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PHREEQPY - PYTHON TOOLS FOR PHREEQC

1.1 Introduction

PhreeqPy is Open Source software and provides Python tools to work with **PHREEQC**.

Currently it provides access to the new **IPhreeqc** interface without the need to run a COM server and therefore also works on non-Windows systems. **IPhreeqc** is described in more detail in this [publication](#).

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1.2 Installation

Pythons (tested): Python 2.6, 2.7, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, 3.7, 3.9, 3.10 PyPy

Pythons (untested but should work since using ctypes): IronPython, Jython 2.7

Platforms: Unix/Posix and Windows

PyPI package name: `phreeqpy`

Installation with *pip*:

```
pip install -U phreeqpy
```

You need an **IPhreeqc** shared libray for your operating system. PhreeqPy comes with shared libraries for 32-bit Windows, 32-bit Linux and 64-bit Mac OS X. To use the **COMM** server, please install the [Windows COM 64-bit module of IPhreeqc](#) and use `phreeqpy.iphreeqc.phreeqc_com` as `phreeqc_mod` instead of `import phreeqpy.iphreeqc.phreeqc_dll` as `phreeqc_mod` as shown in the example. If you use Anaconda or Miniconda make sure to:

```
conda install pywin32
```

before you install PhreeqPy.

You may download an appropriate library from here: <https://www.usgs.gov/software/phreeqc-version-3>

For example for Linux:: `wget https://water.usgs.gov/water-resources/software/PHREEQC/iphreeqc-3.7.3-15968.tar.gz tar -xzf iphreeqc-3.7.3-15968.tar.gz cd iphreeqc-3.7.3-15968 ./configure make make check sudo make install`

Then either use the full path to the shared libray when making an instance of `phreeqc_dll`. **IPhreeqc**

```
phreeqc = phreeqpy.iphreeqc.phreeqc_dll.IPhreeqc('/full/path/to/libiphreeqc.so')
```

or copy the shared object into phreeqpy/iphreeqc replacing the existing one. For example:

```
sudo cp /usr/local/lib/libiphreeqc.so /path/to/site-packages/phreeqpy/iphreeqc/  
↪libiphreeqc.so.0.0.0
```

1.3 Benchmark Test Comparing PhreeqPy to External Processes, COM and C++

This publication demonstrates how PhreeqPy can be used for reactive transport modeling.

Müller M., Parkhurst D.L., Charlton S.R. (2011) [Programming PHREEQC Calculations with C++ and Python - A Comparative Study](#) , In: Maxwell R., Poeter E., Hill M., Zheng C. (2011) MODFLOW and More 2011 - Integrated Hydrological Modeling, Proceedings, pp. 632 - 636.

CLASS IPHREEQC

This is the main class to work with the IPhreeqc interface.

You can *add your own shared library for IPhreeqc*.

Access PHREEQC-DLL via ctypes.

This is exchangeable with the COM interface.

class phreeqpy.iphreeqc.phreeqc_dll.IPhreeqc(*dll_path=None*)

Wrapper for the IPhreeqc DLL.

Connect to DLL and create IPhreeqc.

The optional *dll_path* takes a path to the IPhreeqc shared library. If not provided it tries to select an appropriate library. Make sure you have the right library for your operating system. You may download one from here: <ftp://brrftp.cr.usgs.gov/pub/charlton/iphreeqc/>

See the PhreeqPy documentation for help on compiling a IPhreeqc shared library.

accumulate_line(*line*)

Put line in input buffer.

add_error(*phc_error_msg*)

Add an error message to Phreeqc.

add_warning(*phc_warn_msg*)

Add an warning message to Phreeqc.

clear_accumlated_lines()

Clear the input buffer.

property column_count

Get number of columns in selected output.

property component_count

Return the number of components.

create_iphreeqc()

Create a IPhreeqc object.

destroy_iphreeqc()

Delete the current instance of IPhreeqc.

get_component(*index*)

Get one component.

get_component_list()

Return all component names.

get_error_string()

