



# Porting OptClim Optimisation system to ARCHER2

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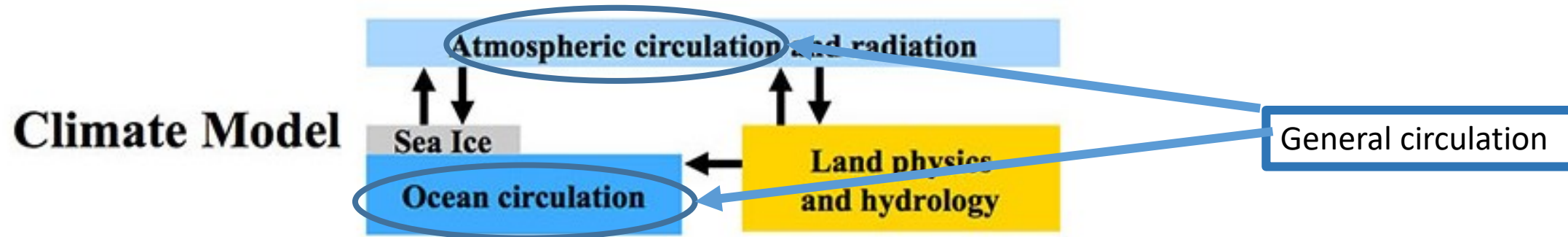
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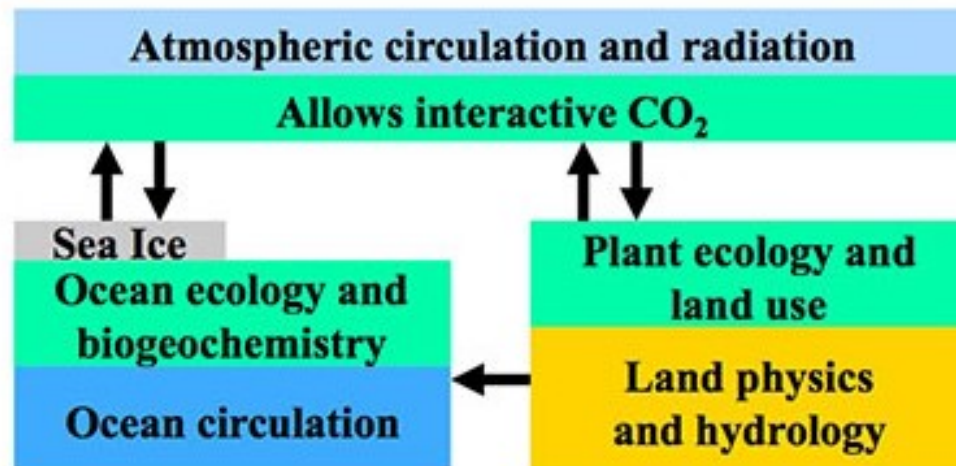
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# An Earth System Model (ESM) closes the carbon cycle



## Earth System Model



Models we can now use in OptClim on ARCHER2:

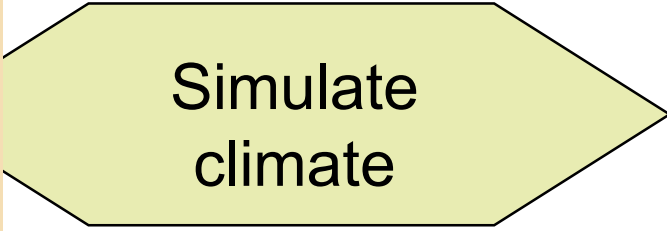
- MITgcm (general circulation)
- CESM2
- UKESM-1

CANOPY WATER AFTER TIMESTEP	KG/M2
SNOW AMOUNT OVER LAND AFT TSTP	KG/M2
SURFACE TEMPERATURE AFTER TIMESTEP	
BOUNDARY LAYER DEPTH AFTER TIMESTEP	

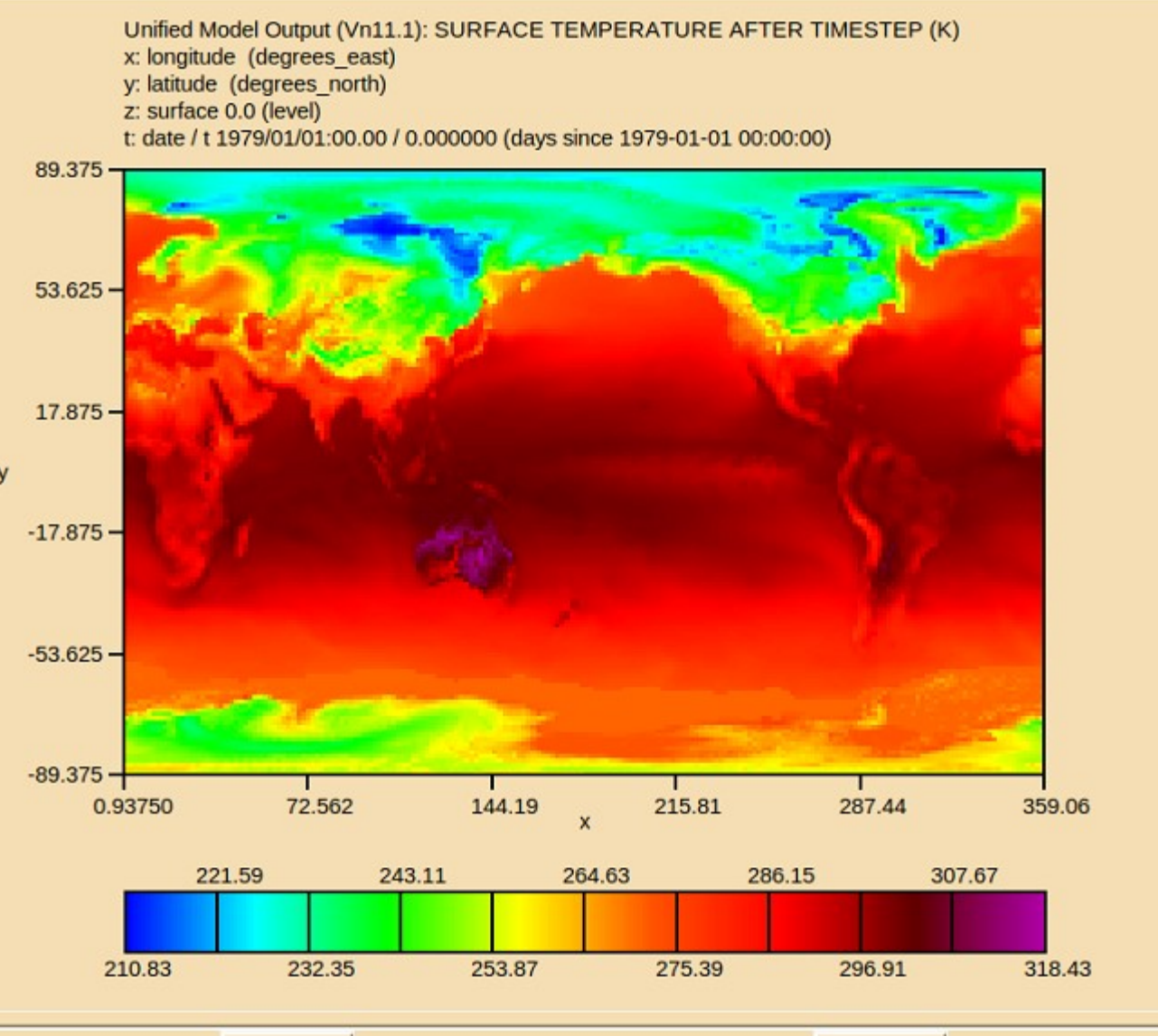
# Schematic of a model

Initial state

Ancillary data



New state



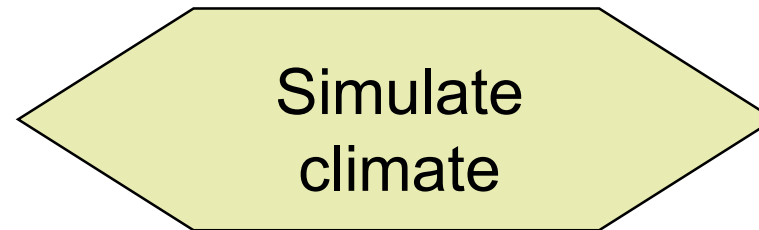
# Schematic of a model

```
....  
CT=5.0e-05  
ENTCOEFF=1.87  
.....
```

Parameter  
values

Initial state

Ancillary data



Simulate  
climate

New state

Typical use:

- Copy a reference model
- Change some parameters/processes
- Run simulation
- Post process results
- Compare with reference

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# Responding to uncertainties in models

