PDAF's Data Model

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About PDAF

A computational framework for ensemble data assimilation

- Aimed at large-scale problems
- Optimized for optimal compute performance and memory usage
- Naturally parallel using MPI (Compilation without MPI possible using dummy-MPI)
- Applied with between 1 and 4096 processor cores

Further

- Easy connectivity to models (extending a model by a few subroutine calls)
- Provide parallel ensemble integration for non-parallel models



Core part of PDAF

"The analysis step" (for various filters)

Operate entirely on vectors and matrices

Independent from model and observations

Dimensions: size of state vector (INTEGER) size of observation vector

size of ensemble

- Arrays: state vector
- (REAL) ensemble matrix

observation vector

(plus internal temporary arrays)

Parallelization: Assume domain decomposition (sub-states, mode-decomp. variant exists)



Connection of PDAF with model

Single executable (DA-extended model) (typical, but separate executables possible)

In-memory information transfer

2 routines (implemented by user):

get_state: Initialize model fields from an ensemble state vector

put_state: Initialize ensemble state vector from model fields

Routine to analyze ensemble:

prepoststep

(e.g. for compute variances, write fields, etc.)



Handling of Observations

User-implemented routines:

init_dim_obs: Initialize size of observation vector

init_obs: Initialize observation vector

obs_op: Apply observation operator to a state vector

Observation error covariance matrix R – depends on filter

SEIK/ETKF/SEEK/ESTKF:

prodRinvA:Product of inverse of R with some matrixEnKF

add_obs_error: Add R to some matrix.

Additional routines for localization

Implementation up to the user (for optimal performance)