Retrieves the error messages.

get_selected_output_array()

Get all values from selected output.

get_selected_output_column(*col*)

Get all values for one column from selected output.

get_selected_output_row(*row*)

Get all values for one from selected output.

get_selected_output_value(*row, col*)

Get one value from selected output at given row and column.

load_database(*database_name*)

Load a database with given file_name.

load_database_string(*input_string*)

Load a database from a string.

static raise_ipq_error(*error_code*)

There was an error, raise an exception.

raise_string_error(*errors*)

Raise an exception with message from IPHREEQC error.

property row_count

Get number of rows in selected output.

run_string(*cmd_string*)

Run PHREEQC input from string.

set_output_file_off()

Turn on writing to selected output file.

set_output_file_on()

Turn on writing to selected output file.

set_selected_output_file_off()

Turn on writing to selected output file.

set_selected_output_file_on()

Turn on writing to selected output file.

exception phreeqpy.iphreeqc.phreeqc_dll.PhreeqcException

Error in Phreeqc call.

class phreeqpy.iphreeqc.phreeqc_dll.VAR

Struct with data type and data values.

See Var.h in PHREEQC source.

class phreeqpy.iphreeqc.phreeqc_dll.VARUNION

Union with types.

See Var.h in PHREEQC source.

EXAMPLES FOR PHREEQPY

3.1 Simple example

This is an example for the use PhreeqPy for one-dimensional advection. It is the example 11 from the PHREEQC users manual.

```
"""Advection with DLL or COM server.

Using MODFIY we update the concentration on every
time step. We shift by one cell per step.
"""

from __future__ import print_function

import sys

# Simple Python 3 compatibility adjustment.
if sys.version_info[0] == 2:
    range = xrange

import os
import timeit

MODE = 'dll' # 'dll' or 'com'

if MODE == 'com':
    import phreeqpy.iphreeqc.phreeqc_com as phreeqc_mod
elif MODE == 'dll':
    import phreeqpy.iphreeqc.phreeqc_dll as phreeqc_mod
else:
    raise Exception('Mode "%s" is not defined use "com" or "dll".' % MODE)

def make_initial_conditions():
    """
    Specify initial conditions data blocks.

    Uniform initial conditions are assumed.
    """
    initial_conditions = ""
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```

TITLE Example 11.--Transport and ion exchange.
SOLUTION 0 CaCl2
  units      mmol/kgw
  temp       25.0
  pH         7.0      charge
  pe         12.5     02(g)  -0.68
  Ca         0.6
  Cl         1.2
SOLUTION 1 Initial solution for column
  units      mmol/kgw
  temp       25.0
  pH         7.0      charge
  pe         12.5     02(g)  -0.68
  Na         1.0
  K          0.2
  N(5)       1.2
  END
EXCHANGE 1
  equilibrate 1
  X           0.0011
  END
  """
  return initial_conditions

