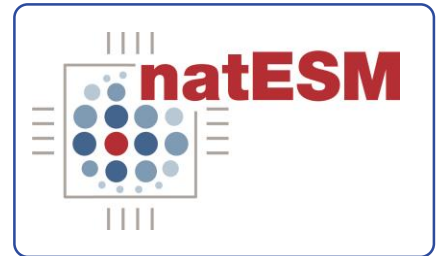


Generic concepts of ICON ComIn

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Intro: Plugin mechanism for ICON

Demo script that runs alongside the ICON simulation:

```
import comin ←  
import numpy as np
```

```
comin.var_request_add(("my_var", 1), False)
```

```
@comin.register_callback(  
    comin.EP_SECONDARY_CONSTRUCTOR)  
def simple_python_constructor():  
    global pres, my_var  
    print("simple_python_constructor called!")  
    pres = comin.var_get(  
        [comin.EP_ATM_WRITE_OUTPUT_BEFORE],  
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    my_var = comin.var_get(  
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        ("my_var", 1))
```

```
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def simple_python_diagfct():  
    np.asarray(my_var)[:] = 42.
```

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def simple_python_destructor():  
    print("simple_python_destructor called!")
```



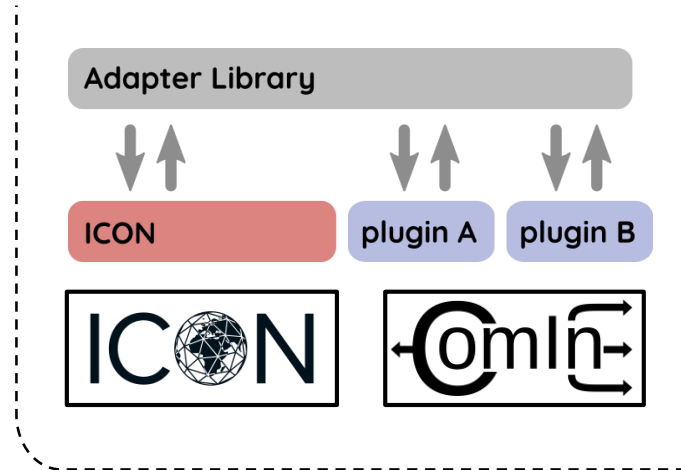
ComIn = ICON Community Interface

The community interface

- connects 3rd party modules to the ICON host model
- regulates the access and creation of model variables
- plugin functions are called at pre-defined events

Shared libraries for Fortran or C/C++ plugins.

Python plugins run without compilation process.



Project started 2022 as a collaboration between **DWD**, **DLR-IPA** and **DKRZ**.

ComIn is part of the Open Source Release of ICON 2024.01 ^[1].

Note: Similar solutions exist for the NOAA models or the IFS ^[2].



Running an existing plugin



Plugging into ICON's control flow

About 40 entry points

- Ex.: `EP_ATM_WRITE_OUTPUT_BEFORE`

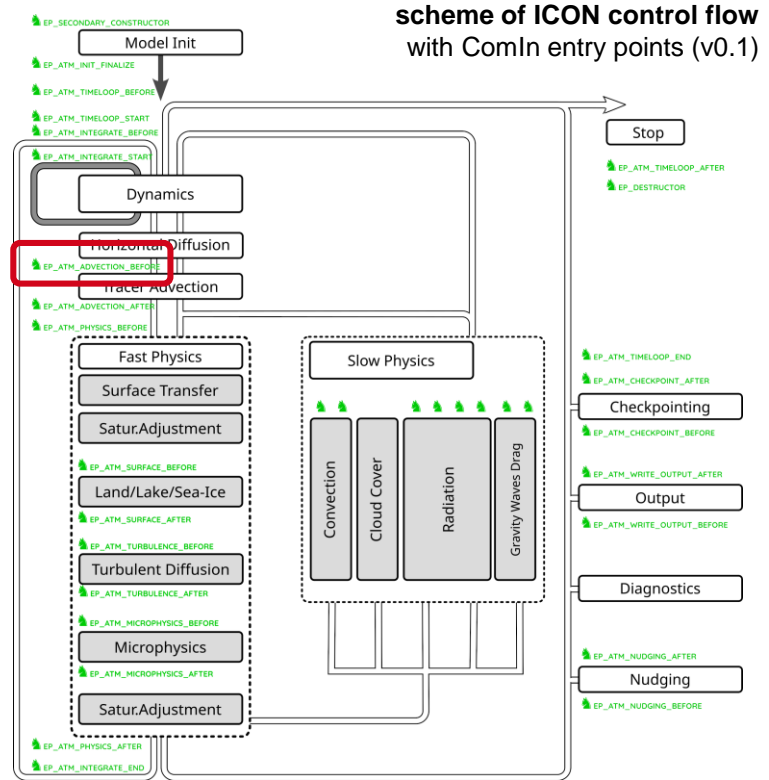
“before/after” nomenclature

`EP_<COMP>_<PROCESS|LOOP>_<[BEFORE|AFTER|START|END]>`

- ICON host model: look out for
`CALL icon_call_callback(...)`

- dependent on namelist settings and program flow
- preliminary and easily expandable!
Feedback welcome!

ComIn
entry points



How to enable ICON ComIn

ComIn is a switchable external ICON package contained in the ICON release <https://gitlab.dkrz.de/icon/icon-model>.

