Workshop – natESM strategy

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Request for support sprint

Implement YAXT¹ as standard library for all MPI communication in MESSy (**M**odular **E**arth **S**ubmodel **S**ystem) (simulation)

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1: Yet Another eXchange Tool





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The natESM support team is located at DKRZ and JSC. Based on a DKK initiative of the German Earth System Modelling Community, the overall goal is to build a national ESM strategy for the future.





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• ESM field: global and regional chemistry climate and air quality modelling

- User group: large consortium of 12 German and 12 international institutions, around **220 users** and 40 submodel and 5 infrastructure developers
- Targeted simulations:
 - complex chemical simulations to idealized simulations
 - on local, regional and global spatial scales
 - over various timescales

Brief Overview of Model/Software

- HPC usage:
 - MPI-based parallel domain decomposition
 - running at DKRZ, JSC, LRZ, MPCDF, SARA (NL) etc.
- Maintenance:
 - MESSy code parts are open source, the basemodels (ECHAM, ICON, COSMO) are license limited
 - the source code is hosted on the DKRZ GitLab server
 - all consortium members contribute to the documentation and development of MESSy
 - every 1-2 years a new "tagged" version is released











Model/Software Application Field

- Scientific highlights: 474 publications on and with MESSy since 2005
 - estimating the contribution of traffic emissions to tropospheric ozone (Mertens et al., 2020)
 - modelling the impact of COVID-19 emission reductions on tropospheric ozone (Mertens et al., 2021)
 - studies as part of the Chemistry Climate Model Intercomparison (CCMI) projects (e.g. Jöckel et al., 2016)
- Social relevance:
 - contributions to WMO/UNEP Ozone assessment report (CCMI) and IPCC (CMIP)
 - used for health and hazard studies (e.g. Chowdhury et al., 2021)
 - impact of anthropogenic emissions on air quality and climate (e.g. DLR, TU Delft and NLR).
- Plans for further use and dissemination:
 - transition to ICON as basemodel
 - open source as much as possible
 - develop model for improved air quality and chemistry climate research





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Description of Planned Work

- Scope of Request:
 - communication via YAXT instead of current basemodel-specific MPI calls, implementation in new MESSy infrastructure submodel which translates MESSy internal data structures to YAXT decompositions
 - 6 month duration
 - available on HPC systems on which MESSy is currently used
- Criteria for fulfilment: specific MPI calls superseded by YAXT-based communication, in generic subroutine but activated for at least one basemodel
- Expected scientific and/or performance improvements:
 - increased **performance portability** due to use of YAXT
 - **more modular** internal parallel communication; facilitating updates, expansion and exchange by other parallelisation models
 - alternative parallelisation strategies can be more easily tested
 - basis for efficient and clean expansion to scalable optimized I/O, which is a requirement for future HPC architectures
 - allow for finer resolved simulations over longer timescales or in ensembles









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