```

```

def make_selected_output(components):
    """
    Build SELECTED_OUTPUT data block
    """
    headings = "-headings  cb  H  0  "
    for i in range(len(components)):
        headings += components[i] + "\t"
    selected_output = """
SELECTED_OUTPUT
  -reset false
USER_PUNCH
    """
    selected_output += headings + "\n"
    #
    # charge balance, H, and O
    #
    code = '10 w = TOT("water")\n'
    code += '20 PUNCH CHARGE_BALANCE, TOTMOLE("H"), TOTMOLE("O")\n'
    #
    # All other elements
    #
    lino = 30
    for component in components:
        code += '%d PUNCH w*TOT("%s")\n' % (lino, component)
        lino += 10
    selected_output += code
    return selected_output

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def initialize(cells, first=False):
    """
    Initialize IPhreeqc module
    """
    phreeqc = phreeqc_mod.IPhreeqc()
    phreeqc.load_database(r"phreeqc.dat")
    initial_conditions = make_initial_conditions()
    phreeqc.run_string(initial_conditions)
    components = phreeqc.get_component_list()
    selected_output = make_selected_output(components)
    phreeqc.run_string(selected_output)
    phc_string = "RUN_CELLS; -cells 0-1\n"
    phreeqc.run_string(phc_string)
    conc = get_selected_output(phreeqc)
    inflow = {}
    initial = {}
    for name in conc:
        if first:
            inflow[name] = conc[name][0]
        else:
            inflow[name] = conc[name][1]
            initial[name] = conc[name][1]
    task = initial_conditions + "\n"
    task += "COPY solution 1 %d-%d\n" % (cells[0], cells[1])
    task += "COPY exchange 1 %d-%d\n" % (cells[0], cells[1])
    task += "END\n"
    task += "RUN_CELLS; -cells %d-%d\n" % (cells[0], cells[1])
    task += selected_output
    phreeqc.run_string(task)
    conc = get_selected_output(phreeqc)
    for name in conc:
        value = [initial[name]] * len(conc[name])
        conc[name] = value
    return phreeqc, inflow, conc

def advect_step(phreeqc, inflow, conc, cells):
    """Advect by shifting concentrations from previous time step.
    """
    all_names = conc.keys()
    names = [name for name in all_names if name not in ('cb', 'H', 'O')]
    for name in conc:
        # shift one cell
        conc[name][1:] = conc[name][:-1]
        conc[name][0] = inflow[name]
    modify = []
    for index, cell in enumerate(range(cells[0], cells[1] + 1)):
        modify.append("SOLUTION_MODIFY %d" % cell)
        modify.append("\t-cb      %e" % conc['cb'][index])
        modify.append("\t-total_h %f" % conc['H'][index])

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        modify.append("\t-total_o %f" % conc['0'][index])
        modify.append("\t-totals")
        for name in names:
            modify.append("\t\t%s\t%f" % (name, conc[name][index]))
    modify.append("RUN_CELLS; -cells %d-%d\n" % (cells[0], cells[1]))
    cmd = '\n'.join(modify)
    phreeqc.run_string(cmd)
    conc = get_selected_output(phreeqc)
    return conc

def get_selected_output(phreeqc):
    """Return calculation result as dict.

    Header entries are the keys and the columns
    are the values as lists of numbers.
    """
    output = phreeqc.get_selected_output_array()
    header = output[0]
    conc = {}
    for head in header:
        conc[head] = []
    for row in output[1:]:
        for col, head in enumerate(header):
            conc[head].append(row[col])
    return conc

def run(ncells, shifts, specie_names):
    """Do one run in one process.
    """
    cells = (1, ncells)
    phreeqc, inflow, conc = initialize(cells, first=True)
    outflow = {}
    for name in specie_names:
        outflow[name] = []
    for _counter in range(shifts):
        # advect
        conc = advect_step(phreeqc, inflow, conc, cells)
        for name in specie_names:
            outflow[name].append(conc[name][-1])
    return outflow

def write_outflow(file_name, outflow):
    """Write the outflow values to a file.
    """
    fobj = open(file_name, 'w')
    header = outflow.keys()
    for head in header:
        fobj.write('%20s' % head)
    fobj.write('\n')

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for lineno in range(len(outflow[head])):
    for head in header:
        fobj.write('%20.17f' % outflow[head][lineno])
    fobj.write('\n')

def main(ncells, shifts):
    """Run different versions with and without multiprocessing
    """

    def measure_time(func, *args, **kwargs):
        """Convenience function to measure run times.
        """
        start = timeit.default_timer()
        result = func(*args, **kwargs)
        return result, timeit.default_timer() - start

    print('Dimensions')
    print('=====')
    print('number of cells:  ', ncells)
    print('number of shifts  ', shifts)
    specie_names = ('Ca', 'Cl', 'K', 'N', 'Na')
    outflow, run_time = measure_time(run, ncells, shifts, specie_names)
    if not os.path.exists('data'):
        os.mkdir('data')
    write_outflow('data/out.txt', outflow)
    print('run time:', run_time)
    print("Finished simulation\n")

if __name__ == '__main__':
    main(ncells=40, shifts=120)

