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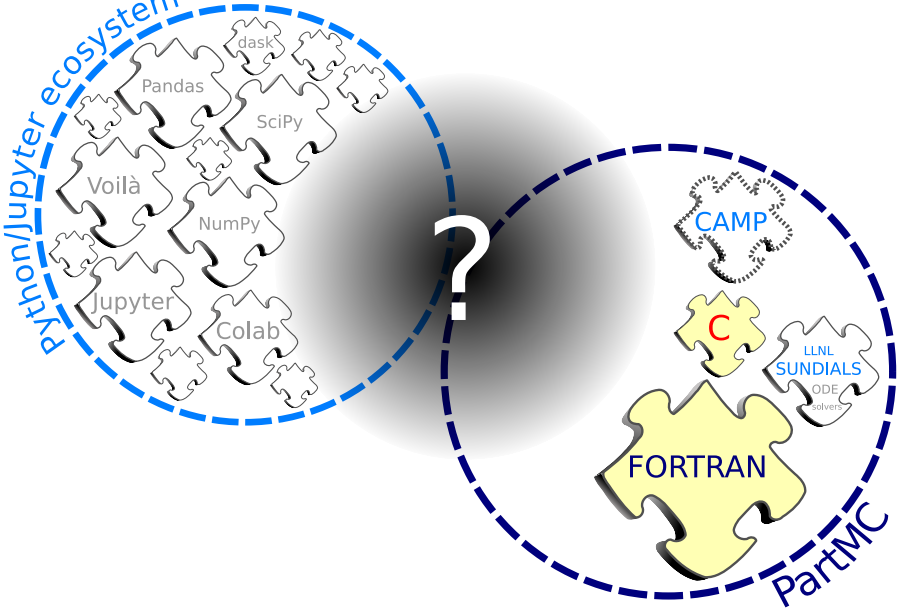
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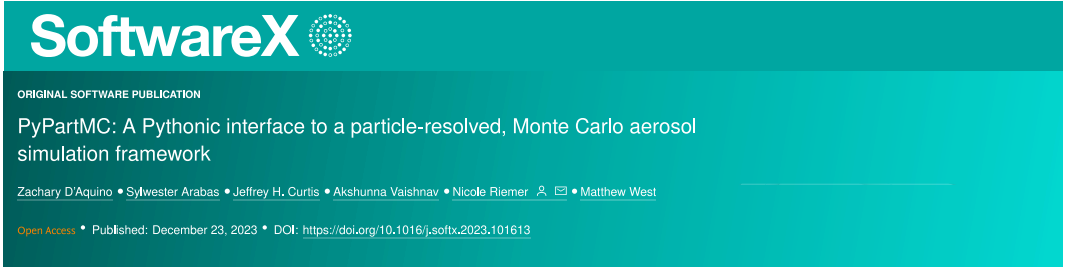


