



# Getting Started

This chapter provides you with the information on the essential steps necessary to access, compile and run ARPS model and to examine the model output. Details regarding the model's theoretical and numerical formulation, definition of model parameters, *etc.* may be found elsewhere in this User's Guide.

## 3.1. Assumptions

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We assume that the users of this document have a working knowledge of:

- UNIX operating system,
- FORTRAN-77, and
- file transfer protocol (FTP).

## 3.2. Accessing ARPS Code via Anonymous FTP

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ARPS model is accessible via anonymous FTP as follows (all computer commands to be entered by the user are shown in *italics*):

- Log onto the machine where you wish to place ARPS code and get into an appropriate directory.
- Type **ftp** *ftpcaps.uoknor.edu* [open FTP session to CAPS anonymous FTP server]
- Log in as **anonymous** and use your complete e-mail address as your password

- **cd** *pub/ARPS* [change to public access ARPS directory]
- **ascii** [establish ASCII format for data transfer]
- **get** *README\_arps* [copy ARPS readme file to your home account]
- **bin** [set binary mode for data transfer]
- **get** *arps\_current.tar.Z* [copy latest ARPS source code]
- **get** *arps40.docs.tar.Z* [copy ARPS 4.0 document files (this guide in postscript form)]
- **get** *arps40.data.tar.Z* [copy ARPS 4.0 terrain and surface data files]
- **quit** [terminate the FTP session]

You should first try to read *README\_arps*, which provides a brief description of the current version of ARPS. The other four files ending with *tar.Z* are the compressed tape archive (tar) file of the model code, postscript version of this User's Guide, terrain and surface characteristic data sets and files used by ARPS validation test suite. If you already have a copy of this guide and want to examine ARPS code and perform a few idealized tests only, *arps\_current.tar.Z* maybe sufficient for you at first. Please note that *get arps\_current.tar.Z* is actually a soft link an actual file, which is usually named *arps4.0.nn.tar.Z*. Here *nn* represents a subversion number. After you complete command **get arps\_current.tar.Z**, you will actually find *arps4.0.nn.tar.Z* on your disk instead of *arps\_current.tar.Z*.

To decompress and expand the code, type the following:

- **uncompress** *arps4.0.nn.tar.Z* [expand the compressed tar file]
- **tar -xvf** *arps4.0.nn.tar* [split the tar file into separate files that are placed into a subdirectory called *arps4.0.nn*]
- **cd** *arps4.0.nn* [change directory to *arps4.0.nn*]
- If you now type **ls** [list files], you should see the following (approximately):

```

./
../
CHANGES
COPYRIGHT
README
advct3d.f
arps40.data/
arps40.docs/
arps40.f
arps40.input
arps40.tree
arps40.validate/
arpscvf.input
arpscvf11.f
arpsdiff.input
arpsdiff12.f
arpsextsnd.f
arpsextsnd.input
arpsgrads.gs
arpslib3d.f
arpsplt.input
arpsplt47.f
arpspltlib.f
arpspltmax.f
arpspltmax.input
arpsprt.input
arpsprt12.f
arpsprtlib.f
arpsr2h30.f
arpsread.f
arpsffc.inc
arpsffc12.f
arpsffc1ib.f
arpssoil.f
arpstern.input
arpstern12.f
awkinput
barnes3d.f
bc3d.f
bcdif3d.f
bndry.inc
celtrk3d.f
chkSYM3d.f
cmix3d.f
craylib3d.f
cumucst.inc
cumulus3d.f
diffdims.inc
dims.inc
dir1deg.f
dir30sec.f
dir5min.f
dump3d.f
energy3d.f
exbc.inc
exbc3d.f
exbcio3d.f
ext2arps.f
extdims.inc
extlib3d.f
fjoindumps.f
fjoinload.file
force3d.f
fsplitdump.f
fsplitexbc.f
fsplitrestart.f
fsplitsoil.f
fsplitsoilini.f
fsplitterrain.f
genlib3d.f
globcst.inc
gradsio3d.f
grdtrns3d.f
hdfio3d.f
ibmlib3d.f
img3d.f
indtflg.inc
inibase3d.f
init3d.f
initpara3d.f
intfield.f
iolib3d.f
joinfiles.f
july21_ice.snd
lapsparms.cmn
linkx1C*
load1deg.file
load30sec.file
load5min.file
make.arps40
makearps*
maproj3d.f
may20.snd
may20_calm.snd
meraf.inc
micro3d.f
micro_ice3d.f
mpdims.inc
mpisubs.f
mpitranssubs.c
mptrans.c
mthermo.f
ncarg3d.f
netcdf.inc
netio3d.f
neutral.snd
nohdfio3d.f
noncarg3d.f
nonetio3d.f
nopakio3d.f
nosvio3d.f
nqs.arps*
operat3d.f
out3d.f
outlib3d.f
pakio3d.f
par.inc
par1d.inc
par2d.inc
phycst.inc
pltgrid.f
pvmsubs.f
pvmtranssubs.c
r2hdims.inc
raydmp3d.f
rdextfil.f
rdextfil_laps.f
rdextfil_ruc.f
read3d.f
read_obs.f
readinput.F
rst3d.f
setbdt3d.f
setupmpi.f
setuppvm.f
setuppvm2.f
setuppvm3d.f
sfcp3d.f
sfcp3dphycst.inc
smooth3d.f
soildiag3d.f
soilebm3d.f
solve3d.f
spcounty.mapdata
splitfiles.f
stable.snd
subroutine.list
svio3d.f
t3dtranssubs.c
terrain.inc
testmkarps*
thermo3d.f
timelib3d.f
tinteg3d.f
tke3d.f
tmix3d.f
usstate.mapdata
wirfrm.f
wirfrmstub.f
xncar.f
xpost.f

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If you wish to locate a file that contains a specific subroutine (or a specific string), type the following:

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grep -i "subroutine name" *.f
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You may also find some files in the CAPS anonymous FTP directory, that have a suffix of .gz. These files have been compressed using the GNU Free Software Foundation software **gzip**, and can be expanded using command **gunzip**. The source code for **gzip** and **gunzip** can be obtained from many anonymous FTP sites on the internet.

