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## 1 Introduction

MCNPTools is a C++ software library bound to Python (2 & 3) via the Simplified Wrapper and Interface Generator (SWIG version 3.0.7). The minimum requirements to build MCNPTools as a C++ library are the following:

- a C++ compiler supporting C++11 features
- the CMake tool set version 3.21 or above
- HDF5 version 1.10.2 or above

Currently, the following compiler options are tested and supported:

- GCC 8.3.0 and above on Linux and macOS
- MSVC 19.0 on Windows
- Apple Clang 7.3.0 and above on macOS
- Intel C++ Classic Compiler 18.0.5 and above

For the Python bindings, the following must be installed:

- Python 2.7 or newer
- Setuptools
- Pip

Builds of the Python bindings have been extensively tested with the Anaconda Python distribution (<https://www.anaconda.com/products/individual>), but have been cursorily tested with other distributions as well.

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## 1.1 Installing MCNPTools from a Wheel

If you would like to install MCNPTools without building it yourself, you can do so by downloading a wheel for your operating system. Then, run:

```
1 python -m pip install mcnpools-X.Y.Z-?????.whl
```

The ?????? is a placeholder for information about the system for which the specified wheel file is built, and can include your OS and Python version. One can add the `-user` command to install in your user Python modules if you do not wish to install system-wide, or `-prefix [path]` to select an installation directory.

Note that MCNPTools will need to be re-installed whenever you upgrade your Python major version, e.g., from 3.9.X to 3.10.X.

## 1.2 Building MCNPTools

Once your build environment is set up (see Section 1.2.1 for tips for getting HDF5 working), create a directory to build MCNPTools. Within the directory, run the following commands:

```
1 cmake -D CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=[path to install] -D mcnpools.python_install=User [
   path to MCNPTools source directory]
2 cmake --build . --config Release
3 ctest --build-config Release
4 cmake --install . --config Release
```

This will configure, build, test, and install the MCNPTools library, utilities, and Python bindings. Testing is optional but recommended. One should confirm all tests pass prior to installation.

The two CMake variables `CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX` and `mcnpools.python_install` control where components of MCNPTools are installed. The location for the library and the utilities is controlled by the variable `CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX`. The Python bindings will be placed at `CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX/lib` and the utilities will be placed at `CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX/bin`.

The Python binding install location is controlled by `mcnpools.python_install`, which has three options:

**Global** This will install in the current global Python module directory, and is most useful for system-wide installs or for Python virtual environments. (Default)

**User** This will will install in the current user's Python module directory. This is most useful for installing without administration privileges.

**Prefix** This will install within `CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX/lib`, which is most useful for packaging and maintaining multiple versions. The precise location is OS-dependent, but on Linux, the location will likely be `CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX/lib/pythonX.X/site-packages`, where `X.X` corresponds to the specific Python version used to build MCNPTools. In this case, you will have to add the `site-packages` path to the `PYTHONPATH` environment variable for Python to find the bindings.

Note that MCNPTools will need to be rebuilt and re-installed whenever you upgrade your Python version, e.g., from 3.9.X to 3.10.X.

### 1.2.1 Setting Up HDF5

Sometimes it is difficult for CMake to find a working HDF5 installation, and if it does, it may not load all the necessary libraries.

CMake can find HDF5 in 3 different ways, in order of most reliable to least reliable:

1. By setting the `HDF5_DIR` environment variable to HDF5's own CMake folder, located at `<path to HDF5 install>/share/cmake/hdf5`. This folder may not be present if HDF5 was not built using CMake.
2. Through finding the program `h5cc` in the current environment's path.
3. By setting the `HDF5_ROOT` environment variable to `<path to HDF5 install>`.

## 2 MCNPTools Utilities

MCNPTools releases include binary utilities that facilitate common tasks or querying MCNP output files. This section provides information regarding the use of these utilities. The usage information presented can be obtained from all utilities by running the utility with the `-h` or `--help` options specified.

### 2.1 lnk3dnt Utilities

#### 2.1.1 l3d2vtk

The `l3d2vtk` utility converts LNK3DNT files to XML-based StructuredGrid VTK (`.vts`) files. This can be particularly useful to MCNP users because a LNK3DNT file can be produced as MCNP output that represents a discretized representation of the MCNP CSG, which can then visualized interactively in a 3-D application.

By default, `l3d2vtk` produces no standard output and writes a `lnk3dnt.vts` file. If the `--verbose` option is given, then status is output periodically as the conversion proceeds.

This utility functions for  $(x)$  (Cartesian),  $(r)$  (cylindrical),  $(r)$  (spherical),  $(x, y)$ ,  $(r, z)$ ,  $(r, \theta)$ ,  $(x, y, z)$ ,  $(r, z, \theta)$  geometries. For large LNK3DNT files, this utility can become sensitive to the computer's stack size. However, large ( $\sim 100$  million zone) 3-D Cartesian files have been successfully converted and visualized interactively.

The execution options given via the help message is given in Listing 9.

#### 2.1.2 l3dcoarsen

The `l3dcoarsen` utility coarsens a LNK3DNT file and produces a new LNK3DNT file. By default, the resulting LNK3DNT file will have preserved material boundaries and the same number of mixed-material zones as the original; however, the user may keep more or less mixed-materials in a zone if desired.

The execution options given via the help message is given in Listing 10.

### 2.1.3 `l3dinfo`

The `l3dinfo` utility reports information about LNK3DNT files. By default, `l3dinfo` reports only basic information about the LNK3DNT file: geometry, extents, etc. If the `--full` option is given, then the material information will be read and reported in addition to the basic information.

The execution options given via the help message is given in Listing 11.

### 2.1.4 `l3dscale`

The `l3dscale` utility linearly scales the dimensions of a LNK3DNT file by a user-specified factor and produces a new LNK3DNT file.

The execution options given via the help message is given in Listing 12.

## 2.2 `mctal` Utilities

### 2.2.1 `mctal2rad`

The `mctal2rad` utility converts MCNP image tally results (e.g., `FIR`, `FIP`, etc.) in a MCTAL file into TIFF images. Accordingly, `mctal2rad` depends on `libtiff` being installed and available during compilation. The output images can be created from only the direct detector contributions and the results can be transposed and/or scaled logarithmically.

The execution options given via the help message is given in Listing 13.

### 2.2.2 `mergemctals`

The `mergemctals` utility statistically merges the results in multiple MCNP MCTAL files and produces a single resulting MCTAL file.

`mergemctals` can also be compiled using Boost MPI so that MCTAL files can be merged in parallel. All machines (e.g., back-end nodes of a cluster) performing parallel operations must have access to the files to be merged.

The execution options given via the help message is given in Listing 14.

