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# COSMO software fieldextra

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# Fieldextra



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# Fieldextra



- **Generic tool** to process model data and gridded observations
  - Provide a set of primitive operations, which can be combined (**toolbox**)
  - Single **Fortran 2008 program** controlled by **namelists**
  - **Read once & write multiple**
- Primary focus is the **production environment**
  - **Robust** (no crash, recovery after exception, scale with problem size)
  - **Safe** (systematic check of operations and products consistency)
  - **Efficient** (time to solution, memory footprint, input/output)
  - **Versatile** (rich toolbox, code extensibility)
- Fully **documented**, incl. many examples, but...
  - ... **which use cases are possible / meaningful ?**
  - ... **hard to create namelists for complex problems**

# Fieldextra



## Case study:

### Pollen downscaling from COSMO-7 to COSMO-1 ( $\rightarrow$ lateral BC)

```
&Process
  in_file="./input/lm_coarse/lfff00000000"
  out_regrid_target = "hsurf_c1"
  out_regrid_method = "linear_fit,square,4.5"
  out_file=".tmp_output/downscaling_c7_2_c1_0000.g1", out_type="GRIB1",
/
&Process in_field="AMBR", tag="ambr_c7" /
...
&Process tmp2_field="ambr_c7", tag="ambr_c1",
  voper = "intpl_k2z++, hfl_c1,lnp; extpl_down,constant,hfl_c7_ke,ambr_c7_ke"
  voper_use_tag = "p_c7,hfl_c7,hfl_c1,hfl_c7_ke,qv_c7_ke" /
```

- *More complex interpolation operators can be used / implemented*
- *About 2x faster than INT2LM on a single Kesch node  
(for this specific application)*

# Fieldextra

## Recent releases

- **v12.3.1** (12.08.2016)
- **v12.4.0** (02.12.2016 – Common COSMO GRIB API environment)
- **v12.5.0** (21.02.2017)
- **v12.6.0** (25.07.2017)

→ 2-3 major releases each year

# Fieldextra

## Availability

- **Full code and documentation** on GitHub  
<https://github.com/MeteoSwiss-APN/fieldextra>
- **Standalone package** on COSMO web site (main releases only!)  
<http://www.cosmo-model.org/content/support/software/default.htm>
- **Full installation** at ECMWF on cca (special UNIX group cfxtra)  
</perm/ms/ch/ch7/projects/fieldextra>

# Fieldextra

## About backward compatibility

- **Backward compatibility not guaranteed**  
(i.e. old namelist not always compatible with newest code)
- But... all required namelist modifications documented in  
COMPATIBILITY\_ISSUES\_\* files

→ It is advised to regularly update the software!

# Fieldextra

## Some highlights since COSMO GM 2016

- Full implementation of **COSMO GRIB API policy**  
*(vendor & COSMO, as external resources)*
- Update to **GRIB API 1.20.0**, with adaptive entropy coding support  
*(C1 output reduced by a factor 2.5, processing cost increased by a factor 1.5)*
- **ASCII input**  
*(easy creation of GRIB or NetCDF files, incl. meta-information)*
- Support missing input in time series, interpolation in **time dimension**
- **Consolidation** of functionality and of code  
*(GRIB1, GRIB2... thermodynamic operators... time operators...)*
- **See** <https://github.com/MeteoSwiss-APN/fieldextra-wiki/wiki/History>
- **See** <https://github.com/MeteoSwiss-APN/fieldextra/blob/master/admin/HISTORY>

# Fieldextra

## About code performance... *another motivation for upgrading!*

- Systematic **performance monitoring** during code development, e.g.
  - 'benchmark' mix of standard MCH products
  - 'fabec' interpolation on standard levels for flight control
  - 'parallel prod' mix of differential operators & convection indices
- Incremental **improvement** of performances observed with new releases, both sequential and parallel

	Benchmark [s] (3x3)	Fabec [s] (1x4)	Parallel prod [s] (3x4) (2x12)
v12.1.0 (12.2015)	39	61	39
v12.3.0 (06.2016)	34	59	25
v12.7.0 (08.2017)	29 (-25%)	52 (-15%)	24 (-38%) 17 (-56%)

# Fieldextra

## Towards v13.0.0 (→ Q1 2018)

- Add **vertical cross section** along arbitrary path (generate NetCDF output)
- Add **NetCDF** import (for COSMO type output)

features

- Provide more **commented examples** (→ user friendliness)
- Improve **regression tests & automatic build** (→ code quality)
- Examine **software life cycle** & further planning (→ sustainability)
  - *Many possible development lines  
(optimization, code consolidation / clean-up, simplify usage...)*
  - *Organize workshop with stakeholders?*
- **See** <https://github.com/MeteoSwiss-APN/fieldextra-wiki/wiki/Planning>
- **See** <https://github.com/MeteoSwiss-APN/fieldextra/milestones>

environment



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# GRIB support: GRIB API

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# GRIB API

**GRIB API** is a software developed at ECMWF to process GRIB records.

**GRIB API** is composed of the encoding / decoding engine, and of one or more sets of decoding rules (*definition files*).

