

# Notes on gasphase\_preproc and kpp4palm

## 1. Introduction

**gasphase\_preproc** is a preprocessor that creates the file **chem\_gasphase\_mod.f90**, where the gas phase chemistry rate equations are solved within PALM4U.

**gasphase\_preproc** is based on the original unchanged Kinetic PreProcessor KPP (Damian et al., 2002, Sandu et al., 2006), Release 2.2.3 from November 2012 (<http://people.cs.vt.edu/asandu/Software/Kpp/>, kpp-2.2.3.tar.gz) and an adapted version of the KPP postprocessor KP4 (Jöckel et al, 2010), which converts the KPP-generated code to a subroutine for PALM4U. The adapted version of KP4 is named **kpp4palm**.

KPP creates code for a box model from a list of chemical reactions, which must be written in a format that can be processed by KPP. This code is converted to a module for PALM4U by kpp4palm.

Besides the standard scalar version of the code, also a vectorized version of chem\_gasphase\_mod.f90 can be generated. However, only the different flavors of the Rosenbrock solvers have been vectorized, all other KPP solvers have to run in scalar mode.

The first version of this interface to PALM (still named kp4 at that time) was created by Klaus Ketelsen in November 2016 on the basis of his previous development of the handling of KPP in MESSy2 as described by Jöckel et al. (2010).

## 2. Requirements

**Note that the FLEX library is required for KPP**

## 3. Directory structure

**Location:** The **gasphase\_preproc** directory is located in UTIL/chemistry (UTIL is located the trunk directory).

### **Contents of directory gasphase\_preproc**

- The script **run\_kpp4palm.ksh** (script for running KPP and kpp4palmthe conversion program, see section 4 for usage)

- Directory **kpp**: KPP preprocessor creating code (Fortran in our case) from a list of chemical reactions.
- Directory **kpp4palm**: Interface for starting KPP and converting KPP output to a PALM4U subroutine.
- Directory **mechanisms**: Contains subdirectories with the input for KPP for some sample mechanisms and the file UserRateLaws.f90)
- This Readme file
- Optionally, the directory **tmp\_kpp4palm** can be created when running run\_kpp4palm.ksh. This directory contains intermediate files, e.g. the original KPP input and output.

Output of **run\_kpp4palm.ksh** is the file **chem\_gasphase\_mod.f90** which contains the Fortran code of the chemistry subroutines for a user defined chemical mechanism. This file is automatically copied into the SOURCE directory.

The **required input files** of kpp4palm and KPP are located in the directories gasphase\_preproc/mechanisms/def\_mech, where *mech* stands for the name of any mechanism. A few sample mechanisms are already supplied in gasphase\_preproc/mechanisms/. More mechanisms will be added and can also be added by the user.

Each of the def\_mech directories contains the following input files:

- **chem\_gasphase\_mod.kpp** (containing some instructions for kpp4palm, such as the output language, directives for the photolysis reactions and values of the compounds which are referred as 'fixed species'. Fixed species are compounds which are usually abundant and do not vary with time on the scale of tropospheric chemistry, e.g. O<sub>2</sub> or N<sub>2</sub>. For some mechanisms also CO<sub>2</sub> or methane are considered as fixed, i.e. which compounds considered as 'fixed' depend on the mechanism. Water vapor (H<sub>2</sub>O) is always considered as a 'fixed species' in the chemistry routines, since its concentration is calculated in the meteorological part of PALM-4U (if it were not considered as 'fixed', it would be transported twice).
- **mech.spc** (containing a list of the chemical species in KPP notation)
- **mech.eqn** (containing a list of the chemical reactions in KPP notation).

In addition, each gasphase\_preproc/mechanisms/def\_mech contains an already set output file chem\_gasphase\_mod.f90 just in case that kpp cannot be run on a user's system (usually due to the lack of the FLEX library). However, only preprocessed files for the scalar mode are supplied here. Sample files for the vector mode are not supplied since the optimum vector length depends on the

computer which is used.

