



Introducing OpenIFS@Home

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Everywhere!











Computational challenge of weather and climate science



Climate modelling with public distributed computing



Disadvantages:

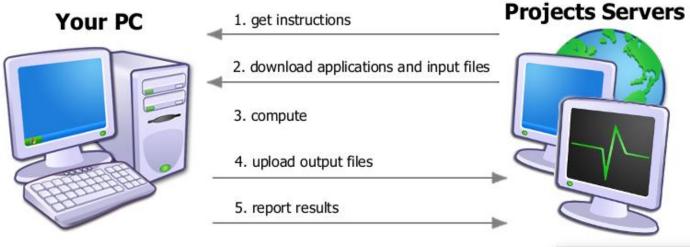
- Limited diagnostics & resolution.
- You make all your mistakes in public.

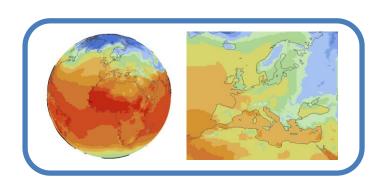
Advantages:

- Effectively unlimited ensemble size.
- Free computation, only pay for infrastructure
- You make all your mistakes in public.



Berkley Open Infrastructure for Network Computing (BOINC)

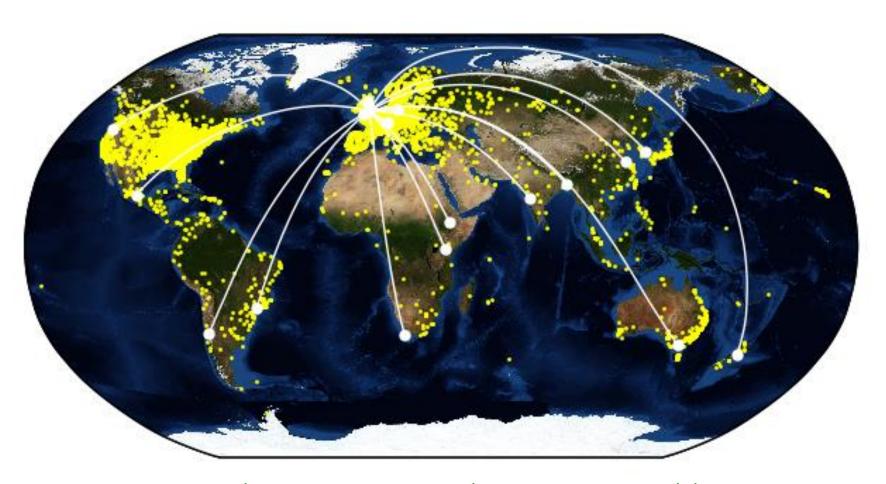








Volunteer and Collaborator Network



15 years, >30 sub projects, >650,000 volunteers, >200M model-years



Models

HadCM3

- Previous generation MetOffice Forecast model
- Resolution: N48 L19 atmosphere, 1.25x1.25 L20 ocean.

Climate

Prediction

HadAM4

- Global atmosphere only model with prescribed SST and sea ice.
- Resolution: Either N144 L38 or N216 L38 (approx. 90km or 60km respectively)

weather@ home

HadAM3P

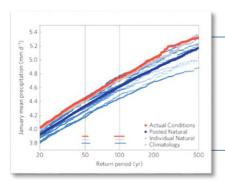
- N96 Global Atmosphere only model with prescribed SST and sea ice.
- Used as driver of regional model but capable of individual operation

HadRM3P

Regional Climate Model with flexible user defined region of interest run at either 25 km or 50 km.



Current CPDN Experiment Types

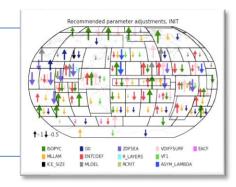


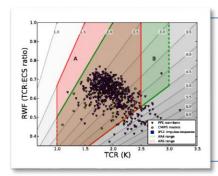
Extreme event attribution:

Quantitative risk assessments of the potential impacts due to extreme weather events under past, current and projected future climate conditions.

