

# 2022 Online HYSPLIT Workshop (Wrap-up: DAY 2 of 4)

NOAA Air Resources Laboratory  
June 14-17, 2022

**Workshop guidance  
and resources posted at  
[Workshop Web Page](#)**

**`https://www.ready.noaa.gov/  
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*We will update this page each day to include any new materials or links that are relevant to the Workshop*

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### Workshop Logistics

**Webinar Links.** Unique sign-in URL's was emailed to each confirmed participant during the week before the Workshop and should not be shared.

**Handouts, Notes, and Recordings.** Videos of each day's on-line sessions are being created for review by participants. Making online participation difficult. Processing of the videos to make them viewable takes significant time. When the video is ready, a link will be posted. When you click on one of these links, you should be able to view the video directly. To download a video recording, right click the mouse. Choose the "Save As" menu.

#### ▶ Installation Day (Mon, June 13)

▶ [Installation day introduction](#)

▶ [Workshop video recording installation day \(MP4, 266 MB\)](#) and [unfinished transcript \(TEXT, 49 KB\)](#). The transcript has inaccurate captions. See the above paragraph on how to download the video file.

#### ▶ Workshop Day 1 (Tue, June 14)

▶ [Day 1 handout \(PDF, 4.7 MB\)](#).

▶ [Trajectory equation \(PDF, 0.2 MB\)](#).

▶ [Day 1 wrap-up \(PDF, 5.1 MB\)](#) without animations. [Day 1 wrap-up \(PPTX, 9.2 MB\)](#) with animations.

▶ [Workshop video recording for day 1 \(MP4, 984 MB\)](#) and [unfinished transcript \(TEXT, 213 KB\)](#). The transcript has inaccurate captions. See the above on how to download the video file.

#### ▶ Workshop Day 2 (Wed, June 15)

▶ Day 2 handout will be posted here.

▶ Workshop day 2 video recording and transcript will be posted here when they become available.

## 2022 HYSPLIT Workshop Schedule

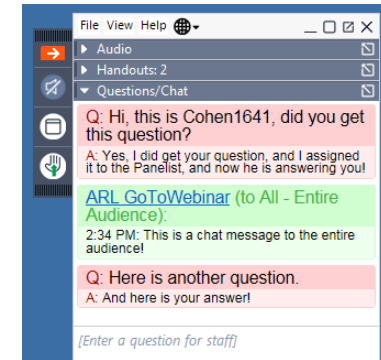
*Subject to change, depending on the progression of the course and at the discretion of the instructors*

UTC	Eastern Daylight Time	Monday June 13, 2022	Tuesday June 14, 2022	Wednesday June 15, 2022	Thursday June 16, 2021	Friday June 17, 2021
13:00 - 14:00	9:00 - 10:00	OPTIONAL* 1a. Installing HYSPLIT on Windows PC Break	Introduction 3. Gridded Meteorological Data Files Break	Introduction 7. Air Concentration calculations Break	Introduction 11. Pollutant transformations and deposition (continued) Break	Introduction 15. Radioactive pollutants and dose Break
14:00 - 15:00	10:00 - 11:00	OPTIONAL* 1b. Installing HYSPLIT on MAC Break	4. Trajectory Calculations Break	8. Configuring the CAPTEX simulation Break	12. Air Concentration Uncertainty Break	16. Volcanic eruptions with gravitational settling Break
15:00 - 16:00	11:00 - 12:00	One-on-one virtual installation sessions, by appointment	5. Trajectory Options Break	9. Air concentration parameter sensitivity Break	13. Source Attribution Methods Break	17. Custom Simulations Break
16:00 - 17:00	12:00 - 13:00	One-on-one virtual installation sessions, by appointment	6. Trajectory Statistics Day 1 Wrap-Up	10. Alternate display options 11. Pollutant transformations and deposition Day 2 Wrap Up	14a. Wildfire Smoke 14b. Dust Storms Day 3 Wrap Up	Final Questions and Course Wrap-Up
17:00 - 18:00	13:00 - 14:00	One-on-one virtual installation sessions, by appointment				
18:00 - 19:00	14:00 - 15:00	One-on-one virtual installation sessions, by appointment				
19:00 - 20:00	15:00 - 16:00	One-on-one virtual installation sessions, by appointment				
20:00 - 21:00	16:00 - 17:00	One-on-one virtual installation sessions, by appointment				

# Asking Questions

- Ask general or logistical questions about the Webinar or Go-to-Webinar in the Control Panel that was just discussed

*...if viewing a recording, can ask general questions by emailing [arl.webmaster@noaa.gov](mailto:arl.webmaster@noaa.gov)*



- Ask questions about HYSPLIT and the Tutorial in the HYSPLIT Forum

<https://hysplitbbs.arl.noaa.gov/viewforum.php?f=76>



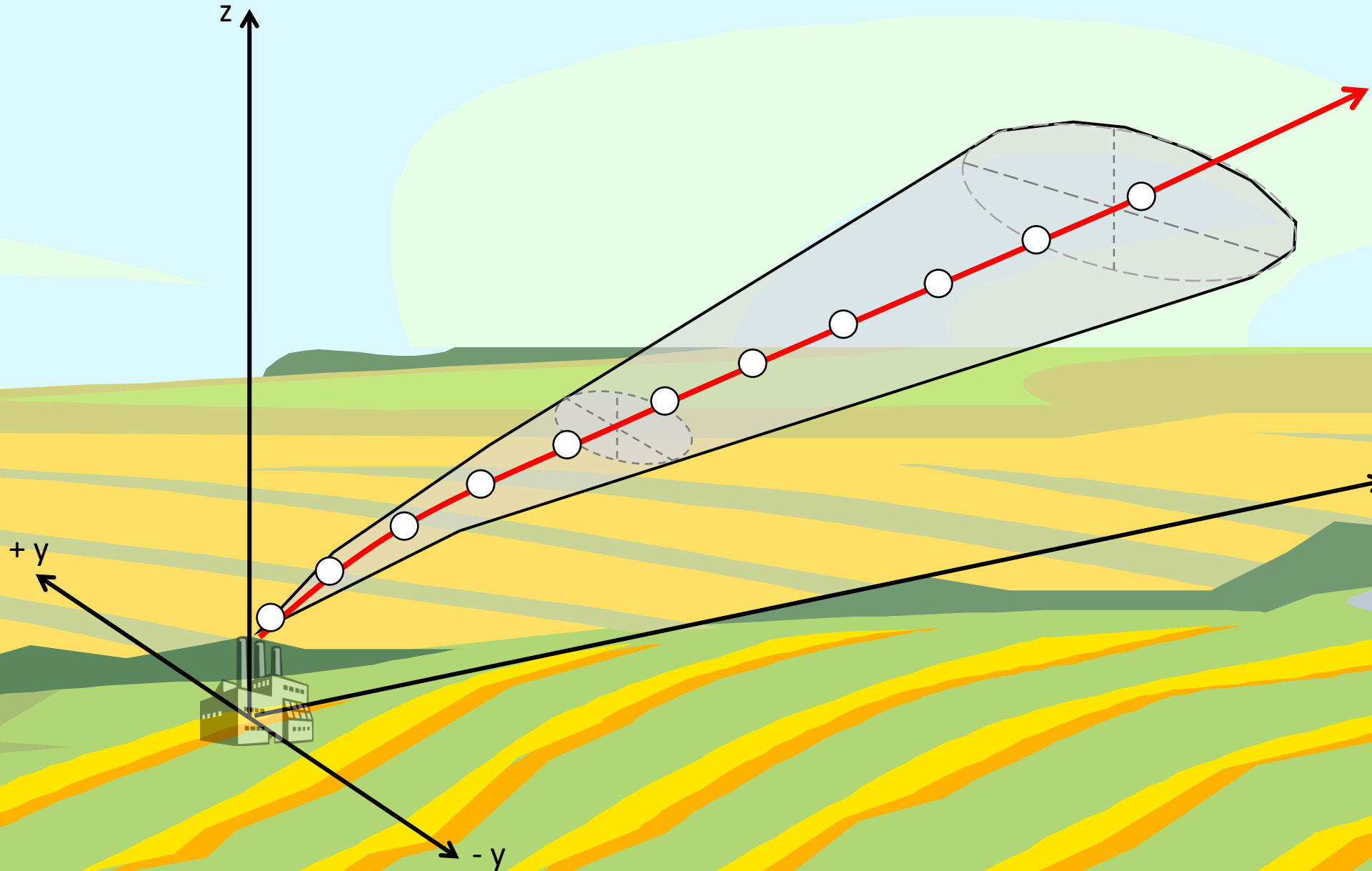
The screenshot shows the phpBB forum interface for HYSPLIT. The header includes the phpBB logo and the forum name 'HYSPLIT Forum: hysplitbbs.arl.noaa.gov'. Below the header, there are navigation links for 'Quick links', 'FAQ', 'Register', and 'Login'. The breadcrumb trail reads 'Board index < HYSPLIT Workshop < 2022 HYSPLIT Workshop Questions'. The main content area is titled '2022 HYSPLIT Workshop Questions' and contains a table of forum topics.

FORUM	TOPICS	POSTS	LAST POST
1. Installing HYSPLIT	1	4	Re: GUI screen is black by <a href="#">sonny.zinn</a> June 8th, 2022, 6:44 am
2. Testing the installation	0	0	No posts
3. Gridded meteorological data files	0	0	No posts
4. Trajectory calculations	0	0	No posts

## Quick Recap of Logistics

- **General questions:**
  - use Go-to-Webinar Question box and we will do our best to answer
  - We are not using the “raise hand” feature for questions
- **Detailed questions, e.g., about the model:**
  - use the HYSPLIT Forum
  - if haven’t already, “register” in upper right corner of Forum web page
- **Handouts:**
  - Other documents – e.g., this presentation – provided as Handouts in Go-to-Webinar and also on the Workshop Web Page
- **Recordings:**
  - Each day’s recording will be posted to the Workshop Web Page as soon as it is ready, generally 4-8 hours after the day’s session ends.
- **If not installed, or if get too far behind:**
  - Perfectly ok to view one or more sessions as “demonstrations” and then go back and do the sessions on your own. The Tutorial is designed to be done on one’s own in self-paced environment.