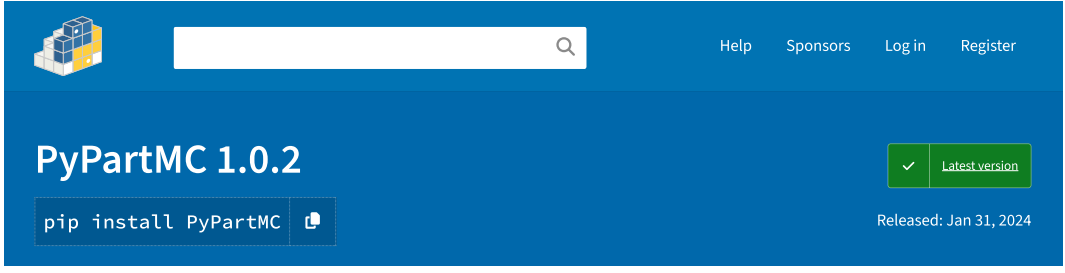

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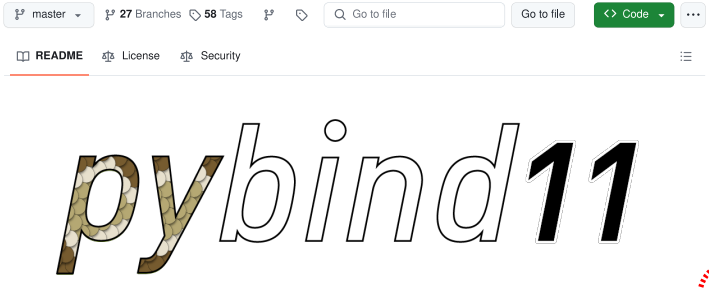
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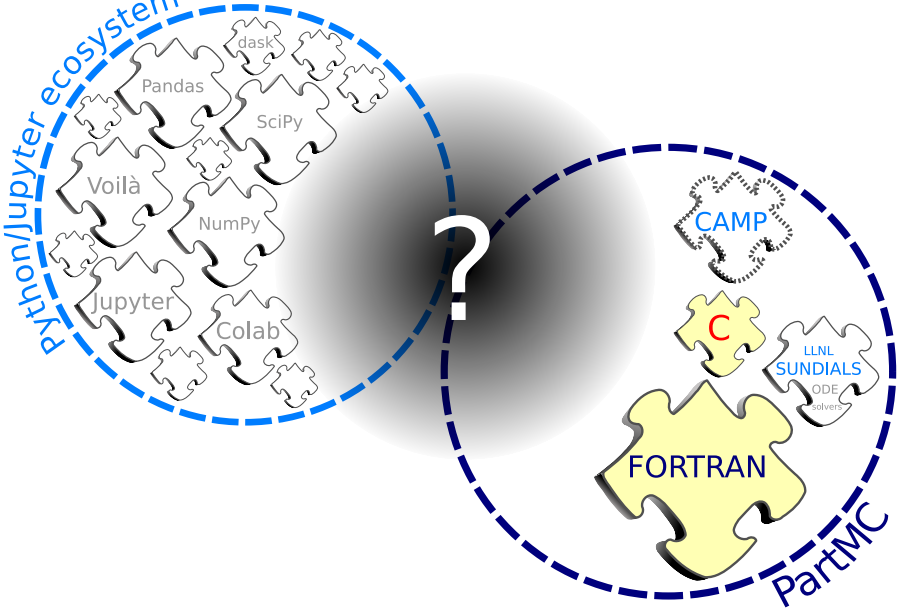
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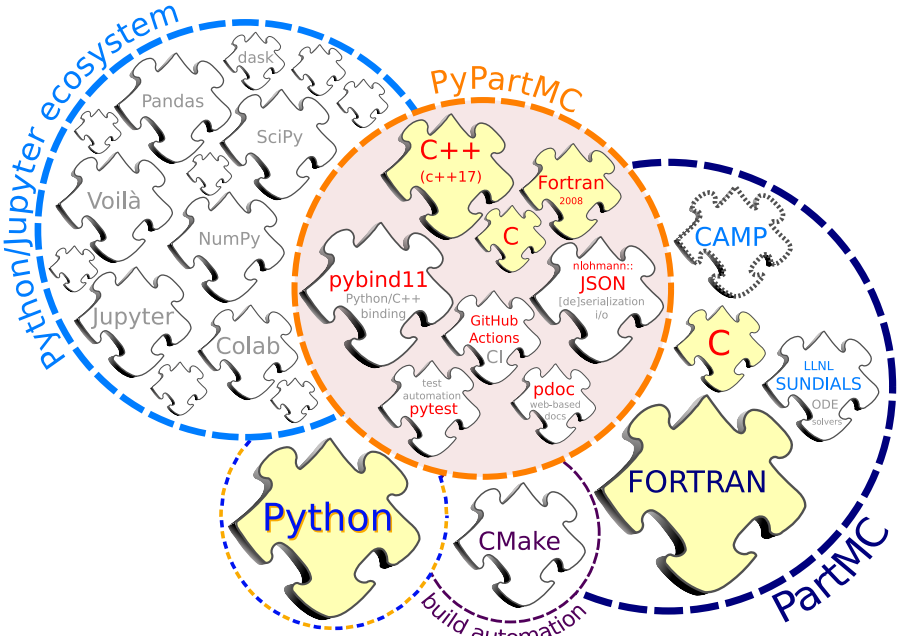
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- all dependencies (incl. Fortran and C++ runtimes) statically linked (single-file install)