```
../config/dkrz/levante.gcc --enable-comin
```

- Alternatively, you can download a standalone version. ComIn releases published independently from ICON ^[1].
- The [Python adapter](#) itself is implemented as a ComIn plugin written in C++. It comes together with the ComIn library and embeds the Python interpreter.

Root directory: **icon**

config

externals

run

src

support

build



User guide, technical description ... <https://icon-comin.gitlab-pages.dkrz.de/comin>



configure --enable-comin ... and then what?

Register your plugin in the host model via namelist.



```
&comin_nml  
  plugin_list(1)%name           = "comin_plugin"  
  plugin_list(1)%plugin_library = "libpython_adapter.so"  
  plugin_list(1)%options        = "comin_plugin.py"  
/  
  filename of the Python script is passed as an option
```

multiple plugins can be attached

Optional: non-standard name of constructor, MPI communicator, user-specified plugin arguments (character string)

Developing a plugin



primary constructor / callback function(s) / descriptive data structures / variable access



Primary constructor: registers the plugin and additional variables.

- Note: In Fortran or C/C++ plugins, the primary constructor is a separate subroutine; for Python this is simply the main body.
- API functions are exposed in the Python module `comin`, needs to be imported.



```
import comin
```

variables are identified
by name + domain ID

```
var_descriptor = ("comin_process_id", jg)
```

```
comin.var_request_add(var_descriptor, lmodexclusive=False)
```

```
comin.metadata_set(var_descriptor, zaxis_id = comin.COMIN_ZAXIS_2D)
```

main purpose of the primary constructor:
request additional variables

Building blocks ... Secondary constructor


By the term **secondary constructor** we denote an entry point at the end of ICON's initialization. That's the first time when you can obtain readable and writable pointers to the ICON data fields.

```
myvar = comin.var_get([comin.EP_ATM_WRITE_OUTPUT_BEFORE],  
                    ("comin_process_id", jg),  
                    flag=comin.COMIN_FLAG_WRITE)
```

this tells ComIn about the context,
ie. the entry point where we use the variable

this is a variable handle!
see next slide.

again, ComIn identifies variables
by name + domain ID



Descriptive data structures contain information on the ICON setup and the simulation:

```
domain = comin.descrdata_get_domain(jg)  
clon = np.asarray(domain.cells.clon)
```

Callbacks for specific entry points are realized as custom Python functions.

- registered with ComIn by adding a **function decorator**
- note: the secondary constructor is a callback like any other



```
@comin.register_callback(comin.EP_ATM_WRITE_OUTPUT_BEFORE)
def simple_python_callbackfct():
    myvar_array = np.asarray(myvar)
```

function decorator with entry point ID

variable handle from the previous slide

Access to the variable data is provided via NumPy/CuPy objects.

