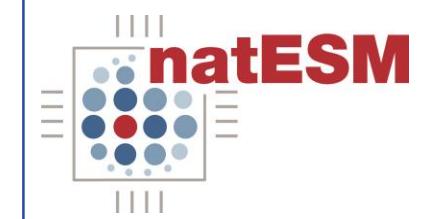


Generic concepts of ICON ComIn

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Intro: Plugin mechanism for ICON

Demo script that runs alongside the ICON simulation:

```
import comin ←  
import numpy as np  
  
comin.var_request_add("my_var", 1), False)  
  
@comin.register_callback(←  
    comin.EP_SECONDARY_CONSTRUCTOR)  
def simple_python_constructor():  
    global pres, my_var  
    print("simple_python_constructor called!")  
    pres = comin.var_get(  
        [comin.EP_ATM_WRITE_OUTPUT_BEFORE],  
        ("pres", 1))  
    my_var = comin.var_get(  
        [comin.EP_ATM_WRITE_OUTPUT_BEFORE],  
        ("my_var", 1))
```



```
@comin.register_callback(←  
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def simple_python_diagfct():  
    np.asarray(my_var)[:] = 42.
```

```
@comin.register_callback(comin.EP_DESTRUCTOR)  
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    print("simple_python_destructor called!")
```



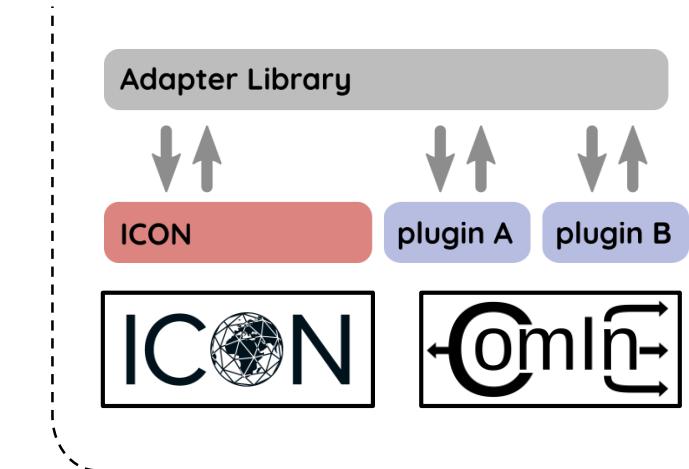
ComIn = ICON Community Interface

The community interface

- connects 3rd party modules to the ICON host model
- regulates the access and creation of model variables
- plugin functions are called at pre-defined events

Shared libraries for Fortran or C/C++ plugins.

Python plugins run without compilation process.



Project started 2022 as a collaboration between **DWD**, **DLR-IPA** and **DKRZ**.

ComIn is part of the Open Source Release of ICON 2024.01 ^[1].

Note: Similar solutions exist for the NOAA models or the IFS ^[2].