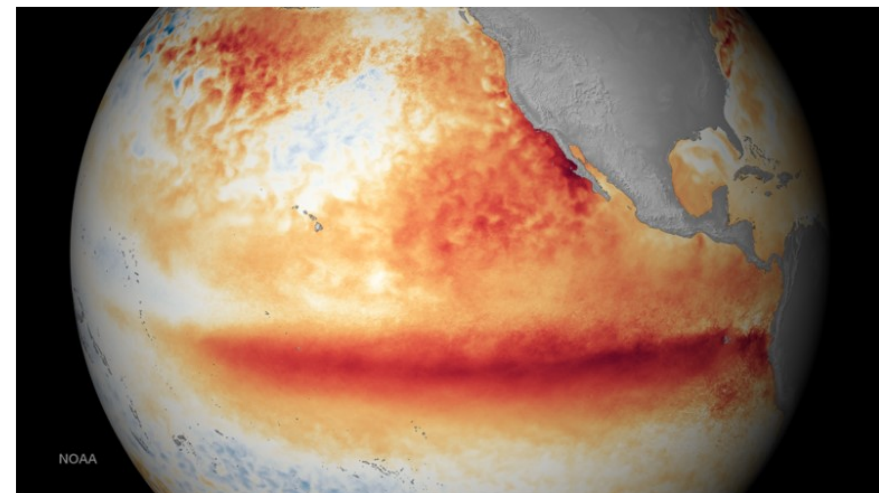
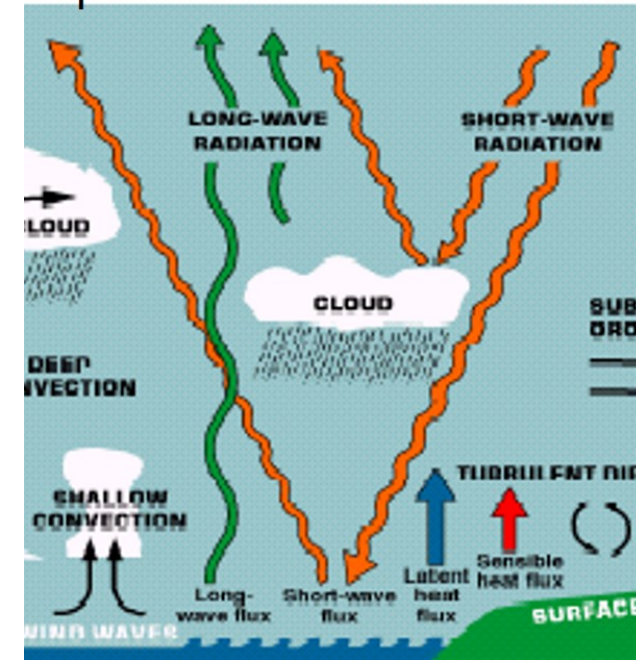
- Parametrised processes

OptClim: find parameter values that best fit observation.

- Imperfect tracking of historical time-series with systematic change

Particle filtering, based on an ensemble of simulations

From Kevin Trenberth, NCAR



Credit: [NOAA National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service \(NESDIS\)](https://www.noaa.gov/data-and-information)



# What's different about these models?

## Characteristics

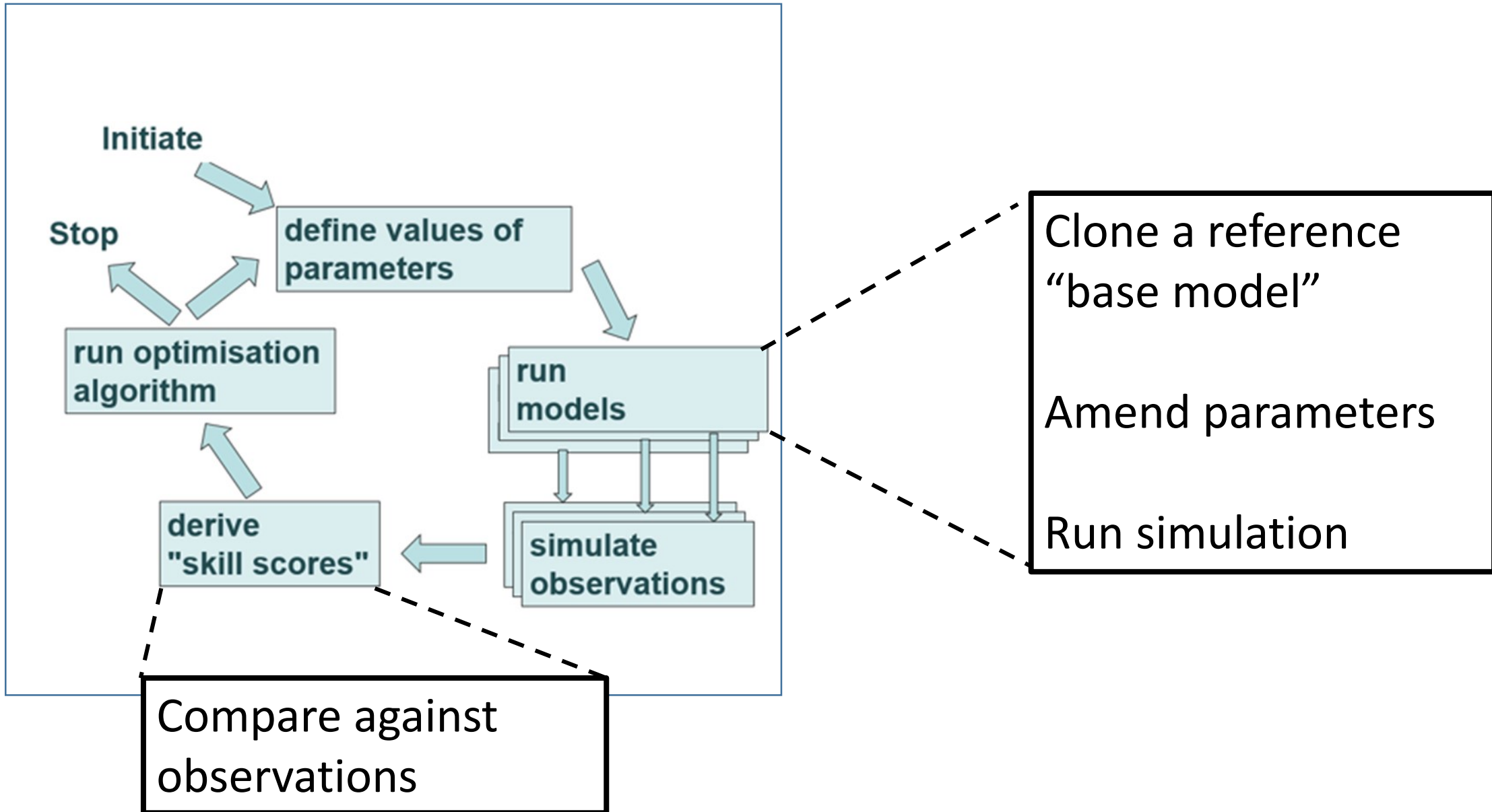
1. Expensive run times
2. These are deterministic models



