

Running the MPAS framework on the cluster

The Model for Prediction Across Scales (MPAS) is a collaborative project for developing atmosphere, ocean and other earth-system simulation components for use in climate, regional climate and weather studies.

Compilation

First of all define a folder `${WORK}` on the `/work` or the `/scratch` filesystem (somewhere where you have write permissions):

```
export WORK=/work/FAC/...
mkdir -p ${WORK}
```

Load the following relevant modules:

```
module load gcc/11.4.0
module load mvapich2/2.3.7-1
module load parallel-netcdf/1.12.3
module load parallelio/2.6.2

export PIO=$PARALLELIO_ROOT
export PNETCDF=$PARALLEL_NETCDF_ROOT
```

Download the MPAS framework:

```
cd ${WORK}
git clone https://github.com/MPAS-Dev/MPAS-Model --depth 1 --branch $(curl -sL
https://api.github.com/repos/MPAS-Dev/MPAS-Model/releases/latest | grep -i "tag_name" | awk -F
''' '{print $4}')
```

This is going to download the source code of the latest release of MPAS. The last version that was successfully tested on the `curnagl` cluster with the present instructions is `v8.1.0` and future versions might need some adjustments to compile and run.

Patch the MPAS Makefile:

```
sed -i 's/-ffree-form/-ffree-form -fallow-argument-mismatch/' ${WORK}/MPAS-Model/Makefile
sed -i 's/ mpi_f08_test//' ${WORK}/MPAS-Model/Makefile
```

This is going to force MPAS to use the old MPI wrapper for Fortran 90. When compiling with GCC older than version 12.0, a bug in the C binding interoperability feature (https://gcc.gnu.org/bugzilla/show_bug.cgi?id=104100) used by the MPI wrapper for Fortran 2008 breaks the code. If you are compiling with GCC 12.0 or newer, you do not need to patch and the new wrapper will be successfully used.

Compile:

```
cd ${WORK}/MPAS-Model

make gfortran CORE=init_atmosphere AUTOCLEAN=true PRECISION=single OPENMP=true USE_PI02=true
make gfortran CORE=atmosphere AUTOCLEAN=true PRECISION=single OPENMP=true USE_PI02=true
```

Running a basic global simulation

Here we aim at running a basic global simulation, just to test that the framework runs. we need to proceed in three steps:

1. Process time-invariant fields, which will be interpolated into a given mesh, this step produces a "static" file
2. Interpolating time-varying meteorological and land-surface fields from intermediate files (produced by the ungrib component of the WRF Pre-processing System), this step produces an "init" file
3. Run the basic simulation

Create the run folder and link to the binary files

```
cd ${WORK}
mkdir -p run
cd run
ln -s ${WORK}/MPAS-Model/init_atmosphere_model
ln -s ${WORK}/MPAS-Model/atmosphere_model
```

Get the mesh files

```
cd ${WORK}
wget https://www2.mmm.ucar.edu/projects/mpas/atmosphere_meshes/x1.40962.tar.gz
```

```
wget https://www2.mmm.ucar.edu/projects/mpas/atmosphere_meshes/x1.40962_static.tar.gz
cd run
tar xvzf ../x1.40962.tar.gz
tar xvzf ../x1.40962_static.tar.gz
```

Create the configuration files for the "static" run

The `namelist.init_atmosphere` file:

```
cat << EOF > ${WORK}/run/namelist.init_atmosphere
&nhyd_model
config_init_case = 7
/
&data_sources
config_geog_data_path = '${WORK}/WPS_GEOG/'
config_landuse_data = 'MODIFIED_IGBP_MODIS_NOAH'
config_topo_data = 'GMTED2010'
config_vegfrac_data = 'MODIS'
config_albedo_data = 'MODIS'
config_maxsnowalbedo_data = 'MODIS'
/
&preproc_stages
config_static_interp = true
config_native_gwd_static = true
config_vertical_grid = false
config_met_interp = false
config_input_sst = false
config_frac_seaice = false
/
EOF
```

The `streams.init_atmosphere` file:

```
cat << EOF > ${WORK}/run/streams.init_atmosphere
<streams>
<immutable_stream name="input"
    type="input"
    precision="single"
    filename_template="x1.40962.grid.nc"
    input_interval="initial_only" />
```

```
<immutable_stream name="output"
    type="output"
    filename_template="x1.40962.static.nc"
    packages="initial_conds"
    output_interval="initial_only" />

</streams>

EOF
```

Proceed to the "static" run

You will need to make sure that the folder `${WORK}/WPS_GEOG` exists and contains all the appropriate data.

