

# FLEXPART training course 2013: structure

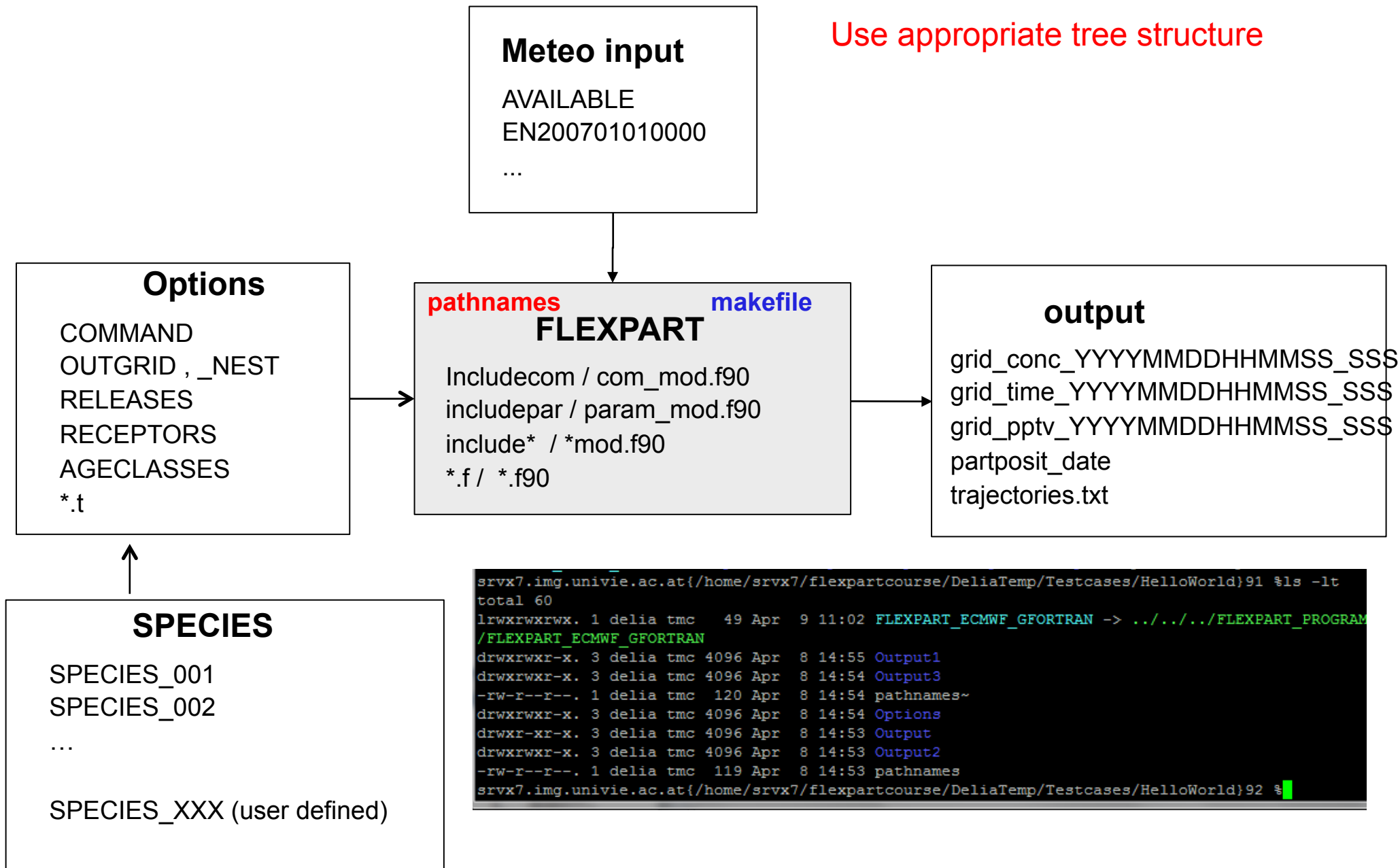
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# FLEXPART structure



## pathnames

- Where all the files are and output should be kept. Formatting is strict! Beware, specially with the “/” at the end of the lines.

```
/home/as/FLEXPART50/options/  
/volc/as/contrace/modelresults/forward/  
/volc/windcontrace/  
/volc/windcontrace/AVAILABLE  
/volc/nested/  
/volc/nested/AVAILABLE  
=====
```

↓ With increasing resolution (up to 7 nests)

Line 1: path where control files "COMMAND" and "RELEASES" are available  
Line 2: name of directory where output files are generated  
Line 3: path where meteorological fields are available (mother grid)  
Line 4: full filename of "AVAILABLE"-file (mother grid)

Subsequent lines:

Line 2n+3: path where meteorological fields are available (nested grid n)  
Line 2n+4: full filename of "AVAILABLE"-file (nested grid n)

Line below last pathname must be:

```
=====
```

The grids must be arranged such as that the coarse-scale nests come before the fine-scale nests. Multiple nests of the same nesting level are allowed. In that case, the order is arbitrary.