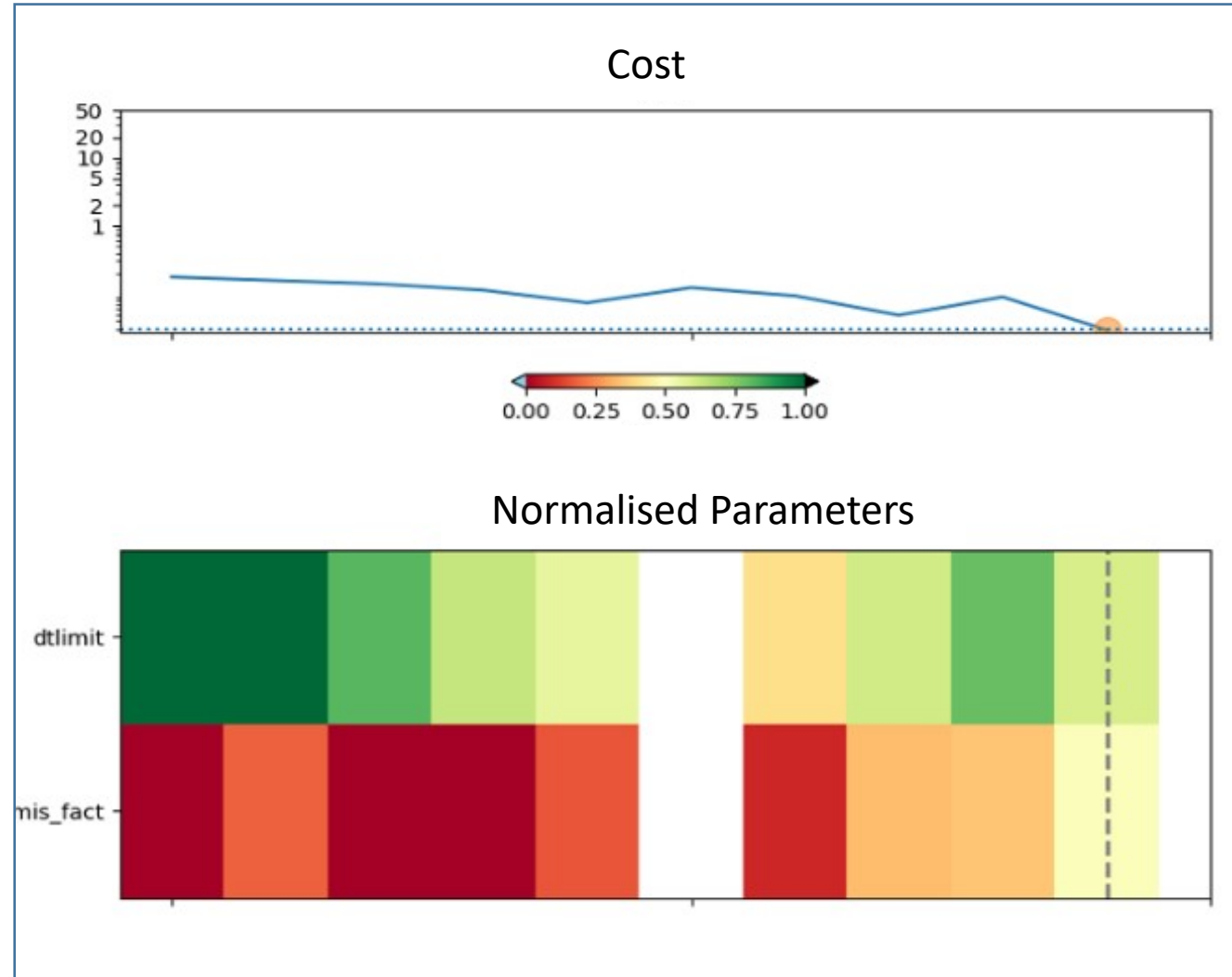
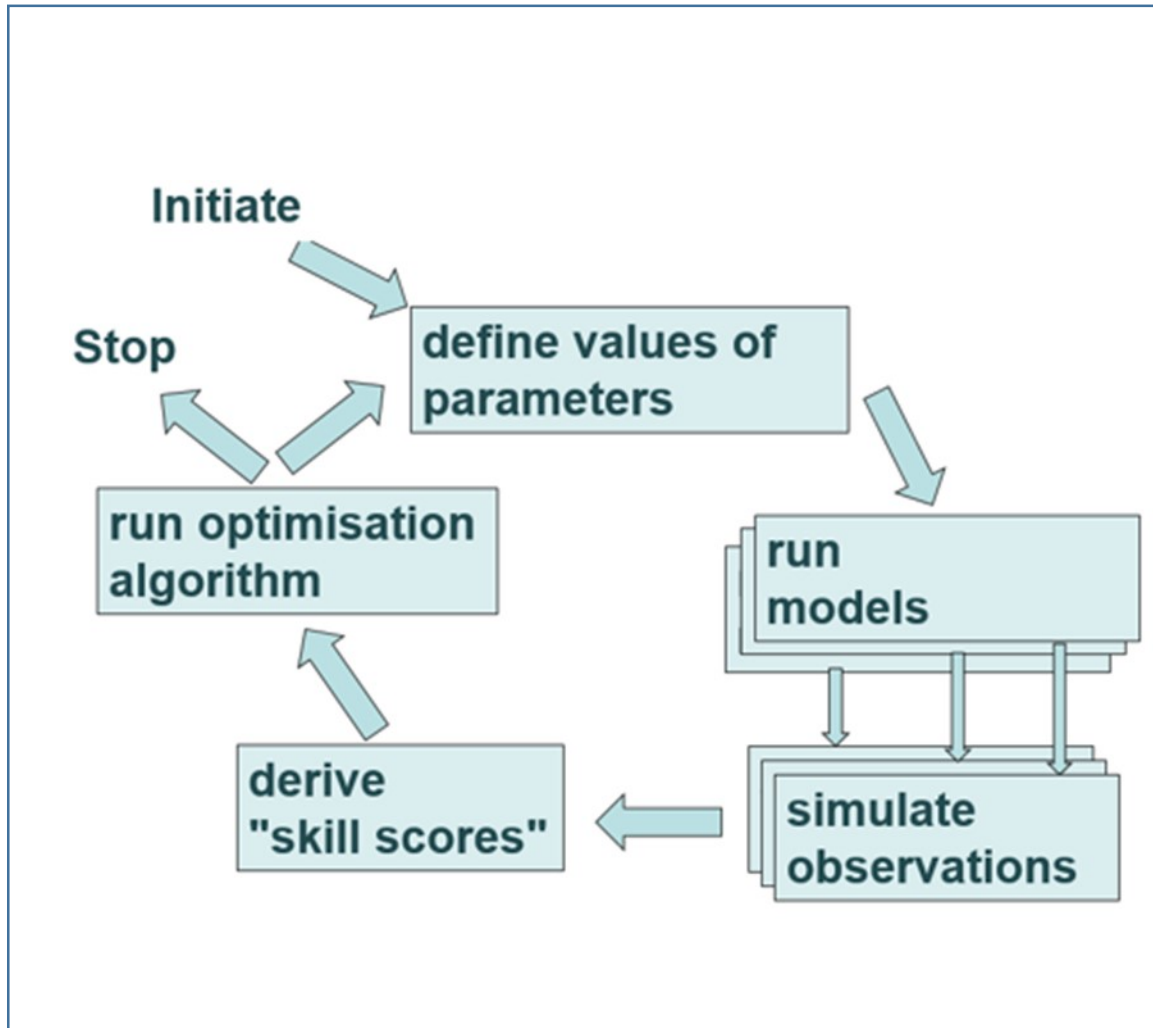
## Consequences

1. Need to minimise number of runs
2. Potential for algorithmic approaches

# OptClim: Schematic and Illustration



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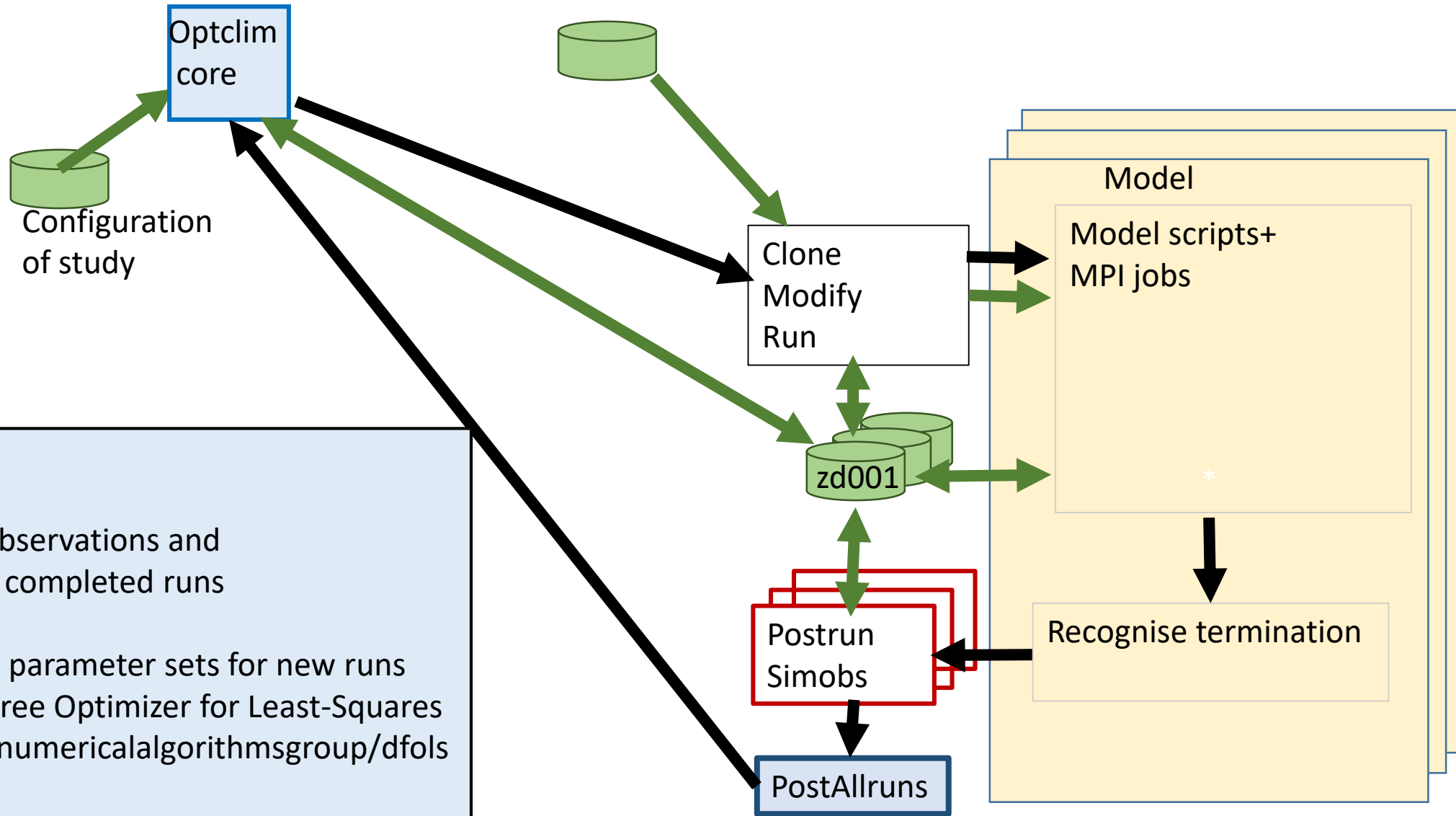