[1] <https://gitlab.dkrz.de/icon/icon-model>

[2] IFS Plume: <https://github.com/ecmwf/plume>

Running an existing plugin



Plugging into ICON's control flow

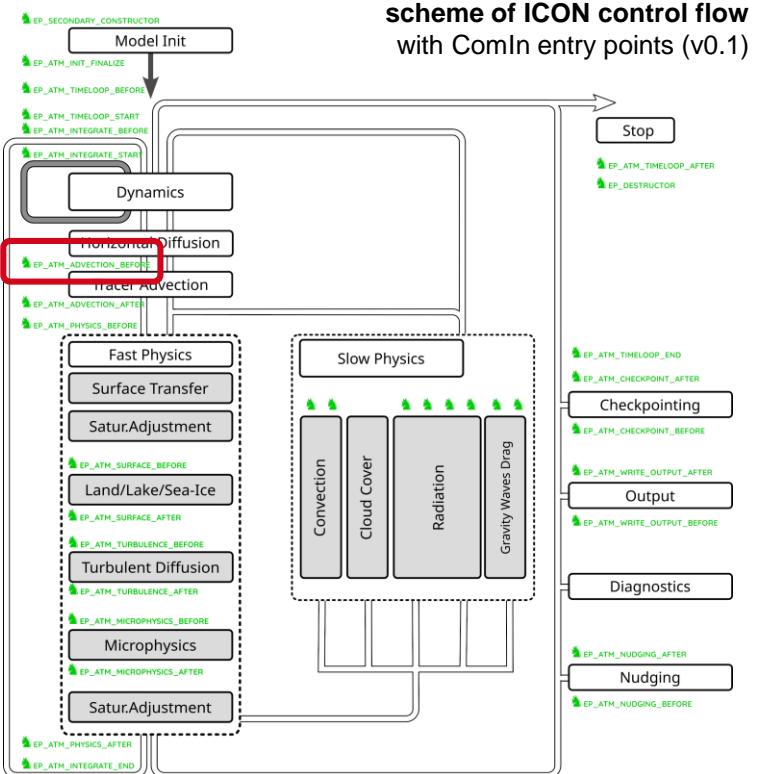
About 40 entry points

- #### ■ Ex.: EP_ATM_WRITE_OUTPUT_BEFORE

“before/after” nomenclature

EP_<COMP>_<PROCESS|LOOP>_
[BEFORE | AFTER | START | END]

- ICON host model: look out for
CALL icon_call_callback(...)
 - dependent on namelist settings and
program flow
 - preliminary and easily expandable!
Feedback welcome!

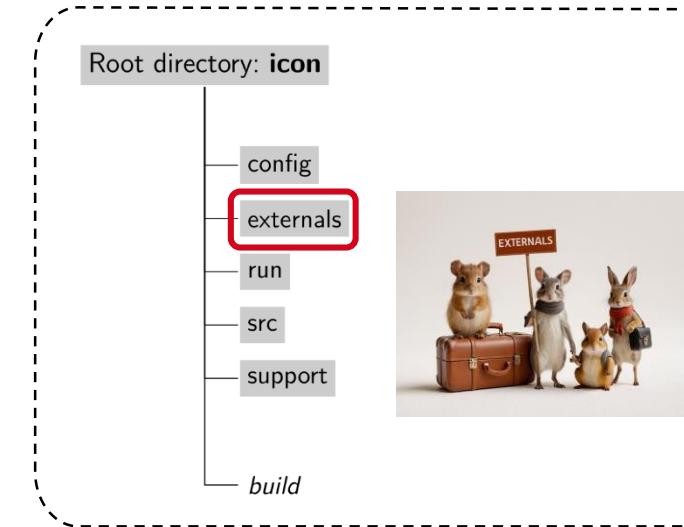


How to enable ICON ComIn

ComIn is a switchable external ICON package contained in the ICON release <https://gitlab.dkrz.de/icon/icon-model>.

```
../config/dkrz/levante.gcc --enable-comin
```

- Alternatively, you can download a standalone version. ComIn releases published independently from ICON [1].
- The [Python adapter](#) itself is implemented as a ComIn plugin written in C++. It comes together with the ComIn library and embeds the Python interpreter.



User guide, technical description ... <https://icon-comin.gitlab-pages.dkrz.de/comin>



[1] <https://gitlab.dkrz.de/icon-comin/comin/-/releases>

configure --enable-comin ... and then what?

Register your plugin in the host model via namelist.

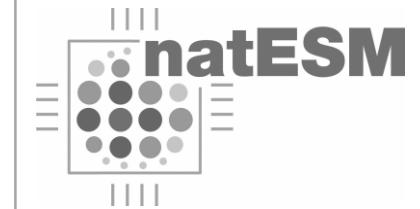


```
&comin_nml
    plugin_list(1)%name          = "comin_plugin"
    plugin_list(1)%plugin_library = "libpython_adapter.so"
    plugin_list(1)%options       = "comin_plugin.py"
/
    filename of the Python script is passed as an option
```

*Optional: non-standard name of constructor, MPI communicator,
user-specified plugin arguments (character string)*



Developing a plugin



primary constructor / callback function(s) / descriptive data structures / variable access



Building blocks ... Primary constructor

Primary constructor: registers the plugin and additional variables.