# 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)

  call spec_file_open("aero_dist.dat", f_aero_dist)
  call spec_file_read_aero_dist(f_aero_dist, aero_data, aero_dist)
  call spec_file_close(f_aero_dist)

  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)**

```python
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,
        }
    },
    {
        "diesel": {
            "mass_frac": [{"OC": [0.3]}, {"BC": [0.7]}],
            "diam_type": "geometric",
            "mode_type": "log_normal",
            "num_conc": 2900 / si.cm**3,
            "geom_mean_diam": 50 * si.nm,
            "log10_geom_std_dev": 0.24,
        }
    }],
)

n_part = 100
aero_state = ppmc.AeroState(aero_data, n_part, "nummass_source")
aero_state.dist_sample(aero_dist)
print(np.dot(aero_state.masses, aero_state.num_concs), "# kg/m3")
```

# user perspective: Python (PyPartMC) & Julia (via PyCall.jl)

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**b: Julia code (with embedded data)**

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

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

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

aero_dist = ppmc.AeroDist(aero_data, (
  Dict(
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      "diam_type" => "geometric",
      "mode_type" => "log_normal",
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      "log10_geom_std_dev" => .28,
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  ),
  Dict(
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aero_state.dist_sample(aero_dist)
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# user perspective: Matlab (built-in Python bridge)

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

aero_data = ppmc.AeroData(py.tuple({ ...
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    )) ...
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}));

n_part = 100;
aero_state = ppmc.AeroState(aero_data, n_part, "nummass_source");
aero_state.dist_sample(aero_dist);
masses = cell(aero_state.masses());
num_concs = cell(aero_state.num_concs);
fprintf('%g # kg/m3\n', dot([masses{:}], [num_concs{:}]))
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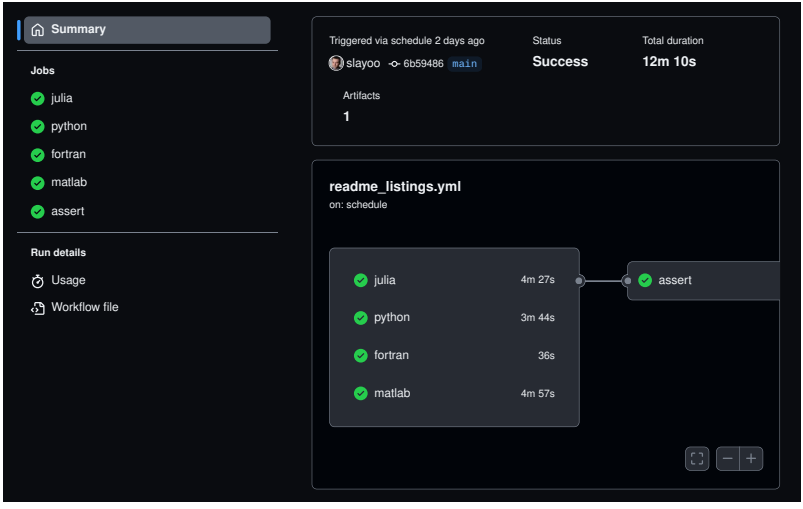
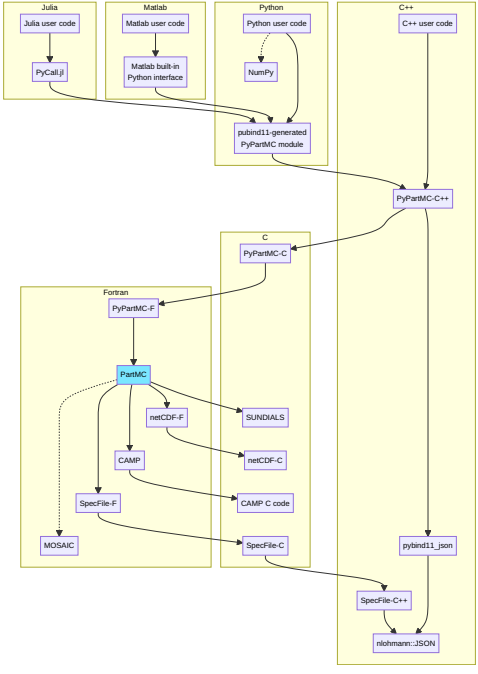
# github.com/open-atmos/PyPartMC/actions/