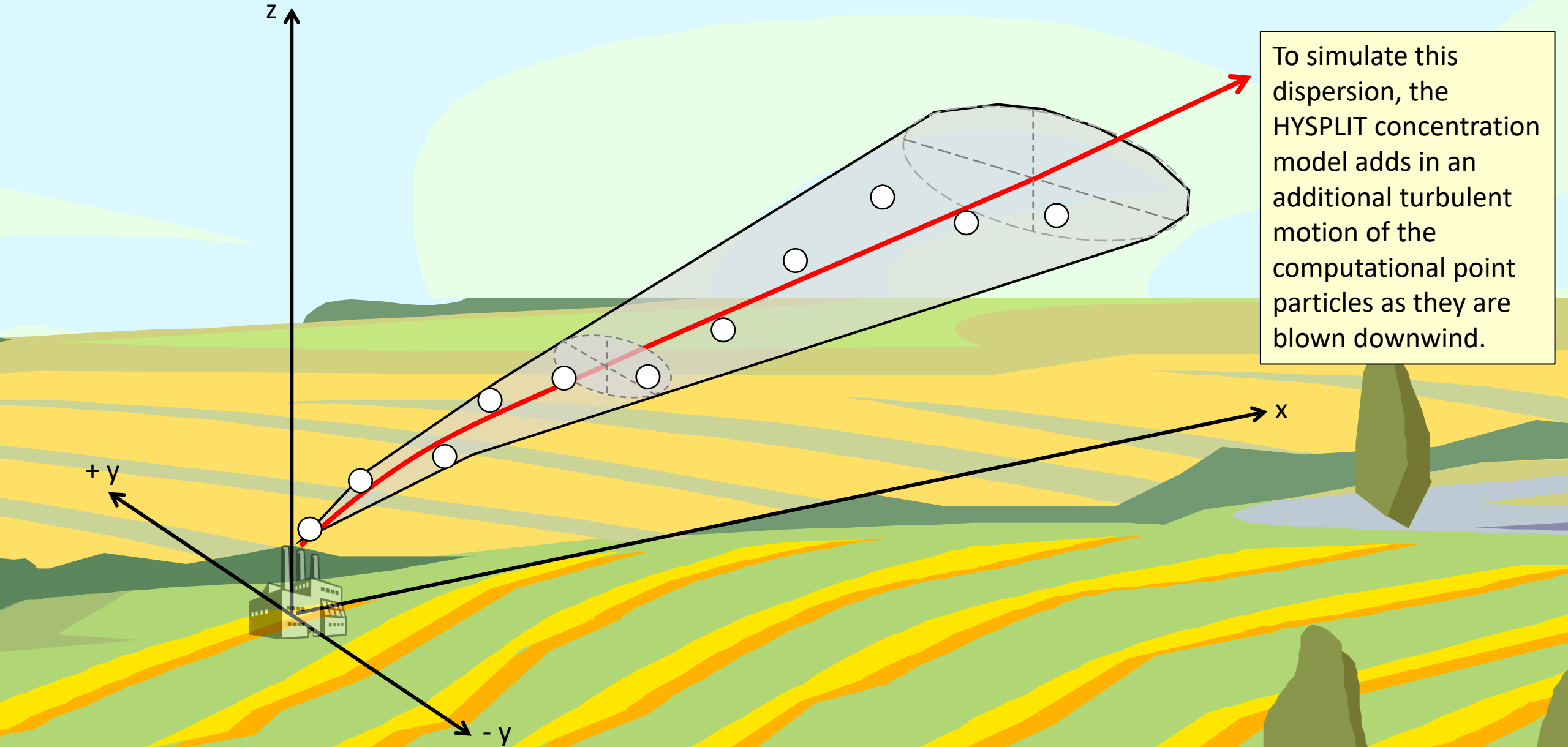
# Trajectory ~ Center Line of Plume



With a real-world pollution release, there is always an expanding plume as the pollutants travel downwind

The trajectory of a single computational point particle released from the source and simulated with the HYSPLIT Trajectory model is the center line of a plume of pollutants emitted from a source

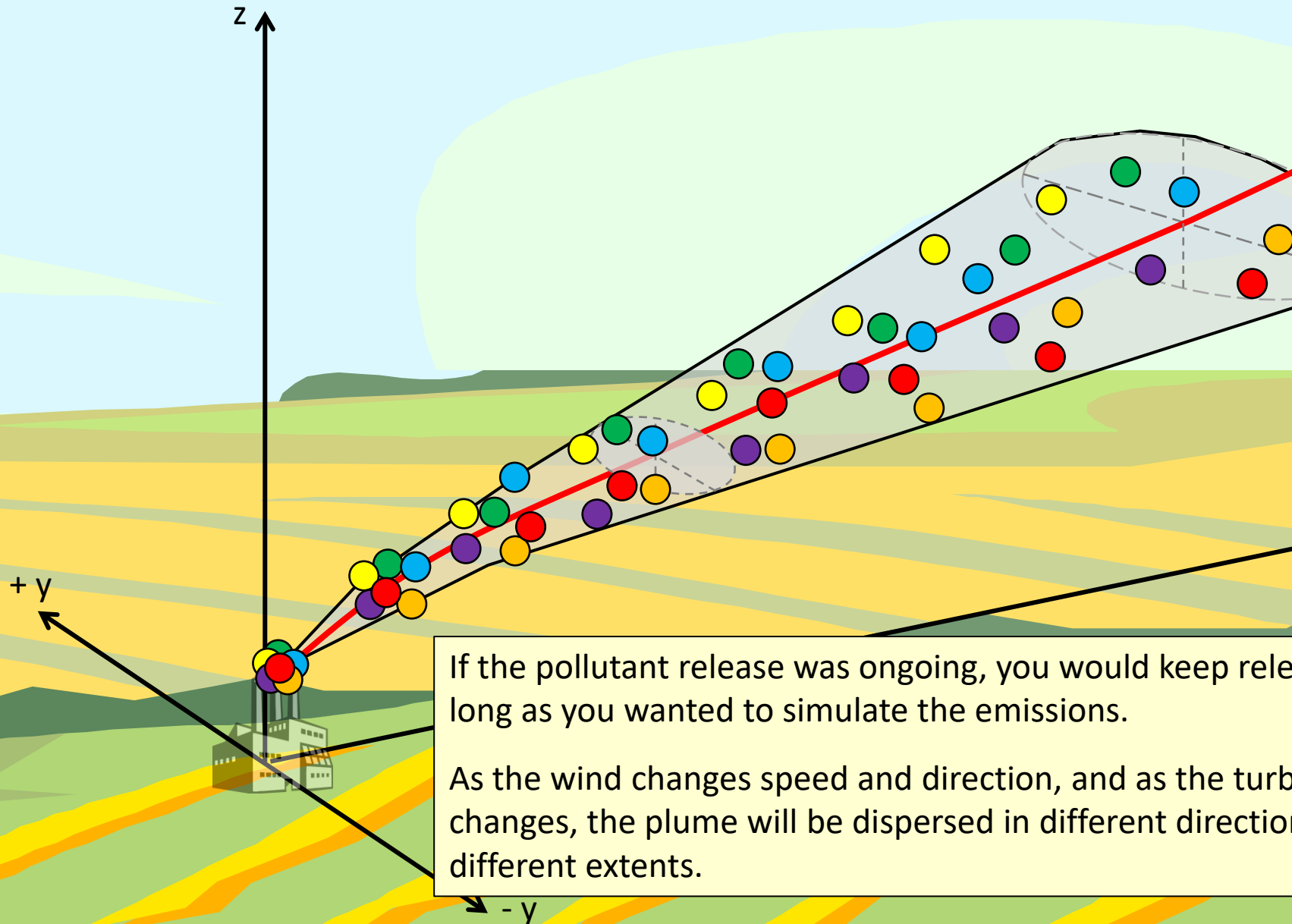
Atmospheric Turbulence → particles don't follow simple paths, but follow “turbulent trajectories”



To simulate this dispersion, the HYSPLIT concentration model adds in an additional turbulent motion of the computational point particles as they are blown downwind.



Plume simulation = A collection of turbulent particle trajectories



To simulate a plume from a source, we release many particles at a time, and this cloud of particles is transported downwind

Each computational point particle gets additional motion based on the amount of turbulence in the atmosphere.

Here we are showing just 6 particles released at one time. In a real HYSPLIT run, you would release 100's or 1000's or even more particles at any given time.

If the pollutant release was ongoing, you would keep releasing particles from the source as long as you wanted to simulate the emissions.

As the wind changes speed and direction, and as the turbulence in the atmosphere changes, the plume will be dispersed in different directions and will be dispersed to different extents.

# What do HYSPLIT *Computational Point Particles* actually represent?

- ❑ A small parcel of air that contain one or more pollutants
- ❑ Each *Computational Point Particle* (parcel) contains a vast multitude of actual pollutant entities
  - molecules (in gas phase)
  - and/or atmospheric pollutant particles
- ❑ Amount of actual pollutant associated with a *Computational Point Particle* is determined by the emissions rate divided by the number of *Computational Point Particles* released in the simulation. Both of these parameters are set by the user.
- ❑ Example: NO<sub>2</sub> emissions from a power plant.
  - Suppose there is a power plant that emits 1000 pounds of NO<sub>2</sub> per hour
  - Suppose we do a simulation that releases 500 *Computational Point Particles* per hour
  - You can calculate that there are **1.2 x 10<sup>25</sup> NO<sub>2</sub> molecules** per HYSPLIT *Computational Point Particle*
  - *With the same emission rate, if you release 5000 Computational Point Particles per hour, there will 10x less NO<sub>2</sub> molecules per particle, e.g., 1.2 x 10<sup>24</sup>*

# Details of Calculation for NO<sub>2</sub> Emissions Example:

$$1000 \left[ \frac{\text{pounds NO}_2}{\text{hour}} \right] * \frac{1}{500} \left[ \frac{\text{hour}}{\text{HYSPLIT particles}} \right] * 454 \left[ \frac{\text{grams NO}_2}{\text{pound NO}_2} \right]$$

$$* \frac{1}{46} \left[ \frac{\text{mole NO}_2}{\text{grams NO}_2} \right] * 6.022 \times 10^{23} \left[ \frac{\text{molecules NO}_2}{\text{mole NO}_2} \right] = 1.2 \times 10^{25} \left[ \frac{\text{molecules NO}_2}{\text{HYSPLIT particle}} \right]$$

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- ❑ Example: particulate emissions from a fire.
  - Suppose there is a fire that is emitting 1000 pounds per hour of particulate (smoke), that the average particle size is 5  $\mu\text{m}$  diameter, and the average particle density is 1  $\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$
  - Suppose we do a simulation that releases 500 computational point particles per hour
  - You can calculate that there are  $1.4 \times 10^{13}$  smoke particles per HYSPLIT computational point particle

# Details of Calculation for Smoke Emissions Example:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 1000 \left[ \frac{\text{pounds smoke}}{\text{hour}} \right] * 454 \left[ \frac{\text{grams smoke}}{\text{pound smoke}} \right] * 1.0 \times 10^{-6} \left[ \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{cm}^3} \right] \\
 & \hline
 & = 1.4 \times 10^{13} \left[ \frac{\text{smoke particles}}{\text{HYSPLIT particle}} \right] \\
 & 500 \left[ \frac{\text{HYSPLIT particles}}{\text{hour}} \right] * \left[ \frac{\frac{4}{3} \pi \left[ 2.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ meters} \right]^3}{\text{smoke particle}} \right] * 1 \left[ \frac{\text{gram smoke}}{\text{cm}^3 \text{ smoke}} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