Bias reduction methods:

Improved skill for initialised climate model forecasts, through bias reduction from global and regional process adjustment in perturbed parameter sensitivity studies.



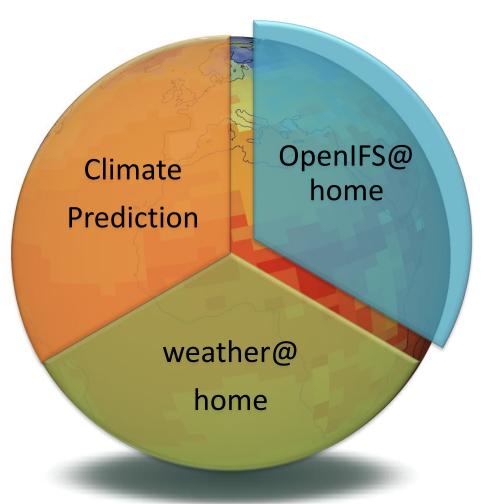


Climate sensitivity studies:

Mapping plausible ranges of climate sensitivity through large perturbed parameter ensembles.



Models



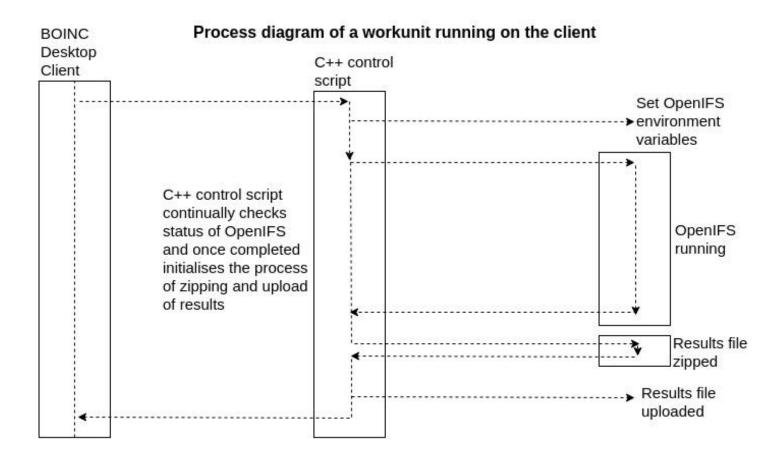


OpenIFS@Home

- Provides a novel and new platform for scientific experiments with OpenIFS.
- Current model configuration
 - Spectral T159 (N80; 125km) with 60 or 91 levels.
 - Developed using IFS CY40r1
- Modified code for encoding in GRIB to enable ensemble sizes beyond 256 members.
- The launch of OpenIFS@home will enable large ensemble initialised probabilistic weather forecasts to be run by CPDN public volunteers.