## 2.3 `meshtal` Utilities

### 2.3.1 `mergemeshtals`

The `mergemeshtals` utility statistically merges the results in multiple MCNP Type-B MESHTAL files (i.e., those created with an `fmesh` card) and produces a single resulting MESHTAL file. `mergemeshtals` *only* operates on column-formatted MESHTAL files.

`mergemeshtals` can also be compiled using Boost MPI so that the MESHTAL files can be merged in parallel, though all machines (e.g., back-end nodes of a cluster) performing parallel operations must have access to the files to be merged.

The execution options given via the help message is given in Listing 15.

### 2.3.2 meshtal2vtk

The `meshtal2vtk` utility converts MCNP XYZ (Cartesian) and/or RZT (cylindrical) MCNP mesh tally results in a MESHTAL file into XML-formatted StructuredGrid VTK (.vts) files. These files can then be viewed in scientific visualization applications such as ParaView or VisIt.

Data series are logically named according to any binning that exists, or if no binning, as `Tally_Value` and `Tally_Error`. The user has the option of selecting only certain tallies with the `TALLY` parameter shown below. If left unspecified, all tallies are processed. Each tally is given its own .vts file.

The execution options given via the help message is given in Listing 16.

## 3 Description of the MCNPTools Library

The true power of MCNPTools is in the ability for users to write their own custom tools and process MCNP outputs without the need to parse MCNP output formats. Currently, three MCNP output files can be read by MCNPTools and accessed in an object-oriented manner:

**MCTAL files** accessed via the `Mctal` class which in turn provides access to the `MctalTally` and `MctalKcode` classes.

**MESHTAL files** accessed via the `Meshtal` class which in turn provides access to the `MeshtalTally` class

**PTRAC files** accessed via the `Ptrac` class which in turn provides access to the `PtracHistory` class which provides access to the `PtracEvent` class

Each of these three outputs will be discussed in more detail in the following subsections.

### 3.1 Accessing MCTAL Data with MCNPTools

MCNP MCTAL file data is accessed via three of MCNPTools' classes:

**Mctal class** Provides object-oriented access to a MCTAL file.

**MctalTally class** Provides object-oriented access to a tally in a MCTAL file

**MctalKcode class** Provides object-oriented access to kcode outputs in a MCTAL file

Each class will be discussed in the following sections.

#### 3.1.1 Mctal Class

To construct (create) an instance of the `Mctal` class, one simply passes the name of a MCTAL file to the `Mctal` constructor, e.g.,

```
1 Mctal("mymctal")
```

The public methods available in the `Mctal` class are given in Table 1.

The most commonly used methods to access data in the MCTAL file are `GetTallyList` and `GetTally` for tally data and `GetKcode` for  $k$ -eigenvalue data. With `GetTallyList` and `GetTally`, loops over the tallies in the MCTAL file can be created to perform analyses. A Python example of such a loop structure is given in Listing 1.

Table 1: `Mctal` Class Public Methods

Method	Description
<code>GetCode()</code>	Returns a string of the generating code name
<code>GetVersion()</code>	Returns a string of the code version
<code>GetProbid()</code>	Returns a string of the problem identification
<code>GetDump()</code>	Returns an integer of the corresponding restart dump number
<code>GetNps()</code>	Returns an integer of the number of histories used in the normalization
<code>GetRandoms()</code>	Returns an integer the number of random numbers used
<code>GetTallyList()</code>	Returns a list/vector of tally numbers available in in the the MCTAL file
<code>GetTally(NUM)</code>	Returns a <code>MctalTally</code> class instance of tally number NUM

Listing 1: `Mctal` Class Use Example

```

1 # open the mctal file "mymctal"
2 mctal = mcnpTools.Mctal("mymctal")
3
4 # loop over tallies
5 for tallynum in mctal.GetTallyList():
6     tally = mctal.GetTally(tallynum)
7
8     # now do something with the tally

```

### 3.1.2 `MctalTally` Class

The `MctalTally` class should only be created through calls to the `GetTally` method of the `Mctal` class. The `MctalTally` class will provide information about the tally and the values of data contained within the tally.

**A Note on MCNP Tallies:** MCNP tallies are essentially a nine-dimensional array with each index of the array describing a bin structure of the tally. These bin structures are given in Table 2.

With these bin structures, the values and errors in a tally are uniquely identified by the indices (`f,d,u,s,m,c,e,t,pert`).

The `MctalTally` class has the public class methods given in Table 3.

Often it is desirable to interrogate a tally value at the *Tally Fluctuation Chart* (TFC) bin—the bin on which statistical analyses are performed. MCNPTools provides a defined constant `TFC` member of the `MctalTally` class that can be used in place of a bin index for any of the (`f,d,u,s,m,c,e,t`) bins. The Python code in Listing 2 illustrates how one would fill a list with tally values by iterating over the energy bins of a tally (for brevity it is assumed the MCTAL file has been opened as object `mctal`).

Note that the `pert` index has been omitted from the example above. The `GetValue` and `GetError` methods will default to the unperturbed tally quantities if `pert` is omitted.



Table 2: MCNP Tally Array Indices

Name	Identifier	Description
facet	f	The facet of the tally, cell, surface, point number
direct/flagged	d	The flagged/unflagged contribution for cell/surface tallies <i>or</i> the direct/scattered contribution for point detectors (this dimension never exceeds 2)
user	u	The user bins established by use of an FT tally input or by use of a TALLYX routine
segment	s	The segmenting bins established by use of an FS tally input
multiplier	m	The multiplier bins established by use of an FM tally input
cosine	c	The cosine bins established by use of an C tally input
energy	e	The energy bins established by use of an E tally input
time	t	The time bins established by use of a T tally input
perturbation	pert	The perturbation number established by use of PERT inputs

Table 3: MctalTally Class Public Methods

Method	Description
ID()	Return the integer tally number
GetFBins()	Return a list/vector of the “facet” bins of the tally
GetDBins()	Return a list/vector of the “direct/flagged” bins of the tally
GetUBins()	Return a list/vector of the “user” bins of the tally
GetSBins()	Return a list/vector of the “segment” bins of the tally
GetMBins()	Return a list/vector of the “multiplier” bins of the tally
GetCBins()	Return a list/vector of the “cosine” bins of the tally
GetEBins()	Return a list/vector of the “energy” bins of the tally
GetTBins()	Return a list/vector of the “time” bins of the tally
GetValue(f,d,u,s,m,c,e,t,pert)	Return the tally value identified by the indices (f,d,u,s,m,c,e,t,pert)
GetError(f,d,u,s,m,c,e,t,pert)	Return the tally <i>relative</i> error identified by the indices (f,d,u,s,m,c,e,t,pert)

