

# The PRISM project

## Technical overview & details on the OASIS coupler

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# PRISM: the project

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Promote the development of a  
standard software infrastructure  
for Earth system coupled modelling  
(<http://prism.enes.org>)

Help climate modellers spend more time on science:





# PRISM: the project

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- 2001-2004: the PRISM EU project
  - a European project funded for 4.8 M€ by the EC
  - 22 partners
- 2005-2008: the PRISM Support Initiative:
  - 7 partners: CERFACS, CGAM, CNRS, ECMWF, MPI-M&D, UK MetOffice, NEC-CCRLE
  - 8 associate partners: CRAY, IPSL, Météo-France, MPI-M, NEC-HPCE, SGI, SMHI, SUN
  - investing their own manpower in PRISM (8 py/y for 3 years)





# PRISM: the Areas of Expertise

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2006: reorganisation in 5 "PRISM Areas of Expertise" (PAE):

- Promotion and, if needed, development of software tools for ESM
  - Organisation of related network of experts
  - Technology watch
  - Promotion of community standards
  - Coordination with other international efforts
1. Code coupling and I/O (S. Valcke, CERFACS)
  2. Integration and modelling environments (M. Carter, UK Met Office)
  3. Data processing, visualisation & management (M. Lautenschlager, M&D)
  4. Meta-data (L. Steenman-Clark, CGAM)
  5. Computing issues (R. Redler, NEC-CCRLE; M.-A. Foujols, IPSL)



# PRISM: the Areas of Expertise

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1. Code coupling and I/O
    - **OASIS3** and **OASIS4** couplers, the **PALM** coupler
  2. Integration and modelling environments (source version control, compilation, job configuration & running)
    - Standard Compiling and Running Environments (**SCE/SRE**)
    - GUI for model configuration: **prepIFS**, **prepOASIS4**
    - GUI for job monitoring: **SMS**
    - **FCM**: software control and compilation management
  3. Data processing, visualisation and management: includes data networking and federated archive architecture
    - **CERA database** (Hamburg)
  4. Meta-data: definition of metadata standards with other ESM projects
  5. Computing issues: petacomputing, performance, portability, parallelism, algorithmic developments
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# OASIS: historical background

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OASIS: developed since 1991 to couple existing GCMs

1991

2001

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|--- PRISM →

OASIS 1 → OASIS 2

→ OASIS3 (demo runs) →

→ OASIS4 →

## OASIS1, OASIS2, OASIS3:

- low resolution, low number of 2D fields, low coupling frequency:
  - flexibility very important, efficiency not so much!

## OASIS4:

- higher resolution parallel models, massively parallel platforms, 3D fields
  - need to optimise and parallelise the coupler



# OASIS: the community today

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- **CERFACS (France)**

ARPEGE3 - ORCA2LIM ARPEGE4 - OPA9/NEMO

- **METEO-FRANCE (France)**

ARPEGE4 - ORCA2 ARPEGE medias - OP Amed  
ARPEGE3 - OPA8.1-GELATO

- **IPSL- LODYC, LMD, LSCE (France)**

LMDz - ORCA2LIM LMDz - ORCA4

- **MERCATOR (France) (for interpolation only)**

- **MPI - M&D (Germany)**

ECHAM5 - MPI-OM ECHAM5 - C-HOPE  
PUMA - C-HOPE EMAD - E-HOPE  
ECHAM5 - E-HOPE ECHAM4 - E-HOPE

- **ECMWF**

IFS - CTM IFS Cy23r4 - E-HOPE



# OASIS: the community today

• <b>IFM-GEOMAR</b> (Germany)	ECHAM5	-	NEMO
• <b>CGAM-Reading</b> (UK)	UM4.5	-	OPA (diff. res.)
• <b>SMHI</b> (Sweden)	RCA(region.)	-	RCO(region.)
• <b>NERSC</b> (Norway)	ARPEGE	-	MICOM
• <b>U. of Bergen</b> (Norway)	MM5	-	ROMS
• <b>KNMI</b> (Netherlands)	ECHAM5	-	TM5
• <b>INGV</b> (Italy)	ECHAM5	-	MPI-OM
• <b>ENEA</b> (Italy)	ECHAM5	-	OPA8.2
	MITgcm	-	REGgcm
• <b>IRI</b> (USA)	ECHAM5	-	MOM3
• <b>JAMSTEC</b> (Japan)	ECHAM4	-	OPA 8.2
• <b>IAP-CAS</b> (China)	AGCM	-	LSM
• <b>BMRC</b> (Australia)	BAM4	-	MOM4
• <b>U. of Tasmania</b> (Australia)	Data Atm.	-	MOM4
• <b>RPN-Environment Canada</b> (Canada)	MEC	-	GOM