If you encounter problems with the above procedure, send electronic mail to *arpsuser@uoknor.edu* or call CAPS at 405-325-0453.



### 3.3. Examining the Files

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Note the following files now in your ARPS directory:

- *README*            A file that contains the basic information on the content of this directory.
- *COPYRIGHT*        Copyright notice for ARPS.
- *CHANGES*         A file that documents the modification history of ARPS system.
- *makearps*            A UNIX shell script for compiling ARPS and other utility programs.
- *make.arps40*        A make description file used by *makearps*.
- *\*.f*                  FORTRAN-77 source files containing the model code.
- *\*.inc*                FORTRAN include files used by the source code.
- *\*.input*             Input files containing the control parameters of ARPS and other utility programs.
- *may20.snd*          A sample sounding file.
- *arps40.data*        A directory containing data sets used by ARPS
- *arps40.validate*    A directory containing the files used by ARPS validation experiments.
- *arps40.docs*        A directory containing the PostScript files of ARPS 4.0 User's Guide (Note: the actual files will be distributed separately from the main ARPS tar file, see Section 2.1).

Examine the ASCII source files as you wish, noting that file *arps40.f* contains the driver program, ARPS40, for ARPS. See Chapter 5 for further information on the program and subroutine functionality.

### 3.4. Process Flowchart of ARPS Model System

To run a complete model system, a number of steps are involved. The preprocessing step prepares the terrain, surface characteristics data sets, and the objective analysis for model initialization. After the model time integration, post-analysis is performed to examine the model output. We illustrate the interconnection of these processes using a flow chart, as given in Figure 3.1.

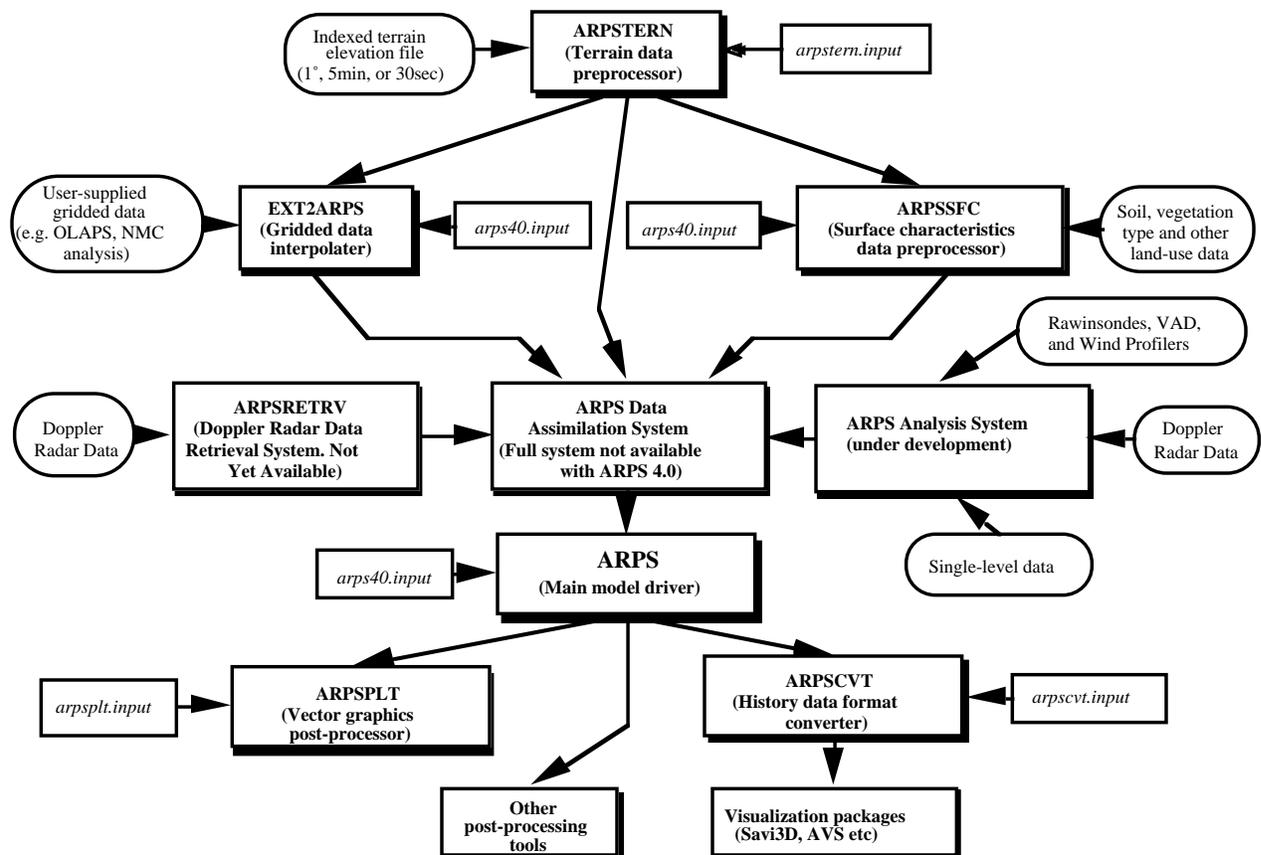


Figure 3.1. ARPS model process flow chart.

### 3.5. Compiling ARPS and Supporting Programs

The compilation and linking of ARPS40 and all other ARPS-supported utility programs are orchestrated by a UNIX shell script, **makearps**. The script invokes a **make** command based on the parameters provided to it. **make** is a UNIX utility for managing code compilation based on object dependencies. **make** compares the modification time of source files to that of object codes, and recompiles only those files that have been updated. The **make** command for ARPS makes use of description file *make.arps40*. A help page similar to the following will be listed when command **makearps** is entered without any arguments:

Usage: **makearps** [options] *cmd*

*cmd* is one of the following [default is *arps40*]:

(Note names in *italic*, such as *arps40*, are *cmd* parameters passed to **makearps** script, those in **bold**, such as **arps40**, are the names of the executables produced by '**makearps** *cmd*', and those in capital letters, such as ARPS40, refer to program names)

Executable commands:

<i>arps40</i>	Produce executable <b>arps40</b> for ARPS40
<i>arps40_pvmt3d</i>	Produce PVM version executable of ARPS, <b>arps40_pvmt3d</b> , to run on a Cray T-3D.
<i>arpscvt</i>	Produce executable <b>arpsevt</b> for ARPSCVT
<i>arpsplncar</i>	Produce NCAR graphics version executable <b>arpsplncar</b> of ARPSPLT
<i>arpspltpost</i>	Produce PostScript version executable <b>arpspltpost</b> of ARPSPLT
<i>arpsplmax</i>	Produce executable <b>arpsplmax</b> for ARPSPLTMAX
<i>arpsprt</i>	Produce executable <b>arpsprt</b> for ARPSPRT
<i>arpsr2h</i>	Produce executable <b>arpsr2h</b> for ARPSR2H
<i>arpsdiff</i>	Produce executable <b>arpsdiff</b> for ARPSDIFF
<i>arpsextsnd</i>	Produce executable <b>arpsextsnd</b> for ARPSEXTSND
<i>arpsafc</i>	Produce executable <b>arpsafc</b> for ARPSSFC
<i>arpsstern</i>	Produce executable <b>arpsstern</b> for ARPSTERN
<i>dir1deg</i>	Produce executable <b>dir1deg</b> for DIR1DEG
<i>dir5min</i>	Produce executable <b>dir5min</b> for DIR5MIN
<i>dir30sec</i>	Produce executable <b>dir30sec</b> for DIR30SEC
<i>ext2arps</i>	Produce executable <b>ext2arps</b> for EXT2ARPS
<i>ruc2arps</i>	Produce executable <b>ruc2arps</b> for the RUC version of EXT2ARPS
<i>laps2arps</i>	Produce executable <b>laps2arps</b> for the OLAPS version of EXT2ARPS

Object library archive:

*arpssolver*      Produce an object library for ARPS solver

Create tape archive (tar) files:

*Allfiles.tar*      Create tar files of the entire ARPS systems except for the documentation  
*arps40.tar*        Create tar files associated with ARPS40  
*arpscvt.tar*      Create tar files associated with ARPSCVT  
*arpsplt.tar*      Create tar files associated with ARPSPLT  
*arpsprt.tar*      Create tar files associated with ARPSPRT  
*arpsr2h.tar*      Create tar files associated with ARPSR2H  
*arpsdiff.tar*     Create tar files associated with ARPSDIFF  
*arpsextsnd.tar* Create tar files associated with ARPSEXTSND  
*arpssfcs.tar*     Create tar files associated with ARPSSFC  
*arpstern.tar*     Create tar files associated with ARPSTERN  
*ext2arps.tar*     Create tar files associated with EXT2ARPS  
*arpsdocs.tar*     Create tar documentation files of ARPS  
*arpsdata.tar*     Create tar data sets used by ARPS

Clean-up object files:

*clean*             Delete all object files  
*clean.arps40*     Delete all object files related to ARPS40  
*clean.arpscvt*    Delete all object files related to ARPSCVT  
*clean.arpsplt*    Delete all object files related to ARPSPLT  
*clean.arpsprt*    Delete all object files related to ARPSPRT  
*clean.arpsr2h*    Delete all object files related to ARPSR2H  
*clean.arpsdiff*   Delete all object files related to ARPSDIFF  