Listing 2: MctalTally Class Use Example

```

1 # get the tally of interest (say tally 834)
2 tally = mctal.GetTally(834)
3
4 # create an alias for the TFC bin
5 TFC = tally.TFC
6
7 # get the energy bins
8 ebins = tally.GetEBins()
9
10 #create lists for tally values and errors
11 values = list()
12 errors = list()
13
14 # iterate over the energy bins
15 for i in range( len(ebins) ):
16     #           f   d   u   s   m   c   e   t
17     values.append( tally.GetValue(TFC, TFC, TFC, TFC, TFC, TFC, i, TFC) )
18     error.append( tally.GetError(TFC, TFC, TFC, TFC, TFC, TFC, i, TFC) )

```

Table 4: MctalKcode Class Public Methods

Method	Description
GetCycles()	return the integer number of total kcode cycles
GetSettle()	return the integer number of inactive kcode cycles
GetNdat()	return the integer number of data elements in a kcode entry
GetValue(QUANTITY, CYCLE)	return the value of QUANTITY at the specified CYCLE (default last)

### 3.1.3 MctalKcode Class

The MctalKcode class should be obtained only through calls to GetKcode() method of the Mctal class. The MctalKcode class will provide information about the  $k_{\text{eff}}$  calculation as a function of cycle. The MctalKcode class has the public methods given in Table 4.

The QUANTITY value that is passed into the GetValue method is a parameterized member constant of the MctalKcode class. QUANTITY must be one of the following defined parameters within the MctalKcode class namespace as given in Table 5.

The Python code in Listing 3 illustrates how to get the combined (collision/absorption/track-length) value of  $k_{\text{eff}}$  and its standard deviation (for brevity it is assumed the MCTAL file has been opened in object mctal).

## 3.2 Accessing MESHTAL Data with MCNPTools

MCNP column-formatted MESHTAL (type B, a.k.a, MCNP5 style mesh tallies from the fmesh card) data is accessed through the following classes:

Table 5: MctalKcode Quantity Values

Method	Description
COLLISION_KEFF	estimated collision $k_{\text{eff}}$ for this cycle
ABSORPTION_KEFF	estimated absorption $k_{\text{eff}}$ for this cycle
TRACKLENGTH_KEFF	estimated track-length $k_{\text{eff}}$ for this cycle
COLLISION_PRLT	estimated collision prompt-removal lifetime for this cycle
ABSORPTION_PRLT	estimated absorption prompt-removal lifetime for this cycle
AVG_COLLISION_KEFF	average collision $k_{\text{eff}}$ to this cycle
AVG_COLLISION_KEFF_STD	standard deviation in the collision $k_{\text{eff}}$ to this cycle
AVG_ABSORPTION_KEFF	average absorption $k_{\text{eff}}$ to this cycle
AVG_ABSORPTION_KEFF_STD	standard deviation in the absorption $k_{\text{eff}}$ to this cycle
AVG_TRACKLENGTH_KEFF	average track-length $k_{\text{eff}}$ to this cycle
AVG_TRACKLENGTH_KEFF_STD	standard deviation in the track-length $k_{\text{eff}}$ to this cycle
AVG_COMBINED_KEFF	average combined $k_{\text{eff}}$ to this cycle
AVG_COMBINED_KEFF_STD	standard deviation in the combined $k_{\text{eff}}$ to this cycle
AVG_COMBINED_KEFF_BCS	average combined $k_{\text{eff}}$ by cycles skipped
AVG_COMBINED_KEFF_BCS_STD	standard deviation in the combined $k_{\text{eff}}$ by cycles skipped
COMBINED_PRLT	average combined prompt-removal lifetime
COMBINED_PRLT_STD	standard deviation in the combined prompt-removal lifetime
CYCLE_NPS	number of histories used in each cycle
AVG_COMBINED_FOM	combined figure of merit

Listing 3: MctalKcode Class Use Example

```

1 # get the kcode data from the mctal file
2 kcode = mctal.GetKcode()
3
4 # get the average combined keff from the last cycle
5 keff = kcode.GetValue(MctalKcode.AVG_COMBINED_KEFF)
6
7 # get the standard deviation in combined keff
8 keff = kcode.GetValue(MctalKcode.AVG_COMBINED_KEFF_STD)

```

Table 6: Meshtal Class Public Methods

Method	Description
GetCode()	return a string of the generating code name
GetVersion()	return a string the code version
GetProbid()	return a string the problem id number
GetComment()	return a string of the problem comment
GetNps()	return the number of histories to which values are normalized
GetTallyList()	return a list/vector of tallies in the file
GetTally(NUM)	return a MeshtalTally class instance for tally NUM

Listing 4: Meshtal Class Use Example

```

1 import mcnpertools
2
3 # load the meshtal file mymeshtal
4 meshtal = mcnpertools.Meshtal("mymeshtal")
5
6 # loop over all the tallies in the file
7 for tallynum in meshtal.GetTallyList():
8     # obtain the tally data
9     tally = meshtal.GetTally(tallynum)
10
11     # now do something with the tally

```

**Meshtal** provides object-oriented access to the MESHTAL file

**MeshtalTally** provides object-oriented access to tally data

Each class will be discussed in the following sections.

### 3.2.1 Meshtal Class

To construct (create) an instance of the **Meshtal** class, one simply passes the name of a MESHTAL (type B) file to the **Meshtal** constructor, e.g.,

```

1 Meshtal("mymeshtal")

```

The public methods available for the **Meshtal** class are given in Table 6.

The most commonly used methods of the **Meshtal** class are **GetTallyList()** and **GetTally**. The Python code in Listing 4 illustrates how to open a MESHTAL file with the **Meshtal** class, loop over the tallies, and obtain the tally data

### 3.2.2 MeshtalTally Class

The **MeshtalTally** provides accessors for a tally in a MESHTAL file. The public methods of the **MeshtalTally** class are given in Table 7.

Table 7: MeshtalTally Class Public Methods

Method	Description
ID()	return a list/vector of the tally id (number)
GetXRBounds()	return a list/vector of the $x/r$ bin boundaries
GetYZBounds()	return a list/vector of the $y/z$ bin boundaries
GetZTBounds()	return a list/vector of the $z/\theta$ bin boundaries
GetEBounds()	return a list/vector of the energy bin boundaries
GetTBounds()	return a list/vector of the time bin boundaries
GetXRBins()	return a list/vector of the $x/r$ bin centers
GetYZBins()	return a list/vector of the $y/z$ bin centers
GetZTBins()	return a list/vector of the $z/\theta$ bin centers
GetEBins()	return a list/vector of the energy bins
GetTBins()	return a list/vector of the time bins
GetVolume(I,J,K)	return the volume of element at index (I,J,K)
GetValue(I,J,K,E,T)	return the value at index (I,J,K) and optionally energy index E and time index T
GetError(I,J,K,E,T)	return the <i>relative</i> error at index (I,J,K) and optionally energy index E and time index T

If the energy-bin index is omitted from the `GetValue` or `GetError` method calls, then the total bin will be used if present. Otherwise, the largest energy bin will be used. Similarly, if the time-bin index is omitted from the `GetValue` and `GetError` method calls then the total bin will be used if present. Otherwise the last time bin will be used.