System test with dummy "observations"

# OptClim

## Interface Directories:

Studies/zd/...  
../zd001  
../zd002  
../zd003



## OptClim core

Gathers simulated observations and parameter values of completed runs

Optimiser generates parameter sets for new runs  
DFOLS : Derivative-Free Optimizer for Least-Squares  
<https://github.com/numericalalgorithmsgroup/dfols>

# OptClim

**Configuration**  
Parameters  
Simobs script  
Simobs targets  
Optimiser



Configuration  
of study

Optclim  
core

Base run



Data



Control



Clone  
Modify  
Run

Model

Model scripts+  
MPI jobs

zd001

Postrun  
Simobs

Recognise termination  
Release "postrun" job

## Batch workflow in one iteration

Release by model

Postrun  
Simobs   Postrun  
Simobs   Postrun  
Simobs  
Array of held jobs

PostAllruns  
Runs optclim core

PostAllruns

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# Port of OptClim2 to ARCHER2

- OptClim2 runs on University cluster Eddie (with UM4.5)
- Goals:
  - Minimise code redevelopment – use existing code from Eddie
  - Port to ARCHER2 (Slurm job management)
  - Add support for three exemplar models
    - MITgcm-ECCO
    - CESM2
    - UKESM 1
- Outcome:
  - “Beta release” level: some support probably needed (and offered on best-efforts basis) for new users of OptClim with these models.

# 1<sup>st</sup> phase: MITgcm-ECCOv4

Has directories for:  
src, bld, run; simple scripts.

- Base model
  - Add a command to Slurm script
- Clone:
  - Copies the run directory
- Modify params in namelists:
  - Current OptClim code  
f90nml.py
- Run:
  - Simple Slurm command sbatch





# 2<sup>nd</sup> phase: CESM models - layer above Slurm

Web service serves models and data.  
Uses workflow and commands above  
Slurm

- Base model:
  - Use modified workflow for OptClim
- Clone
  - Call CESM clone command
- Modify parameters:  
write to simple text file
- Run
  - Call CESM run command



# 3<sup>rd</sup> phase: UKESM – most complex

- Rose & Cylc run the model suites from server PUMA

Communication from OptClim to PUMA is the challenge.



# Running UKESM on ARCHER2

## PUMA

### Rose/cylc server

Suite defines a model using text files.  
(and an optional GUI)

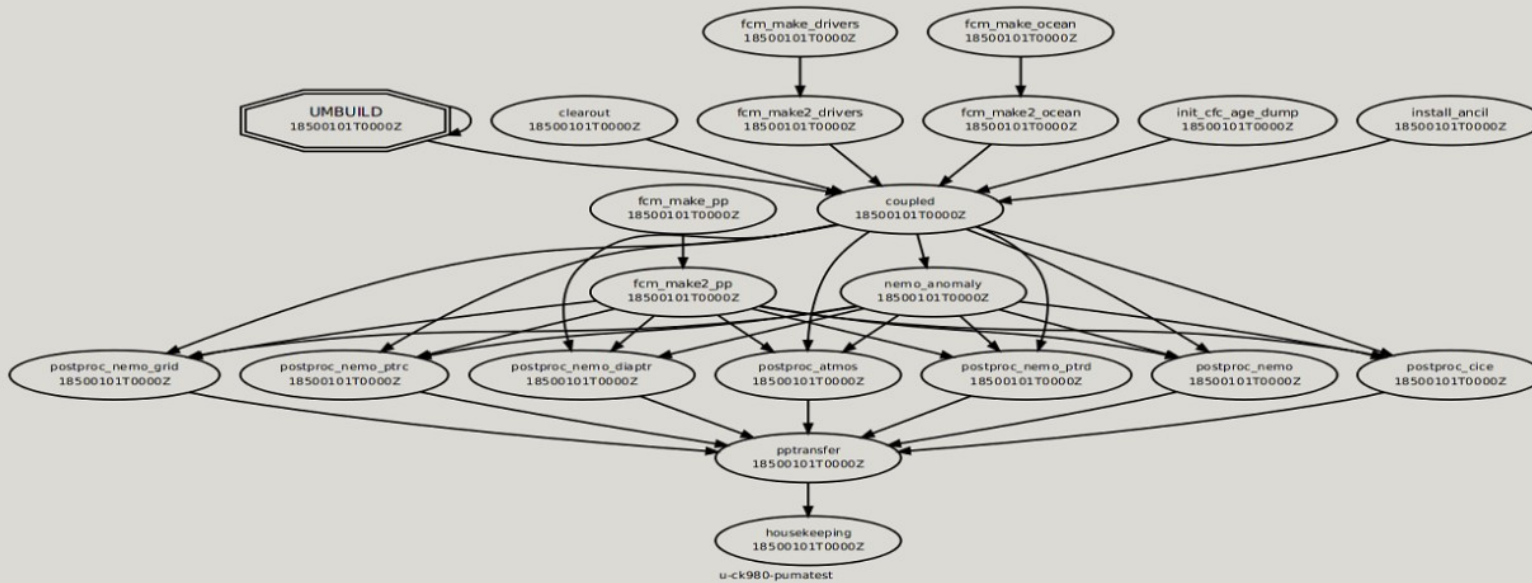
“rose suite-run”