*clean.arpsextsnd* Delete all object files related to ARPSEXTSND  
*clean.arpssfcs*   Delete all object files related to ARPSSFC  
*clean.arpstern*   Delete all object files related to ARPSTERN  
*clean.dirtern*    Delete *dir1deg.o dir5min.o dir30sec.o*  
*clean.ext2arps*   Delete all object files related to EXT2ARPS

Compiler options (machine dependent):

*-opt n*            *n* = 0, 1, 2, or 3 for different optimization levels  
*-d*                Turn on debug option, reset optimization level to 0  
*-p*                Parallel option  
*-s*                Performance statistics  
*-inline*          Inline small, frequently called routines  
*-ice*              (CRAY only)

History data (I/O) library support *.i.makearps*:

*-io opt1 [opt2 ...]* where options are:  
*hdf*              Include data I/O routines using HDF format

<i>net</i>	Include data I/O routines using NetCDF format
<i>savi</i>	Include data I/O routines using Savi3D format
<i>all</i>	all of the above

NCAR graphics plotting option:

<i>-ncarg</i>	Include graphic plotting using NCAR graphics for programs ARPSSFC and ARPSTERN. Default = no graphic plotting.
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Options passed to **make**:

<i>-n</i>	Displays commands, but does not run them.
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Miscellaneous options:

<i>-m mach</i>	Force machine type to <i>mach</i> (otherwise use tcsh HOSTTYPE to get the machine type). Recognized machine types include: <i>cray</i> , <i>iris4d</i> , <i>rs6000</i> and <i>sun4</i> . If none of the above matches, default type <i>unix</i> is used.
<i>-help</i>	Print this help page.

The script uses the tcsh environment variable HOSTTYPE to determine the machine that the code is compiled on. The main differences between the machines are the compiler and loader flags that are to be used. The *-io* option specifies the available external libraries. By default, no external library is assumed to be available.

### 3.6. A Quick Start with ARPS

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When ARPS is used for idealized simulation studies, often real terrain data or 3-D analysis data are not required. In this case, fewer steps are needed to complete a model run. We list these steps in the following (we assume NCAR Graphics has been installed on user's computer system):

<b>vi</b> <i>dims.inc</i>	[Set the model grid dimensions]
<b>vi</b> <i>may20.snd</i>	[Prepare a sounding if required]
<b>vi</b> <i>arps40.input</i>	[Set control parameters for the model run]
<b>makearps</b> <i>arps40</i>	[compile and link ARPS]
<b>arps40</b> < <i>arps40.input</i> > <i>arps40.output</i> &	[Execute the model]
<b>vi</b> <i>arpsplt.input</i>	[Set plotting control parameters including the names of history files to be processed]
<b>makearps</b> <i>arpspltncar</i>	

