SSH-aerosol

SSH-aerosol user manual and test cases

About

Purpose: introduction to SSH-aerosol and launching simulations for test cases. Very basic post-processing is also presented.

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1 Introduction

The SSH-aerosol model represents the physico chemical transformation undergone by aerosols in the troposphere. The term aerosol designs here particles with the surrounding gas. SSHaerosol is designed to be modular and the user can choose the physical and chemical complexity required. The model is based on the merge of three state-of-the-art models:

- SCRAM : The Size-Composition Resolved Aerosol Model [Zhu et al., 2015] that simulates the dynamics and the mixing state of atmospheric particles. It classifies particles by both composition and size, based on a comprehensive combination of all chemical species and their mass-fraction sections. All three main processes involved in aerosol dynamics (coagulation, condensation/evaporation and nucleation) are included.
- SOAP: The Secondary Organic Aerosol Processor [Couvidat and Sartelet, 2015] is a thermodynamic model that compute the partitioning of organic compounds. It takes into account several processes involved in the formation of organic aerosol (hygroscopicity, absorption into the aqueous phase of particles, non-ideality and phase separation) and computes the formation of organic aerosol either with a classic equilibrium representation (the partitioning of organic compounds is instantaneous) or with a dynamic representation (where the model solves the dynamic of the condensation/evaporation limited by the viscosity of the particle). The dynamic representation was successfully used [Kim et al., 2019] for the first study with a 3D air quality model on the impact of particle viscosity on SOA formation.
- H²O: The Hydrophilic/Hydrophobic Organics [Couvidat et al., 2012] mechanism uses a molecular surrogate approach to represent the myriad of formation of semi-volatile organic compounds formed from the oxidation in the atmosphere of volatile organic compounds. The mechanism was shown to give satisfactory results for SOA formation (for example in [Kim et al., 2019]).

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Hardware and software requirement

SSH-aerosol is written in the programming language FORTRAN and C++. It can run on PC or a cluster with both the gfortran and the GNU gcc compiler and under a Linux system. Intel compiler should also wrk. If not, please report to ssh-aerosol-help@liste.enpc.fr. Before the compilation, make sure the construction tool: SCONS has already been installed. If not you can obtain it through the instruction of the site: http://www.scons.org/wiki/SconsTutorial1

The following external libraries are required:

- C++ library Blitz++ (https://github.com/blitzpp/blitz)
- NetCDF library may be required if you have precomputed coagulation repartition coefficients, you can download from the following site: http://www.unidata.ucar.edu/ downloads/netcdf/index.jsp

After all the required software and library are ready, the compilation can be done by typing a simple command: compile, within a terminal under the program main path.

The random access memory (RAM) requirement for a 0D simulation is very small.

2 Folder structure

The SSH-aerosol package contains different repertories for source code, configuration files, input files, output files, and visualisation of outputs.

2.1 Source code

The folder *src* is where all source code files are stored. The main program file is *ssh-aerosol.f90*. Besides, there are 2 sub-folders under the *src* directory: the *scons* folder contains the files necessary for compiling the program and the include folder contains the source code, which is itself separated in different folders

- Module contains SCRAM subroutines to model aerosol dynamics
- SOAP contains SOAP subroutines to model organic aerosol thermodynamic
- *CHEMISTRY* contains H²O subroutines to model gas-phase chemistry. These routines are generated from a list of reactions and species specified in the folder *spack*.
- *spack* contains the gas-phase chemical model generator.
- AtmoData is a tool for data processing in atmospheric sciences.
- *RDB* contains subroutines for size redistribution used in SCRAM.
- *isorropia_aec* contains ISORROPIA subroutines, a well known module for the computation of inorganic thermodynamic equilibrium between gas and aerosol.
- *INC* contains include files which define some system parameter variables.

2.2 Input files

The main configuration file for the program of SSH-aerosol is *namelist.ssh*. It requires several input data:

- The list of species and their properties. They are in the repertory *species-list*.
- The initial concentrations and emissions, which are in the repertory *inputs*.
- The configuration files are in the repertory *INIT*.

2.3 Output files

The simulation results are stored in the folder *results*. The folder *graph* contains a few python routines to postprocess the results and display. During the simulation, five subfolders and a report file are automatically generated/updated in the folder results:

• Subfolder gas: this subfolder contains files that record the time variation of gas phase mass concentration ($\mu g m^{-3}$) of each species. The species name (which is defined by the species list) is adopted as the file name (ex.*HNO3.txt*).

In each file, a total of N + 1 rows of data are listed (N represents the number of iterations). The first line in the file records the initial concentration before the simulation, while line i (i = 2, 3,..., N + 1) records the gas phase mass concentration after i-1 time steps in the simulation. All the concentration files files described in the folder results follow the same output format.

• Subfolder *aero*: this subfolder contains files that record the time variation of particulate mass concentration (μ g m⁻³) of each species in each size section. The file is named after the species name followed by the index of the size section (index = 1, 2,..., N_sizebin). For example, file *PNO3_1.txt* notes the time variation of nitrate particulate mass concentration in the first size section.

The files that record the time variation of organic particles, inorganic particles, black carbon, dust, $PM_{2.5}$ and PM_{10} mass concentration ($\mu g m^{-3}$) are also located in the subfolder aero, under the name *Organic.txt*, *Inorganic.txt*, *Black_Carbon.txt*, *Dust.txt*, *PM2.5.txt* and *PM10.txt*, respectively.

- Subfolder *TM*: this subfolder contains files that record the time variation of total mass concentration $(\mu g/m^3)$ and total aerosol mass concentration of all size sections $(\mu g m^{-3})$. The files is named after the aerosol species name, (followed by the name of its gas phase precursor for recording total mass) and followed by '_TM'. For example, the file 'PSO4_TM.txt' notes the time variation of sulfate particulate mass concentration, while the file 'PSO4_SULF_TM.txt' notes the time variation of the total
- Subfolder *number*: this subfolder contains files that record the time variation of particulate number concentrations (# m³) of each size section. The file (ex.*NUMBER_1.txt*) is named after 'NUMBER_' followed by the index of size section. The file *TNUM.txt* that records the time variation of total number concentration (# m⁻³)
 - The file INOM.txt that records the time variation of total number concentration (# m $^{\circ}$) is located in this subfolder as well.
- Subfolder diameter: this subfolder contains files that record the time variation of the average diameter (μ m) of each size section. The file (ex. DIAMETER_1.txt) is named after 'DIAMETER_' followed by the index of size section.
- Report file *report.txt*: it records the main settings of the simulation.

sulfate concentration in both the gas phase and the particulate phase.

