

Precipitable-Water Model Analysis Tool Documentation

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Note: To view the project home page: go here¹

The Precipitable-Water Model Analysis Tool is an open-source suite for analyzing the relationship between atmospheric brightness temperature and precipitable water.

Warning: This project is under active development.

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¹ https://docs.pmat.app/

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GETTING STARTED

1.1 Introduction

The Precipitable-water Model Analysis Tool (PMAT) is a computational utility that is used to analyze the data collected from this project to understand the relationship between the zenith sky temperature and precipitable water in the atmosphere. PMAT has three different modules that work together to present data.

The first is the Deployment Module. This module acts as the user interface for the software suite, whether it be locally or through cloud services.

The second is the Pre-processing Module, this module imports data from University of Utah's MesoWest and the University of Wyoming UpperAir Databases.

The third module is the main program to run the analysis, the DAnalysis Module. Here the all of the data is presented and the regression analysis between precipitable water and zenith sky temperature is conducted.

1.2 Installation and Deployment Tutorial

We also require two data files. One that contains the raw data collected by the temperature sensors, that also includes date and time information (*cool_data.csv*). The second should contain sensor definitions with additional parameters for the preprocessing and analysis phases (*_pmat.yml*). A template and detailed breakdown of the configuration file is provided in Chapter 2.1, followed by a detailed breakdown on the data file format.

1.2.1 **Github**

This version of the Deployment module is, for the most part, automated and recommended. Follow the steps in this section to successfully deploy PMAT through GitHub with GitHub Actions.

- 1. Create a GitHub repository from the template repository².
- 2. Edit the README.md page based on your location and username
- 3. Update all files that are contained in the data directory, and utilize the documentation on data formatting that is provided
- 4. Upon finializing updates on cool_data.csv, the workflow will run automatically and the visual and data products will be generated

² https://template.pmat.app

1.2.2 Amazon Web Service (AWS)

For Amazon Web Services, PMAT can be configured through the EC2 virtual machines. Once they have been configured, connect to the virutal machine. Once connected, enter the following commands

sudo yum update -y

sudo amazon-linux-extras install docker

sudo docker pull ghcr.io/physicsgoddess1972/pmat:latest

From here, data files can be added and utilizing the local_deploy.sh script, PMAT can be executed.

1.2.3 Google Cloud Console (GCloud)

1.2.4 Local

We fully support Ubuntu and Debian systems. We do have minimal Windows support through the usage of Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL) and Virutalization.

1.2.5 development

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DATA FORMATTING

2.1 Data Collection Guidelines

First and foremost, collect honest data.

2.2 Data Formatting

As we have previously mentioned, PMAT required two input data files. In this chapter we will throughly explain how to properly complete either data file.

2.2.1 Configuration Input

Provided below is a template of the _pmat.yml file that is given in the template repository. While there are some optional fields, most are required.

```
- sensor:
   name:
   error:
   color:
   ratio:
   range:
    emissivity:
   poster:
    active:
- train_fraction:
 value:
- rel_difference:
 value:
- iteration:
 step:
 seed:
- noaa:
  - label:
   id:
- wyoming:
  - id:
```

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CHANGELOG

3.1 PMAT Cirrus

Version 2.0

Date 6 Mar 2021

Tagline New and Improved PMAT

3.1.1 Overall

• [Updated] Compatible with R 4.0

3.1.2 Data-input

- [Added] Now includes relative humidity imports.
- [Added] Now pulls data from MesoWest..
- [Added] New guidelines for sensors that are not active (See Documentation Page for further info.)

3.1.3 Setup-script

- [Updated] Now installs R 4.0
- [Added] Additional argument to configure database imports (run *bash setup.sh -h* for more information)

3.1.4 Plots

- [Fixed] Fixed issues with bar charts where if there were more than three sensors, not all bar charts would be added for the remaining sensors.
- [Added] Added more time series plots and more composite plots.
- [Updated] Changed the x-axis labeling system to have tick marks at the 1st of the month.
- [Updated] Redesigned the main analytical plot, confidence interval is now a shaded region, and the plot is now monochromatic.
- [Updated] Pac-Man residual was removed from this plot set.

- [Updated] Pac-man residual now resides in a new plot set (run Rscript model.r –pacman)
- [Added] Mean TPW and Mean temperature comparison can now be visualized in a Pac-Man plot.

3.1.5 Web-applications

- [Added] Two web-apps are active. One is a Data Dashboard, which allows for the viewing of time series data as a scatter plot or a heat map, and analytical comparisons between data that has been collected.
- [Added] The Data Dashboard also allows for custom time series data to be uploaded.
- [Added] The Machine Learning dashboard now allows for custom data to be uploaded.

3.1.6 Documentation

- [Fixed] Fixed multiple CSS issues.
- [Updated] Altered Pac-Man residual plot documentation to refer to the package documentation
- [Updated] Updated procedure to include the new command-line arguments
- [Added] Included buttons on the dashboard's "Project Updates" card to include Pac-Man plots and Poster plots that are generated from data we have collected.
- [Updated] We also scored a .tech domain for the page.

3.1.7 Automation

• [Misc] This is a work in progress.

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Version 1.0

Date 10 Nov 2019

Tagline Initial Deployment of The Precipitable Water Model

3.2.1 Overall

- [Added] Flexible data input.
- [Added] Easy Hands-off setup.
- [Added] Command-line arguments to access the different plots available
- [Added] Time Series plots for zenith sky temperature and precipitable water
- [Added] Analytical plots showing the correlation between zenith sky temperature and precipitable water
- [Added] Poster ready plots for presentations
- [Added] A data set including the average temperature and precipitable water

- [Added] The Pac-Man Residual.
- [Updated] Documentation Page.