# OASIS: Some key notes

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- Developers: CERFACS, NEC CCRLE, CNRS, SGI, (NEC HPCE)
- Public domain; open source license (LGPL)
- Programming language: Fortran 90 and C
- Public domain libraries; vendor optimized versions may exist:
  - MPI1 and/or MPI2; NetCDF/parallel NetCDF; libXML
  - mpp\_io; SCRIP





# The OASIS4 coupler

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- A parallel model interface library (PSMILe) that performs:

- weight-and-address calculation for the coupling field interpolations

- MPI-based coupling exchanges between components

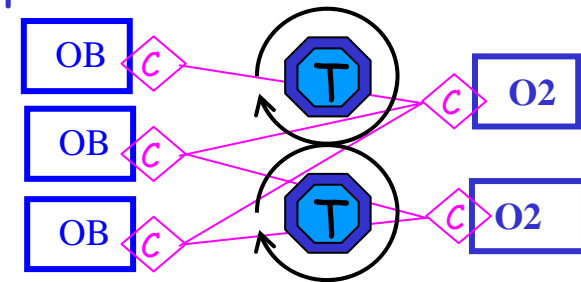
- component I/O (GFDL mpp\_io library)

- A parallel central Driver/Transformer:

- launches models at the beginning of the run (MPI2)

- reads the user-defined configuration information and distributes it to the component PSMILes

- performs parallel transformations of the coupling fields during the run





# OASIS4: model adaptation (1/3)

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## •Initialization:

```
call prism_init_comp (comp_id, comp_name, ierr)
```

```
call prism_get_localcomm (comp_id, local_comm, ierr)
```

## •Definition of grid (3D)

```
call prism_def_grid (grd_id, grd_name, comp_id, grd_shape, type, ierr)
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call prism_set_corners(grd_id, nbr_crnr, crnr_shape, crnr_array, ierr)
```

## •Placement of scalar points and mask on the grid:

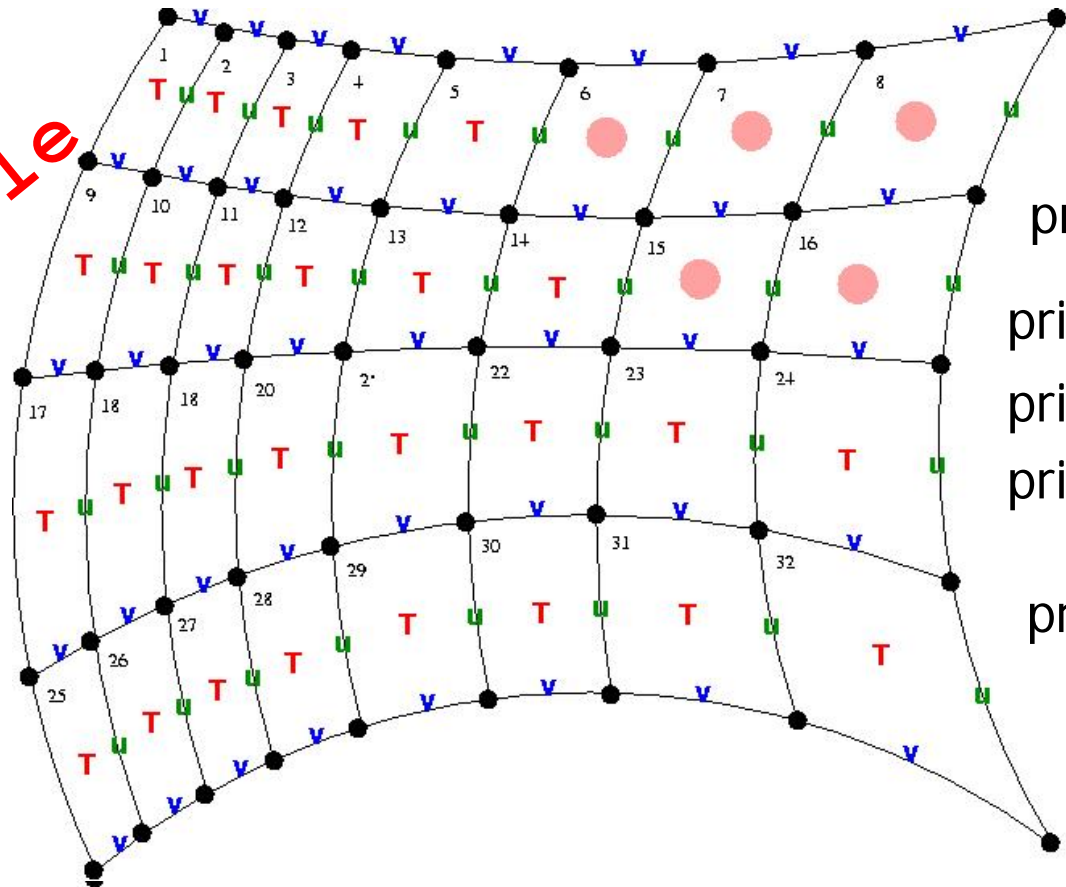
```
call prism_set_points (pt_id, pt_name, grd_id, pt_shape,  
                      pt_lon, pt_lat, pt_vert ,ierr)
```

```
call prism_set_mask (msk_id, grd_id, msk_shape, msk_array, ierr)
```