The user can also modify the name of the output folder (*output_directory*) or select the output file type (*output_type* = 1 for text *outputs and* = 2 for binary outputs) in the file *namelist.ssh*.

3 Array structure

The variables and arrays corresponding to the number of compounds in the different phases, as well as the concentrations are defined in the routine src/Module/ModuleInitialisation.F90. Arrays are allocated at the beginning of the program and desallocated at the end. The array concentration_number contains the number concentrations for each size and composition section. concentration_mass contains the mass concentrations of each chemical compound for each size and composition section. The order of the chemical compounds is given in the file species-list/species-list-aer.dat. Note that in case of a viscous aerosol, if several layers are considered, for each organic compound, the mass concentration_mass contains the mass concentration is stored for each layer. In that case, for each size and composition section, the array concentration_mass contains the mass concentration is stored for each layer. In that case, for each size and composition section, the array concentration_mass contains the mass concentrations of each chemical and hydrophobic. An example of the storage of mass concentrations for a size and composition section i is displayed in Fig. 1. In this example, 3 compounds are considered, and three layers are used to represent the condensation/evaporation of the compound 2, which is the only compound hydrophobic and organic out of the 3.

Note that in *soap.cpp*, the organic and aqueous concentrations are stored in different arrays, and a compound can have an aqueous and an organic phase. The organic-phase concentrations in

the different layers are noted $Ap_{-}layer$, while the aqueous-phase concentrations are noted Aaq. In SSH-aerosol v1.0, an organic compound is assumed to be either hydrophylic, either hydrophobic, and therefore to have either an organic or an aqueous phase. This will be improved in further version by storing for each compound both the organic and aqueous-phase concentrations.

Section i	Compound 1	Compound 2	Compound 2	Compound 2	Compound 3
		Layer 1	Layer 2	Layer 3	

Figure 1: Storage of the concentrations of chemical compounds in the array /itconcentration_mass for a section i. Case of 3 compounds with 3 layers for compound 2, which is an hydrophobic organic compound.

4 Main options

The different options are listed in the file *namelist.ssh*. They are grouped in different parts.

4.1 Meteorology

Input data concerning latitude (in degrees), longitude (in degrees), Temperature (in Kelvin), Pressure (in Pascal) and Relative Humidity (fraction) are listed in the group setup_meteo.

4.2 Time

The group $setup_time$ lists the initial time of the simulation (in seconds from 1^{st} January), the final time (in seconds from 1^{st} January) and the time step output of the simulation (in seconds). This time step corresponds to the time step when concentrations are written in the output files, but also to the time step used for splitting the resolution of gaseous chemistry, aerosol processes and emissions. Note that gaseous chemistry and aerosol processes are then solved with smaller time steps.

4.3 Initial conditions

The group *initial_condition* lists the initial conditions of the simulation. The number of size sections is defined in the variable $N_{sizebin}$. The variable tag_{dbd} defines whether particle size bounds are either generated in the program by assuming they are equally spaced logarithmically $(taq_dbd = 0)$ or whether they are read $(taq_dbd = 1)$. If they are read, they need to be specified in the group *initial_diam_distribution*. The variable *tag_init* defines whether the particles are internally mixed $(tag_init = 0)$ or not $(tag_init = 1)$ initially. It needs to be set to 0 in the current model version. The variable with_init_num defines whether number concentrations are estimated from mass concentrations and diameters of each size section (with_init_num = 0) or whether number concentrations are read ($with_init_num = 1$). The variable $wet_diam_estimation$ is equal to 0 if isorropia is called initially to estimate the liquid water content of particles and the wet diameter. If wet_diam_estimation is equal to 1, the initial wet diameter is estimated from the input water concentrations (and so it is equal to the dry diameter if water concentration is zero initially). Finally, the names of the files containing initial gas and mass concentrations and number concentrations (if with $init_num = 1$) are specified by the variables $init_gas_conc_file$, *init_aero_conc_mass_file* and *init_num_conc_num_file* respectively. The unit for gas and aerosol mass concentrations is $\mu g m^{-3}$, and the unit for number concentration is # particles m⁻³.

```
&initial_condition
```

```
with_init_num = 1,
                          ! O estimated from mass and diameter;
  ! 1 number conc. for each bin is read
tag_init = 0,
                          ! initial method for aerosol species
                          ! (0 internally mixed,
                          ! 1 mixing_state resolved (notavailable)
                          ! Initial estimation of wet diameter
wet_diam_estimation = 1
                          ! (0 = isorropia, 1=none)
                      ! Method for defining particle size bounds
tag_dbd = 1,
          ! (0 if they are auto generated, 1 if bounds are read)
N_{sizebin} = 50,
                          ! Number of size bin
init_gas_conc_file = "inputs/init_gas.dat",
                                                    ! Initial data for gas
init_aero_conc_mass_file = "inputs/init_aero.dat", ! Initial data for aero mass
init_aero_conc_num_file = "inputs/init_num.dat",
                                                    ! Initial data for aero number
/
```

&initial_diam_distribution

```
1.9054607179632490E+00 2.2908676527677749E+00 2.7542287033381689E+00
3.3113112148259121E+00 3.9810717055349771E+00 4.7863009232263849E+00
5.7543993733715766E+00 6.9183097091893693E+00 8.3176377110267090E+00
1.00000000000011E+01
/
```

4.4 Mixing state

The group *mixing_state* defines the mixing state of particles. The variable *tag_external* is set to 0 for internally-mixed particles and to 1 for mixing-state resolved particles. The variable N_groups defines the number of group of aerosol compounds for which the composition is discretised. It is set to 1 for internal mixing, because the composition of compounds is then not discretised. In case of mixing-state resolved particles, the belonging of each compound to a group is specified in the input file detailing the aerosol compounds and their properties. The variable N_frac determines the number of mass fraction sections used in the discretisation of composition. Finally, the variable *kind_composition* determines whether the fraction are discretized by the program (they are then evenly discretised, *kind_composition* = 1), or whether they are read. If they are read, they need to be specified in the group *fraction_distribution*.

```
&fraction_distribution
frac_input= 0.0 1.0, ! Set fraction bounds manully
/
```

4.5 Gas and aerosol species

The gas phase species are detailed in the group gas_phase_species, where the variable species_list_file contains the name of the file with the list of gas-phase species. In this file, gas-phase species are listed together with their molar weight in g/mol. Note that the order of the species in this file should not be changed. It is set by the preprocessor of gas-phase chemical schemes.

```
&gas_phase_species
species_list_file = "./species-list/species-list-cb05en.dat"
/
```