```
import comin
import numpy as np
```

primary constructor:
request additional ICON variable

```
comin.var_request_add(("my_var", 1), False)
```

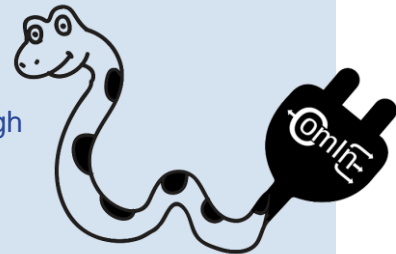
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        ("pres", 1))
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        ("my_var", 1))
```

secondary constructor: get variable handles

callbacks: register function callbacks through Python decorators

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See the ComIn release code for more demo plugins (Fortran, C/C++, Python).

Building blocks: Summary

```
import comin
import numpy as np
```

primary constructor:
request additional ICON variable

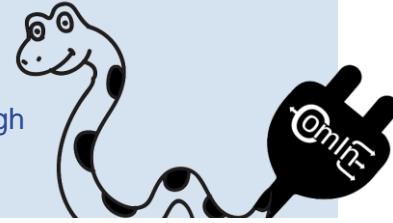
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    global pres, my_var
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    my_var = comin.var_get(
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         ("my_var", 1)])
```

secondary constructor: get variable handle

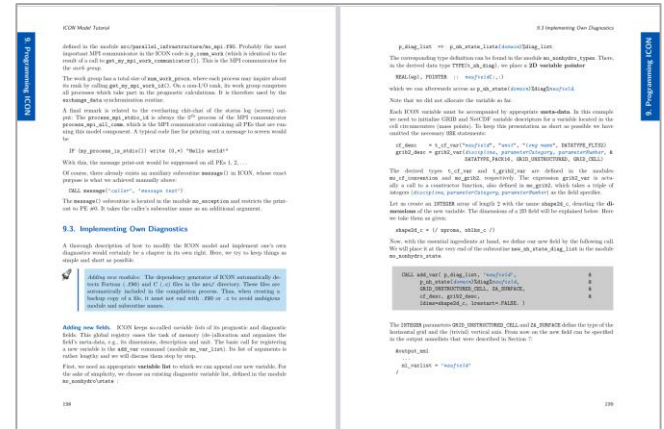
callbacks: register function callbacks through Python decorators

