

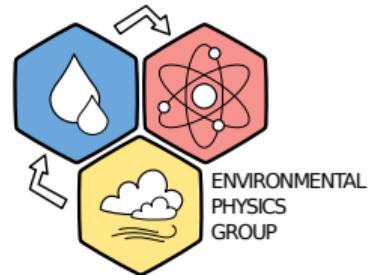
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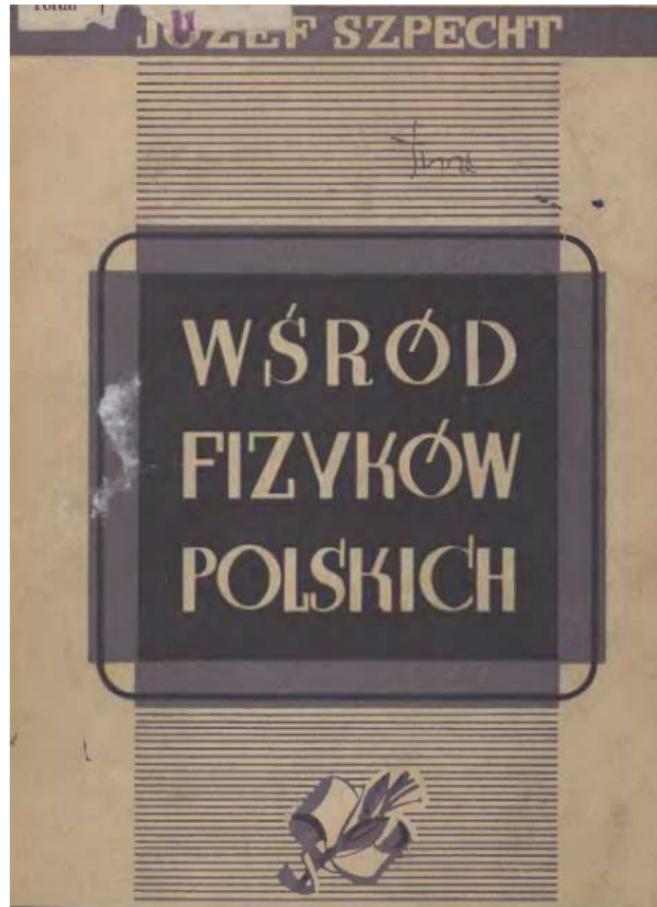
atmospheric cloud μ -physics models

cloud := colloid of water droplets/crystals in air; colloidal instability \rightsquigarrow precipitation

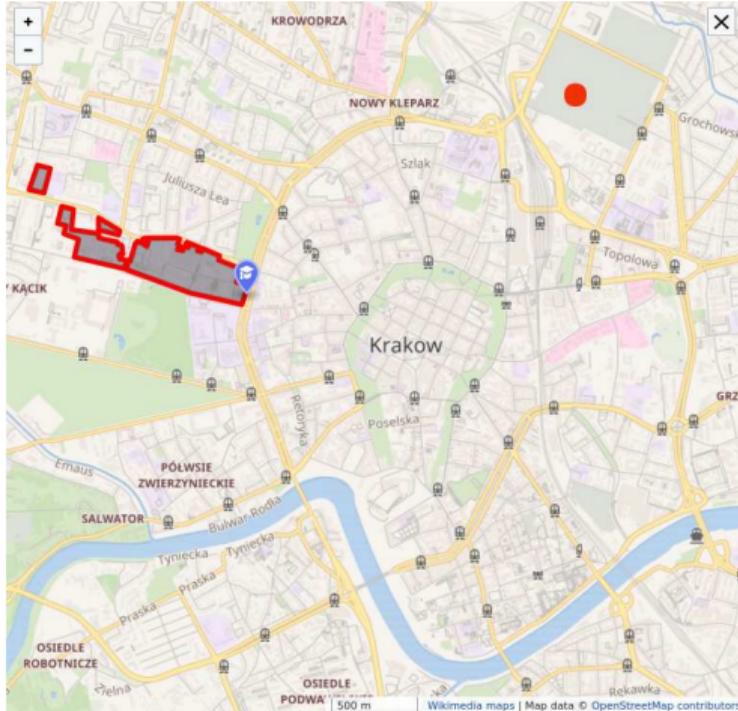


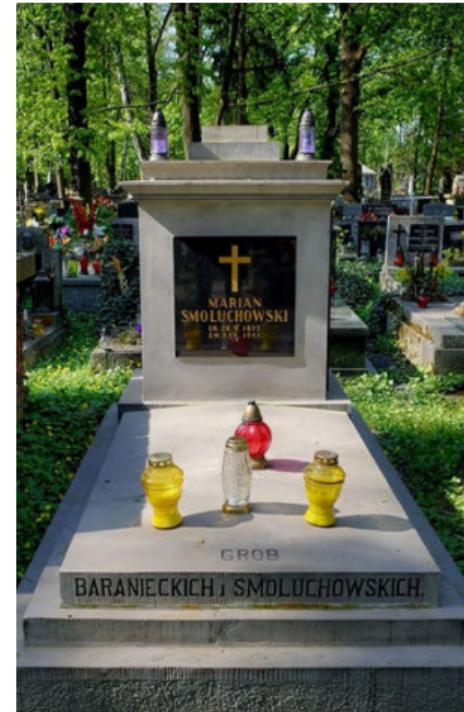
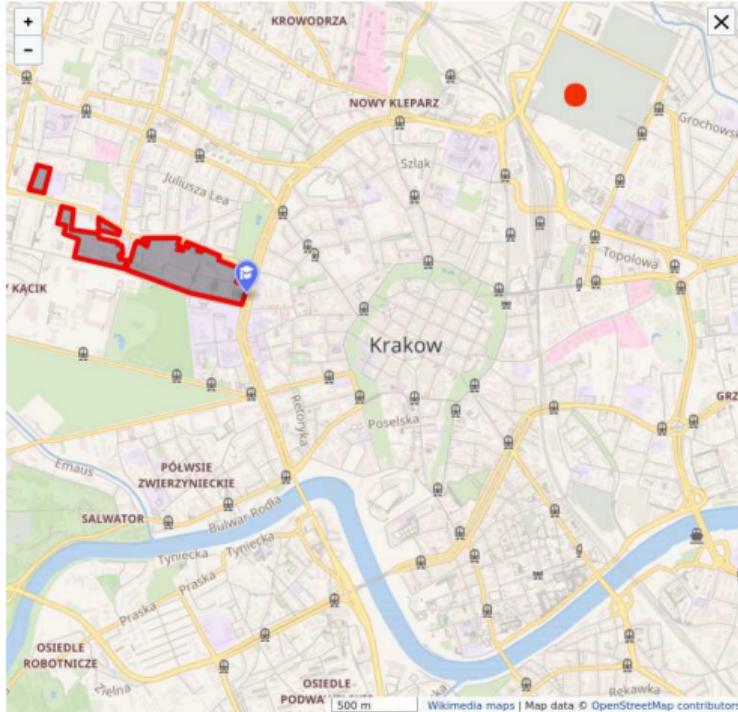
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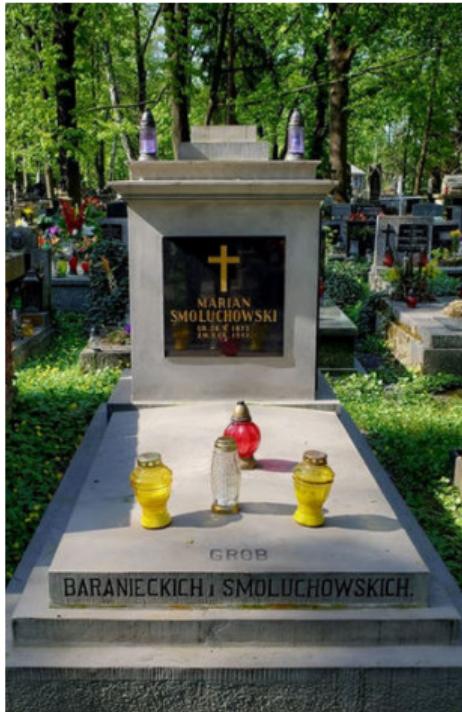
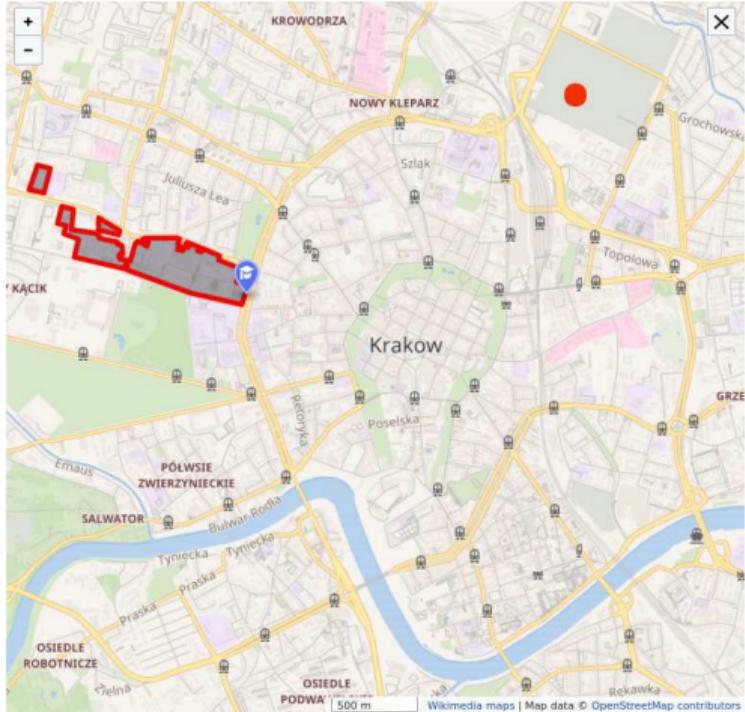
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Smoluchowski & Rudzki

Versuch einer mathematischen Theorie der Koagulationskinetik kolloider Lösungen.

Von

M. v. Smoluchowski.

(Mit 8 Figuren im Text.)

(Eingegangen am 8. 9. 16.)

I. Einleitung.

So sehr auch bis heute die Literatur über Koagulation kolloider Lösungen angewachsen ist, sind doch unsere Kenntnisse betreffs des quantitativen Verlaufs, sowie betreffs des Mechanismus des Koagulationsprozesses äußerst mangelhaft. Die meisten Forscher begnügen sich mit qualitativen Beobachtungen oder stellen ihre Messungsserien in Tabellen oder Kurvenform¹⁾ dar, da die mathematische Wiedergabe derselben auf aussergewöhnliche Schwierigkeiten stößt.

In den interessanten Arbeiten²⁾ von S. Miyazawa, N. Ishizaka, H. Freundlich, J. A. Gann wird allerdings eine formelmässige Zusammenfassung des empirischen Versuchsmaterials, sowie eine Aufklärung desselben nach Analogie mit den Gesetzen der chemischen Kinetik angestrebt. Aber klare Gesetzmässigkeiten haben sich bisher auf diese Weise nicht ergeben, und wurden sogar gewisse, anfangs aufgestellte Gesetzmässigkeiten (Paine, Freundlich und Ishizaka) bei exakterer Prüfung (Freundlich und Gann) als unhalbar zurückgenommen³⁾.

Die Erfolglosigkeit der bisherigen Versuche, auf dem empirisch-induktiven Wege zu einem Verständnis der hier geltenden Gesetze zu gelangen, kann man nun als einen Grund auffassen, einmal den um-

¹⁾ Vgl. z. B.: A. Galecki, Zeitschr. f. anorg. Chemie **74**, 174 (1912); Kolloid-Zeitschr. **10**, 169 (1912); A. Lottermoser, Kolloid-Zeitschr. **15**, 145 (1914); H. H. Paine, Kolloidchem. Beihefte **4**, 24 (1912); Kolloid-Zeitschr. **11**, 115 (1912).

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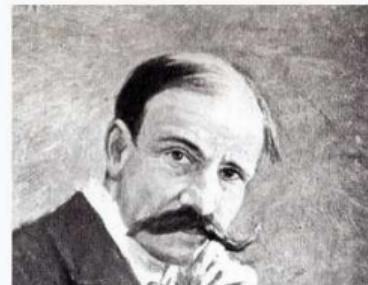
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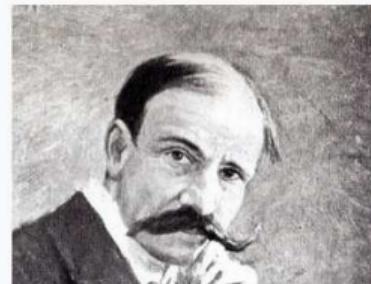


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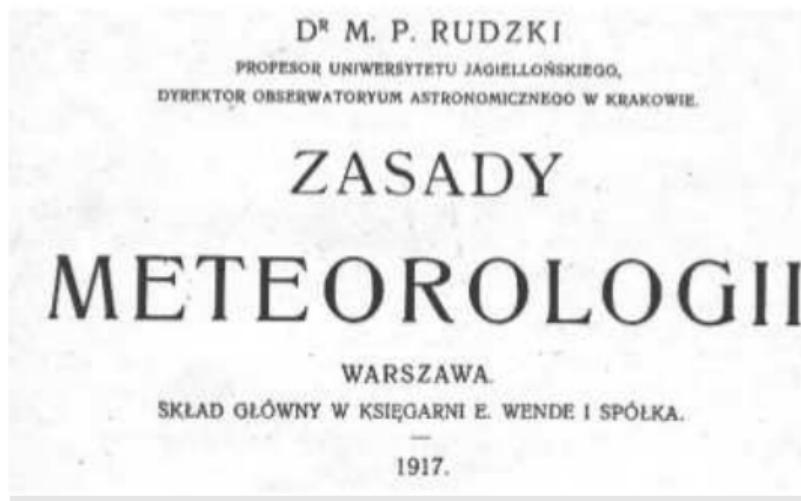
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modelling coagulation: SCE & SDM

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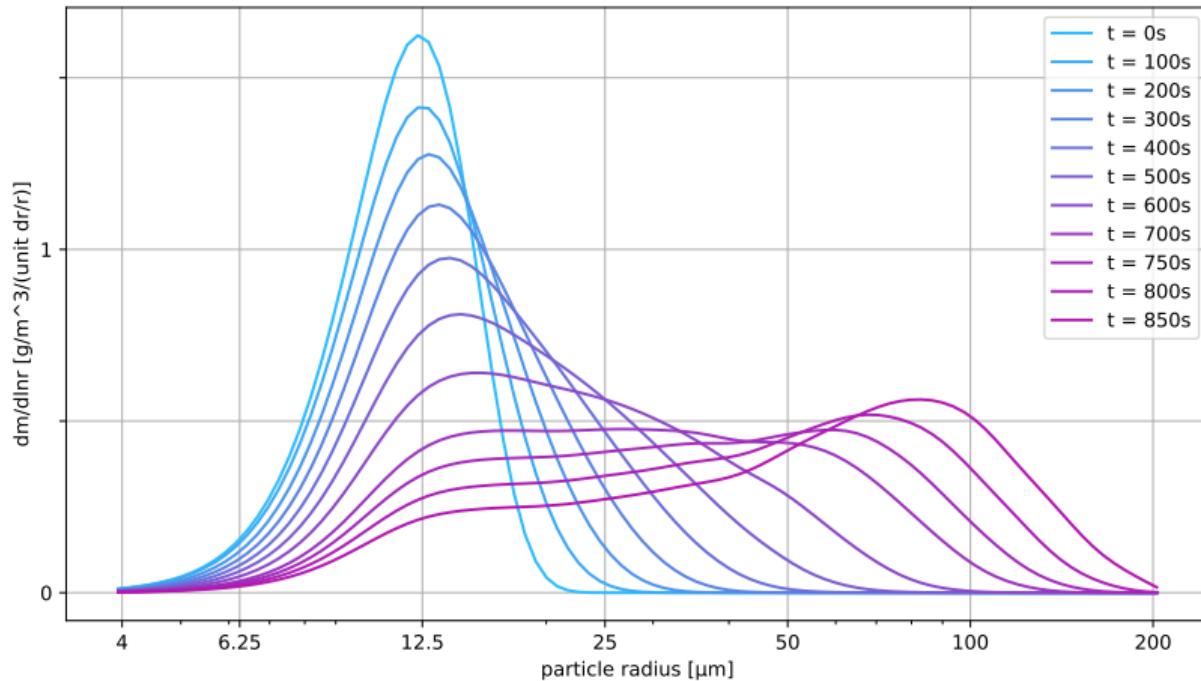
collision kernel: $\textcolor{blue}{a}(x_1, x_2) : \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$

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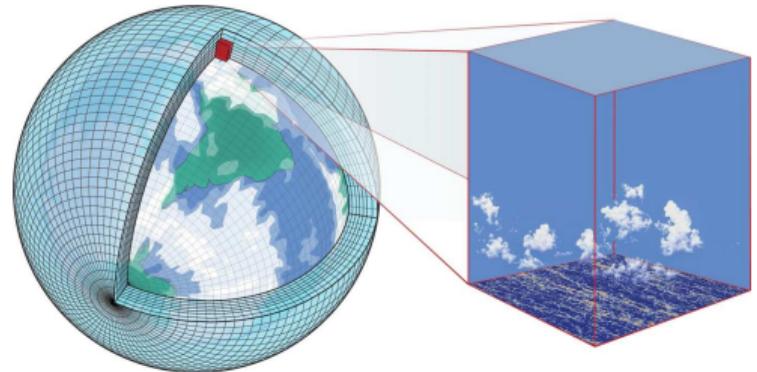
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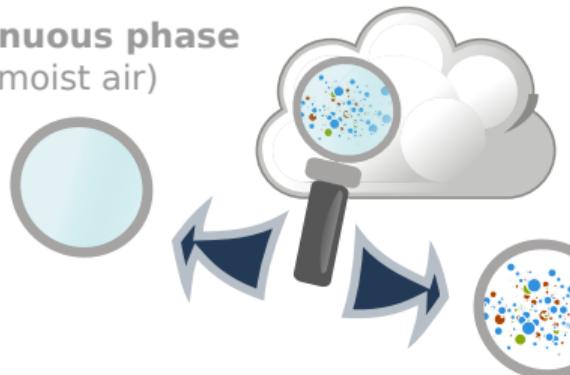
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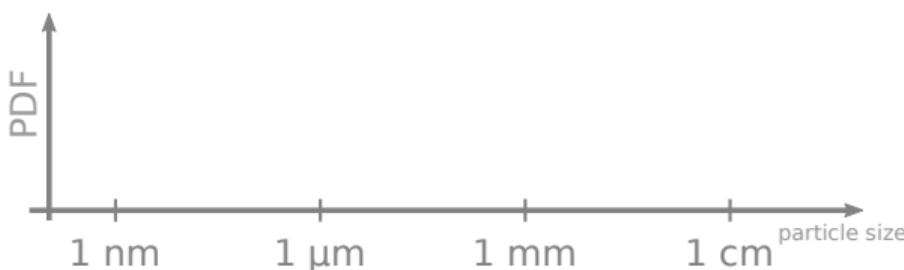
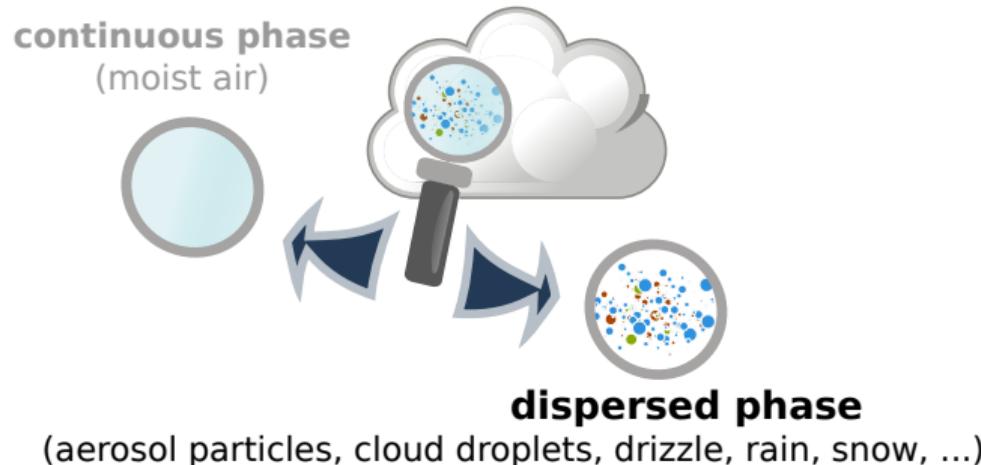
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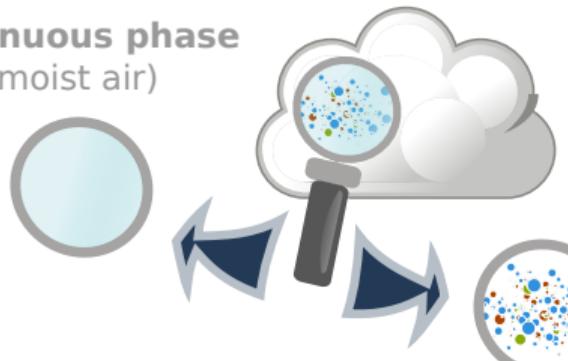
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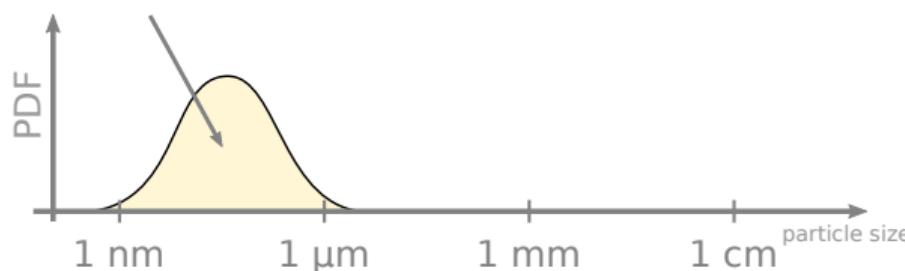


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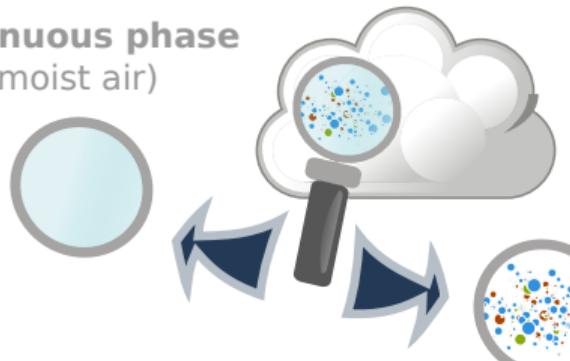


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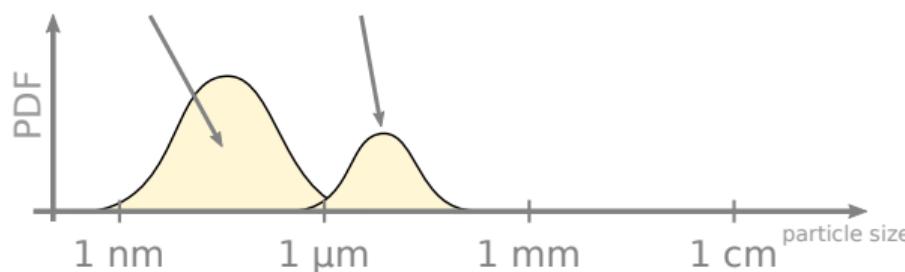


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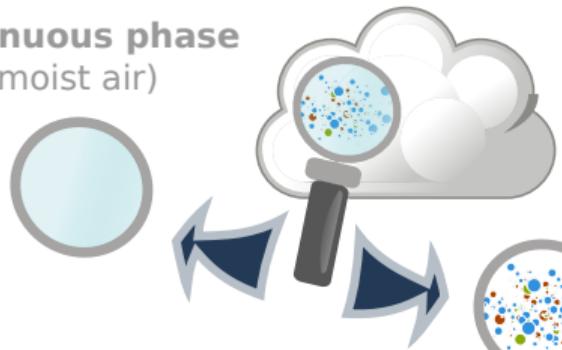


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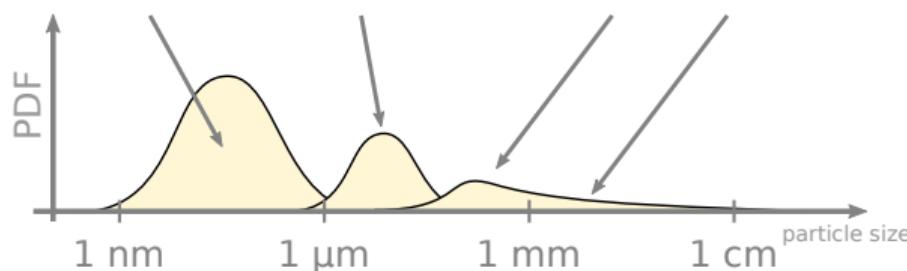


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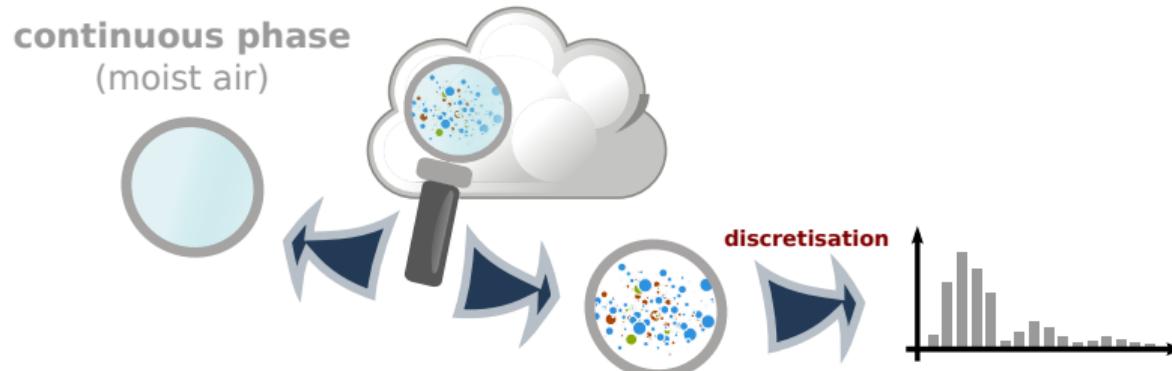
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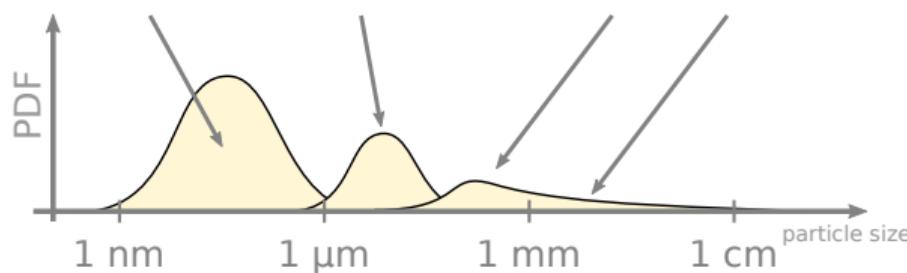
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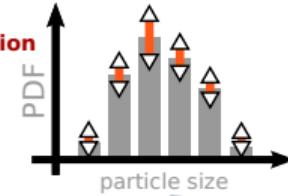


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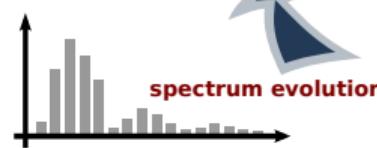
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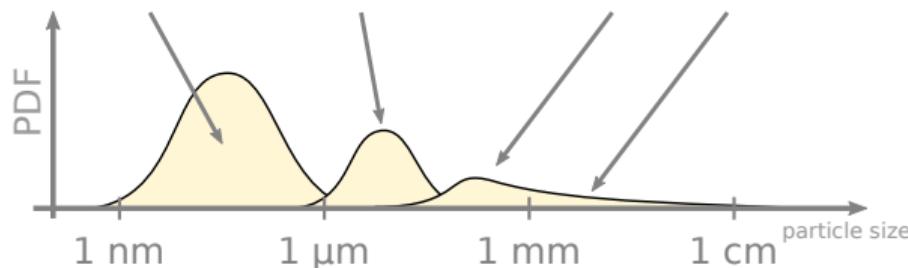