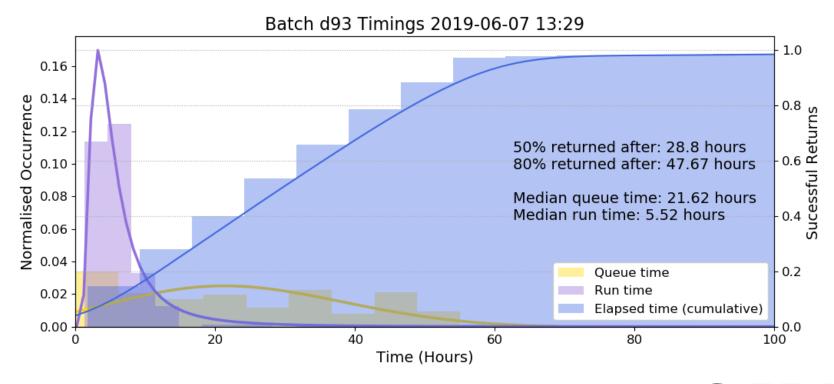
Porting OpenIFS to BOINC





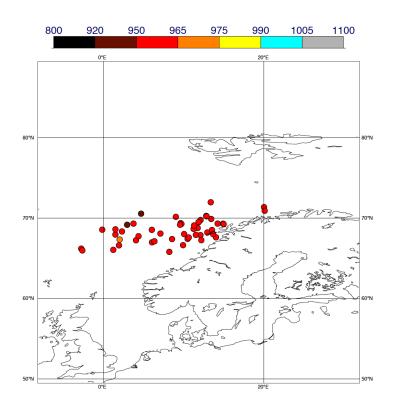
OpenIFS@Home

- 500 member ensemble Storm Desmond
- Initialised using ERA5
- Identical initial conditions other than ensemble member number
- 494 returned (99%)

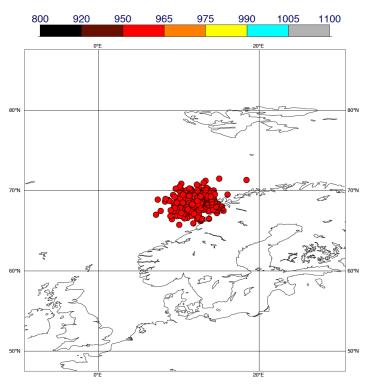




Results from OpenIFS@Home test batches



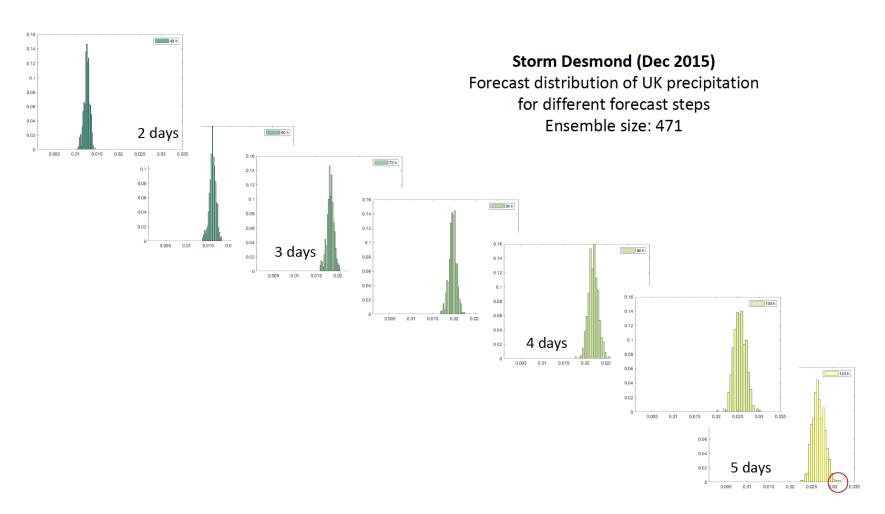
Storm centres from ECMWF operational forecast (50 members)



Storm centres from openifs@home forecasts (192 members)



Results from OpenIFS@Home test batches





New experiment types enabled

Large ensembles will be used to study the predictability of weather forecasts especially for high impact extreme weather. Interesting past weather and climate events will be explored by testing sensitivities to physical parameter choices in the model.

Large ensemble simulations will help study probabilistic forecasts in a chaotic atmospheric flow and reduce uncertainties due to nonlinear interactions.

Current experiments performed with OpenIFS should be possible to run in OpenIFS@home provided certain resource constraints are met.



How to use OpenIFS@Home

Contact CPDN Team

- Register for account.
- Discuss overall experimental idea with team in Oxford
- Understand cost implications including generated data final destination.

Detailed Experimental Design

- Ancillaries –
 either reuse
 existing or work
 with ECMWF
 OpenIFS team to
 create new.
- Check data volumes returned of successful simulations.