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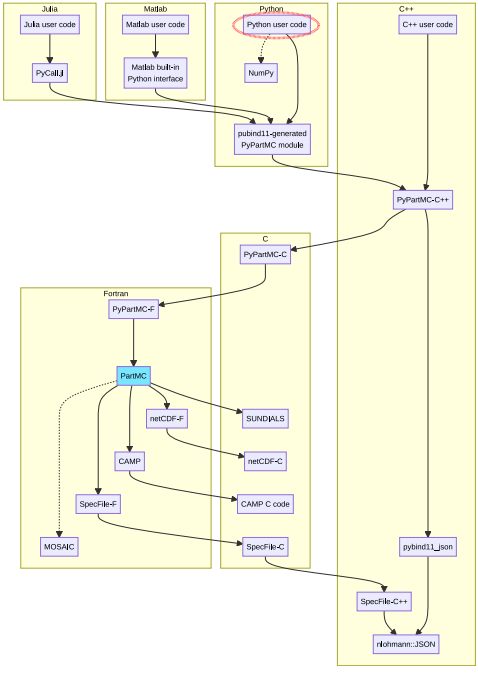


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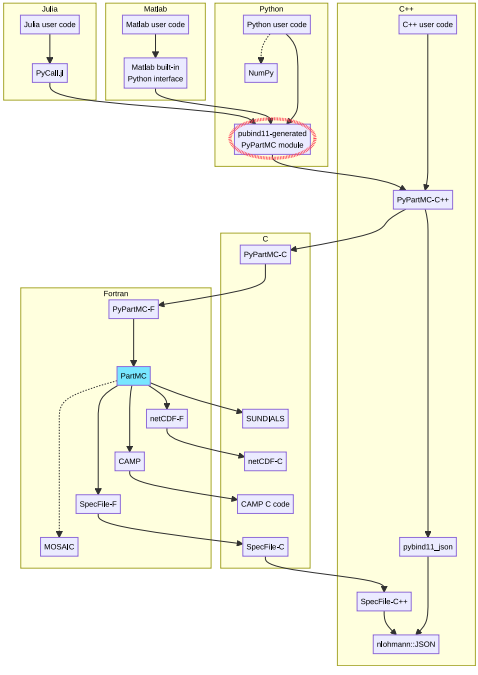


```python
import os
from contextlib import contextmanager
from pathlib import Path

# https://github.com/diegoferigo/cmake-build-extension/blob/master/src/cmake_build_extension
@contextmanager
def __build_extension_env():
    cookies = []
    # https://docs.python.org/3/whatsnew/3.8.html#bpo-36085-whatsnew
    if hasattr(os, "add_dll_directory"):
        basepath = os.path.dirname(os.path.abspath(__file__))
        dllspath = os.path.join(basepath, "..")
        os.environ["PATH"] = dllspath + os.pathsep + os.environ["PATH"]
        for path in os.environ.get('PATH', '').split(os.pathsep):
            if path and Path(path).is_absolute() and Path(path).is_dir():
                cookies.append(os.add_dll_directory(path))
    try:
        yield
    finally:
        for cookie in cookies:
            cookie.close()

with __build_extension_env():