## ARCHER2

### Rose/Cylc tasks

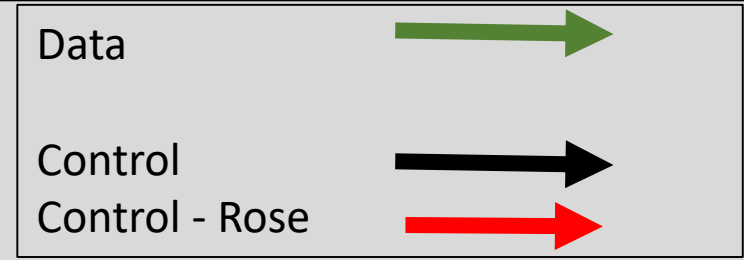
build

run \*



u-ck980-pumatst

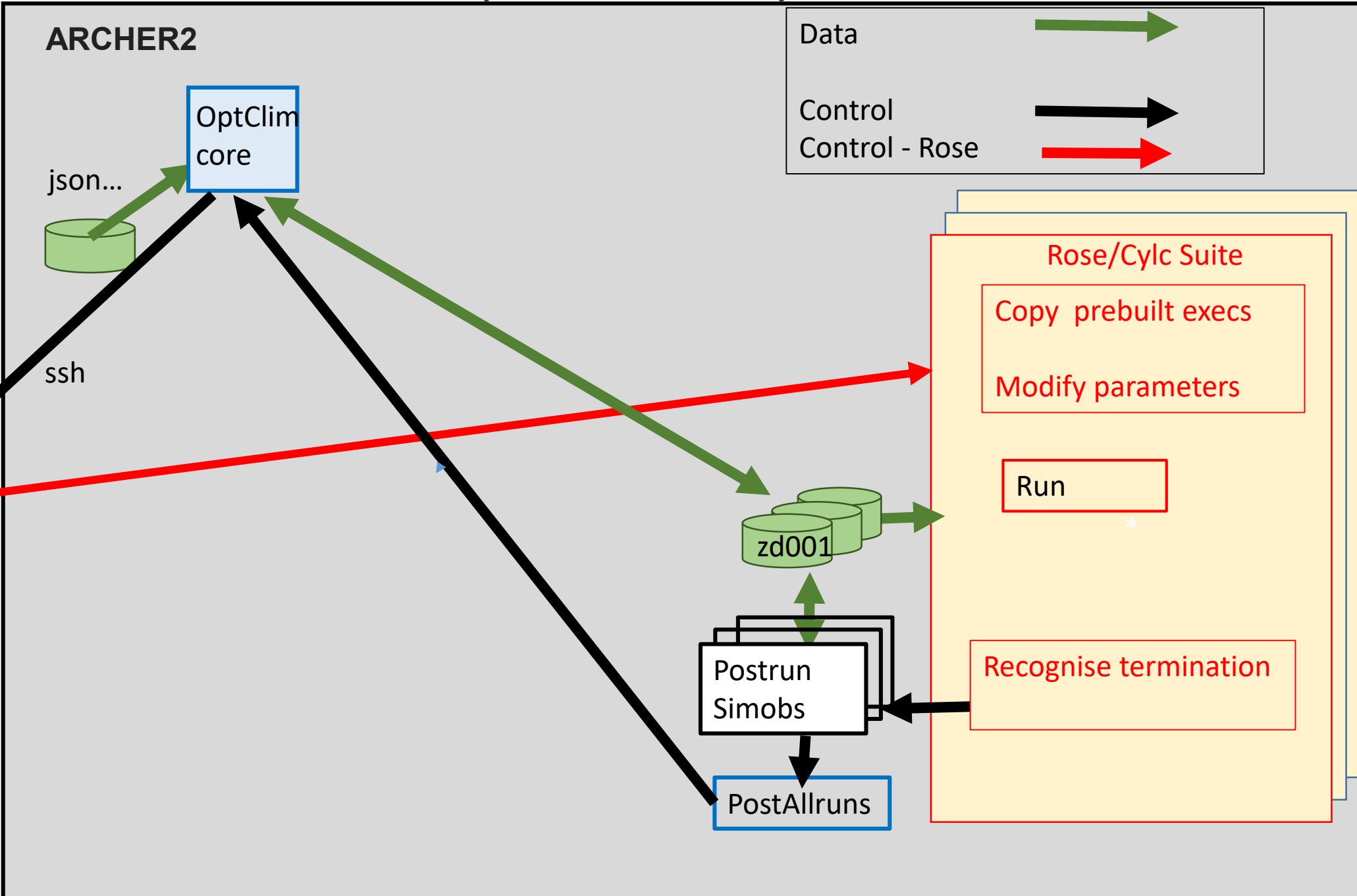
# ARCHER2 – OptClim and UKESM plan



**PUMA**  
Rose/cylc server

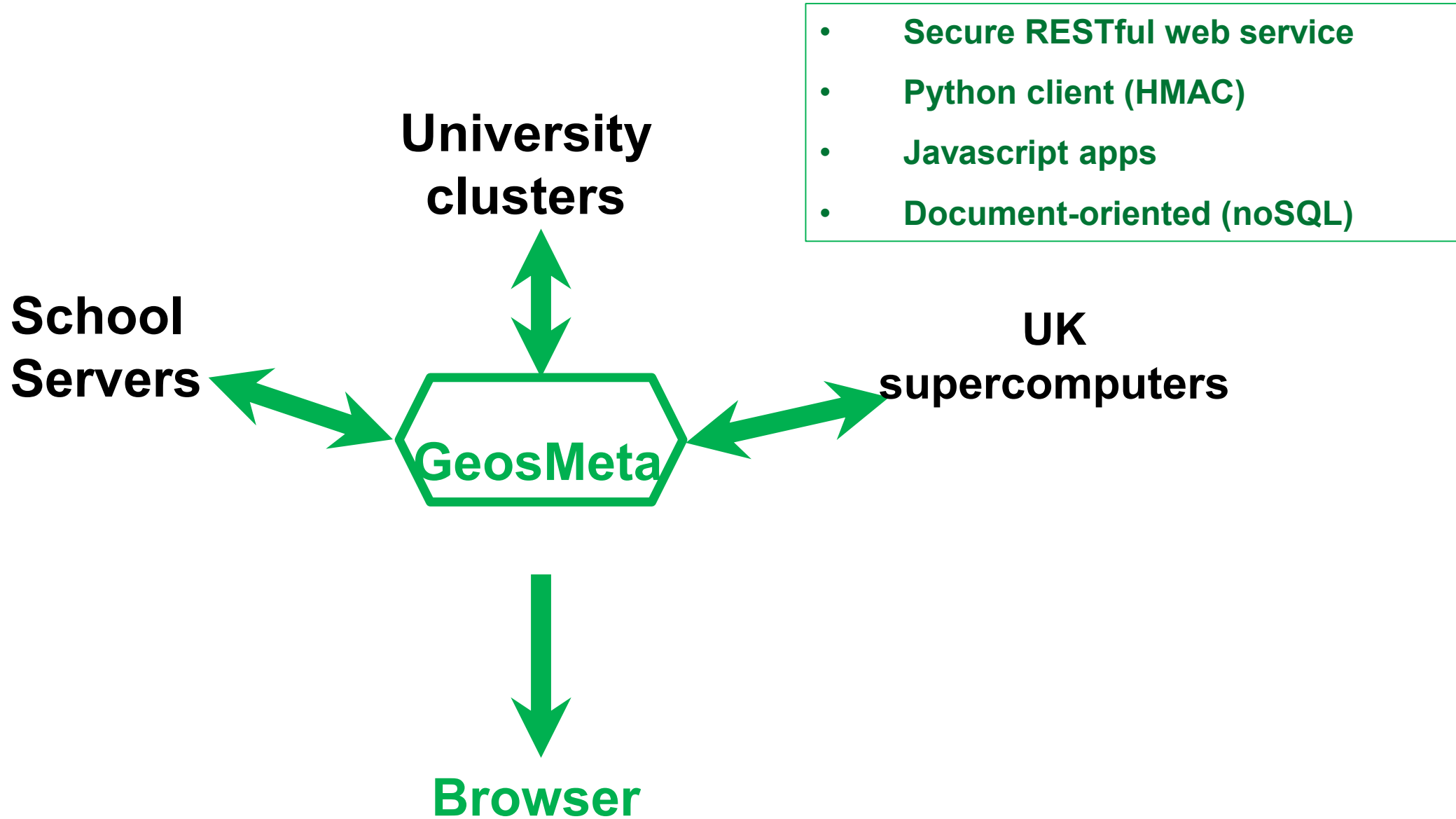
“Base”  
Rose/Cylc suite

for each new model  
Clone by copy  
“rose suite-run”





# GeosMeta: flexible service to hold metadata



# Using GeosMeta to pass messages

## MESSAGE CONTENTS

Document type: "suiteRequest"

Base suite name

Interface directory path

Status: clone needed / request received.



Good news:

\* Use GeosMeta as message passing layer

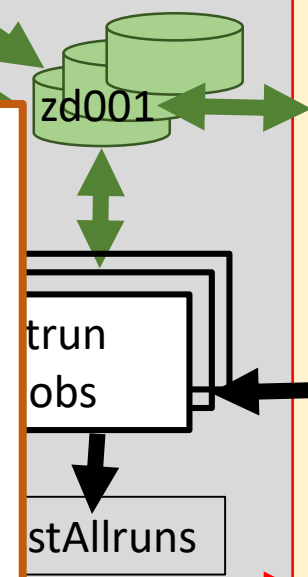
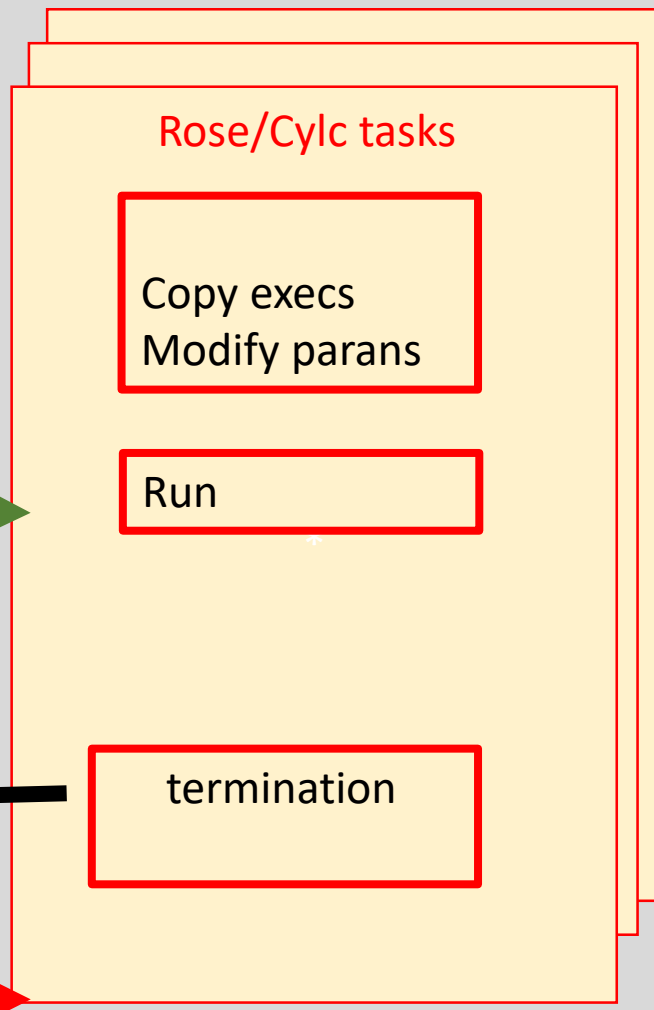
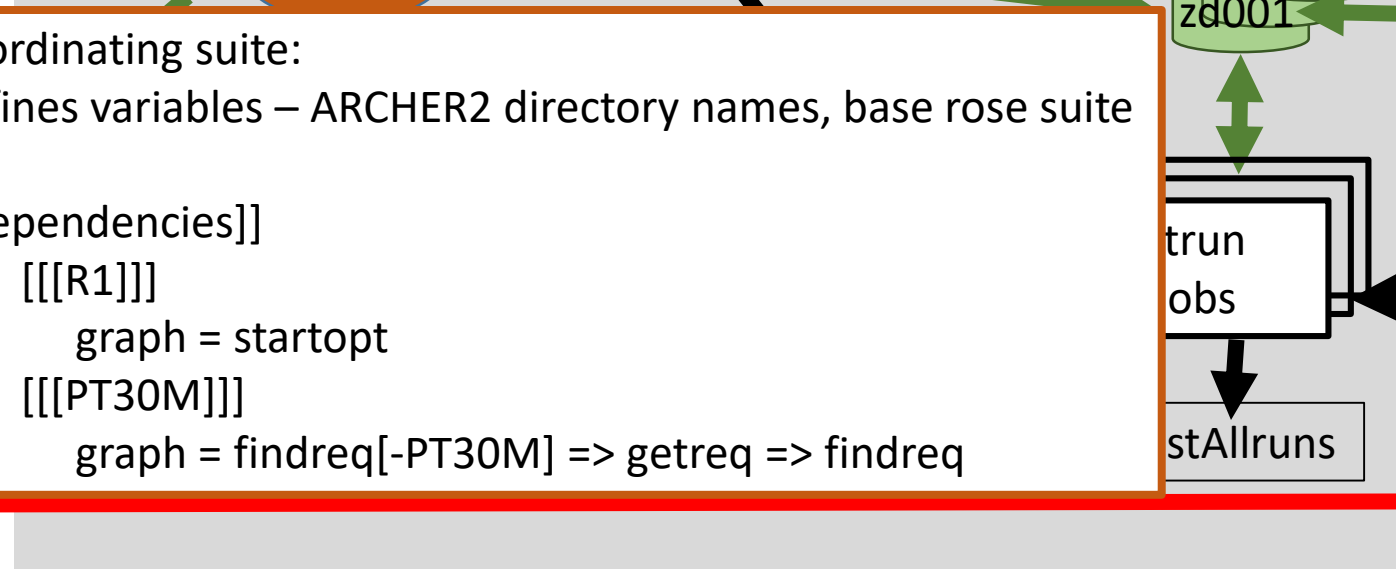
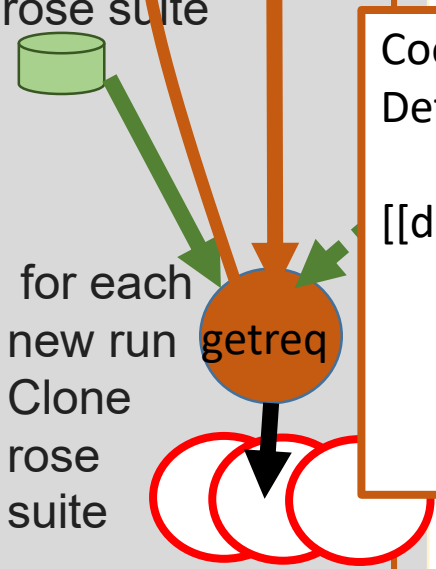
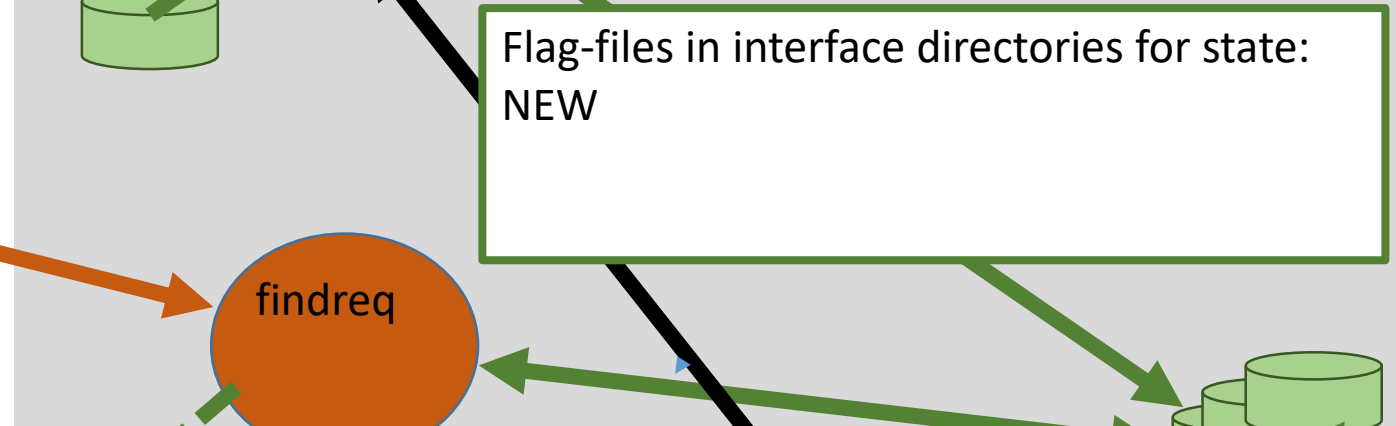
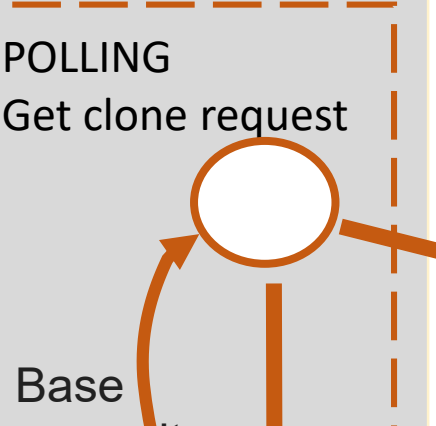
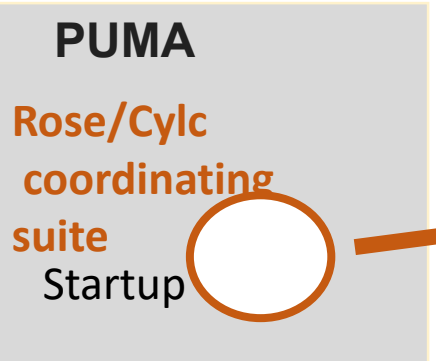
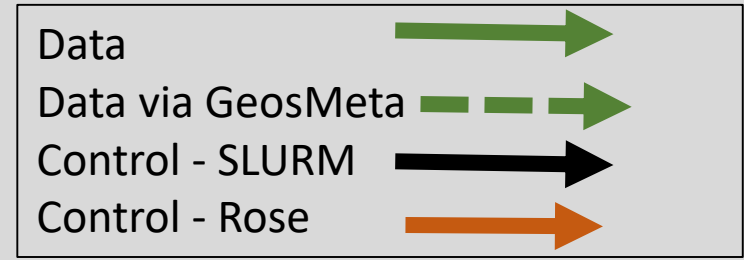
Bad news:

Dependency on GeosMeta admin.

Hoped-for news:

\* New PUMA in ARCHER2

# ARCHER2 – OptClim and UKESM





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## PUMA

Rose/Cylc  
coordinating  
suite

Startup

## ARCHER2

Optclim  
core

json...

Data

Data via GeosMeta

Control - SLURM

Control - Rose

Base suite:

optclim\_prerun => UM => optclim\_postrun

optclim\_prerun:

copy preexisting executables  
run the script to amend parameters

optclim\_postrun

Runs the script optclim\_finished which releases the held array  
job for this run.