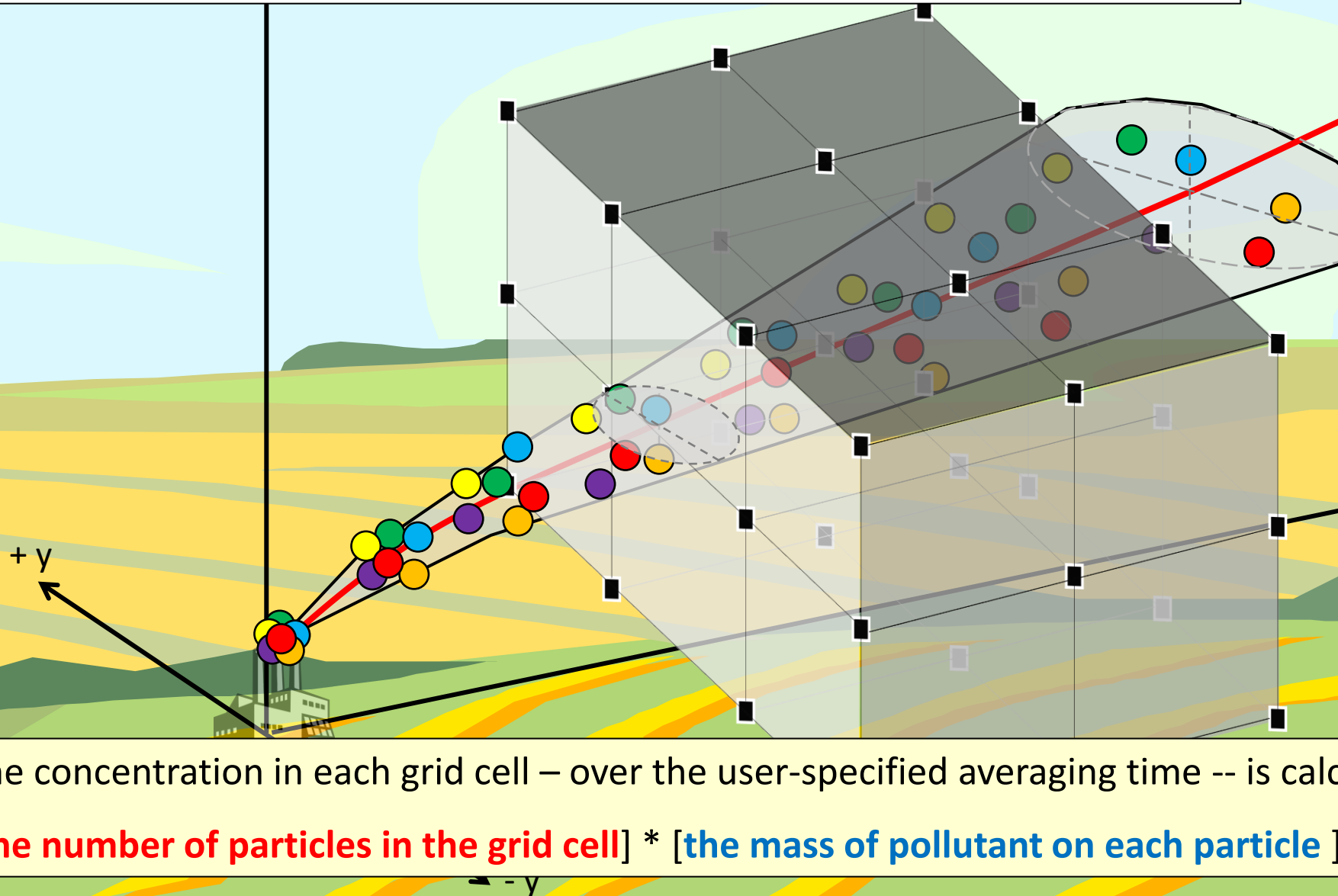
# Concentration Simulations require Concentration Output Grid(s)

(Conc grids are completely distinct from and independent of met data grid(s))

In a HYSPLIT Concentration simulation, you define one or more concentration grids, where you specify the horizontal and vertical grid spacing, the overall extent, and the time resolution.

During the HYSPLIT simulation, the model outputs concentration results for each grid you have defined.

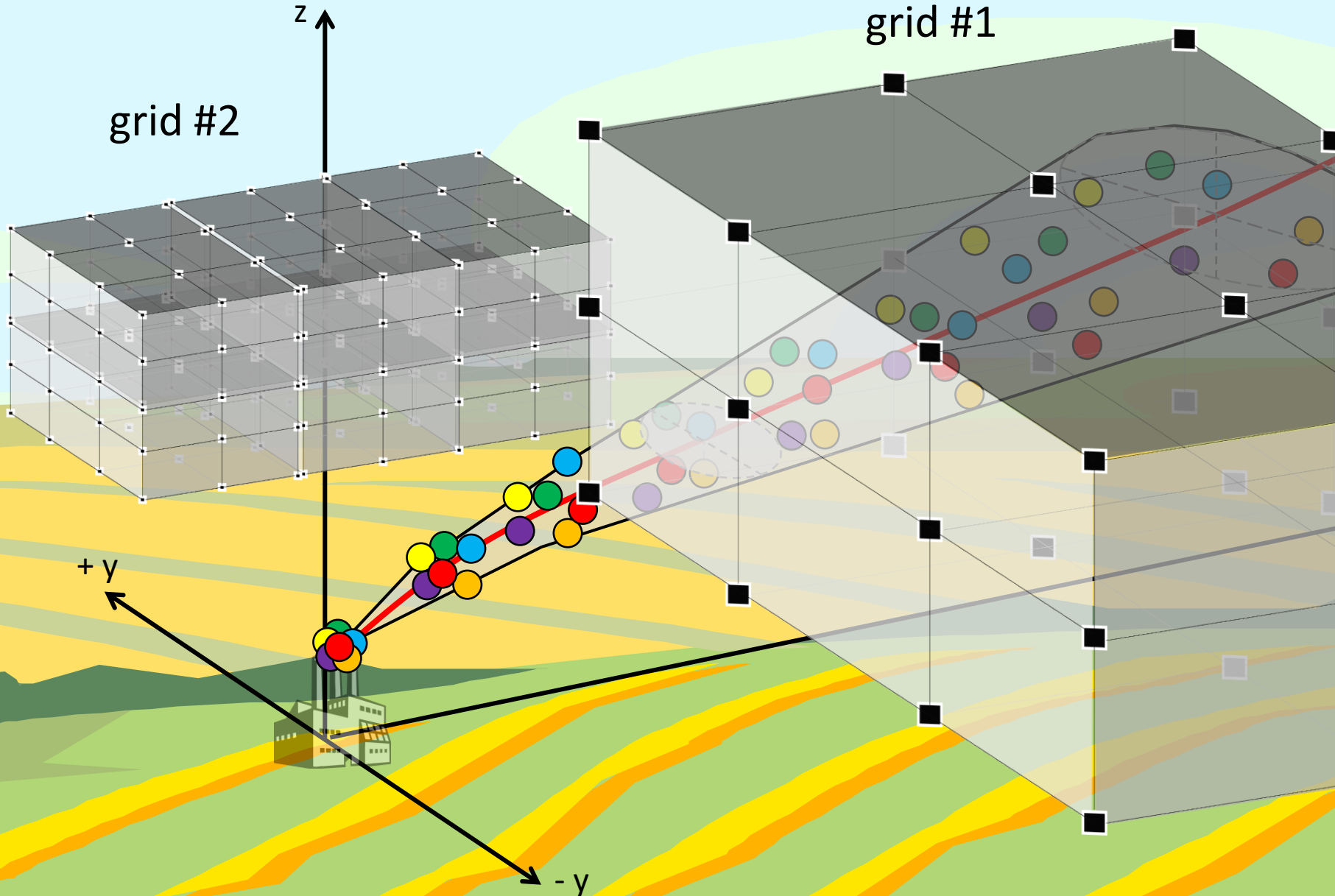
These grids do not affect the simulation, they just affect what sort of output you get.



The concentration in each grid cell – over the user-specified averaging time -- is calculated as:

$$[\text{the number of particles in the grid cell}] * [\text{the mass of pollutant on each particle}] / [\text{volume of the grid cell}]$$

## Can have more than one concentration grid



You can define more than one grid, each with its own specifications.

Depending on where the grid is and which way the wind is blowing during the simulation, you might not get any computational point particles in the grid, and all concentrations in the grid will be zero.

If a grid has very fine spacing, you might need to increase the number of computational point particles released in the simulation.

The particles are “discrete” and if there are too few of them, you aren’t really representing the continuous plume, and you can get very blotchy results.

# Agenda – Day 3

UTC	EDT	Agenda Item
13:00 – 13:15	09:00 – 09:15	Introduction to Day 3
13:15 – 14:15	09:15 – 10:15	<b>11. Pollutant Transformations and deposition</b> <i>(start today or continue from yesterday)</i>
14:15 – 14:30	10:15 – 10:30	Break
14:30 – 16:00	10:30 – 12:00	<b>12. Air Concentration Uncertainty</b>
16:00 – 17:00	12:00 – 13:00	Break
17:00 – 18:45	13:00 – 14:45	<b>13. Source Attribution Methods</b>
18:45 – 19:00	14:45 – 15:00	Break
19:00 – 19:45	15:00 – 15:45	<b>14a. Wildfire Smoke</b>
19:45 – 20:30	15:45 – 16:30	<b>14b. Dust Storms</b>
20:30 – 20:45	16:30 – 16:45	Day 3 Wrap-up / questions



# Extra Slides

# HYSPLIT

- An atmospheric transport and dispersion model
- Continuous development at the NOAA Air Resources Laboratory since 1949
- Uses meteorological data and emissions data as inputs
- Estimates what happens when pollutants are emitted into the air
- The model has been tested extensively by comparison of its predictions against actual measurements of atmospheric concentrations and deposition.
- HYSPLIT is one of the most widely used atmospheric transport and dispersion models in the world.



A plume of air pollutants emitted from an industrial fire in Deer Park, Texas, March 2019. AP Photo: David J. Philip

# What is HYSPLIT Used For?

- **Emergency Response** (within NOAA, other Fed, State, Local agencies, domestic and international)
  - Nuclear Accidents
  - Volcanic Eruptions (e.g., aviation impacts)
  - Wildfires
  - Industrial / Transportation Accidents releasing toxic chemicals
  - Insect dispersal (e.g., locusts)
- **Source-attribution**
  - Back-tracking from air pollution measurements
    - Genesis of ARL was to back-track from airborne radionuclide measurements to find site of Russian nuclear test site in 1949
    - Current support for Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty Organization
- **Planning, scenario investigations**

# What is HYSPLIT *Not* Used For?

- **Complex, non-linear atmospheric chemistry situations**
  - E.g., atmospheric photochemistry (ozone, etc) where emissions from all sources must be modeled at the same time. For this type of atmospheric modeling situation, you would use a gridded Eulerian model like the Community Multiscale Air Quality (CMAQ) model.
  - HYSPLIT is a Lagrangian model – it follows plumes.
    - This makes it much, much faster than an Eulerian model like CMAQ
    - So, it can be used for Emergency Response
  - You can do more than one plume, but if there are chemical reactions between pollutants in one plume and another plume, HYSPLIT is not well suited to simulate that.
  - HYSPLIT has actually been applied to atmospheric photochemistry and related situations, and in these cases, the model has been expanded to incorporate an Eulerian (gridded) modeling approach. But these are not common applications of the model.

