User Guide
Potential Source Contribution Factor

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1 Calcul the back-trajectories

The back-trajectories have to be computed before running the PSCF script. We use here the Hysplit program from the NOAA. As Hysplit is a relatively big software with many option and configuration, we develop a tool to compute the back trajectory in a easy way.

1.1 Run the back-traj calculator

The GUI is written in python2.7 and needs the following modules :

— os, sys, json, shutil, datetime, re, calendar, Tkinter and multiprocessing. They should be include in all standard python distribution.

There are 2 ways to start the script.

From the terminal Open a terminal window and navigate to the directory where the `GUI_backTrajectory.pyw` file is. Then type `python2 GUI_backTrajectory.pyw` or `python GUI_backTrajectory.pyw` if you only have the 2.7 version of python.

Graphically Simply double-clic or right-clic then "open with python" the `GUI_backTrajectory.pyw` file. It should open 2 news windows : one terminal to print some information and the GUI.

1.2 GUI description

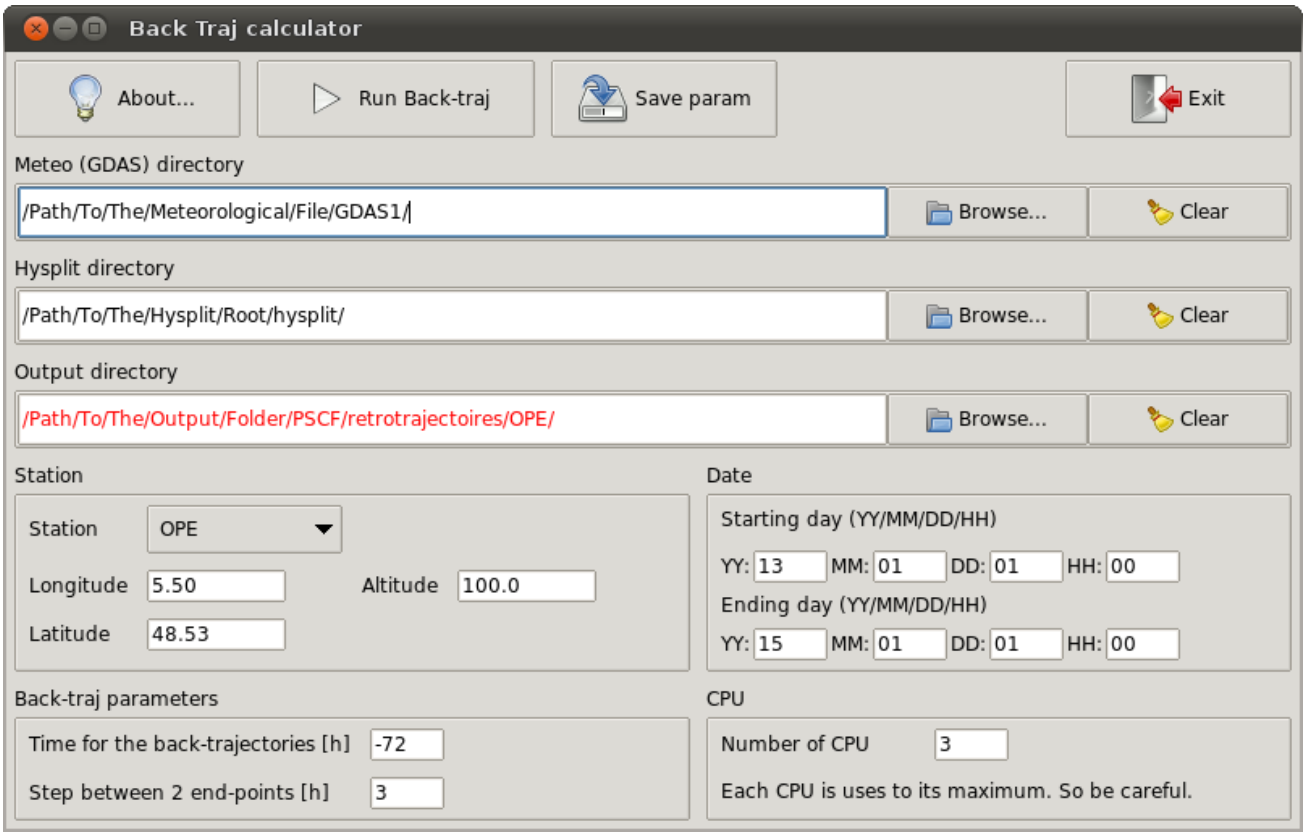


FIGURE 1 – GUI of the back-trajectory calculator script

Once the script starts, you should see the window presented in figure 1. This window present the different parameters use to compute the back-trajectories. Let's describe each of its field.