## ➤Function overloading to keep the interface concise and flexible

# OASIS4: model adaptation (2/3)

**Example**



prism\_def\_grid

prism-set-corners

prism\_set\_points

prism\_set\_points

prism\_set\_points

prism\_set\_mask



# OASIS4: model adaptation (3/3)

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## •Coupling or I/O field declaration

```
call prism_def_var  
    (var_id, var_name, grd_id, pt_id, msk_id, var_nbrdims,  
     var_shape, var_type, ierr)
```

## •End of definition

```
call prism_enddef (ierr)
```

## •Coupling or I/O field sending and receiving:

- in model time stepping loop
- depending on user's specifications in SMIOC:
  - user's defined source or target, component or file (end-point communication)
  - coupling or I/O sending or receiving at appropriate times
  - averaging/accumulation

```
call prism_put (var_id, date, date_bounds, var_array, info, ierr)  
call prism_get (var_id, date, date_bounds, var_array, info, ierr)
```

## •Termination

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call prism_terminate (ierr)
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# OASIS4: component model description

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Application and component description (XML files):

➤ For each application (code):

**one Application Description (AD):**

- possible number of processes
- components included

➤ For each component in the application:

**one Potential Model Input and Output Description (PMIOD)**

- component general characteristics: name, component simulated, ...
- grid information: domain, resolution(s), grid type, ...
- **potential I/O or coupling variables:**
  - local name, standard name
  - units, valid min and max
  - numerical type
  - associated grid and points
  - intent -input and/or output



# OASIS4: coupled model configuration

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*(Through a GUI), the user produces*

