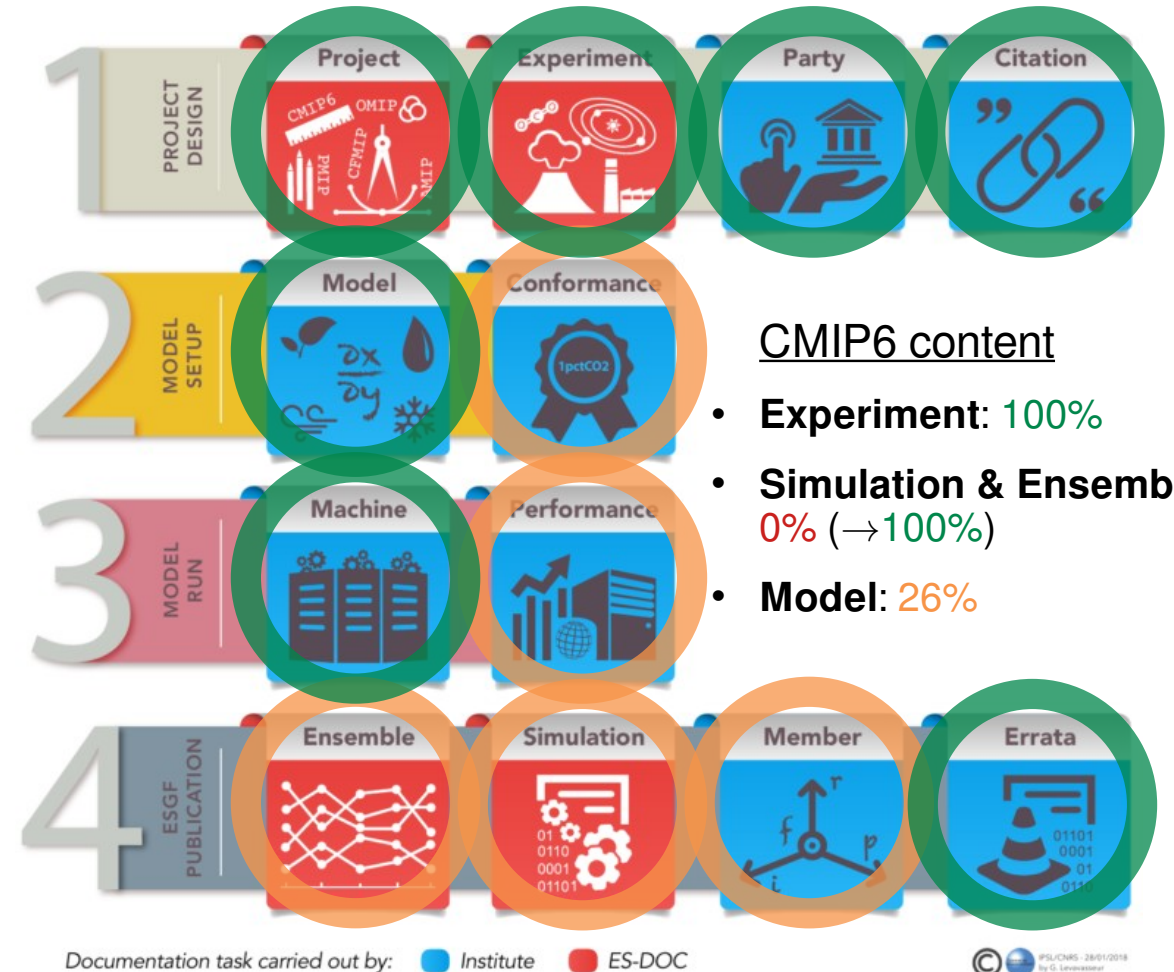
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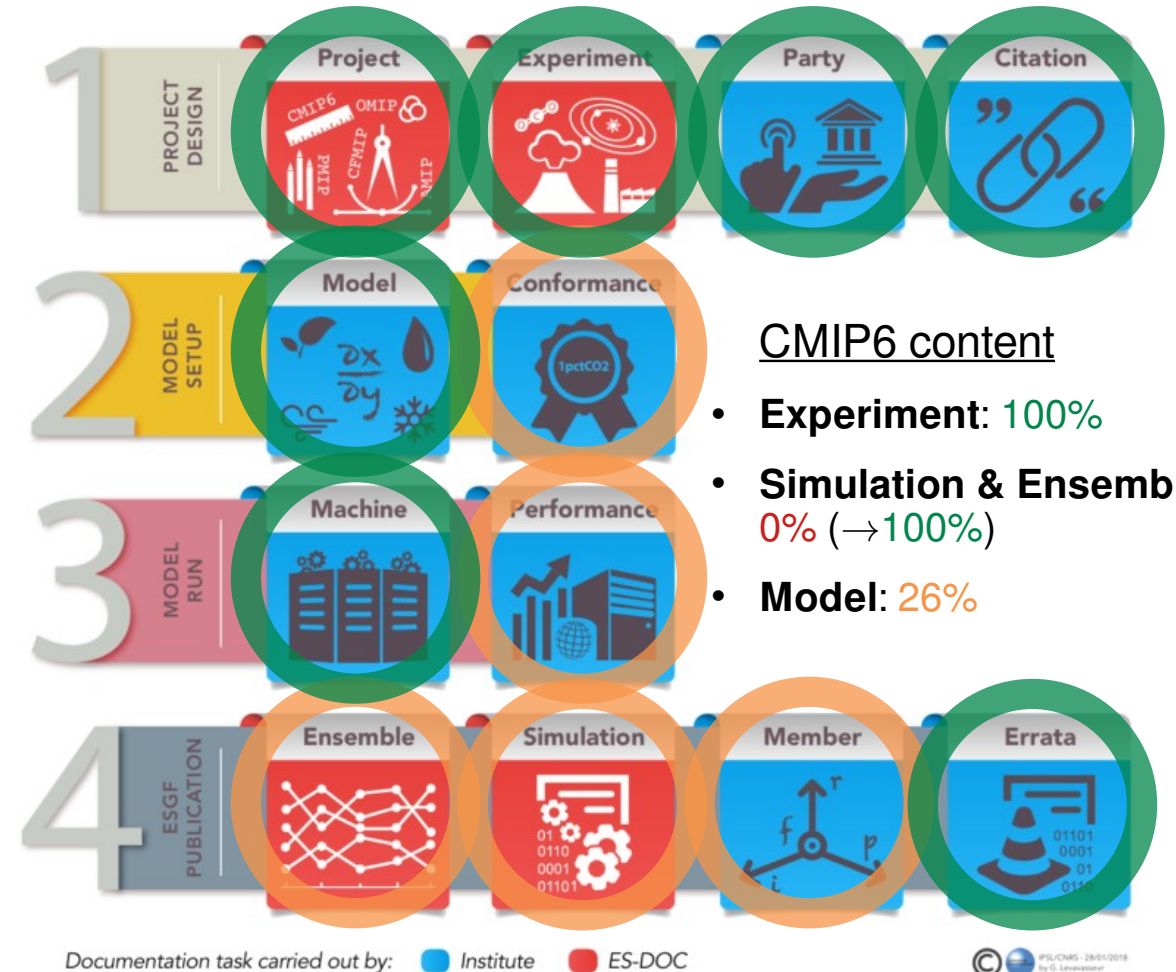
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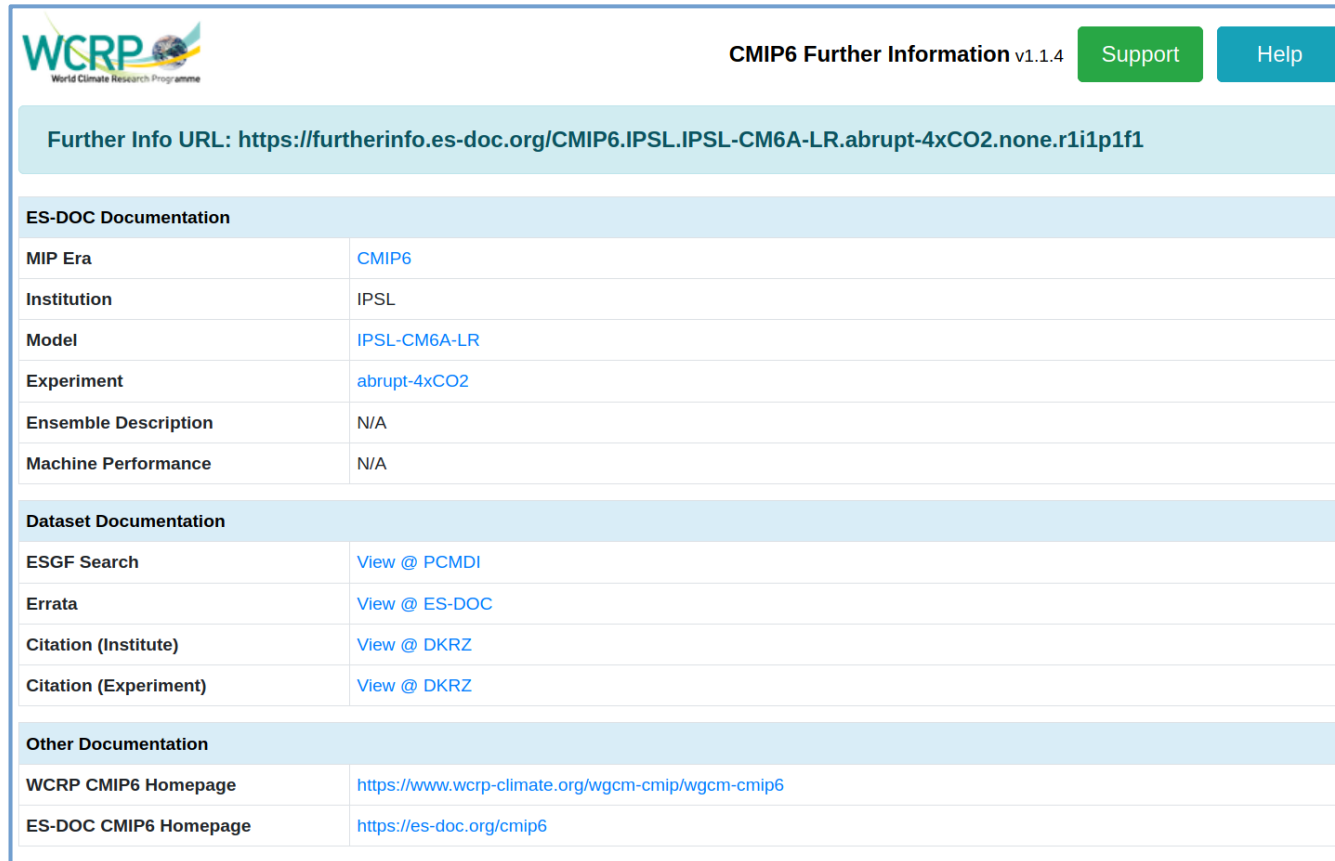
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ES-DOC Documentation

MIP Era	CMIP6
Institution	IPSL
Model	IPSL-CM6A-LR
Experiment	abrupt-4xCO2
Ensemble Description	N/A
Machine Performance	N/A

Dataset Documentation

ESGF Search	View @ PCMDI
Errata	View @ ES-DOC
Citation (Institute)	View @ DKRZ
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Other Documentation

WCRP CMIP6 Homepage	https://www.wcrp-climate.org/wgcm-cmip/wgcm-cmip6
ES-DOC CMIP6 Homepage	https://es-doc.org/cmip6

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