WP1: ACCESS Simulation and Modelling Service



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Current status of ACCESS infrastructure



- ACCESS climate and NWP systems
 - Climate versions used by COE
- Atmospheric model user interface and experiment database on shared machine at NCI
- Shared code repositories at NCI
- Met Office atmospheric model documentation system
 - Scattered local documentation
- ACCESS help at NCI
- Experience running/debugging model in various configurations
- Experience with CMIP5 data processing and publication



Drivers for this project



- Existing environment is a hurdle, particularly for new users
 - Coupled model much harder to use than atmospheric model
 - Post CMIP5 we have some time to think about how to do it better
- New NCI machine
- BOM moving research to NCI
 - Enhances possibilities for new collaborations
- Met Office developing new model technical infrastructure
 - ROSE user interface
 - Experiment repository
 - Cylc (NIWA) for suite control
 - IRIS (python for graphics and analysis)





Vision



- Goal is to improve ease of use, reproducibility, support and sharing of code, data and experiments
- Library of supported and documented standard experiments
 - Including climate, NWP, idealised
- Improved user interface and experiment configuration database for the coupled model
- Implement ACCESS NWP research systems at NCI and make available for wider community
- Adoption of new Met Office technical infrastructure
- Integration with archiving and analysis services
- Better access to BOM data





Use case: Testing a climate hypothesis

- 1. Researcher forms hypothesis
- 2. Tests using CMIP5 data from ESG
- 3. Thinks of model experiment to further test idea
- 4. Selects ACCESS CMIP5 standard experiment as a starting point
 - Runs test case and checks against archived output
- 5. Modifies code/data appropriately
 - Creates a branch in code repository
 - Uses standard tools to modify ancillary files
 - Uses new coupled model UI to control experiment
- 6. Runs experiment with data appearing in CMIP5 form in some ESG like catalogue
 - Metadata includes details of code branches and ancillary files
- 7. Analysis using same tools as in step 2.
- 8. Publish data to some more permanent storage or go back to step 5



Investigating an extreme weather event



- 1. Researcher interested in particular extreme event
- 2. Initial analysis using BOM Australian region analyses and forecasts
- Decides to investigate effect of model resolution on the simulation Event was outside standard high resolution city regions
- 4. Reruns Australian regional model from archived initial conditions and lateral boundary conditions to generate LBCs for high resolution model
 - Files obtained via catalogue w/o knowing details of file system or archive
- 5. Runs high resolution model (version of ACCESS-C or 1.5 km relocatable)
- 6. Analysis and archiving



Library of supported examples



- Documented and supported standard experiments
 - Designed to work for all users
 - Version controlled
- Archived results for comparison
- Standard tools for comparing results from a modified experiment to a standard one
 - Also valuable for testing system upgrades like new compilers
- Kept up to date with new Met Office releases, BOM research APS configurations, ACCESS2 prototypes etc



Library of supported examples



- ACCESS 1.0 & 1.3 configurations
 - · Coupled, AMIP, single column model
- ACCESS APS1 NWP configurations
 - Global 40 km
 - Australian region 12 km
 - City scale 5 km, 1.5 km
 - Ensemble
- Seasonal prediction / climate model run from NWP analyses
- Regional climate (nested)
- UKCA (chemistry)
- Met Office GA4.0 configurations (and GA5.0 when available)
- "ACCESS2" experimental versions





Coupled model user environment



- Atmospheric model UI has been valuable
 - Easier to configure model experiments
- A repository for experiment configurations
 - Makes sharing easier
 - Improves reproducibility and traceability, e.g. showing configuration differences
- Extend atmospheric user interface to ocean and sea-ice components and overall experiment control
 - Capture complete coupled model configuration in a repository
 - Integrate post-processing and archiving
 - Use new Met Office tools for the ocean and sea-ice components rather than extending the existing UMUI to the full system,
 - Modify the UMUI to work with new Met Office tools
- ACCESS2 prototype including new atmospheric UI



NWP



- Make the current and future BOM research NWP systems available for general use at NCI.
 - Adopt the new Met Office technical infrastructure
 - Move from SMS/SCS suite control to cylc
- Access to archive of BOM analyses, model boundary conditions etc

Integration



- Model output will be in standard format, written to WP3 catalogue
- Input data, standard case output available from WP3 catalogue
- Model analysis using WP2 tools
- Documentation, experiment database, links to results via WP4 portal



Milestones



- Dec 2012
 - Initial release of experiment library
 - Coupled model experiment database configuration determined
 - Design of user interface decided
- Apr 2013
 - Initial release of coupled model user interface
 - NWP suite installed at NCI
- July 2013
 - UI and experiment database for coupled model complete
- Sep 2013
 - Modelling service (climate and NWP) available for general users





Development team



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Progress



- APS1 city systems running at NCI
- Development of NWP systems using cylc
- Prototype coupled model suite running under cylc
- Prototype UI for ocean component of ACCESS coupled model using ROSE





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