- Note: In Fortran or C/C++ plugins, the primary constructor is a separate subroutine; for Python this is simply the main body.
- API functions are exposed in the Python module `comin`, needs to be imported.

```
import comin  
  
var_descriptor = ("comin_process_id", jg)  
  
comin.var_request_add(var_descriptor, lmodexclusive=False)  
  
comin.metadata_set(var_descriptor, zaxis_id = comin.COMIN_ZAXIS_2D)
```

variables are identified
by name + domain ID



main purpose of the primary constructor:
request additional variables



Building blocks ... Secondary constructor

By the term **secondary constructor** we denote an entry point at the end of ICON's initialization. That's the first time when you can obtain readable and writable pointers to the ICON data fields.

```
myvar = comin.var_get([comin.EP_ATM_WRITE_OUTPUT_BEFORE],  
                      ("comin_process_id", jg),  
                      flag=comin.COMIN_FLAG_WRITE)
```

this is a variable handle!
see next slide.

this tells ComIn about the context,
ie. the entry point where we use the variable

again, ComIn identifies variables
by name + domain ID



Descriptive data structures contain information on the ICON setup and the simulation:

```
domain = comin.descrdata_get_domain(jg)  
clon = np.asarray(domain.cells.clon)
```



Building blocks ... Callback function(s)

Callbacks for specific entry points are realized as custom Python functions.

- registered with ComIn by adding a **function decorator**
- note: the secondary constructor is a callback like any other

```
@comin.register_callback(comin.EP_ATM_WRITE_OUTPUT_BEFORE)
def simple_python_callbackfct():
    myvar_array = np.asarray(myvar)           variable handle from the previous slide
```



Access to the variable data is provided via NumPy/CuPy objects.

Building blocks: Summary

```
import comin
import numpy as np
primary constructor:
request additional ICON variable

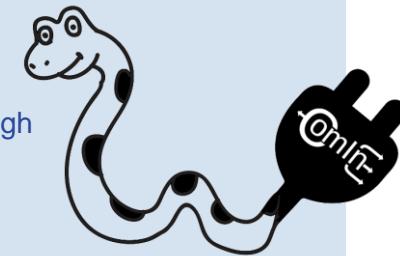
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        ("my_var", 1))
secondary constructor: get variable handles
```

callbacks: register function callbacks through Python decorators

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See the ComIn release code for more demo plugins (Fortran, C/C++, Python).



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        [comin.EP_ATM_WRITE_OUTPUT_
         ("pres", 1)])
    my_var = comin.var_get(
        [comin.EP_ATM_WRITE_OUTPUT_
         ("my_var", 1)])
```

Compare this to the “heavy-weight” addition of new variables to ICON.

... lots of Fortran **CALLS** and loops

ComIn plugins are lightweight.

secondary constructor: get variable here

callbacks: register function callbacks through Python decorators

Accomplish register callback!



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Fortran and C/C++ API

The previous slides focused on Python. But: ComIn also contains a Fortran and C/C++-API.

Fortran API	C/C++ API	Python API
comin_setup_get_verbosity_level	int comin_setup_get_verbosity_level()	comin.setup_get_verbosity_level
comin_current_get_ep	int comin_current_get_ep()	
comin_current_get_domain_id	int comin_current_get_domain_id()	comin.current_get_domain_id
comin_current_get_datetime	void comin_current_get_datetime(char const**,int*,int*)	comin.comin_current_get_datetime
comin_current_get_plugin_info	int comin_current_get_plugin_id()	comin.current_get_plugin_info
	void comin_current_get_plugin_name(char const **, int*, int*)	
	void comin_current_get_plugin_options(char const **,int*,int*)	
	void comin_current_get_plugin_comm(char const **,int*,int*)	
comin_parallel_get_plugin_mpi_comm	int comin_parallel_get_plugin_mpi_comm()	comin.parallel_get_plugin_mpi_comm
comin_parallel_get_host_mpi_comm	int comin_parallel_get_host_mpi_comm()	comin.parallel_get_host_mpi_comm
comin_parallel_get_host_mpi_rank	int comin_parallel_get_host_mpi_rank()	comin.parallel_get_host_mpi_rank
comin_plugin_finish	void comin_plugin_finish(const char*,const char*)	comin.finish
'n_var_request_add	void comin_var_request_add(struct t_comin_var_descriptor,_Bool,int*)	comin.var_request_add
get	void* comin_var_get(int,int*,struct t_comin_var_descriptor,int)	comin.var_get

Source:
ComIn technical design document
<https://icon-comin.gitlab-pages.dkrz.de/comin>

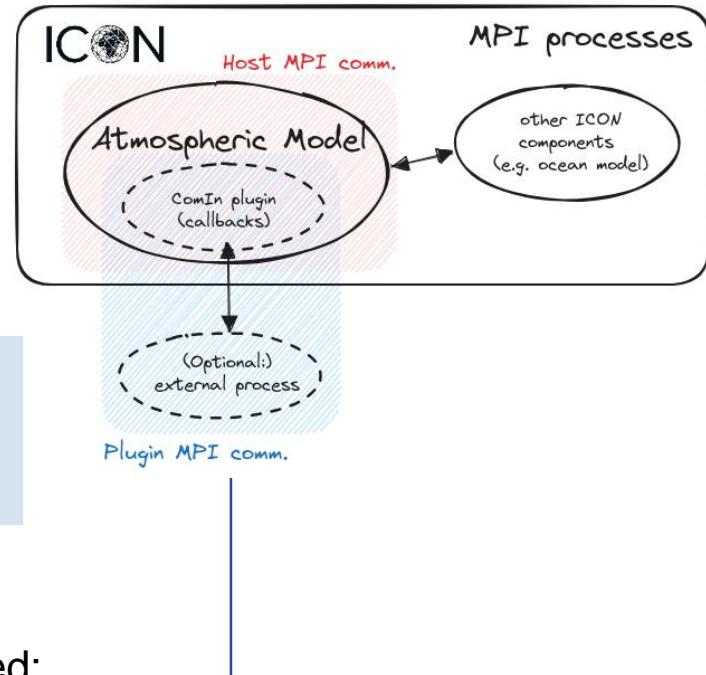


MPI communicator concept

Only process-local partitions can be accessed directly – but MPI exchanges are possible.

Plugins may handle their own parallel communication with the help of a **host communicator**.