The **Common COSMO GRIB 2 Policy** coordinates the usage of the GRIB API in the COSMO consortium (short names, model names, local codes...).

Besides the ECMWF distribution, a set of **COSMO definition files** is maintained to support the processing of GRIB 2 records by the different COSMO software.

GRIB API is now replaced by **eccode**, which should be backward compatible.

→ **Migration plan will follow DWD planning**

# GRIB API

- **Content of latest set of COSMO definition files v1.20.0.2**
  - latest set of definition files prepared at DWD (status June 2017)
  - proposed modifications for new COSMO output (as communicated to the TAG by Uli S.)
  - pollen information
  - definitions for VGUST\_DYN\_10M, VGUST\_CON\_10M, VABSMX\_10M, RCLD
  - support of COSMO-LEPS local coding
  - See <https://github.com/C2SM-RCM/libgrib-api-cosmo-resources>
- **Poor OpenMP performances of GRIB API 1.20.0**
  - already bad in 1.13.1 but worse now, resulting in poor performances of parallel GRIB 2 write
  - *software support ticket SUP-2089 has been opened at ECMWF*



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# Sharing COSMO software

## GitHub

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# GitHub

**GitHub** is a **web based service** for source code management, based on git

**Git** is a distributed **version control system** (think SVN...)

## *GitHub offers ...*

- **Easy to use information platform**  
*markup language, integrated WiKi and PDF reader, commits history...*
- Tools for **sharing code development in a distributed environment**  
*discussion board, code review ...*
- Integration with **automatic testing procedure** (Jenkins)
- High level of **security**  
<https://help.github.com/articles/github-security/>
  
- Source code is managed with **Git**, which is **open source**, and not dependent on GitHub... so, no risk to loose your work

# COSMO software on GitHub

- **libgrib-api-cosmo-resources** (C2SM-RCM org)
  - *common COSMO definition files for GRIB API*
- **EXTPAR** (C2SM-RCM org)
  - *COSMO software for generation of external parameters*
- **Fieldextra** (MeteoSwiss-APN org)
  - *COSMO postprocessing software*
- **COSMO-POMPA** (MeteoSwiss-APN org)
  - *most recent GPU version of the COSMO code*
- **COSMO-PRERELASE** (MeteoSwiss-APN org)
  - *most recent **development** branch of the COSMO code*
  - *essential for **coordinating** multiple branches of development*