First create a `start_mpas_init.sbatch` file (carefully replace on line #4 `ACCOUNT_NAME` by your actual project name and on line #6 appropriately type your e-mail address, or double-comment with an additional `#` if you don't wish to receive job notifications):

```
cat << EOF > ${WORK}/run/start_mpas_init.sbatch
#!/bin/bash -l

#SBATCH --account ACCOUNT_NAME
#SBATCH --mail-type ALL
#SBATCH --mail-user <first.lastname>@unil.ch

#SBATCH --chdir ${WORK}/run
#SBATCH --job-name mpas_init
#SBATCH --output=mpas_init.job.%j

#SBATCH --partition cpu

#SBATCH --nodes 1
#SBATCH --ntasks 1
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task 1
#SBATCH --mem 8G
#SBATCH --time 00:59:59
#SBATCH --export ALL

module load gcc/11.4.0
module load mvapich2/2.3.7-1
module load parallel-netcdf/1.12.3
module load parallelio/2.6.2
```

```
export PIO=\$PARALLELIO_ROOT
export PNETCDF=\$PARALLEL_NETCDF_ROOT
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=\$PARALLELIO_ROOT/lib:\$PARALLEL_NETCDF_ROOT/lib:\$LD_LIBRARY_PATH

srun ./init_atmosphere_model
EOF
```

Now start the job with `sbatch start_mpas_init.sbatch` and at the end of the run, make sure that the log file `${WORK}/run/log.init_atmosphere.0000.out` displays no error.

Create the configuration files for the "init" run

The `namelist.init_atmosphere` file:

```
cat << EOF > ${WORK}/run/namelist.init_atmosphere
&nhyd_model
config_init_case = 7
config_start_time = '2014-09-10_00:00:00'
/
&dimensions
config_nvertlevels = 55
config_nsoillevels = 4
config_nfglevels = 38
config_nfgsoillevels = 4
/
&data_sources
config_met_prefix = 'GFS'
config_use_spechumd = false
/
&vertical_grid
config_ztop = 30000.0
config_nsmterrain = 1
config_smooth_surfaces = true
config_dzmin = 0.3
config_nsm = 30
config_tc_vertical_grid = true
config_blend_bdy_terrain = false
/
&preproc_stages
config_static_interp = false
```

```
config_native_gwd_static = false
config_vertical_grid = true
config_met_interp = true
config_input_sst = false
config_frac_seaice = true
/
EOF
```

The `streams.init_atmosphere` file:

```
cat << EOF > ${WORK}/run/streams.init_atmosphere
<streams>
<immutable_stream name="input"
    type="input"
    filename_template="x1.40962.static.nc"
    input_interval="initial_only" />

<immutable_stream name="output"
    type="output"
    filename_template="x1.40962.init.nc"
    packages="initial_conds"
    output_interval="initial_only" />

</streams>
EOF
```

Proceed to the "init" run

Just start again the job with `sbatch start_mpas_init.sbatch` and at the end of the run, make sure that the log file `${WORK}/run/log.init_atmosphere.0000.out` displays no error.