    import _PyPartMC
    from _PyPartMC import *
    from _PyPartMC import (
        __all__,
        __version__,
        __versions_of_build_time_dependencies__,
    )
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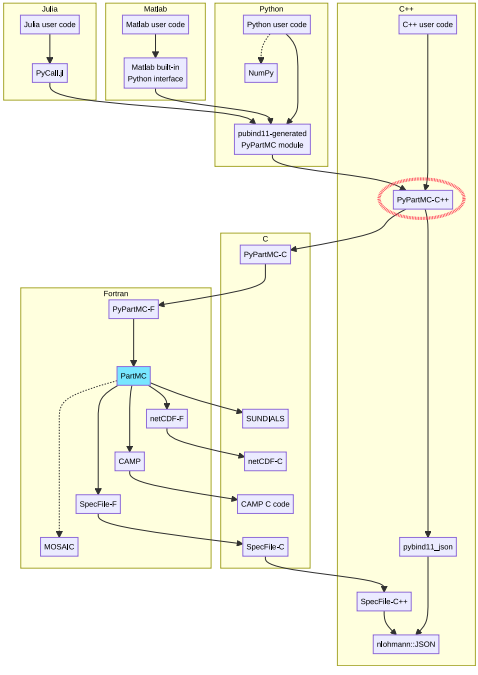
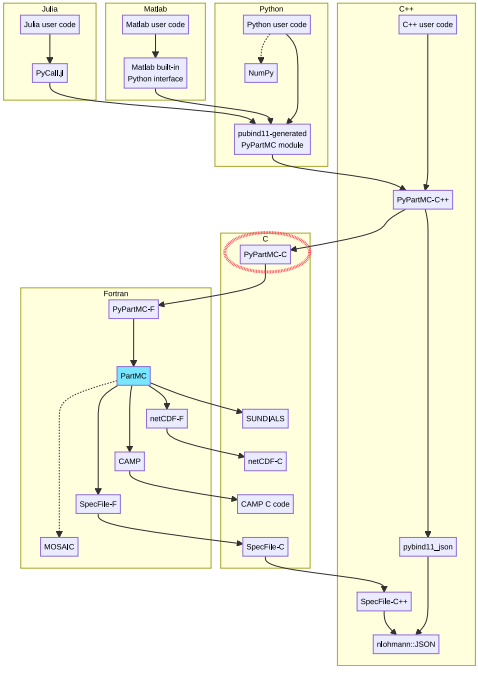



```cpp
#include "pybind11/pybind11.h"
#include "nlohmann/json.hpp"
#include "pybind11_json/pybind11_json.hpp"

[...]

#include "aero_data.hpp"

[...]

namespace py = pybind11;

[...]

PYBIND11_MODULE(_PyPartMC, m) {

    [...]

    py::class_<
        AeroData,
        std::shared_ptr<AeroData>
    >(m, "AeroData")
        .def(py::init<const nlohmann::json&>())

    [...]

    m.attr("__all__") = py::make_tuple(
        "__version__",
        "AeroData",
        [...]
    );
}
```




```cpp
#pragma once

#include "pmc_resource.hpp"
#include "gimmicks.hpp"

[...]

extern "C" void f_aero_data_ctor(void *ptr) noexcept;
extern "C" void f_aero_data_dtor(void *ptr) noexcept;
extern "C" void f_aero_data_from_json(const void *ptr) noexcept;