Aerosol species are detailed in the group *aerosol_species*, where the variable *aerosol_species_list_file* contains the name of the file with the list of aerosol species. In this file, each aerosol species is listed on a line, together with specific properties: the group to which the species belong in case of mixing-state resolved particles, their molar weight (g/mol) and gaseous precursors, the

collision factor, molecular diameter (Angstrom), surface tension (N/m), accomodation coefficient (between 0 and 1) and density in $\mu g \ \mu m^3$. The categories to which species correspond are also listed. They should not be modified and they must correspond to those set in the routine *ModuleInitialisation.f90* of SSH-aerosol.

```
&aerosol_species
aerosol_species_list_file = "./species-list/species-list-aer.dat",
/
```

4.6 Emissions

The group *emissions* defines options linked to emissions. The variable tag_emis defines whether emissions are used ($tag_emis = 1$) or not ($tag_emis = 0$). Emissions are assumed to be internally mixed. Gas-phase emissions and/or particle-phase emissions can be specified. Number concentrations at emission may be determined from mass emissions and section diameters if the variable $with_emis_num$ is set to 0. They are read from a file is the variable $with_emis_num$ is set to 1. The name of the file containing the list of gas-phase emitted species and their emission rates should be specified using the variable $emis_gas_file$. Similarly, the name of the file containing the list of aerosol-phase emitted species and their emission rates should be specified using the variable $emis_aero_mass_file$. Note that the unit for emission rates is $\mu g m^{-3} s^{-1}$. If number emissions are read, the name of the files containing emission rates should be specified using the variable $emis_aero_num_file$. The units of number emissions should be #particles $m^{-3} s^{-1}$.

4.7 Numerical and physical options

4.7.1 Gas-phase chemistry

The group $physic_gas_chemistry$ lists options related to gas-phase chemistry. The variable tag_chem defines whether gas-phase chemistry is used $(tag_chem = 1)$ or not $(tag_chem = 0)$. Photolysis reactions may be taken into account $(with_photolysis = 1)$ or ignored $(with_photolysis = 0)$. In case photolysis reactions are taken into account, they may be attenuated by clouds. The cloud attenuation (variable attenuation) has a value below 1 in case of cloud attenuation of photolysis, and it is equal to 1 if no cloud attenuation (clear sky). Heterogeneous reactions at the surface of particles may be taken into account (variable with_heterogeneous = 1) or ignored (variable with_heterogeneous = 0). An adaptive time step may be used to solve gaseous chemistry (variable with_adaptive). It is advised to use the adaptative time step and to set the relative tolerance to decide if the time step is kept to 0.01 or 0.001. The minimum time step (in seconds) that can be used in the solver is set with the variable min_adaptive_time_step.

&physic_gas_chemistry

```
tag_chem = 0, ! Tag of gas-phase chemistry
                                 ! Cloud attenuation field (0 to 1)
attenuation = 1.d0,
 ! (1 = no attenuation)
option_photolysis = 1,
                       ! 1 if default photolysis rates,
                                 ! 2 if read from binary files.
time_update_photolysis = 100000. ! if photolysis are read,
 ! time in seconds between two reads
with_heterogeneous = 0,
                                 ! Tag of heterogeneous reaction
with_adaptive = 1,
                                 ! Tag of adaptive time step for chemistry
 ! 1 if adaptive time step.
adaptive_time_step_tolerance = 0.001, ! Relative tolerance to decide
   ! if the time step is kept
min_adaptive_time_step = 0.001, ! Minimum time step in seconds
photolysis_dir = "./photolysis/", ! Directory where binary files are.
photolysis_file = "./photolysis/photolysis-cb05.dat", ! Photolysis list
n_time_angle = 9,
                                 ! Parameters specific to the tabulation
   ! of photolysis rates
time_angle_min = 0.d0,
                        ! if read from files
delta_time_angle = 1.d0,
n_{latitude} = 10,
latitude_min = 0.d0,
delta_latitude = 10.d0,
n_altitude = 9,
altitude_photolysis_input = 0.0, 1000.0, 2000.0, 3000.0, 4000.0, 5000.0,
10000.0, 15000.0, 20000.0,
/
```

4.7.2 Numerical issues related to aerosols

The group *physic_particle_numerical_issues* lists options related to numerical issues when solving aerosol dynamics. The variable *DTAEROMIN* specifies the The minimum time step (in seconds) that can be used in the solver. Different redistribution methods of mass and number concentrations onto the fixed diameter grids may be used (variable *redistribution_method*). If only the process of condensation/evaporation is considered for aerosol dynamics, then it is possible to not apply redistribution (*redistribution_method* = θ). If nucleation and/or coagulation is also considered, then a redistribution method should be chosen. It is advised to use the redistribution 10 (moving diameter) or 12 (Euler coupled). The different redistributions (*redistribution_method*) are Euler mass (3), Euler number (4), hemen (5), moving diameter (10), area-based as in SIREAM (11), Euler coupled (12). The density of particles may be computed during the simulation depending on the composition of particles if the variable *with_fixed_density* is set to 0. If it is set to 1, then the density is fixed through the simulation to the value set by the variable *fixed_density* (in $\mu g \ \mu m^{-3}$). Note that the variable *fixed_density* needs to be set.

Numerically, the nucleation and condensation/evaporation of inorganics are always solved simultaneously, because nucleation and condensation/evaporation are competing processes. Coagulation may also be coupled to nucleation and condensation/evaporation if the variable splitting is set to 1. If splitting = 0, coagulation is splitted from nucleation and condensation/evaporation. If nucleation is taken into account, it is recommended to set splitting to 1.

```
&physic_particle_numerical_issues
DTAEROMIN = 1E-5,    ! Minimum time step
```

```
redistribution_method = 0,  ! Redistibution method: 0: no redistribution
! 10: 10 Moving Diameter, 12: euler_coupled
with_fixed_density = 1,  ! 1 if density is fixed - 0 else
fixed_density = 1.84D-06,
splitting = 0,  ! 0 if coagulation and
! (condensation/evaporation+nucleation) are splitted
! 1 if they are not
/
```

4.7.3 Coagulation

The group $physic_coagulation$ lists options related to coagulation. The variable $with_coag$ defines whether coagulation is taken into account ($with_coag = 1$) or not ($with_coag = 0$). Repartition coefficients may be computed in the simulation ($i_compute_repart = 1$) or read from a netcdf file ($i_compute_repart = 0$). If they are read from a file, its name should be specified ($Coefficient_file$). If they are computed, the number of Monte Carlo points used to compute them should be specified (Nmc). This number should be large enough and its value depends on the section discretisation used.