```
@comin.register_callback
```



Compare this to the “heavy-weight” addition of new variables to ICON. ... lots of Fortran calls and loops ComIn plugins are lightweight.

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The previous slides focused on Python. But: ComIn also contains a Fortran and C/C++-API.

Fortran API	C/C++ API	Python API
<code>comin_setup_get_verbosity_level</code>	<code>int comin_setup_get_verbosity_level()</code>	<code>comin.setup_get_verbosity_level</code>
<code>comin_current_get_ep</code>	<code>int comin_current_get_ep()</code>	
<code>comin_current_get_domain_id</code>	<code>int comin_current_get_domain_id()</code>	<code>comin.current_get_domain_id</code>
<code>comin_current_get_datetime</code>	<code>void comin_current_get_datetime(char const**,int*,int*)</code>	<code>comin.comin_current_get_datetime</code>
<code>comin_current_get_plugin_info</code>	<code>int comin_current_get_plugin_id()</code> <code>void comin_current_get_plugin_name(char const **, int*, int*)</code> <code>void comin_current_get_plugin_options(char const **,int*,int*)</code> <code>void comin_current_get_plugin_comm(char const **,int*,int*)</code>	<code>comin.current_get_plugin_info</code>
<code>comin_parallel_get_plugin_mpi_comm</code>	<code>int comin_parallel_get_plugin_mpi_comm()</code>	<code>comin.parallel_get_plugin_mpi_comm</code>
<code>comin_parallel_get_host_mpi_comm</code>	<code>int comin_parallel_get_host_mpi_comm()</code>	<code>comin.parallel_get_host_mpi_comm</code>
<code>comin_parallel_get_host_mpi_rank</code>	<code>int comin_parallel_get_host_mpi_rank()</code>	<code>comin.parallel_get_host_mpi_rank</code>
<code>comin_plugin_finish</code>	<code>void comin_plugin_finish(const char*,const char*)</code>	<code>comin.finish</code>
<code>comin_var_request_add</code>	<code>void comin_var_request_add(struct t_comin_var_descriptor,_Bool,int*)</code>	<code>comin.var_request_add</code>
<code>comin_var_get</code>	<code>void* comin_var_get(int,int*,struct t_comin_var_descriptor,int)</code>	<code>comin.var_get</code>

Source:

ComIn technical design document

<https://icon-comin.gitlab-pages.dkrz.de/comin>



MPI communicator concept

Only process-local partitions can be accessed directly – but MPI exchanges are possible.

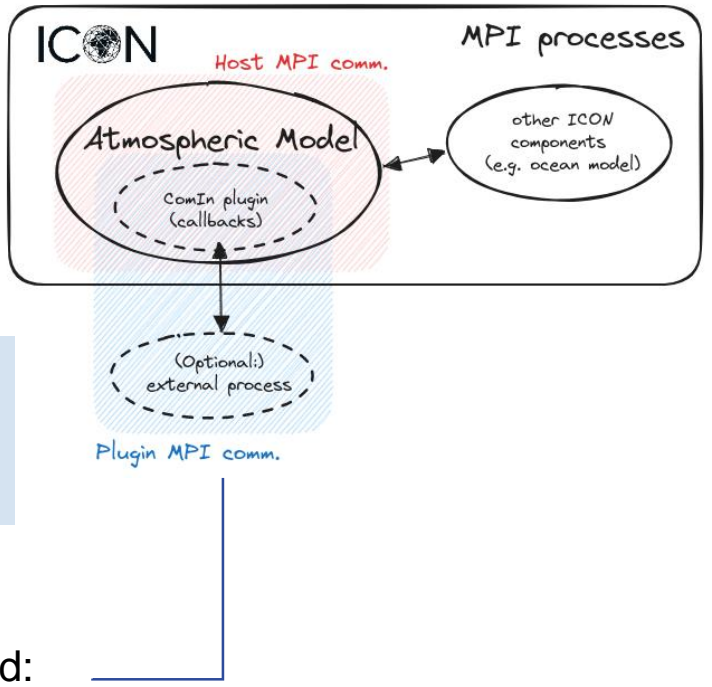
Plugins may handle their own parallel communication with the help of a **host communicator**.

