**P-PINI - Guide**

To execute the P-PINI model three Matlab codes has to be run in order. These are: “*MC\_AlBe\_source\_final.m*”, “*MC\_AlBe\_sink\_final.m*” and “*PPINI\_analysis\_final.m*”.

1. **Make sure an excelfile with your data is located in the “samples” folder and the data is in the right format.**
2. **Open “*MC\_AlBe\_source\_final.m*”**

Enter name of output file containing simulation results.

Enter number of simulations. More than 1e7 simulations should rarely be necessary.

Enter all the parameter ranges of the source region.

Run code.

1. **Open “*MC\_AlBe\_sink \_final.m*”**

Consider whether the sampling site has experienced primarily accumulation or erosion since the sampled unit was deposited.

If another unit is overlying the sampled unit, most likely some accumulation has taken place post-deposition.

Set “ero = 0” in the MATLAB code.

If no other units are present above the sampled layers, most likely the layer has been eroding since deposition.

Set “ero = 1” in the MATLAB code.

Enter name of source output file to load.

Enter desired name for sink output file.

Enter all parameter ranges of the sink region.

Run code.

1. **Open “*PPINI\_analysis\_final*”**

Enter site name, library name and excel file name.

Run code – your results should be displayed if parameter ranges were chosen correctly. If not:

* 1. Check the individual probability plots, did you chose the correct burial age ranges and/or accumulation/erosion ranges? Is the uncertainty of your samples realistic?
  2. Check library plot (orange on black dots). Does the distribution look correct? Does the samples concentrations fall within the simulation space? Otherwise try to rewise model inputs. Did you input with the correct units? yr or Ma, g/cm2/yr or m/yr. Check green comments in the Matlab code to see what the correct unit is.
  3. If you are still not able to produce results after *a* and *b*, consider the probability plots and library plot again. Consider if any samples are outliers are not compatible with the rest of the samples.

If everything else is correct, results should be presented. Consider the outputted distribution for both accumulation and burial. If the distribution looks Gaussian the outputted results with uncertainties are the best estimate.

If distribution is not Gaussian take care with the outputted results, but used the distribution itself as results.