4.7.4 Condensation/evaporation

The group *physic_condensation* lists options related to condensation/evaporation. The variable with_cond defines whether condensation/evaporation is taken into account (with_cond = 1) or not (with_cond =0). Kelvin effect may be taken into account (with_kelvin_effect = 1), as recommended if ultrafine particles are simulated, or ignored (with_kelvin_effect = θ). For the condensation/evaporation of inorganic compounds, Cut_dim corresponds to the diameter under which thermodynamic equilibrium is assumed. Set it to 0 to compute dynamically condensation/evaporation for all particles, and set it to a value larger than larger diameter to assume thermodynamic equilibrium. For the condensation/evaporation of organic compounds, ISOAP-DYN determines whether thermodynamic equilibrium is assumed for all particles (ISOAPDYN = 0) or whether condensation/evaporation is computed dynamically (*ISOAPDYN* = 1). Even if it is computed dynamically, thermodynamic equilibrium may be used for the condensation/evaporation of small particles by setting a characteristic time under which equilibrium is assumed for organics (e.g. tequilibrium = 0.1 seconds). For numerical reasons, tequilibrium may not be set to 0, but condensation/evaporation of all particles is solved dynamically if (ISOAP-DYN = 1) and tequilibrium is set to a small value (e.g. 1.d-15). In the current version of the code, the diffusion coefficient *dorg* in the organic phase is assumed constant. Typical values would be 1.d-12 for non viscous particles and 1.d-24 for very viscous particles. The variable coupled_phases should be set to 1 if the resolution of the aqueous and organic phases is coupled and to 0 if they are solved independently. The interactions between compounds in the particles

may be assumed to be ideal (*activity_model* = 1), or activity coefficients may be computed with unifac (interactions between organics only, *activity_model* = 2) or with aiomfac (*activity_model* = 3).

```
&physic_condensation
                           ! Tag of condensation/evaporation
with_cond = 0,
Cut_dim = 0.0,
                           ! Diameter under which equilibrium
                           ! is assumed for inorganics
ISOAPDYN = 1,
                           ! 0 = equilibrium, 1 = dynamic
nlayer = 1,
with_kelvin_effect = 0,
                          ! 1 if kelvin effect is taken into account.
tequilibrium = 0.1,
                          ! time under which equilibrium
                           ! is assumed for organics.
dorg = 1.d-12,
                           ! diffusion coefficient
                           ! in the organic phase.
coupled_phases = 1,
                           ! 1 if aqueous and organic phases
                           ! are coupled
                          ! 1: ideal, 2: unifac, 3: aiomfac
activity_model = 1,
epser = 0.01,
                           ! relative error for time step adjustment
                          ! relative difference of ros2 in SOAP
epser_soap = 0.01,
```

4.7.5 Nucleation

The group $physic_nucleation$ lists options related to nucleation. The variable $with_nucl$ defines whether nucleation is taken into account ($with_nucl = 1$) or not ($with_nucl = 0$). If nucleation is taken into account, then the lower diameter bound should be about 1 nm. Three nucleation models are implemented.

- binary: water and sulfate with the parameterisation of [Vehkamaki et al., 2002] (*nucl_model* = θ)
- ternary: water, sulfate and ammonium with the parameterisation of [Napari et al., 2002] $(nucl_model = 1)$ or with the parameterisation of [Merikanto et al., 2007, Merikanto et al., 2009] $(nucl_model = 2)$. To avoid artificially large nucleation rates in the parameterisation of [Napari et al., 2002], a maximum nucleation rate of 1.d6 #particles cm⁻³ is set.

```
&physic_nucleation
with_nucl = 0, ! Tag of nucleation
        ! Need to have the lowest diameter about 1 nm.
nucl_model = 0, ! Nucleation model
        ! (0: binary of Vekhamaki, 1: ternary of Napari,
        ! 2: ternary of Merikanto)
/
```

4.7.6 Organics

Concerning organic reactions in the particles, oligomerization of pinonaldehyde may be considered ($with_oligomerization = 1$) or not.

```
&physic_organic
with_oligomerization = 1
/
```

4.8 Output

The output directory may be specified, as well as the format of the files (text if $output_type = 1$, and binary if $output_type = 2$).

```
&output
output_directory = "results/coag/",
output_type = 1  ! 1: text, 2: binary
/
```

4.9 Coupling with external tools

SSH-aerosol can be coupled with external (3D) tools using the shared library (libssh-aerosol.so) available in the src folder after compilation. The .so file is produced with the command ./compile --sharedlib=yes. A prototype of the typical workflow is described hereafter.

Prerequisite

The following piece of **C** code is taken from the open-source CFD code Code_Saturne. The subroutine _get_dl_function_pointer is used to interact with the members of the shared library object.

```
/*-----
* Get a shared library function pointer
*
*
 parameters:
   handle
                 <-- pointer to shared library (result of dlopen)
*
                 <-- name of function symbol in library
   name
*
   errors_are_fatal <-- abort if true, silently ignore if false
*
* returns:
   pointer to function in shared library
*
 -----*/
static void *
_get_dl_function_pointer(void *handle,
                   const char *lib_path,
                   const char *name,
                   bool
                             errors_are_fatal)
{
 void *retval = NULL;
 char *error = NULL;
 dlerror();
            /* Clear any existing error */
 retval = dlsym(handle, name);
 error = dlerror();
```

```
if (error != NULL) { /* Try different symbol names */
    char *name_ = NULL;
                 /* Clear any existing error */
    dlerror();
    int _size_ = strlen(name) + strlen("_");
    BFT_MALLOC(name_, _size_ + 1, char);
    strcpy(name_, name);
    strcat(name_, "_");
    retval = dlsym(handle, name_);
    error = dlerror();
    BFT_FREE(name_);
  }
  if (error != NULL && errors_are_fatal)
    bft_error(__FILE__, __LINE__, 0,
              _("Error while trying to find symbol %s in lib %s: %s\n"),
              name,
              lib_path,
              dlerror());
  return retval;
}
```

Initialisation

First, the external code should load the shared library using dlopen.

```
/* Load the shared object */
_aerosol_so = dlopen(lib_path, RTLD_LAZY);
```

Then, it should decide whether SSH-aerosol outputs to the terminal or to a file.

```
/* Declare SSH-aerosol as not running standalone */
{
  typedef void (*cs_set_sshaerosol_t)(bool*);
  cs_set_sshaerosol_t fct =
    (cs_set_sshaerosol_t) _get_dl_function_pointer(_aerosol_so,
                                       lib_path,
                                       "api_set_sshaerosol_standalone",
                                       true);
  bool flag = false;
  fct(&flag);
}
/* Force SSH-aerosol to write output to a file */
if (cs_glob_rank_id <= 0) {</pre>
  typedef void (*cs_set_sshaerosol_t)(bool*);
  cs_set_sshaerosol_t fct =
    (cs_set_sshaerosol_t) _get_dl_function_pointer(_aerosol_so,
                                                    lib_path,
                                                    "api_set_sshaerosol_logger",
                                                    true);
```

```
bool flag = true;
fct(&flag);
}
```

Then, SSH-aerosol can be initialised.