```

3.2 Parallel Example

This is an example for the use PhreeqPy for one-dimensional advection running in parallel, using multiprocessing.

```

# -*- coding: utf-8 -*-

"""A coupled advection-reaction model using PhreeqPy.

The sketch below shows the setup. The coupled model contains a advection and a
reaction model. The reaction model can have one or more Phreeqc calculators.
The calculators can work in parallel using the module `multiprocessing`.

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| |                                     ReactionModel                                     | | | | | |
| | +-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ | |
| | | PhreeqcCalculator1 | PhreeqcCalculator2 | PhreeqcCalculator3 | | |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+

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"""

import multiprocessing
import os
import timeit

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

MODE = 'dll' # 'dll' or 'com'

if MODE == 'com':
    import phreeqpy.iphreeqc.phreeqc_com as phreeqc_mod
elif MODE == 'dll':
    import phreeqpy.iphreeqc.phreeqc_dll as phreeqc_mod
else:
    raise Exception('Mode "%s" is not defined use "com" or "dll".' % MODE)

class CoupledModel(object):
    """This is a coupled advection model.

    Since it is just a simple example, we use a 1D model.
    The same approach can be applied to a 2d or 3D model
    as long as the advection model supports it.
    The PHREEQC part is the same.
    Furthermore, instead of a simple advection model,
    we can have a more sophisticated transport model.
    """

    def __init__(self, ncells, nshifts, initial_conditions, processes):
        self.nshifts = nshifts
        self.reaction_model = ReactionModel(ncells, initial_conditions,
                                           processes)
        self.reaction_model.make_initial_state()
        init_conc = dict([(name, [value] * ncells) for name, value in
                        self.reaction_model.init_conc.items()])
        self.advection_model = AdvectionModel(init_conc,
                                             self.reaction_model.inflow_conc)
        self.component_names = self.reaction_model.component_names
        self.results = {}
        for name in self.component_names:
            self.results[name] = []

    def run(self):
        """Go over all time steps (shifts).

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        """
        for _ in range(self.nshifts):
            self.advection_model.advect()
            self.advection_model.save_results(self.results)
            self.reaction_model.modify(self.advection_model.conc)
            self.advection_model.update_conc(self.reaction_model.conc)
        self.reaction_model.finish()

class AdvectionModel(object):
    """Very simple 1D advection model.

    This model can be replaced by a more sophisticated transport
    model with two or three dimensions.
    This could be an external code such as MT3D or anything
    else that is moving concentrations through the subsurface.
    """

    def __init__(self, init_conc, inflow_conc):
        """Set the initial and inflow concentrations.

        Both concentrations are dictionaries with the specie names as keys.
        Values are 1D arrays for `init_conc` and scalars for `inflow_conc`.
        """
        self.conc = init_conc
        self.inflow_conc = inflow_conc
        self.outflow = {}

    def update_conc(self, new_conc):
        """Update the concentrations after the reactions step.

        This is very simple but could be more involved
        if the transport model is more complex.
        """
        self.conc = new_conc

    def advect(self):
        """Shift one cell.
        """
        for name in self.conc:
            self.outflow[name] = self.conc[name][-1]
            self.conc[name][1:] = self.conc[name][:-1]
            self.conc[name][0] = self.inflow_conc[name]

    def save_results(self, results):
        """Save the calculation results.

        Typically, we would write our results into a file.
        For simplicity we just add the current outflow that
        we stored in `self.outflow` and add it to `results`,
        which is a dictionary with all specie names as keys
        and lists as values.

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        """
        for name in self.conc:
            results[name].append(self.outflow[name])

class ReactionModel(object):