**The SOURCE directory also contains already a file named chem\_gasphase\_mod.f90.**

**If someone wants to switch to another mechanism than the one which is included in the SOURCE directory either run run\_kpp4palm.ksh or copy the prepared chem\_gasphase\_mod.f90 from the respective def\_mech directory into the SOURCE directory.**

#### **4. How to apply kpp4palm for available mechanisms**

Make sure that the FLEX library is installed

1. Enter the UTIL/chemistry/**gasphase\_preproc** directory.

- Choose a mechanism from the available sample of mechanisms in subdirectory **mechanisms** (subdirectories **def\_mech** where *mech* stands for any of the sample mechanisms).
- Run **run\_kp4palm.ksh**:  
**run\_kp4palm.ksh [ -m mech ] [-i n] [-v] [-l vl] [ -k ] [-u]**

**-m mech** permits the choice of the chemical mechanism. If **-m mech** is not specified, the mechanism *smog* will be used

**-i n** ( $n=0,1,2$ ) is optional and optimizes a part of the code by replacing indirect addressing of arrays by a sequence of statements without indirect addresses as described by Jöckel et al., 2010. If *n* is set to 0, then the code is not optimized. Default is 2.

**-k** is an optional argument, which determines whether the temporary working directory tmp\_kpp4palm is kept or deleted after termination of run\_kp4palm.ksh. tmp\_kpp4palm is removed when **-k** is omitted.

**-u** is an optional argument. If set, the output file will also be copied into the *def\_mech* directory. This option should be applied with caution since the original file chem\_gasphase\_mod.f90 in *def\_mech* will be overwritten. The default setting is off.

**-v** switches on the generation of the vector version of chem\_gasphase\_mod.f90. A vector length must be specified by **-l vl**, with *vl* being the vector length.

**-l vl** can only be applied in combination with **-v**. see above.

During runtime a temporary directory `tmp_kpp4palm` is created. The newly created output file is copied from the temporary working directory `tmp_kpp4palm` to `SOURCE/chem_gasphase_mod.f90` (the already existing file `chem_gasphase_mod.f90` in the `SOURCE` directory is moved to `chem_gasphase_mod.f90.sav` and will be overwritten by the next run of `run_kp4.ksh`). If the `-u` option is applied, the output file will also be copied into the `mechanisms/def_mech` directory.

## 5. How to apply kpp4palm for a new mechanism

If you are not familiar with KPP, read the KPP documentation (PDF in `UTILS/chemsitry/gasphase_preproc/kpp/doc`) and have a look into the files of the existing `def_MECH` directories.

- 1) Create a new subdirectory `def_mech` in directory `mechanisms`.
- 2) Put your new `mech.spc` and `mech.eqn` into that new directory. Photolysis frequencies must be named according to the following examples:  
`phot(j_no2)`, `phot(j_hcho)`, `phot(j_o3)`.
- 3) Copy a `chem_gasphase_mod.kpp` file into the directory and adapt it:
  - a) Adapt the name of the mechanism in the two `#include` statement
  - b) Adapt in `#INLINE F90_DATA` the number of photolysis frequencies `nphot`
  - c) Adapt/extend in `#INLINE F90_DATA` the indices in the `INTEGER, PARAMETER, PUBLIC` statement
  - d) Adapt/extend in `#INLINE F90_DATA` the character array `phot_names`:  
Note that the order of `phot_names` and the indices must match. Please note that the names are case sensitive. The available photolysis frequencies can be found in `chem_photolysis_mod.f90` (array `names_s`).
  - e) Adapt in the `#INLINE F90_INIT` section the 'fixed' species exactly to number of compound which are required for your mechanism. Please note that water vapor is considered as fixed within the chemistry module, as it is computed somewhere else.

## 6. Documentation and references

A local copy of the official documentation of KPP is found in gasphase\_preproc/kpp/doc/ kpp\_UserManual.pdf.

A brief documentation of first version kpp4palm (still named kp4) is located in gasphase\_preproc/ kp4palm/doc/MESSy\_in\_PALM.pdf

## References:

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## Additional notes (background information about KPP and kp4palm)

### General remark

KPP and kpp4palm are strongly case sensitive. Adaptations to coding conventions for PALM should therefore only be applied after the essential processing is finalized.

### How to add or modify expressions for rates

The file UserRateLaws.f90 in directory gasphase\_preproc/mechanisms contains the rate laws which are actually used. This file is a copy of gasphase\_preproc/kpp/util/UserRateLaws.f90 (which is one of the 'auxiliary files' mentioned in the kpp documentation).

Further rate laws may be added in gasphase\_preproc/mechanisms/UserRateLaws.f90, e.g.

```
REAL(kind=dp) FUNCTION ARR2( A0,B0, TEMP )  
  REAL(kind=dp) :: TEMP  
  REAL(kind=dp) A0,B0  
  ARR2 = A0 * EXP( -B0 /TEMP )  
END FUNCTION ARR2
```

It can be extended by further rate laws. When run\_kpp4palm.ksh is run UserRateLaws.f90 is copied from gasphase\_preproc/mechanisms into gasphase\_preproc/kpp/util.