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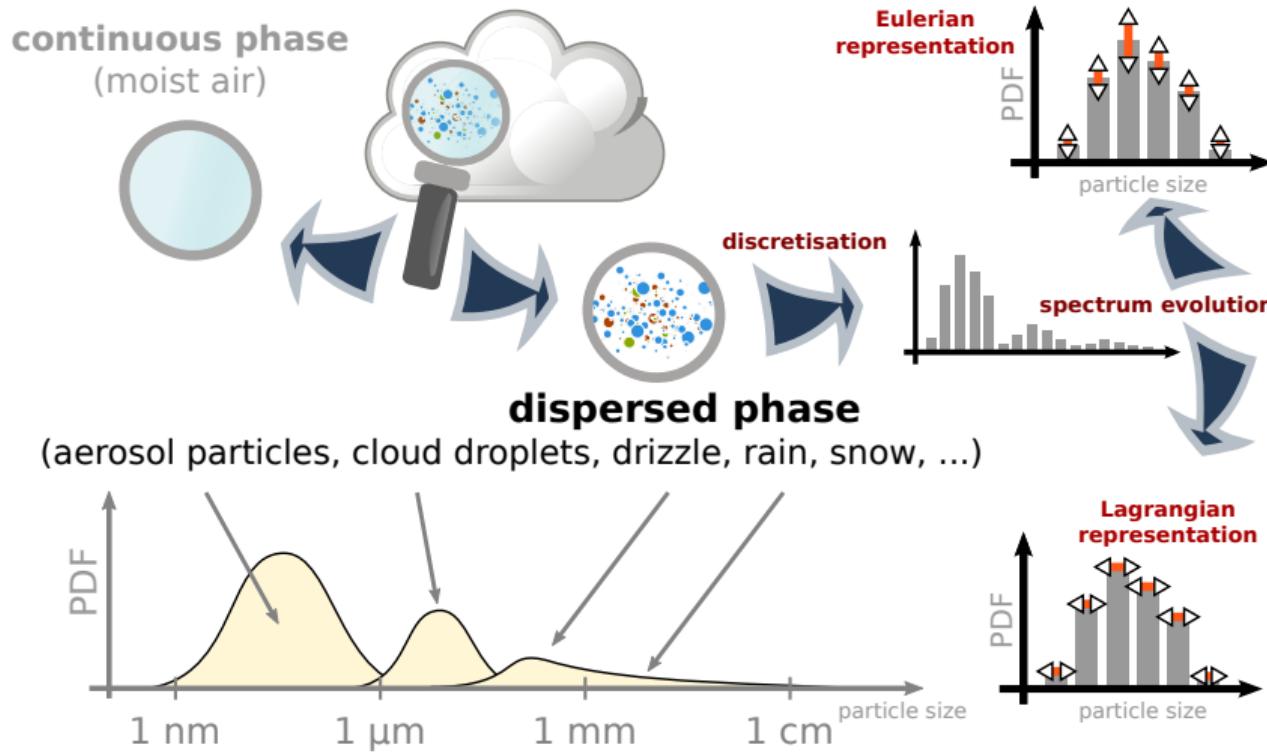


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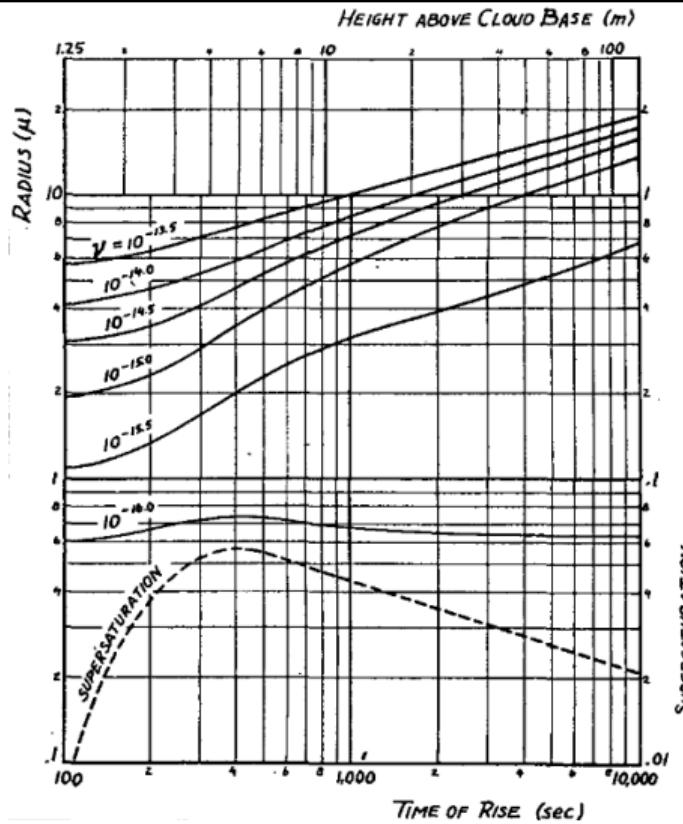
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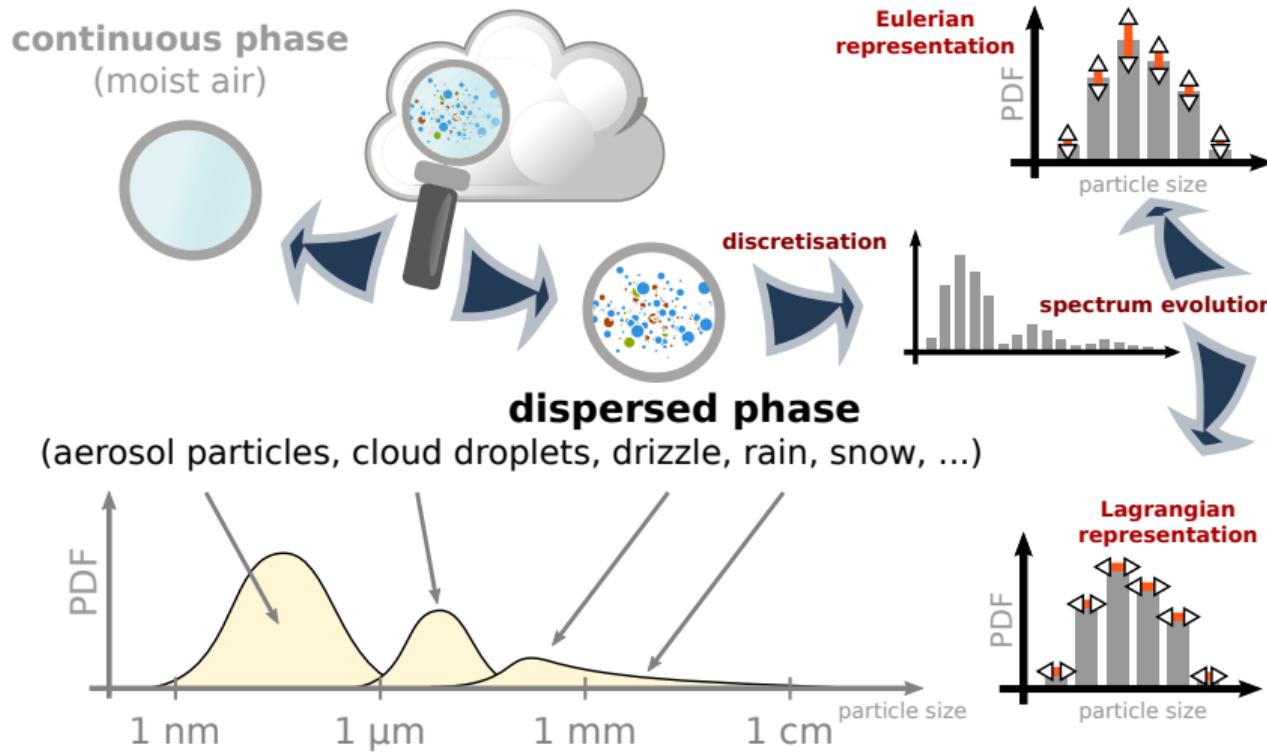
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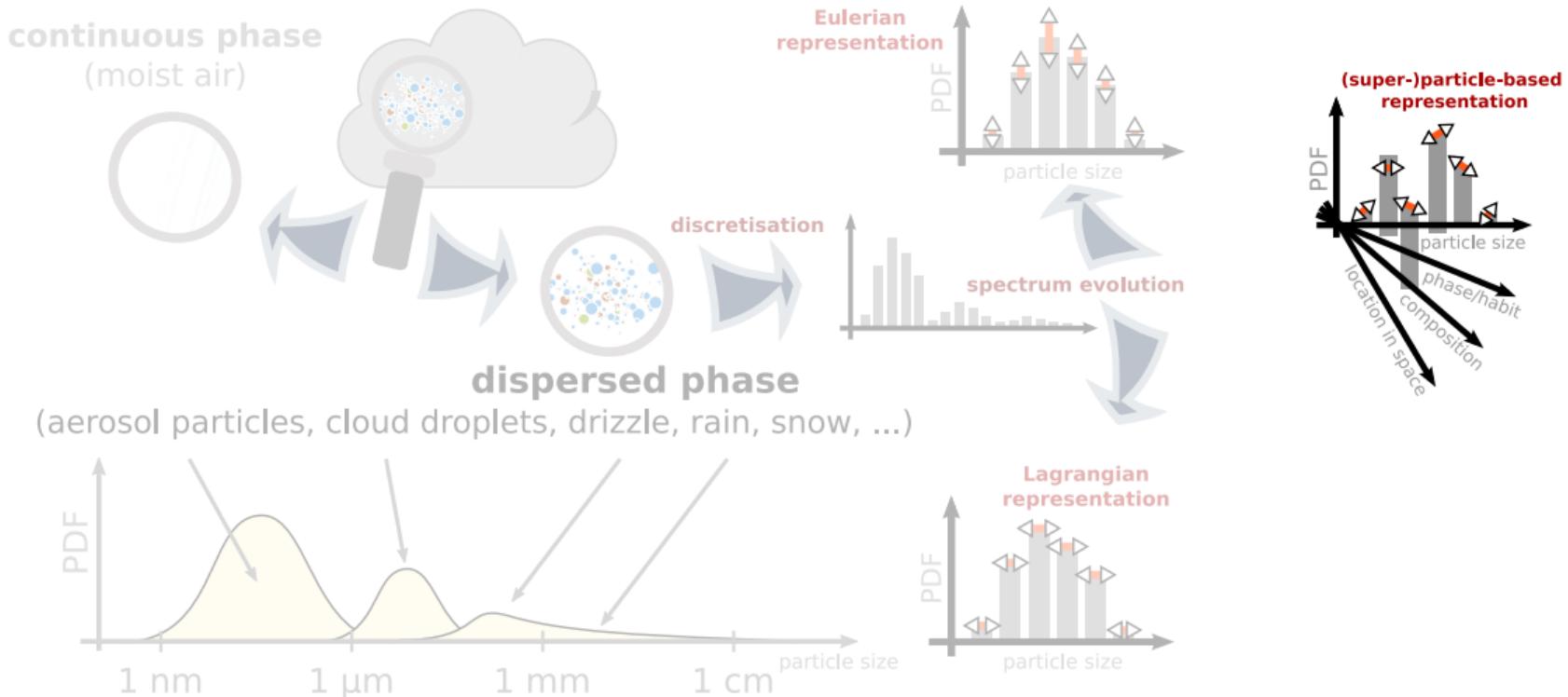
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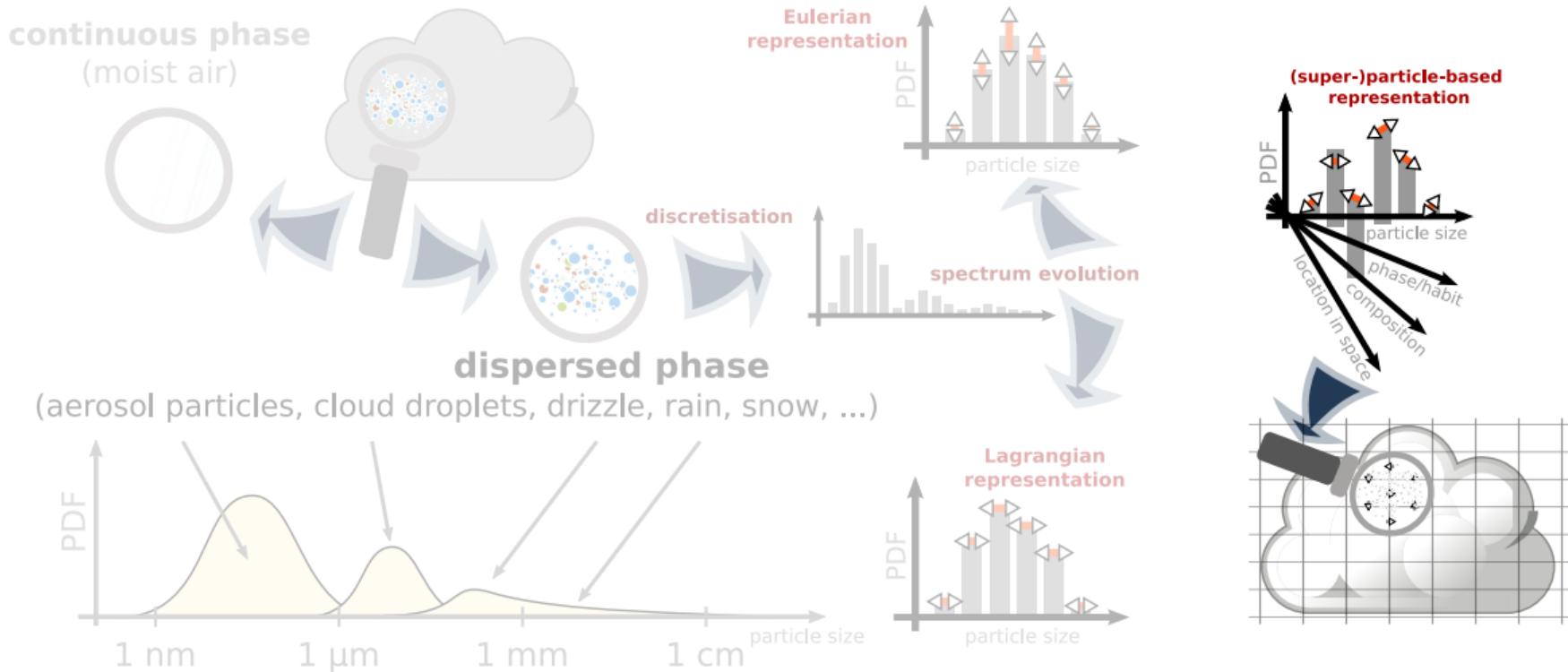
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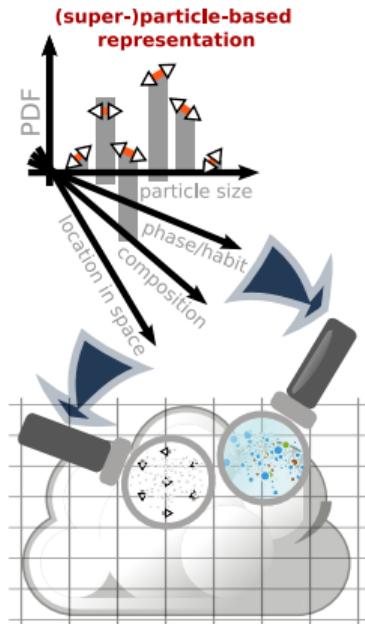
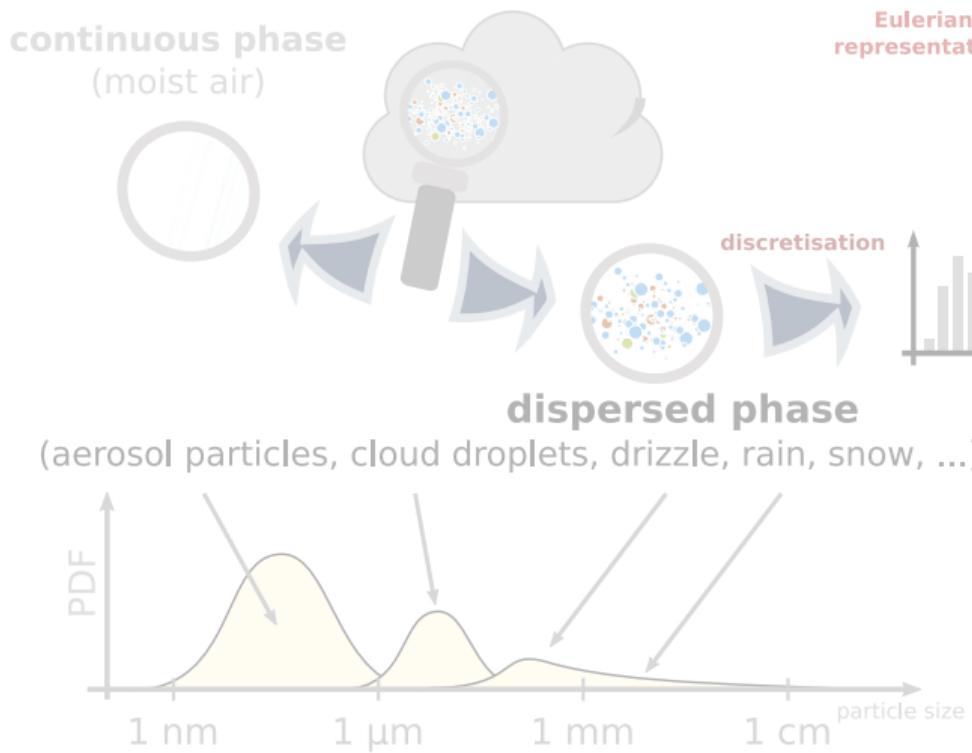
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A Numerical Experiment on Stochastic Condensation Theory

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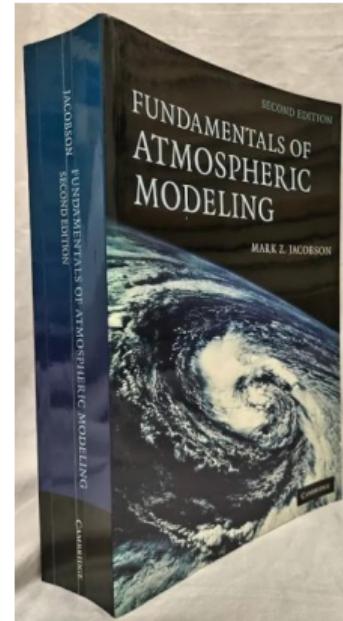
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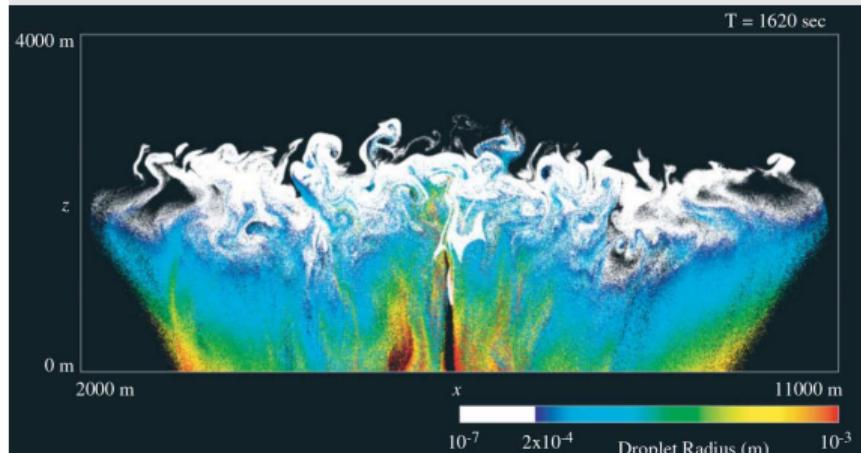
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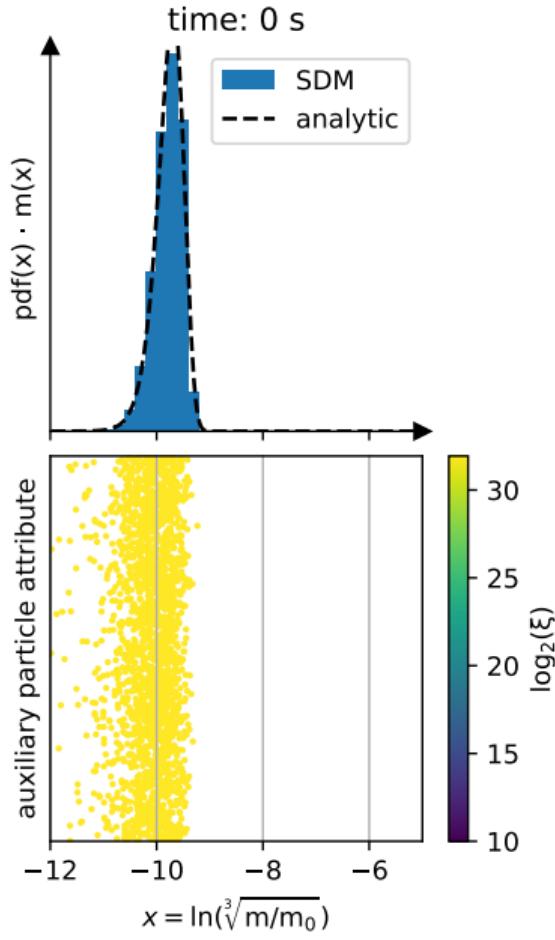
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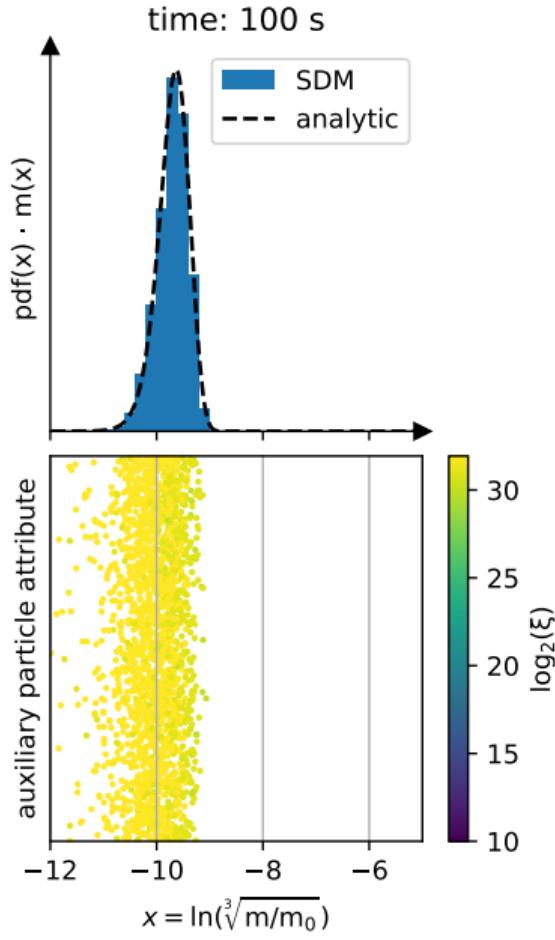
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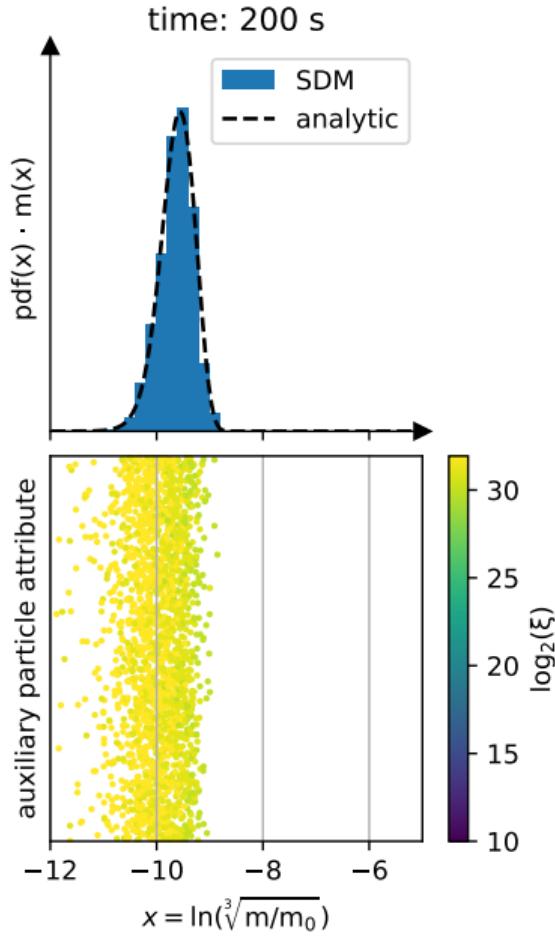
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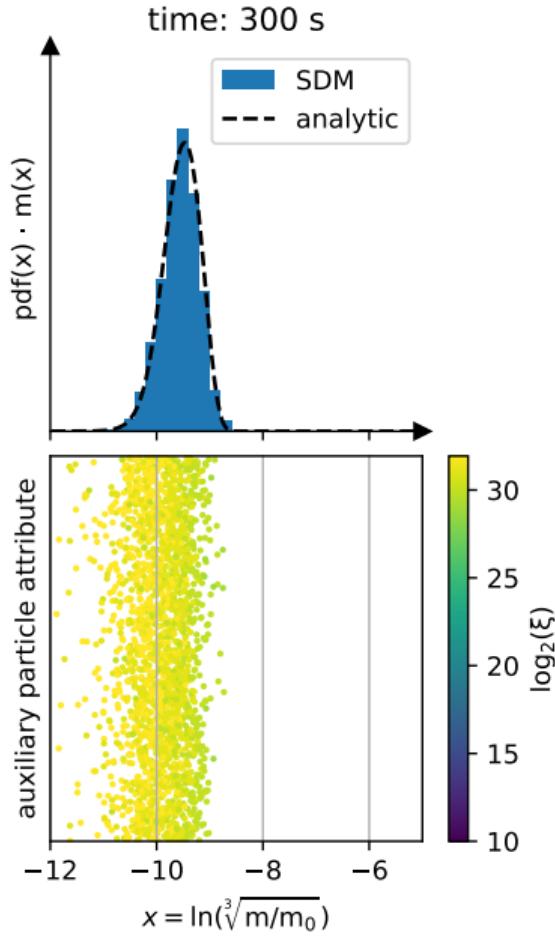
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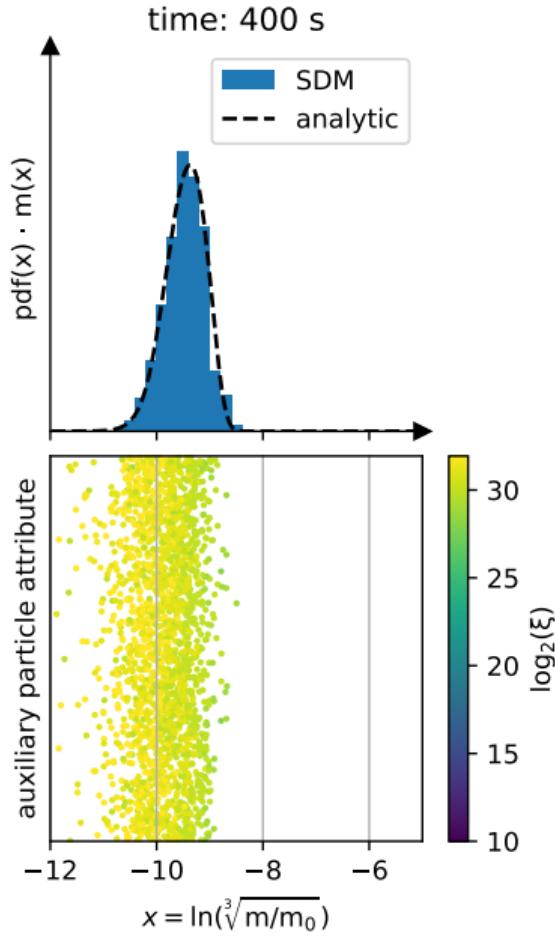
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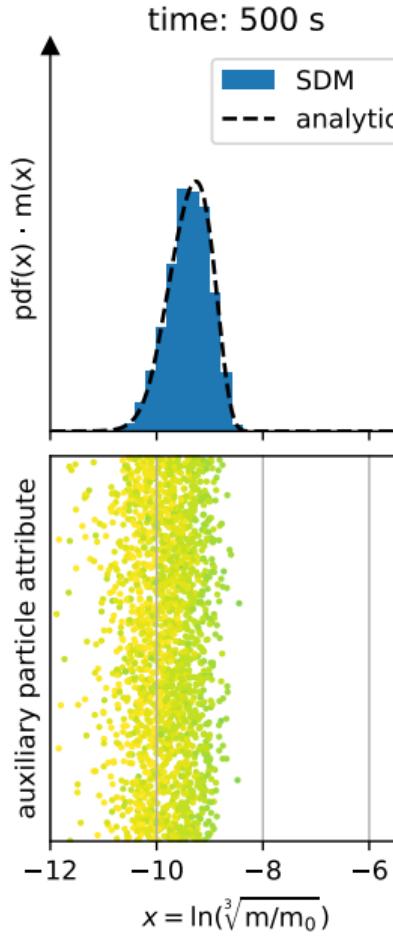
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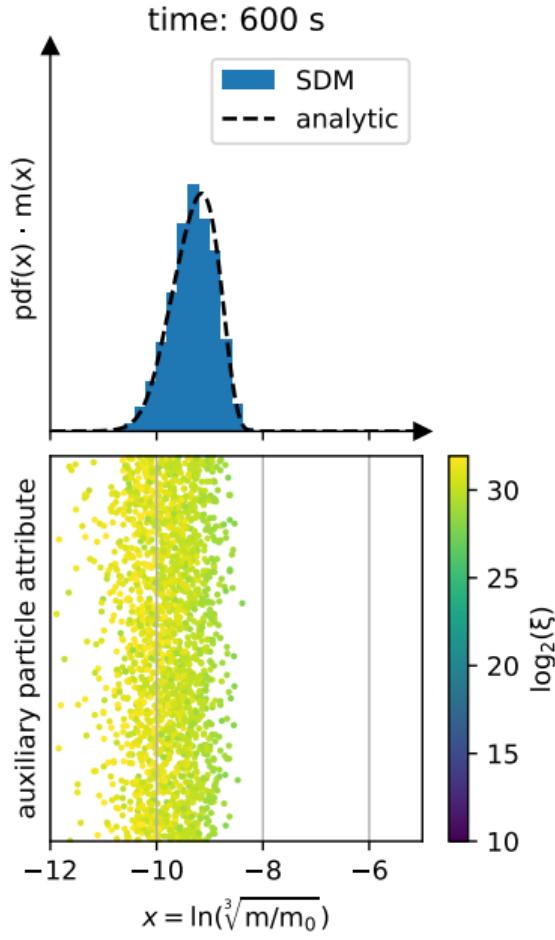
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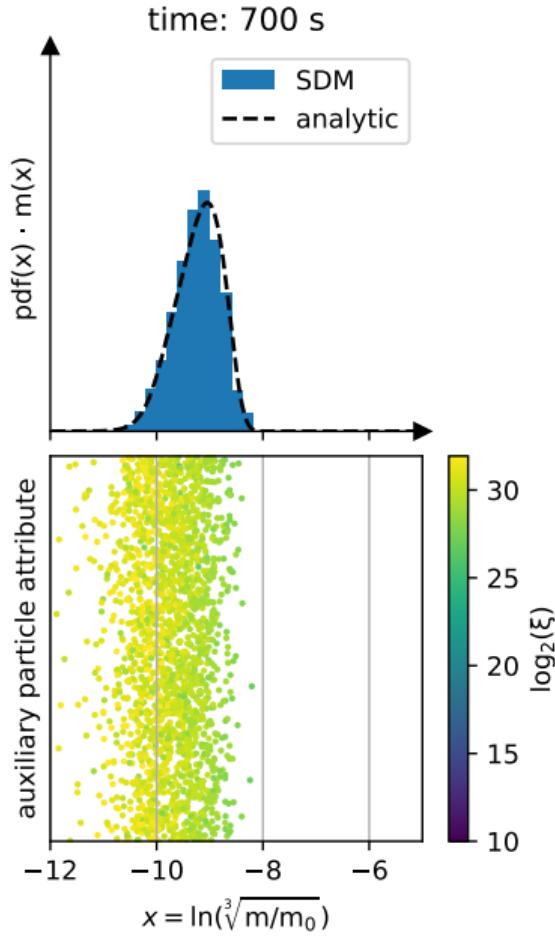
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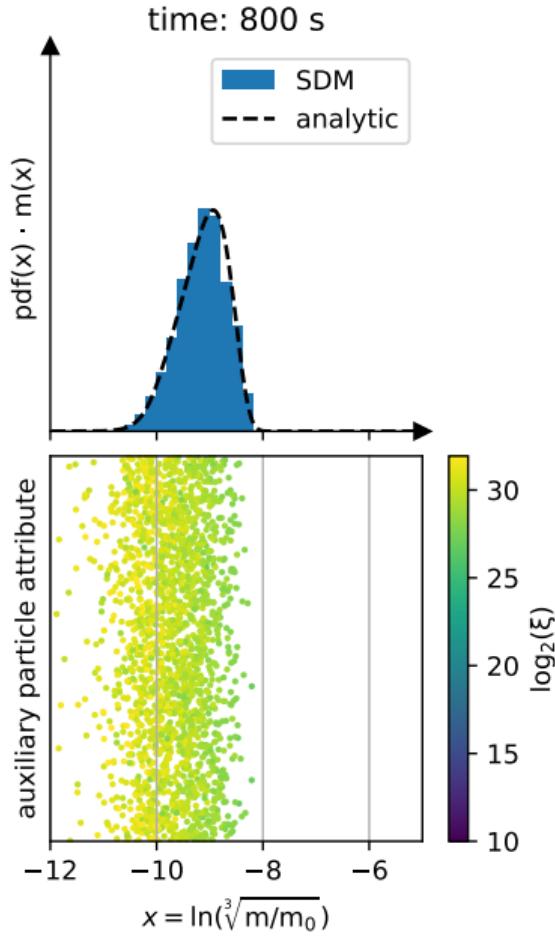
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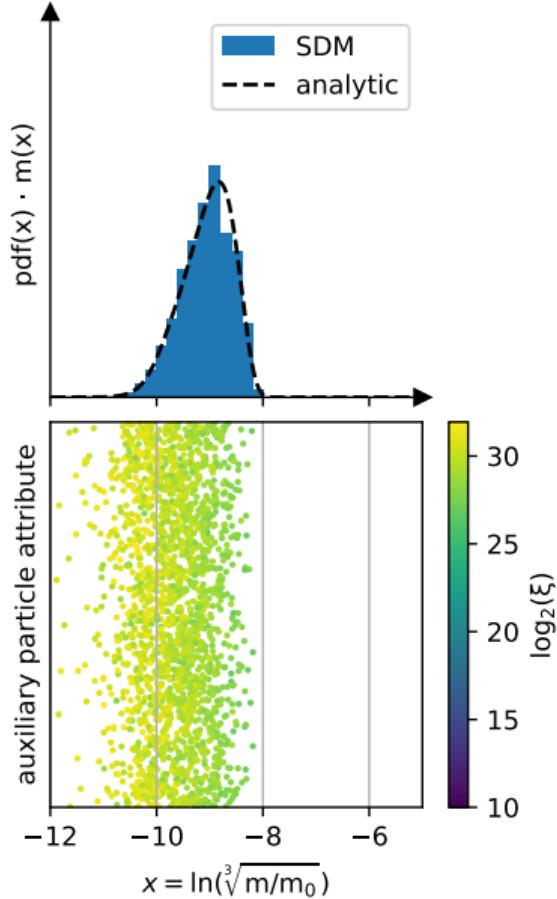


