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PDAF Parallel
Data Assimilation
Framework

Open-Source Developments for Community Data Assimilation Software with PDAF

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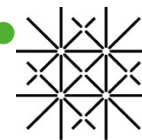


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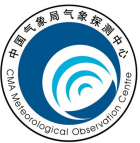


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PDAF – Parallel Data Assimilation Framework

A unified tool for interdisciplinary data assimilation ...

- provide support for parallel ensemble forecasts
- provide DA methods (EnKFs, smoothers, PFs, 3D-Var) - fully-implemented & parallelized
- provide tools for observation handling and for diagnostics
- easy implementation with (probably) any numerical model (<1 month)
- a program library (PDAF-core) plus additional functions & templates
- run from notebooks to supercomputers (Fortran, MPI & OpenMP)
- ensure separation of concerns (model – DA method – observations – covariances)
- first release in year 2004; continuous further development

Focus on

- Easy implementation
- Performance for complex models
- Flexibility to extend system

Open source:

Code, documentation, and tutorial available at

<https://pdaf.awi.de>

github.com/PDAF/PDAF



PDAF – wide range of applications

Applications & users, like

Operational uses:

- *Germany*: North/Baltic Seas (HBM model)
- *Europe*: Copernicus marine forecasting center Baltic Sea (NEMO)
- *China*: Arctic ice-ocean prediction system (MITgcm)

Beyond ocean

- **HydroGeoSphere** (hydrology)
- **TSMP** (Terrestrial Systems Modeling Platform)
- **WRF** (Weather forecast and research model)
- **TIE-GCM** (Thermosphere Ionosphere Electrodynamics)
- **VILMA** (Viscoelastic Lithosphere and Mantle Model)
- **Parody** (Geodynamo model)
- **HYSPLIT** (Volcanic Ash Transport and Dispersion model)
- **Cardiac modeling** (blood flow)
- ... more

Ocean and marine biogeochemistry (research applications)

- **CICE** (sea ice)
- **COAWST** (WRF-ROMS-CICE)
- **FESOM**
- **HBM** (regional HiROMB-BOSS model)
- **MEDUSA** (biogeochemistry)
- **MITgcm**
- **NEMO**
- **REcoM** (biogeochemistry, carbon cycle)
- **SCHISM/ESMF**

Coupled ocean-atmosphere & climate models

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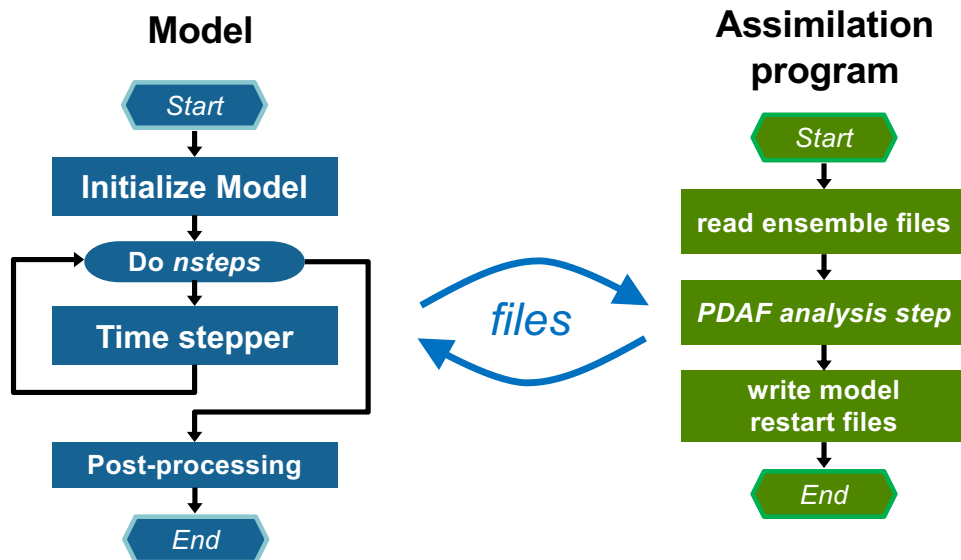
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Different models – same
assimilation software
leverage synergies