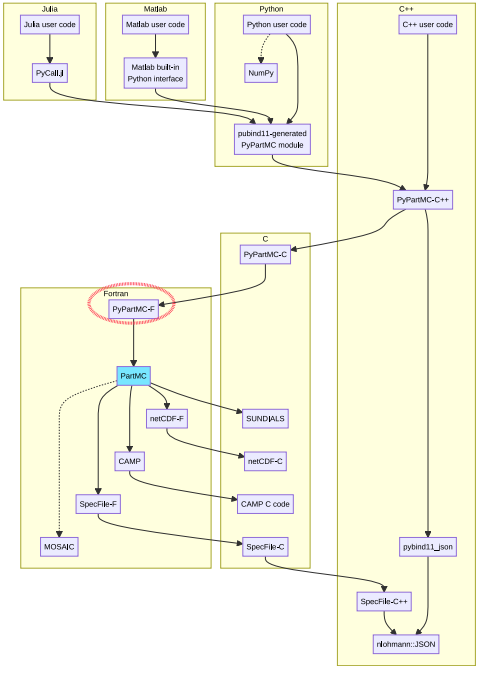
[...]

struct AeroData {
    PMCResource ptr;

    AeroData(const nlohmann::json &json) :
        ptr(f_aero_data_ctor, f_aero_data_dtor)
    {
        if (!InputGimmick::unique_keys(json))
            throw std::runtime_error("Species names must be unique");

        GimmickGuard<InputGimmick> guard(json);
        f_aero_data_from_json(this->ptr.f_arg());
    }

    [...]
};
```

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module PyPartMC_aero_data
  use iso_c_binding
  use pmc_aero_data
  implicit none

  contains

  subroutine f_aero_data_ctor(ptr_c) bind(C)
    type(aero_data_t), pointer :: ptr_f => null()
    type(c_ptr), intent(out) :: ptr_c

    allocate(ptr_f)
    call fractal_set_spherical(ptr_f%fractal)
    ptr_c = c_loc(ptr_f)
  end subroutine

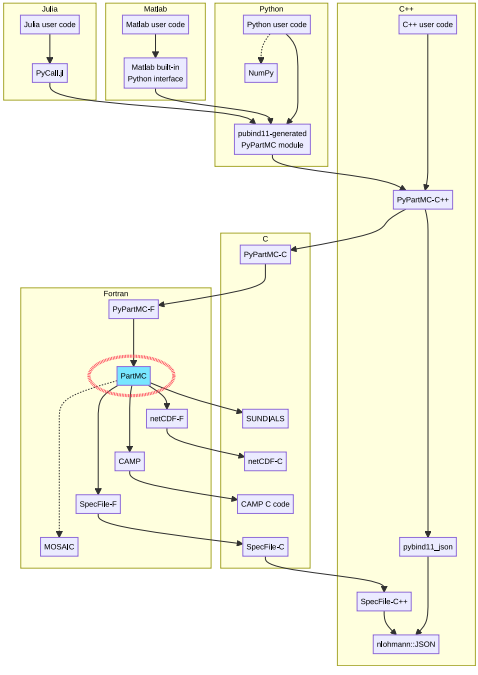
  subroutine f_aero_data_dtor(ptr_c) bind(C)
    type(aero_data_t), pointer :: ptr_f => null()
    type(c_ptr), intent(in) :: ptr_c

    call c_f_pointer(ptr_c, ptr_f)
    deallocate(ptr_f)
  end subroutine

  subroutine f_aero_data_from_json(ptr_c) bind(C)
    type(aero_data_t), pointer :: ptr_f => null()
    type(c_ptr), intent(in) :: ptr_c
    type(spec_file_t) :: file
    call c_f_pointer(ptr_c, ptr_f)
    call spec_file_read_aero_data(file, ptr_f)
  end subroutine

  [...]

end module
```




## unmodified PartMC code (git submodule)

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[...]

module pmc_aero_data
  use pmc_spec_file

  [...]

  contains

  [...]

  subroutine spec_file_read_aero_data(file, aero_data)

    [...]