Time advancement

The time advancement in the external 3D code could look as follow: for each time step, a loop on the cells is performed and the code

- Sets (initialises) the time step in SSH-aerosol using api_set_sshaerosol_dt
- Sets the Pressure, Temperature, pH, ... in SSH-aerosol using api_set_sshaerosol_temperature and similar functions
- Sets the gaseous concentrations in SSH-aerosol using api_set_sshaerosol_gas_concentration
- $\bullet \ Sets the aerosol \ concentrations in \ SSH-aerosol \ using \verb"api_set_sshaerosol_aero_concentration" \\$
- Sets the aerosol numbers in SSH-aerosol using api_set_sshaerosol_aero_number
- Advance in time (computes one time step) for the gaseous chemistry and for the aerosol chemistry in the given cell using api_call_sshaerosol_gaschemistry and api_call_sshaerosol_aerochemistry
- Reads the new concentrations in the given cell from SSH-aerosol using the api_get_* functions and use them in the external code

Finalisation

At the end of the simulation, the external tool should call the subroutine api_sshaerosol_finalize. Then, the shared library can be released using dlclose.

```
dlclose(_aerosol_so);
```

Parallelism

If the external tool is running with MPI, each MPI process should load the shared library and perform all the aforementioned operations. However, please note that only one MPI process can use the logger (api_set_sshaerosol_logger).

5 Test cases

This section presents a few test-cases to demonstrate how the model works.

During the practical session, we will work in the directory *ssh-aerosol*. To compile the program, please type *compile*. Before compiling, you may clean previous compilation by typing *clean*.

The main options of the simulations are detailed in the namelist files (for example *INIT/namefile_coag.ssh*), which are in the folder *INIT*, and initial conditions (meteorological, gas and aerosol concentrations) are required. The simulation can be run by typing *ssh-aerosol INIT/namefile_coag.ssh*.

The list of species and parameters are detailed in the files *species-list/species-list-aer-en.dat* and *species-list/species-list-cb05en*. The name and location of the files can be modified in the configuration file *namelist*.ssh*.

Different processes can be considered (set the flag to 1) or ignored (set the flag to 0): emissions (flag tag_emis), gaseous chemistry (flag tag_chem), coagulation (flag $with_coag$), condensation (flag $with_coad$), nucleation (flag $with_nucl$). Internal mixing (flag $tag_external$ set to 0) or mixing-state resolved particles (flag $tag_external$ set to 1) can be considered.

5.1 Dynamic of coagulation and condensation

In the literature, to test the overall behaviour of PM models, the following basic tests of condensation and coagulation of sulfate are often considered [Seigneur et al., 1986, Zhang et al., 1999, Binkowski and Roselle, 2003]. A tri-modal PM distribution is considered initially, with particles being made exclusively of sulfate. The parameters of the initial distribution considered here are those of hazy conditions for the condensation test with a sulphuric acid production rate of 9.9 μ g m⁻³, and those of urban conditions for the coagulation test [Seigneur et al., 1986,Zhang et al., 1999], because these two tests represent the two most stringent conditions for coagulation and condensation. Temperature is taken as 283.15 K. Simulations are conducted for 12 hours. The reference solutions for the coagulation and condensation tests are those of [Zhang et al., 1999] obtained with another models.

5.1.1 Coagulation

The configuration file for this test is *namelist_coag.ssh*. In the coagulation test case, only coagulation is considered by setting the variable of *with_coag* of the file *namelist_coag.ssh* to 1.

The partition coefficients may be precomputed in a C++ routine. Here, the coefficients are directly computed by SSH-aerosol (option *i_compute_repart*), using a Monte-Carlo method (Nmc represents the Monte Carlo number). The larger Nmc is, the more accurate the coefficients are, but the more CPU time it takes to compute them. Run the simulation by typing *ssh-aerosol* $INIT/namelist_coag.ssh$. You can compare the number and volume distribution of particles at the initial time and after 12 h by going to the repertory graph and by running the python script $dN_V dlogd_coag.py$. SSH-aerosol does very well in representing the growth of particles by coagulation, as shown in Fig 2.

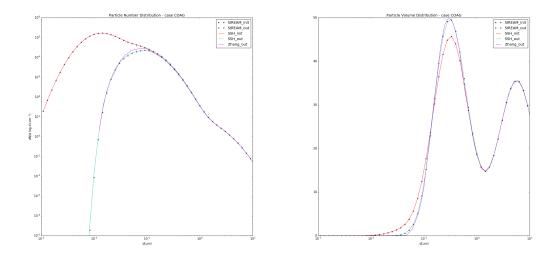


Figure 2: Coagulation test case. Number (left panel) and volume (right panel) concentrations.

5.1.2 Condensation of sulfate

The condensation test with hazy conditions is very stringent, because the high condensation rate lead to a narrow Aitken mode. The configuration file for this test is *namelist_cond.ssh*. Only condensation/evaporation is considered by setting the variable *with_cond* of the file *namelist.ssh* to 1.

Run the simulation by typing ssh-aerosol $INIT/namelist_cond.ssh$. You can compare the number and volume distribution of particles at the initial time and after 12 h by going to the repertory graph and by running the python script $dN_V V dlogd_cond.py$. SSH-aerosol does very well in representing the Aitken mode as well as the growth of the accumulation mode if no redistribution is used (*redistribution_method* = 0 in *namelist_cond.ssh*), as shown in Fig 3.

Redistributing the mass and number concentrations amongst bins lead to numerical diffusion, as can be seen by using the redistribution methods 10 (moving diameter), 11 (area-based (siream)) or 12 (euler-coupled) (see Fig 4). You can change the redistribution by changing the flag redistribution_method.

In order to use a growth law, which is as close as possible to the original growth law used in [Zhang et al., 1999], the accommodation coefficient is set to 1. It is however interesting to notice the sensitivity of results to the choice of the accommodation coefficient. The growth of the Aitken mode is strongly reduced by decreasing the accommodation coefficient from 1 to 0.1. You can change the accommodation coefficient in the file *species-list/species-list-aer-en.dat*.