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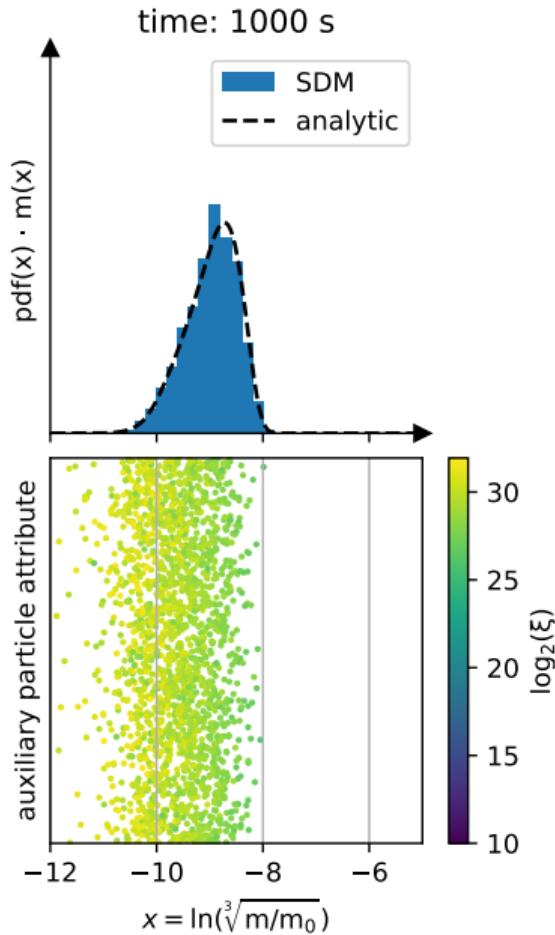
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time: 900 s



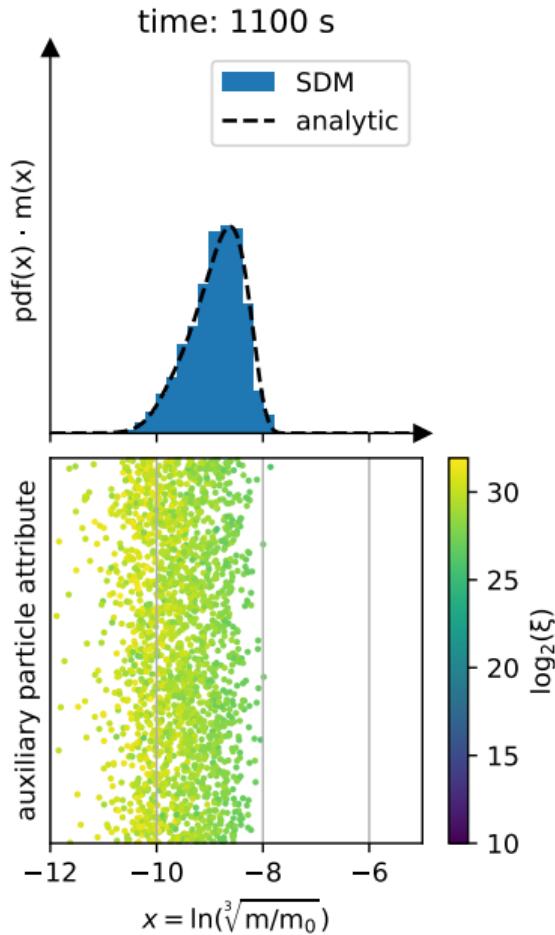
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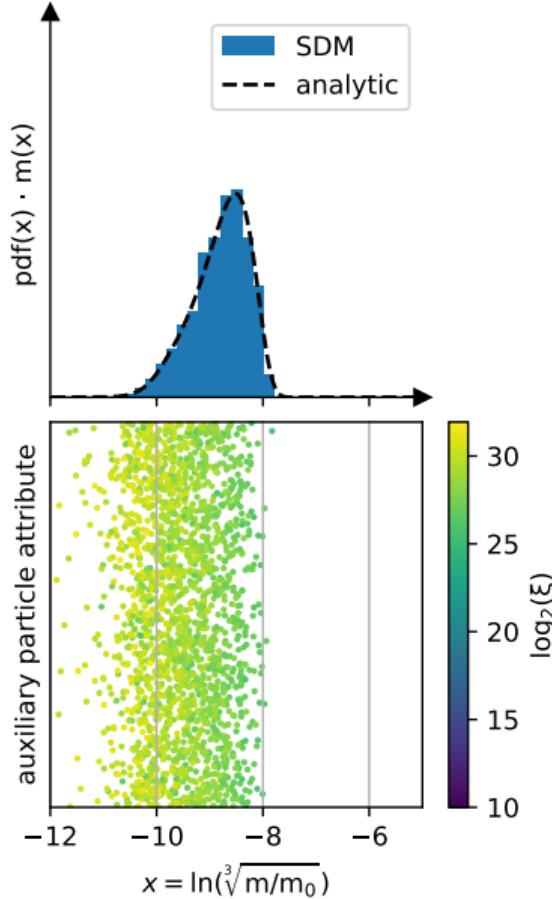


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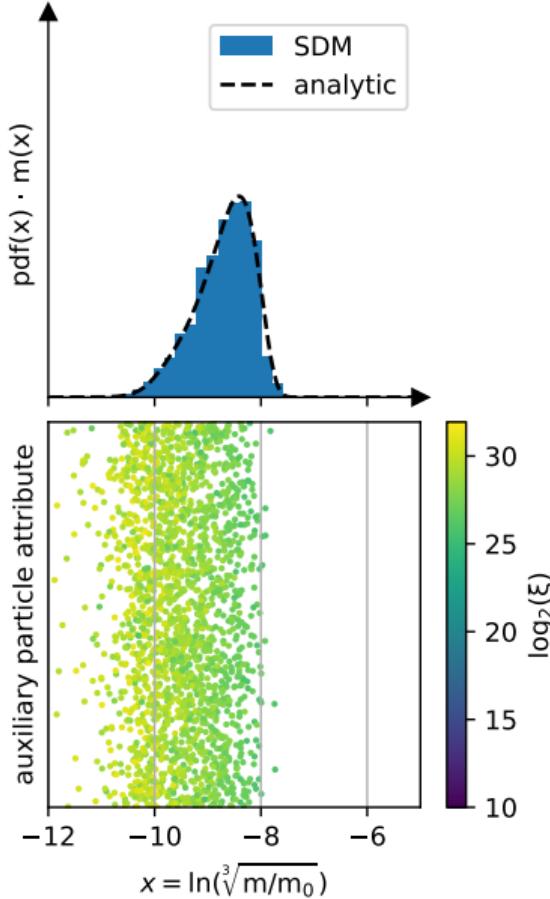
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time: 1200 s



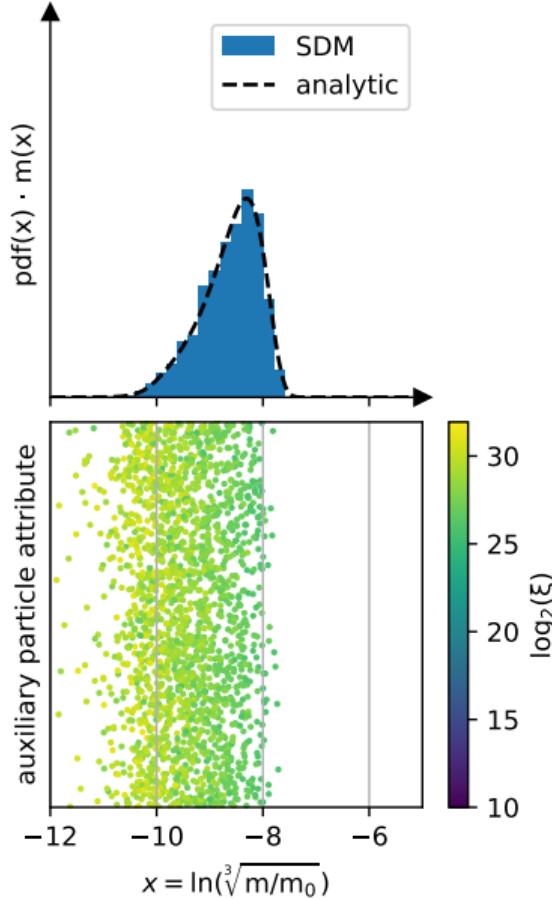
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time: 1300 s

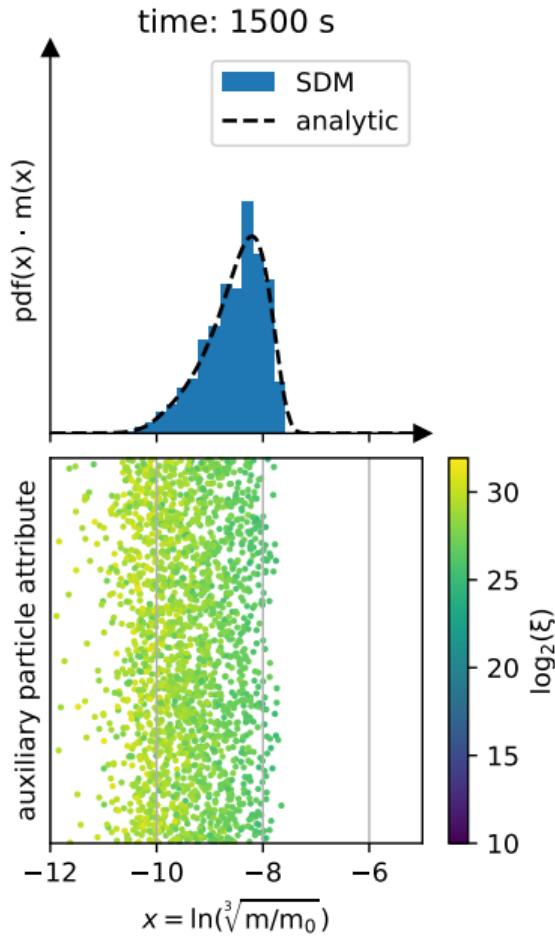


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time: 1400 s



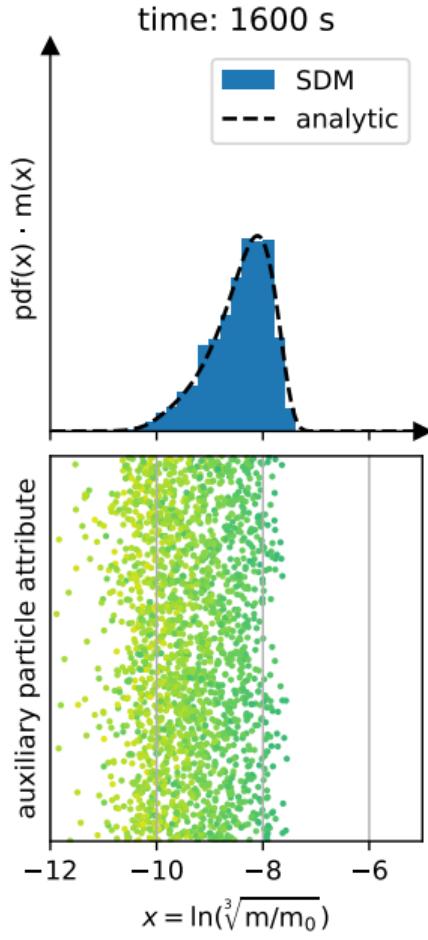
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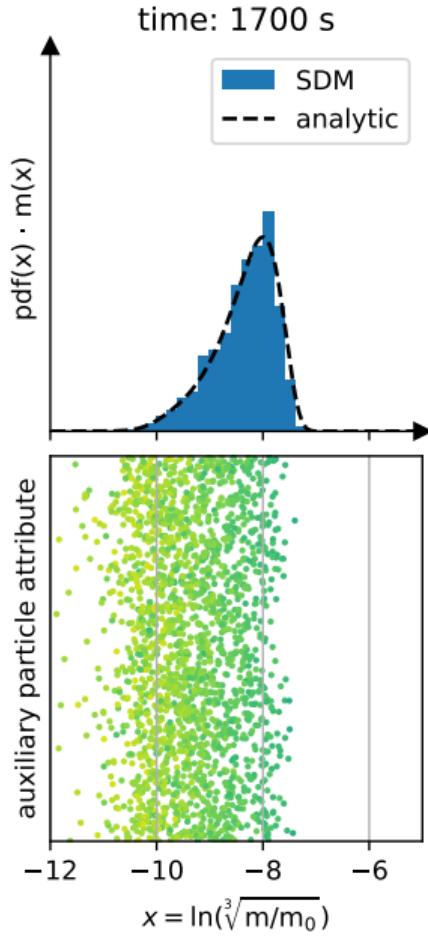
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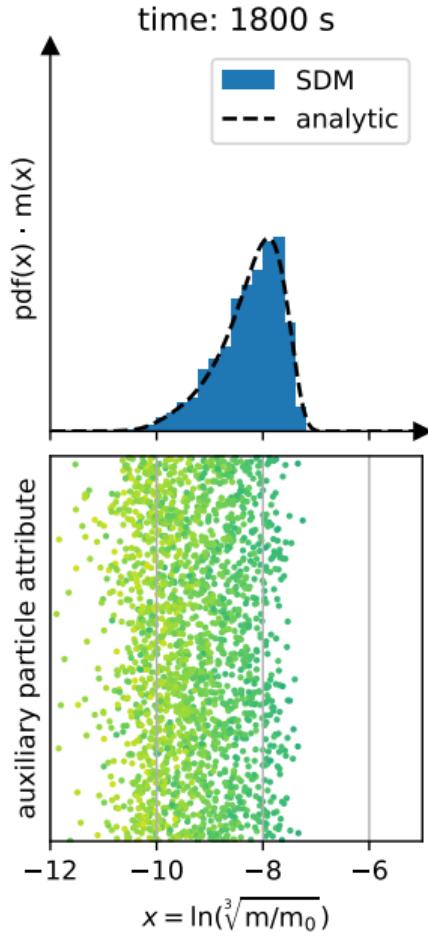
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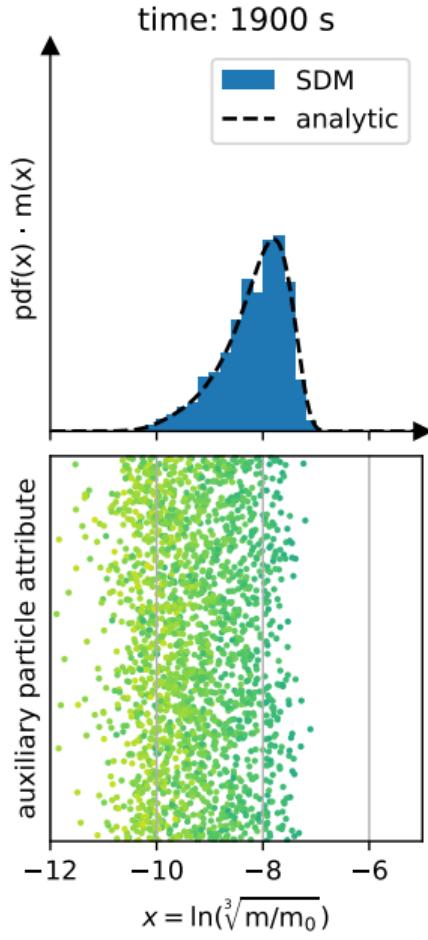
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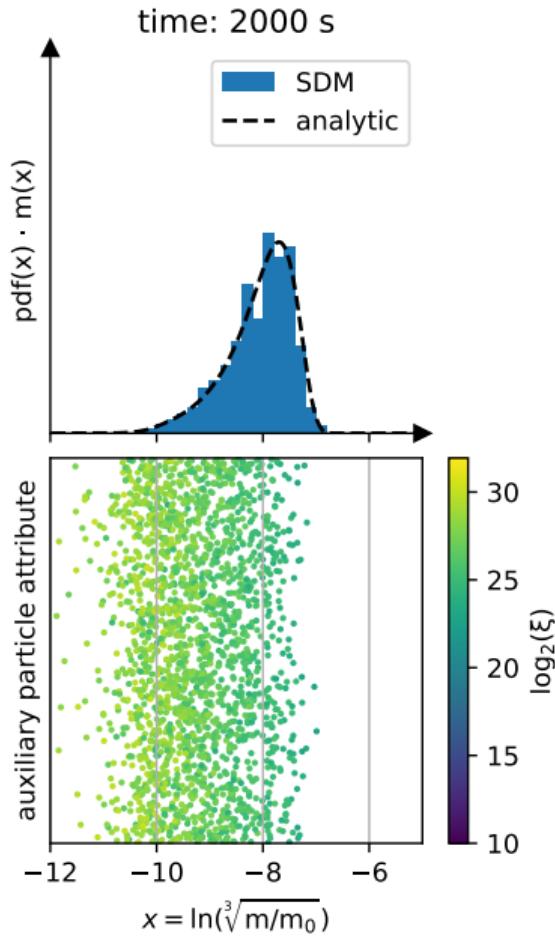
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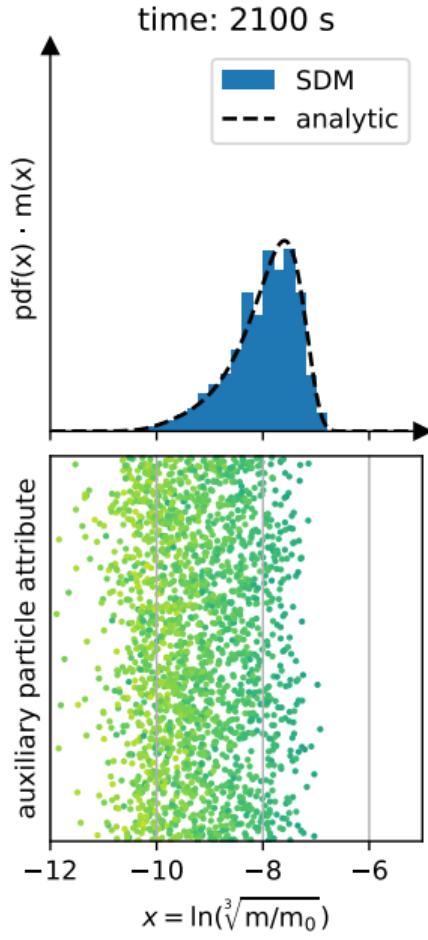
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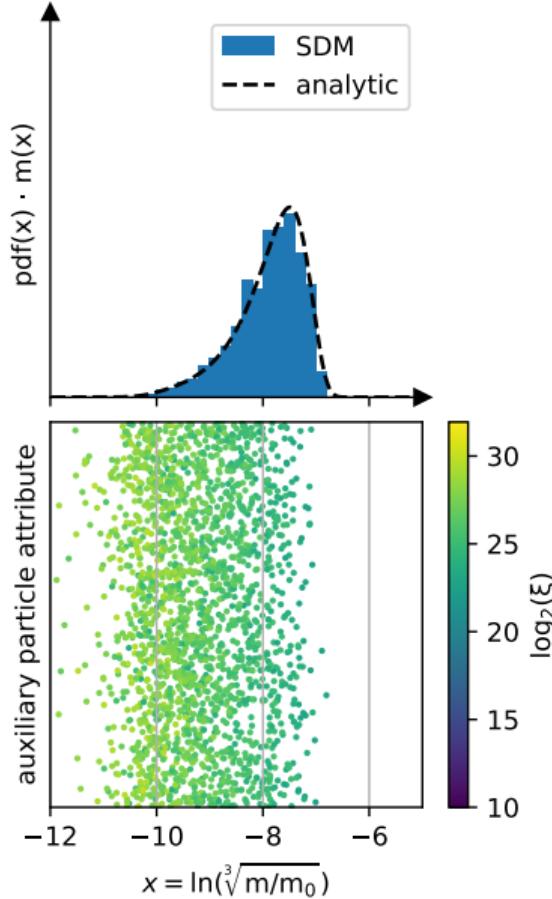


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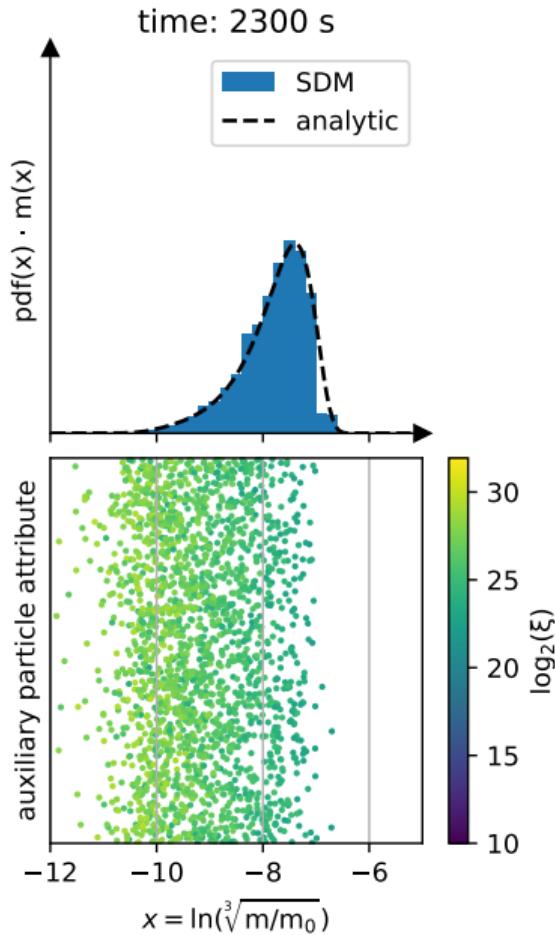
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time: 2200 s