Button frame

About Show credential and information about this GUI.

Run Back-traj Save the parameters in `localParamBackTraj.json` then compute the back-trajectories with theses parameters.

Save param Save the parameters in the `localParamBackTraj.json` file without running the calculation.

Exit Quit the program without saving the parameters.

Meteo (GDAS) directory Select the path to the GDAS files. GDAS is a file format uses to stock meteorological information and are freely downloadable from the NOAA site [1] or ftp [2].

Hysplit directory Select the root path of the Hysplit directory installation. It typically contain the subdirectory `working, exec, script` etc.

Output directory Select where the back-trajectories files will be save.

Station frame

Station Select the desired reference point. If the station is not in the list you have to add yourself the station in the `locationStation.json` file (see section 4).

Longitude/Latitude Enter the longitude/latitude of the station. It should be update automatically with the station selection.

Altitude Enter the altitude (in meter from the surface) of the starting point.

Date frame Enter from when to when the back-trajectories will be computed.

Back-traj parameters frame

Time for the back-trajectory [h] Enter for how long the back-trajectory will be computed.

Step between 2 end-points [h] Enter the time between 2 saves in the output file. Minimum is 1 hour.

CPU frame As the program is parallelizable, enter how many core should compute the back-trajectories. By default is your number of CPU minus 1. Beware! As the computation may take a long time, choosing your number of CPU is not recomended! Otherwise you won't be able to do anything else during the computation.

1. site information : http://ready.arl.noaa.gov/archives.php
2. ftp : ftp://arlftp.arlhq.noaa.gov/pub/archives/gdas1/

2 PSCF computation

2.1 Run the program

The GUI is written in python2.7 and needs the following modules :

— os, sys, json, shutil, datetime, linecache, math, ast, Tkinter and multiprocessing. They should be include in all standard python distribution.

— scipy, numpy and matplotlib. For Windows users, we recommend to use a software like anaconda which provide this modules. For Linux user you could simply enter `sudo apt-get instal python2-numpy python2-matplotlib python2-scipy` in a terminal in order to install them.

There are 2 ways to start the script.

From the terminal Open a terminal window and navigate to the directory where the `GUI_PSCF.pyw` file is. Then type `python2 GUI_PSCF.pyw` or `python GUI_PSCF.pyw` if you only have the 2.7 version of python.

Graphically Simply double-clic or right-clic then "open with python" the `GUI_PSCF.pyw` file. It should open 2 news windows : one terminal to print some information and the GUI.

2.2 GUI description

Once the script starts, you should see the window presented in figure 2. This window present the different parameters use to compute the PSCF. Let's describe each of its field.

Button

About Show credential and information about this GUI.

Run PSCF Save the parameters in `localParamPSCF.json` then run the PSCF with theses parameters. It will print the desired plot.

Save param Save the parameters in the `localParamPSCF.json` file without running the PSCF.

Exit Quit the program without saving the parameters.

Back-trajectory directory Select the directory where the back-trajectories are stocked. The path is red if it doesn't exist (as you can see in the screenshot).

Concentration file Select the concentration file. It must be a coma separated value file (CSV), the delimiter must be " ;". The first raw must contain the name of each specie. The path is red if it doesn't exist (as you can see in the screenshot).

Station frame Select the studied station. If your station is not listed you have to complete the `locationStation.json` file (explain in section 4 hereafter). The back-trajectory prefix and latitude/longitude should update automatically. If the back-trajectories are save with another prefix, edit the "Back-traj prefix" field.