## Includepar (or param\_mod.f90)

- It includes all the definition and setting of parameters. Important ones for the user: hmixmin, idiffnorm, maxpart, maxspec, ncluster

```
*****
implicit none
*****
C Number of directories/files used for FLEXPART input/output
*****
integer numpath
parameter(numpath=4)
C numpath      Number of different pathnames for input/output files
*****
C Physical and other constants
*****
real pi,pi180,r_air,r_earth,ga,cpa,kappa,vonkarman
parameter(pi=3.14159265,r_earth=6.371e6,r_air=287.05,ga=9.81)
parameter(cpa=1004.6,kappa=0.286,pi180=pi/180.,vonkarman=0.4)
C pi           number "pi"
C pi180        pi/180.
C r_earth      radius of earth [m]
C r_air        individual gas constant for dry air [J/kg/K]
C ga           gravity acceleration of earth [m/s**2]
C cpa          specific heat for dry air
C kappa        exponent of formula for potential temperature
C vonkarman    von Karman constant
real karman,href,convke,hmixmin,hmixmax,turbmesoscale
real d_trop,d_strat
parameter(karman=0.40,href=15.,convke=2.0)
parameter(hmixmin=100.,hmixmax=4500.,turbmesoscale=0.16)
parameter(d_trop=50.,d_strat=0.1)
```

## COMMAND

- Basic runtime options, fwd bwd, time controls, init end date of SIMULATION (bwd or fwd) ...

```
*****
*
*      Input file for the Lagrangian particle dispersion model FLEXPART
*      Please select your options
*
*****

1.  _      3X, I2
    1
    LDIRECT      1 FOR FORWARD SIMULATION, -1 FOR BACKWARD SIMULATION

2.  _ _ _ _ _ 3X, I8, 1X, I6
    20040626 000000
    YYYYMMDD HHMISS BEGINNING DATE OF SIMULATION

3.  _ _ _ _ _ 3X, I8, 1X, I6
    20040816 120000
    YYYYMMDD HHMISS ENDING DATE OF SIMULATION

4.  _      3X, I5
    7200
    SSSSS      OUTPUT EVERY SSSSS SECONDS

5.  _      3X, I5
    7200
    SSSSS      TIME AVERAGE OF OUTPUT (IN SSSSS SECONDS)

6.  _      3X, I5
    900
```

## COMMAND

- All input files (for better generation of batch jobs) can be written in a compressed way (it reads free format):

```
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1

20040101 000000

20061231 210000

432000

432000

900

99999999

900 SYNC

-5.0 CTL

4 IFINE

1 IOUT

2 IPUT

1 LSUBGRID

1 LCONVECTION

1 LAGESPECTRA

0 IPIN

0 IOFR

0 IFLUX

0 MDOMAINFILL

1 IND\_SOURCE

1 IND\_RECEPTOR

0 MQUASILAG

0 NESTED\_OUTPUT

0 LINIT\_COND INITIAL COND. FOR BW RUNS: 0=NO,1=MASS UNIT,2=MASS MIXING RATIO UNIT

→ Output time: how often the output is printed out

→ Average time: averaged concentrations are averaged in this period

→ Sampling time: times when concentrations are sampled to get the averages (< average time)

→ Synchronisation time: internal time-step (all times multiple of this one)

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```

```
1
20040101 000000
20061231 210000
432000
432000
900
99999999
900 SYNC
```

-5.0 CTL	→ CTL > 0 adaptation to Lagrangian time scales (recommended)
4 IFINE	
1 IOUT	→ Type of output
2 IPUT	→ Particle dump
1 LSUBGRID	
1 LCONVECTION	→ Moist convection – computationally demanding
1 LAGESPECTRA	
0 IPIN	
0 IOFR	→ Tracking the releases independently (a must for backward runs)
0 IFLUX	
0 MDOMAINFILL	
1 IND_SOURCE	
1 IND_RECEPTOR	
0 MQUASILAG	
0 NESTED_OUTPUT	
0 LINIT_COND	INITIAL COND. FOR BW RUNS: 0=NO,1=MASS UNIT,2=MASS MIXING RATIO UNIT

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—————→ Age spectra: to separate concentrations according to „age“ and also to give a finite life to a single species particle



# FLEXPART important files



## RELEASES

- Set the number of releases, shape, species released, temporal variations if needed – same for fwd and bwd!