Set up a link to the location of the model output  
Update the file state to "finished"

Rose/Cylc tasks

Copy execs  
Modify parans

Run

postrun task

POLLING

Get clone req

Base  
rose suite

for each  
new run getreq

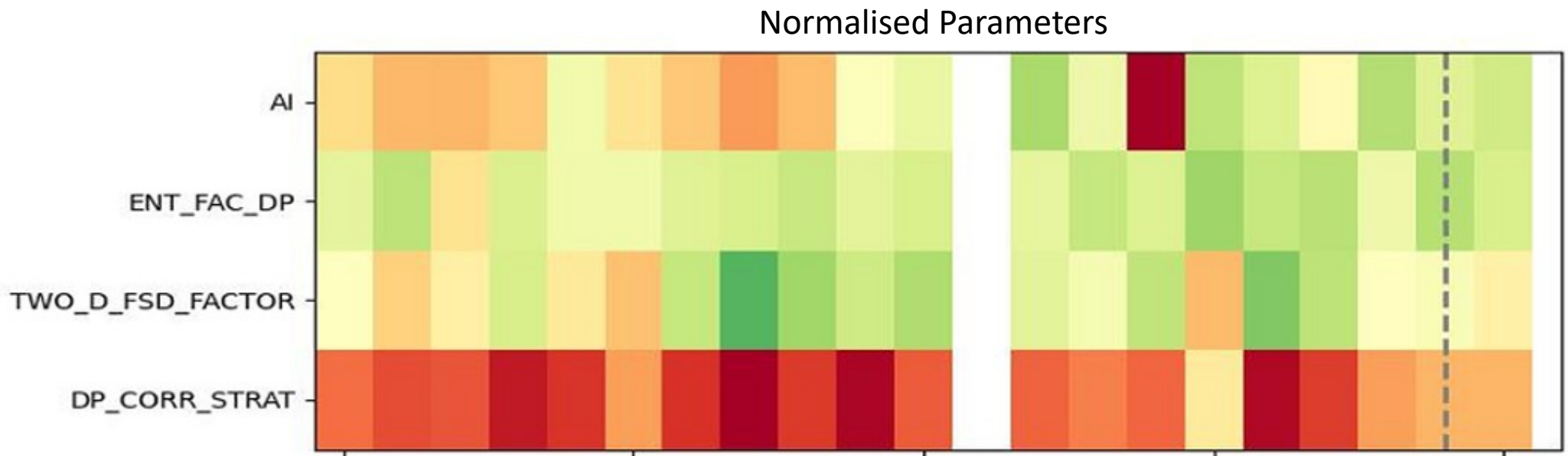
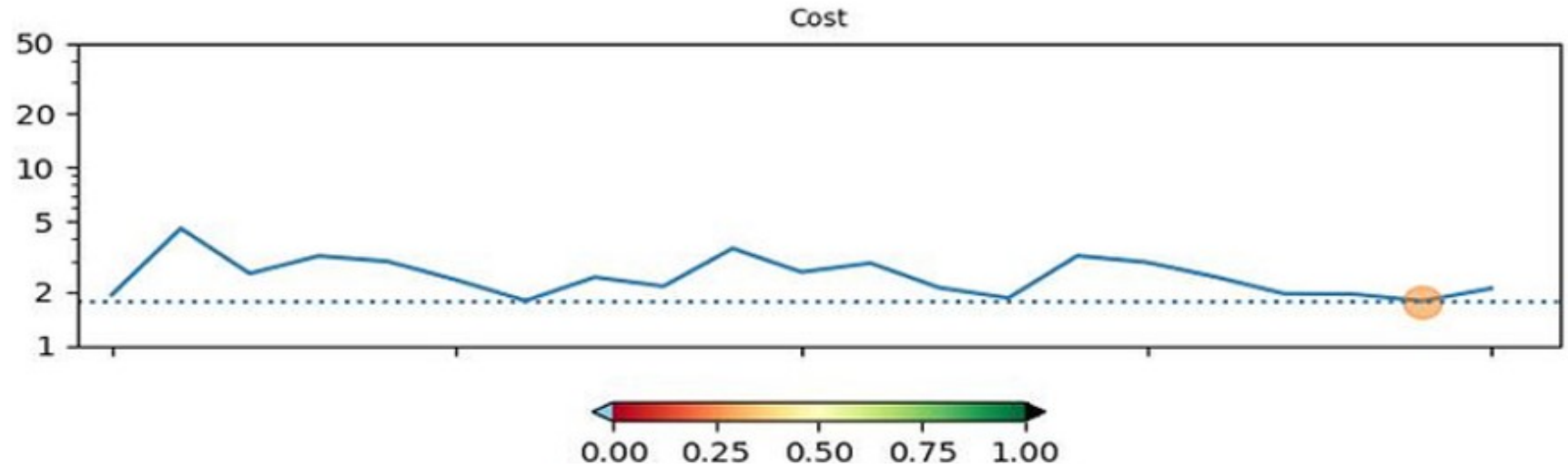
Clone  
rose  
suite

zd001

Postrun  
Simobs

PostAllruns

# OptClim: “Real-world” trial: u-be303, Atmosphere only UM11 UKESM1.0



# Guidance for potential users of OptClim

## Need to:

- Select parameters, observations
- Write code to make simulated observations

## May need some support

- Installing and configuring OptClim for first time

## Initial users with UKESM will need some support:

- Models' suites vary in style: how to add pre/post run tasks
- UKESM requires use of GeosMeta: easy to set up but with admin support from Edinburgh