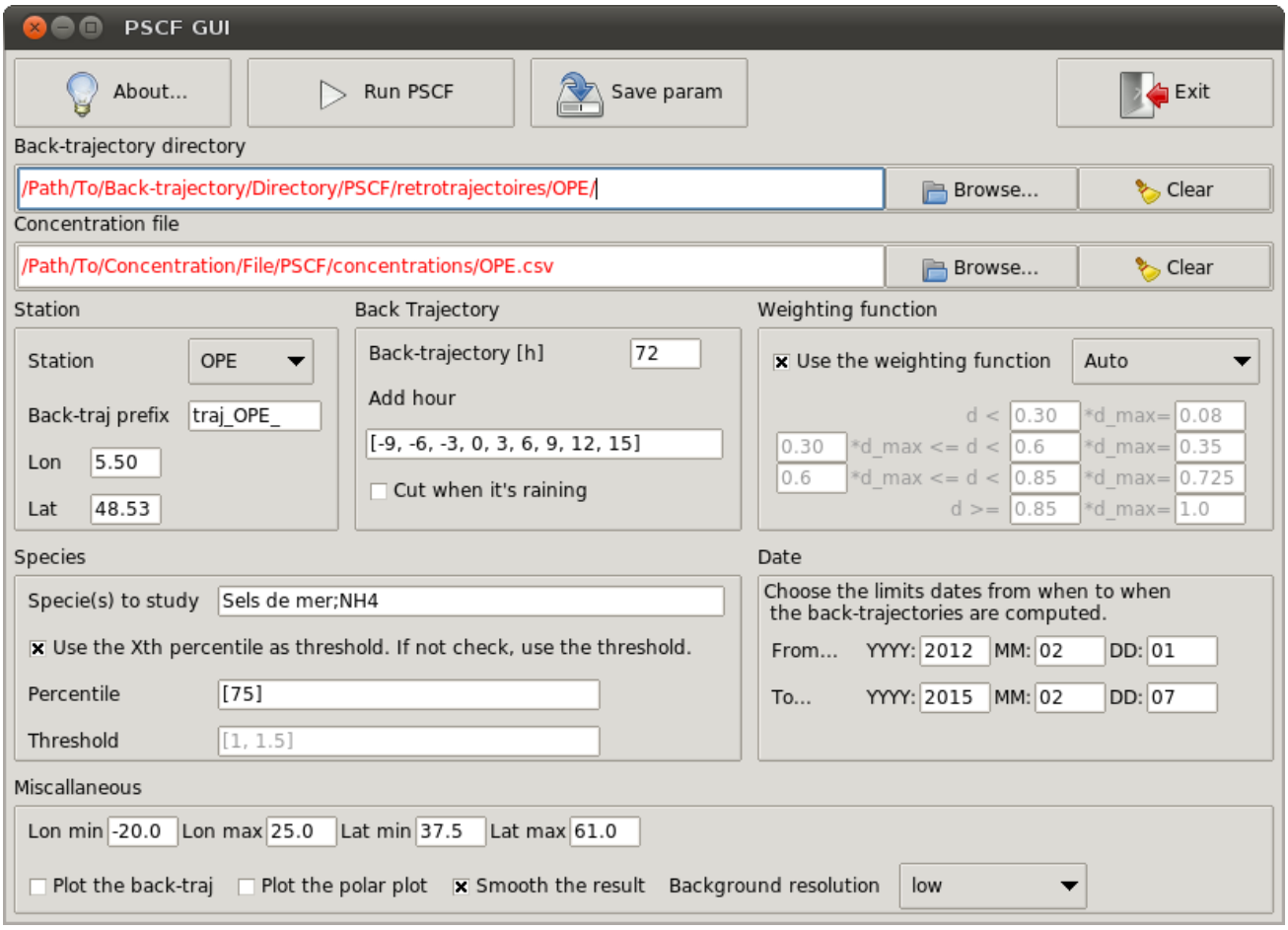


FIGURE 2 – GUI of the PSCF script

Back Trajectory frame

Back-trajectory [h] Specify how long the back-trajectory have to be.

Add hour Add back-trajectory for each observation. For example if an acquisition starts at 00 :00 and ends and 23h59 you may want to take into acount the back-trajectories at 00h, but also 03h, 06h, 09h, ...18h and 24h. To do so, simply add the hours you want. It must be an array (i.e. start with a "[" and end with a "]", each value separated by a coma).

Rain Check the "Cut when it's rainning" box if you want to cut the back-trajectory with the rain.

Weighting function frame Check the box if you want to use a weighting function.

User defined Let the user defined the weighting function. "d" means the logarithm of back-trajectory density. Select the desired threshold and the associated weighting value.

Auto A continuous weighting function is uses and is defined as follows :

$$WF_{ij} = \frac{\log\left(M_{ij}\right)}{\log\left(\max\left(N\right)\right)} \tag{1}$$

Species frame

Specie(s) to study Enter the name of the specie(s) you want to study. It must match the first line of the concentration file. Multiple species could be indicated, delimited by " ;".

Use of the percentile or an arbitraty threshold Select the way you want to define the threshold to keep a back-trajectory in the M matrix. If you want the Xth percentil of the specie check the box and enter the desired percentil. If you prefer an arbitrary threshold uncheck the box and enter a threshold. Both of the percentil or the aribtray threshold must be an array (i.e. start with a "[" and end with a "]", each value separated by a coma). You can enter several threshold or percentil. In this case the first percentil/threshold is uses for the first specie, the second for the second specie, etc. If only one percentile/threshold is specified it is use for all the species.

Date frame Choose from when to when the PSCF have to be computed. It may be useful to select a subset of the concentration file without create a new file.

Miscellaneous frame

Longitude/Latitude Enter the min/max latitude and longitude for the plot part.