```

                                [Compile and link ARPSPLT with ZXPLLOT
                                and NCAR Graphics libraries]
arpspltncar < arpsplt.input &
                                [Execute ARPSPLT program to generate
                                graphic metafile output]
ctrans -d X11 gmeta [Examine the graphic metefile using NCAR
                                Graphics viewing tool ctrans]

```

### 3.7. A Complete Run of ARPS

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The steps required to make a complete ARPS run using real terrain, real surface characteristic data, and 3-D initial data set are listed as follows:

- Steps to prepare the terrain data, assuming the terrain data base has been properly set up (UNIX vi editor is used for illustrative purposes, those in [] are comments. These steps are unnecessary if the analytic terrain option is chosen):

```

vi terrain.inc           [Set grid dimension, etc. ]
vi arpstern.input       [Set parameters for model grid configuration
                                and terrain data analysis]
makearps dir1deg        [Compile and link program DIR1DEG]
makearps dir5min        [Compile and link program DIR5MIN]
makearps dir30sec       [Compile and link program DIR30SEC]

dir1deg < arpstern.input> dir1deg.out &
                                [Convert 1 degree terrain data to direct access
                                data. This needs to be done only once if the
                                output data file dir1deg.dat is saved]
dir5min < arpstern.input> dir5min.out &
                                [Convert 5 minute terrain data to direct access
                                data. This needs to be done only once if the
                                output data file dir5min.dat is saved]
dir30sec < arpstern.input> dir30sec.out &
                                [Convert 30 second terrain data to direct access
                                data. This needs to be done only once if the
                                output data file dir30sec.dat is saved]
makearps -ncarg arpstern
                                [Compile and link terrain analysis program
                                ARPSTERN]
arpstern < arpstern.input > arpstern.output &
                                [Execute program ARPSTERN]
ctrans -d X11 gmeta
                                [Examine the graphic plotting of the terrain
                                field]

```

Terrain data file *arpstern.dat* is used by ARPS40.

- Steps to prepare the surface characteristic data, assuming the data base has been properly set up. These steps are necessary only when the soil model is turned on (*sfcphy* = 3 or 4) and when the surface characteristics data from the data base are used (*sfcdat* =3).

```

vi dims.inc           [Set the model grid dimensions]
vi arps40.input      [Set other control parameters for ARPSSFC and
                        ARPS40]
makearps -ncarg arpsfc
                        [Compile and link program ARPSSFC]
arpsfc < arps40.input > arpsfc.output &
                        [Execute program ARSSSFC]

```

A surface characteristics data file whose name is specified inside *arps40.input* is produced.

- Steps to produce a three-dimensional initialization data set and the data files used to force the lateral boundaries of ARPS. The data are interpolated from data sets from another model or observational analysis grid. In general, file *rdextfile.f* has to be edited, and usually additional libraries have to be included, so that the program can read in the user-supplied data set (see Section 8.5).

```

vi dims.inc           [Set the model grid dimensions]
vi extdims.inc       [Set the dimensions of external data arrays]
vi arps40.input      [Set control parameters, including the input data
                        file names, for EXT2ARPS]
makearps ext2arps   [Compile and link program EXT2ARPS]
ext2arps < arps40.input >! ext2arps.out &
                        [Execute program EXT2ARPS]

```

If ARPS is initialized with a single sounding, a sounding file has to be prepared instead of a 3-D initial data set. Other options using analytic base states are also available (see Section 8.4).

- Steps to run ARPS40 when all necessary data have been prepared:

```

vi dims.inc           [Set the model grid dimensions]
vi exbc.inc          [Set the dimensions of external boundary
                        condition arrays. Set all three dimensions to 1 to
                        collapse the arrays when external boundary
                        forcing is not used.]
vi arps40.input      [Set control parameters for ARPS40]
makearps arps40     [Compile and link ARPS main program
                        ARPS40]
arps40 < arps40.input >! arps40.output &

```

*arps40.input* is a input file containing the control parameters for ARPS40 and other supporting programs, and is in the NAMELIST format. The detailed parameter settings for *arps40* are described in Chapter 4.

A set of output data will be produced. Instructions on how to examine them are presented in the next subsection.

### 3.8. Model Output

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ARPS model provides options for a number of history data formats. History data are data written by the model and contains all necessary model variables for analysis. The history data formats can also be used to initialize the model. In this document, a history data file is sometimes referred to as a history dump. The output directory is specified in *arps40.input*. *runnam* refers to a character string not longer than 6 characters that is chosen (set in *arps40.input*) to identify your simulation.

The main output files from ARPS40 are described below.

- *arps40.output* - A file containing information from the standard output of model execution. Formatted printout of field arrays, run time diagnostic information, warnings of improper parameter settings, job aborting information, *etc.*, can be found in this file. The user is strongly encouraged to examine this file during and after the job execution.
- *runnam.log* - A record of all input parameters in a NAMELIST format ready to be re-used as a input file for ARPS40 execution.
- *runnam.maxmin* - The maximum and minimum values of various fields at time intervals specified by the user in the file *arps40.input*. This file is read by program ARPSPLTMAX to plot time series of certain model variables.
- *runnam.rstnnnnnn* - A set of 'restart' binary data files produced at an interval specified by the user in *arps40.input*. Here *nnnnnn* are six digits representing the model time in seconds. Each file contains two time levels of data and can be used to restart the model. After the restart, the model should run as if it had never stopped. A restart file can also be read by program ARPSR2H, which creates a one-time-level history data.
- *runnam.fmtgrdbas* - history data containing only the time independent base-state and model grid arrays. Each run will generate only one such file. Here *fmt* is one of *bin*, *asc*, *hdf*, *pak*, *bn2*, *svi*, *net*, *npk*, *grds*, indicating the format of the data. A description on these formats and their use can be found in Section 10.1.

- *runnam.fmtnnnnnn* - a set of history data files that contain all necessary model variables for post-processing purposes. Here *fmt* represents the data format as before, and *nnnnnn* are six digits representing the data time in seconds.

### 3.9. Vector Graphics Analysis of ARPS Data

CAPS distributes a vector graphics plotting program, ARPSPLT (see Section 10.2), based on graphics software known as ZXPLLOT. ARPSPLT uses history data from ARPS. To use this package, you must install the ZXPLLOT executable library on your machine. The object codes for most popular systems can be obtained from *anonymous@ftpcaps.uoknor.edu:pub/ZXPLLOT*. More detailed information on ZXPLLOT can be found in Chapter 12. Alternatively, a user can write his/her own analysis program using the history data read facilities supplied with ARPS. A template program for reading history data is provided in Section 10.1. For a quick start up, the steps to run ARPSPLT are:

```
vi dims.inc           [Set the grid dimensions to match those of
                        ARPS40]
vi arpsplt.input     [Set plotting control parameters including the
                        names of history files to be processed]
```

```
makearps arpspltncar
                        [Compile and link ARPSPLT with ZXPLLOT
                        and NCAR Graphics libraries]
arpspltncar < arpsplt.input >! arpsplt.output &
                        [Execute ARPSPLT program to generate
                        graphic metafile output]
```

or