The Python code in Listing 5 illustrates how to loop through spatial elements of a `MeshtalTally` and query the values and errors at each element. For brevity it is assumed the MESHTAL file has already been loaded into `meshtal`.

### 3.3 Accessing PTRAC Data with MCNPTools

MCNP particle track (PTRAC) data are organized such that the PTRAC file contains histories and each history contains events—i.e., things that actually happened to particles. PTRAC data can be read and processed with MCNPTools by use of the following classes:

**Ptrac** provides object-oriented access to PTRAC files and accesses `PtracHistory` classes

**PtracHistory** provides object-oriented access to histories within the PTRAC file and accesses `PtracEvents`

**PtracNPS** provides object-oriented access to NPS information in a `PtracHistory`

**PtracEvent** provides object-oriented access to events and their data within a `PtracHistory`

The typical workflow when processing PTRAC files with MCNPTools is as follows:

1. Open the PTRAC file with the `Ptrac` class
2. Obtain histories in `PtracHistory` objects from the `Ptrac` class

Listing 5: MeshtalTally Class Use Example

```

1 # get the tally to process (e.g., tally 324)
2 tally = meshtal.GetTally(324)
3
4 xrbins = tally.GetXRBins()
5 yzbins = tally.GetYZBins()
6 ztbins = tally.GetZTBins()
7
8 # loop over xrbins
9 for i in range(len(xrbins)):
10     # loop over yzbins
11     for j in range(len(yzbins)):
12         # loop over ztbins
13         for k in range(len(ztbins)):
14             # print the value and error
15             print(i,j,k,meshtal.GetValue(i,j,k),meshtal.GetError(i,j,k))

```

3. Iterate over the events in `PtracEvent` objects from the `PtracHistory` class

Each of these classes is discussed in the sections that follow.

### 3.3.1 Ptrac Class

The `Ptrac` class opens and manages MCNP PTRAC files and supports legacy binary, ASCII, and HDF5-formatted<sup>1</sup> PTRAC files. To construct the PTRAC file class, simply pass the PTRAC file name to the `Ptrac` constructor with the file type. For example, in Python one would use

```
1 Ptrac("myptrac", Ptrac.BIN_PTRAC)
```

to open a legacy binary PTRAC file,

```
1 Ptrac("myptrac", Ptrac.ASC_PTRAC)
```

to open an ASCII PTRAC file, and

```
1 Ptrac("myptrac", Ptrac.HDF5_PTRAC)
```

to open an HDF5-formatted PTRAC file.

If the file type is omitted, legacy binary is assumed.

The `Ptrac` class has only one method `ReadHistories(NUM)` which returns a list/vector of histories. If `NUM` is omitted, then all the histories in the PTRAC file are read—this can be quite time consuming and is generally not recommended. A typical to reading histories in Python is shown in Listing 6.

### 3.3.2 PtracHistory Class

The `PtracHistory` class provides access to the events within the history. The public class methods are given in Table 8.

<sup>1</sup>HDF5-formatted PTRAC files are anticipated to be available in the next public release of the MCNP code.

Listing 6: Ptrac Class Use Example

```

1 # open the ptrac file (assuming legacy binary)
2 ptrac = mcnpools.Ptrac("myptrac")
3
4 # read history data in batches of 10000 histories
5 histories = ptrac.ReadHistories(10000)
6
7 # while histories has something in it
8 while histories:
9
10     # iterate over the histories
11     for h in histories:
12         # do something with the history data
13
14 # read in more histories, again a batch of 10000
15 histories = ptrac.ReadHistories(10000)

```

Table 8: PtracHistory Class Public Methods

Method	Description
GetNPS()	returns a PtracNPS class with NPS information
GetNumEvents()	returns the number of events in the history
GetEvent(I)	returns the Ith event in the history

A typical use of the PtracHistory class to obtain its events using Python is shown in Listing 7, where it is assumed that a PtracHistory exists in the variable hist):

### 3.3.3 PtracNPS Class

The PtracNPS class contains information about the history. The public methods in the PtracNPS class are given in Table 9.

For an HDF5 PTRAC file, the filtering cell, surface, tally, and value are not recorded in the PTRAC file. Please contact an MCNP developer at [mcnp\\_help@lanl.gov](mailto:mcnp_help@lanl.gov) if this limitation proves prohibitive.

### 3.3.4 PtracEvent Class

The PtracEvent class contains information about the event. Different event types contain different information about the event. The PtracEvent public class methods are given in Table 10.

Listing 7: PtracHistory Class Use Example

```

1 for i in range(hist.GetNumEvents()):
2     event = hist.GetEvent(i)
3
4     # now do something with the event

```

Table 9: PtracNPS Class Public Methods

Method	Description
<code>NPS()</code>	return the history number
<code>Cell()</code>	return the filtering cell from CELL keyword (if present)
<code>Surface()</code>	return the filtering surface from SURFACE keyword (if present)
<code>Tally()</code>	return the filtering tally from TALLY keyword (if present)
<code>Value()</code>	return the tally score from TALLY keyword (if present)

Table 10: PtracEvent Class Public Methods

Method	Description
<code>Type()</code>	returns the event type: one of <code>Ptrac::SRC</code> (source), <code>Ptrac::BNK</code> (bank), <code>Ptrac::COL</code> (collision), <code>Ptrac::SUR</code> (surface crossing), or <code>Ptrac::TER</code> (termination)
<code>BankType()</code>	returns the bank event type (only for <code>Ptrac::BNK</code> events)
<code>Has(DATA)</code>	returns a Boolean indicating whether or not the data type DATA is contained within the event
<code>Get(DATA)</code>	returns the value of the requested data type DATA

The DATA types available for the `Has` and `Get` methods are part of the `Ptrac` name space and are given in Table 12.

The Python code given in Listing 8 demonstrates how to find all collision events in a history and print the energy (for brevity a `PtracHistory` instance is assumed to be in the `hist` variable).

The PTRAC bank type variable specifiers that are part of the `Ptrac` name space are listed in Table 12.

The PTRAC termination types that are members of the `Ptrac` name space are listed in Table 13.

