

MonteCarlo Wrapper Tutorial

1.) Configuration Instructions

The updated *montecarlo_wrapper.cpp* file is located in the same folder as this document (IEEE-Aerospace-26/Angel-M-Draft-Contributions). The *.cpp* file should be placed in a new directory inside the *gmat-git/application/bin/* path. In my example, I made a directory called “MonteCarlo” and placed the *.cpp* file inside.

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● amartinez@ubuntu:~/gmat-git/application/bin$ ls
GMAT          GmatConsole-R2025a  gmat_startup_file.public.txt      gmatpy           libGmatUtil.so.R2025a
GMAT-R2025a   MacConfigure.txt   gmat_startup_file.txt            libGmatBase.so    load_gmat.m
GMAT.ini       MonteCarlo        gmat_startup_file_mac_linux.public.txt libGmatBase.so.R2025a montecarlo_driver
GmatConsole   __pycache__       gmat_startup_file_mac_linux.txt   libGmatUtil.so
● amartinez@ubuntu:~/gmat-git/application/bin$ cd MonteCarlo/
● amartinez@ubuntu:~/gmat-git/application/bin/MonteCarlo$ ls
montecarlo_wrapper  montecarlo_wrapper.cpp
```

Since I am running Ubuntu 22.04 on WSL, I installed the packages for MPI using the command: “*sudo apt install openmpi-bin libopenmpi-dev*”. Then to compile and run:

Compile: *mpic++ montecarlo_wrapper.cpp -o montecarlo_wrapper*

Run: *mpirun -np <number of threads> ./montecarlo_wrapper*

When running, the script will generate a *.scripts*, *.log*, and *.csv* file for each MonteCarlo trajectory simulation

2.) How To Use Script

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MonteCarlo Variables:

- *h0_km* → initial altitude
- *Cd* → drag coefficient
- *A2M* → area-to-mass

Input defined Variables:

- *--n* → total number of Monte Carlo simulations (default: 50)
- *--mass* → satellite mass in kg (default: 200.0)

- `--capDays` → Max days to propagate if no decay (default: 30.0)

Why is <122km considered decayed?

NASA defines 122 kilometers for re-entry altitude:

<https://www.planetary.org/articles/3192#:~:text=NASA%20defines%20122%20kilometers%20or,exceed%20the%20spacecraft's%20structural%20strength.>

LEO Range:

180km to 2000km

[https://spire.com/spirepedia/low-earth-orbit/#:~:text=Low%20Earth%20Orbit%20\(LEO\)%2C,LEO%20interact%20with%20the%20atmosphere.](https://spire.com/spirepedia/low-earth-orbit/#:~:text=Low%20Earth%20Orbit%20(LEO)%2C,LEO%20interact%20with%20the%20atmosphere.)

Drag coefficient:

Visual Example of Simulation:

