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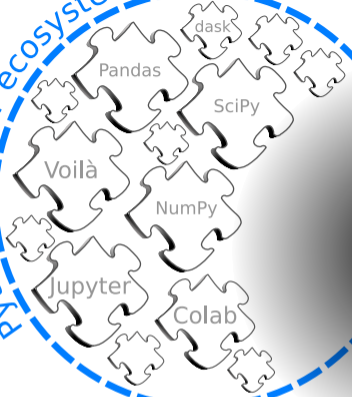




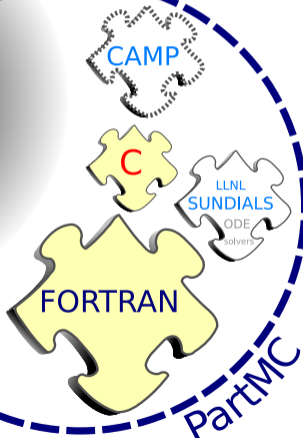
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- ▶ highlight: aerosol mixing state evolution
- ▶ **object-oriented architecture, F90, extensive automated test suite**

Python/Jupyter ecosystem



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- ▶ streamline the dissemination of paper-result reproducers (peer review)

status of the project: v1.0 in Dec 2023 (started 2021)

# SoftwareX

ORIGINAL SOFTWARE PUBLICATION

## PyPartMC: A Pythonic interface to a particle-resolved, Monte Carlo aerosol simulation framework

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## PyPartMC 1.0.1



Latest version

```
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```



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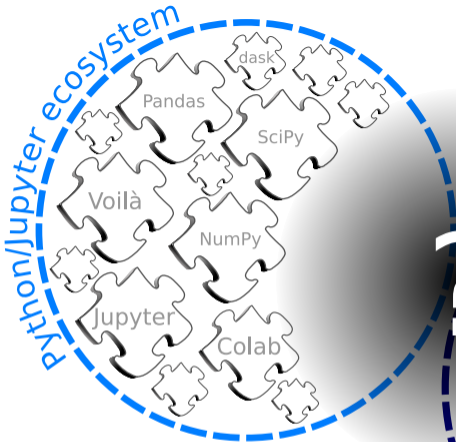
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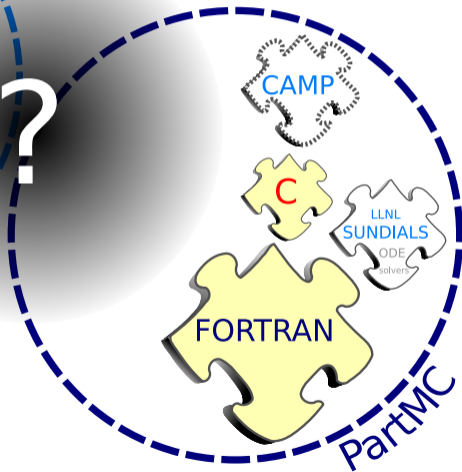
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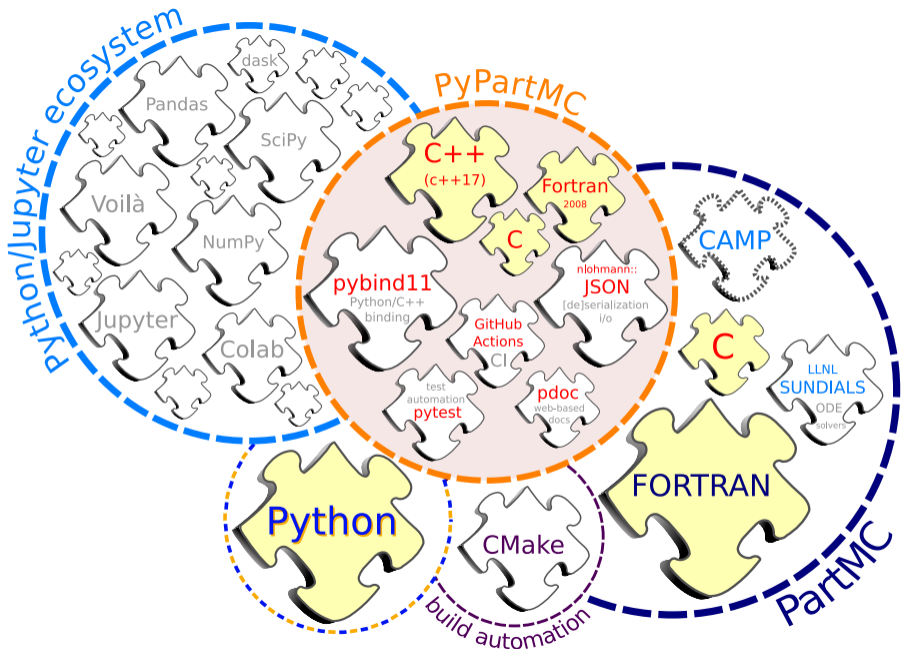
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- ▶ **all dependencies (incl. Fortran and C++ runtimes) statically linked (single-file install)**

# user perspective: Fortran (PartMC)

## c: Fortran code