```
*****
*
*
*
*   Input file for the Lagrangian particle dispersion model FLEXPART
*   Please select your options
*
*
*
*****
+++++
  1
-----
          i3   Total number of species emitted

  24
-----
          i3   Index of species in file SPECIES

=====
20011028  150007
-----
          i8,1x,i6 Beginning date and time of release

20011028  150046
-----
          i8,1x,i6 Ending date and time of release

   9.4048
-----
          f9.4  Longitude [DEG] of lower left corner

  48.5060
-----
          f9.4  Latitude [DEG] of lower left corner
```

Header

Basic info: number of species and their indices successively

All particles will carry the species, mass for each should be set in each release

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```

2  
201  
202

20040101 0  
20040131 240000

→ Interval of release

29.00000  
59.00000  
30.00000  
60.00000

→ Location of the release

1

0.0000  
100.0000  
500000

→ m a.g.l (1) m a.s.l (2) hPa pressure (3)

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→ Number of particles

179724.7  
179724.7

→ Mass carried for the particles of each species

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## OUTGRID / OUTGRID\_NEST

- Description of the domain where the concentrations, residence times... will be output

It is useful to make the nest fit within full mother grid cells (e.g. if folding with an emission inventory is made a posteriori)

```
*****
*                                     *
*   Input file for the Lagrangian particle dispersion model FLEXPART   *
*   Please specify your output grid                                     *
*                                     *
*****

1. ----- 4X,F11.4
   -179.0000 GEOGRAFICAL LONGITUDE OF LOWER LEFT CORNER OF OUTPUT GRID
   OUTLONLEFT (left boundary of the first grid cell - not its centre)

2. ----- 4X,F11.4
   -90.0000 GEOGRAFICAL LATITUDE OF LOWER LEFT CORNER OF OUTPUT GRID
   OUTLATLOWER (lower boundary of the first grid cell - not its centre)

3. ---- 4X,I5
   360 NUMBER OF GRID POINTS IN X DIRECTION (= No. of cells + 1)
   NUMXGRID

4. ---- 4X,I5
   180 NUMBER OF GRID POINTS IN Y DIRECTION (= No. of cells + 1)
   NUMYGRID

5. ----- 4X,F10.3
   1.000 GRID DISTANCE IN X DIRECTION
   DXOUTLON

6. ----- 4X,F10.3
   1.000 GRID DISTANCE IN Y DIRECTION
   DYOUTLAT

10. ----- 4X, F7.1
   100.0
   LEVEL 4 HEIGHT OF LEVEL (UPPER BOUNDARY)

10. ----- 4X, F7.1
   3000.0
   LEVEL 4 HEIGHT OF LEVEL (UPPER BOUNDARY)
```

# FLEXPART important files



## OUTGRID / OUTGRID NEST

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```
*
*
*   Input file for the Lagrangian particle dispersion model FLEXPART   *
*   Please specify your output grid                                   *
*
```

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1. -----,---- 4X,F11.4  
-15.0000 GEOGRAFICAL LONGITUDE OF LOWER LEFT CORNER OF OUTPUT GRID  
OUTLONLEFT (left boundary of the first grid cell - not its centre)
2. -----,---- 4X,F11.4  
35.0000 GEOGRAFICAL LATITUDE OF LOWER LEFT CORNER OF OUTPUT GRID  
OUTLATLOWER (lower boundary of the first grid cell - not its centre)
3. ----- 4X,I5  
220 NUMBER OF GRID POINTS IN X DIRECTION (= No. of cells + 1)  
NUMXGRID
4. ----- 4X,I5  
120 NUMBER OF GRID POINTS IN Y DIRECTION (= No. of cells + 1)  
NUMYGRID
5. -----,---- 4X,F12.5  
0.25000 GRID DISTANCE IN X DIRECTION  
DXOUTLON
6. -----,---- 4X,F12.5  
0.25000 GRID DISTANCE IN Y DIRECTION  
DYOUTLAT

No nesting in the vertical!

## RECEPTORS

- Locations where near ground concentrations (using the parabolic kernel) are to be given

```
*****
*                                     *
*   Input file for the Lagrangian particle dispersion model FLEXPART   *
*   Please specify your receptor points                               *
*   For the receptor points, ground level concentrations are calculated *
*                                     *
*****

1. ----- 4X,A16
   F15      NAME OF RECEPTOR POINT
   RECEPTORNAME

2. ----- 4X,F11.4
   6.1333   GEOGRAFICAL LONGITUDE
   XRECEPTOR

3. ----- 4X,F11.4
   49.0833  GEOGRAFICAL LATITUDE
   YRECEPTOR

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1. ----- 4X,A16
   NL01     NAME OF RECEPTOR POINT
   RECEPTORNAME

2. ----- 4X,F11.4
   5.7833   GEOGRAFICAL LONGITUDE
   XRECEPTOR

3. ----- 4X,F11.4
   50.9167  GEOGRAFICAL LATITUDE
   YRECEPTOR

=====
```

# FLEXPART-WRF structure