Plot back-traj Plot the N matrix, i.e. all the back-trajectory.

Plot polar plot Plot a polar plot indicated the number of case of M there are in the N, NW, W, SW, S, SE, E, NE quarters.

Smooth the result Use a gaussian filter to smooth the result.

Background resolution Select the resolution of the map background. Higher resolution dataset is much slower to draw. Coastline or lake with an area respectively smaller than 10000, 1000, 100, 10, 1 km^2 for resolution crude, low, intermediare, high, full will not be plotted. See the matplolib Basemap module [3] for details.

3 Plot manipulation

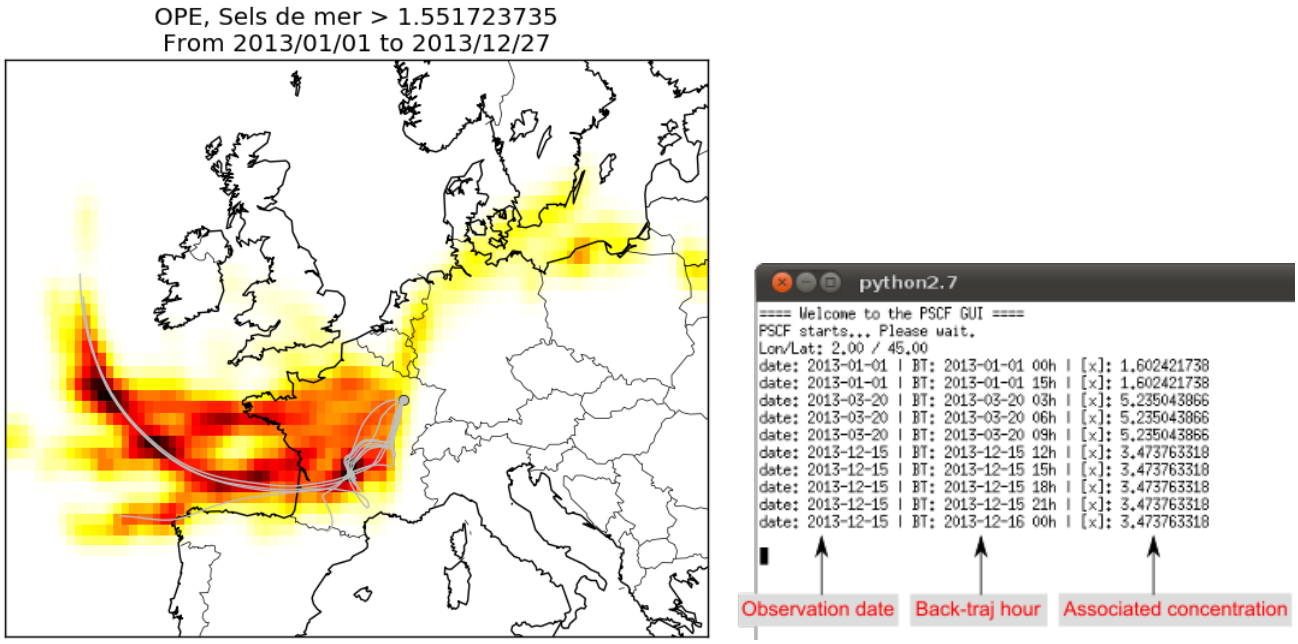
3.1 See trajectories

A left-clic on the map will print all the back-trajectories that passed through this case. It will also print in the terminal the associated concentrations and days as shows in figure 3. A right-clic clear all the previous plotted back-trajectories.

3.2 Save plot

As the script uses the matplotlib module, you can save the figure in the same way of all matplotlib figures by clicking the diskette icon. You can choose the format you want (pdf, png, svg, etc.).

3. site : http://matplotlib.org/basemap/api/basemap_api.html#module-mpl_toolkits.basemap



(a) Map view (b) Terminal output

FIGURE 3 – A left-clic on the map near the "Massif Central" at 45 ° 00' N/2 ° 00' E highlights 10 back-trajectories that passed through the selected case.

4 Add or modify a station

If you want to change the list of the stations (add, remove or modify an existing one), you have to manually edit the `locationSation.json` file. To do so, open it with a text editor (NotePad, WordPad, Gedit, VIM, etc.) and add your station between the two bracket as follow :

```
{
    ''STATION_NAME_1'': [''latitude'', ''longitude''],
    ''STATION_NAME_2'': [''latitude'', ''longitude''],
    ...
    ''STATION_NAME_n'': [''latitude'', ''longitude'']
}
```

Be *sure* that all lines terminate with a coma but not the last one! Otherwith an error will be raise. The longitude/latitude have to be in degre.