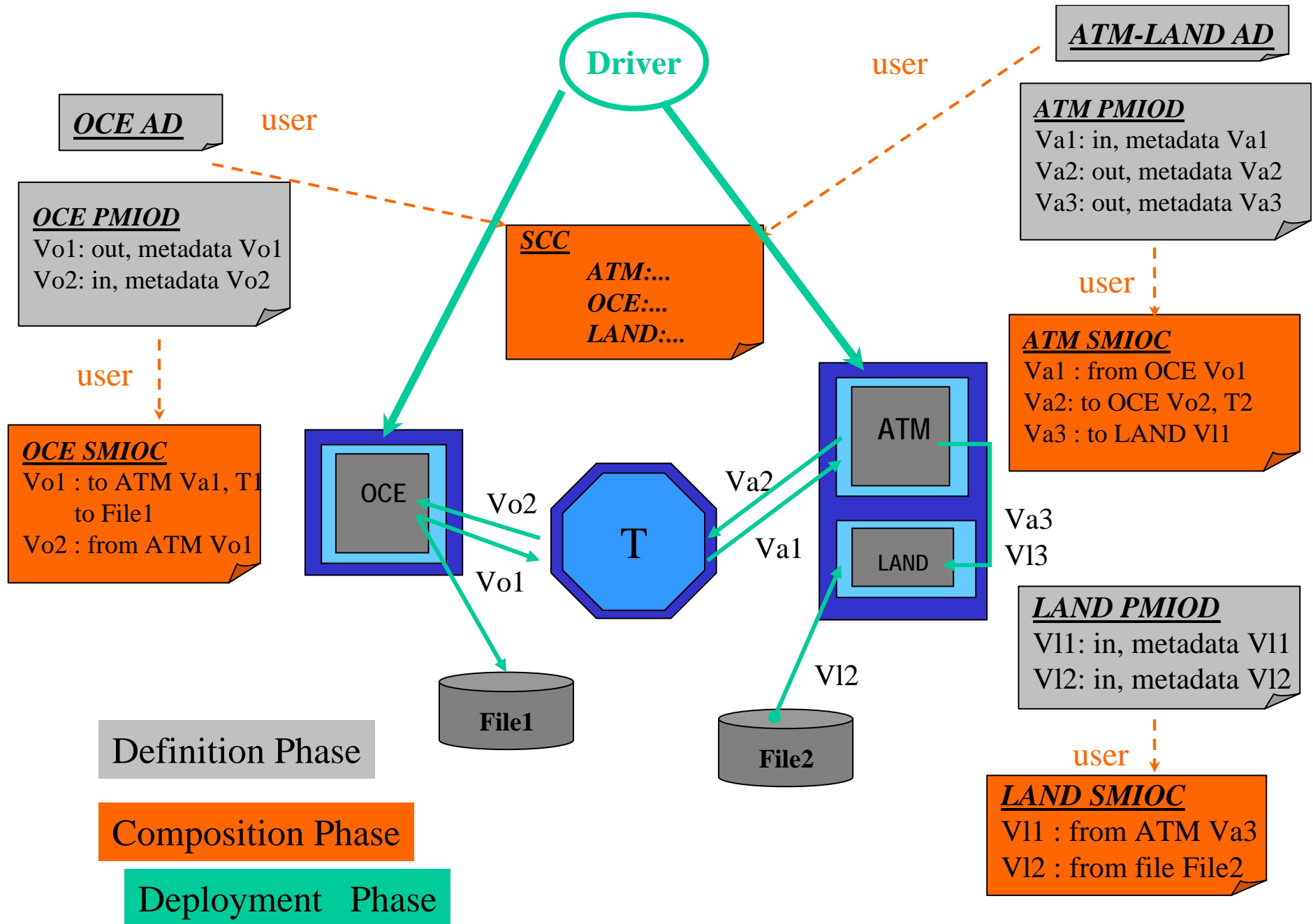
➤ **a Specific Coupling Configuration (SCC):**

- experiment and run start date and end date
- applications, components for each application
- host(s), number of processes per host, ranks for each component

➤ **For each component,**

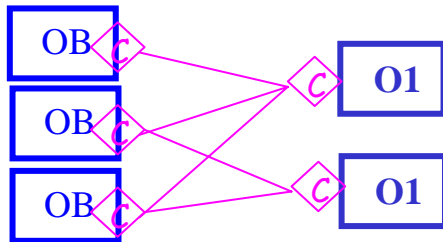
**a Specific Model Input and Output Configuration (SMIOC)**

- grid information: chosen resolution, ...
- I/O or coupling variables:
  - *name, units, valid min max, numerical type, grid*
  - activated intent -input and/or output
  - source and/or target (component and/or file)
  - coupling or I/O dates
  - transformations/interpolations/combinations



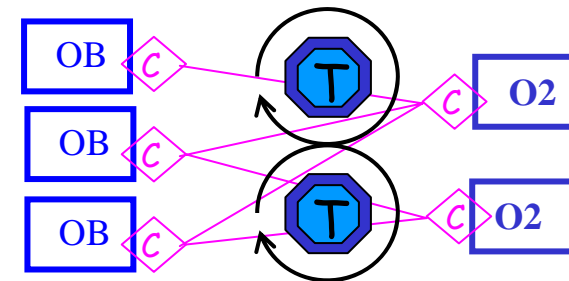
# OASIS4 communication (1/2)

- Model interface library: PSMILe based on MPI1 or MPI2
- Parallel communication including repartitioning:
  - based on geographical description of the partitions
  - parallel calculation of communication patterns in source PSMILe



Same grid, different decomposition  
 ⇒ direct repartitioning:

- for each target point, parallel calculation of source matching point in source PSMILe