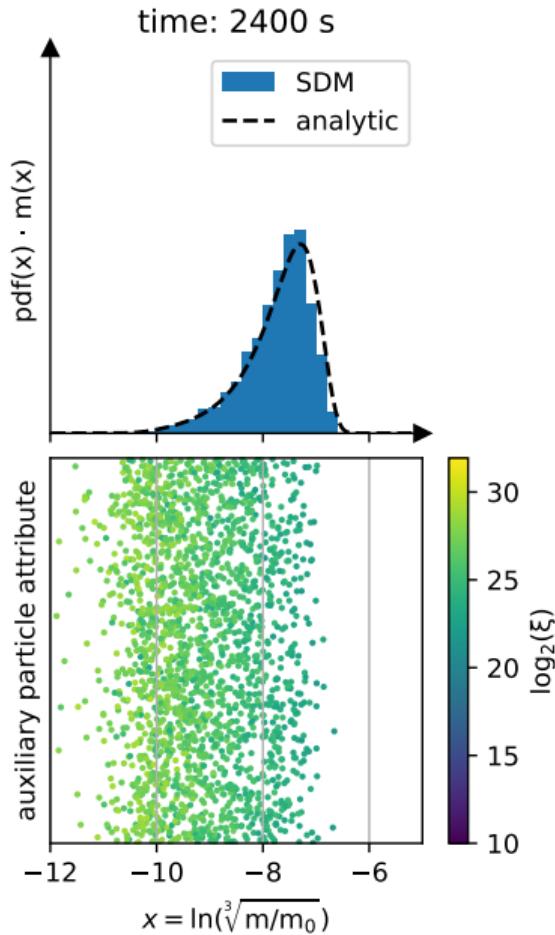
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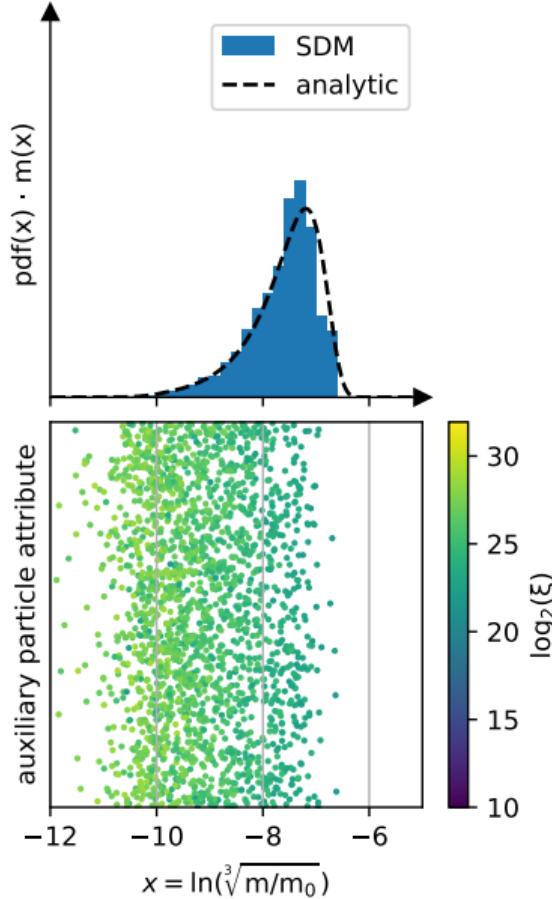


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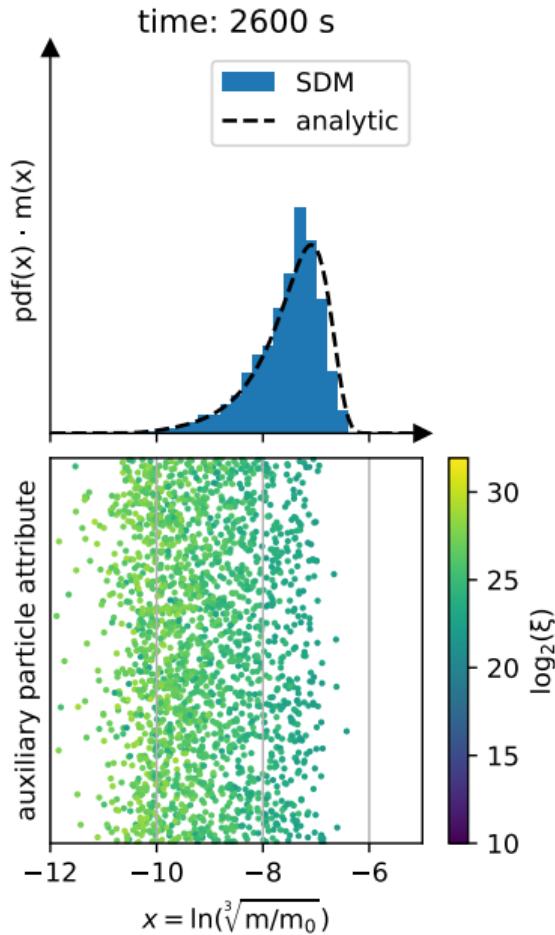
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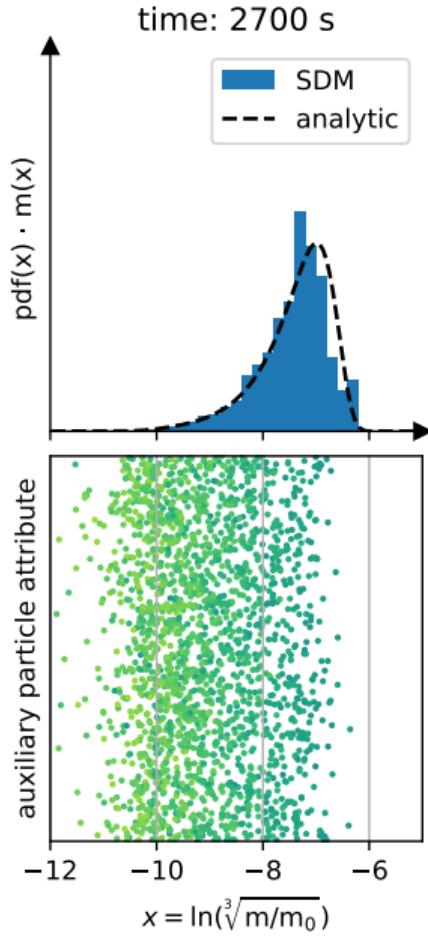
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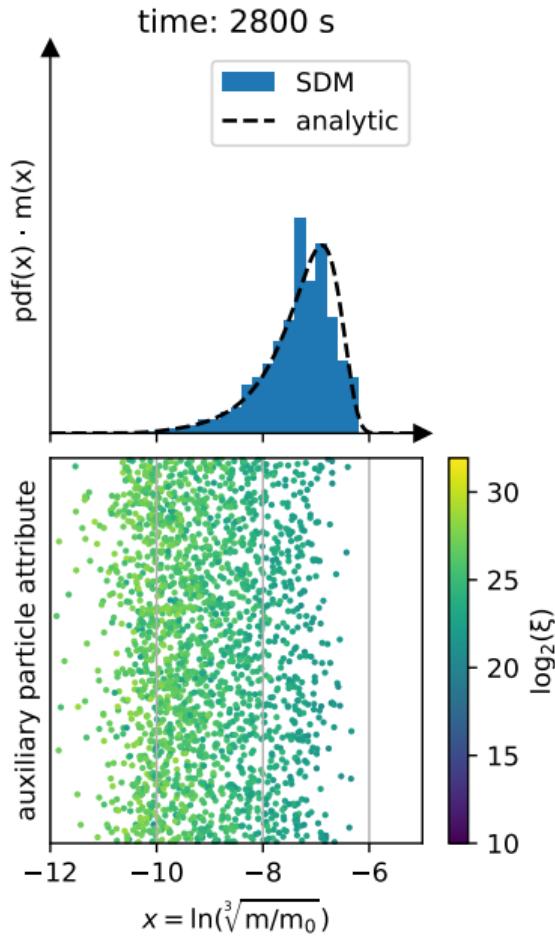
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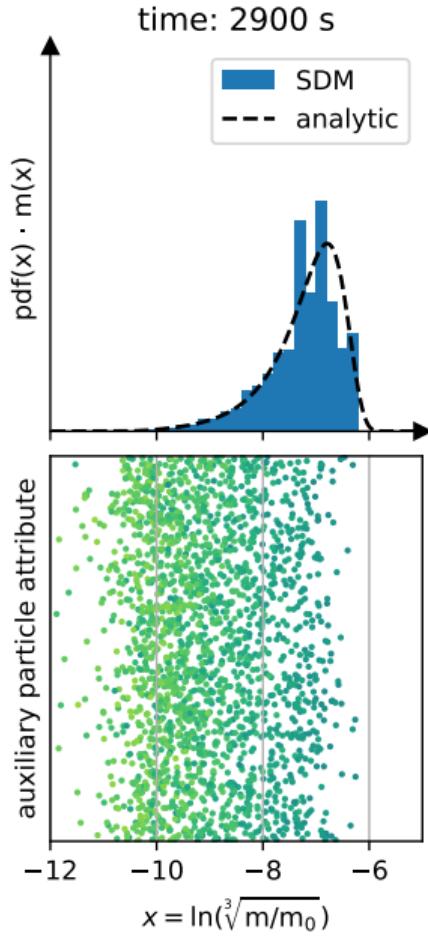
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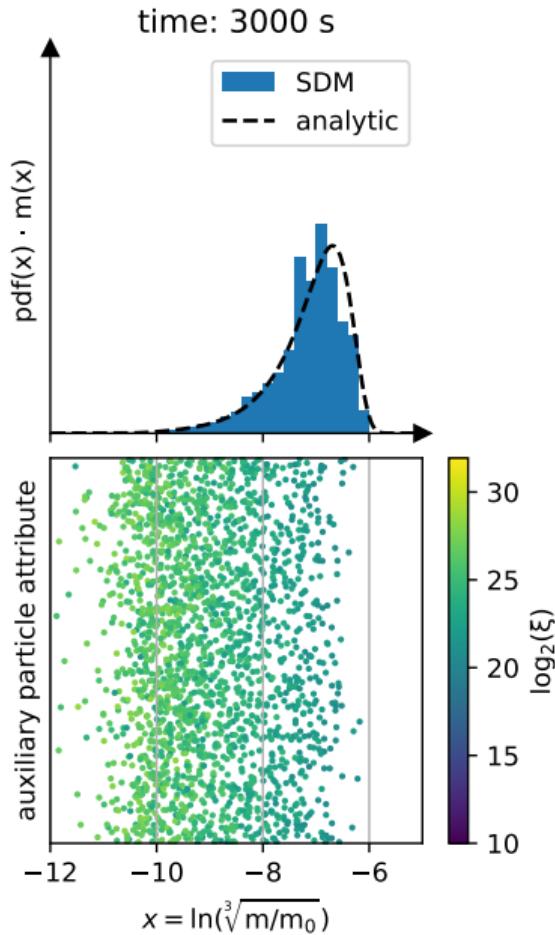
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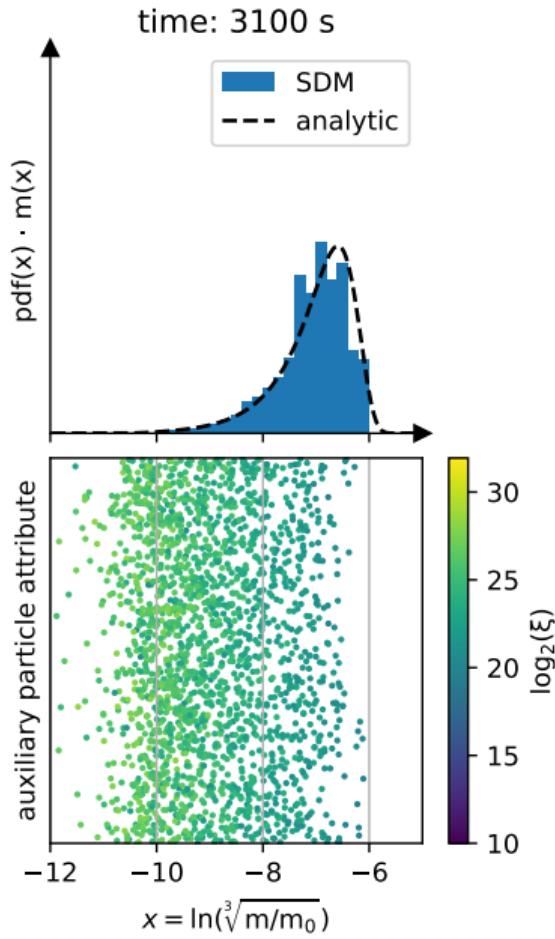
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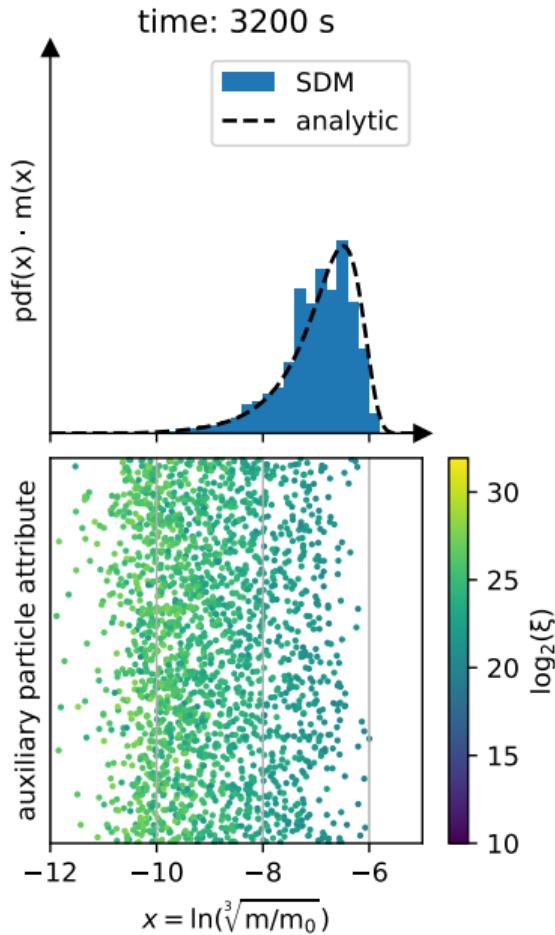
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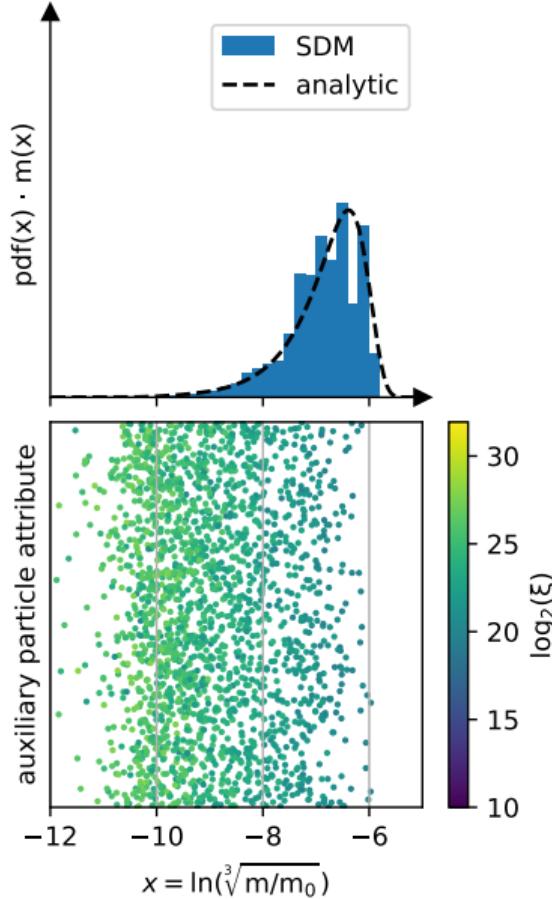


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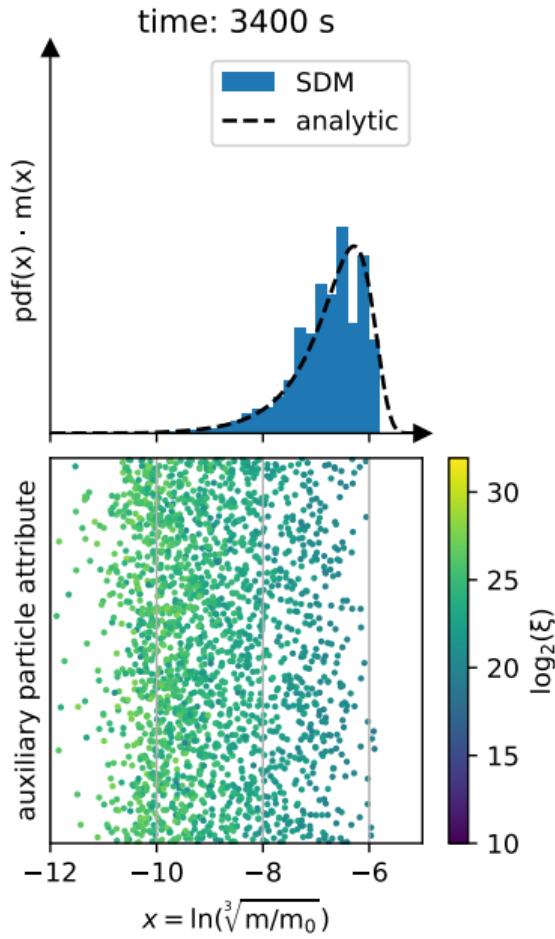
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time: 3300 s



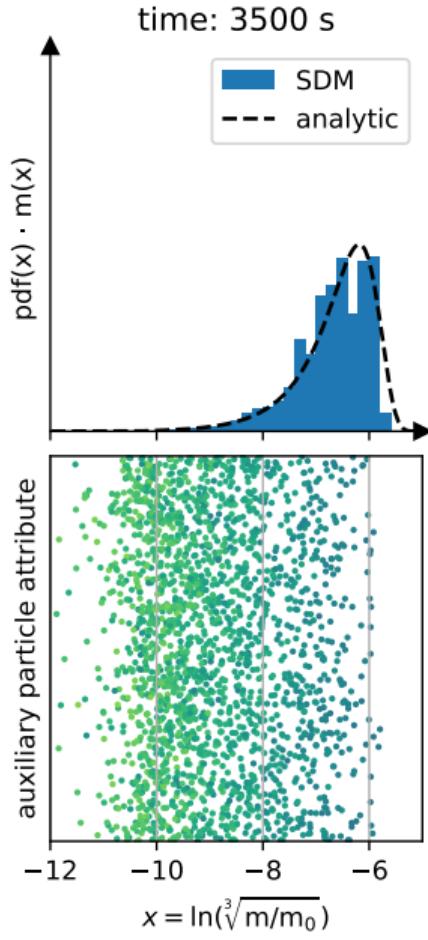
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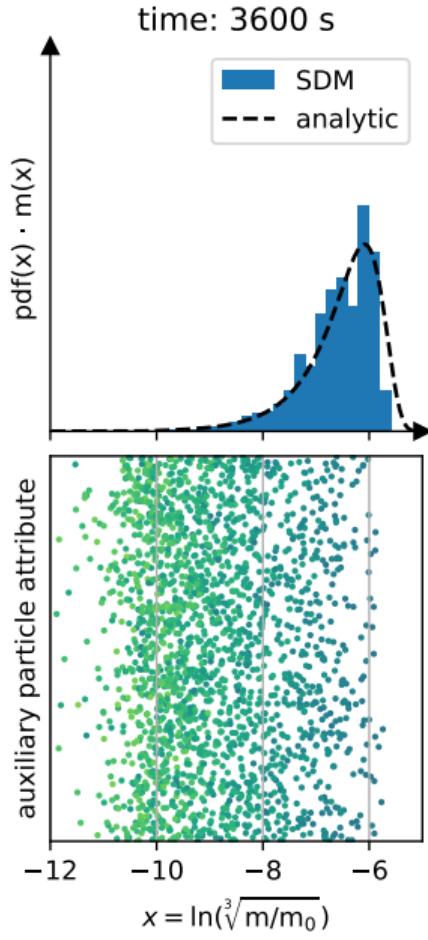
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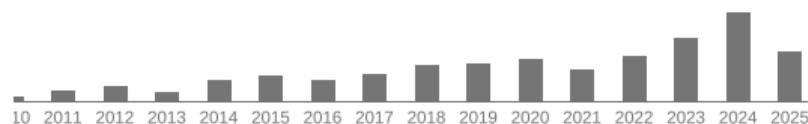
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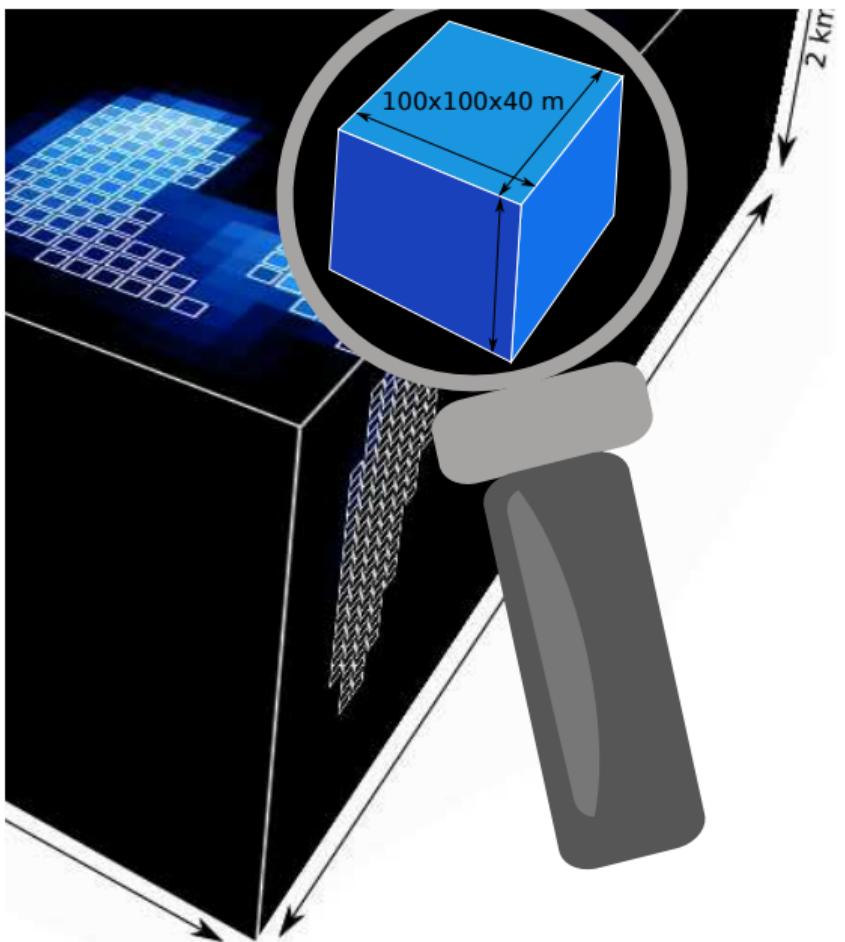
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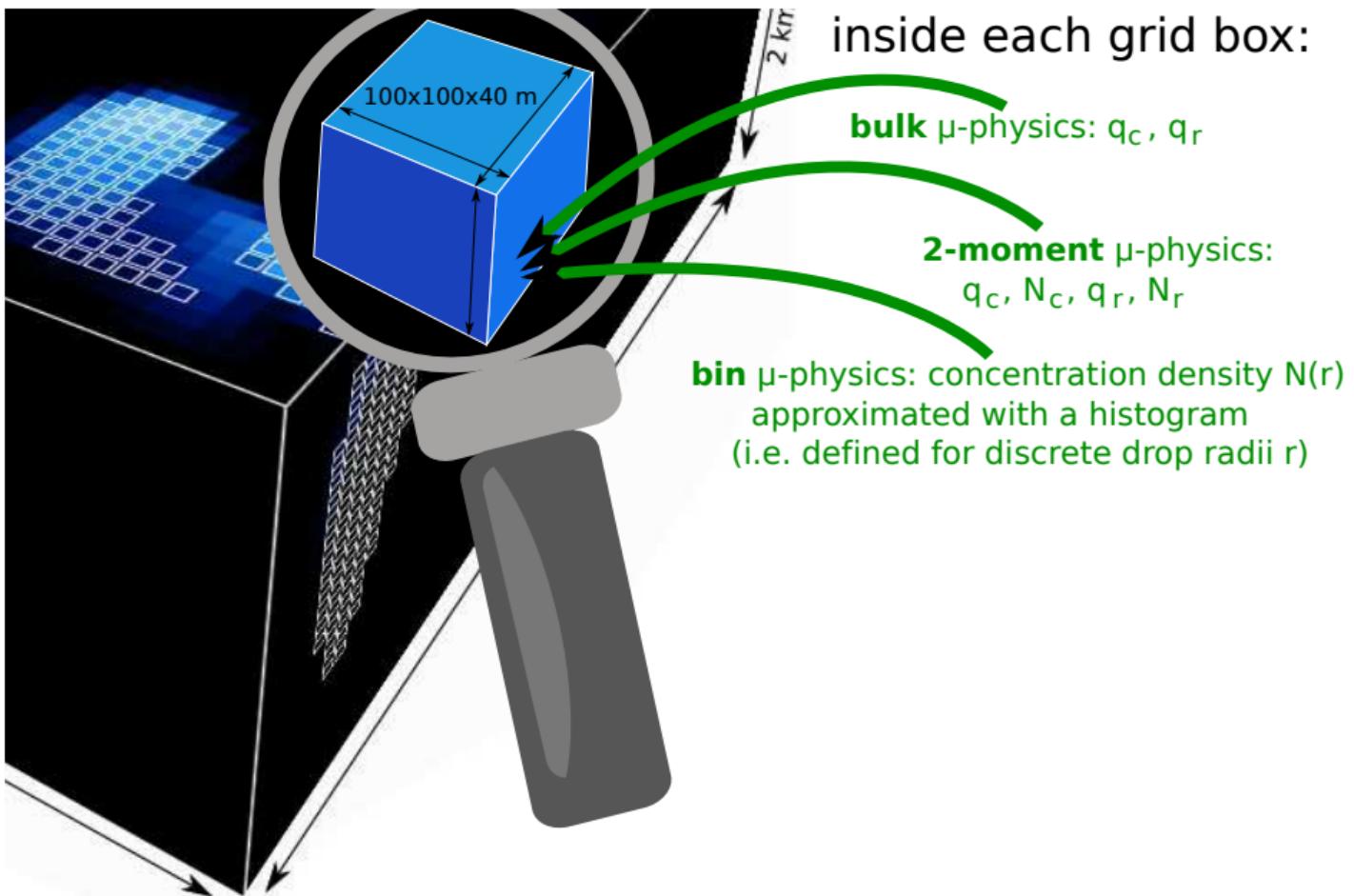
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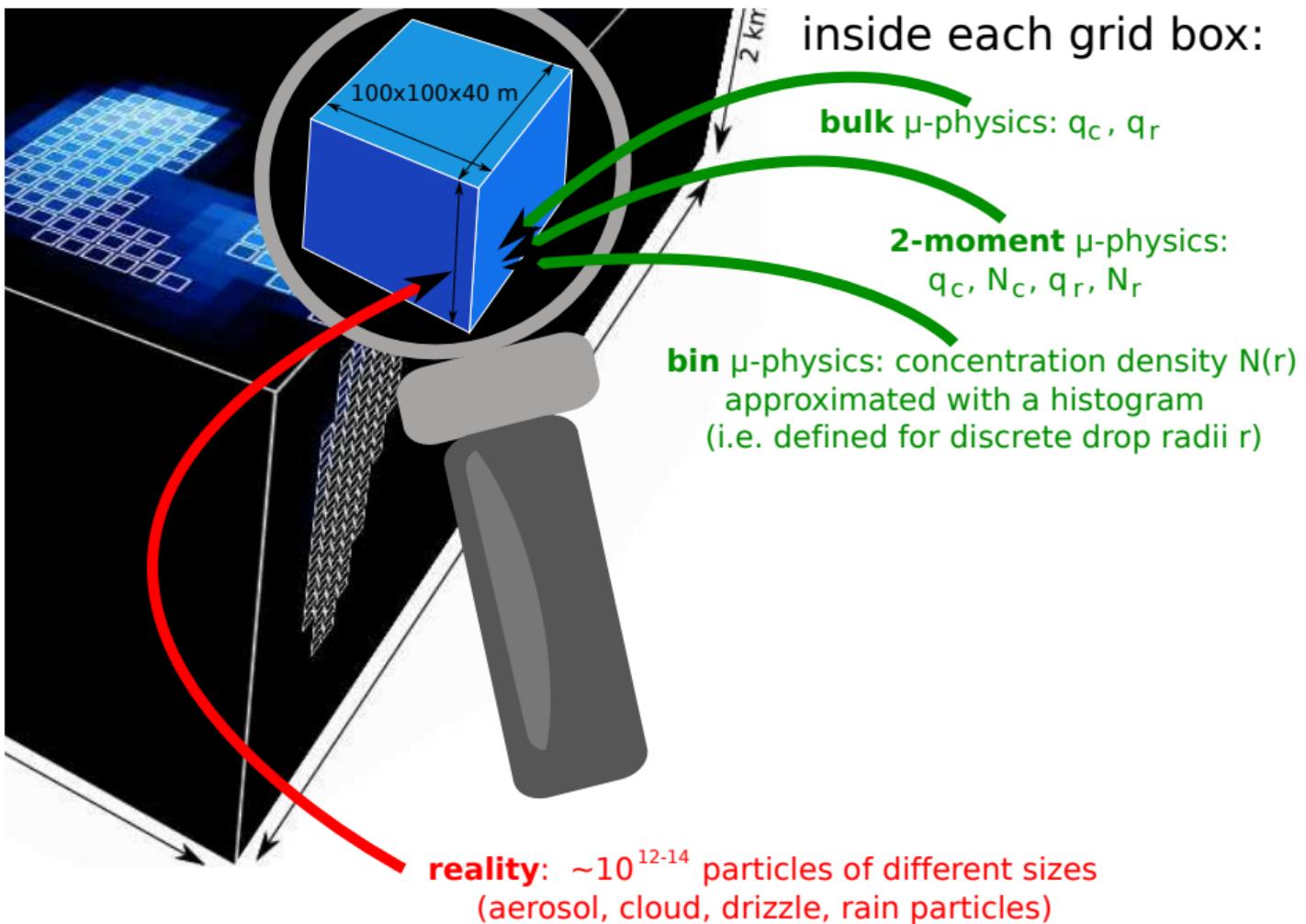
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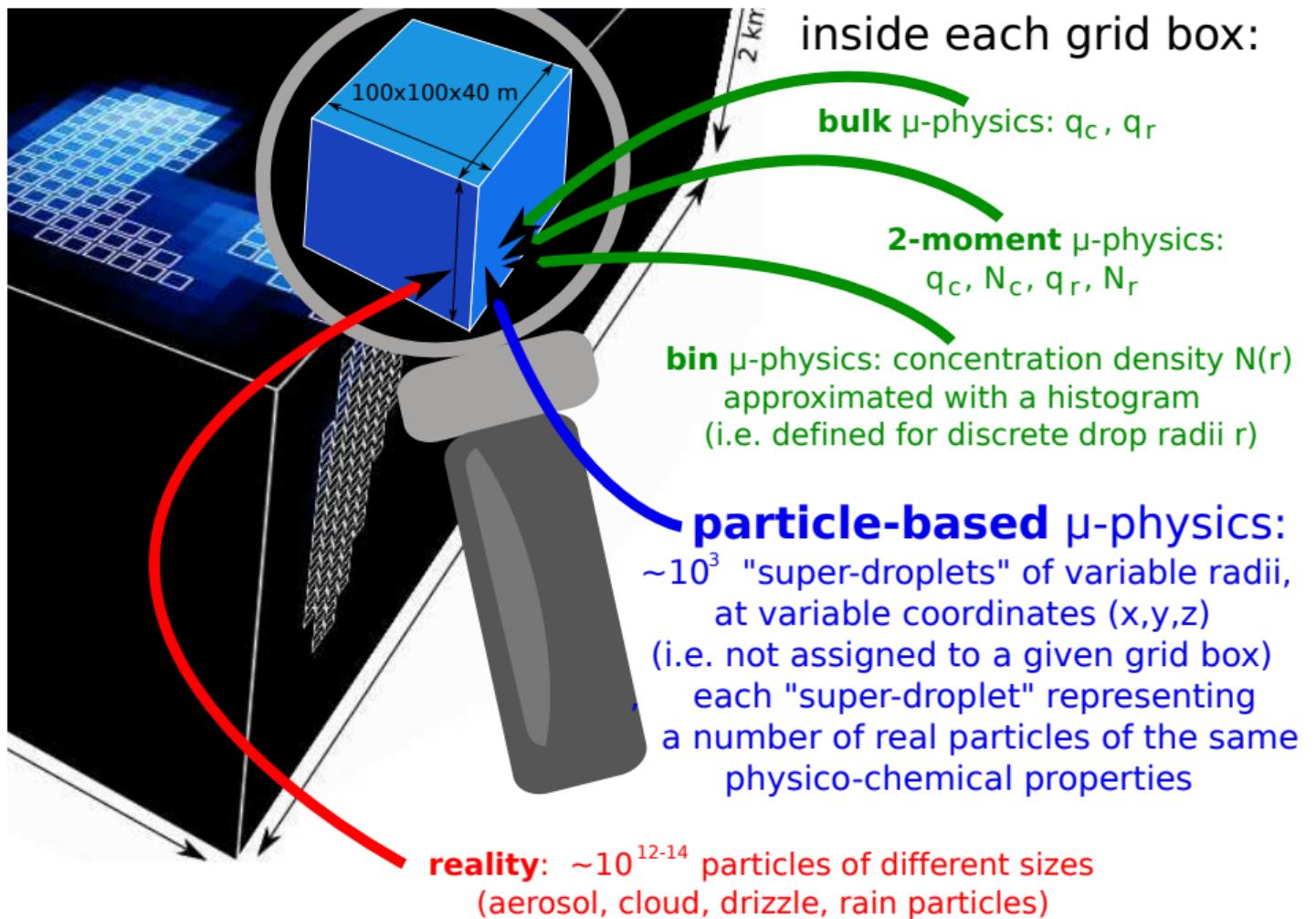