    """Calculate reactions using PHREEQC as computational engine.

    We have no direct contact with IPhreeqc here.
    We make one or more instances of `PhreeqcCalculator`
    that are actually using IPhreeqc.
    We can use more than one processor with `multiprocessing`.
    """

    def __init__(self, ncells, initial_conditions, processes):
        if processes > ncells:
            raise ValueError('Number of processes needs to be less or equal '
                              'than number of cells. %d processes %d cells.'
                              % (processes, ncells))

        if processes < 1:
            raise ValueError('Need at least one process got %d' % processes)
        self.parallel = False
        if processes > 1:
            self.parallel = True
        self.ncells = ncells
        self.initial_conditions = initial_conditions
        self.processes = processes
        self.inflow_conc = {}
        self.init_conc = {}
        self.conc = {}
        self.component_names = []
        self.calculators = []
        self.cell_ranges = []
        self._init_calculators()
        self.make_initial_state()

    def _init_calculators(self):
        """If we are going parallel we need several calculators.
        """
        if self.parallel:
            # Domain decomposition.
            slave_ncells, remainder = divmod(self.ncells, self.processes)
            root_ncells = slave_ncells + remainder
            current_cell = root_ncells
            root_calculator = PhreeqcCalculator(root_ncells,
                                                self.initial_conditions)

            self.calculators = [root_calculator]
            self.cell_ranges = [(0, root_ncells)]
            for _ in range(self.processes - 1):
                self.calculators.append(PhreeqcCalculatorProxy(slave_ncells,
                                                                self.initial_conditions))
                self.cell_ranges.append((current_cell,

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        current_cell + slave_ncells))
        current_cell += slave_ncells
    assert current_cell == self.ncells
    self.calculators.reverse()
    self.cell_ranges.reverse()
else:
    root_calculator = PhreeqcCalculator(self.ncells,
                                        self.initial_conditions)
    # Just one calculator and the entire range but still use a list
    # to provide the same interface as the parallel case.
    self.calculators = [root_calculator]
    self.cell_ranges = [(0, self.ncells)]

def make_initial_state(self):
    """Get the initial values from the calculator(s).
    """
    self.inflow_conc = self.calculators[0].inflow_conc
    self.init_conc = self.calculators[0].init_conc
    self.component_names = self.calculators[0].component_names
    if self.parallel:
        # Make sure all calculators are initialized the same.
        for calculator in self.calculators[1:]:
            assert self.inflow_conc == calculator.inflow_conc
            assert self.init_conc == calculator.init_conc
            assert self.component_names == calculator.component_names

def modify(self, new_conc):
    """Pass new conc after advection to the calculator.
    """
    self.conc = {}
    for name in self.component_names:
        self.conc[name] = []
    for cell_range, calculator in zip(self.cell_ranges, self.calculators):
        current_conc = dict([(name, value[cell_range[0]:cell_range[1]]) for
                            name, value in new_conc.items()])
        calculator.modify(current_conc)
    for calculator in self.calculators:
        conc = calculator.get_modified()
        for name in self.component_names:
            self.conc[name].extend(conc[name])

def finish(self):
    """This is necessary for multiprocessing.

    Multiprocessing uses external processes. These need to be
    explicitly closed to avoid hanging of the program at
    the end.
    """
    for calculator in self.calculators:
        calculator.finish()

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class PhreeqcCalculator(object):
    """All PHREEQC calculations happen here.

    This is the only place where we interact wit IPhreeqc.
    Each instance of this class might run in a different
    process using `multiprocessing`.
    """

    def __init__(self, ncells, initial_conditions):
        """
        ncells - number of cells
        initial_conditions - string containing PHREEQC input for