# Different Ways to Use HYSPLIT

- **Online - READY Website** (<https://www.ready.noaa.gov/index.php>)
  - Secure applications for national security issues
  - Specialized applications for different needs
  - Researcher access
  - Public access
- **Download model (free) and run on your local computer**
  - GUI = **G**raphical **U**ser **I**nterface
  - Command Line / Scripts
  - Download met data to run HYSPLIT from ARL website

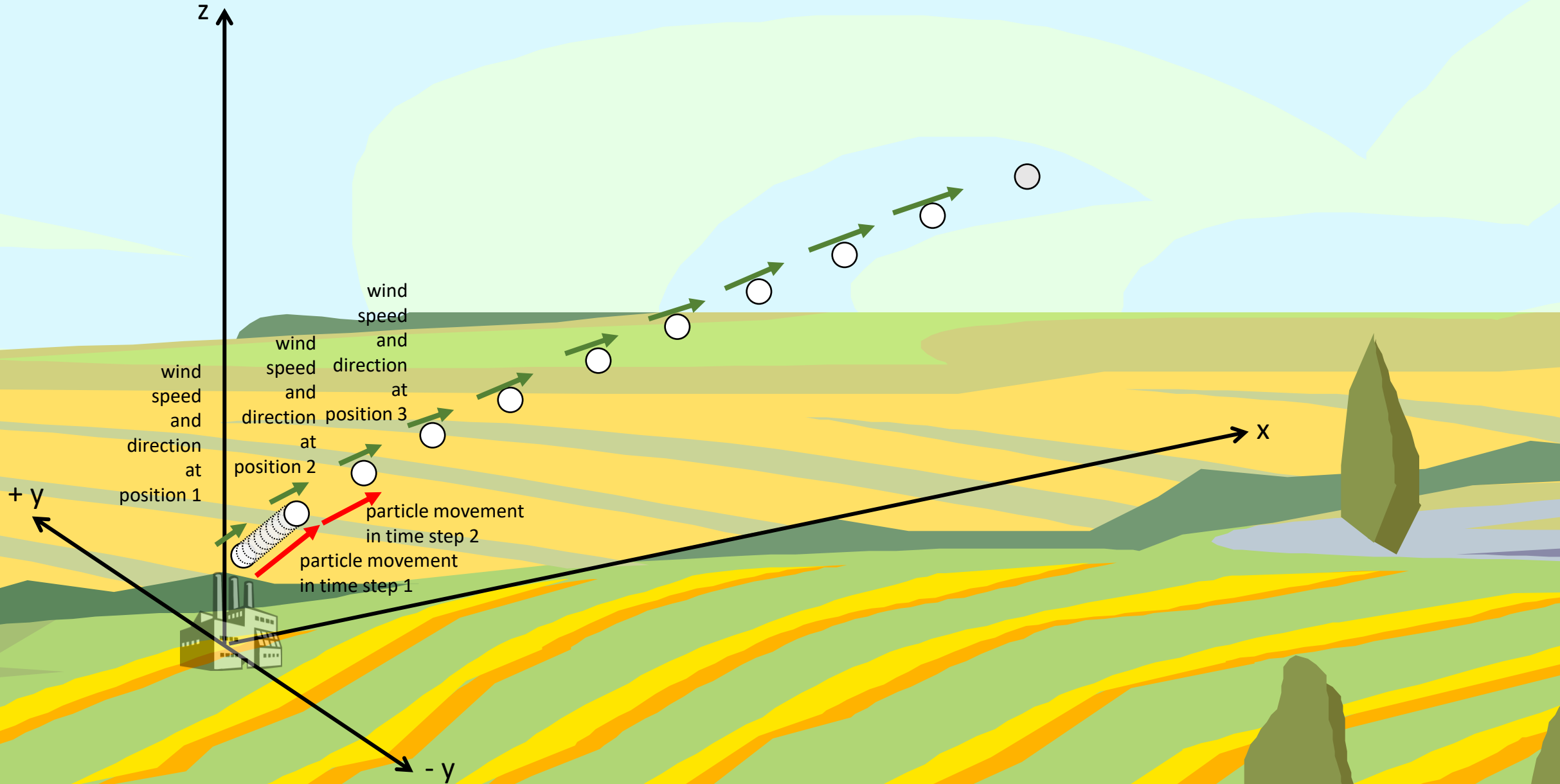
# Two different kinds of HYSPLIT simulations

- **Trajectory**
  - Center-line of a plume -- an oversimplification, but can provide very useful information
  - Can go forward or backward
  - Does not factor in any deposition or chemistry
- **Concentration - Dispersion**
  - The full 3D transport and dispersion of a plume
  - Includes transport by wind, but also dispersion around center line
  - Gives air concentrations downwind -- (e.g., can compare with public health thresholds)
  - Can include chemistry and wet and dry atmospheric deposition



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At its core, the HYSPLIT model just transports “particles” as they are blown along by the wind



## Met Data Required!

## Meteorological Data Grid(s) - *Required*

- **These are the outputs from a meteorological model**
  - e.g. a weather forecasting model
  - wind speed & direction and other met data on a 3-D grid
- **Data sets differ based on**
  - What model was used to generate them
  - The horizontal grid spacing
  - The vertical grid spacing
  - The temporal resolution (e.g., data every hour)
- **HYSPLIT *must* have these data to run**
  - Data must be in “HYSPLIT format” (binary, ...)
  - ARL provides datasets for download (most from NOAA weather models)
  - HYSPLIT needs the filename and location on your computer
  - File must include the area and times that you are doing your run in
    - If a particle goes off the met data grid, it is terminated
    - If there are missing times, the model “crashes”
  - Can have multiple met files (e.g., several 1-day files for a multi-day simulation)
- **Uncertainties**
  - Weather model uncertainties (e.g., wind direction and speed not exactly right)
  - HYSPLIT *interpolates* between grid points (in space and time) to estimate the wind speed and direction at the *actual location* of a particle

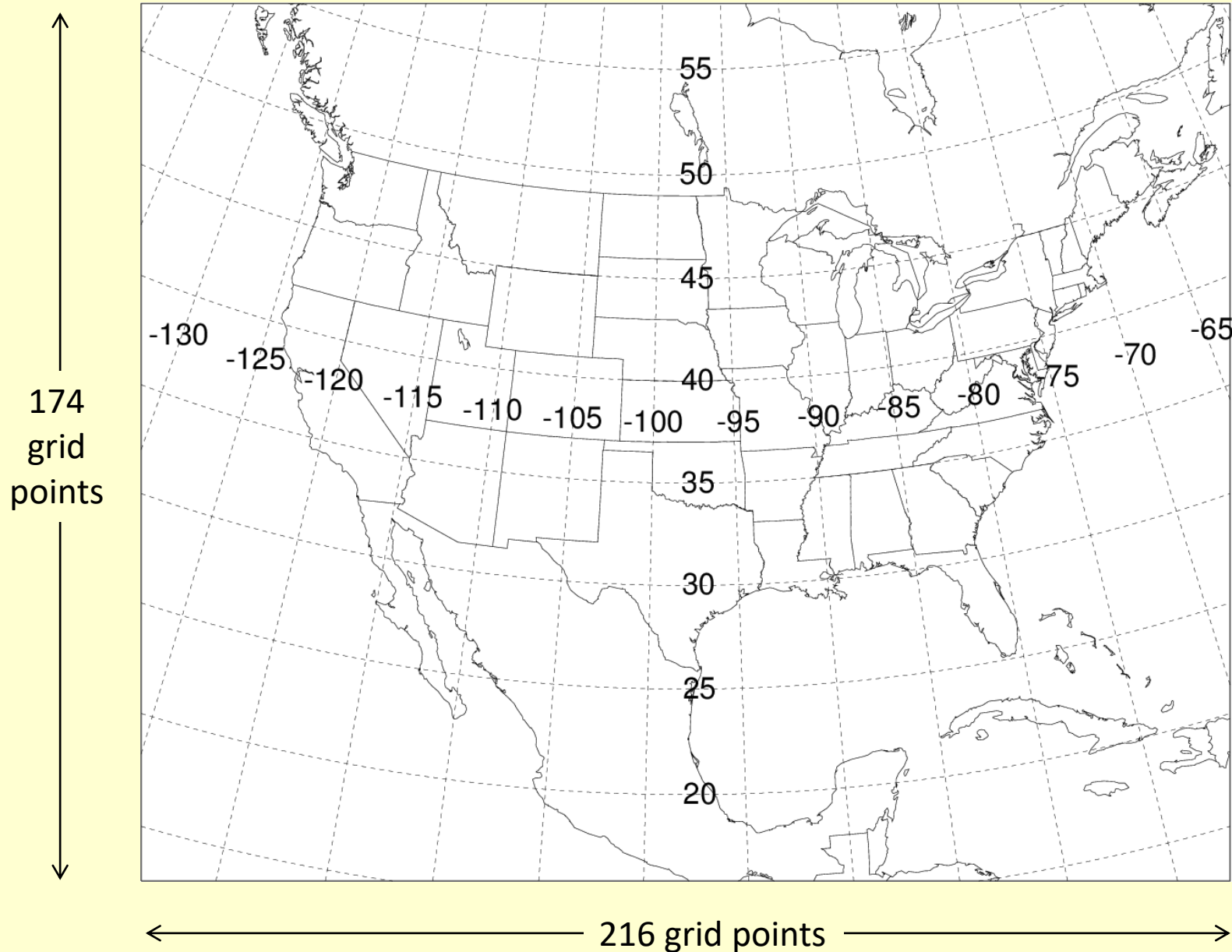


# Selected Meteorological Datasets Available from NOAA ARL Archives\* (~100 TB)

<https://ready.arl.noaa.gov/archives.php>

	Dataset	Horizontal Resolution (km- approx.)	Full-grid dimensions	Temporal resolution (hrs)	Vertical Levels	Period of each file	Size of each file (GB)	Total size for one month of data (GB)	Availability
Continental U.S. and surrounding regions	HRRR-3km	3	1799 x 1059	1	37	¼ day	3.2	390	Jun 2015 -> present
	NAMS-12km Hybrid	CONUS - 12		1	40	1 day	1.0	30	2010 -> present
		Alaska - 12					0.64	19	
		Hawaii – 2					0.71	21	
	NAM-12km	12	614 x 428	3	27	1 day	0.395	12	May 2007 -> present
	WRF-ARW-27km	27	216 x 174	1	35	1 day	0.210	6.4	1980 -> present
NARR-32km	32	309 x 237	3	24	1 month	2.8	2.8	1979 -> 2019	
EDAS-40km	40	185 x 129	3	27	½ month	0.6	1.2	2004 -> 2018	
Global	GFS - 0.25°	27	1440 x 721	3	56	1 day	2.7	82	Jun 2019 -> present
	GDAS - 0.5°	55	720 x 361	3	56	1 day	0.468	14	Sep 2007 -> Jun 2019
	GDAS - 1°	111	360 x 181	3	24	1 week	0.571	2.5	Dec 2004 -> present
	Global Reanalysis - 2.5°	278	144 x 73	6	18	1 month	0.11	0.11	1948 -> present