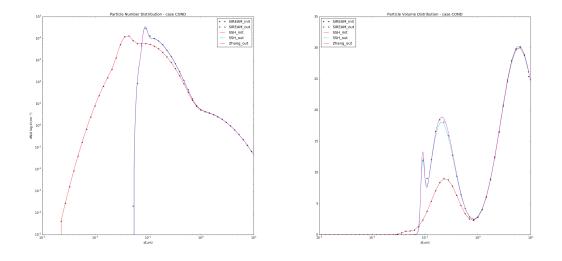


Figure 3: Condensation test case without redistribution. Number (left panel) and volume (right panel) concentrations.

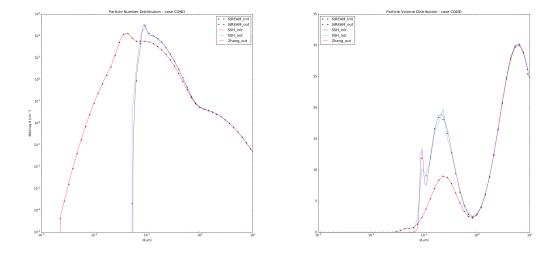


Figure 4: Condensation test case with Euler-coupled redistribution. Number (left panel) and volume (right panel) concentrations.

5.1.3 Condensation of low-volatility organics

Extremely-low volatility organic compounds (ELVOCs) are formed from the ozonolysis of monoterpenes [Chrit et al., 2017] . Similarly to sulfate, these compounds have a very low saturation vapour pressure and they therefore should condense with a kinetic similar to sulfate if they had the same density. The test case on the sulfate condensation is redone with the ELVOC Monomer, by artificially setting its density to that of sulfate. The configuration file for this test is *namelist_cond_monomer.ssh*. The monomer density is modified in the file *specieslist-monomer/species-list-aer-en.dat*. In the input files for initial conditions *init_gas.dat* and *init_aero.dat* of the directory *inputs/inputs-cond-monomer/*, initial concentrations are assigned to monomer rather than sulfate. You can plot the number and volume distribution by using the python script $graph/dN_Vdlogd_cond_monomer.py$. The distributions are similar to those of the sulfate case.

5.1.4 Condensation/evaporation of inorganics

For inorganic compounds, differences between the particle compositions computed using equilibrium and dynamical sectional models have been stressed by numerous authors such as [Sartelet et al., 2006]. This test case simulates the test case of the highly polluted day of 25 June 2001 of [Sartelet et al., 2006]. Measurements of PM and gaseous species made in Tokyo (Japan) are taken as initial conditions. Because the data were averaged continuously during 24 hours under varying meteorological conditions, this study can not assess the importance of the equilibrium approach compared to the dynamical approach. The model results obtained after thermodynamic equilibrium is reached are then compared.

The configuration file for this test is $namelist_cond_evap_inorg.ssh$ for the case where condensation/evaporation is dynamic. Only condensation/evaporation is considered by setting the variable of $namelist_cond_evap_inorg.ssh$ with_cond to 1. The variable Cut_dim corresponds to the diameter until which thermodynamic is assumed. It is set to 0 to solve the condensation/evaporation with a dynamic approach.

To compare this simulation to a simulation where thermodynamic equilibrium is assumed for condensation/evaporation, please set *Cut_dim* to 40 (the maximum diameter of the particles considered here). This is done in the configuration file *namelist_cond-evap-inorg-eq.ssh*.

To assess the differences between these simulations, you can compare the time evolution of NH_3 and HNO_3 , by running the python script $graph/gas_cond-evap.py$. As shown in Fig 5, the gas-phase concentrations quickly reach thermodynamic equilibrium.

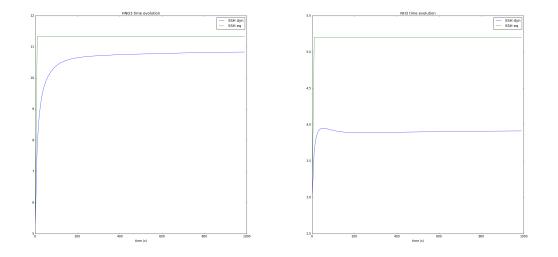


Figure 5: Condensation/évaporation of inorganic test case. Time evolution of HNO₃ concentrations (left panel) and NH₃ concentrations (right panel).

5.1.5 Kelvin effect

To illustrate the importance of the Kelvin effect for the growth of ultrafine particles, the test case of [Devilliers et al., 2013] concerning the growth of ultrafine particles emitted from the exhaust of a diesel engine was simulated. As in [Devilliers et al., 2013], a typical diesel engine emission initial distribution from [Kittelson et al., 2006] is used here to study the gas/particle conversion of nonadecane (C19H40). It has a reference saturation vapour pressure of 6.1 10^{-4} Pa at T = 298 K, which is very close to that of the model compound POAmP. Particles are assumed here to consist solely of POAmP. To show the importance of the Kelvin effect, two simulations are conducted: with and without the Kelvin effect.

The configuration files for this test are *namelist_kelvin.ssh* for the case where the Kelvin effect is modelled, and *namelist_kelvin_nokelv.ssh* for the case where it is not. The variable *ISOAPDYN* is set to 1 to indicate that the condensation/evaporation of organics is modelled dynamically. The variable *with_kelvin_effect* is also set to 1 to take into account the Kelvin effect in the configuration file *namelist_kelvin.ssh* and to 0 in the configuration file *namelist_kelvin_nokelv.ssh*.

To compare the number and volume size distribution simulated with and without Kelvin effect, you can run the python script $graph/dN_Vdlogd_kelvin.py$.

The results in Fig 6 show clearly that the Kelvin effect must be taken into account when the evolution of small particles is simulated: particles are much less affected by condensation/evaporation when it is not included in the model. The ultrafine particles of the initial distribution have been transferred to the gas phase while the coarse ones have grown to a greater size range.

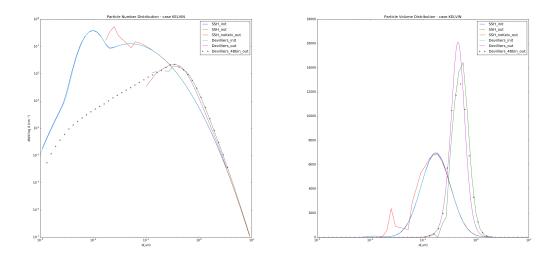


Figure 6: Kelvin test case. Number (left panel) and volume (right panel) concentrations.