                           solution and exchange, see example below
        """
        self.ncells = ncells
        self.initial_conditions = initial_conditions
        self.inflow_conc = {}
        self.init_conc = {}
        self.conc = {}
        self.phreeqc = phreeqc_mod.IPhreeqc()
        self.phreeqc.load_database(r"phreeqc.dat")
        self.components = []
        self.component_names = []
        self._make_initial_state()

    def _make_initial_state(self):
        """Copy solution to all cells and calculate initial conditions.
        """
        self.phreeqc.run_string(self.initial_conditions)
        self.components = self.phreeqc.get_component_list()
        start = 1
        end = self.ncells
        code = ''
        code += "COPY solution 1 %d-%d\n" % (start, end)
        code += "COPY exchange 1 %d-%d\n" % (start, end)
        code += "END\n"
        code += "RUN_CELLS; -cells %d-%d\n" % (start, end)
        code += self.make_selected_output(self.components)
        self.phreeqc.run_string(code)
        self.conc = self.get_selected_output()
        all_names = self.conc.keys()
        self.component_names = [name for name in all_names if name not in
                                ('cb', 'H', 'O')]

        code = ''
        code += self.make_selected_output(self.components)
        code += "RUN_CELLS; -cells 0-1\n"
        self.phreeqc.run_string(code)
        start_conc = self.get_selected_output()
        for name in self.component_names:
            self.inflow_conc[name] = start_conc[name][0]
            self.init_conc[name] = start_conc[name][1]

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def modify(self, new_conc):
    """Set new concentration after advection and re-calculate.
    """
    conc = self.conc
    end = self.ncells + 1
    conc.update(new_conc)
    modify = []
    for index, cell in enumerate(range(1, end)):
        modify.append("SOLUTION_MODIFY %d" % cell)
        modify.append("\t-cb      %e" % conc['cb'][index])
        modify.append("\t-total_h %s" % conc['H'][index])
        modify.append("\t-total_o %s" % conc['O'][index])
        modify.append("\t-totals")
        for name in self.component_names:
            modify.append("\t\t%s\t%s" % (name, conc[name][index]))
    modify.append("RUN_CELLS; -cells %d-%d\n" % (1, self.ncells))
    code = '\n'.join(modify)
    self.phreeqc.run_string(code)
    self.conc = self.get_selected_output()

def get_modified(self):
    """Return calculated conc.
    """
    return self.conc

@staticmethod # this is just a function but belongs here
def make_selected_output(components):
    """
    Build SELECTED_OUTPUT data block.
    """
    headings = "-headings  cb  H  0  "
    headings += '\t'.join(components)
    selected_output = ""
    SELECTED_OUTPUT
    -reset false
    USER_PUNCH
    """
    selected_output += headings + "\n"
    # charge balance, H, and O
    code = '10 w = TOT("water")\n'
    code += '20 PUNCH CHARGE_BALANCE, TOTMOLE("H"), TOTMOLE("O")\n'
    # All other elements
    lino = 30
    for component in components:
        code += '%d PUNCH w*TOT("%s")\n' % (lino, component)
        lino += 10
    selected_output += code
    return selected_output

def get_selected_output(self):
    """Return calculation result as dict.

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Header entries are the keys and the columns
are the values as lists of numbers.
"""
output = self.phreeqc.get_selected_output_array()
header = output[0]
conc = {}
for head in header:
    conc[head] = []
for row in output[1:]:
    for col, head in enumerate(header):
        conc[head].append(row[col])
return conc

def finish(self):
    Placeholder to give same interface as the multiprocessing version.
    """
    pass

class PhreeqcCalculatorProxy(object):
    Proxy that communicates with other processes.
    """
    We uses this proxy for parallel computations.
    All code that is specific for parallel computing is located
    in here.
    """

    def __init__(self, ncells, initial_conditions):
        Go parallel.
        """
        self.in_queue = multiprocessing.JoinableQueue()
        self.out_queue = multiprocessing.JoinableQueue()
        self.process = multiprocessing.Process(
            target=process_worker,
            args=(ncells, initial_conditions, self.in_queue, self.out_queue))
        self.process.start()
        (self.inflow_conc,
         self.init_conc,
         self.component_names) = self.out_queue.get()