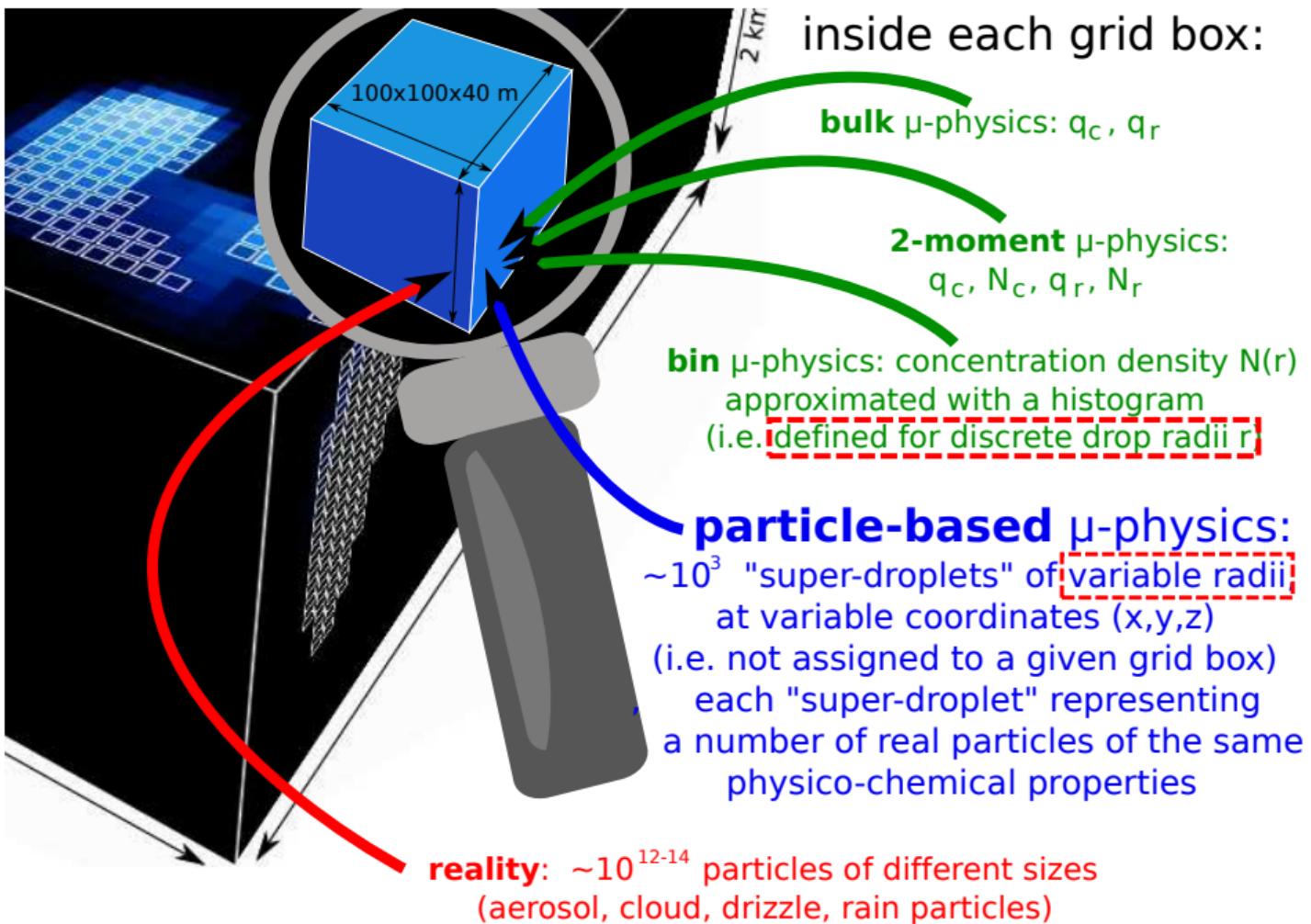
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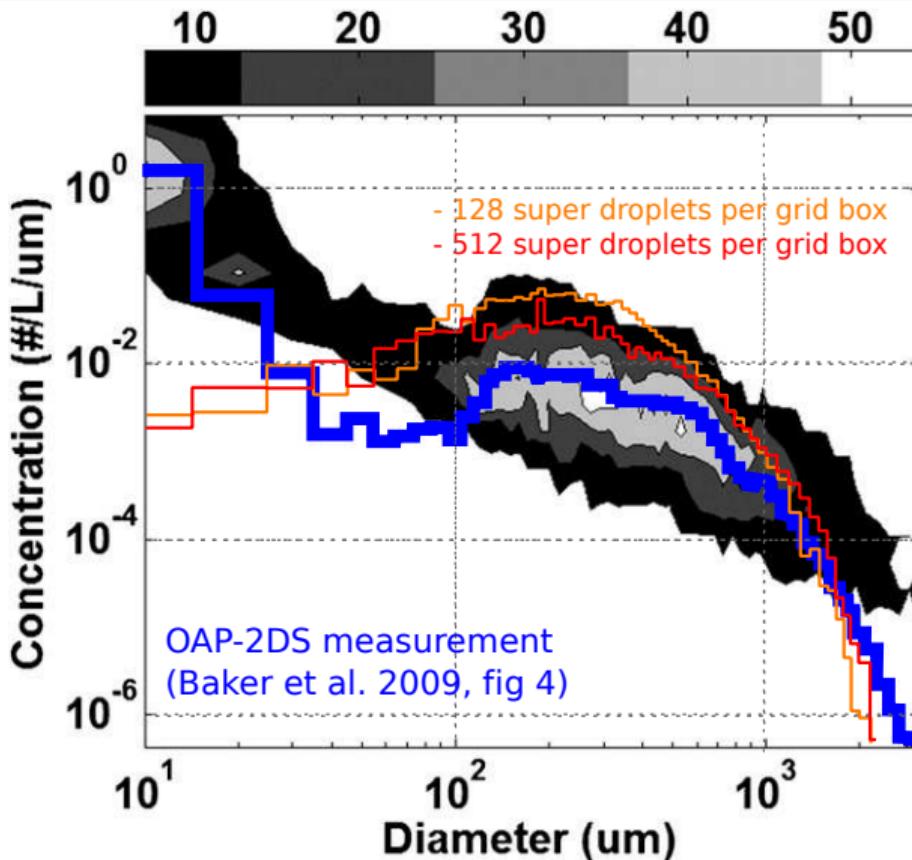
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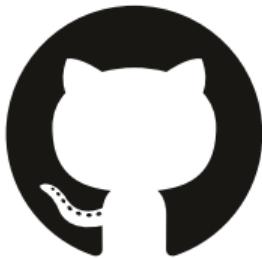


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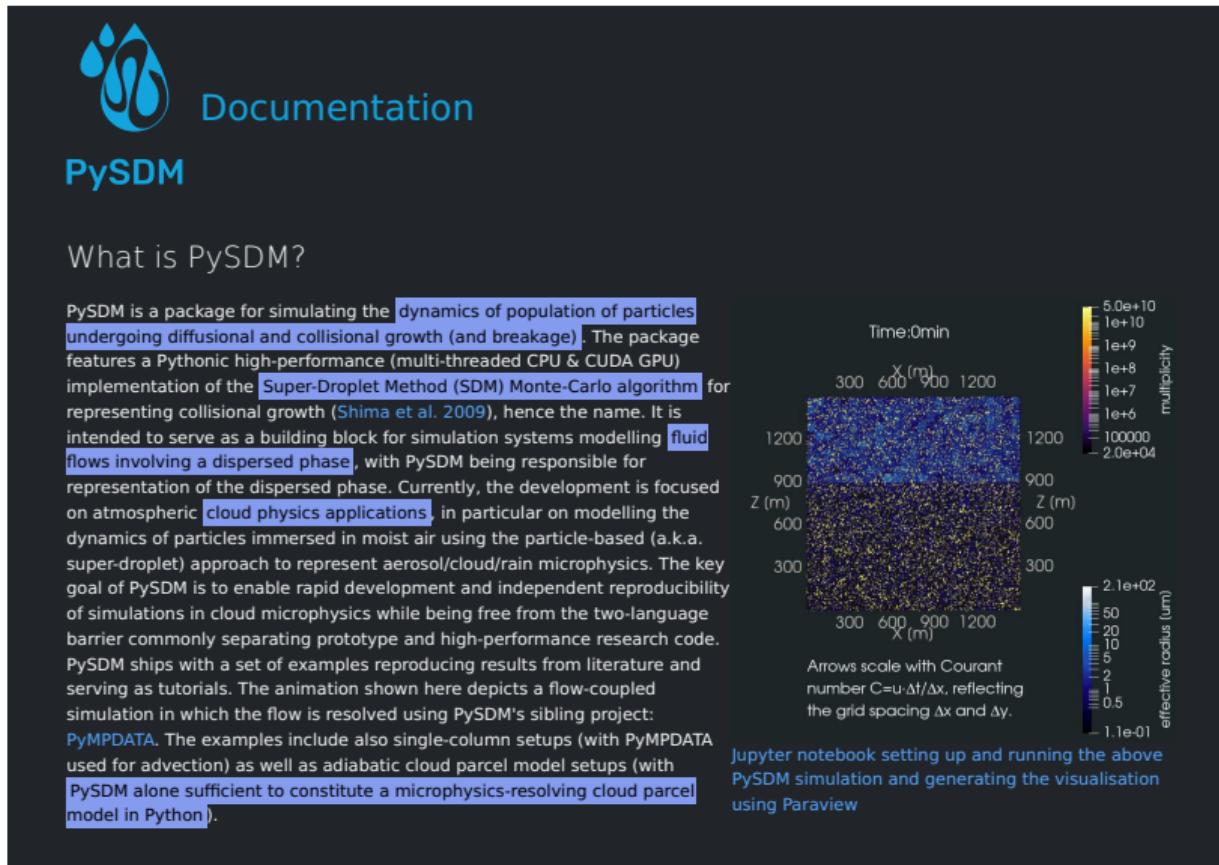
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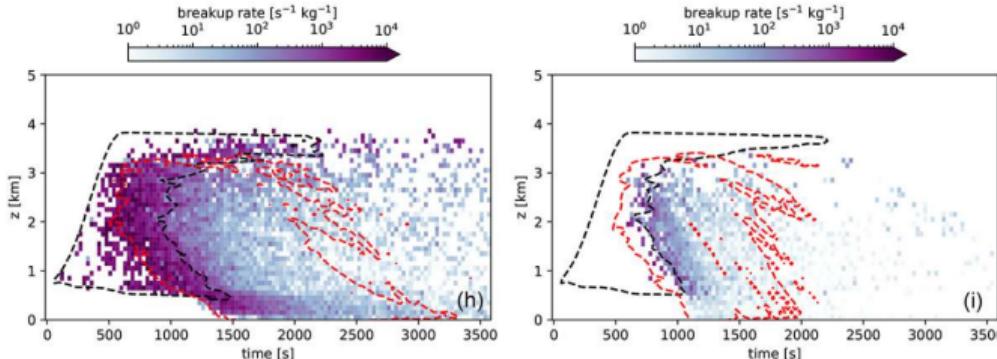
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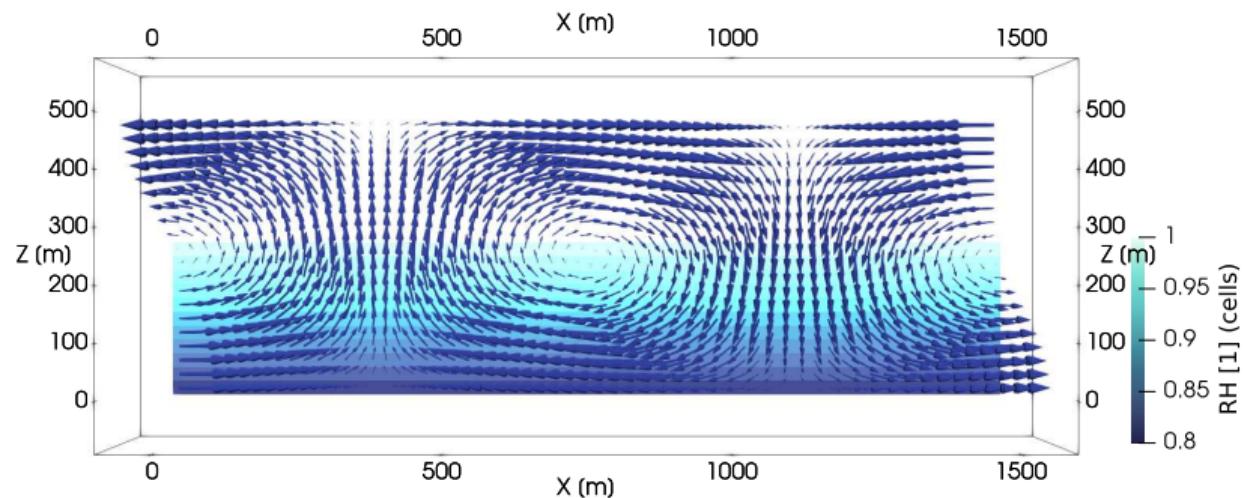
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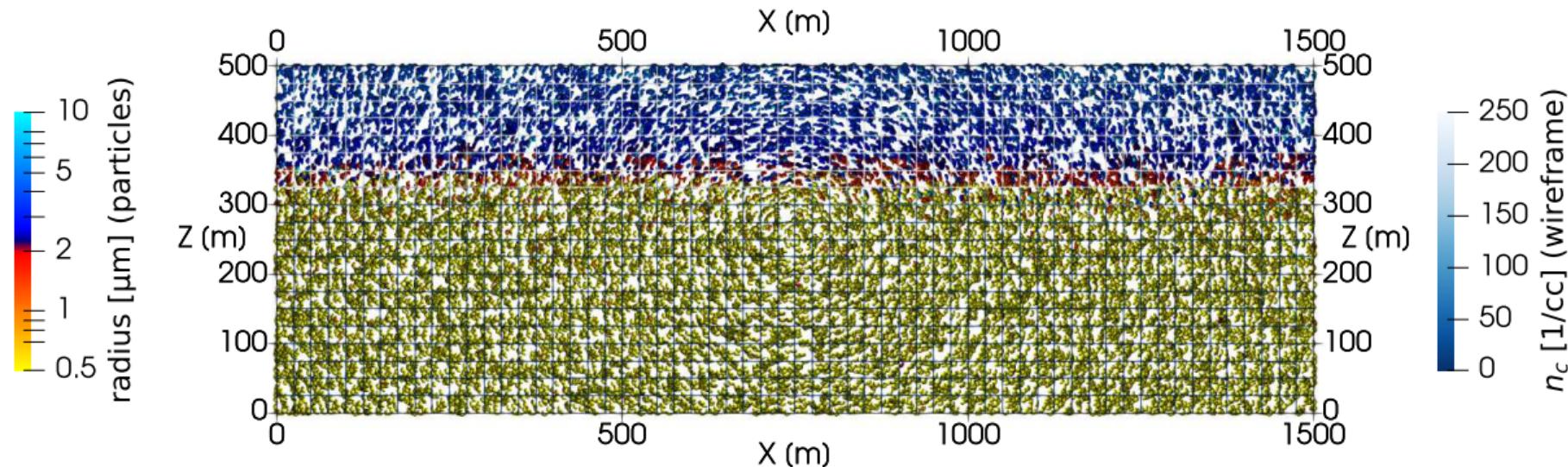
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Time: 60 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



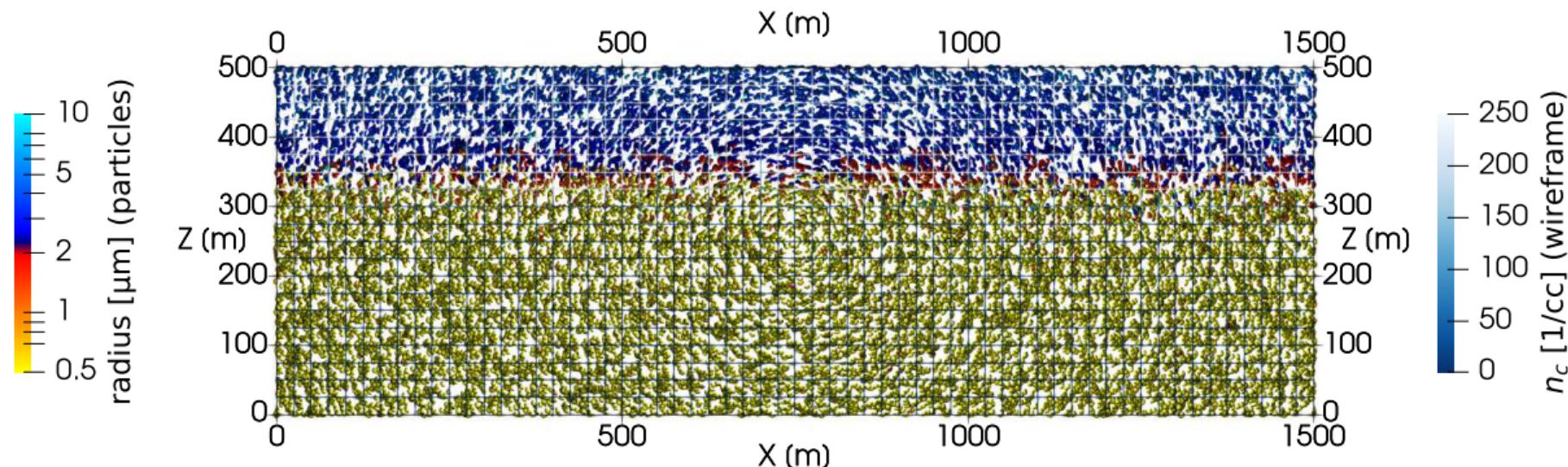
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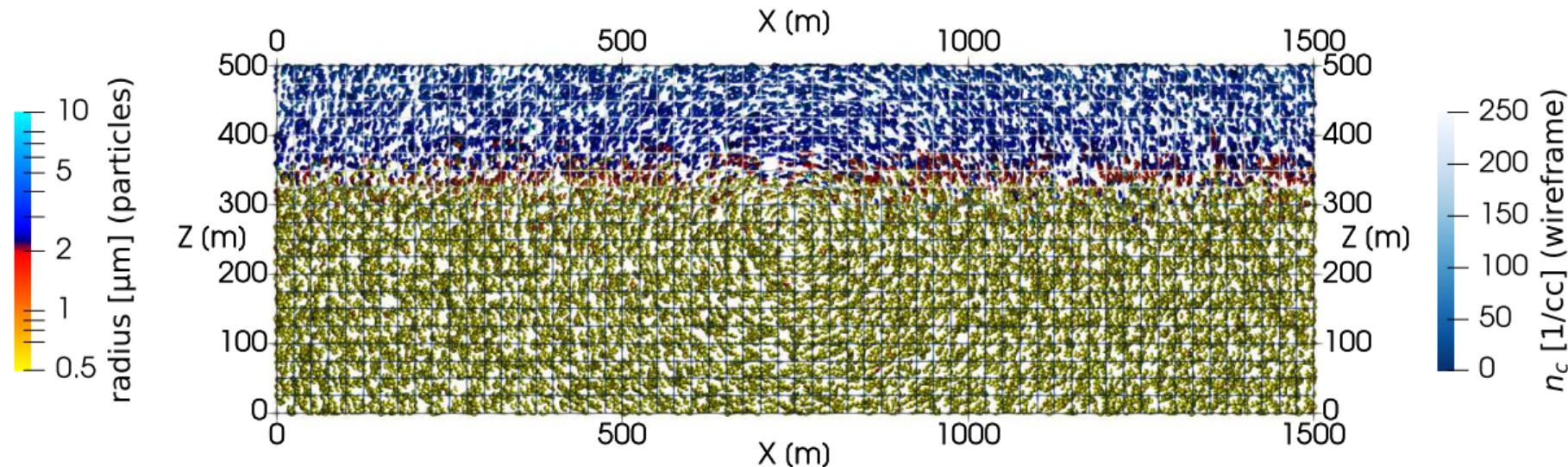
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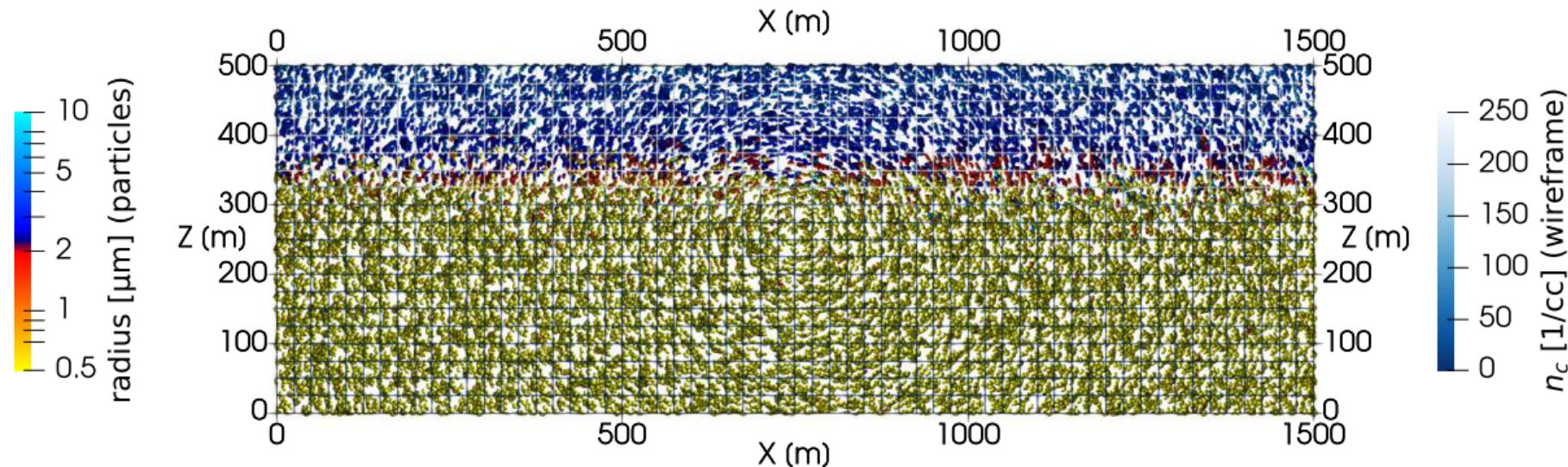
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Time: 150 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