Listing 8: PtracEvent Class Use Example

```

1 #iterate over all events in the history
2 for i in range(hist.GetNumEvents()):
3     event = hist.GetEvent()
4
5     # check if the event is a collision event
6     if( event.Type() == Ptrac.COL ):
7         # print the energy
8         print(event.Get(Ptrac.ENERGY))

```



Table 11: PtracEvent Data Types

Data Type	Description
NODE	node number
ZOID	ZOID the particle interacts with
RXN	reaction type (MT number)
SURFACE	surface number
ANGLE	angle of particle crossing the surface
TERMINATION_TYPE	termination type
PARTICLE	particle type
CELL	cell number
MATERIAL	material number
COLLISION_NUMBER	collision number
X	particle $x$ coordinate
Y	particle $y$ coordinate
Z	particle $z$ coordinate
U	particle direction cosine with respect to the $x$ axis
V	particle direction cosine with respect to the $y$ axis
W	particle direction cosine with respect to the $z$ axis
ENERGY	particle energy
WEIGHT	particle weight
TIME	particle time

Table 12: PtracEvent Data Types

Data Type	Description
BNK_DXT_TRACK	DXTRAN particle
BNK_ERG_TME_SPLIT	Energy or Time splitting
BNK_WWS_SPLIT	Weight-window surface crossing
BNK_WWC_SPLIT	Weight-window collision
BNK_UNC_TRACK	Forced-collision uncollided part
BNK_IMP_SPLIT	Importance splitting
BNK_N_XN_F	Neutrons from fission
BNK_N_XG	Gammas from neutron production
BNK_FLUORESCENCE	Fluorescence x-rays
BNK_ANNIHILATION	Annihilation photons
BNK_PHOTO_ELECTRON	Photo electrons
BNK_COMPT_ELECTRON	Compton electrons
BNK_PAIR_ELECTRON	Pair-production electron
BNK_AUGER_ELECTRON	Auger electrons
BNK_PAIR_POSITRON	Pair-production positron
BNK_BREMSSTRAHLUNG	Bremsstrahlung production
BNK_KNOCK_ON	Knock-on electron
BNK_K_X_RAY	K-shell x-ray production
BNK_N_XG_MG	Multigroup (n,x $\gamma$ )
BNK_N_XF_MG	Multigroup (n,f)
BNK_N_XN_MG	Multigroup (n,xn)
BNK_G_XG_MG	Multigroup ( $\gamma$ ,x $\gamma$ )
BNK_ADJ_SPLIT	Multigroup adjoint splitting
BNK_WWT_SPLIT	Weight-window mean-free-path split
BNK_PHOTONUCLEAR	Photo-nuclear production
BNK_DECAY	Radioactive decay
BNK_NUCLEAR_INT	Nuclear interaction
BNK_RECOIL	Recoil nucleus
BNK_DXTRAN_ANNIHIL	DXTRAN annihilation photon from pulse-height tally variance reduction
BNK_N_CHARGED_PART	Light ions from neutrons
BNK_H_CHARGED_PART	Light ions from protons
BNK_N_TO_TABULAR	Library neutrons from model neutrons
BNK_MODEL_UPDAT1	Secondary particles from inelastic nuclear interactions
BNK_MODEL_UPDATE	Secondary particles from elastic nuclear interactions
BNK_DELAYED_NEUTRON	Delayed neutron from radioactive decay
BNK_DELAYED_PHOTON	Delayed photon from radioactive decay
BNK_DELAYED_BETA	Delayed $\beta^-$ from radioactive decay
BNK_DELAYED_ALPHA	Delayed $\alpha$ from radioactive decay
BNK_DELAYED_POSITRN	Delayed $\beta^+$ from radioactive decay

Table 13: PtracEvent Termination Types

Termination Type	Description
TER_ESCAPE	Escape
TER_ENERGY_CUTOFF	Energy cutoff
TER_TIME_CUTOFF	Time cutoff
TER_WEIGHT_WINDOW	Weight-window roulette
TER_CELL_IMPORTANCE	Cell importance roulette
TER_WEIGHT_CUTOFF	Weight-cutoff roulette
TER_ENERGY_IMPORTANCE	Energy-importance roulette
TER_DXTRAN	DXTRAN roulette
TER_FORCED_COLLISION	Forced-collision
TER_EXPONENTIAL_TRANSFORM	Exponential-transform
TER_N_DOWNSCATTERING	Neutron downscattering
TER_N_CAPTURE	Neutron capture
TER_N_N_XN	Loss to (n,xn)
TER_N_FISSION	Loss to fission
TER_N_NUCLEAR_INTERACTION	Nuclear interactions
TER_N_PARTICLE_DECAY	Particle decay
TER_N_TABULAR_BOUNDARY	Tabular boundary
TER_P_COMPTON_SCATTER	Photon Compton scattering
TER_P_CAPTURE	Photon capture
TER_P_PAIR_PRODUCTION	Photon pair production
TER_P_PHOTONUCLEAR	Photonuclear reaction
TER_E_SCATTER	Electron scatter
TER_E_BREMSSTRAHLUNG	Bremsstrahlung
TER_E_INTERACTION_DECAY	Interaction or decay
TER_GENNEUT_NUCLEAR_INTERACTION	Generic neutral-particle nuclear interactions
TER_GENNEUT_ELASTIC_SCATTER	Generic neutral-particle elastic scatter
TER_GENNEUT_DECAY	Generic neutral-particle particle decay
TER_GENCHAR_MULTIPLE_SCATTER	Generic charged-particle multiple scatter
TER_GENCHAR_BREMSSTRAHLUNG	Generic charged-particle bremsstrahlung
TER_GENCHAR_NUCLEAR_INTERACTION	Generic charged-particle nuclear interactions
TER_GENCHAR_ELASTIC_SCATTER	Generic charged-particle elastic scatter
TER_GENCHAR_DECAY	Generic charged-particle particle decay
TER_GENCHAR_CAPTURE	Generic charged-particle capture
TER_GENCHAR_TABULAR_SAMPLING	Generic charged-particle tabular sampling

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## A Help Messages for MCNPTools Utilities

Listing 9: l3d2vtk Help Message Output

```
1  USAGE: l3d2vtk [--version] [--verbose] <LNK3DNT> [OUTPUT]
2
3  DESCRIPTION:
4
5  l3d2vtk converts a LNK3DNT file into an XML-formatted StructuredGrid (.vts) VTK
6  file.
7
8  OPTIONS:
9
10 --version, -v      : Print version and exit
11
12 --verbose, -V     : Produce standard output giving status (Default: False)
13
14 LNK3DNT           : LNK3DNT file name to convert
15
16 OUTPUT           : Converted LNK3DNT output name (Default: lnk3dnt.vts)
17
18 AUTHOR: Joel A. Kulesza [jkulesza@lanl.gov]
```

