



Vectorial Model - Fortran Source Guide

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Program Flow

Input Parameters

- Read **fparam.dat** to seed input parameters
- Read **stdin** to let user adjust parameters at runtime
- Write our possibly adjusted set of parameters back out to **fparam.dat**

Miscellaneous Calculations

- Calculate collision sphere radius, **RCOLL**
- Adjust some parameters to account for changes due to heliocentric distance with factor **RHELIO**²: photo & total lifetimes of the parent, and total lifetime of the fragment. Adjust the excitation rate by $\frac{1}{r^2}$

Call Functions

- SETUP() to calculate radius of the coma (“coma” referring to extent of parent molecules only in this program), collision sphere
- SDENT() to calculate how dissociation scatters fragments around the nucleus
- SYM() to obtain a radial distribution of fragments based on the heavy symmetry of the problem
- VERIF() to count the total number of fragments in two different ways as a sanity check

Column Density Calculation

- Calculate column density at impact parameters out to a maximum of 85% of the edge of the grid by calling SLINS
- Trapeziums and Gaussian integration both used for comparison and sanity check
- Column densities printed to **fort.16**

Aperture Calculations

- Call SLIT() with three different hard-coded values for Hubble and the IUE satellites, along with one user-defined rectangular aperture to calculate average brightness
 - Print results of aperture calculations to **fort.16**
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fparam.dat - Input Parameters

- Line 1 - Name of the comet, string
- Line 2 - Heliocentric and geocentric distance of the comet, separated by whitespace
- Line 3 - Number of production/time steps that are valid, integer
- Line 4 → Line 23 - Production rate (float) and time in days ago it happened (float), separated by whitespace
- Line 24 - Velocity of parent species molecules, float
- Line 25 - Total lifetime of parent species, float
- Line 26 - Dissociative lifetime of parent species, float
- Line 27 - Destruction level of the parent species, float
- Line 28 - Name of the fragment species molecules, string
- Line 29 - Excitation rate of the fragment species, float
- Line 30 - Velocity of the fragment species, in km/s, float
- Line 31 - Total lifetime of the fragment species, float
- Line 32 - Destruction level of the fragment species, float
- Line 33 - Slit dimensions, width and length (floats), separated by whitespace

fort.16 - Output

Holds all results, including radial volume density, column density, checks, and aperture brightness.

Functions

Function SETUP

- Calculate various quantities to be used later by vectorial model and print them to **fort.16**
- Convert distance and time units of some variables to match
- Build a grid of angles and distances to store density contributions - hard-coded pseudo-logarithmic scale in the radii, linearly spaced angles

Function SDENT - Volume Density Grid Calculation

Calculates the fragment volume density contribution due to parents flowing outward along positive z-axis, with the nucleus at the origin. The 2-d grid only tracks the fragment spray of one outflow axis, and we perform an integration later due to the high symmetry of the problem to add up the contribution of all outflow axes over the spherical surface (θ, ϕ) Hard-coded to only track fragments for **8** lifetimes, which might limit accuracy for high productions!

- Initialize density array **DENS(I,J)** to zeros

- Calculate some variables for use inside the loops
- Loop over elements of the density grid **DENS(I,J)**
 - Apply conditions from vectorial model to compute some constraints
 - Apply vectorial model equations here to compute the density at **DENS(I,J)** by integrating radially along the section of the contributing axis that can contribute fragments to this point in space
- Loop through the **DENS** array and fill in last element of each **DENS(I,.)** manually with zero or the previous value in the array as a cutoff for the outer-radius edge of the grid

Function SYM - Angular Integration for Radial Density

- The array **DENS(I,J)** contains how one axis sprays fragments around the nucleus
- We need to integrate over the θ dependence to get a density distribution that is only a function of r .
- This integration is performed here in **SYM** and printed out to **fort.16**, and the radial volume density is stored in **DENR(I)**.