Coupling Model and Assimilation Code: 2 Variants

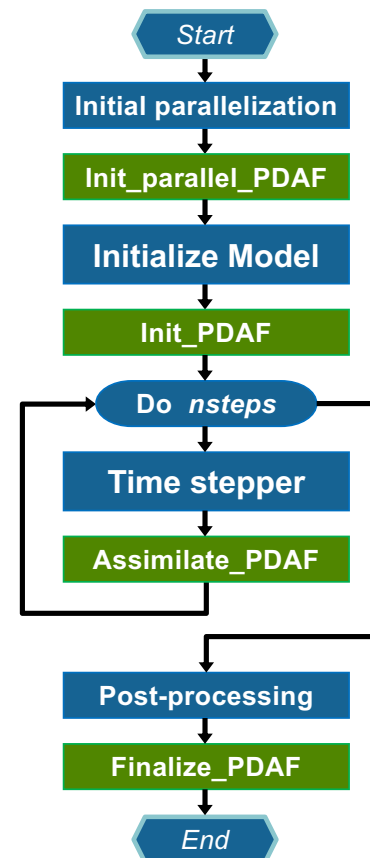
Offline coupling



- separate programs for model and assimilation
- standard setup at many operational centers
- can be computed by group of compute jobs
- limited computational efficiency
 - model restarts
 - amount of disk IO

Model code

single program



DA code

Online coupling

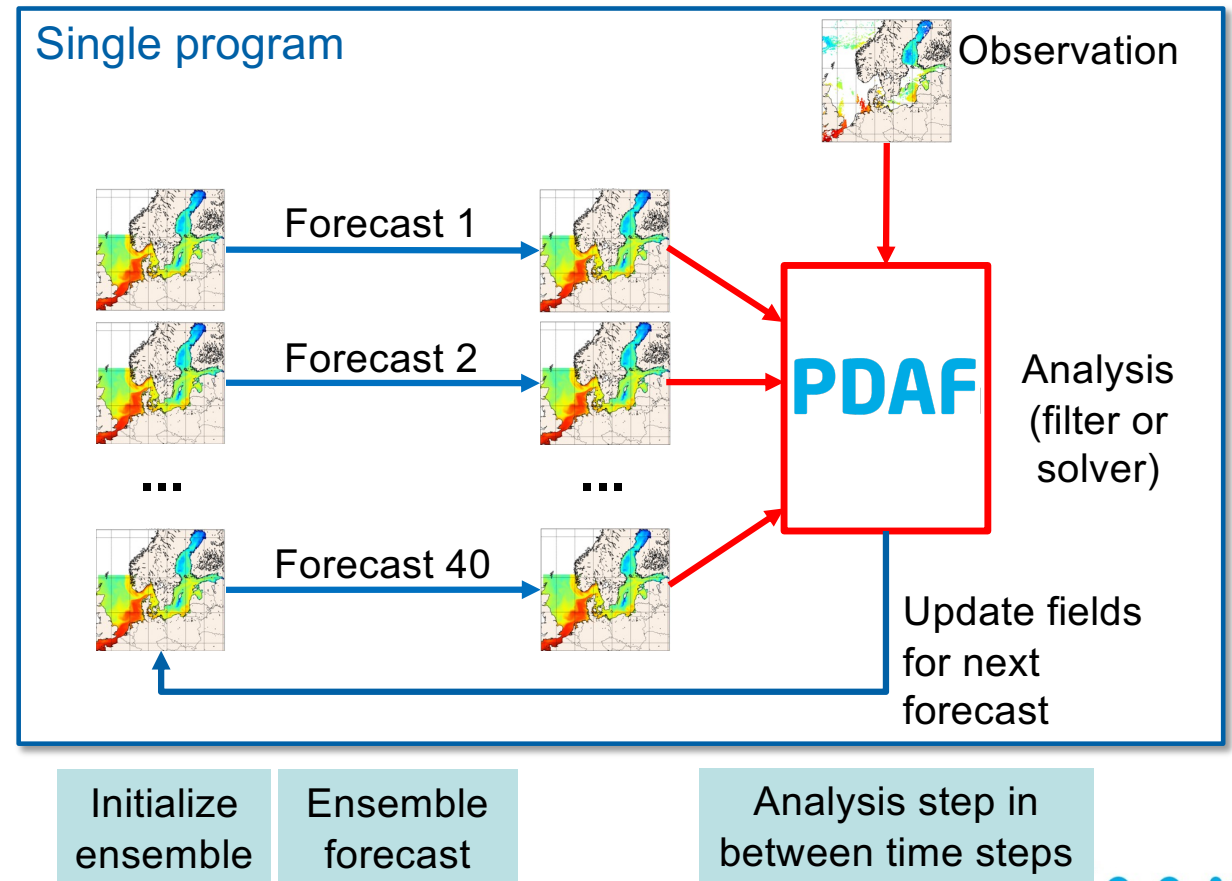
- augment model with assimilation functionality
- adapt model source code adding 4 routine calls
- easy to implement
- one large compute job
- in-memory data transfers
- computationally very efficient
- For coupled Earth system models: independent of model coupler