# Domain of WRF-ARW-27km met data set



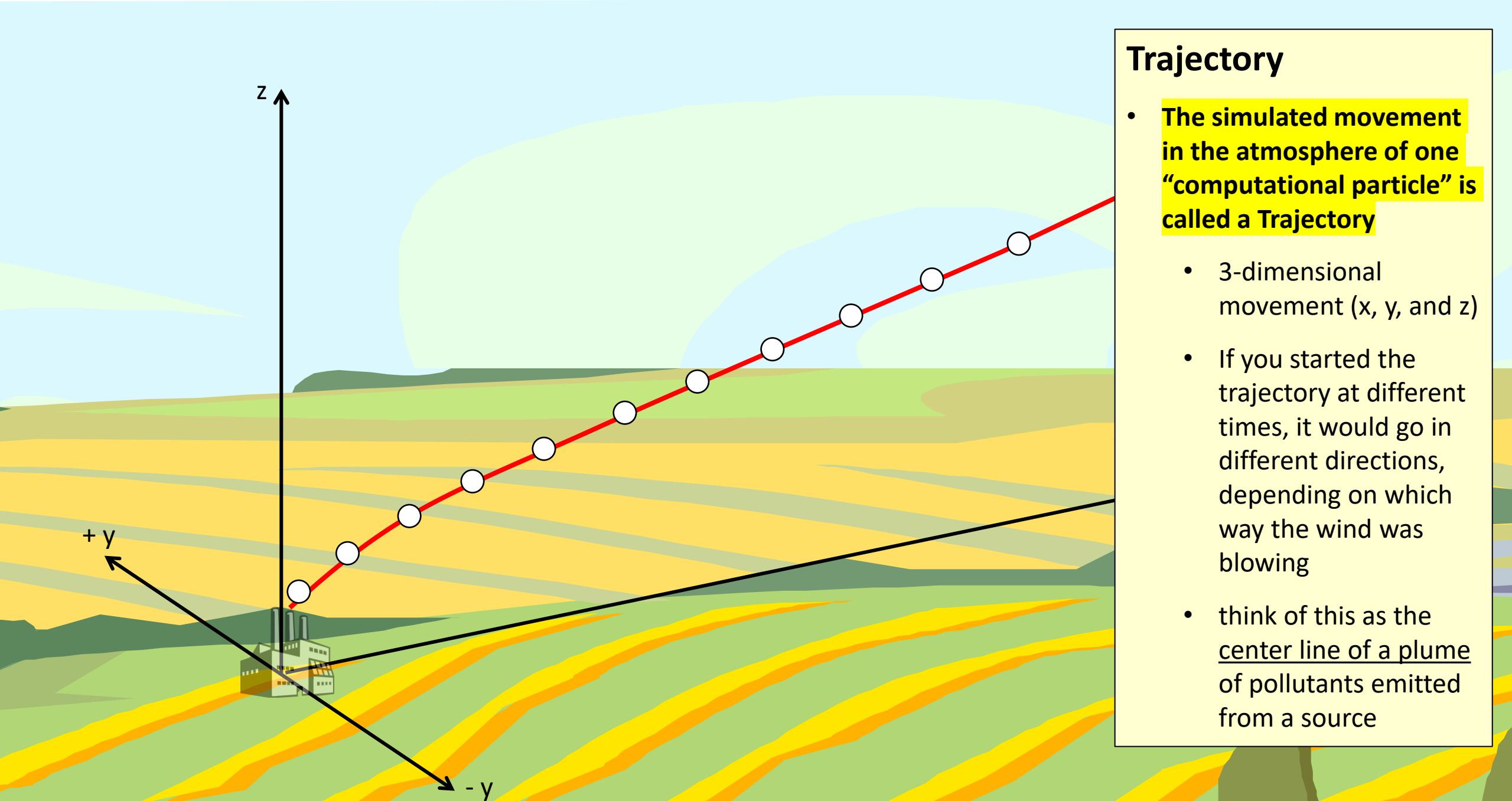
Horizontal spacing ~27 km

35 vertical levels

Data every hour

Each file is for one day

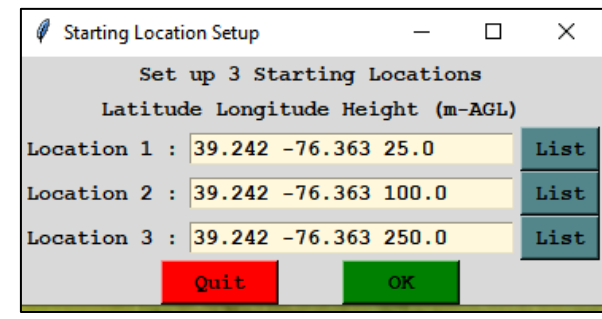
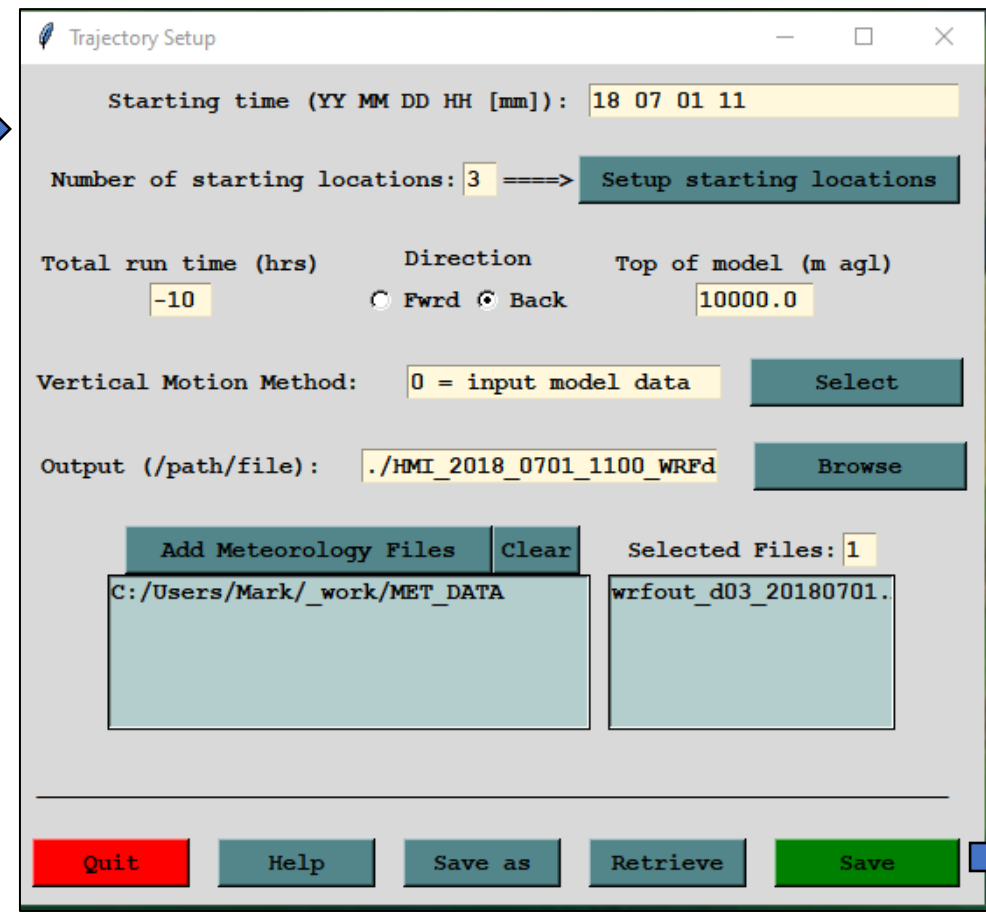
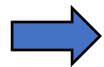
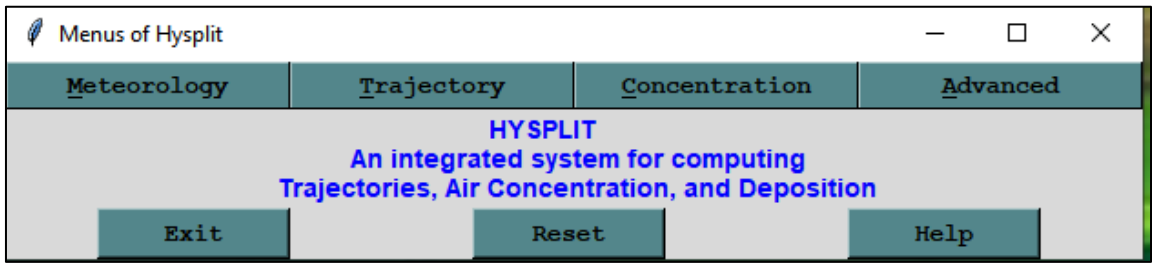
(~210 MB per file)



## Trajectory

- The simulated movement in the atmosphere of one “computational particle” is called a Trajectory
  - 3-dimensional movement ( $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$ )
  - If you started the trajectory at different times, it would go in different directions, depending on which way the wind was blowing
  - think of this as the center line of a plume of pollutants emitted from a source

# HYSPLIT Graphical User Interface setup for Trajectory Simulation



When you hit "save", the Graphical User Interface writes a CONTROL file to the hysplit\working directory

CONTROL file entry	Meaning	Notes / Comments
04 05 01 00 00	Start date / time for simulation (YR MO DA HR MN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All times in HYSPLIT are Universal Coordinated Time (UTC) (a.k.a. Greenwich Mean Time)</li> <li>e.g. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) = UTC – 4 hours</li> <li>e.g. 11 AM EDT = 3 PM UTC</li> <li>Minutes are optional</li> <li>Each entry must be 2-digits (e.g., 04 rather than 2004)</li> </ul>
1	Number of starting locations	
40.0 -77.0 100.0	Starting location: latitude, longitude, height [meters above ground level (m-agl)]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If there is more than 1 starting location or height, each must be on a separate line</li> <li>West Longitudes are negative</li> </ul>
24	duration of run (hours)	
0	vertical motion option (0 = just use the meteorological data)	
10000	top of model domain (meters)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>generally 10000 or 25000</li> </ul>
1	number of met data files	
C:\hysplit\metdata\ wrfout_d01_20040501.ARL	directory of 1st met file (must contain trailing “\”) (“/” on MAC or LINUX)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If there is more than 1 met file being used, then these two lines will be repeated for each met file.</li> </ul>
	name of 1st met file	

Example of simple CONTROL file for a trajectory model run

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40.0 -77.0 100.0
24
0
10000
1
C:\hysplit\metdata\
wrfout_d01_20040501.ARL
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# HYSPLIT Trajectory Model (hyts\_std.exe)

Is there a CONTROL file in the directory you are running the model from?

- **NO** → model stops immediately
- **YES** → model tries to read CONTROL file to get required run parameters

Is the CONTROL file properly constructed, e.g., all expected lines present in the correct order, etc?

- **NO** → model stops with error message (...can be hard to understand)
- **YES** → model starts to run

Can the model find the met data file(s) you specified in the CONTROL file?