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PMAT REFERENCE

4.1 pmat_analysis.r

module Precipitable Water Model Analysis Tool: Analysissynopsis general functions for PMAT

inf_counter(bool, snsr_data, label)

Detail identifies the -Inf values

Parameters

- bool decides if -Inf is not replaced with NaN
- **snsr_data** the dataset
- label the identifer for the dataset (e.g. sky, gro, skyo, groo)

Returns data set that replaces all -Infs for NaN (If bool == FALSE).

lin_regression(x, y)

Detail Function includes all of the stuff to generate the linear regression model with intervals

Parameters

- \mathbf{x} the domain of the dataset
- **y** the range of the dataset

Returns A list of stat stuff

exp.regression(results, t, range=c(1:length(results\$date)))

Detail Function includes all of the stuff to generate the exponential regression model with intervals

Parameters

- \mathbf{x} the domain of the dataset
- **y** the range of the dataset
- **z** the precipitable water by location data
- **t** training fraction

Returns A list of stat stuff

sky.analysis(overcast)

Detail Computes all analytics

Parameters overcast – results of the overcast.filter function

Returns series of arrays including average PWV, RH, etc.

iterative.analysis(overcast, dir, obool)

Detail computes regression statistics and outputs to a yaml file

Parameters

- **overcast** boolean to determine label
- **dir** directory file path for _output.yml
- **obool** determine whether to generate new _output.yml

Returns iterative stats and _output.yml

index.norm(x)

Detail calculates the normalized index of the dataset

Parameters x – data range

Returns an array of values between 0 and 1

4.2 pmat_logging.r

module Precipitable Water Model Analysis Tool: Logging
synopsis functions for logging and internal error handling
suppress(obj, verbose=config[[3]]\$logging[[1]]\$verbose)

Parameters

- obi -
- verbose –

error(code)

Parameters code – the error code

warning(code)

Parameters code – the warning code

4.3 pmat_processing.r

```
module Precipitable Water Model Analysis Tool: Pre-processing
    synopsis functions for preprocessing

colscheme(range)
mean.filter(pw, n)
data.partition(x, y, train_size=0.7)
dna.filter(date, comments, snsr_sky, snsr_gro)
overcast.filter(col_con, col_date, col_com, pw_name, snsr_name, cloud_bool)
```

4.4 pmat products.r

```
module Precipitable Water Model Analysis Tool: Products
    synopsis plotting functions for PMAT
time_series.plots(datetime, overcast)
```

Parameters

- date the datestamp of the data
- **overcast** (*bool*) the condition of data (clear sky/overcast)

Returns All available time series plots

time9()

Parameters

- date the datestamp of the data
- **overcast** (*bool*) the condition of data (clear sky/overcast)

Returns A sky temperature time series plot

time.nth_range(range, title, color, leg.lab, ylab)

Parameters

- date the datestamp of the data
- **overcast** (*bool*) the condition of data (clear sky/overcast)

Returns A sky temperature time series plot

time.composite(range, title, color, ylab)

Parameters

- date the datestamp of the data
- **overcast** (*bool*) the condition of data (clear sky/overcast)

```
Returns A sky temperature time series plot
analytical.plots(overcast)
           Parameters overcast (bool) – the condition of data (clear sky/overcast)
           Returns All available analytical plots
analysis.nth_range(overcast, x, y, title, label, color, leg.lab)
           Parameters overcast (boo1) – the condition of data (clear sky/overcast)
           Returns A sky temperature time series plot
plots4(overcast)
           Parameters overcast (bool) – the condition of data (clear sky/overcast)
           Returns A sky temperature time series plot
plots5(overcast)
           Parameters overcast (boo1) – the condition of data (clear sky/overcast)
           Returns A sky temperature time series plot
pac.plots(overcast)
           Parameters overcast (bool) – the condition of data (clear sky / overcast)
           Returns All available Pac-Man plots
pac1(overcast)
           Parameters overcast (bool) – the condition of data (clear sky/overcast)
           Returns A sky temperature time series plot
pac2(overcast)
           Parameters overcast (bool) – the condition of data (clear sky/overcast)
           Returns A sky temperature time series plot
charts(...)
           Returns PDF of charts
chart1(range, xlabel, title)
           Parameters
                 • range – a data range
                 • xlabel – the xaxis label
```

```
• title – the title of the histogram
poster.plots(overcast)
           Parameters overcast (bool) – the condition of data (clear sky/overcast)
           Returns All available poster plots
poster1(...)
poster2(overcast)
           Parameters overcast (bool) – the condition of data (clear sky/overcast)
instr(overcast)
           Parameters overcast (bool) – the condition of the data (clear sky/overcast)
           Returns Instrumentation time series plots and overcast distribution charts
chart(...)
time(...)
data.products(overcast, dir, i)
           Returns datafiles
data1(overcast, dir)
           Parameters
                 • overcast (bool) – the condition of the data (clear sky/overcast)
                 • dir – directory path
data2(dir)
           Parameters dir – directory path
4.5 pmat run.r
      module Precipitable Water Model Analysis Tool
      synopsis Documentation is available docs.pmat.app
```

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4.6 pmat_utility.r

```
module Precipitable Water Model Analysis Tool: Utility
    synopsis general functions for PMAT
startup()
closing()
save(func, name)
```

Parameters

- **func** the plotting function that will be saved
- **name** the name of the file with the plots

Returns A pdf of the plots

```
reset_time(datetime)
```

Parameters datetime – a Date or datetime object **Returns** A datetime object with time 00:00:00

time_axis_init(date)

Parameters date – A date or datetime object **Returns** The max, min, and tick mark positions

time_axis(datetime)

Parameters date – A date or datetime object

stnd_title(des, overcast)

Parameters

- **des** the description of the plot
- **overcast** the sky condition

Returns a title string