Listing 10: l3dcoarsen Help Message Output

```
1 USAGE: l3dcoarsen [--version] [--novoid] [--ifact ifact] [--jfact jfact]
2       [--kfact kfact] [--maxmats maxmats] <LNK3DNT> [OUTPUT]
3
4 DESCRIPTION:
5
6 l3dcoarsen coarsens a LNK3DNT file mesh by specified factors
7
8 OPTIONS:
9
10 --version, -v      : Print version and exit
11
12 --novoid, -n       : Make voids material '0' rather than the assumed material
13                    '1' (not recommended)
14
15 --ifact, -i        : Factor by which to coarsen in the first mesh dimension
16
17 --jfact, -j        : Factor by which to coarsen in the second mesh dimension
18                    (if applicable)
19
20 --kfact, -k        : Factor by which to coarsen in the third mesh dimension (if
21                    applicable)
22
23 --maxmats, -m      : Maximum umber of materials to keep include on the
24                    coarsened LNK3DNT file (default: same as original)
25
26 LNK3DNT            : LNK3DNT file name to coarsen
27
28 OUTPUT             : coarsened LNK3DNT output name (Default: lnk3dnt.coarse)
29
30 AUTHOR: Clell J. (CJ) Solomon [csolomon@lanl.gov]
```

Listing 11: l3dinfo Help Message Output

```
1 USAGE: l3dinfo [--version] [--full] <LNK3DNT [LNK3DNT ... ]>
2
3 DESCRIPTION:
4
5 l3dinfo produces information about LNK3DNT files to stdout
6
7 OPTIONS:
8
9 --version, -v      : Print version and exit
10
11 --full, -f        : Produce a full listing of the LNK3DNT contents (can
12                    greatly increase runtime)
13
14 LNK3DNT           : LNK3DNT files about which to produce information
15
16 AUTHOR: Clell J. (CJ) Solomon [csolomon@lanl.gov]
```

Listing 12: l3dscale Help Message Output

```
1 USAGE: l3dscale [--version] <LNK3DNT> <FACTOR> [OUTPUT]
2
3 DESCRIPTION:
4
5 l3dscale scales the dimensions of a LNK3DNT file
6
7 OPTIONS:
8
9 --version, -v      : Print version and exit
10
11 LNK3DNT            : LNK3DNT file to be scaled
12
13 FACTOR             : Scaling factor to be applied to the file
14
15 OUTPUT             : Output LNK3DNT file name [Default: LNK3DNT.scaled]
16
17 AUTHOR: Clell J. (CJ) Solomon [csolomon@lanl.gov]
```



Listing 13: mctal2rad Help Message Output

```
1 USAGE: mctal2rad [--version] [--log] [--direct] [--transpose] <MCTAL>
2   [TALLY [TALLY ... ]]
3
4 DESCRIPTION:
5
6 mctal2rad converts an image tally from an MCNP MCTAL file into a TIFF image
7
8 OPTIONS:
9
10 --version, -v      : Print version and exit
11
12 --log, -l         : Produce an image of the log of the MCTAL values
13
14 --direct, -d      : Produce an image of the direct contribution
15
16 --transpose, -t   : Transpose the image
17
18 MCTAL             : MCTAL file containing one or more image tallies
19
20 TALLY            : Tally number for which to produce the images
21
22 AUTHOR: Clell J. (CJ) Solomon [csolomon@lanl.gov]
```

Listing 14: mergemctals Help Message Output

```
1 USAGE: mergemctals [--version] [--verbose] [--output output]
2   <MCTAL [MCTAL ... ]>
3
4 DESCRIPTION:
5
6 mergemctals statistically merges multiple MCNP MCTAL files into a single MCTAL
7 file.
8
9 OPTIONS:
10
11 --version           : Print version and exit
12
13 --verbose, -v      : Increase output verbosity
14
15 --output, -o       : Output MCTAL file name [Default: mergemctals.out]
16
17 MCTAL              : MCTAL file names to be merged
18
19 AUTHOR: Clell J. (CJ) Solomon [csolomon@lanl.gov]
```

Listing 15: mergemeshtals Help Message Output

```
1 USAGE: mergemeshtals [--version] [--verbose] [--output output]
2   <MESHTAL [MESHTAL ... ]>
3
4 DESCRIPTION:
5
6 mergemeshtals statistically merges multiple MCNP MESHTAL files into a single
7 MESHTAL file.
8
9 OPTIONS:
10
11 --version           : Print version and exit
12
13 --verbose, -v       : Increase output verbosity
14
15 --output, -o        : Output MESHTAL file name [Default: mergemeshtals.out]
16
17 MESHTAL             : MESHTAL file names to be merged
18
19 AUTHOR: Clell J. (CJ) Solomon [csolomon@lanl.gov]
```

Listing 16: meshtal2vtk Help Message Output

```
1 USAGE: meshtal2vtk [--version] <MESHTAL> [TALLY [TALLY ... ]]
2
3 DESCRIPTION:
4
5 meshtal2vtk converts mesh tallies from an MCNP MESHTAL file into XML-formatted
6 StructuredGrid (.vts) VTK files. This utility only works for XYZ (Cartesian)
7 and RZT (cylindrical) geometries.
8
9 OPTIONS:
10
11 --version, -v      : Print version and exit
12
13 MESHTAL            : MESHTAL file containing one or more mesh tallies
14
15 TALLY              : Tally number for which to produce the VTK files
16
17 AUTHOR: Joel A. Kulesza [jkulesza@lanl.gov]
```

## B C++ Examples

### B.1 Mctal Example 1

Listing 17 opens the MCTAL file `example_mctal_1.mcnp.mctal` and extracts the energy bins and energy-bin tally values for tally 4.

Listing 17: C++ Mctal Example 1

```
1 #include "mcnpTools/McnpTools.hpp"
2 #include <iostream>
3 #include <vector>
4
5 int main() {
6
7     // construct the mctal class from mctal file "example_mctal_1.mcnp.mctal"
8     mcnpTools::Mctal m("example_mctal_1.mcnp.mctal");
9
10    int tfc = mcnpTools::MctalTally::TFC; // alias for -1
11
12    // get tally 4 from the mctal file
13    mcnpTools::MctalTally t4 = m.GetTally(4);
14
15    // get the energy bins of tally 4
16    std::vector<double> t4_e = t4.GetEBins();
17
18    // loop over energy bin indices to store and print tally bin value
19    // using the TFC bin for all other bins
20    std::vector<double> t4_evals(t4_e.size()); // storage for tally values
21    for (unsigned int i = 0; i < t4_e.size(); i++) {
22        //           f d u s m c e t
23        t4_evals[i] = t4.GetValue(tfc, tfc, tfc, tfc, tfc, tfc, i, tfc);
24        std::cout << t4_evals.at(i) << std::endl;
25    }
26
27    return 0;
28 }
```

## B.2 Mctal Example 2

Listing 18 opens the MCTAL file `example_mctal_2.mcnp.mctal` and extracts the  $k_{\text{eff}}$  value and standard deviation for the active cycles, i.e., from the last settle cycle through the last active cycle.

