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Outline

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- The New Features of Regcm4.1
 - Where is Regcm4?
 - The package
 - Installing
 - Using
 - Modifying
 - Future Activities

Goals of hands-on sessions of the workshop

- For the audience
 - Learn how to use the latest version (released 13/05)
 - Understand what is different from previuos versions

- For us
 - Receive feedback from audience about the work done so far
 - Get suggestions for future activities

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Why Regcm4?

- Need of simple and more user friendly package
 - For users
 - For developers
- Enhancement in the physics of the model:
 - Insert new features to allow better simulation
- Need of integrated environment for managing the software project
 - Revision system
 - Bug tracking etc..

RegCM4: a software reengineering project

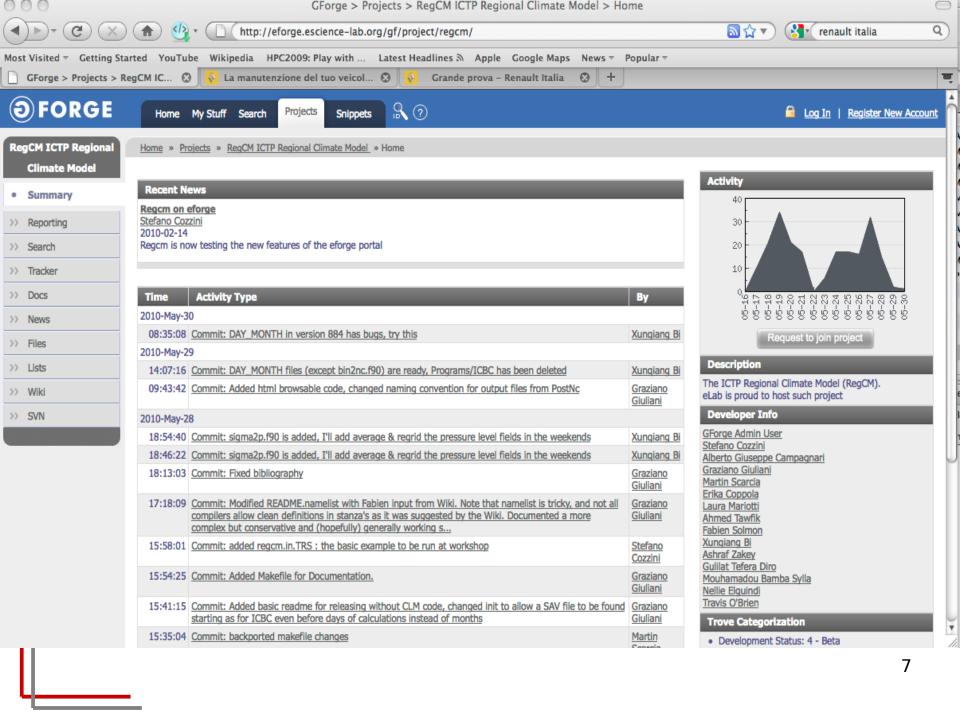
- Refactoring of Model Code in F90 ANSI standard to use new Fortran features (modules, types and dynamic allocation mostly)
 - Get rid of commons.
 - Isolate access to data and use automatic memory allocation.
 - Avoid need of a model recompile from code for just a dimension change.
- Repackaging of the whole project
- Use state of the art Software engineering Tools

Where is the RegCm4 package?

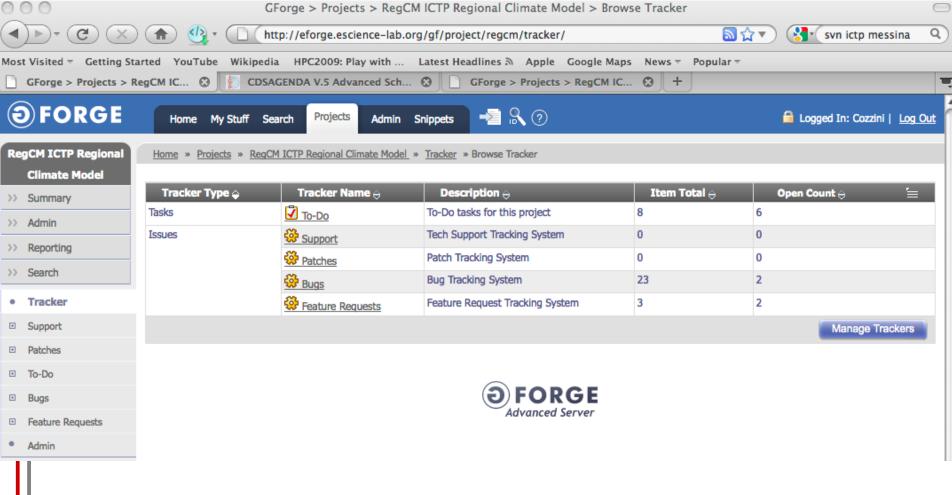
http://eforge.escience-lab.org/gf/project/regcm/

eforge portal:

 This forge is an integrated set of tools or components that facilitates collaboration on sofware project. It provides tools for version control, bug tracking, task management, and tools for communication (newsgroups, web pages, wiki, mailing lists, etc.). A forge makes scientific technical and scientific collaboration easier. The objective is to provide an infrastructure for scientific-technical collaborations on software project



Bug tracking and reporting..



How is the package organized?



configure Makefile

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F90 code

Configuration/Installation

Executables

New features on code side

- (4.0) Dynamic allocation
 - COMPILE ONCE RUN FOR ALL THE DOMAIN
 - SIMULATION ARE INDEPENDENT FROM EXECUTABLES
- (4.0) ONE configuration namelist to rule all the executables and steps
- (4.1) Output format in NetCDF CF-1.4 compliant format
- (4.1) support for data compression added (but producing substantial model slowdown)

New Physical Features

- SST: added (4.0)
- SEA ICE (4.0)
- CLM coupling (4.0)
- Lake mode (4.1)
- Band option (4.1)

Future activities from computational side

- Insert new MPI parallel coding (2D decomposition)
- Complete clean-up of the code and distribution
- Complete modularizing the regmc code (Main directory)
- Add data types in the code
- Project a new I/O layer for the Model
- Increase performance (see tomorrow)

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