Function VERIF - Counting Fragment Species

- Computes the total number of fragments theoretically and by integrating the radial density out to **DIM**, the maximum radius the model tracks the fragments
- The closer the ratio is to 1, the less fragments are unaccounted for by a bad grid resolution or bad integration

Function SLINS - Column Density and Accuracy Check

- Computes the column density at various impact parameters with two different methods, trapeziums and Gaussian integration
- Fills **TH(..)** with column densities

Slit Brightness

Calculations of brightness through three hard-coded slits and one user-defined slit is performed based on average column density inside slits

Variable Legend

Initialization

Variables filled in during initialization

- **COMET** - String of comet's name, 72 characters long
- **RHL** - Comet's heliocentric distance
- **DGO** - Comet's geocentric distance
- **NSTEPS** - Number of different gas production rates over time

- **QP** - Array of production rates in molecules/second
- **TOU** - Array of times, in days ago, that rates **QP** were active
- **VPAR** - Velocity of parent molecules in km/s initially but converted to cm/s when used
- **TAUPT1** - Total lifetime of the parent molecule, in seconds
- **TAUPD1** - Dissociative lifetime of the parent molecule, in seconds
- **DESTP** - Destruction level of the parent, in percent
- **RADICAL** - String of the fragment species' name, 72 characters long
- **GEXC0** - Excitation rate of fragment species at 1 AU, in photons per molecule per second
- **VDG** - Velocity of fragment species, in km/s initially but converted to cm/s when used
- **TAUGT1** - Lifetime of fragment species, in seconds
- **DESTR** - Destruction level of fragment species
- **XW** - Slit dimensions perpendicular to sun-comet axis
- **XL** - Slit dimensions along sun-comet axis
- **NF** - Size of angular dimension for density grid **DENS**, hardcoded as **26**
- **AA** - Size of radial dimension for density grid **DENS**, hardcoded as **150**
- **SIGMA** - Approximate cross section of molecules in inverse squared cm
- **utherm** - Thermal velocity, used in collision sphere radius calculation
- **rcoll** - Collision radius, only reported as output and not used further
- **RHELIO** - Comet's heliocentric distance, copy of **RHL**
- **RH2** - Comet's heliocentric distance, squared
- **TAUPT** - Total lifetime of parent molecule in seconds, adjusted to non-1 AU distances
- **TAUPD** - Dissociative lifetime of parent molecule in seconds, adjusted to non-1 AU distances
- **TAUGT** - Lifetime of fragment species in seconds, adjusted to non-1 AU distances
- **GEXC** - Excitation rate **GEXC0**, adjusted to non-1 AU distances
- **DELTA** - Comet's geocentric distance, copy of **DGO**

Setup

Variables in function **SETUP**

First, we use **chunk** to mean one of the **10** areas of radial space this calculation uses, with smaller separations nearer to the nucleus (higher spatial resolution).

We use **gridpoints** to refer to the smaller subdivisions within each of these **10 chunks**, with this program using a hardcoded **15 gridpoints** for every **chunk**. The spacing between **gridpoints** for a given **chunk** is a multiple of **RES**, the "quantum" of radial distance in the grid. Near the nucleus in the first **chunk**, the **gridpoints** are **1** quantum apart, which eventually climbs to **60** quanta apart at the last **chunk**, which is furthest from the nucleus.

- **CDIM** - Product of β , the inverse scale length of the fragment species, and the radius r of sphere at which **DESTR** percent of fragment species are destroyed: $-\log(1 - \text{DESTR}/100)$
Festou eq. 16 **Festou eq. 6**
- **GDIM** - Product of β , the inverse scale length of the parent species, and the radius r of sphere at which **DESTP** percent of fragment species are destroyed: $-\log(1 - \text{DESTP}/100)$ **Festou eq. 16**
Festou eq. 6
- **RCOMA** - Radius of the coma, as limited by the time since parent production started, in centimeters
- **DIM1** - Permanent flow regime radius, in centimeters
- **DIM2** - Outburst situation radius as calculated with initial production, in centimeters
- **DIM** - Minimum of **DIM1** and **DIM2**, in centimeters. Marks the outer edge or maximum radius that our **X** array grid will cover, used for the maximum distance to track fragments.
- **EPSI** - Angle epsilon from **Festou Figure 4**: maximum angle that can contribute based on velocities of fragments and parents.
- **TPERM** - Time necessary to create a permanent flow regime
- **TPP** - Dissociative lifetime of parent molecule in seconds, copy of **TAUPD1**
- **TPPT** - Total lifetime of parent molecule in seconds, copy of **TAUPT1**
- **TGG** - Lifetime of fragment species in seconds, copy of **TAUGT1**
- **VVP** - Velocity of parent molecules in km/s
- **VVD** - Velocity of fragment species in km/s
- **RCCC** - Radius of the coma **RCOMA** in kilometers
- **DDIM** - Copy of **DIM** but in kilometers
- **TV** - Scale length $\beta^{-1} = v \cdot \tau$ of parent molecule **Festou Eq. 6**
- **QN** - Array whose elements are **QP/VPAR** - production per unit distance of parent molecules, used in the radial integration part of the calculation
- **COEFF** - Used later in density calculation, defined as the inverse of 4π **TAUPD**