Listing 18: C++ Mctal Example 2

```
1 #include "mcnpTools/McnpTools.hpp"
2 #include <iostream>
3
4 int main() {
5
6     // construct the mctal class from the mctal file
7     // "example_mctal_2.mcnp.mctal"
8     mcnpTools::Mctal m("example_mctal_2.mcnp.mctal");
9
10    // get the kcode data
11    mcnpTools::MctalKcode kc = m.GetKcode();
12
13    // alias for average combined keff
14    unsigned int keff = mcnpTools::MctalKcode::AVG_COMBINED_KEFF;
15    // alias for average combined keff standard deviation
16    unsigned int keff_std = mcnpTools::MctalKcode::AVG_COMBINED_KEFF_STD;
17
18    // loop over ACTIVE cycles and print
19    for (unsigned int i = kc.GetSettle(); i < kc.GetCycles(); i++) {
20        std::cout << i << " " << kc.GetValue(keff, i) << " " << kc.GetValue(
21            keff_std, i)
22            << std::endl;
23    }
24
25    return 0;
26 }
```

### B.3 Meshtal Example

Listing 19 reads tally 4 from MESHTAL file `example_meshtal.mcnp.meshtal` and prints the values at a slice through the  $z$  index 5 (using 0 indexing).

Listing 19: C++ Meshtal Example

```
1 #include "mcnpTools/McnpTools.hpp"
2 #include <iomanip>
3 #include <iostream>
4 #include <vector>
5
6 int main() {
7
8     // construct the meshtal class from meshtal file
9     // "example_meshtal.mcnp.meshtal"
10    mcnpTools::Meshtal m("example_meshtal.mcnp.meshtal");
11
12    // get tally 4 from the meshtal file
13    mcnpTools::MeshtalTally t4 = m.GetTally(4);
14
15    // get the x and y bin centers
16    std::vector<double> x = t4.GetXRBins();
17    std::vector<double> y = t4.GetYZBins();
18
19    // loop over x and y bins indices and print the tally value for
20    // z index of 5
21    std::cout << std::scientific << std::setprecision(5);
22    for (unsigned int i = 0; i < x.size(); i++) {
23        for (unsigned int j = 0; j < y.size(); j++) {
24            std::cout << std::setw(12) << t4.GetValue(i, j, 5);
25        }
26        std::cout << std::endl;
27    }
28
29    return 0;
30 }
```

## B.4 Ptrac Example 1

Listing 20 opens the binary PTRAC file `example_ptrac_1.mcnptrac` and prints the  $(x, y, z)$  location and energy of bank events.

Listing 20: C++ Ptrac Example 1

```
1 #include "mcnpTools/McnpTools.hpp"
2 #include <iomanip>
3 #include <iostream>
4 #include <vector>
5
6 int main() {
7
8     std::cout << std::scientific << std::setprecision(5);
9
10    // explicitly open the file as a binary ptrac
11    mcnpTools::Ptrac p("example_ptrac_1.mcnptrac", mcnpTools::Ptrac::BIN_PTRAC);
12
13    // initialize counter
14    unsigned int cnt = 0;
15
16    // read histories in batches of 10000
17    std::vector<mcnpTools::PtracHistory> hists = p.ReadHistories(10000);
18    while (hists.size() > 0) {
19
20        // loop over all histories
21        for (unsigned int h = 0; h < hists.size(); h++) {
22            // loop over all events in the history
23            for (unsigned int e = 0; e < hists.at(h).GetNumEvents(); e++) {
24
25                mcnpTools::PtracEvent event = hists.at(h).GetEvent(e);
26
27                if (event.Type() == mcnpTools::Ptrac::BNK) {
28                    cnt += 1;
29                    std::cout << std::setw(13) << cnt << std::setw(13)
30                        << event.Get(mcnpTools::Ptrac::X) << std::setw(13)
31                        << event.Get(mcnpTools::Ptrac::Y) << std::setw(13)
32                        << event.Get(mcnpTools::Ptrac::Z) << std::setw(13)
33                        << event.Get(mcnpTools::Ptrac::ENERGY) << std::endl;
34                }
35            }
36        }
37        hists = p.ReadHistories(10000);
38    }
39    return 0;
40 }
```



## B.5 Ptrac Example 2

Listing 21 opens binary PTRAC file `example_ptrac_2.mcnp.ptrac` and prints the  $(x, y, z)$  location and angle of surface crossings.

Listing 21: C++ Ptrac Example 2

```
1 #include "mcnpTools/McnpTools.hpp"
2 #include <iomanip>
3 #include <iostream>
4 #include <vector>
5
6 int main() {
7
8     std::cout << std::scientific << std::setprecision(5);
9
10    // explicitly open the file as a binary ptrac
11    mcnpTools::Ptrac p("example_ptrac_2.mcnp.ptrac", mcnpTools::Ptrac::BIN_PTRAC);
12
13    // read histories in batches of 10000
14    std::vector<mcnpTools::PtracHistory> hist = p.ReadHistories(10000);
15    while (hist.size() > 0) {
16
17        // loop over all histories
18        for (unsigned int h = 0; h < hist.size(); h++) {
19            // loop over all events in the history
20            for (unsigned int e = 0; e < hist.at(h).GetNumEvents(); e++) {
21
22                mcnpTools::PtracEvent event = hist.at(h).GetEvent(e);
23
24                if (event.Type() == mcnpTools::Ptrac::SUR) {
25                    std::cout << std::setw(13) << event.Get(mcnpTools::Ptrac::X) <<
26                    std::setw(13)
27                    << event.Get(mcnpTools::Ptrac::Y) << std::setw(13)
28                    << event.Get(mcnpTools::Ptrac::Z) << std::setw(13)
29                    << event.Get(mcnpTools::Ptrac::ANGLE) << std::endl;
30                }
31            }
32        }
33        hist = p.ReadHistories(10000);
34    }
35
36    return 0;
37 }
```

## C Python Examples

### C.1 Mctal Example 1

Listing 22 opens the MCTAL file `example_mctal_1.mcnp.mctal` and extracts the energy bins and energy-bin tally values for tally 4.