    type(spec_file_t), intent(inout) :: file
    type(aero_data_t), intent(inout) :: aero_data
    real(kind=dp), allocatable :: species_data(:,:)

    [...]

    call spec_file_read_real_named_array(file, 0, species_name, species_data)

    [...]

  end subroutine spec_file_read_aero_data

  [...]

end module pmc_aero_data
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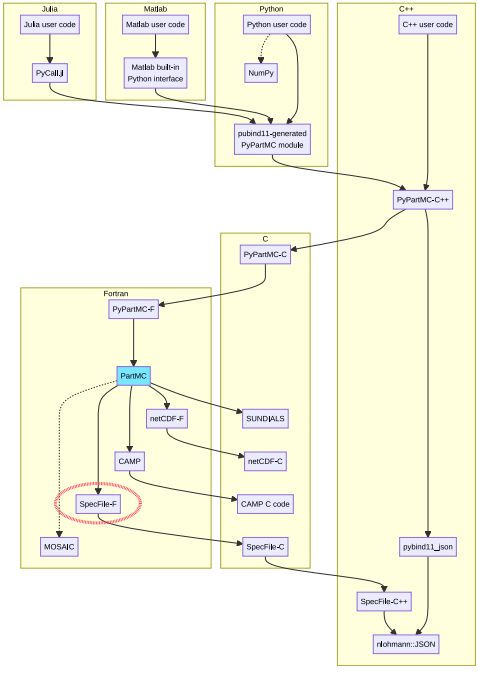


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module pmc_spec_file
    [...]

    interface
        [...]

        subroutine c_spec_file_read_real_named_array_data( &
            row, &
            names_data, names_size, &
            vals_data, vals_size &
        ) bind(C)
            import c_double
            character, intent(in) :: names_data
            real(c_double), intent(out) :: vals_data
            integer, intent(in) :: row, vals_size, names_size
        end subroutine

        [...]
    end interface

    [...]

    subroutine spec_file_read_real_named_array(file, max_lines, names, vals)
        [...]

        do row = 1, n_rows
            [...]

            call c_spec_file_read_real_named_array_data( &
                row, &
                names(row), name_size, &
                vals_row(1), size(vals, 2) &
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            [...]

        end do
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    end subroutine
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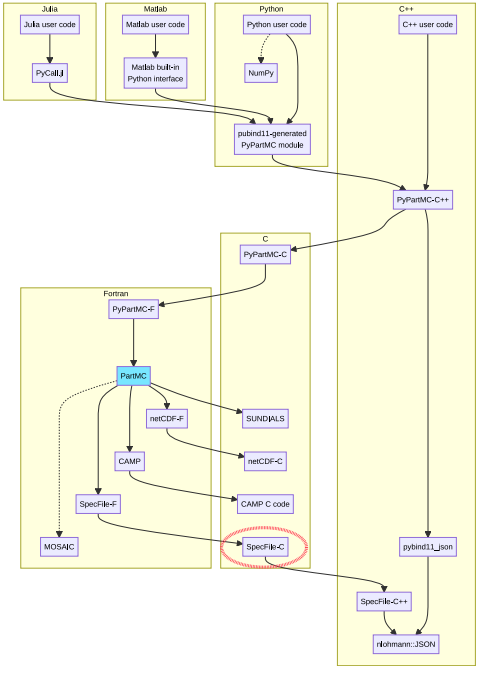


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#include "gimmicks.hpp"

[...]