```
program main
  use pmc_spec_file
  use pmc_aero_data
  use pmc_aero_mode
  use pmc_aero_dist
  use pmc_aero_state

  implicit none

  type(spec_file_t) :: f_aero_data, f_aero_dist
  type(aero_data_t) :: aero_data
  type(aero_dist_t) :: aero_dist
  type(aero_state_t) :: aero_state
  integer, parameter :: n_part = 100
  integer :: n_part_add
  real(kind=dp), dimension(n_part) :: num_concs, masses

  call spec_file_open("aero_data.dat", f_aero_data)
  call spec_file_read_aero_data(f_aero_data, aero_data)
  call spec_file_close(f_aero_data)

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  call aero_state_zero(aero_state)
  call fractal_set_spherical(aero_data%fractal)
  call aero_state_set_weight(aero_state, aero_data, &
    AERO_STATE_WEIGHT_NUMMASS_SOURCE)
  call aero_state_set_n_part_ideal(aero_state, dble(n_part))
  call aero_state_add_aero_dist_sample(aero_state, aero_data, &
    aero_dist, 1d0, 0d0, .true., .true., n_part_add)

  num_concs = aero_state_num_concs(aero_state, aero_data)
  masses = aero_state_masses(aero_state, aero_data)
  print *, dot_product(num_concs, masses), "# kg/m3"
end
```

## d: aero\_dist.dat file (for Fortran code)

```
mode_name cooking
mass_frac cooking_comp.dat
diam_type geometric
mode_type log_normal
num_conc 3.2e9 # (#/m^3)
geom_mean_diam 8.64e-9 # (m)
log10_geom_std_dev 0.28

mode_name diesel
mass_frac diesel_comp.dat
diam_type geometric
mode_type log_normal
num_conc 2.9e9 # (#/m^3)
geom_mean_diam 5e-8
log10_geom_std_dev 0.24
```

## e: cooking\_comp.dat file (for Fortran code)

```
# proportion
OC 1
```

## f: diesel\_comp.dat file (for Fortran code)

```
# proportion
OC 0.3
BC 0.7
```

# user perspective: Python (PyPartMC)

## a: Python code (with embedded data)

```
import numpy as np

import PyPartMC as ppmc
from PyPartMC import si

aero_data = ppmc.AeroData((
    # [density, ions in solution, molecular weight, kappa]
    {"OC": [1000 * si.kg/si.m**3, 0, 1e-3 * si.kg/si.mol, 0.001]},
    {"BC": [1800 * si.kg/si.m**3, 0, 1e-3 * si.kg/si.mol, 0]},
))

aero_dist = ppmc.AeroDist(
    aero_data,
    [{"cooking": {
        "mass_frac": [{"OC": [1]}],
        "diam_type": "geometric",
        "mode_type": "log_normal",
        "num_conc": 3200 / si.cm**3,
        "geom_mean_diam": 8.64 * si.nm,
        "log10_geom_std_dev": 0.28,
    }},
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        "mode_type": "log_normal",
        "num_conc": 2900 / si.cm**3,
        "geom_mean_diam": 50 * si.nm,
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    }},
    ],
)

n_part = 100
aero_state = ppmc.AeroState(aero_data, n_part, "nummass_source")
aero_state.dist_sample(aero_dist)
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# user perspective: Python (PyPartMC) & Julia (via PyCall.jl)