- **NO** → model stops with error message (cannot find file...)
- **YES** → model continues

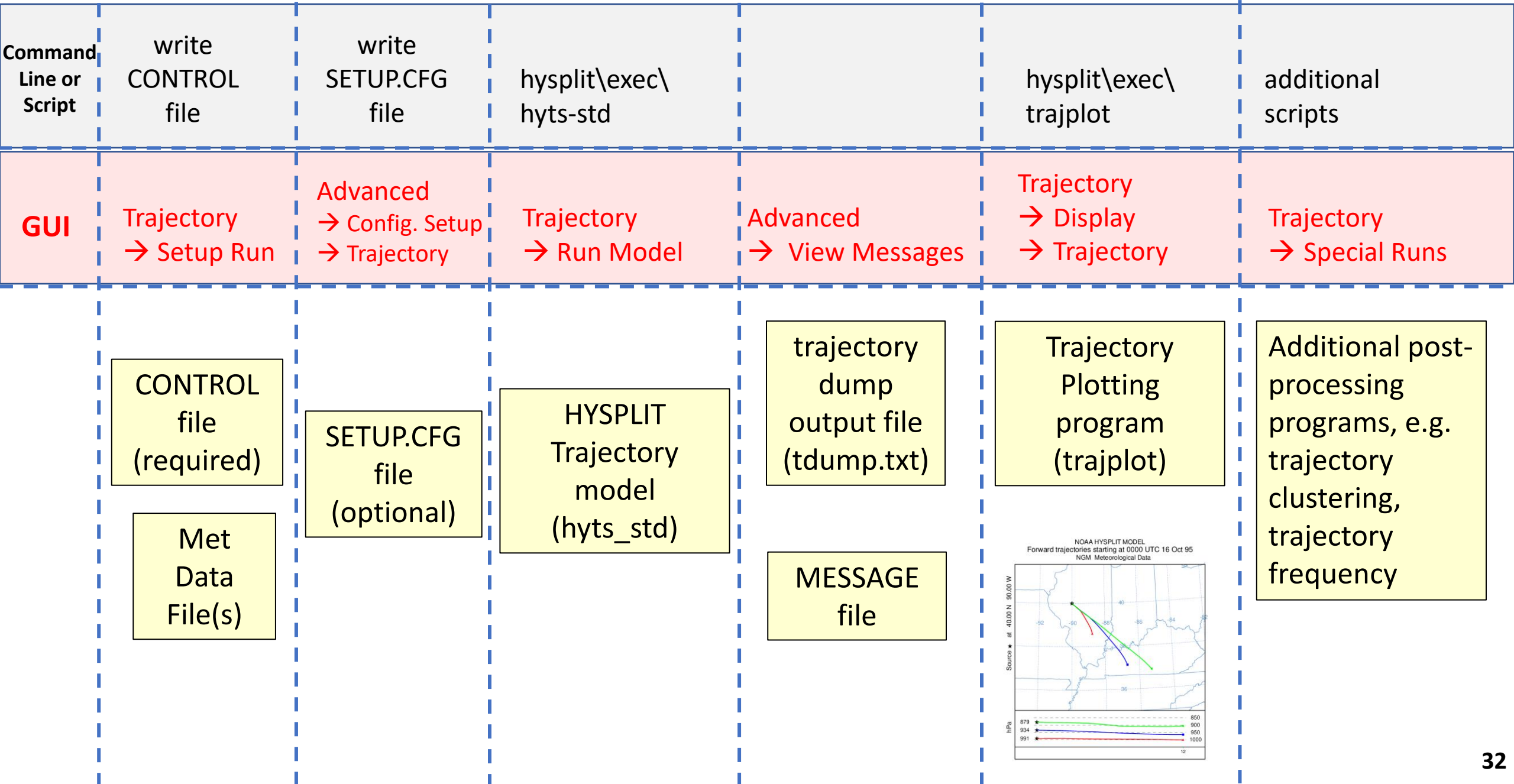
Does your starting location and time fit within the domain of the met data file?

- **NO** → model stops with error message
- **YES** → model starts to simulate the trajectory

## CONTROL file

- **Required for HYSPLIT to run**
- **Must be an ascii-text file**
- If you are having a problem with your run, look at the CONTROL file.
- If you are trying to get someone to help you figure out what happened or what went wrong, you will need to send them the CONTROL file

# Workflow associated with a typical HYSPLIT Trajectory simulation





# CONTROL file structure

## 1. Basic parameters (Trajectory or Concentration)

- Start date / time for simulation (YR MO DA HR MN)
- Number of starting locations
- For each starting location: latitude, longitude, height
- duration of run (hours)
- vertical motion option (0=data)
- top of model domain (m)
- number of met data files
- for each met file:
  - directory for file
  - name of file

The screenshot shows a software window titled "Concentration Setup". It contains several input fields and buttons for configuring simulation parameters. At the top, there is a text box for "Starting time (YY MM DD HH)" with the value "00 00 00 00". Below it, "Number of starting locations" is set to "1", with a "Setup starting locations" button. The "Total run time (hrs)" is "12". The "Direction" is set to "Fwrd" (Forward) with radio buttons for "Fwrd" and "Back". The "Top of model (m agl)" is "10000.0". The "Vertical Motion Method" is "0 = input model data", with a "Select" button. There are two lists for meteorology files: "Add Meteorology Files" (empty) and "Selected Files" (containing "oct1618.BIN"), with "Clear" and "Add" buttons. A section titled "Pollutant, Deposition and Grids setup" is partially visible. At the bottom, there are five buttons: "Quit" (red), "Help" (grey), "Save as" (grey), "Retrieve" (grey), and "Save" (green).

# CONTROL file structure

## 2. Emission parameters

- number of different pollutants
- for each pollutant:
  - pollutant 4-character identification name
  - emissions rate (per hour)
  - hours of emissions
  - release start time

Pollutant, Concentration Grid, and Deposition setup

Pollutant:	Grids:	Deposition:
Num= 1	Num= 1	Num= 1
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Specie 1	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Grid 1	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Specie 1
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Quit Help Save

7% Definition of Pollutant Group 1

Identification : TEST

Emission rate(1/hr) : 1.0

Hours of emission : 1.0

Release start(yy mm dd hh min) : 00 00 00 00 00

Quit Done Help

# CONTROL file structure

## 3. Concentration Grids

- Number of concentration grids
- For each grid:
  - center (Lat Long)
  - grid spacing (degrees) (Lat Long)
  - grid span (degrees) (Lat Long)
  - directory for grid output file
  - name of grid output file
  - number of vertical levels
  - height of level (m-agl)
  - sampling start time
  - sampling end time
  - sampling interval (type, hour, minute)

Pollutant, Concentration Grid, and Deposition setup

Pollutant:	Grids:	Deposition:
Num= 1	Num= 1	Num= 1
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Specie 1	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Grid 1	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Specie 1
<input type="radio"/> Specie 2	<input type="radio"/> Grid 2	<input type="radio"/> Specie 2
<input type="radio"/> Specie 3	<input type="radio"/> Grid 3	<input type="radio"/> Specie 3
<input type="radio"/> Specie 4	<input type="radio"/> Grid 4	<input type="radio"/> Specie 4
<input type="radio"/> Specie 5	<input type="radio"/> Grid 5	<input type="radio"/> Specie 5
<input type="radio"/> Specie 6	<input type="radio"/> Grid 6	<input type="radio"/> Specie 6
<input type="radio"/> Specie 7	<input type="radio"/> Grid 7	<input type="radio"/> Specie 7

Quit Help Save

Definition of Concentration Grid 1

Center of Lat and Lon	:	0.0 0.0
Spacing(deg) Lat, Lon	:	0.05 0.05
Span (deg) Lat, Lon	:	30.0 30.0
Output grid directory	:	./
Output grid file name	:	cdump
Num of vertical levels	:	1
Height of levels(M Agl)	:	100
Sampling start(yy mm dd hh min)	:	00 00 00 00 00
Sampling stop(yy mm dd hh min)	:	00 00 00 00 00
(Avg:0 Now:1 Max:2) (hrs) (min)	:	00 12 00

Quit Help Save

# CONTROL file structure

## 4. Deposition parameters

- number of pollutants depositing
- for each depositing pollutant:
  - particle diameter, density and shape
  - Deposition velocity (m/s), Pollutant molecular weight (Gram/Mole), Surface Reactivity Ratio, Diffusivity Ratio, Effective Henry's Constant
  - Wet Removal: Actual Henry's constant, In-cloud (GT 1 =L/L; LT 1 =1/s), Below-cloud (1/s)
  - radioactive decay half-life (days)
  - pollutant resuspension (1/m)

Pollutant, Concentration Grid, and Deposition setup

**Pollutant:** Num= 1

**Grids:** Num= 1

**Deposition:** Num= 1

Specie 1  
 Specie 2  
 Specie 3  
 Specie 4  
 Specie 5  
 Specie 6  
 Specie 7

Buttons: Quit, Help, Save

Table I. Some typical pollutant constants from Wesely (1989) and Walmsley and Wesely (1996).

Chemical	Symbol	$D_w$	H (M/atm) effective	H(M/atm) Actual	$f_s$
Sulfur dioxide	SO <sub>2</sub>	1.9	1x10 <sup>9</sup>	1.24	0.0
Ozone	O <sub>3</sub>	1.6	0.01	0.013	1.0
Nitrogen dioxide	NO <sub>2</sub>	1.6	0.01	0.01	0.1
Nitric oxide	NO	1.3	3x10 <sup>9</sup>	1.9x10 <sup>9</sup>	0.0
Nitric acid	HNO <sub>3</sub>	1.9	1x10 <sup>14</sup>	2.1x10 <sup>9</sup>	0.0
Hydrogen peroxide	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	1.4	1x10 <sup>9</sup>	1.0x10 <sup>9</sup>	1.0
Ammonia	NH <sub>3</sub>	0.97	2x10 <sup>14</sup>	62	0.0
Peroxyacetyl nitrate	PAN	2.6	3.6	5	0.1
Nitrous acid	HNO <sub>2</sub>	1.6	1x10 <sup>9</sup>	2.1x10 <sup>9</sup>	0

$D_w$  - Diffusivity ratio; H - Henry's constant;  $f_s$  - Surface reactivity ratio

Wesely, M.L., 1989, Parameterizations of surface resistances to gaseous dry deposition in regional-scale numerical models, *Atmos. Environ.*, 23, 1293-1304.

Walmsley, J. L., and M.L. Wesely, 1996, Modification of coded parameterizations of surface resistances to gaseous dry deposition, *Atmos. Environ.*, 30, 1181-1188.