Listing 22: Python Mctal Example 1

```
1 from mcnpertools import Mctal, MctalTally
2
3 # construct the mctal class from mctal file "python_example_mctal_1.mcnp.mctal"
4 m = Mctal("example_mctal_1.mcnp.mctal")
5
6 tfc = MctalTally.TFC
7 # alias for -1
8
9 # get tally 4 from the mctal file
10 t4 = m.GetTally(4)
11
12 # get the energy bins of tally 4
13 t4_e = t4.GetEBins()
14
15 # loop over energy bin indices to store and print tally bin value
16 # using the TFC bin for all other bins
17
18 # store the tally values with list comprehension
19 #           f   d   u   s   m   c   e   t
20 t4_evals = [t4.GetValue(tfc, tfc, tfc, tfc, tfc, tfc, i, tfc) for i in range(len(t4_e)
21 )]
22
23 # print the tally values
24 for i in range(len(t4_evals)):
25     print(t4_evals[i])
```

## C.2 Mctal Example 2

Listing 23 opens the MCTAL file `example_mctal_2.mcnp.mctal` and extracts the  $k_{\text{eff}}$  value and standard deviation for the active cycles, i.e., from the last settle cycle through the last active cycle.

Listing 23: Python Mctal Example 2

```
1 from mcnpertools import Mctal, MctalKcode
2
3 # construct the mctal class from the mctal file "python_example_mctal_2.mcnp.mctal"
4 m = Mctal("example_mctal_2.mcnp.mctal")
5
6 # get the kcode data
7 kc = m.GetKcode()
8
9 # alias for average combined keff
10 keff = MctalKcode.AVG_COMBINED_KEFF
11 # alias for average combined keff standard deviation
12 keff_std = MctalKcode.AVG_COMBINED_KEFF_STD
13
14 # loop over active cycles and print
15 for i in range(kc.GetSettle(), kc.GetCycles()):
16     print(i, " ", kc.GetValue(keff, i), " ", kc.GetValue(keff_std, i))
```

### C.3 Meshtal Example

Listing 24 reads tally 4 from MESHTAL file `example_meshtal.mcnp.meshtal` and prints the values at a slice through the  $z$  index 5 (using 0 indexing).

Listing 24: Python Meshtal Example

```
1 from mcnpertools import Meshtal, MeshtalTally
2 from sys import stdout
3
4 # construct the meshtal class from meshtal file "python_example_meshtal.mcnp.meshtal"
5 m = Meshtal("example_meshtal.mcnp.meshtal")
6
7 # get tally 4 from the meshtal file
8 t4 = m.GetTally(4)
9
10 # get the x and y bin centers
11 x = t4.GetXRBins()
12 y = t4.GetYZBins()
13
14 # loop over x and y bins indices and print the tally value for
15 # z index of 5
16 for i in range(len(x)):
17     for j in range(len(y)):
18         stdout.write("{:12.5e}".format(t4.GetValue(i, j, 5)))
19     stdout.write("\n")
```

## C.4 Ptrac Example 1

Listing 25 opens the legacy binary PTRAC file `example_ptrac_1.mcnp.ptrac` and prints the  $(x, y, z)$  location and energy of bank events.

Listing 25: Python Ptrac Example 1

```
1 from mcnpertools import Ptrac
2 from sys import stdout
3
4 # explicitly open the file as a binary ptrac
5 p = Ptrac("example_ptrac_1.mcnp.ptrac", Ptrac.BIN_PTRAC)
6
7 # initialize counter
8 cnt = 0
9
10 # read histories in batches of 10000
11 hists = p.ReadHistories(10000)
12 while hists:
13
14     # loop over all histories
15     for h in hists:
16         # loop over all events in the history
17         for e in range(h.GetNumEvents()):
18
19             event = h.GetEvent(e)
20
21             if event.Type() == Ptrac.BNK:
22                 cnt += 1
23
24                 stdout.write(
25                     "{:13d}{:13.5e}{:13.5e}{:13.5e}{:13.5e}\n".format(
26                         cnt,
27                         event.Get(Ptrac.X),
28                         event.Get(Ptrac.Y),
29                         event.Get(Ptrac.Z),
30                         event.Get(Ptrac.ENERGY),
31                     )
32                 )
33
34     hists = p.ReadHistories(10000)
```

## C.5 Ptrac Example 2

Listing 26 opens legacy binary PTRAC file `example_ptrac_2.mcnptrac` and prints the  $(x, y, z)$  location and angle of surface crossings.

Listing 26: Python Ptrac Example 2

```
1 from mcnpools import Ptrac
2 from sys import stdout
3
4 # explicitly open the file as a legacy binary ptrac
5 p = Ptrac("example_ptrac_2.mcnptrac", Ptrac.BIN_PTRAC)
6
7 # read histories in batches of 10000
8 hist = p.ReadHistories(10000)
9
10 while hist:
11
12     # loop over all histories
13     for h in hist:
14         # loop over all events in the history
15         for e in range(h.GetNumEvents()):
16
17             event = h.GetEvent(e)
18
19             if event.Type() == Ptrac.SUR:
20                 stdout.write(
21                     "{:13.5e}{:13.5e}{:13.5e}{:13.5e}\n".format(
22                         event.Get(Ptrac.X),
23                         event.Get(Ptrac.Y),
24                         event.Get(Ptrac.Z),
25                         event.Get(Ptrac.ANGLE),
26                     )
27                 )
28
29     hist = p.ReadHistories(10000)
```

## C.6 Ptrac Example 3

Listing 27 opens HDF5 PTRAC file `example_ptrac_3.mcnptrac.h5` and prints information about surface-crossing and termination events.

Listing 27: Python Ptrac Example 3

```
1 from mcnpools import Ptrac
2 from sys import stdout
3
4 # explicitly open the file as an HDF5 ptrack
5 p = Ptrac("example_ptrac_3.mcnptrac.h5", Ptrac.HDF5_PTRAC)
6
7 # read histories in batches of 10000
8 hists = p.ReadHistories(10000)
9
10 while hists:
11
12     # loop over all histories
13     for h in hists:
14         print("History: ", h.GetNPS().NPS())
15         # loop over all events in the history
16         for e in range(h.GetNumEvents()):
17
18             event = h.GetEvent(e)
19
20             if event.Type() == Ptrac.SUR:
21                 stdout.write(
22                     "SUR: {:.13.5e}{:.13.5e}{:.13.5e}{:.13.5e}\n".format(
23                         event.Get(Ptrac.X),
24                         event.Get(Ptrac.Y),
25                         event.Get(Ptrac.Z),
26                         event.Get(Ptrac.ANGLE),
27                     )
28                 )
29             elif event.Type() == Ptrac.TER:
30                 stdout.write(
31                     "TER: {:.13.5e}{:.13.5e}{:.13.5e}{:.13.5e}\n".format(
32                         event.Get(Ptrac.X),
33                         event.Get(Ptrac.Y),
34                         event.Get(Ptrac.Z),
35                         event.Get(Ptrac.TERMINATION_TYPE),
36                     )
37                 )
38
39     hists = p.ReadHistories(10000)
```