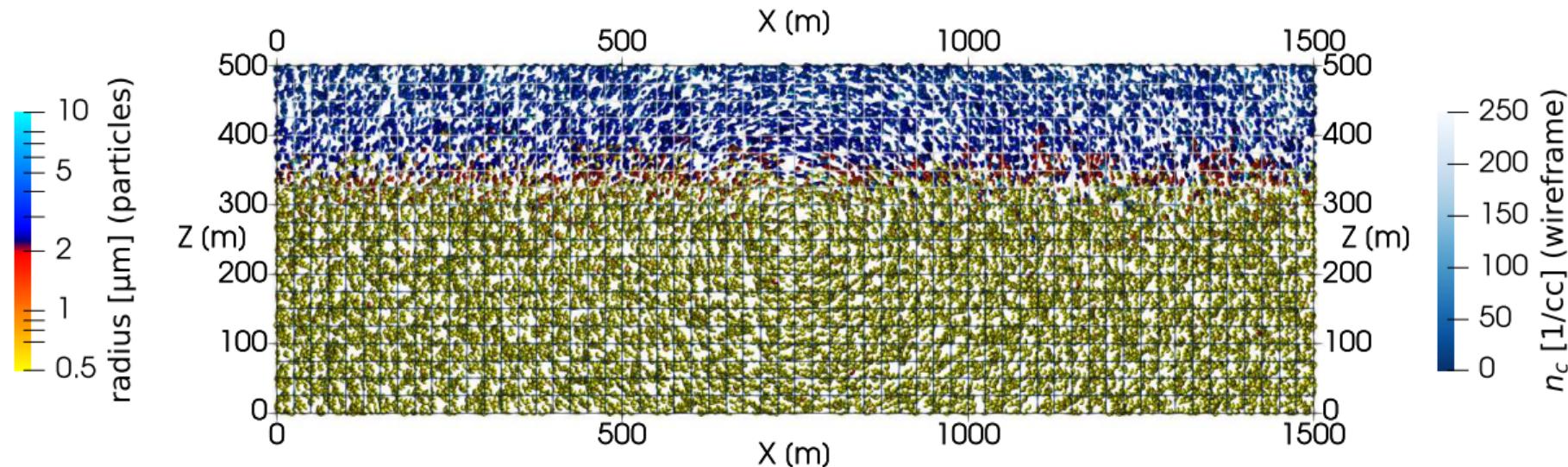
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Time: 180 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



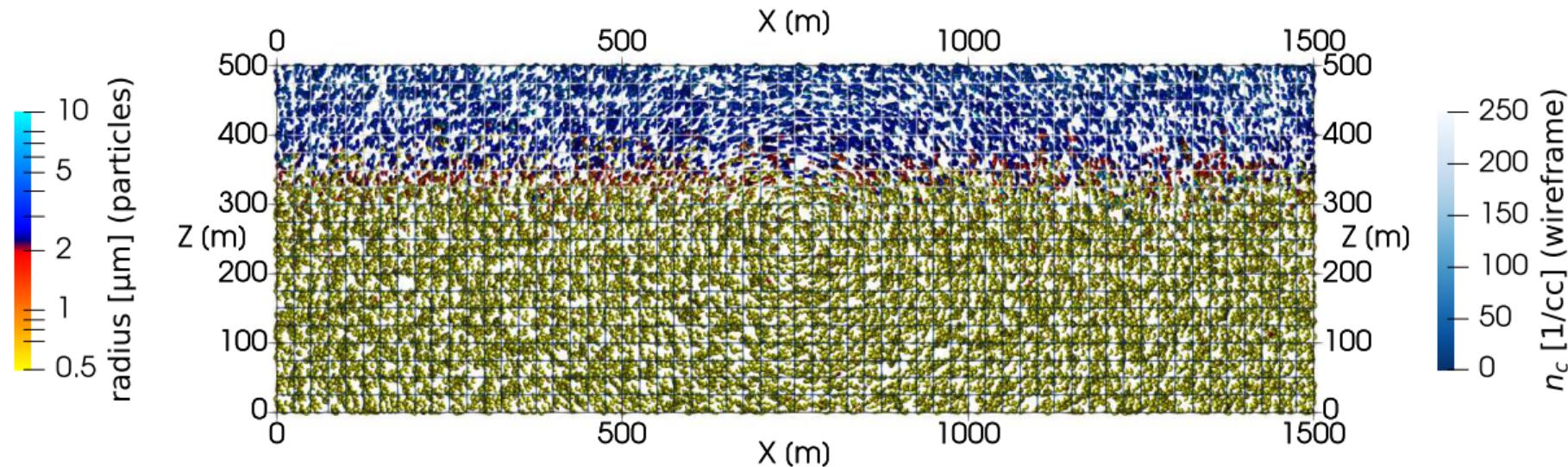
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Time: 210 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



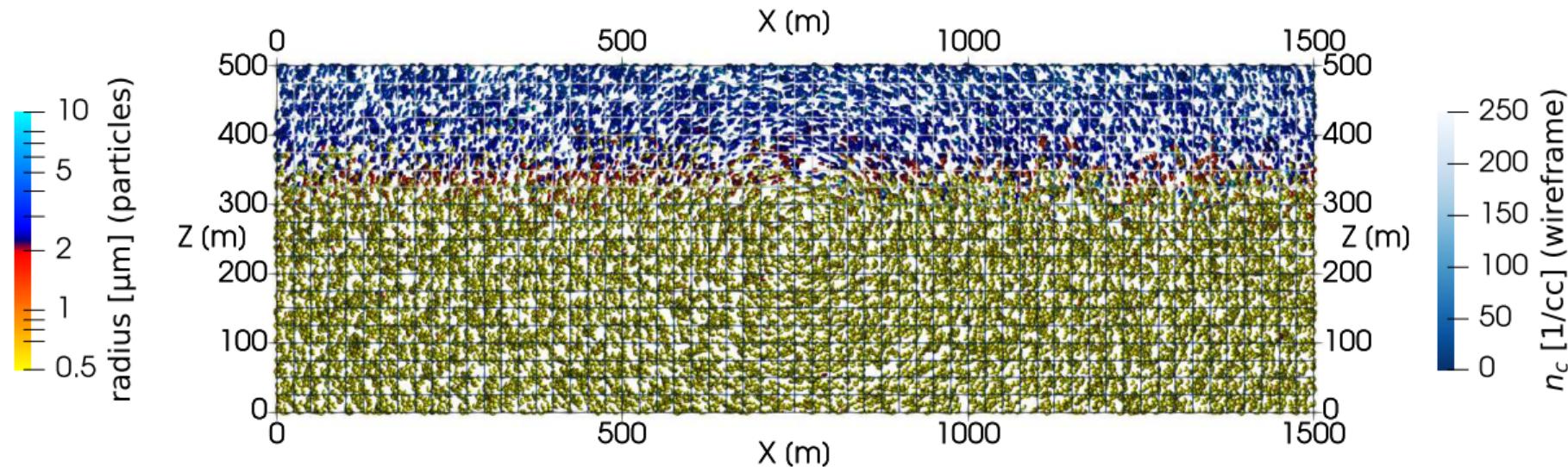
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Time: 240 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



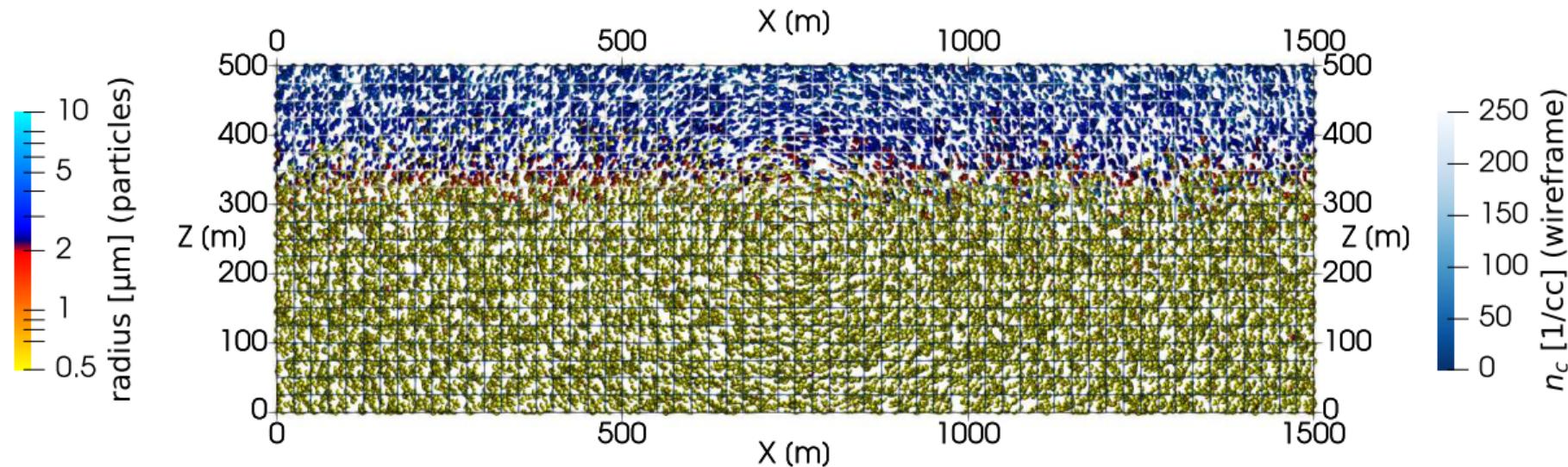
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Time: 270 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



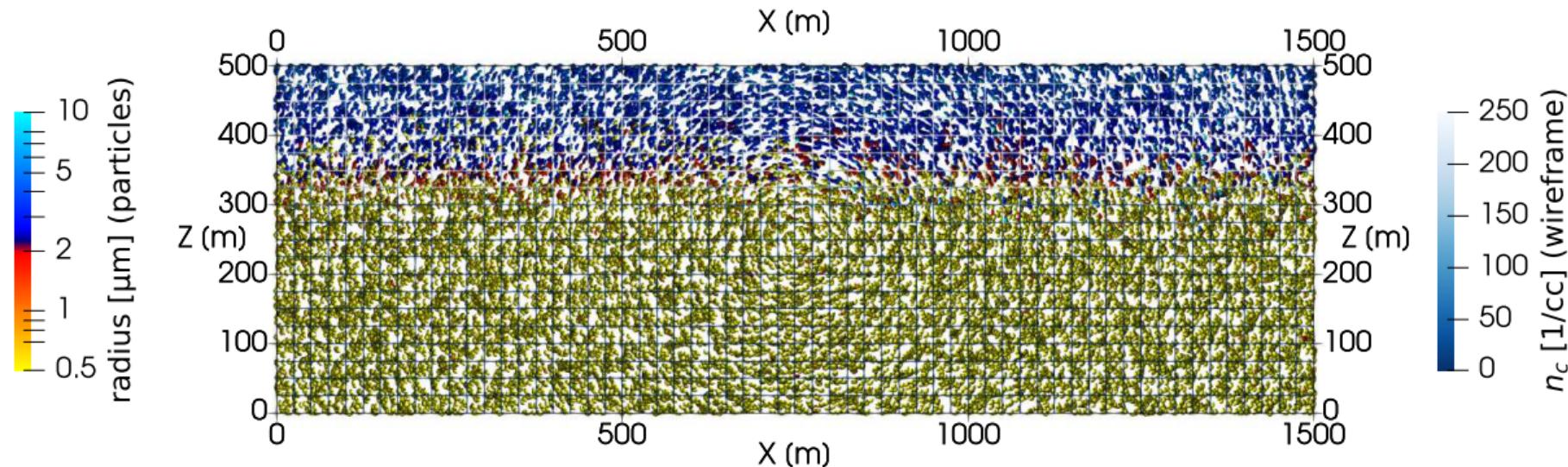
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Time: 300 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



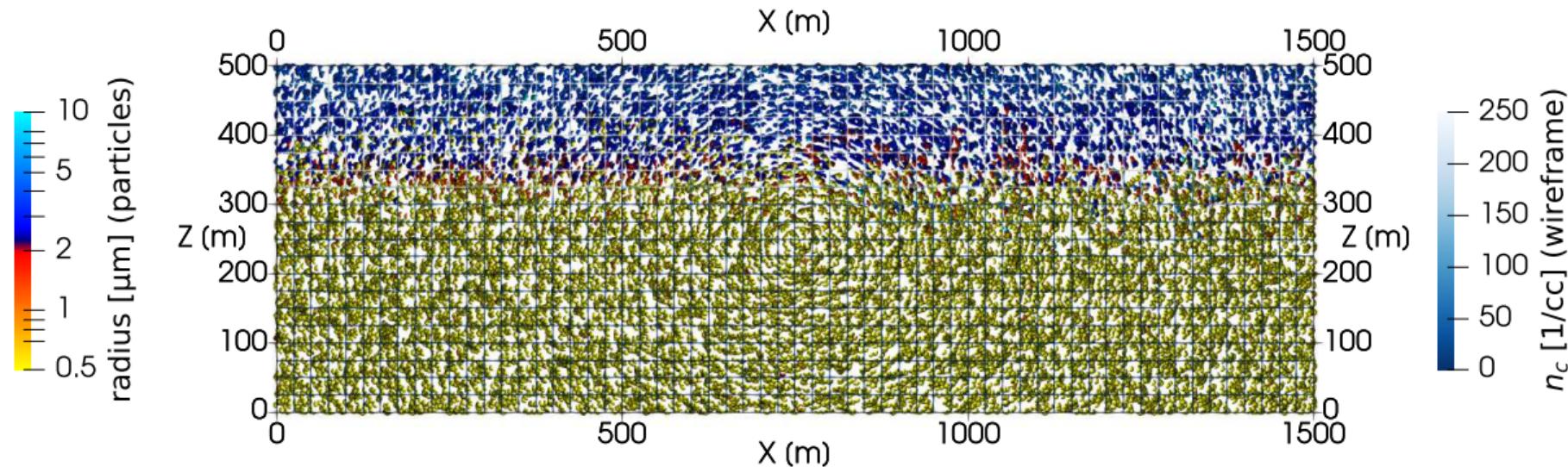
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Time: 330 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



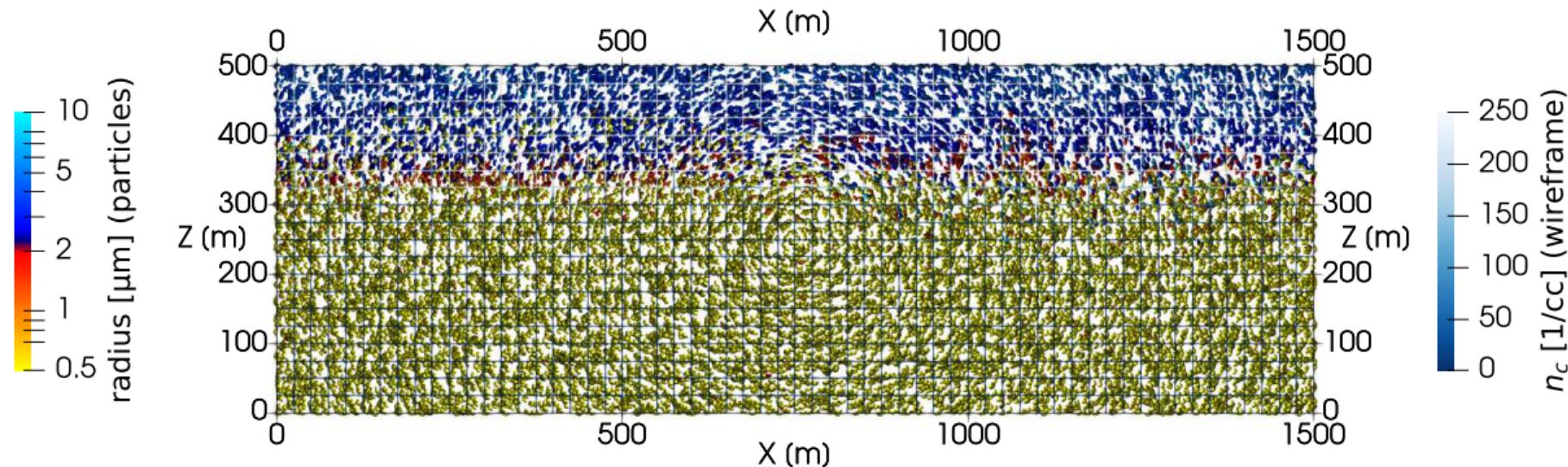
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Time: 360 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



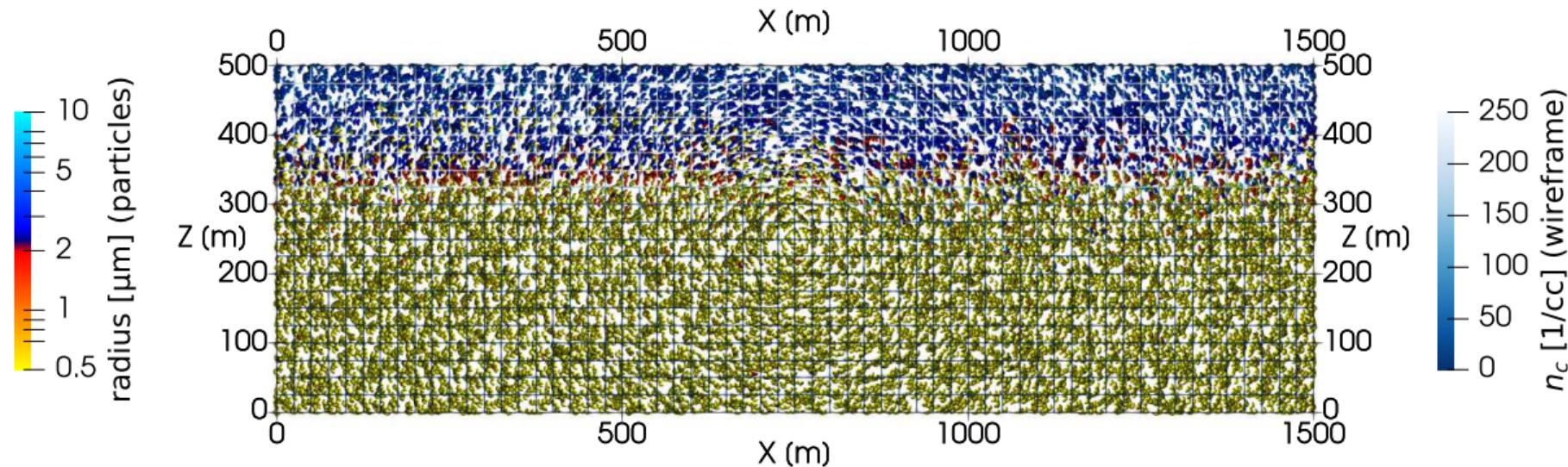
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Time: 390 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



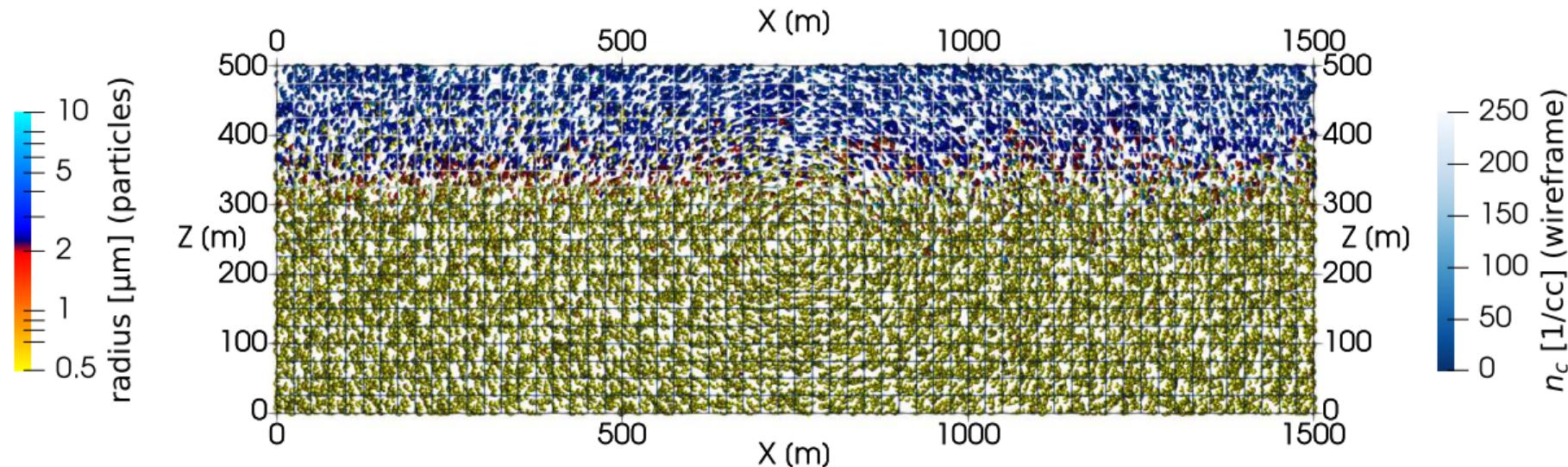
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Time: 420 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



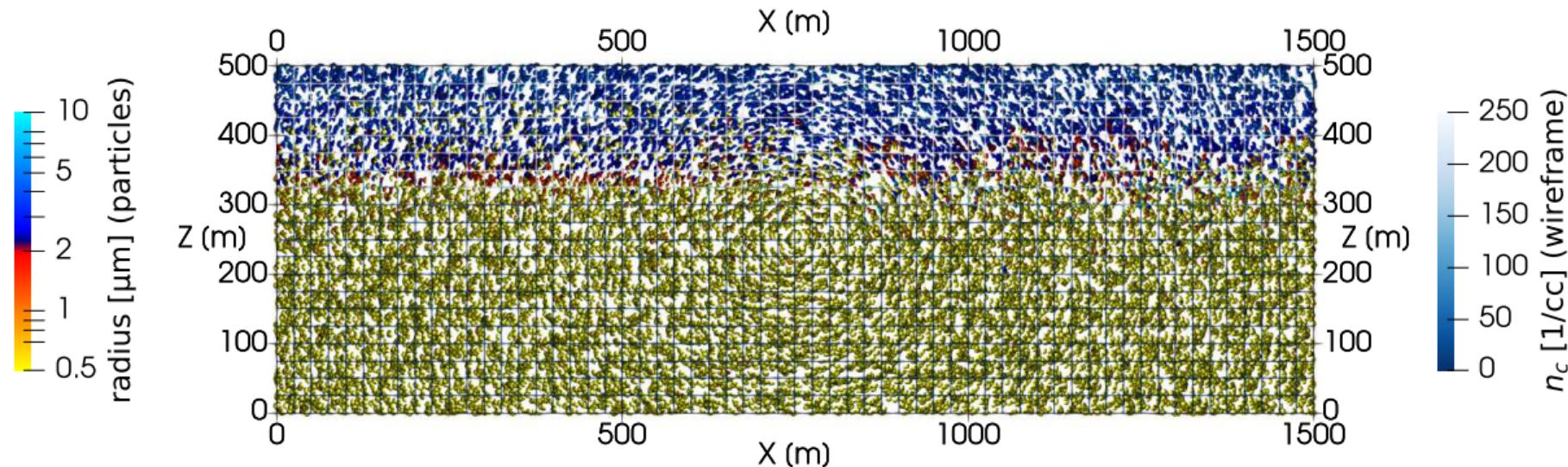
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Time: 450 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



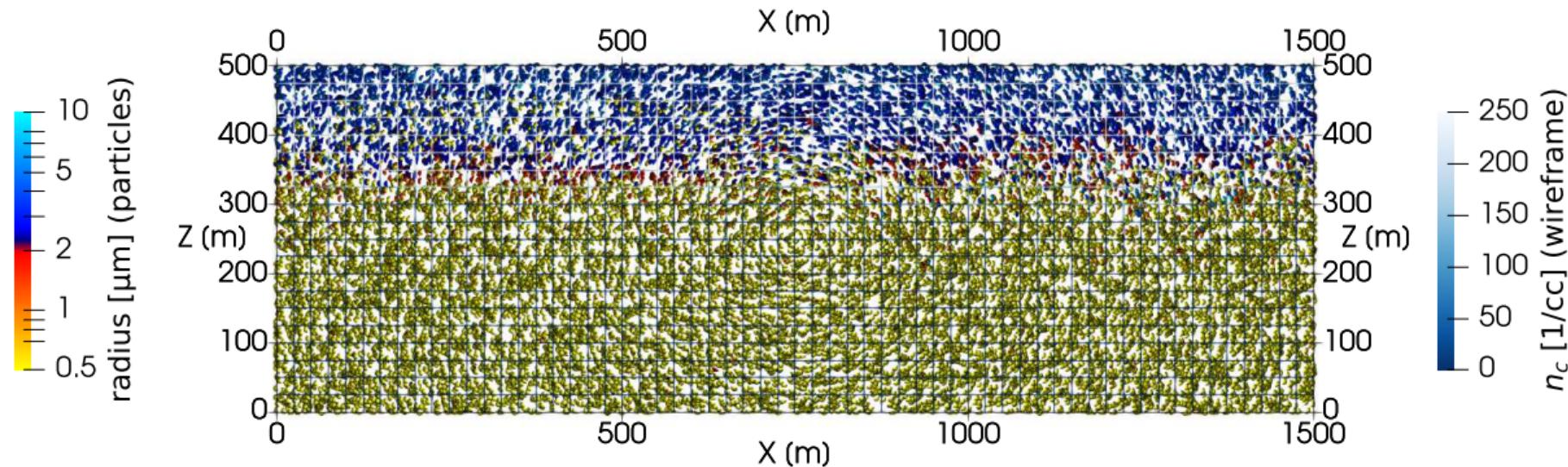
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Time: 480 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



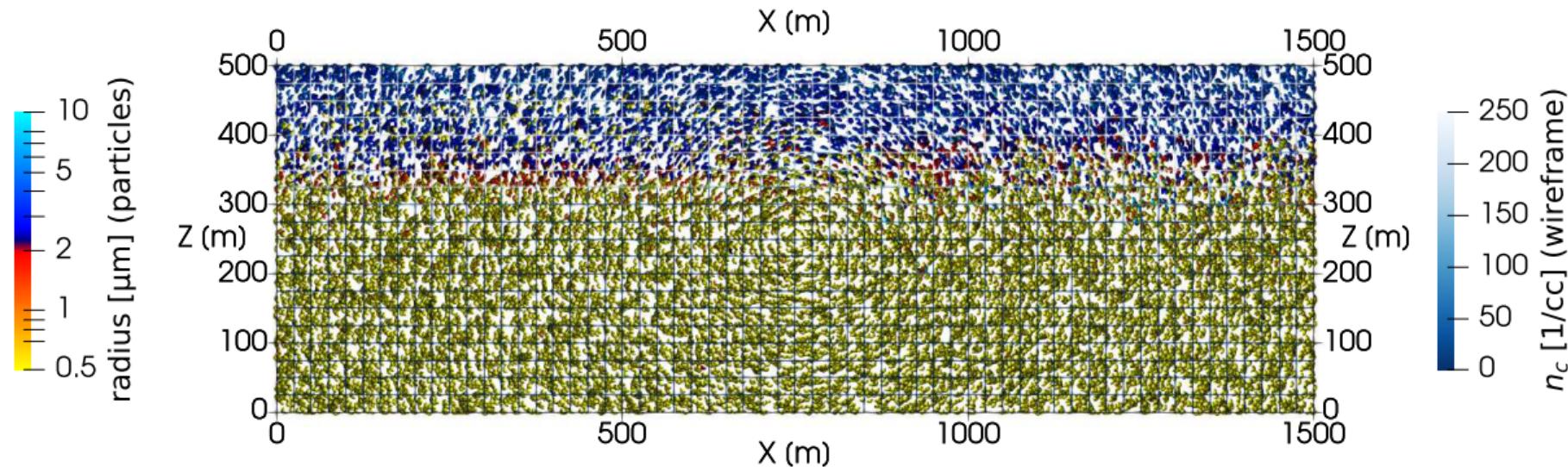
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Time: 510 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