5.1.6 Nucleation

To assess the ability of SSH-aerosol to deal with simultaneous strong coagulation and condensation/nucleation, the nucleation test case presented in [Sartelet et al., 2006] is simulated. The initial distribution is the same as in the condensation of sulphuric acid test case of section 5.1.2. It corresponds to the hazy conditions of [Seigneur et al., 1986]. The sulphuric acid production rate is 0.825 μ g m⁻³ h⁻¹, the temperature is 288.15 K and the relative humidity is 60%. The particles are initially assumed to be made of 70% sulfate and 30% ammonium. The initial gas phase ammonia concentration is taken to be 8 μ g m⁻³. The concentrations of gas phase ammonia and particulate-phase ammonium evolve with time due to both nucleation and condensation/evaporation The ternary nucleation of [Napari et al., 2002] is used, but to avoid artificially large nucleation rates in the parameterisation of [Napari et al., 2002], a maximum nucleation rate of 1.d6 #particles cm⁻³ is set. The simulation is run for 1 h with output every 60 s.

Two simulations are run: one where the processes (coagulation, condensation/evaporation and nucleation) are solved simultaneously (configuration file *namelist_nucl.ssh*), and one where the numerical resolution of coagulation is splitted from condensation/evaporation and nucleation (configuration file *namelist_nucl_split.ssh*).

To compare the number and volume size distribution simulated with the two numerical algorithms, you can run the python script $graph/dN_V dlogd_nucl.py$.

The two numerical algorithms give similar number concentrations, except for particles of diameter below 2 nm, which are over-estimated when coagulation is splitted from condensation/evaporation. For such small particles, the combined effects of coagulation, nucleation and condensation is important, as shown in Fig 7.

The nucleated particles clearly grow to larger particles with time, as can be seen both in Fig 8 and by running the python script *graph/banana.py*.

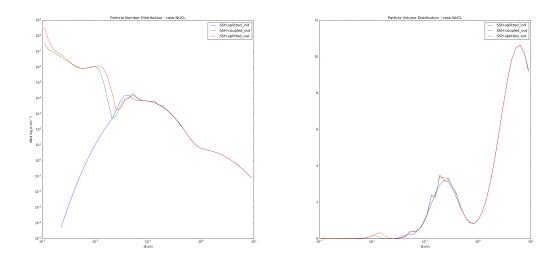


Figure 7: Nucleation test case. Number (left panel) and volume (right panel) concentrations.

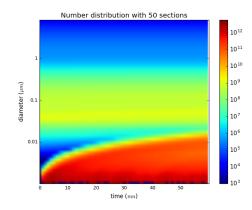


Figure 8: Nucleation test case. Time evolution of the number concentrations.

5.2 Modelling of aerosol formation

After emission into the atmosphere, the oxidation of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) leads to less volatile compounds than the precursors. These compounds condense more easily onto particles than their precursors and they contribute to the increase of particle mass.

[Platt et al., 2013] performed ageing experiments on emissions from an Euro 5 gasoline car. They monitored the total hydrocarbon mass (THC) as well as organic aerosol (OA) concentrations. The test case presented here corresponds to the simulation performed in [Sartelet et al., 2018].

In our model, THC is assumed to be the sum of VOC and I/S VOCs (intermediate and semi-volatile VOCs). THC is initialised as measured in the experiments of [Platt et al., 2013] before lights-on (1.4 ppmv + 0.9 ppmv of propene). IVOCs are estimated from VOC emissions using the ratio 0.17 estimated by [Zhao et al., 2016], and NOx concentrations are initialised such as having a VOC/NOx ratio equal to 5.6 as in [Platt et al., 2013]. The speciation of VOCs to model species was done following [Theloke and Friedrich, 2007].

The configuration file for this test is *namelist_platt.ssh*.

Not only condensation/evaporation is considered by setting the variable of $namelist_platt.ssh$ with_cond to 1, but also gaseous chemistry ($tag_chem=1$). Photolysis rates are predefined in this version of ssh, and a more accurate representation of those (similar to what is used in 3D) will be implemented soon.

After running the model for 5 h, the evolution of the aerosol concentrations with time may be displayed by running the script *plot_platt_particles.py*. As in the experiment after correction for wall loss, the concentrations of particles is about 200 $\mu g m^{-3}$. More than half of the mass origins from the condensation/evaporation of aged I/S VOCs, as shown in Fig 9. The inorganic concentrations stay low (5 $\mu g m^{-3}$ of sulfate was introduced initially as a seed and does not vary during the simulation; and nitrate stays below 9 $\mu g m^{-3}$).

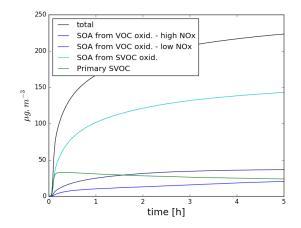


Figure 9: Platt test case. Time evolution of organic concentrations.

5.3 Mixing state

The previous test cases relied on the internal mixing assumption (one aerosol composition per aerosol size section). The internal mixing assumption relies on the assumption that particles from different sources mix instantaneously when they are present in the same air mass. Although this assumption may be realistic far from emission sources, it may be difficult to justify close to emission sources, where emitted particles can have compositions that are very different from background particles and from particles emitted from different sources. All aerosol dynamic processes may affect the mixing state of particles.

5.3.1 Coagulation

To illustrate how coagulation affects the mixing state of particles, the coagulation test case (see section 5.1.1) is revisited by assuming that the initial aerosol distribution is made of two low-volatility compounds of same density (sulfate and another low-volatility compound). The configuration file for this test is *namelist_coag_ext.ssh*. In this coagulation test case, the composition is discretized using 4 sections by setting the variable N_{frac} to 4. The bound values of the fraction sections are specified using the variable $frac_input$.

Run the simulation by typing ssh-aerosol INIT/namelist_coag_ext.ssh. By summing the mass and number of particles of all size fraction sections, the size number and volume distribution are identical to those obtained with the internal mixing assumptions. This can be checked by going to the repertory graph and by running the python script $dN_V dlogd_coag_ext.py$ (see Fig 10). The evolution of the mixing-state of particles after 12 h of coagulation may be seen by comparing the two panels in Fig 11, which shows the number concentrations as a function of the size and fraction of one sulfate, which is one of the two compounds of the particles.