void spec_file_read_real_named_array_data(
    const unsigned int row,
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    const tcb::span<double> &vals
) noexcept {
    auto i = 0u, n_numeric_array_entries = gimmick_ptr()->n_numeric_array_entries();
    for (
        auto it = gimmick_ptr()->begin();
        i < n_numeric_array_entries;
        ++i, ++it
    ) {
        assert(it->is_object());
        if (i == row-1) {
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            for (auto &entry : it->items()) {
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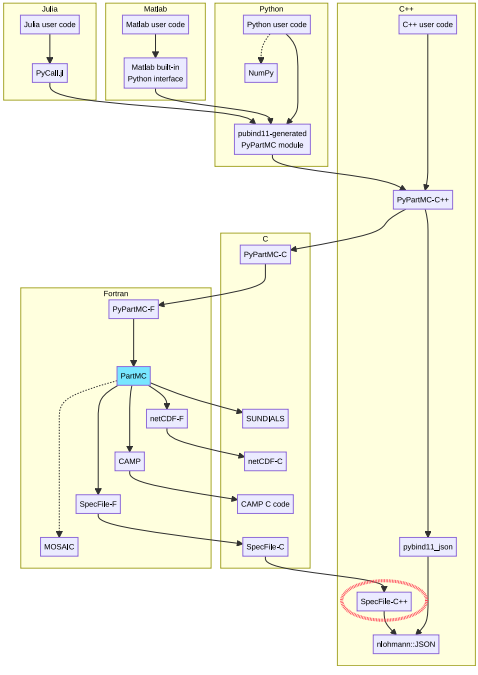


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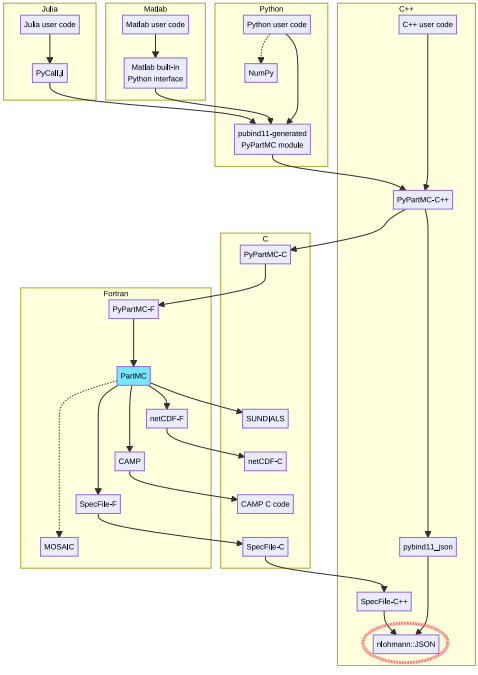


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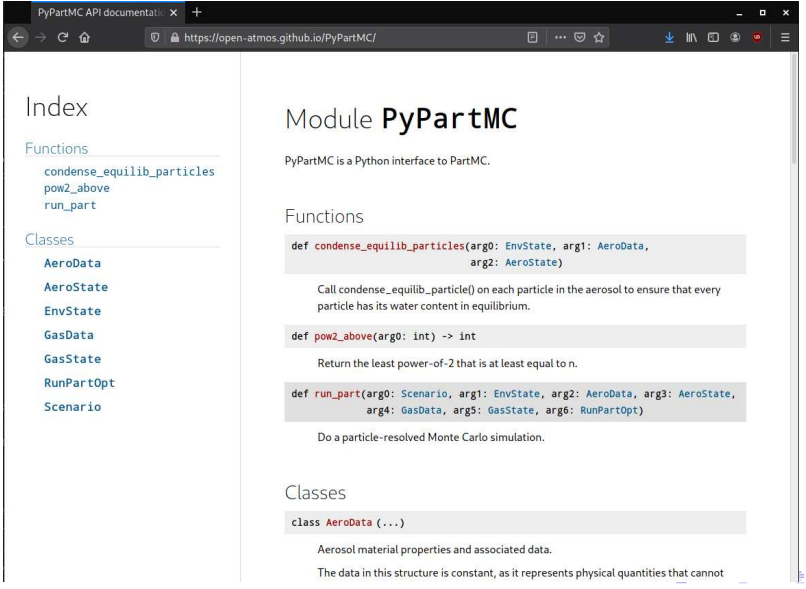


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