```
makearps arpspltpost
                        [Compile and link ARPSPLT with ZXPLLOT
                        and ZXPLLOT PostScript driver]
arpspltpost < arpsplt.input >! arpsplt.output &
                        [Execute ARPSPLT program to generate
                        PostScript graphic output]
```

### 3.10. The Parallel Version of ARPS

The parallel version of ARPS 4.0 was created to support high resolution prediction research as well as conduct MPP research. A significant part of the serial code remains unchanged and most of the changes have been made to the data I/O routines and those related to the lateral boundary conditions. The translators converts code markers, which have been embedded into the official ARPS version, into calls to the communication routines.

(Note: The code markers have a **cMP** prefix, and it is important that the location or the content of these markers is not disturbed)

The model assumes some understanding of parallel computing by the user, and the existence of a parallel programming platform (either PVM or MPI). All processes read the input file and the sounding file (if necessary). It is necessary that all programs have access to file system which contains these files. (CAPS has made available two guides which deal with the subject of understanding parallel computing, and using the parallel version of ARPS in more detail. Please send an email to [arpsuser@uoknor.edu](mailto:arpsuser@uoknor.edu) for more information).

Disclaimer: Although a lot of effort has been taken to make the parallel version more robust, problems might arise when using the code. Many of these problems could be due to the local implementation, or system related (machine failure *etc.*), but if they are neither, contact us at [arpsuser@uoknor.edu](mailto:arpsuser@uoknor.edu).

The parallel version of ARPS is initialized slightly differently from the serial version. ARPS model configuration file, `dims.inc` has undergone philosophical change and a new file, `par.inc`, has been added to configure the model.

The values  $nx$  and  $ny$  now refer to the dimensions of the grid on a single processor (as opposed to the entire grid in regular ARPS). Two more variables,  $nprocx$  and  $nprocy$  are used to determine the number of processes/processors to be used in the run. The size of entire grid in the X and Y direction (the Z dimension has not been changed) can be determined by the following formulae

$$\begin{aligned} global\_x\_size &= (nx - 3) * nprocx + 3 \\ global\_y\_size &= (ny - 3) * nprocy + 3 \end{aligned}$$

or alternately,

$$\begin{aligned} nx &= (global\_x\_size - 3) / nprocx \\ ny &= (global\_y\_size - 3) / nprocy \end{aligned}$$

(Note: The variables  $global\_x\_size$  and  $global\_y\_size$  do not appear in the code but are used here as an aid to the calculation of the grid size).

The values of  $nprocx$ , and  $nprocy$  should be set equal to the number of processors needed, in the case of an MPP, or number of available machines times 2 or 3 depending on the amount of available memory, speed of the processor *etc.* in the case of a computer cluster.

The new file, `par.inc`, is used to set the size of the communication buffers. The values  $nx\_mx$  and  $ny\_mx$  should be set to  $nx$  and  $ny$ . The values could be larger than  $nx$  and  $ny$  but in no case should they be set to values smaller than  $nx$  and  $ny$ . The maximum number of processors too can be fixed

in this file, but they have been currently set to  $nprocx = 16$  and  $nprocy = 16$ , which are far greater than a typical size.

To run the parallel version of the model, we list the following steps (assuming a run with PVM on the Cray T3D; also assuming that NCAR Graphics has been installed on the users computer system for post-analysis):

<b>vi</b> <i>dims.inc</i>	Set grid dimensions
<b>vi</b> <i>par.inc</i>	Set parallel version specific parameters
<b>vi</b> <i>arps40.input</i>	Set control parameters in input file
<b>splitfiles_t3d</b> < <i>arps40.input</i>	Split input data files into individual processor sections
<b>echo</b> <i>arps40.input</i> >! <i>input.name</i>	Store input file name into an intermediate file
<b>makearps</b> <i>arps40_pvmt3d</i>	Create the parallel version for the T3D using PVM
<b>arps40_pvmt3d</b> -npes <i>XX</i> < <i>input.name</i> >! <i>arps40.output</i> (on the T3D)	Execute the parallel version, specifying the number of processors.
<b>joinfiles_t3d</b> < <i>arps40.input</i>	Join the history dumps together
<b>vi</b> <i>arpsplt.input</i>	Set control parameters for ARPSPLT input file
<b>makearps</b> <i>arpspltncar</i>	Create a sequential version of arpspltncar
<b>arpspltncar</b> < <i>arpsplt.input</i>	Run arpspltncar
<b>ctrans</b> -d <i>X11 gmeta</i>	Display the graphic metafile

Each processor will write out its own history dump(s) during a run and utilities have been provided to split the input data files (terrain, surface *etc.*) and join the history dumps. The `splitfiles` utility will split all the necessary input data files, while `joinfiles` will join the all the history dumps together. Note: Once again, the program assumes that all processors have access to the file system on which the input files and the history dumps will be stored)

The parallel version of ARPS has been ported to two messaging platforms, PVM and MPI, and three different hardware platforms (Cray T3D, IBM SP2 and a cluster of workstations). The executable name indicates the message passing and hardware platform the program will execute on (a PVM version for the T3D is named **arps40\_pvmt3d**. A MPI version for the IBM SP2 is named **arps40\_mpsp2**). Executables for cluster environments do not have a hardware name extension (*e.g.* an executable using MPI and executing on a cluster of workstations is named **arps40\_mpi**). For joinfile and splitfiles, similar rules apply; however, the message passing platform name is ignored. For a complete list of commands, enter **makearps -help**.

### 3.11. Where to Get Help

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For help with general problems, use the electronic mail-based ARPS Information System described in Chapter 2. Other questions and comments may be directed to:

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