Create the configuration file for the global simulation

The `namelist.atmosphere` file:

```
cat << EOF > ${WORK}/run/namelist.atmosphere
&nhyd_model
    config_time_integration_order = 2
    config_dt = 720.0
    config_start_time = '2014-09-10_00:00:00'
    config_run_duration = '0_03:00:00'
    config_split_dynamics_transport = true
    config_number_of_sub_steps = 2
```

```
config_dynamics_split_steps = 3
config_h_mom_eddy_visc2 = 0.0
config_h_mom_eddy_visc4 = 0.0
config_v_mom_eddy_visc2 = 0.0
config_h_theta_eddy_visc2 = 0.0
config_h_theta_eddy_visc4 = 0.0
config_v_theta_eddy_visc2 = 0.0
config_horiz_mixing = '2d_smagorinsky'
config_len_disp = 120000.0
config_visc4_2dsmag = 0.05
config_w_adv_order = 3
config_theta_adv_order = 3
config_scalar_adv_order = 3
config_u_vadv_order = 3
config_w_vadv_order = 3
config_theta_vadv_order = 3
config_scalar_vadv_order = 3
config_scalar_advection = true
config_positive_definite = false
config_monotonic = true
config_coef_3rd_order = 0.25
config_epssm = 0.1
config_smdiv = 0.1
/
&damping
    config_zd = 22000.0
    config_xnutr = 0.2
/
&limited_area
    config_apply_lbcs = false
/
&io
    config_pio_num_iotasks = 0
    config_pio_stride = 1
/
&decomposition
    config_block_decomp_file_prefix = 'x1.40962.graph.info.part.'
/
&restart
    config_do_restart = false
```

```

/
&printout
    config_print_global_minmax_vel = true
    config_print_detailed_minmax_vel = false
/
&IAU
    config_IAU_option = 'off'
    config_IAU_window_length_s = 21600.
/
&physics
    config_sst_update = false
    config_sstdiurn_update = false
    config_deepsoiltemp_update = false
    config_radtlw_interval = '00:30:00'
    config_radtsw_interval = '00:30:00'
    config_bucket_update = 'none'
    config_physics_suite = 'mesoscale_reference'
/
&soundings
    config_sounding_interval = 'none'
/
EOF

```

The `streams.atmosphere` file:

```

cat << 'EOF' > ${WORK}/run/streams.atmosphere
<streams>
<immutable_stream name="input"
    type="input"
    filename_template="x1.40962.init.nc"
    input_interval="initial_only" />

<immutable_stream name="restart"
    type="input;output"
    filename_template="restart.$Y-$M-$D_$h.$m.$s.nc"
    input_interval="initial_only"
    output_interval="1_00:00:00" />

<stream name="output"
    type="output"

```



```

        filename_template="history.$Y-$M-$D_$h.$m.$s.nc"
        output_interval="6:00:00" >
</stream>

<stream name="diagnostics"
        type="output"
        filename_template="diag.$Y-$M-$D_$h.$m.$s.nc"
        output_interval="3:00:00" >
</stream>

<immutable_stream name="iau"
        type="input"
        filename_template="x1.40962.AmB.$Y-$M-$D_$h.$m.$s.nc"
        filename_interval="none"
        packages="iau"
        input_interval="initial_only" />

<immutable_stream name="lbc_in"
        type="input"
        filename_template="lbc.$Y-$M-$D_$h.$m.$s.nc"
        filename_interval="input_interval"
        packages="limited_area"
        input_interval="none" />

</streams>
EOF

```

Run the whole simulation

You will need to copy relevant data to the run folder:

```

cp ${WORK}/MPAS-
Model/{GENPARM.TBL, LANDUSE.TBL, OZONE_DAT.TBL, OZONE_LAT.TBL, OZONE_PLEV.TBL, RRTMG_LW_DATA, RRTMG_
SW_DATA, SOILPARM.TBL, VEGPARM.TBL} ${WORK}/run/.

```

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```

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#SBATCH --job-name mpas_init
#SBATCH --output=mpas_init.job.%j

#SBATCH --partition cpu

#SBATCH --nodes 1
#SBATCH --ntasks 1
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task 16
#SBATCH --mem 8G
#SBATCH --time 00:59:59
#SBATCH --export ALL

module load mvapich2/2.3.7-1
module load parallel-netcdf/1.12.3
module load parallel-io/2.6.2

export PIO=\$PARALLELIO_ROOT
export PNETCDF=\$PARALLEL_NETCDF_ROOT
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=\$PARALLELIO_ROOT/lib:\$PARALLEL_NETCDF_ROOT/lib:\$LD_LIBRARY_PATH

srun ./atmosphere_model

EOF
```

Now start the job with `sbatch start_mpas.sbatch` and at the end of the run, make sure that the log file `${WORK}/run/log.atmosphere.0000.out` displays no error.

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