```
comm = MPI.Comm.f2py(comin.parallel_get_host_mpi_comm())
rank = comm.Get_rank()
```



In addition, a **plugin communicator** (optional) can be created:
Useful for exchanging data with other running processes.

Limitations / Discussion

- ICON calls ComIn, not vice versa!
 - ~ plugins do not influence ICON's restart behavior
 - ~ processes in the host model are not switched off, but can only be deactivated using ICON namelist switches
- Granularity: above block loop level, only global variables are exposed
- access to the process-local MPI partition only (but MPI exchanges possible)
- no asynchronicity between ICON and the 3rd party modules

ComIn is currently under construction. Feedback welcome!





Applications



Example plugins

ComIn comes bundled together with several example plugins.

Script name	Language	Description
simple_fortran	Fortran	Simple ComIn plugin written in the <i>Fortran</i> programming language.
calc_water_column	Fortran	Simple diagnostic application, calculating the liquid water path, the ice water path, and the total water column.
yaxt_fortran	Fortran	Example plugin to demonstrate the usage of the YAXT communication library.
simple_c	C/C++	Simple ComIn plugin written in the <i>C</i> programming language.
yac_input	C/C++	Plugin written in C which encapsulates a YAC coupling inside a ComIn plugin.
yaxt_c	C/C++	Plugin written in C to demonstrate using the YAXT communication library.
simple_python_plugin.py	Python	Simple ComIn plugin written in Python, using the ComIn Python adapter.
point_source.py	Python	Test plugin requesting a tracer that participates in ICON's turbulence and convection scheme.