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## b: Julia code (with embedded data)

```
using Pkg
Pkg.add("PyCall")

using PyCall
ppmc = pyimport("PyPartMC")
si = ppmc["si"]

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))

aero_dist = ppmc.AeroDist(aero_data, (
    Dict(
        "cooking" => Dict(
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    Dict(
        "diesel" => Dict(
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## user perspective: Matlab (built-in Python bridge)

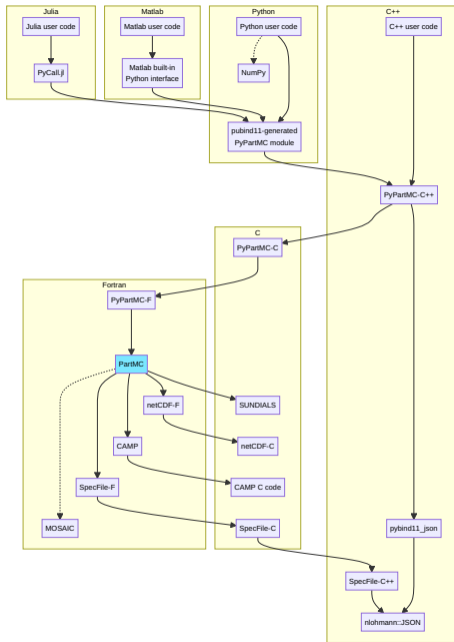
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ppmc = py.importlib.import_module('PyPartMC');
si = py.importlib.import_module('PyPartMC').si;

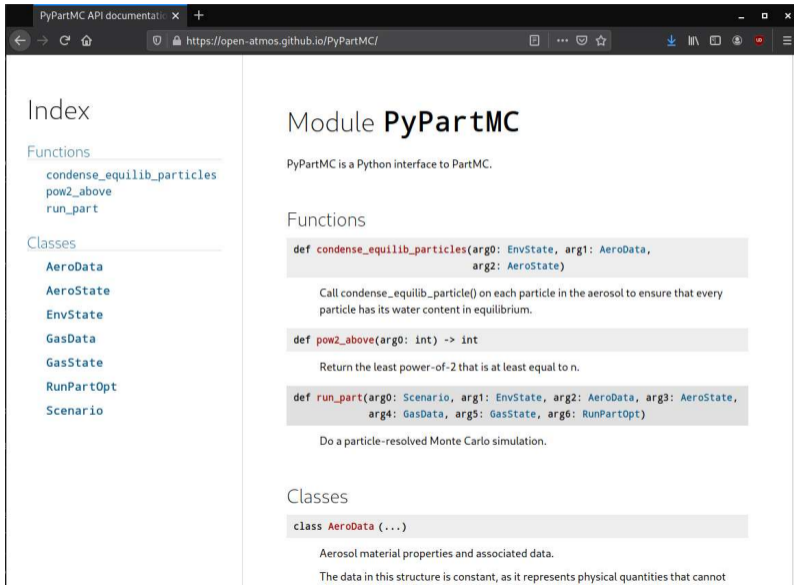
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masses = cell(aero_state.masses());
num_concs = cell(aero_state.num_concs);
fprintf('%g # kg/m3\n', dot([masses{:}], [num_concs{:}]));
```







The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the PyPartMC API documentation. The browser's address bar shows the URL <https://open-atmos.github.io/PyPartMC/>. The page is divided into two main sections: a left sidebar and a main content area.

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  - `pow2_above`
  - `run_part`
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  - `RunPartOpt`
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**Main Content Area:**

## Module `PyPartMC`

PyPartMC is a Python interface to PartMC.

### Functions

```
def condense_equilib_particles(arg0: EnvState, arg1: AeroData,
                              arg2: AeroState)
```

Call `condense_equilib_particle()` on each particle in the aerosol to ensure that every particle has its water content in equilibrium.

```
def pow2_above(arg0: int) -> int
```

Return the least power-of-2 that is at least equal to `n`.

```
def run_part(arg0: Scenario, arg1: EnvState, arg2: AeroData, arg3: AeroState,
             arg4: GasData, arg5: GasState, arg6: RunPartOpt)
```

Do a particle-resolved Monte Carlo simulation.

### Classes

```
class AeroData (...)
```

Aerosol material properties and associated data.

The data in this structure is constant, as it represents physical quantities that cannot

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## Area of research

Aerosol Processes

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## Science

PartMC is a powerful open-source tool for aerosol simulations. However, it requires knowledge of shell and CMake, C and Fortran compilers, and installation and configuration of several C and Fortran dependencies. This is a significant hurdle for those with little experience in computation. PyPartMC offers a single-step installation process of PartMC and all dependencies through the pip Python package manager on Linux, macOS, and Windows. It provides streamlined access to the unmodified and versioned Fortran internals of the PartMC codebase from both Python and other interoperable environments (e.g., Julia through PyCall).

## Impact

- Ability to run PartMC simulations in the cloud, including using the ARM Jupyter Hub.





Thank you for your attention!

[pypi.org/p/PyPartMC](https://pypi.org/p/PyPartMC)

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