Prepare to submit

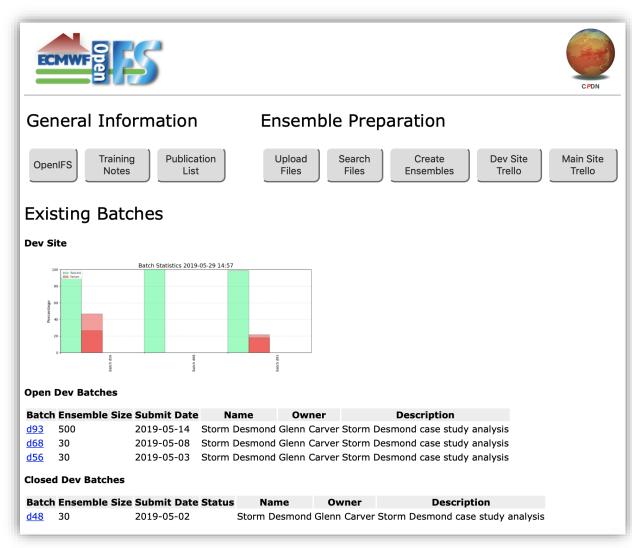
- Create experiment definition.
- Upload to CPDN team repository
- Final submission by CPDN Team
- Wait for workunits to return successful simulations



OpenIFS Dashboard

The OpenIFS@home dashboard is a single entry point for scientists to:

- upload new files to the repository.
- search existing files held in the repository.
- create ensembles.
- notify CPDN team that ensembles are ready for submission.
- monitor batch progress (drill down on batch numbers for more detail).
- view and record publications.
- access OpenIFS documentation and training notes.



https://dev.cpdn.org/oifs dashboard.php



Live Launch

Key Points:

- Ensemble initial conditions created using ECMWF's operational system that creates a number of starting analyses.
- First a combination of the 'ensemble data assimilation' system creates alternate starting analyses.
- Further perturbations to these are created by computing and applying 'singular vectors' which represent a measure of the fastest growing modes in the atmospheric state.
- A linear combination of these singular vectors is then applied with to create as many initial states as we care to.
- In this experiment we created 250 initial states with a combination of the ensemble data assimilation and singular vectors.
- To each of these runs we then apply the model's stochastic physics perturbations whilst the model is running.
- Allows us to explore the forecast uncertainty.







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To generate a submission xml enter the following information about your experiment file(s).

Sarah Sparrow is logged in

Use comma separated lists to enter mutliple values of fields (e.g. start date and batch owner) if required.

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Batch Name:	Tropical Cyclone Karl Workshop	
Batch Description:	Tropical Cyclone Karl OpenIFS@home launch experiment	
Batch Owner(s) as Name (e-mail):	Glenn Carver (Glenn.Carver@ecmwf.int), Sarah Sparrow (sarah.sparrow@oerc.ox.ac.uk)	
Batch Technical Information:	TC Karl with 250 analysis members and 8 ensemble member numbers using Prikka's initial conditions.	
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Model Configuration File:	40r1_T159_TC_Karl.xml 😌	
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Number of ensemble members (per analysis):	8	
Starting ensemble member number:	1	
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Ensemble Configuration		
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Future development of OpenIFS@home

 Adapting OpenIFS to run attribution experiments including climate science relevant length workunits

OpenIFS on Windows

Include slab ocean*

Possible incorporation of HTESSEL *



Future Large Ensemble Multi-Model Studies

Adding OpenIFS to CPDN will enable very large ensembles of different models to run under a single framework.

Multi-model large ensembles of extreme weather events occurring around the globe will be available for subsequent impact studies.

Not only will large initial conditions ensembles be possible, but also large multi-model perturbed parameter experiments. Comparing results across multiple models could provide valuable insight into fundamental model processes and guide future model development.



Conclusion

- New capability for researchers using OpenIFS, successfully porting cycle 40r1 into CPDN,
- Produced large test ensemble beyond normal OpenIFS scales studying Storm Desmond for validation,
- Planing for future development to introduce enhancements and updates.



Speak to the team about how you could make use of OpenIFS@Home!

In person today or via

https://www.cpdn.org/cpdnboinc/oifs contact.php