- **NBB** - Array that is ten-element hardcoded list of increasing numbers that "determine the calculations accuracy". Each of these elements describe a **chunk** of radial space, and how much space each chunk's **15 gridpoints** occupy. It starts out small, so the radial **gridpoints** are close together, and then climb to be very far apart away from the nucleus.
- **N2** - Sum of elements of **NBB**, which comes out to **174**. We use this to map radial space from **[0, DIM]** to a grid with this many **chunks**, with each chunk further subdivided.
- **A** - Defined as **AA**/Length of **NBB**, both hardcoded, which comes out to **15**
- **L** - Copy of **A**, but in integer format, also **15**
- **RES** - Computed as **DIM** / (**N2** · **L**), which comes out as **DIM** / **2610** - seems to be the spatial resolution of the **gridpoints** - 1 unit of grid is this much radial distance
- **JMAX** - Index of last element of radial arrays **DENS**, **X**, and **XCOORD**. Length of **NBB** times **L**, which comes out to be **150**, but not guaranteed to be a copy of **AA** because of the integer conversion. This set of magic numbers doesn't get rounded so they are in fact the same.
- **DALFA** - Defined as **EPSI/NF** - the maximum contributing angle cut up into **NF** parts.
- **DRES** - This is the "local" radial distance between grid points within any given **chunk**.

XCOORD and X arrays

The distance **DIM** is divided into **10** different regions (**chunks**), of increasing spatial size, growing as you get farther from the nucleus. In each of these chunks, the **X** array is filled with **15** samples of this **chunk**, equally spaced along it. For an illustration of order-of-magnitude, for the example data we used, the spatial sampling varied from 400 km **chunks** near the nucleus to roughly 24,000 km **chunks** near the edge of **DIM**.

The only difference between **X** and **XCOORD** is their units, in **cm** and **km** respectively.

- This grid is roughly logarithmic in the radial coordinate, and linear in the angular coordinate
- Functions like numpy's `logspace` can produce a similar radial grid

Density Calculation, SDENT

Variables in function **SDENT**

- **VDGG** - Defined as **VDG** squared
- **VPARR** - Defined as **VPAR** squared
- **TLIMI** - Defined as **8** times **TAUGT**, the lifetime of the fragment species, which is the maximum amount of time beyond which we assume all fragments have decayed
- **RLIM** - Either **RCOMA** or cut off shorter when $\text{EPSI} < \pi$. The maximum radius to consider during the density grid calculations.
- **RC1** - Defined as one third of **RCOMA**
- **RC2** - Defined as two thirds of **RCOMA**
- **RD** - Defined as half of **DIM** + **RCOMA**

- **R2** - Defined as **RCOMA** squared
 - **ANGLE** - Current angle we are looping through, calculated based on **DALFA** and the current index for the angular part of the array, **J**
 - **DIST** - Taken directly from the **X** array, based on the radial index along the density grid, **I**
 - **XX** - Defined as **DIST** · sin **ANGLE**, x coord of our density gridpoint
 - **YY** - Defined as **DIST** · cos **ANGLE**, y coord of our density gridpoint
 - **DRLIM** - How far along the contributing axis to integrate, based on maximum fragment ejection angle
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