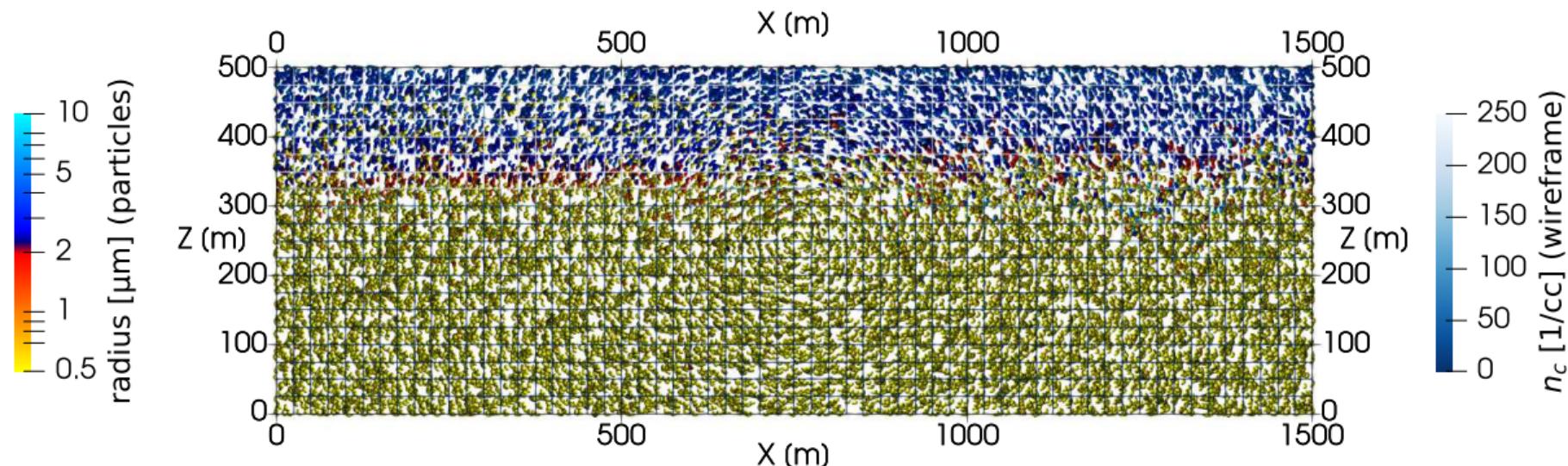
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Time: 540 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



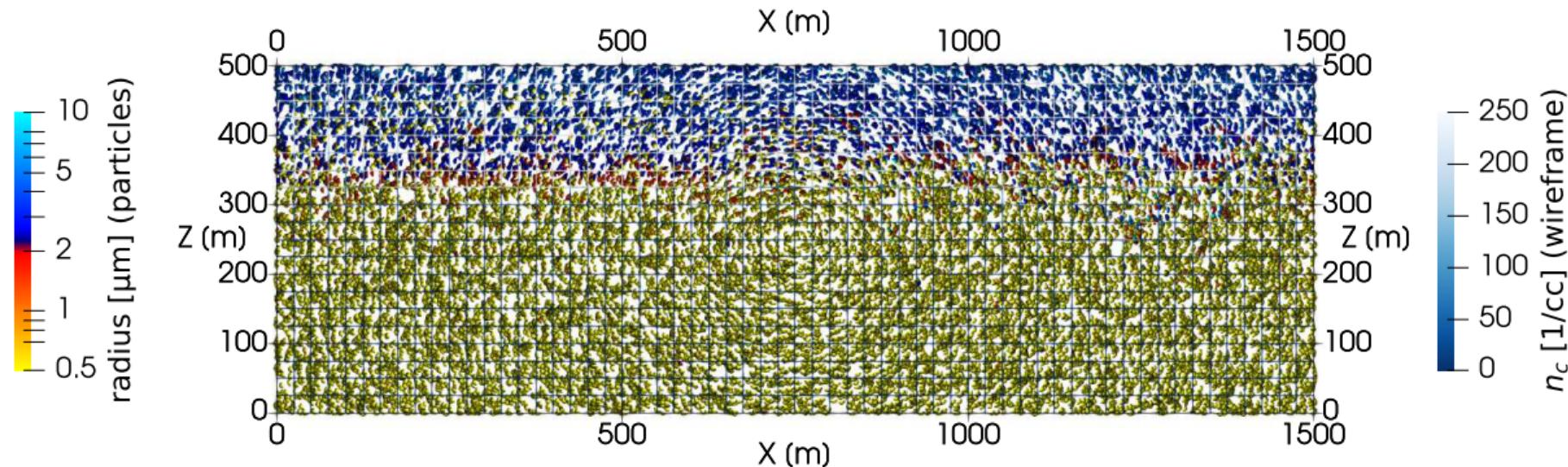
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Time: 570 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



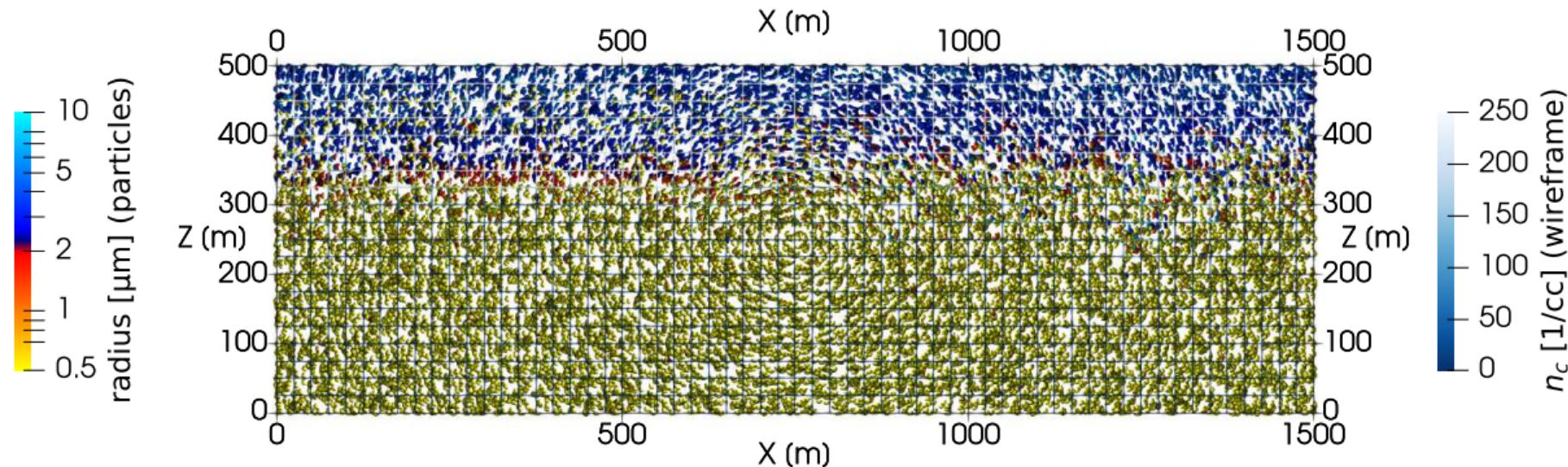
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Time: 600 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



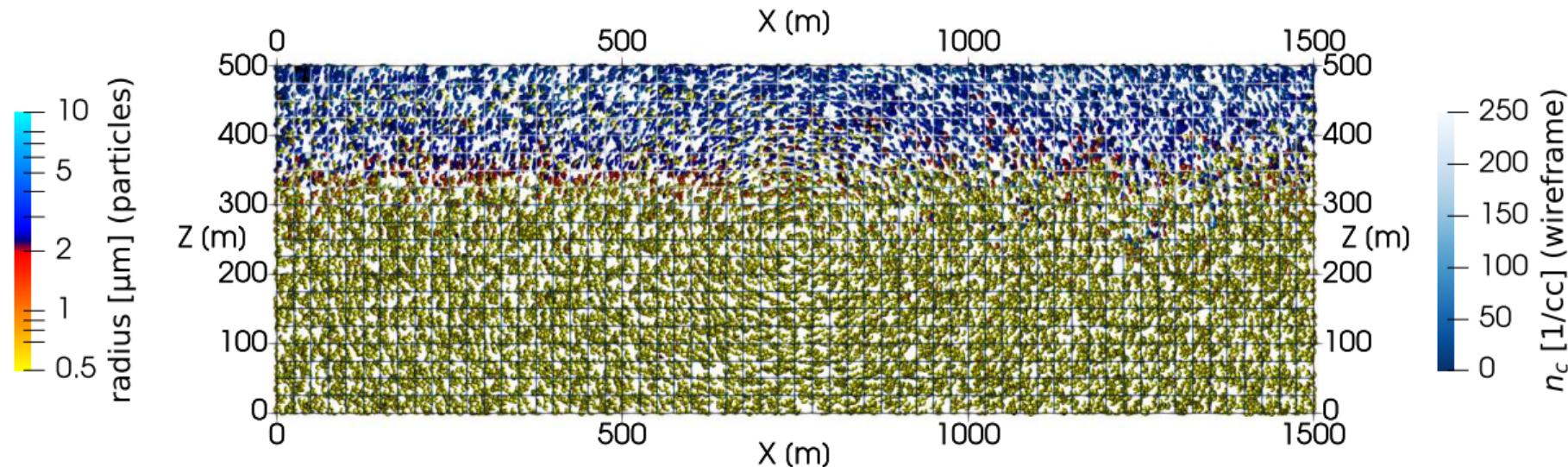
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Time: 630 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



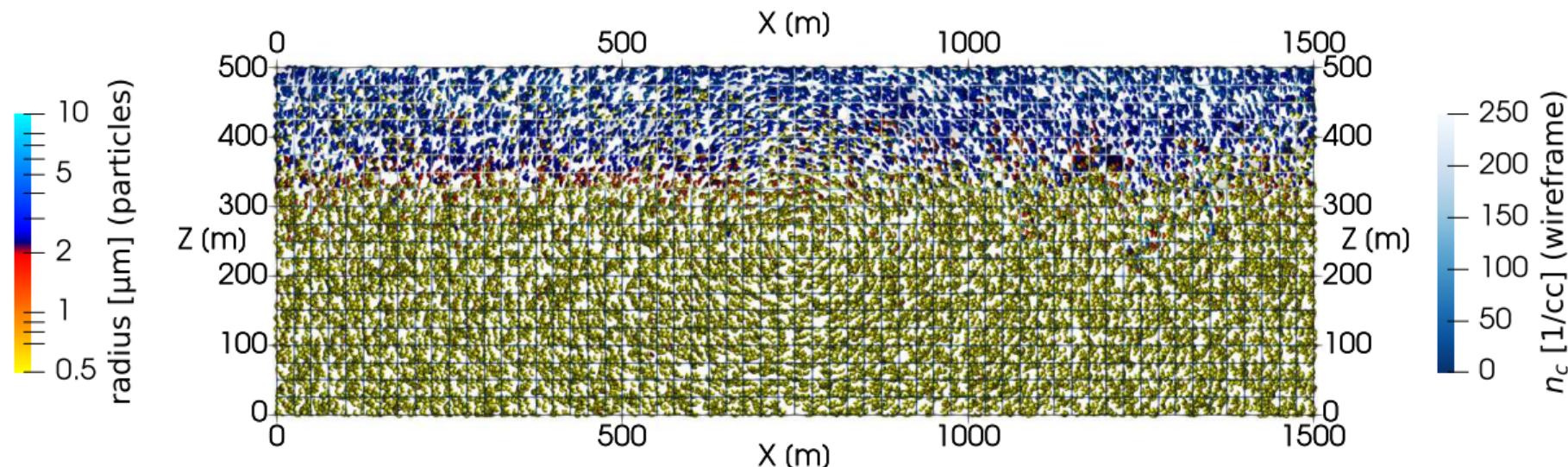
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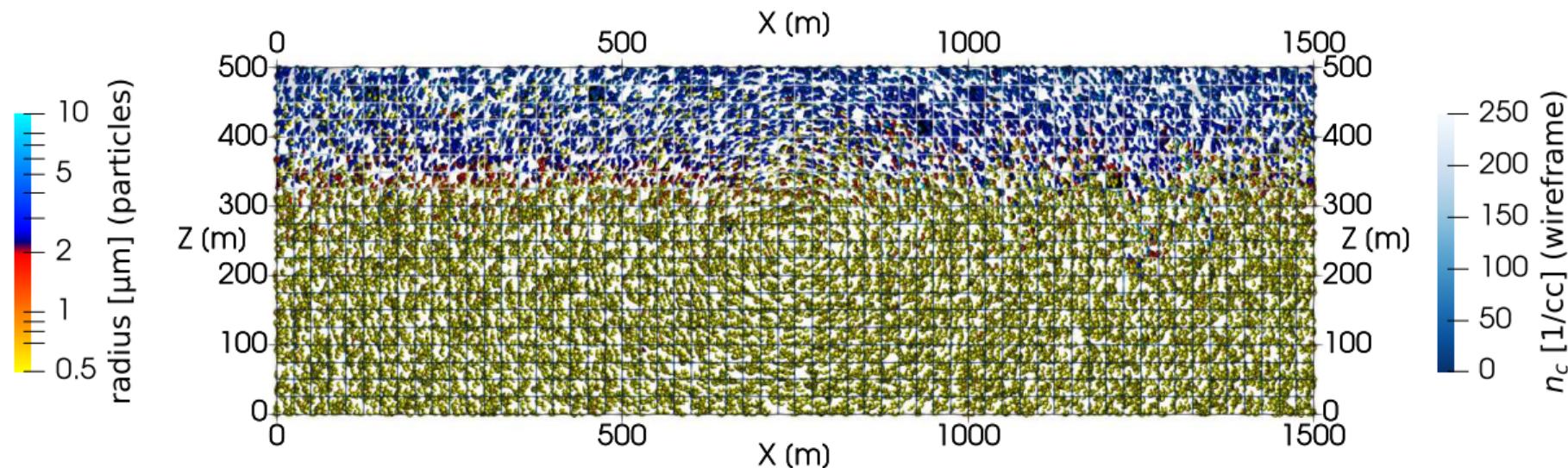
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Time: 690 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



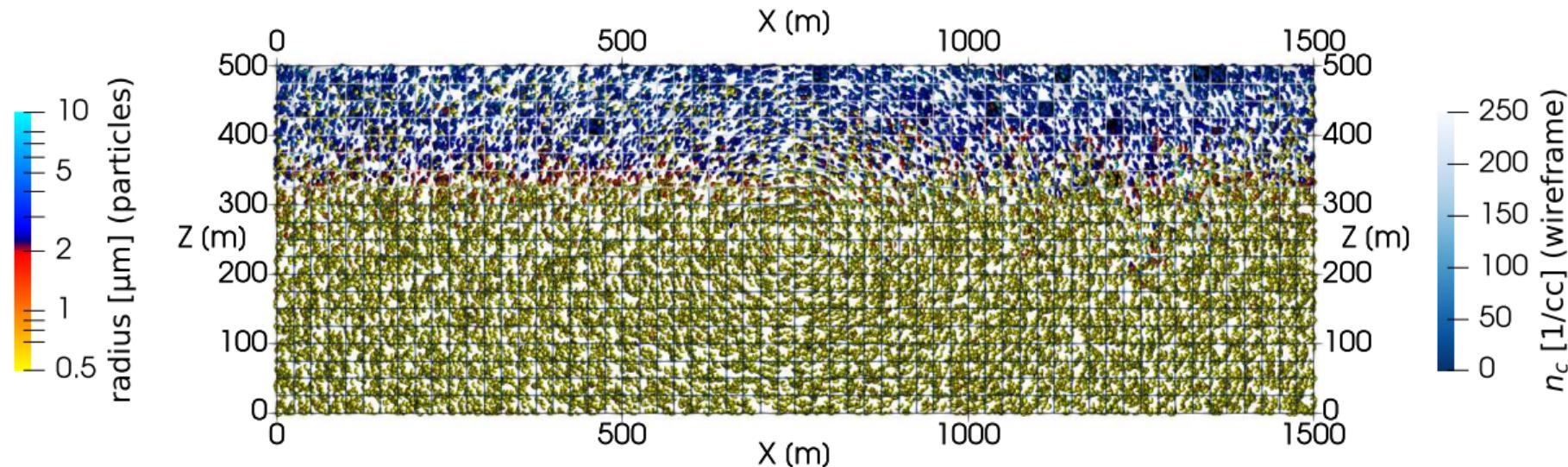
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Time: 720 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



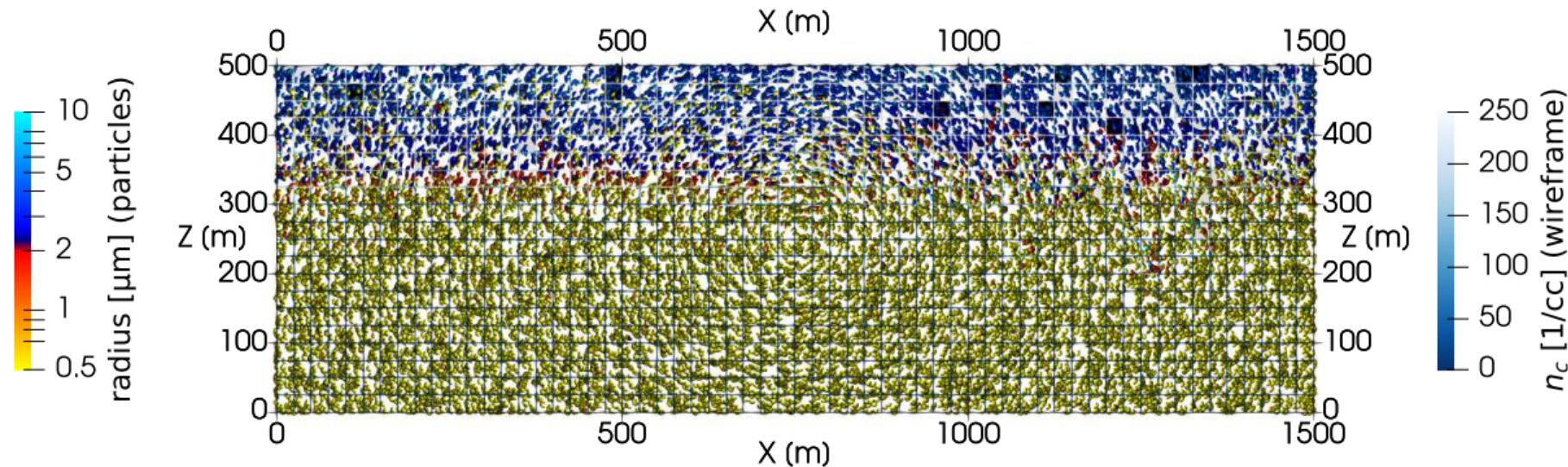
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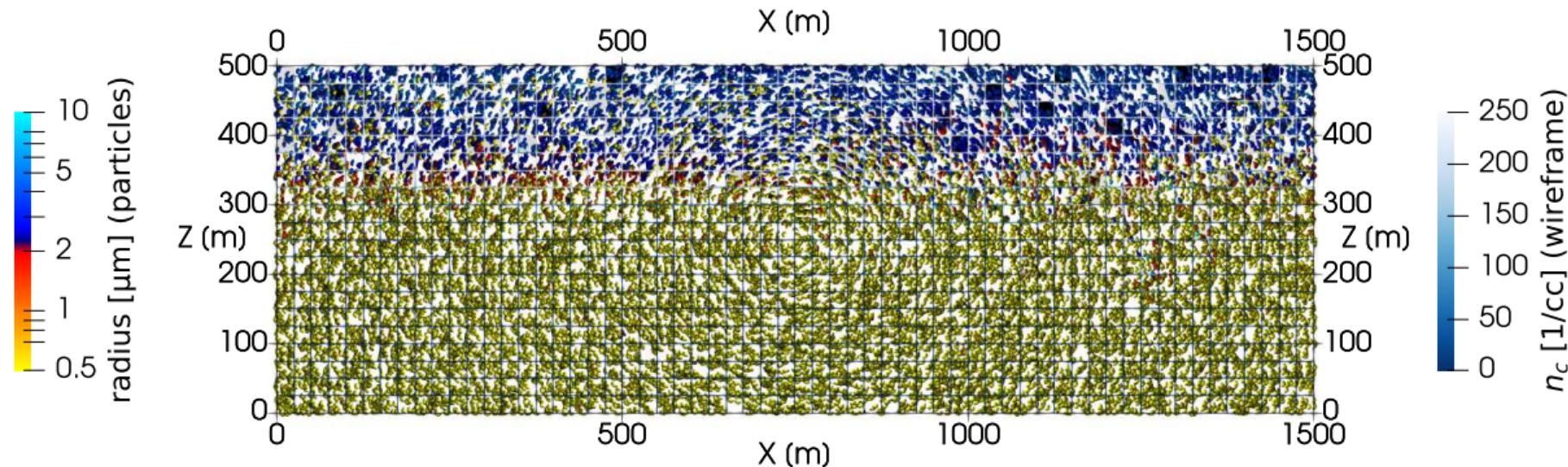
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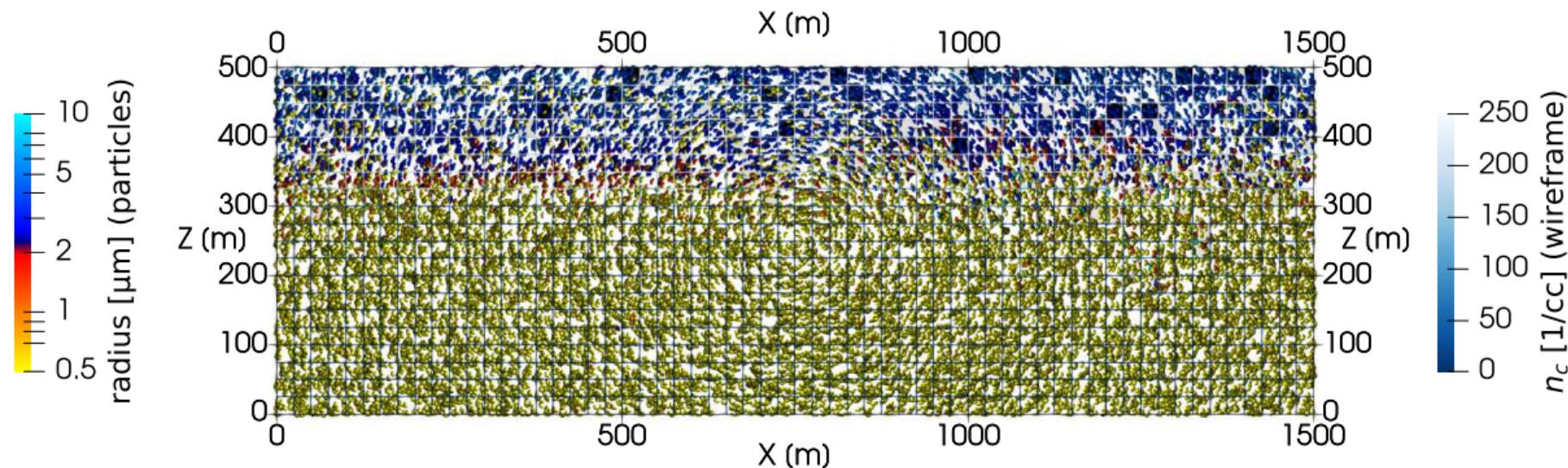
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Time: 810 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



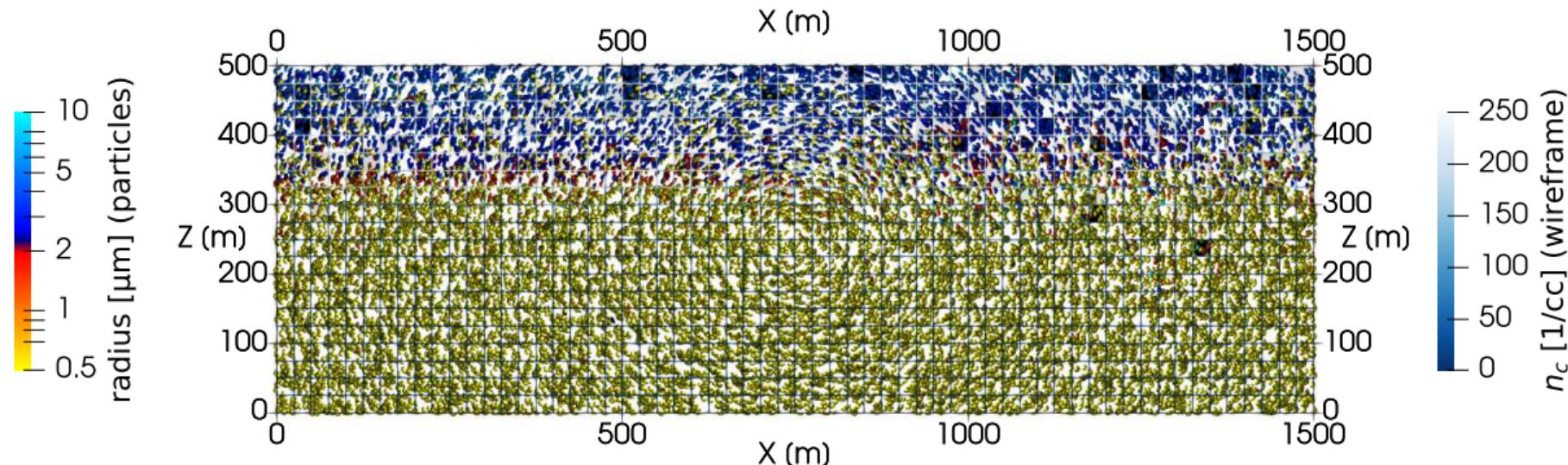
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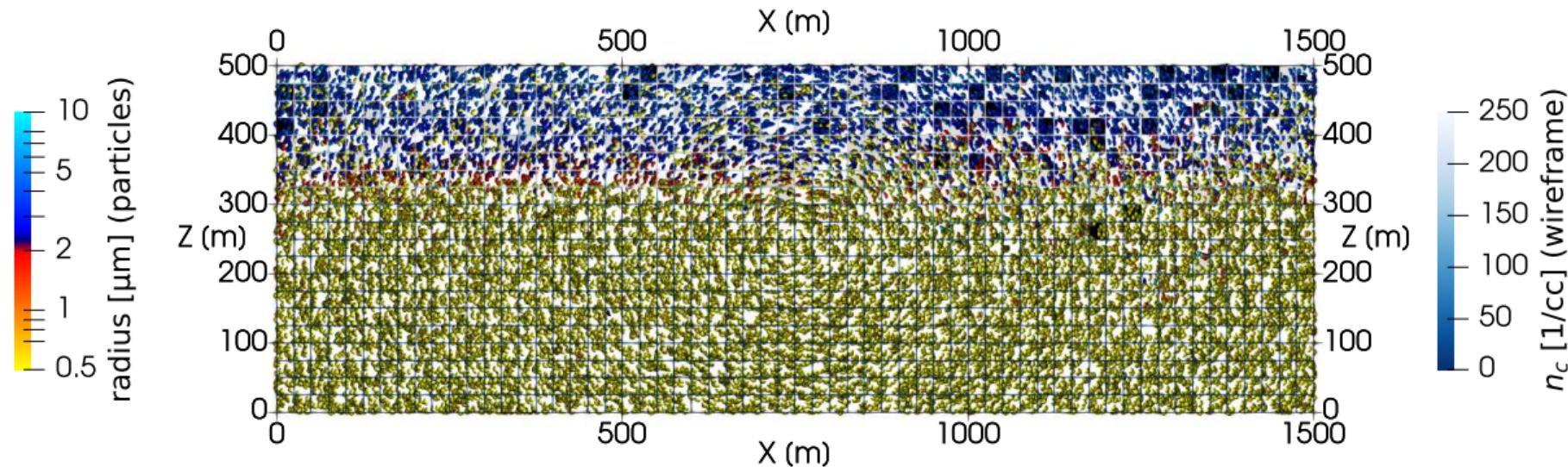
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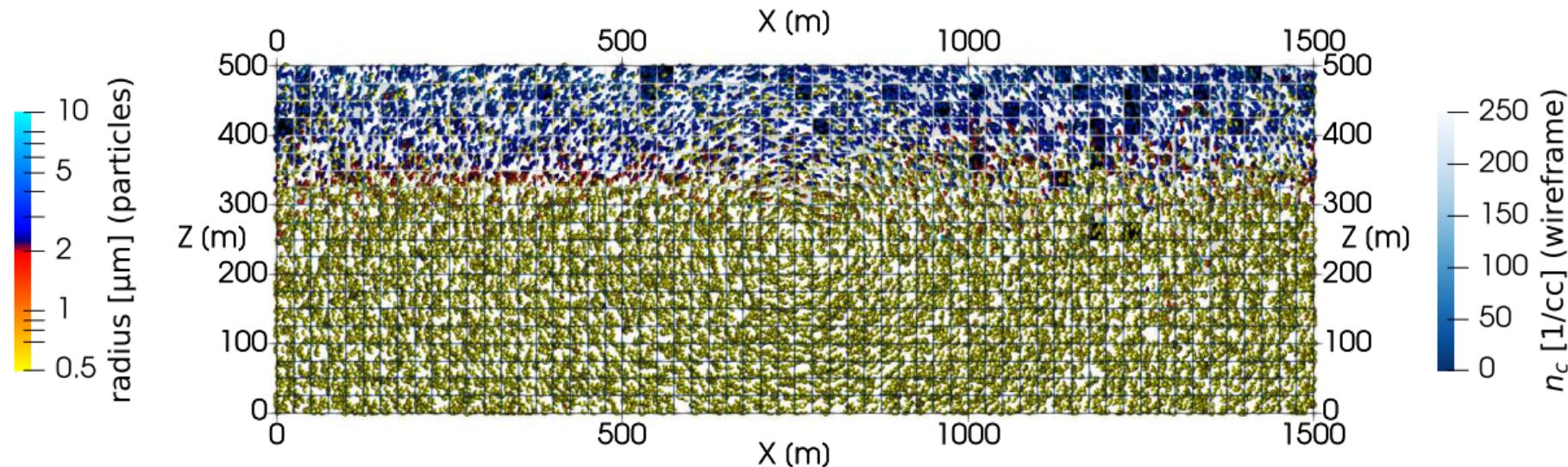
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Time: 900 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