```
comm = MPI.Comm.f2py(comin.parallel_get_host_mpi_comm())  
rank = comm.Get_rank()
```

(this translates into mpi4py communicator)



In addition, a **plugin communicator** (optional) can be created:
Useful for exchanging data with other running processes.



- ICON calls ComIn, not vice versa!
 - ~ plugins do not influence ICON's restart behavior
 - ~ processes in the host model are not switched off, but can only be deactivated using ICON namelist switches
- Granularity: above block loop level, only global variables are exposed
- access to the process-local MPI partition only (but MPI exchanges possible)
- no asynchronicity between ICON and the 3rd party modules



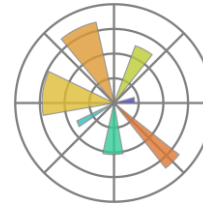
ComIn is currently under construction. Feedback welcome!

Applications



ComIn comes bundled together with several example plugins.

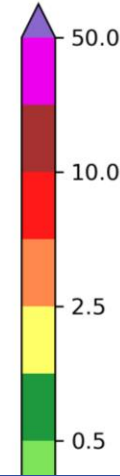
Script name	Language	Description
simple_fortran	Fortran	Simple ComIn plugin written in the <i>Fortran</i> programming language.
calc_water_column	Fortran	Simple diagnostic application, calculating the liquid water path, the ice water path, and the total water column.
yaxt_fortran	Fortran	Example plugin to demonstrate the usage of the YAXT communication library.
simple_c	C/C++	Simple ComIn plugin written in the <i>C</i> programming language.
yac_input	C/C++	Plugin written in C which encapsulates a YAC coupling inside a ComIn plugin.
yaxt_c	C/C++	Plugin written in C to demonstrate using the YAXT communication library.
simple_python_plugin.py	Python	Simple ComIn plugin written in Python, using the ComIn Python adapter.
point_source.py	Python	Test plugin requesting a tracer that participates in ICON's turbulence and convection scheme.



Btw.: See the practical exercises for an example how to use [matplotlib](#) directly within ICON.

Point source example

Point Source 141.0E, 37.4N, lev=10 (17km) - 2014-06-03 00 UTC



ComIn example:
`python_adapter/
examples/
point_source.py`

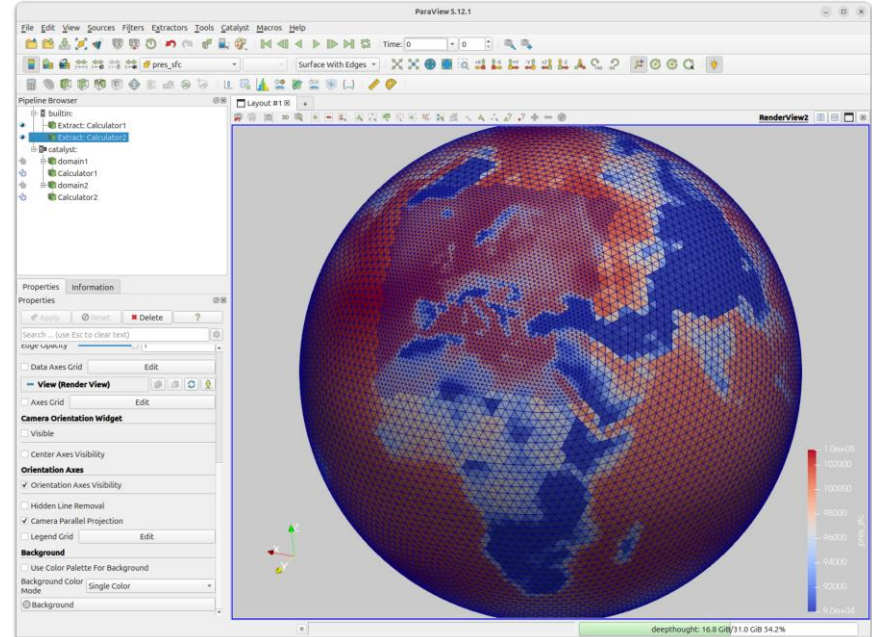
- request a tracer that participates in ICON's turbulence scheme