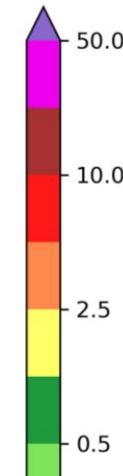


Btw.: See the practical exercises for an example how to use [matplotlib](#) directly within ICON.



Point source example

Point Source 141.0E, 37.4N, lev=10 (17km) - 2014-06-03 00 UTC



ComIn example:
python_adapter/
examples/
point_source.py

- request a tracer that participates in ICON's turbulence scheme
- add point source emissions to this tracer
- update the tracer with tendencies received from ICON's turbulence scheme
- exploit Python's vast library of useful modules (here: `scipy.spatial.KDTree`)



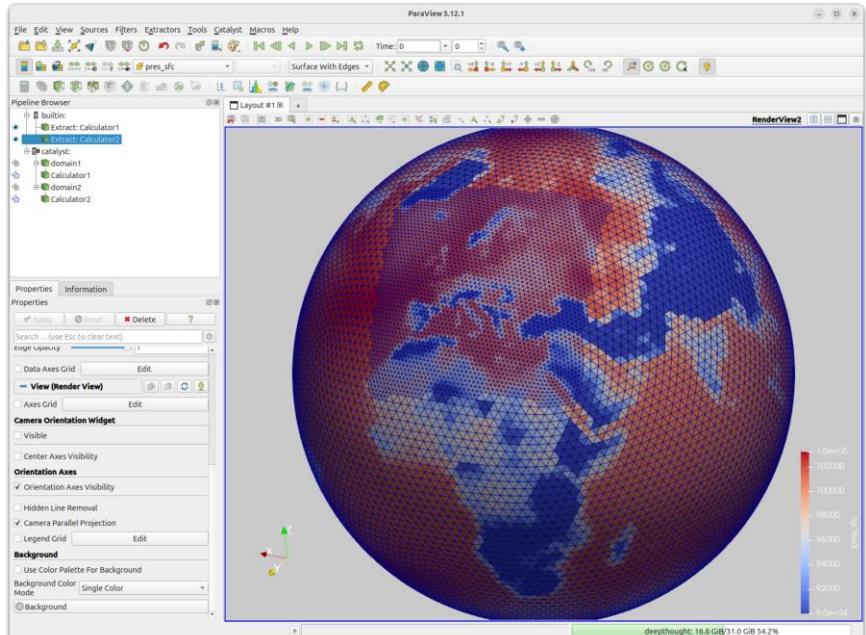
Catalyst in situ visualization



Paraview^[1] is an open-source data analysis and visualization application.

Simulation data can be streamed into Paraview using the Catalyst API specification.

- application example: Implement the Catalyst streaming for ICON as a ComIn plugin.



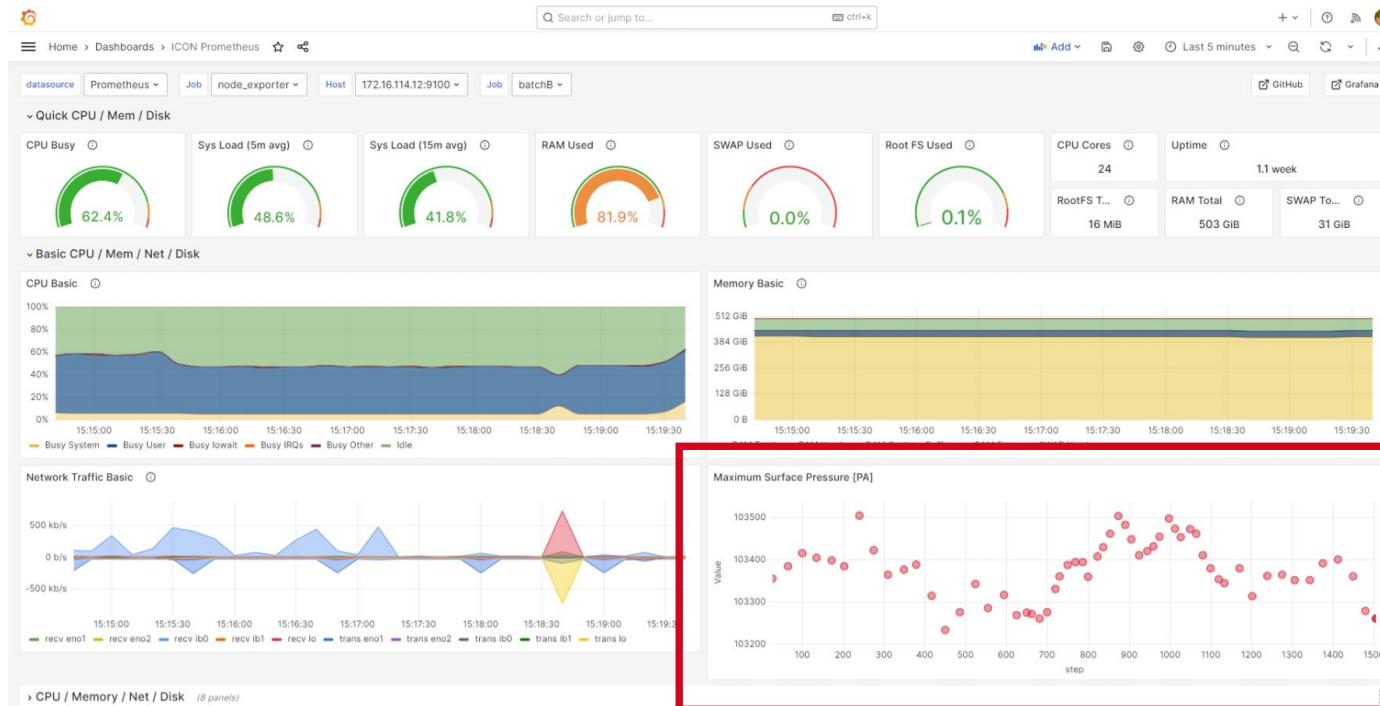
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[1] <https://gitlab.kitware.com/paraview>

Prometheus/Grafana example

Flexible monitoring dashboard offered by Grafana:



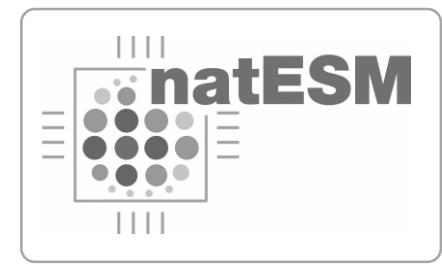
Proof-of-concept:
connect Grafana to
ICON with a ComIn
exporter plugin

Ex.: DWD NEC platform
displaying ICON's
maximum surface pressure

Source:
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Wrap-up



Roadmap for ComIn v0.2.0

Features that will become available in ComIn 0.2.0

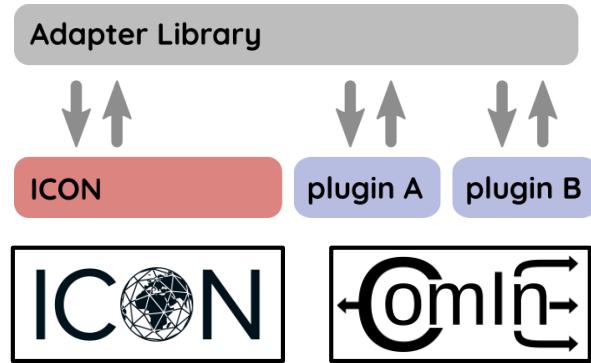
~ August 2024:

- development tool `comin_replay`
test ComIn plugins with previously recorded data sets
- GPU host-device transfer
- combining ComIn with YAC^[1]
ComIn is an interface, not a translation layer