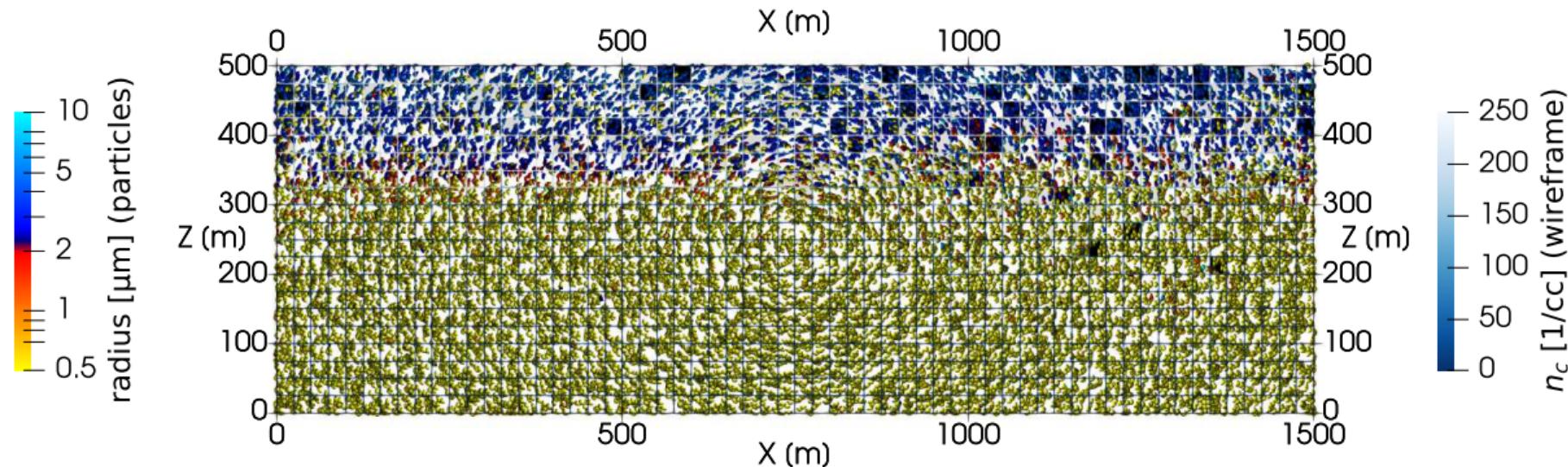
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Time: 930 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



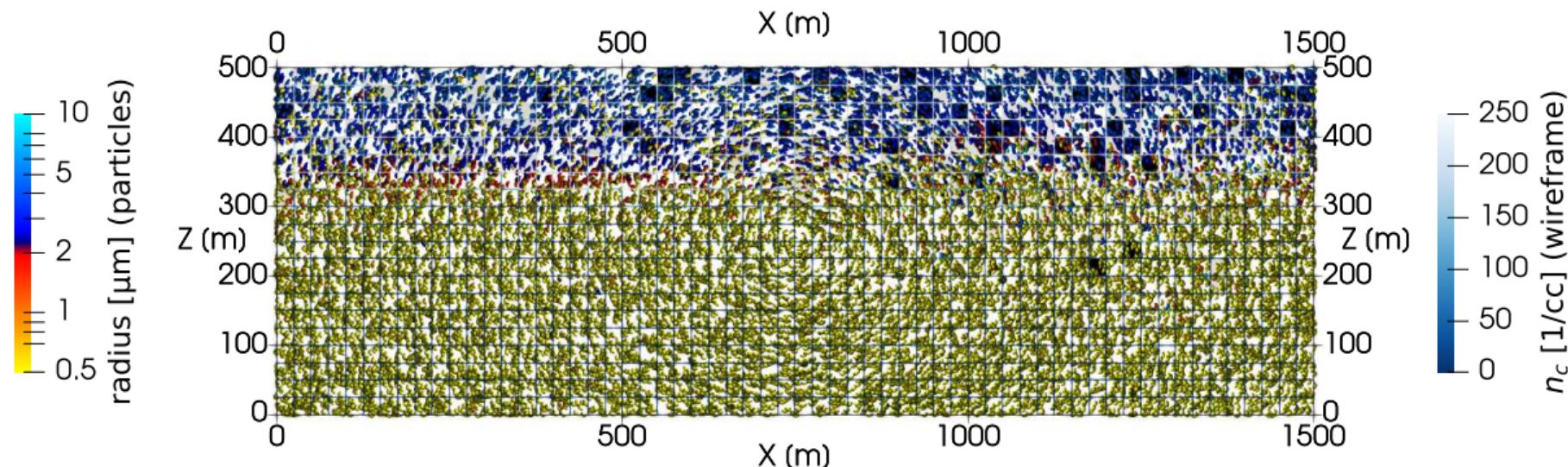
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Time: 960 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



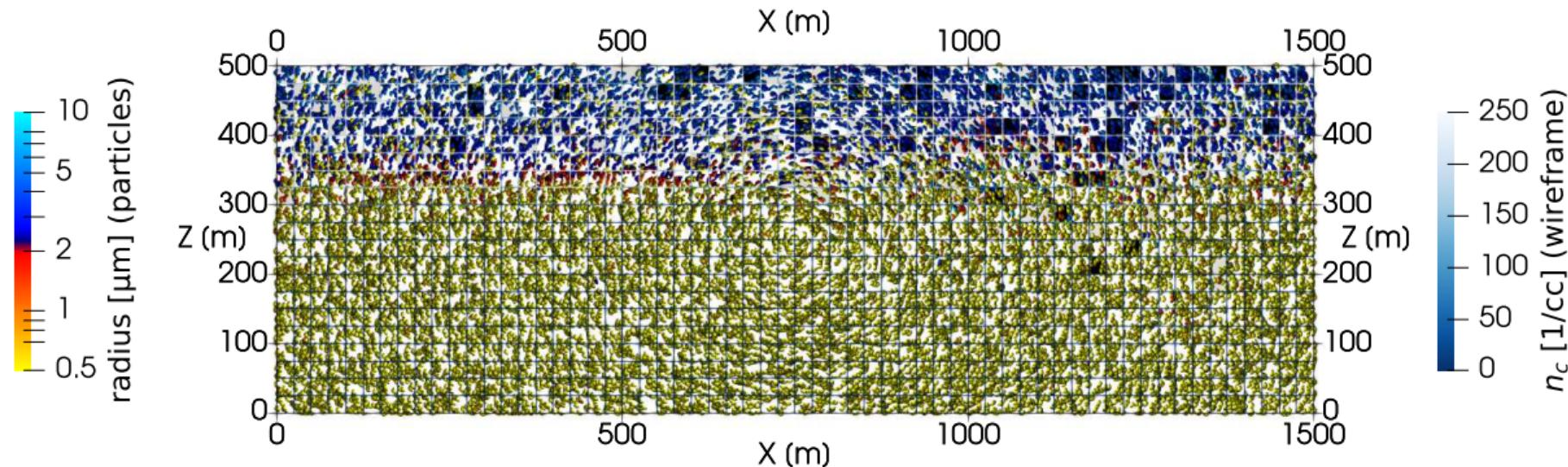
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Time: 990 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)

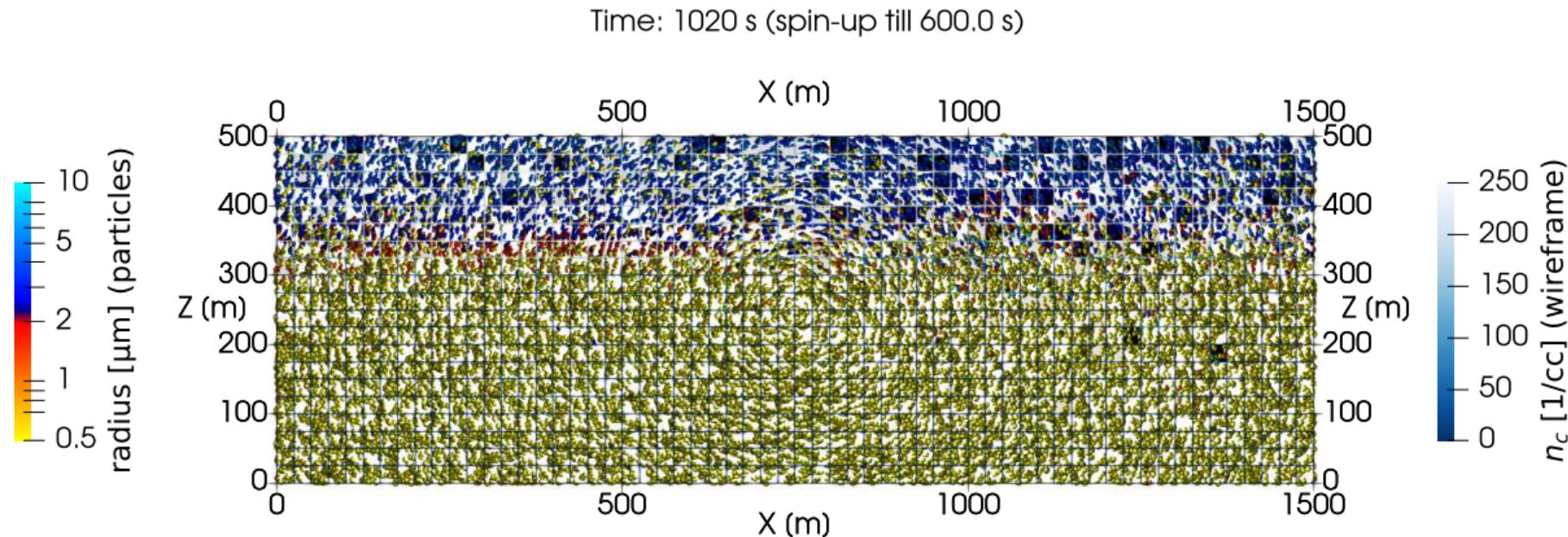


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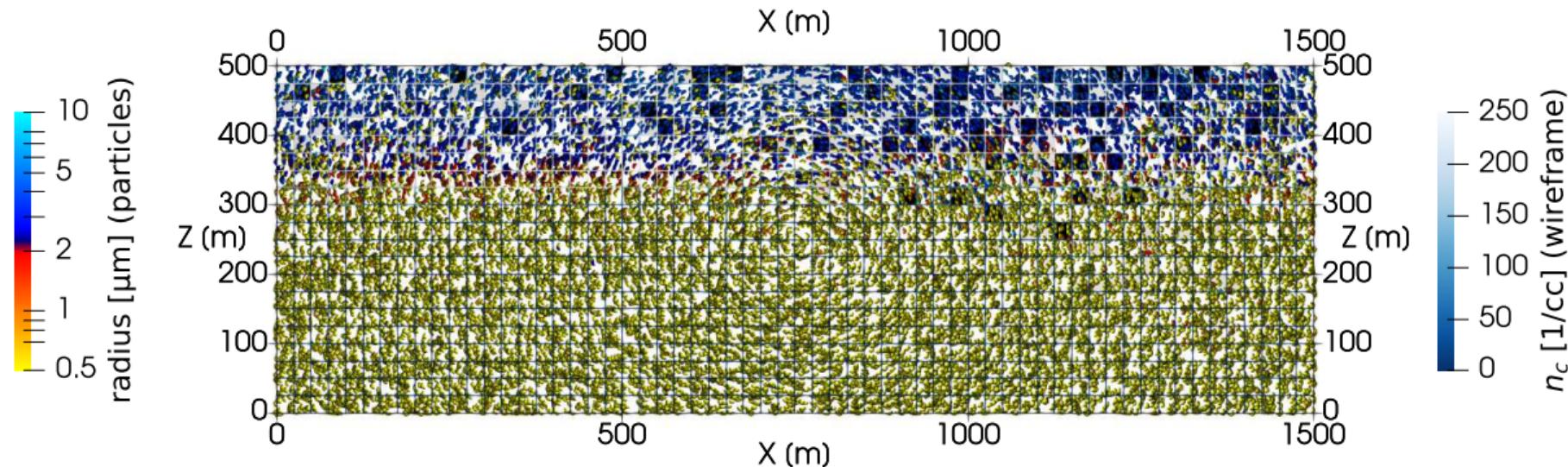
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Time: 1050 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



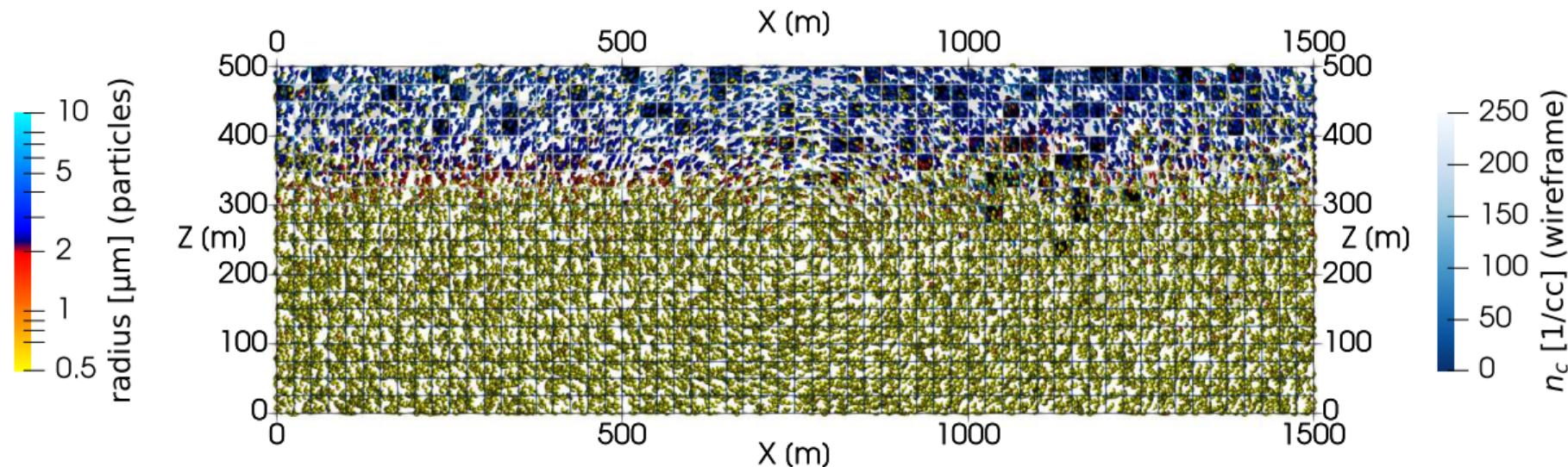
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Time: 1080 s (spin-up till 600.0 s)



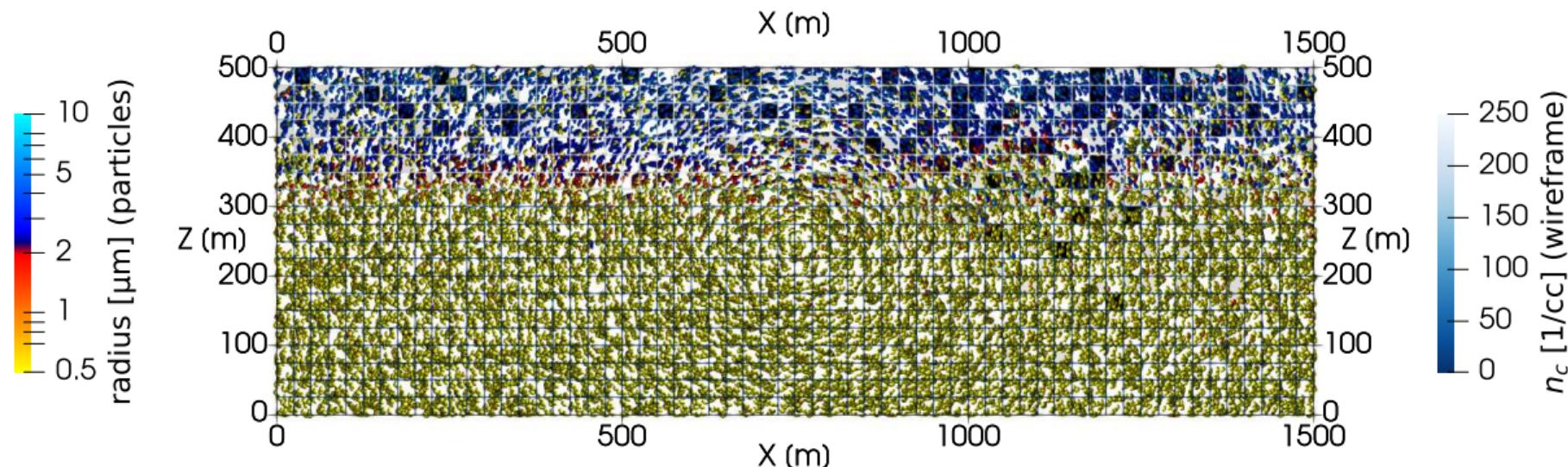
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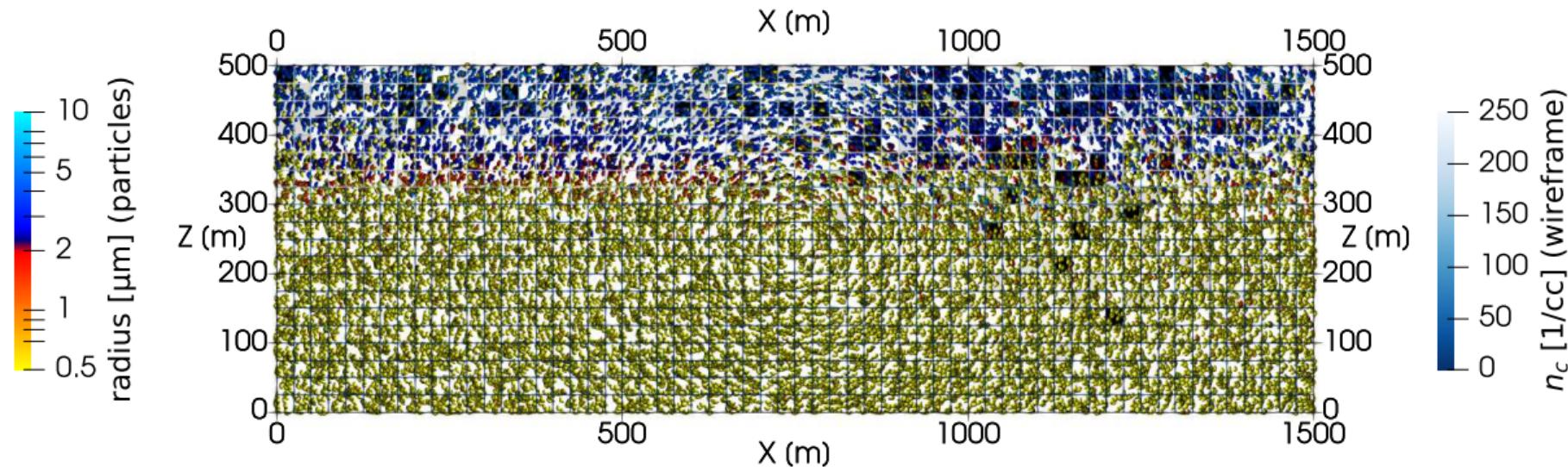
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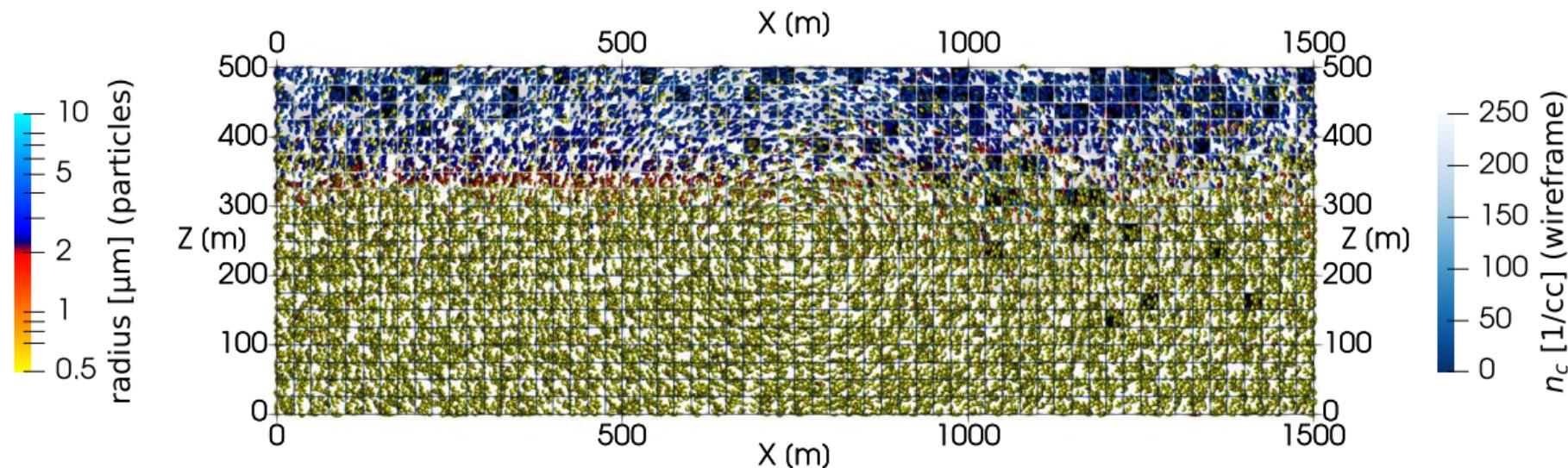
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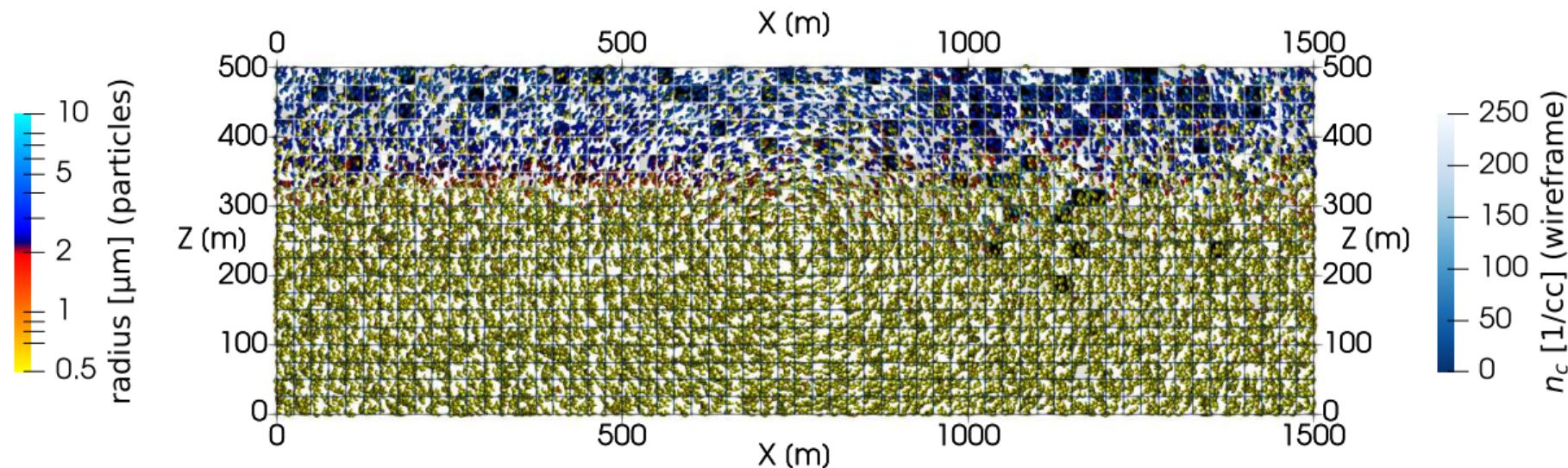
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✓ Latest version

Released: Apr 4, 2025

pip install pympdata-mpi ⬇️

PyMPDATA + numba-mpi coupler sandbox

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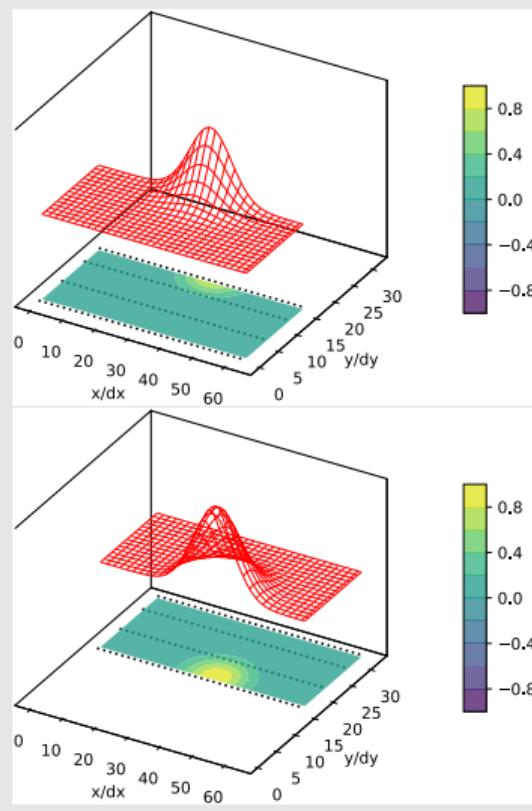
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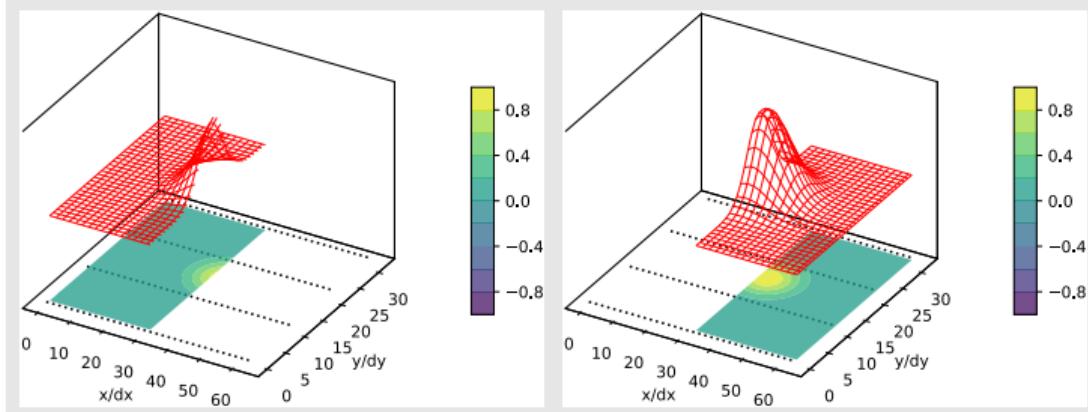
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