Online-Coupling – Assimilation-enabled Model

Couple a model with PDAF

- Modify model to simulate ensemble of model states
- Insert analysis step/solver to be executed at prescribed interval
- Run model as usual, but with more processors and additional options (*easy to use...*)

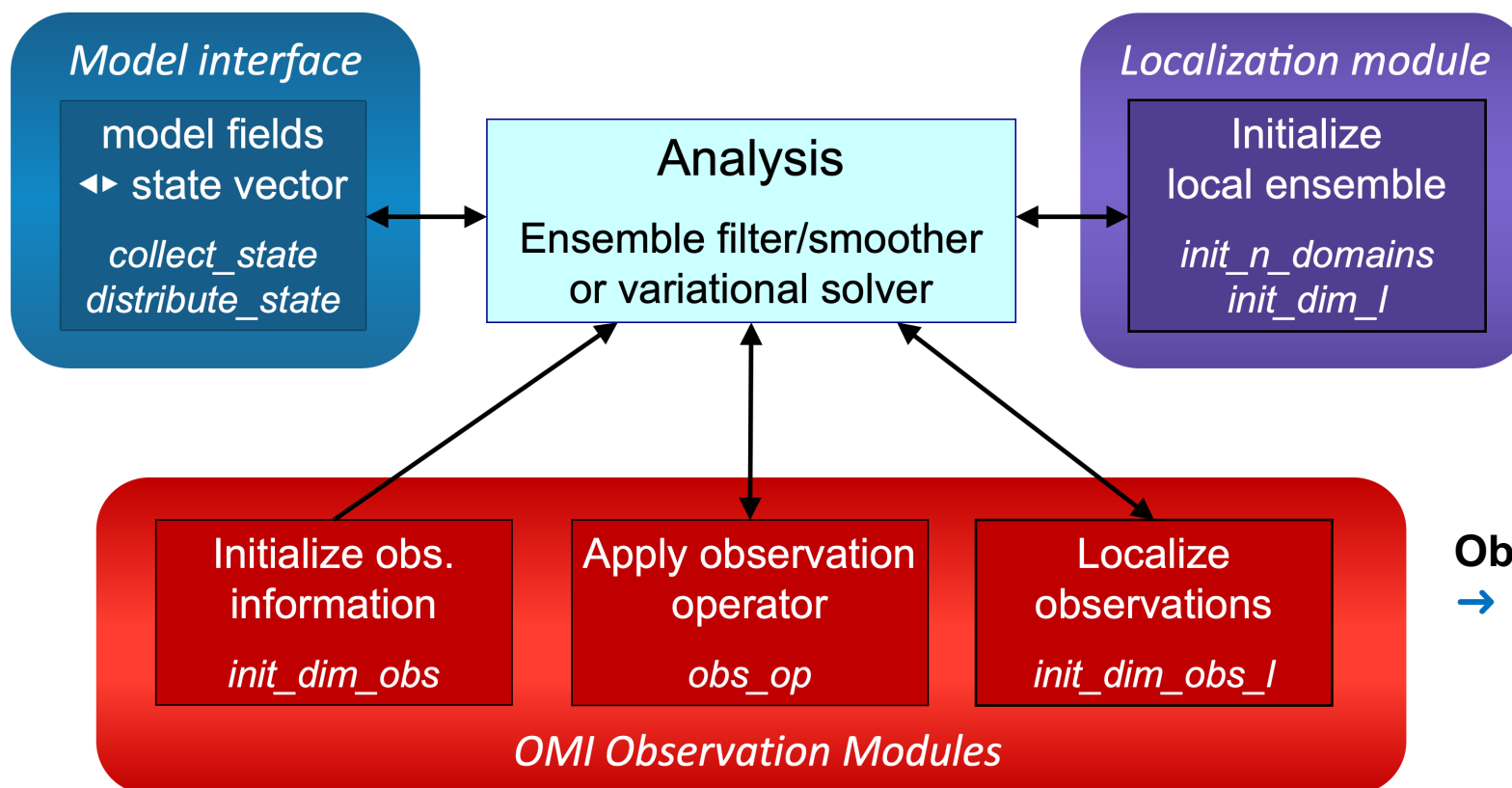
- EnOI and 3D-Var also possible:
 - Evolve single model state
 - Prescribe ensemble perturbations or covariance