- generalizations: additional meta-data; edge-based and vertex-based fields, ...



Contact

- GitLab-Project: <https://gitlab.dkrz.de/icon-comin/comin>
 - code (including examples and tests)
 - raise an issue
 - contribute (open a merge request)
- Extensive online documentation:
 - <https://icon-comin.gitlab-pages.dkrz.de/comin/>
 - see also the ICON Tutorial 2024 [1],
ComIn: Section 9.5
 - GMD publication (submitted)
- reach out to us: comin@icon-model.org



[1] [https://www.dwd.de/EN/ourservices/nwp_icon_tutorial/
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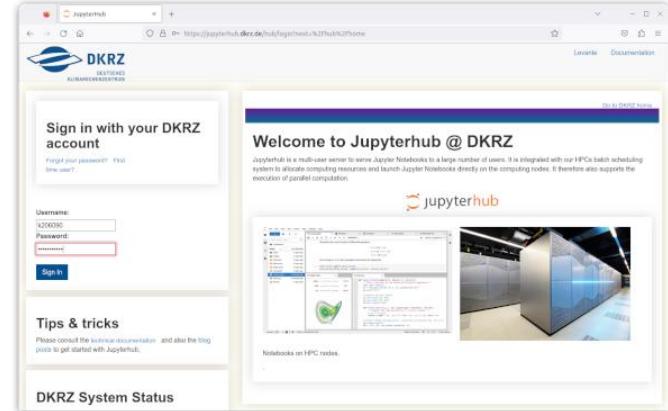
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Practical exercises

The exercises are organized as Jupyter notebooks.

- Web site <https://jupyterhub.dkrz.de>:
Enter your username and the corresponding password
on the start page of the JupyterLab portal.



The screenshot shows two windows side-by-side. The left window is a browser showing the Jupyterhub login page for DKRZ. It has fields for 'Username' (set to 'ICON000') and 'Password', with a 'Sign in' button. Below the form is a 'Tips & tricks' section and a 'DKRZ System Status' box. The right window is a dashboard titled 'Welcome to Jupyterhub @ DKRZ'. It includes a brief description of Jupyterhub, a 'jupyterhub' logo, and two small images: one showing a Jupyter Notebook interface and another showing a server rack labeled 'Notebooks on HPC nodes'.

- In your home directory: Extract course material from
with the following command:

```
cd $HOME  
tar xfz /pool/data/ICON/ICON_training/comin_exercises.tar.gz
```

- We will be working in the directory
\$HOME/comin-training-exercises