Deposition Definition for Pollutant 1

Set Simple Defaults-> Particle or Gas Dry Deposition Wet Deposition

Particle  Gas  Yes  No  Yes  No

Preconfigured:  Cs137  I131g  I131p  HTO  FMDV

Particle Diameter(um), Density(g/cc), Shape : 0.0 0.0 0.0

Vel(m/s), Mol Wgt(g), A-Ratio, D-Ratio, Henry: 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0

Henry's (M/a), In-cloud(1/s), Below-cloud(1/s) : 0.0 0.0 0.0

Radioactive decay half-life(days) : 0.0

Pollutant Resuspension Factor(1/m) : 0.0

Buttons: Quit, Help, Reset, Save

# CONTROL file structure

## 1. Basic parameters (Trajectory or Concentration)

- Start date / time for simulation (YR MO DA HR MN)
- Number of starting locations
- For each starting location: latitude, longitude, height
- duration of run (hours)
- vertical motion option (0=data)
- top of model domain (m)
- number of met data files
- for each met file:
  - directory for file
  - name of file

## 3. Concentration Grids

- Number of concentration grids
- For each grid:
  - center (Lat Long)
  - grid spacing (degrees) (Lat Long)
  - grid span (degrees) (Lat Long)
  - directory for grid output file
  - name of grid output file
  - number of vertical levels
  - height of level (m-agl)
  - sampling start time
  - sampling end time
  - sampling interval  
(type, hour, minute)

*Note that turning on deposition will result in the removal of mass and the corresponding reduction in air concentration, the deposition will not be available in any output unless height "0" is defined as one of the concentration grid levels.*

## 2. Emission parameters

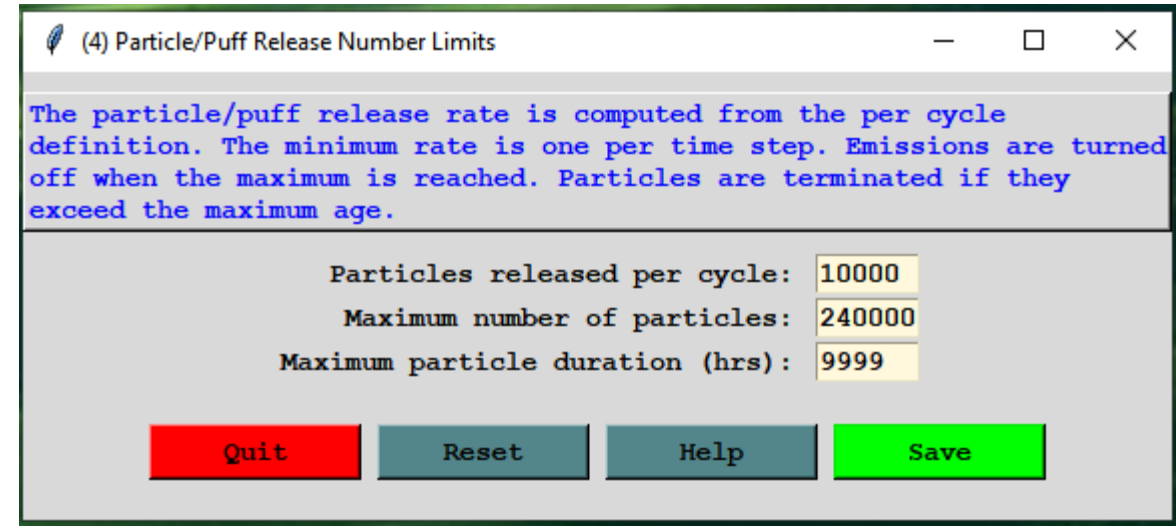
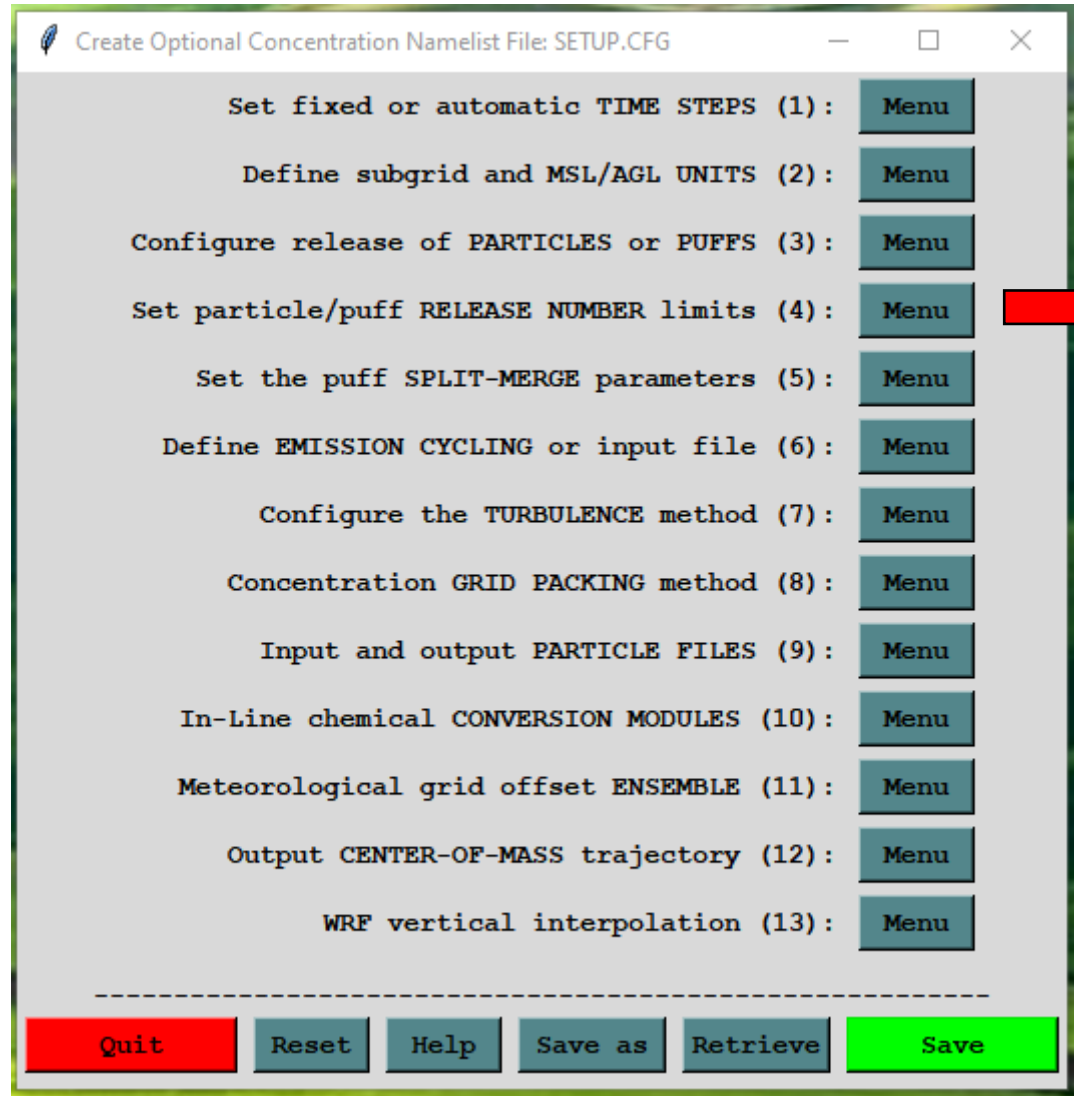
- number of different pollutants
- for each pollutant:
  - pollutant 4-character identification name
  - emissions rate (per hour)
  - hours of emissions
  - release start time

## 4. Deposition parameters

- number of pollutants depositing
- for each depositing pollutant:
  - particle diameter, density and shape
  - Deposition velocity (m/s), Pollutant molecular weight (Gram/Mole), Surface Reactivity Ratio, Diffusivity Ratio, Effective Henry's Constant
  - Wet Removal: Actual Henry's constant, In-cloud (GT 1 =L/L; LT 1 =1/s), Below-cloud (1/s)
  - radioactive decay half-life (days)
  - pollutant resuspension (1/m)

## SETUP.CFG file structure

GUI: Advanced → Configuration Setup → Concentration



Example  
of simple  
SETUP.CFG  
file  
(optional)

```
&SETUP  
numpar = 10000,  
maxpar = 240000,  
/
```

- *maxpar* must generally be greater than or equal to the *run\_duration \* numpar*
- E.g., for a 24hr simulation, releasing 10,000 particles per hour, you need a maximum number of particles of 240,000

# Workflow associated with a typical HYSPLIT Concentration simulation

Command Line or Script	write CONTROL file	write SETUP.CFG file	hysplit\exec\ hycs-std		hysplit\exec\ concpot	hysplit\exec\con2asc hysplit\exec\con2stn
GUI	Concentration → Setup Run	Advanced → Config. Setup → Concentration	Concentration → Run Model	Advanced → View Messages	Concentration → Display → Contours	Concentration → Utilities → Convert to → Ascii (or Station)

CONTROL file  
(required),  
...including  
Pollutant,  
Deposition,  
and Grids  
Setup...

Met Data File(s)

SETUP.CFG file  
(optional)

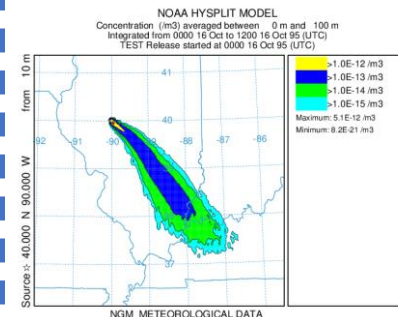
*If a SETUP.CFG file is present, HYSPLIT will use it, even if its not how you wanted to do the run!*

HYSPLIT Concentration model  
(hycs\_std.exe)

binary output file for each concentration grid defined (cdump\_1, cdump\_2, cdump\_3, ...)

MESSAGE file

Concentration Plotting program (concpot)



Additional post-processing programs, e.g.  
con2asc  
create ascii text file with concentration values at each grid point  
con2stn  
create ascii text file with concentration values at a particular location

# HYSPLIT Tips and Tricks

- **CONTROL file:** Look at this file if you are having a problem – sometimes you can see obvious errors
- **GUI:** When you are using the GUI, most input and output files will be in `hysplit\working\`
- **Scripts:** usually create a new working directory, e.g., `hysplit\working_Workshop\`
- **Met File(s):** Correct directory and name; encompass time & spatial domain of your desired simulation
- **Ascii text:** [CONTROL](#), [SETUP.CFG](#), [MESSAGE](#), [TDUMP files](#) (trajectory output files), scripts
- **Binary:** [Met data files](#), [CDUMP files](#) (concentration output files)
- **Options:** Not all available from GUI; can type executable name from command line to see options
- **Met data archives:** <https://www.ready.noaa.gov/archives.php>
- **Many other HYSPLIT programs** in the HYSPLIT exec directory (e.g., met data analysis programs); some are available in the GUI, but not all
- **Graphics:** HYSPLIT has some graphical capabilities – including some new Python graphics – but you can also display your model outputs using other graphics platforms (Google Earth, GIS, python, Matlab...)
- **Numerical Experiments:**
  - Do you have enough particles in your simulation? Increase the number and see if your answers change. Keep increasing until the answers level off. The finer the grid you use, the more particles you need.
  - Do the same simulation with different met data sets to evaluate sensitivity to met data uncertainties
  - And you can do other sensitivity tests for other parameters



```
C:\Users\Mark\hysplit\working>..\exec\trajplot
```

```
USAGE: trajplot -[options (default)]
```

```
-a[GIS output: (0)-none 1-GENERATE_points 3-KML 4-partial_KML 5-GENERATE_lines]
```

```
-A[KML options: 0-none 1-no extra overlays 2-no endpoints 3-Both 1&2]
```

```
-e[End hour to plot: #, (all) ]
```

```
-f[Frames: (0)-all files on one 1-one per file]
```

```
-g[Circle overlay: ( )-auto, #circ(4), #circ:dist_km]
```

```
-h[Hold map at center lat-lon: (source point), lat:lon]
```

```
-i[Input files: name1+name2+... or +listfile or (tdump)]
```

```
-j[Map background file: (ar1map) or shapefiles.<(txt)|process suffix>]
```

```
-k[Kolor: 0-B&W, (1)-Color, N:colortraj1,...colortrajN  
1=red,2=blue,3=green,4=cyan,5=magenta,6=yellow,7=olive
```

```
-l[Label interval: ... -12, -6, 0, (6), 12, ... hrs  
<0=with respect to traj start, >0=synoptic times)]
```

```
-L[LatLonLabels: none=0 auto=(1) set=2:value(tenths)]
```

```
-m[Map proj: (0)-Auto 1-Polar 2-Lambert 3-Merc 4-CylEqu]
```

```
-o[Output file name: (trajplot.ps)]
```

```
-p[Process file name suffix: (ps) or process ID]
```

```
-s[Symbol at trajectory origin: 0-no (1)-yes]
```

```
-v[Vertical: 0-pressure (1)-agl, 2-theta 3-meteo 4-none]
```

```
-z[Zoom factor: 0-least zoom, (50), 100-most zoom]
```