#### Example:

In order to make kp4palm include ARR2 into chem\_gasphase\_mod.f90, kpp4palm/bin/kp4palm.ksh had to be edited:

Add ARR2 to KPP\_SUBROUTINE\_LIST, i.e.  
KPP\_SUBROUTINE\_LIST="\$KPP\_SUBROUTINE\_LIST Update\_RCONST k\_3rd **ARR2**"  
This makes kpp4palm add ARR2 to the list of subroutines to be processed in the file KPP\_SUBROUTINE\_LIST.

**Important:** Within kpp/util/UserRateLaws.f90 the effective code lines of the subroutine must be the **after** any comment lines (otherwise kpp may create a memory fault).

## About the type of rate 'constants'.

Rate constants in *mech.eqn* (*mech* stand for any name of a mechanism) are handled differently, depending whether they are simple numbers or not.

In `kpp/src/scanner.c` there are three types of rates distinguished in `StoreEquationRate` (lines 578 ff): `NUMBER`, `EXPRESION`, and `PHOTO`.

`NUMBER` is clear. If rate is a number, then it is put to the initialization as a 'constant rate coefficient'.

If the rate in *mech.eqn* includes anything which is different from a number (like brackets, `_dp`, or anything else), then the rate is of type `EXPRESION`. This type of rates is put into `UpdateRconst`.

`PHOTO` is identified by the occurrence of 'hv' in the reaction rate equations in *mech.eqn*: `if(EqNoCase(spname,"HV")) isPhoto = 1;` within `scanner.c` (line 692).

Appending `_dp` (which is requested by the PALM team) at the end of each number makes a number to an expression and the rate is put into `SUBROUTINE UpdateRconst` (which is what we want anyway).

## The Update\_Rconst calls issue

As the Box version of KPP generated code can also run for several hours, an updating of the rate constants is necessary. However, this is not required, when just a time step of a dynamical model must be covered. Then it is only necessary to call `Update_Rconst` only once at the beginning of each time step. Furthermore, `Update_SUN` is not necessary as photolysis will be calculated outside of the chemistry module.

Changes in `kp4palm/src/fortran_file.C`:

```
// Update_RCONST has only to be called once per outer timeloop in KPP_FOR_PALM
    if(ip->get_token(0) == "CALL" && ip->get_token(1) == "Update_RCONST" ) {
        lo_line.insert(0,"!DELETE ");
        cout << lo_line << endl;
    }

// Update_SUN must not be called within in KPP_FOR_PALM
    if(ip->get_token(0) == "CALL" && ip->get_token(1) == "Update_SUN" ) {
        lo_line.insert(0,"!DELETE ");
        cout << lo_line << endl;
    }
```

## Modifications for photolysis

create\_kpp\_module.C:

Some additional lines were added after

```
void create_kpp_module::create_kpp_integrate()
```

Specification of indices for the photolysis frequencies and their names (which must match with the names of the available photolysis frequencies in chem\_photolysis.f90) are specified in kp4palm/def\_mech/chem\_gasphase\_mod.kpp

```
#INLINE F90_DATA
! Declaration of global variables for photolysis from INLINE
INTEGER, PARAMETER :: nphot = 2
! phot Photolysis frequencies
REAL(kind=dp) :: phot(nphot)

INTEGER, PARAMETER,PUBLIC :: j_no2 = 1
INTEGER, PARAMETER,PUBLIC :: j_rcho = 2

CHARACTER(LEN=15), PARAMETER, DIMENSION(NPHOT) :: PHOT_NAMES = (/ &
'J_NO2', 'J_RCHO' /)
#ENDINLINE
```

The declaration REAL(kind=dp) :: phot(NPHOT) does not really fit here, as this does not depend on the mechanism, but so far I did not find a better place.

## Modifications for fixed species

Fixed species (when necessary) are initialized in chem\_gasphase\_mod.kpp as follows:

```
#INLINE F90_INIT
fix(indf_h2o) = qvap
fix(indf_o2) = 0.2e+6_dp * fakt
fix(indf_co2) = 400.0_dp * fakt
#ENDINLINE
```

Note that water vapor is considered as fixed as the water vapor variable q (qvap is already converted to molecules cm<sup>-3</sup>) is computed somewhere else in PALM-4U. In the absence of a prognostic water vapor variable a constant value of 0.01 kp kg<sup>-1</sup> is assumed.)