Implementing the Assimilation Analysis/Solver Step

Analysis steps needs user-provided routines

- Easy to implement using templates and provided functionality



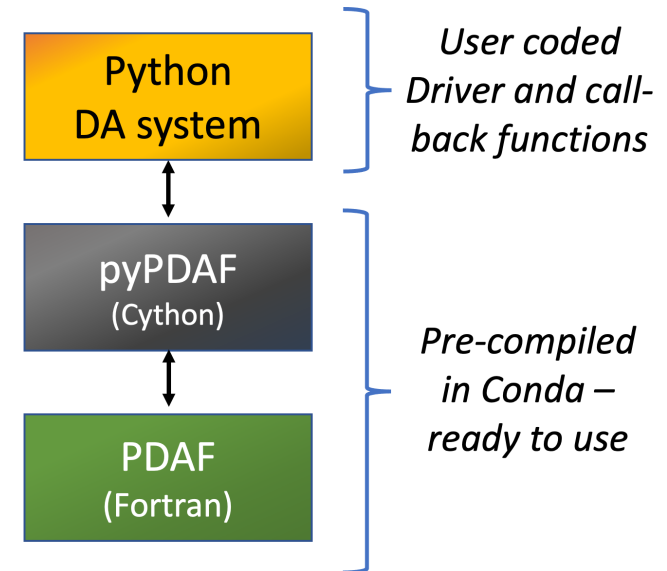
Observation modules

→ Class-like structure, but not object-oriented for easier implementation

Python interface to PDAF

- case-specific functions can be implemented in Python (not touching Fortran!)
- assimilation analysis computed inside PDAF (excellent performance due to compiled Fortran code)
- supports
 - Online coupling (e.g. for Python-coded models)
 - Offline coupling (using files from model runs)
- installation using Conda

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conda create -n pypdaf -c conda-forge yumengch::pypdaf
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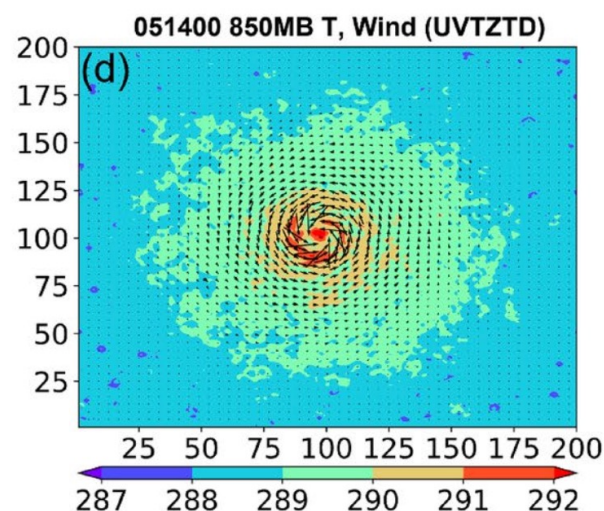
github.com/yumench/pyPDAF

New model couplings: WRF, HydroGeoSphere

WRF (Weather Research and Forecast model)

Changliang Shao

Example: idealized tropical cyclone assimilating GNSS data



Open source:

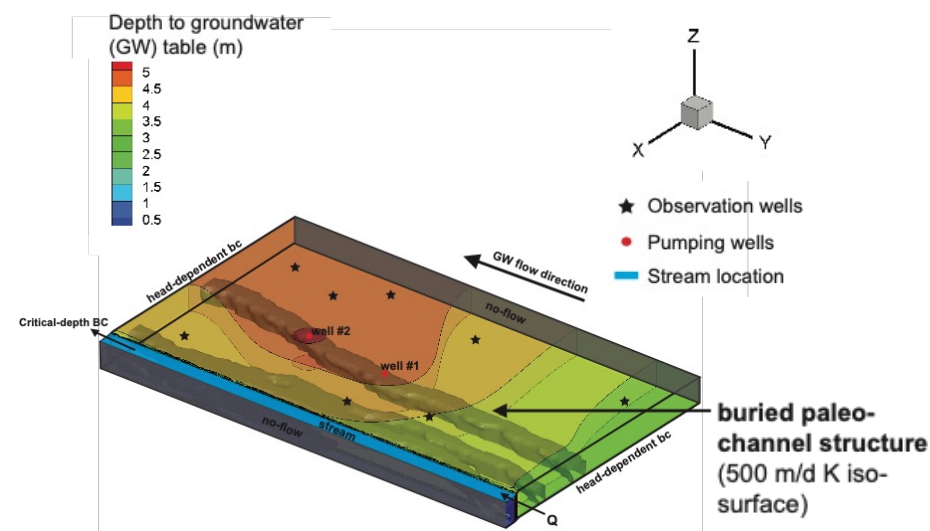
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Shao & Nerger, *GMD*, 17, 4433, 2024,
doi:10.5194/gmd-17-4433-2024

HydroGeoSphere (HGS)

Qi Tang

Example: synthetic 3-D river-aquifer model



Open source:

https://github.com/qiqi1023t/HGS-PDAF_v1.0

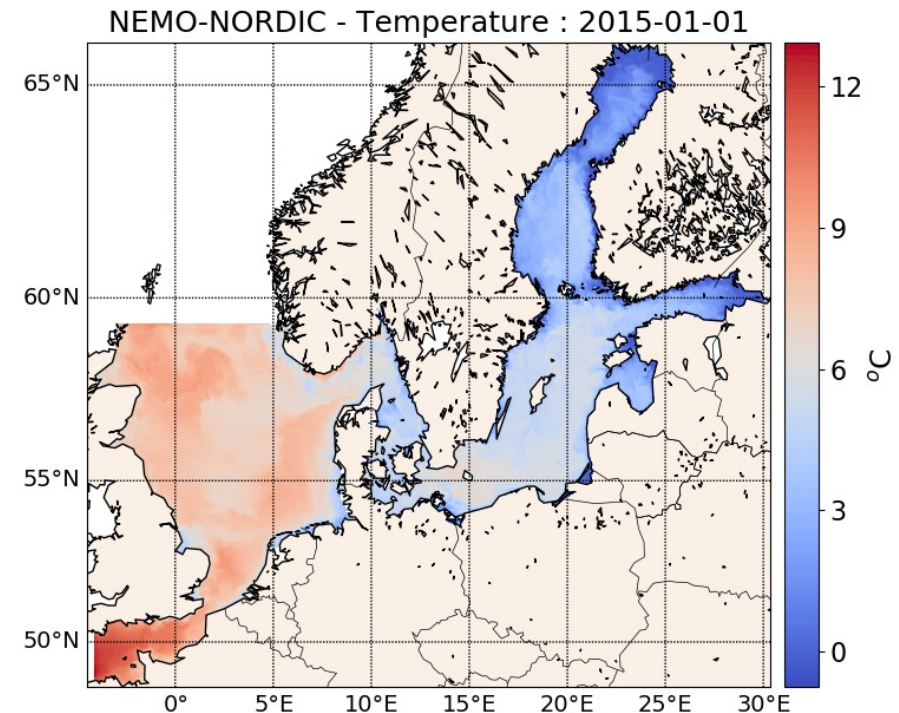
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Model couplings: NEMO

NEMO-PDAF

Used **operationally for ocean forecasting in the European Copernicus Marine Service**. Ocean physics and biogeochemistry for the Baltic Sea (CMEMS Forecasting Center BAL-MFC) and North Sea

Used for research regionally and in global setups (with MEDUSA biogeochemical model)



github.com/PDAF/NEMO-PDAF

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PDAF code: DA Methods and Models

PDAF originated from comparison studies of different filters

Ensemble Filters and smoothers - *global and localized*

- EnKF (Evensen, 1994 + perturbed obs.)
- (L)ETKF (Bishop et al., 2001/Hunt et al. 2007)
- ESTKF (Nerger et al., 2012)
- NETF (Toedter & Ahrens, 2015)
- Particle filter
- Hybrid Nonlinear Kalman Filter LKNETF (Nerger, 2022)
- *EnOI mode*

Toy models (full implementations with PDAF)

- Lorenz-96
- Lorenz-63
- Lorenz-2005 models II and III

3D-Var schemes

- 3D-Var with parameterized covar.
- 3D Ensemble Var
- Hybrid 3D-Var

Model bindings

By PDAF core group: *Community provided:*

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EAT - GOTM/FABM/BGC
WRF

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Summary

PDAF

- unified tool for interdisciplinary data assimilation
- provide range of assimilation methods
 - ensemble and variational
- simplifies application of data assimilation
 - Easy coupling to models
 - Easy implementation of observations
- computationally very efficient
 - applicable from small models on notebook computers to complex models running on supercomputers

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Thank you!

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