NOTE: leave no space between option and value

```
EXAMPLE: trajplot -itdump.txt -oFIRE -a3 -A3
```

- Not all program options available from GUI
- More options from scripts
- Type executable name from command line to see options
- At left: trajplot (the program that plots trajectories)

Many programs in the HYSPLIT exec directory (e.g., met data analysis programs); some in GUI, but not all

```
C:\Users\Mark\hysplit\working>dir ..\exec /w
Volume in drive C is OS
Volume Serial Number is 74AE-B69A
```

Directory of C:\Users\Mark\hysplit\exec

```
[.]
add_time.exe      add_velv.exe      accudiv.exe       add_data.exe      add_grid.exe      add_miss.exe
arw2arl.exe      asc2par.exe       afwa2arl.exe     amps2arl.exe     ar12grad.exe     ar12meds.exe
boxplots.exe     c2array.exe       ascii2shp.exe    autoview.exe     avn2arl.exe      avn2gb1.exe
chk_index.exe    chk_rec.exe       c2datem.exe      catps2ps.exe     chk_data.exe     chk_file.exe
clusplot.exe     cluster.exe       c2datem.exe      clusend.exe     cluslist.exe     clusmem.exe
con2dose.exe     con2grad.exe     cmp3arl.exe      con2arcv.exe     con2asc.exe      con2ctbt.exe
conavgpd.exe     conc2cdf.exe     con2rem.exe      con2srs.exe     con2stn.exe     conappend.exe
concrop.exe      concsum.exe       concacc.exe      conedit.exe      concp1ot.exe    concplot.py
conlight.exe     conmask.exe       conmaxpd.exe     conmaxv.exe     conhavrg.exe     coninfo.exe
conpuff.exe      conread.exe       constats.exe     content.exe      conmerge.exe     conprob.exe
dat2arl.exe      dat2cnt1.exe     data_avrg.exe    data_del.exe     contour.exe      coversheet.exe
datesmry.exe     dbf2txt.exe       display.exe      dustbdy.exe     data_year.exe   datecol.exe
edit_flux.exe    edit_head.exe     edit_index.exe   edit_miss.exe   dustedit.exe    ecm2arl.exe
ensplots.exe     eta04arl.exe     eta12arl.exe     eta40arl.exe    edit_null.exe   ensperc.exe
file_merge.exe   findgrib.exe      fires.exe        firew.exe       filedates.exe   file_copy.exe
gfs2arl.exe     goes2ems.exe      grad2arl.exe     grycs_gem.exe   gelabel.exe     gen2xml.exe
hur2arl.exe     hycs_ens.exe      hysptest.exe     hysgem.exe      gridplot.exe     gridxy211.exe
hycs_std.exe    hycs_var.exe      kma2arl.exe     kmergextr.exe   grib2arl.exe    hycs_so2.exe
isochron.exe     jma2arl.exe      mergextr.exe     nam12arl.exe    hys_ens.exe     hys_std.exe
matrix.exe       med2arl.exe      nam40arl.exe     par2asc.exe     latlon.exe      1bfgsb.exe
metpoint.exe     mm5toarl.exe     naml2arl.exe     par2conc.exe    metdates.exe    metlatlon.exe
ncr2arl.exe     nuctree.exe      parsplot.exe     parvplot.exe     nams2arl.exe    narr2arl.exe
paro2n.exe      pNA15.exe        pole2merc.exe    poleplot.exe     parhplot.exe    parmerge.exe
pNA15.exe       rec_copy.exe     setpoint.exe     showgrid.exe    profile.exe     pNA05.exe
Readme_exec.txt  scatter.exe      stn2arl.exe      stn2ge.exe      profile_orig.exe rsm2arl.exe
run_mpi.sh       statmain.exe     timeplot.exe     trajgrad.exe    rsmp2arl.exe    stabplot.exe
stat2grid.exe    testnuc.exe      trajfreq.exe     trajmean.exe    snd2arl.exe     tcmsum.exe
tcsolve.exe     trajfrmt.exe     txt2dbf.exe      unpacker.exe     stn2par.exe     trajfind.exe
trajplot.py      vmixing.exe      wincplot(1).exe  vmsmerge.exe    toaplot.py      trajplot.exe
viewer.exe       wincpick.exe     xtrct_stn.exe    xtrct_time.exe  var2datem.exe   velvar.exe
win3plot.exe     xtrct_grid.exe   201 File(s)      195,372,732 bytes
wintplot(1).exe zip.exe
```

The programs underlined in red have been mentioned today

# HYSPLIT Documentation and Learning Resources

- [HYSPLIT Tutorial](#): detailed instructions on using the GUI + example scripts; can be run online or downloaded to local computer
- The GUI is a great way to learn HYSPLIT
  - even experienced users use it when trying something new
  - can create a run in the GUI, and then look at associated input/output files to tell you how to create a script to do similar simulations
  - you can do some relatively complicated procedures (e.g., trajectory clustering)
- HYSPLIT Users Guide: [online](#) (and also in hysplit/documents directory)
- Download HYSPLIT and other resources: <https://www.ready.noaa.gov/HYSPLIT.php>
- [HYSPLIT Cheat Sheet](#)
- Model Overview: <https://www.arl.noaa.gov/hysplit/hysplit/>
- Equations: [https://www.arl.noaa.gov/wp\\_arl/wp-content/uploads/documents/reports/arl-224.pdf](https://www.arl.noaa.gov/wp_arl/wp-content/uploads/documents/reports/arl-224.pdf)
- HYSPLIT Forum: <https://hysplitbbs.arl.noaa.gov/>
- HYSPLIT FAQ's: <https://www.arl.noaa.gov/hysplit/hysplit-frequently-asked-questions-faqs/>
- Recent HYSPLIT Training Workshop: [https://www.ready.noaa.gov/register/HYSPLIT\\_hyagenda.php](https://www.ready.noaa.gov/register/HYSPLIT_hyagenda.php)
- Stein et al., 2015: NOAA's HYSPLIT atmospheric transport and dispersion modeling system, *Bull. Amer. Meteor. Soc.*, 96, 2059-2077, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1175/BAMS-D-14-00110.1>
- Rolph et al., 2017: Real-time Environmental Applications and Display sYstem: READY. *Environmental Modelling & Software*, 95, 210-228, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envsoft.2017.06.025>

# Agenda – Day 0

UTC	EDT	Agenda Item
13:00 – 13:45	09:00 – 09:45	1-2: Installation on Windows PC's
13:45 – 14:00	09:45 – 10:00	Break
14:00 – 14:30	10:00 – 10:30	1-2: Installation on Windows PC's
14:30 – 15:00	10:30 – 11:00	Break
15:00 – 16:00	11:00 – 12:00	<i>30-minute individual installation session as needed</i>
16:00 – 17:00	12:00 – 13:00	Break
17:00 – 21:00	13:00 – 17:00	<i>30-minute individual installation session as needed</i>

# Agenda – Day 1

UTC	EDT	Agenda Item
13:00 – 13:30	09:00 – 09:30	Welcome, Introduction and Logistics
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14:45 – 14:30	10:15 – 10:30	Break
14:30 – 16:00	10:30 – 12:00	4. Trajectory calculations
16:00 – 17:15	12:00 – 13:00	Break
17:15 – 18:30	13:00 – 14:15	5. Trajectory options
18:30 – 18:45	14:15 – 14:30	Break
18:45 – 19:45	14:30 – 15:45	6. Trajectory statistics
19:45 – 20:00	15:45 – 16:00	Day 1 Wrap-up

# Agenda – Day 2

UTC	EDT	Agenda Item
13:00 – 13:15	09:00 – 09:15	Introduction to Day 2
13:15 – 14:45	09:15 – 10:45	7. Air Concentration Calculations
14:45 – 15:00	10:45 – 11:00	Break
15:00 – 16:30	11:00 – 12:30	8. Configuring the CAPTEX simulation
16:30 – 17:30	12:30 – 13:30	Break
17:30 – 19:00	13:30 – 15:00	9. Air Concentration Parameter Sensitivity
19:00 – 19:15	15:00 – 15:15	Break
19:15 – 20:00	15:15 – 16:00	10. Alternate Display Options
20:00 – 20:45	16:00 – 16:45	11. Pollutant Transformations and deposition <i>(start this section if time permits)</i>
20:45 – 21:00	16:45 – 17:00	Day 2 Wrap-up / Questions

# Agenda – Day 3

UTC	EDT	Agenda Item
13:00 – 13:15	09:00 – 09:15	Introduction to Day 3
13:15 – 14:15	09:15 – 10:15	11. Pollutant Transformations and deposition <i>(start today or continue from yesterday)</i>
14:15 – 14:30	10:15 – 10:30	Break
14:30 – 16:00	10:30 – 12:00	12. Air Concentration Uncertainty
16:00 – 17:00	12:00 – 13:00	Break
17:00 – 18:45	13:00 – 14:45	13. Source Attribution Methods
18:45 – 19:00	14:45 – 15:00	Break
19:00 – 19:45	15:00 – 15:45	14a. Wildfire Smoke
19:45 – 20:30	15:45 – 16:30	14b. Dust Storms
20:30 – 20:45	16:30 – 16:45	Day 3 Wrap-up / questions

# Agenda – Day 4

UTC	EDT	Agenda Item
13:00 – 13:15	09:00 – 09:15	Introduction to Day 4
13:15 – 14:45	09:15 – 10:45	15. Radioactive Pollutants and Dose
14:45 – 15:00	10:45 – 11:00	Break
15:00 – 16:30	11:00 – 12:30	16. Volcanic Eruptions with Gravitational Settling
16:30 – 17:30	12:30 – 13:30	Break
17:30 – 18:30	13:30 – 14:30	17. Custom Simulations
18:30 – 18:45	14:30 – 14:45	Break
18:45 – 19:45	14:45 – 15:45	Question and answer session with course instructors
19:45 – 20:00	15:45 – 16:00	Final course wrap-up