- add point source emissions to this tracer
- update the tracer with tendencies received from ICON's turbulence scheme
- exploit Python's vast library of useful modules (here: `scipy.spatial.KDTree`)



Paraview^[1] is an open-source data analysis and visualization application.

Simulation data can be streamed into Paraview using the Catalyst API specification.

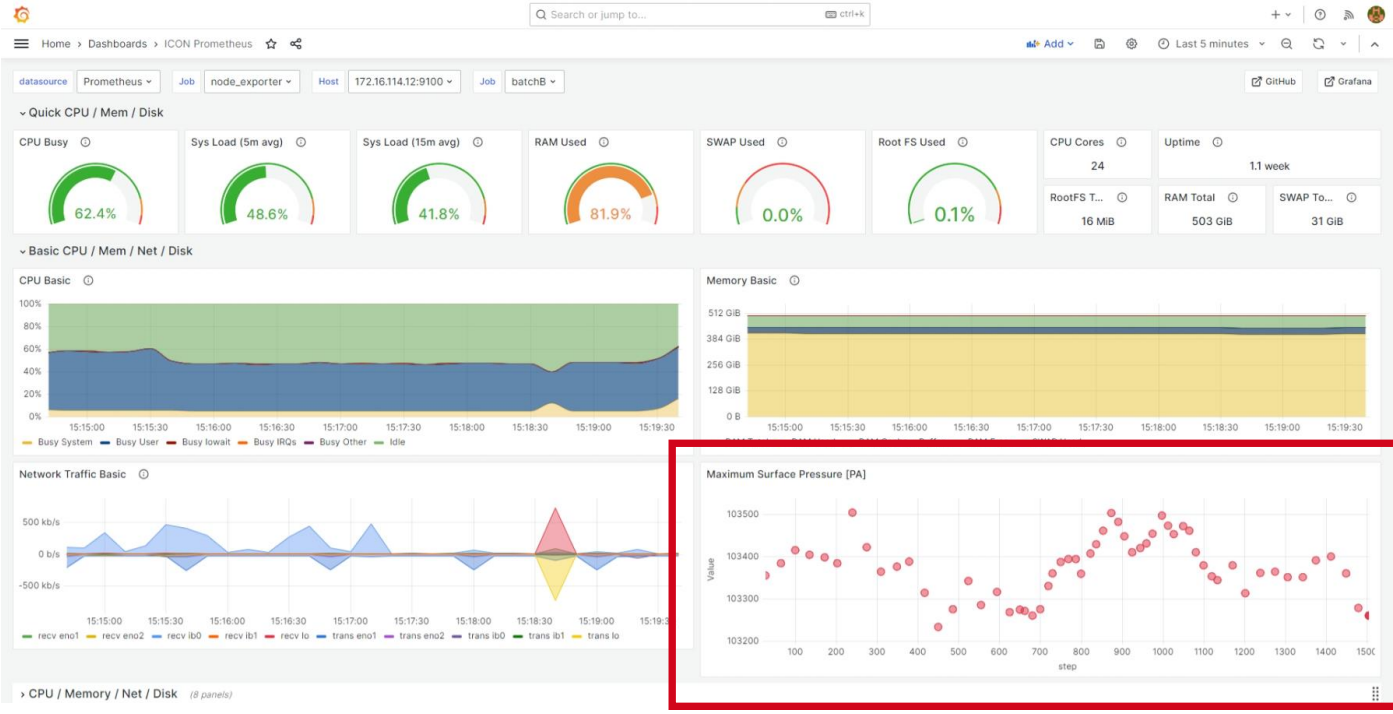
- application example: Implement the Catalyst streaming for ICON as a ComIn plugin.



Source: N. Dreier (DKRZ)

Prometheus/Grafana example

Flexible monitoring dashboard offered by Grafana:



Proof-of-concept:
connect Grafana to
ICON with a **ComIn
exporter plugin**

Ex.: DWD NEC platform
displaying ICON's
maximum surface pressure

Source:
C. Eser (DWD-TI), FP



Wrap-up



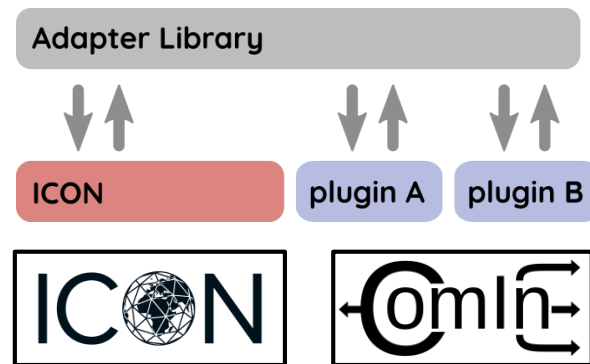
Roadmap for ComIn v0.2.0

Features that will become available in ComIn 0.2.0
~ August 2024:

- development tool `comin_replay`
test ComIn plugins with previously recorded data sets
- GPU host-device transfer
- combining ComIn with YAC ^[1]
ComIn is an interface, not a translation layer
- generalizations: additional meta-data; edge-based and vertex-based fields, ...



- GitLab-Project: <https://gitlab.dkrz.de/icon-comin/comin>
 - code (including examples and tests)
 - raise an issue
 - contribute (open a merge request)
- Extensive online documentation:
 - <https://icon-comin.gitlab-pages.dkrz.de/comin/>
 - see also the ICON Tutorial 2024 ^[1], ComIn: Section 9.5
 - GMD publication (submitted)
- reach out to us: comin@icon-model.org





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The exercises are organized as Jupyter notebooks.

- Web site <https://jupyterhub.dkrz.de>:
Enter your username and the corresponding password on the start page of the JupyterLab portal.

- In your home directory: Extract course material from with the following command:

```
cd $HOME
```

```
tar xzf /pool/data/ICON/ICON_training/comin_exercises.tar.gz
```

- We will be working in the directory
\$HOME/comin-training-exercises