Private GitHub access provided by C2SM / ETHZ



```

!+*****+
SUBROUTINE generate_output(multi_pass_mode, just_on_time, last_call,          &
    datacache, data_origin, tot_nbr_input,           &
    out_paths, out_types, out_modes,               &
    out_grib_keys, out_spatial_filters,            &
    out_subset_size, out_subdomain, out_gpelist,   &
    out_data_reduction, out_postproc_modules,      &
    nbr_gfield_spec, gen_spec, ierr, errmsg        )
!-----
! Root procedure to generate output files
!
!-----
! Dummy arguments
LOGICAL, INTENT(IN)          :: multi_pass_mode ! Multiple pass mode?
LOGICAL, DIMENSION(C), INTENT(IN) :: just_on_time ! True if prod. now
LOGICAL, INTENT(IN)          :: last_call    ! True if last call
CHARACTER(LEN=*), INTENT(IN)   :: datacache    ! Data cache file
TYPE(ty_fld_orig), INTENT(IN)  :: data_origin   ! Data origin
INTEGER, DIMENSION(:,), INTENT(IN) :: tot_nbr_input ! Expected nbr. input
CHARACTER(LEN=*, DIMENSION(:, ), INTENT(IN) :: out_paths   ! Output files names
TYPE(ty_out_spec), DIMENSION(:, ), INTENT(IN) :: out_types  ! types
TYPE(ty_out_mode), DIMENSION(:, ), INTENT(IN) :: out_modes  ! modes
INTEGER, DIMENSION(:, ), INTENT(IN) :: out_grib_keys ! grib specs
INTEGER, DIMENSION(:, ), INTENT(IN) :: out_subset_size ! subset size
INTEGER, DIMENSION(:, ), INTENT(IN) :: out_subdomain ! subdomain definition
INTEGER, DIMENSION(:, ), INTENT(IN) :: out_gpelist   ! gp definition
CHARACTER(LEN=*, DIMENSION(:, ), INTENT(IN) :: out_loclist ! locations definition
CHARACTER(LEN=*, DIMENSION(:, ), INTENT(IN) :: out_spatial_filters ! filter defining filter
TYPE(ty_out_grib), DIMENSION(:, ), INTENT(IN) :: out_grib ! Data grib
CHARACTER(LEN=*, DIMENSION(:, ), INTENT(IN) :: out_gpelist ! Data gp
INTEGER, DIMENSION(:, ), INTENT(IN) :: pout_field_spec ! specifications
TYPE(ty_fld_spec_root), DIMENSION(:, ), INTENT(IN) :: gen_spec ! fields to generate
INTEGER, INTENT(OUT)          :: ierr         ! Error status
CHARACTER(LEN=*, INTENT(OUT)   :: errmsg       ! error message

! Local parameters
CHARACTER(LEN=*, ) PARAMETER   :: nm='generate_output' ! Tag

! Local variables
LOGICAL                      :: exception_detected, exception, use_postfix
LOGICAL                      :: unique_ftype, multiple_grid, exist
LOGICAL, DIMENSION(3*mx_iteration+1) :: tmp_fddata_alloc, tmp_gpdata_alloc
LOGICAL, DIMENSION(3*mx_iteration+1) :: tmp_value_alloc, tmp_flag_alloc
INTEGER                       :: i1, i2, i3, i_fd, i_vd
INTEGER                       :: nbr_input
INTEGER                       :: out_idx, ios, idx_vd_defined
CHARACTER(LEN=strlen)        :: messg, temporal_res, out_path
TYPE(ty_fld_type)             :: out_ftype

! Initialize variables
!-----
ierr = 0 ; errmsg = ""
exception_detected = .FALSE.
tmp_fddata_alloc() = .FALSE. ; tmp_gpdata_alloc() = .FALSE.
tmp_value_alloc() = .FALSE. ; tmp_flag_alloc() = .FALSE.

! Create/update data cache file
!-----
! The cache file must reflect the state of data() after the last call to
! collect_output (i.e. before any field manipulation done in prepare_pout)
! Loop over each output file
!-----
output_file_loop: &
DO i1 = 1, nbr_of_file
    out_idx = data(i1)%ofile_idx
    nbr_input = COUNT( data(i1)%ofile_used )
    ! Skip bogus output
    IF ( data(i1)%ofile_bogus ) CYCLE output_file_loop
    ! Skip completed output
    IF ( data(i1)%ofile_complete ) CYCLE output_file_loop
    ! Skip empty data array
    IF ( ALL(.NOT. data(i1)%defined) ) CYCLE output_file_loop
    ! Only prepare output when all possible associated data have been collected
    ! or when 'just on time' production is active
    IF (.NOT. last_call           AND.           &
        nbr_input < tot_nbr_input(out_idx) .AND.           &
        .NOT. just_on_time(out_idx) ) CYCLE output_file_loop
    ! At this point the corresponding output file will be produced
    ! Keep track of completed output file
    IF ( nbr_input >= tot_nbr_input(out_idx) ) data(i1)%ofile_complete = .TRUE.
    ! Build name of output, considering a possible temporary postfix
    use_postfix = .FALSE.
    IF ( LEN_TRIM(out_postfix) /= 0 .AND. data(i1)%ofile_usepostfix .AND. &
        .NOT. (data(i1)%ofile_firstwrite .AND. data(i1)%ofile_complete) ) &
        use_postfix = .TRUE.
    out_path = out_paths(out_idx)
    IF ( use_postfix ) out_path = out_path // out_postfix
    ! Release memory allocated in previous call to prepare_pout (if any)
    DO i2 = 1, 3*mx_iteration+1
        IF ( tmp_value_alloc(i2) ) DEALLOCATE(data_tmp(i2)%values, data_tmp(i2)%defined)
        IF ( tmp_flag_alloc(i2) ) DEALLOCATE(data_tmp(i2)%flag)
        IF ( tmp_fddata_alloc(i2) ) THEN
            DEALLOCATE(data_tmp(i2)%field_type, data_tmp(i2)%field_origin, &
            data_tmp(i2)%field_name, data_tmp(i2)%field_grbkey, &
            data_tmp(i2)%field_trange,
            data_tmp(i2)%field_level, data_tmp(i2)%field_itype, &
            data_tmp(i2)%field_prob, data_tmp(i2)%field_epsid, &
            data_tmp(i2)%field_vref, data_tmp(i2)%field_ngrid, &
            data_tmp(i2)%field_scale, data_tmp(i2)%field_offset, &
            data_tmp(i2)%field_vop, data_tmp(i2)%field_vop_usetag, &
            data_tmp(i2)%field_vop_nlev, data_tmp(i2)%field_vop_lev, &
            data_tmp(i2)%field_pop, data_tmp(i2)%field_hop, &
            data_tmp(i2)%field_top, data_tmp(i2)%nbr_level, &
            data_tmp(i2)%level_idx, data_tmp(i2)%nbr_eps_member, &
            data_tmp(i2)%eps_member_idx, data_tmp(i2)%field_idx )
        ENDIF
        IF ( tmp_gpdata_alloc(i2) ) THEN
            DEALLOCATE(data_tmp(i2)%gp_coord, data_tmp(i2)%gp_idx, &
            data_tmp(i2)%gp_lat, data_tmp(i2)%gp_lon, data_tmp(i2)%gp_h)
        ENDIF
    END DO
    ! Prepare data for print out (calculate new fields, ... ; populate data_pout)
    ! * Info message
    IF ( just_on_time(out_idx) ) THEN
        messg = " (just on time output)"
    ELSE IF ( nbr_input >= tot_nbr_input(out_idx) ) THEN
        messg = "(all associated input collected)"
    ELSE
        messg = ""
    ENDIF

```