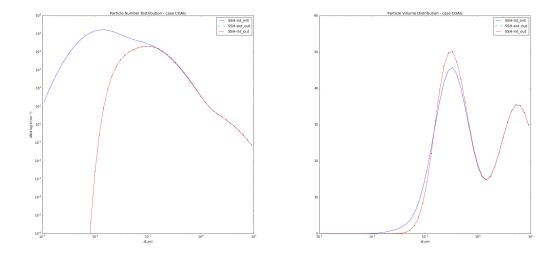


Figure 10: Coagulation test case with mixing-state modelling. Number (left panel) and volume (right panel) concentrations.

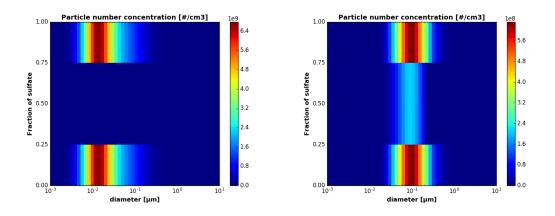


Figure 11: Number concentrations as a function of the size and fraction of one of the two compounds at initial time (left panel) and after 12 h of simulation (right panel).

5.3.2 Condensation

The effect of condensation on the mixing state is assessed by revisiting the condensation test case (typical of a regional haze scenario, see section 5.1.2) by assuming that the initial aerosol distribution is made of two low-volatility compounds of same density (sulfate and another low-volatility compound). As in [Zhu et al., 2015], 10 composition fractions are used. The configuration file for this test is *namelist_cond_ext.ssh*. Run the simulation by typing *ssh-aerosol* $INIT/namelist_cond_ext.ssh$. By summing the mass and number of particles of all size fraction sections, the size number and volume distribution are identical to those obtained with the internal mixing assumptions. This can be checked by going to the repertory graph and by running the python script $dN_V dlogd_cond_ext.py$ (see Fig 12). The evolution of the mixing-state of particles after 12 h of condensation and coagulation may be seen by comparing the two panels in Fig 13, which shows the mass concentrations as a function of the size and fraction of one sulfate, which

is one of the two compounds of the particles. Sulphuric acid condenses to form sulfate. Because the condensation rate is greater for particles of low diameters, the sulfate fraction is greater for those particles at the end of the simulation (Figure 13).

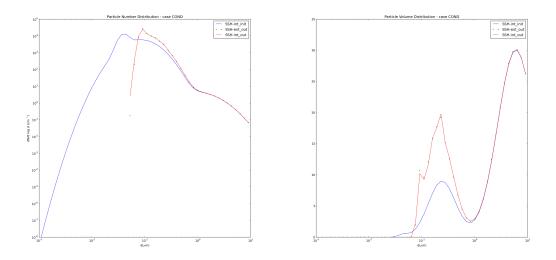


Figure 12: Regional haze test case with mixing-state modelling. Number (left panel) and volume (right panel) concentrations.

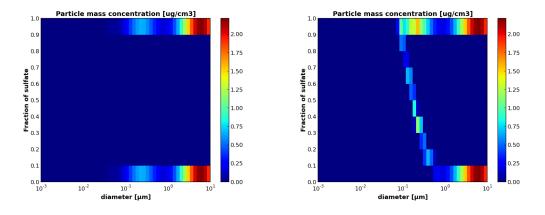


Figure 13: Mass concentrations as a function of the size and fraction of one of the two compounds at initial time (left panel) and after 12 h of simulation (right panel).

5.4 Viscosity

The gas/particle mass transfer is strongly affected by particle viscosity. To illustrate this effect, the condensation of hydrophobic organic surrogates of different volatility is studied for different values of the viscosity, represented by different values of the organic-phase diffusion coefficients D $(10^{-18}, 10^{-19}, 10^{-20}, 10^{-21}, 10^{-22}, 10^{-23}, 10^{-24} \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1})$. The value D = $10^{-12} \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$ corresponds to an inviscid particle, while the value D = $10^{-24} \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$ corresponds to a very viscous particle. Each particle is discretized into 5 layers to model the flux of diffusion of the organic compounds in the particle. The test cases presented here are similar to those of the Figure 6

of [Couvidat and Sartelet, 2015]. Three surrogates are successively studied: SOAIP, POAIP and POAmP and which have partitioning coefficients K_p equal to 100 m³ μ g⁻¹, 1 m³ μ g⁻¹, and 0.01 m³ μ g⁻¹. The surrogate that condenses is initially only in the gas phase, with a mass of 5 μ g m⁻³. It condenses on an organic phase of 5 μ g m⁻³ made of SOAIP, which has a very low volatility ($K_p = 100 \text{ m}^3 \mu$ g⁻¹). The test cases may be launched by launching the script *INIT/launch_visco.sh.* After computation of the condensation of the surrogates from different values of the viscosity, three graphs can be displayed by running the scripts *conc_visco_poalp.py*, *conc_visco_poamp.py*, *conc_visco_soalp.py* (one graph per surrogate). They are shown in Fig 14, which represents the time variations of particle-phase organic concentrations of the surrogate (POAIP in upper left panel, POAmP in upper right panel and SOAIP in lower panel). The surrogate of low volatility (SOAIP) condenses quickly onto the organic phase, independently of the viscosity (upper left panel of Fig 14). All the organic mass is then in the particle phase. Although the condensation of POAIP is influenced by the viscosity, a large fraction of the gas-phase concentration of POAIP condenses quickly (upper right panel of Fig 14). For POAmP, which is the most volatile of the three surrogates, high viscosity (low diffusion coefficient) strongly inhibits the condensation of POAmP (lower right panel of Fig 14).

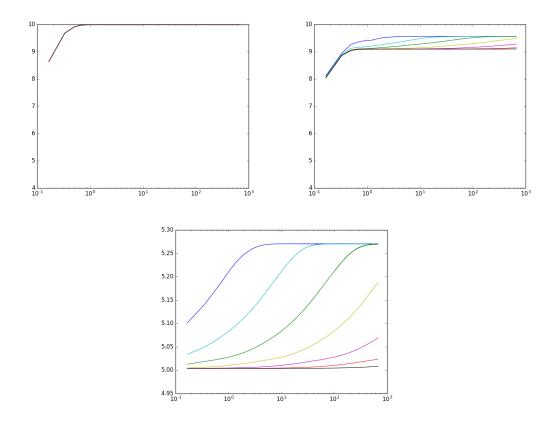


Figure 14: Viscosity test case: time evolution of organic concentrations (SOAIP in the upper left, POAIP in the upper right, POAmP in the lower left) for several organic-phase diffusivity: 10^{-18} (dark blue), 10^{-19} (light blue), 10^{-20} (green), 10^{-21} (yellow), 10^{-22} (magenta), 10^{-23} (red), 10^{-24} (black) m² s⁻¹.

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