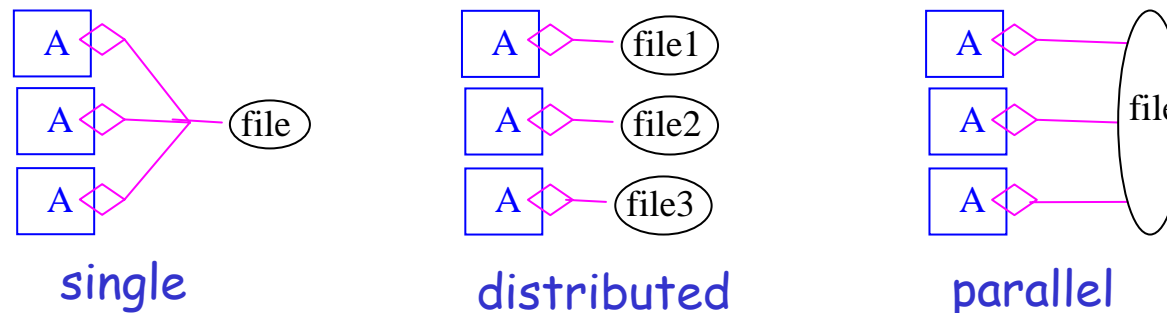
Different grid and decomposition  
 ⇒ via parallel Transformer:

- for each target point, parallel calculation of source interpolation neighbours in source PSMILe



# OASIS4: communication (2/2)

- end-point communication (source doesn't know target and vice-versa)
- parallel 3D neighbourhood search, based on efficient multigrid algorithm, in each source process PSMILE
- extraction of useful part of source field only
- one-to-one, one-to-many
- parallel I/O (vector, bundles, vector bundles) : GFDL mpp\_io, parNetCDF





# OASIS4 regridding/transformations

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- source time transformations (prism\_put):
  - average, accumulation
- target time transformations (prism\_get)
  - time interpolation (for I/O only)
- statistics
- local transformations:
  - addition/multiplication by scalar
- interpolation/regridding (3D):
  - nearest-neighbour 2D in the horizontal, "none" in the vertical
  - nearest-neighbour 3D
  - bilinear in the horizontal, "none" in the vertical
  - bicubic (gradient, 16 nghbrs) in the horizontal, "none" in the vertical
  - trilinear



# Grids supported by OASIS4

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- **Regridding, repartitioning, I/O:**
  - **Regular in lon, lat, vert ("Reglonlatvrt"):**
    - lon(i), lat(j), height(k)
  - **Irregular in lon and lat, regular in the vert ("irrlonlat\_regvrt"):**
    - lon(i,j), lat(i,j), height(k)
  - **Irregular in lon, lat, and vert ("irrlonlatvrt") (*not fully tested*)**
    - lon(i,j,k), lat(i,j,k), height(i,j,k)
  - **Gaussian Reduced in lon and lat, regular in the vert ("Gaussreduced\_regvrt")**
    - lon(nbr\_pt\_hor), lat(nbr\_pt\_hor), height(k)
- **Repartitioning and I/O only:**
  - **"Non-geographical" fields**
    - no geographical information attached
    - local partitions described in the global index space (prism\_def\_partition)
- **I/O only:**
  - **Unstructured grids ("unstructlonlatvrt")**
    - lon(npt\_tot), lat(npt\_tot), height(npt\_tot)



# OASIS4: future developments

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## Short term:

- 2D conservative remapping
- Parallel global search for the interpolation
- Transformer efficiency
- Error messages, debugging info, documentation, user support
- Evaluation of OASIS4 for CICLE (French ANR funded project)
  - LMDZ - OPA9/NEMO (IPSL)
    - reg. atm + reg. ocean + global atm. + global ocean (Météo-France)
- Work on the OASIS4 GUI (prepOASIS4) in collaboration with ECMWF
- Test UK Met Office FCM environment for compiling.
- Coupling workshop (PALM, BFG, FLUME, ESMF, GENIE?)

## Long term:

- Support types of exchange dates other than fixed frequency
- 3D conservative remapping
- User-defined 3D and 2D remapping
- Field reduction, combination
- Full support of unstructured grid
- Support of adaptive grids



# OASIS4: conclusions

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- OASIS4 tested and run with toy examples on:
  - Intel Pentium 4 Workstation Cluster
  - SGI O3000/2000 server with MIPS 4 processors and IRIX64
  - SGI IA64 Linux server Altix 3000
  - NEC SX
  - AMD 2800 Cluster
  - IBM Power 4
- OASIS4 now being used in a reduced number of real applications:
  - IN EU project GEMS, for atmospheric dynamic and chemistry coupling
  - At SMHI, for ocean-atmosphere regional coupling
  - At UK Met Office for global ocean-atmosphere coupling (currently prototyping)
  - At GFDL, for MOM4 + toy atmosphere coupling
  - At IFM-GEOMAR (Kiel) in pseudo-models to interpolate high-resolution fields.
- OASIS4 full public release planned beginning 2007.



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The end