    def modify(self, new_conc):
        Run PHREEQC in another process.
        """
        self.in_queue.put(new_conc)

    def get_modified(self):
        Return calculated conc.
        """
        return self.out_queue.get()

    def finish(self):
        Terminate the process.
        """

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        """
        self.in_queue.put(None)
        self.process.join()

def process_worker(ncells, initial_conditions, in_queue, out_queue):
    """This runs in another process.
    """
    print('Started process with ID', os.getpid())
    calculator = PhreeqcCalculator(ncells, initial_conditions)
    out_queue.put((calculator.inflow_conc, calculator.init_conc,
                  calculator.component_names))
    while True:
        new_conc = in_queue.get()
        # None is the sentinel. We are done
        if new_conc is None:
            break
        calculator.modify(new_conc)
        out_queue.put(calculator.conc)

def plot(ncells, outflow, specie_names):
    """Plot the results.
    """
    colors = {'Ca': 'r', 'Cl': 'b', 'K': 'g', 'N': 'y', 'Na': 'm'}
    x = [i / float(ncells) for i in
          range(1, len(outflow[specie_names[0]]) + 1)]
    args = []
    for name in specie_names:
        args.extend([x, outflow[name], colors[name]])
    plt.plot(*args)
    plt.legend(specie_names, loc=(0.8, 0.5))
    plt.ylabel('MILLIMOLES PER KILOGRAM WATER')
    plt.xlabel('PORE VOLUME')
    plt.savefig("ex11.png")
    plt.show()

def measure_time(func, *args, **kwargs):
    """Convenience function to measure run times.
    """
    start = timeit.default_timer()
    result = func(*args, **kwargs)
    return result, timeit.default_timer() - start

def main(ncells, nshifts, processes=2, show_plot=False):
    """
    Specify initial conditions data blocks.

    Uniform initial conditions are assumed.
    """

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initial_conditions = """
TITLE Example 11.--Transport and ion exchange.
SOLUTION 0 CaCl2
    units      mmol/kgw
    temp       25.0
    pH         7.0      charge
    pe         12.5     02(g)  -0.68
    Ca         0.6
    Cl         1.2
SOLUTION 1 Initial solution for column
    units      mmol/kgw
    temp       25.0
    pH         7.0      charge
    pe         12.5     02(g)  -0.68
    Na         1.0
    K          0.2
    N(5)       1.2
    END
EXCHANGE 1
    equilibrate 1
    X           0.0011
END
"""

def run():
    """Do the work.
    """
    model = CoupledModel(ncells, nshifts, initial_conditions,
                        processes)
    model.run()
    return model, model.results

(model, outflow), run_time = measure_time(run)
print('Statistics')
print('=====')
print('number of cells:   ', ncells)
print('number of shifts:   ', nshifts)
print('number of processes:', processes)
print('run_time:           ', run_time)
print()
if show_plot:
    plot(ncells, outflow, model.component_names)

def benchmark(ncells=400, nshifts=1200, process_range=range(1,9)):
    """Benchmark for different numbers of processes"""
    for processes in process_range:
        main(ncells=ncells, nshifts=nshifts, processes=processes)

def plot_result(ncells=400, nshifts=1200, processes=4):
    """Also show the plot"""

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main(ncells=ncells, nshifts=nshifts, processes=processes, show_plot=True)

if __name__ == '__main__':
    benchmark()
    plot_result()
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CHANGELOG HISTORY

4.1 Changes in version 0.5

- Updated documentation to PHREEQC3
- Added IPhreeqc 3.7.3 and mac arm64 version
- Removed download, use *pip* to install
- Added makefile to automate build steps
- Added parallel example

4.2 Changes in version 0.4

- Add *pywin32* dependency to *pip* install
- Removed setting of `doc` attribute on PhreeqPy objects because it is not supported by new IPhreeqcCOM versions.
- Hint that there is no 64-bit DLL for Windows. Instead the COM-Server version should be used.

4.3 Changes in version 0.3

- Added *set_output_file_off()* and *set_output_file_on()* that call IPhreeqc's *SetOutputFileOn*

4.4 Changes in version 0.2

- Added more IPhreeqc functions.
- Added support for Mac OS X.
- Added error handling turning IPhreeqc errors into Python exceptions.
- Added Python 3 compatibility. Tested with Python 3.3.
- Added documentation in addition to example on website.

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