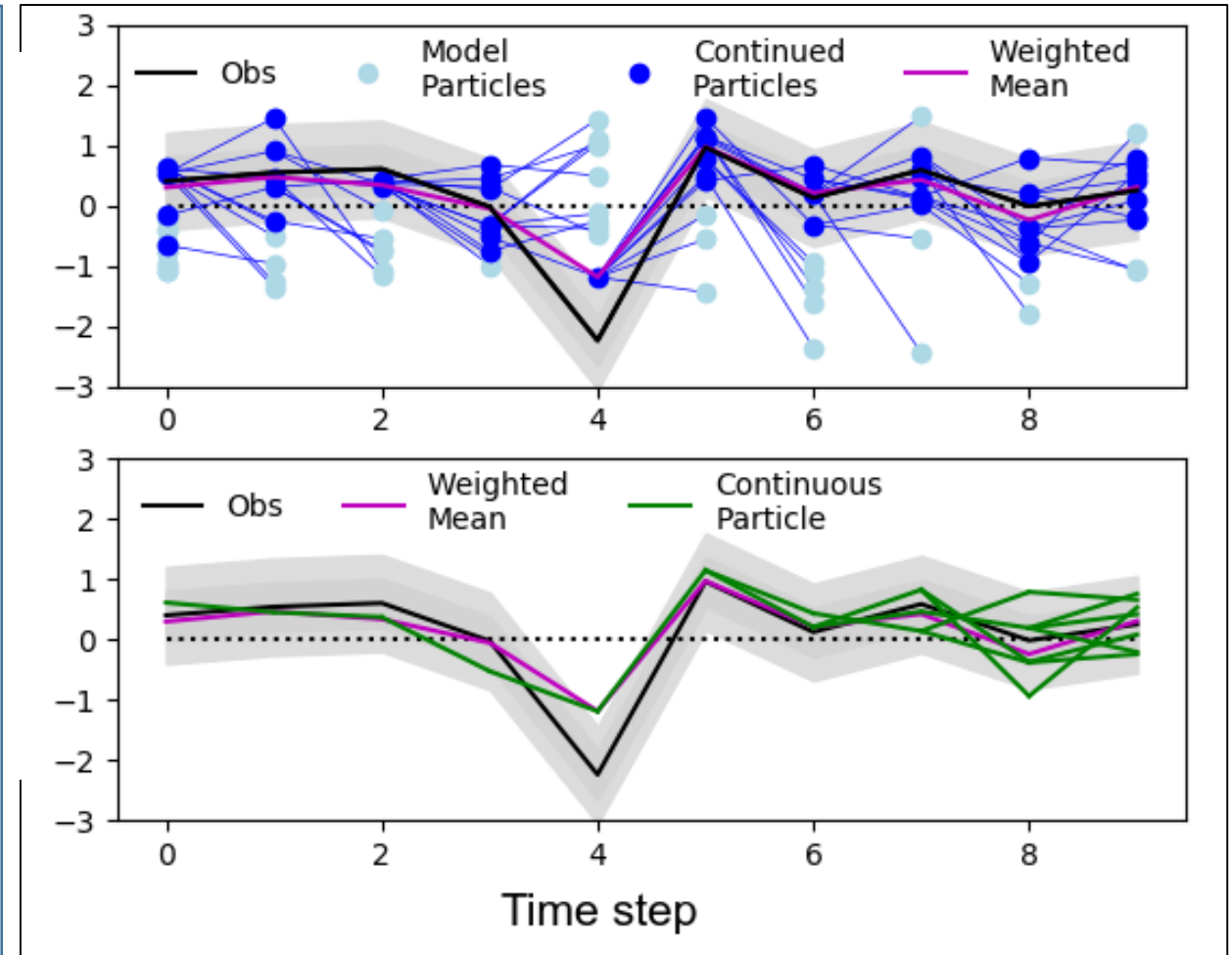
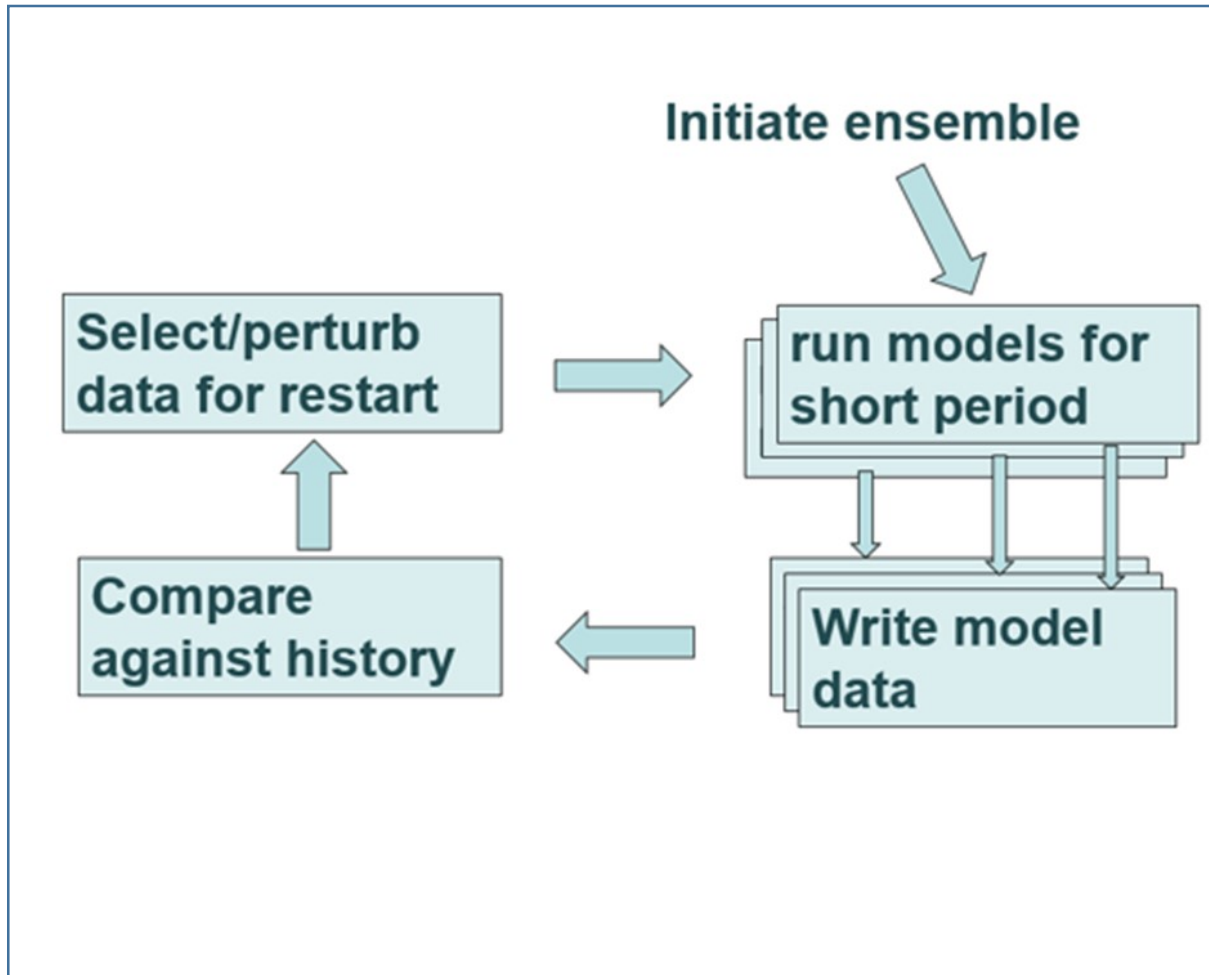
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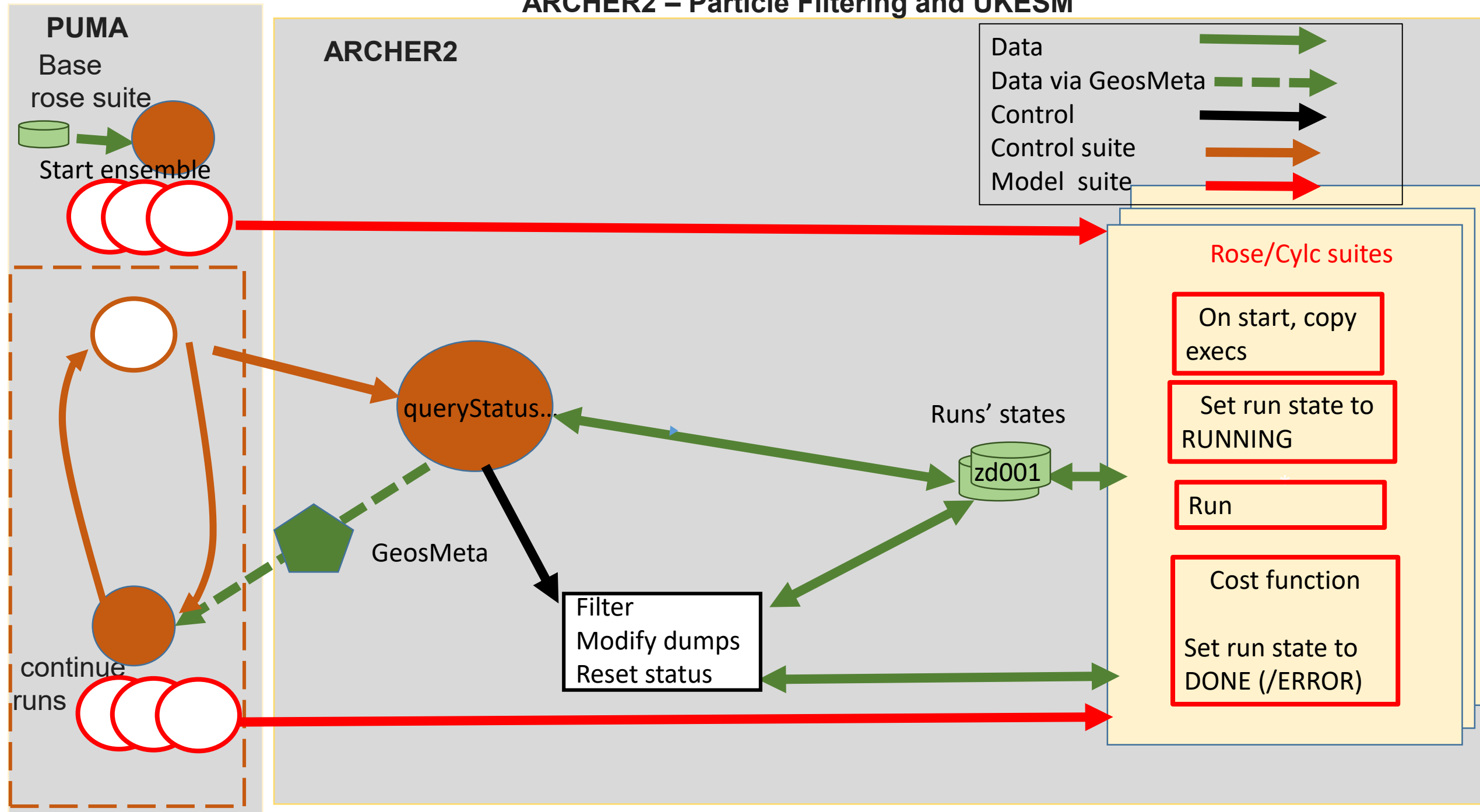
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A Schurer et al.

# Particle Filtering for UKESM on ARCHER2

- Porting Objectives
  - Minimise code – learning from ARCHER2-OptClim
  - Test with u-cc519: standard N48 suite at UM11.8.
- User provides:
  - Historical data
  - Goodness of fit
  - Perturbation of restart data
- Status
  - Tested the system with dummy filtering
  - Real-world example en-route

# ARCHER2 – Particle Filtering and UKESM



# Summary: in response to models' uncertainties

- Ported OptClim to ARCHER2
  - Uses OptClim workflow in Slurm
  - Supports MITgcm, CESM, UKESM
  - “Beta”: some support needed – UKESM especially
- Implemented Particle Filtering with UKESM on ARCHER2
  - Different workflow – polling from the “coordinating” Rose suite
  - Tested the system with dummy filtering
  - Real-world example en-route



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