
PyCD Documentation

PyCD

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CHAPTER 1

Getting Started

This page details how to get started with PyCD.

class PyCD.**Material** (*material_parameters*)

Defines the properties and structure of working material

generate_sites (*element_type_indices, cell_size*)

Generates NumPy array of sites for the specified element types and cell size

Parameters

- **element_type_indices**
- **cell_size** (*np.ndarray*) – size of the cell

Returns **return_sites** – Object of cell_coordinates, quantum_index_list, system_element_index_list

Return type object

class PyCD.**Neighbors** (*material, system_size, pbc*)

Returns the neighbor list file :param system_size: size of the super cell in terms of number of unit cell in three dimensions

compute_distance (*system_size, system_element_index_1, system_element_index_2*)

Returns the distance in atomic units between the two system element indices for a given system size :param system_size: :param system_element_index_1: :param system_element_index_2: :return:

generate_neighbor_list (*dst_path, local_system_size*)

Adds the neighbor list to the system object and returns the neighbor list :param dst_path: :param local_system_size: :return:

get_coordinates (*system_size, system_element_index*)

Returns the coordinates in atomic units of the given system element index for a given system size :param system_size: :param system_element_index: :return:

get_pairwise_min_image_vector_data (*dst_path*)

Returns cumulative displacement list for the given system size printed out to disk :param dst_path: :return:

get_quantum_indices (*system_size, system_element_index*)

Returns the quantum indices of the element :param system_size: :param system_element_index: :return:

get_system_element_index (*system_size, quantum_indices*)

Returns the system_element_index of the element :param system_size: :param quantum_indices: :return:

hop_neighbor_sites (*bulk_sites, center_site_indices, neighbor_site_indices, cutoff_dist_limits, cutoff_dist_key*)

Returns system_element_index_map and distances between center sites and its neighbor sites within cutoff distance :param bulk_sites: :param center_site_indices: :param neighbor_site_indices: :param cutoff_dist_limits: :param cutoff_dist_key: :return:

class PyCD.**System** (*material_info, material_neighbors, hop_neighbor_list, pairwise_min_image_vector_data, alpha, r_cut, k_cut, precision_parameters, step_system_size_array, step_hop_neighbor_master_list*)

defines the system we are working on

Attributes: size: An array (3 x 1) defining the system size in multiple of unit cells

get_precomputed_array (*dst_path, compute_energy_contributions, return_k_vector_data*)

Parameters *dst_path* –

Returns

pot_k_ewald (*k_max, alpha, k_cut*)

Updates precomputed array with potential energy contributions from reciprocal-space

pot_k_ewald_with_k_vector_data (*charge_list_prod, k_max, alpha, k_cut*)

Updates precomputed array with potential energy contributions from reciprocal-space

pot_r_ewald (*alpha, r_cut*)

Generates precomputed array with potential energy contributions from real-space confined to simulation cell i.e. n_max=[0, 0, 0]

class PyCD.**Run** (*system, precomputed_array, temp, ion_charge_type, species_charge_type, n_traj, t_final, time_interval, species_count, initial_occupancy, relative_energies, external_field, doping*)

defines the subroutines for running Kinetic Monte Carlo and computing electrostatic interaction energies

charge_config (*occupancy, dopant_site_indices*)

Returns charge distribution of the current configuration :param occupancy: :param ion_charge_type: :param species_charge_type: :return:

do_kmc_steps (*dst_path, output_data, random_seed, compute_mode*)

Subroutine to run the KMC simulation by specified number of steps :param dst_path: :return:

generate_initial_occupancy (*dopant_site_indices*)

generates initial occupancy list based on species count :param species_count: :return:

preproduction (*dst_path, random_seed*)

Subroutine to setup input files to run the production stage of the simulation :param dst_path: :param random_seed: :return:

class PyCD.**Analysis** (*material_info, n_dim, species_count, n_traj, t_final, time_interval, msd_t_final, trim_length, temp, repr_time='ns', repr_dist='Angstrom'*)

Post-simulation analysis methods

compute_msd (*dst_path, output_data*)

Returns the squared displacement of the trajectories :param dst_path: :return:

generate_msd_plot (*msd_data, sem_data, display_error_bars, species_types, file_name, dst_path*)

Returns a line plot of the MSD data :param msd_data: :param std_data: :param display_error_bars: :param species_types: :param file_name: :param dst_path: :return:

class PyCD.material_setup.**ReturnValues** (*input_dict*)
dummy class to return objects from methods defined inside other classes

PyCD.material_setup.**material_setup** (*input_directory_path*, *system_size*, *pbz*,
generate_hop_neighbor_list, *generate_pairwise_min_image_vector_data*,
generate_precomputed_array, *compute_energy_contributions*,
return_k_vector_data)

Prepare material class object file, neighbor list and saves to the provided destination path

class PyCD.material_preprod.**ReturnValues** (*input_dict*)
dummy class to return objects from methods defined inside other classes

class PyCD.material_run.**ReturnValues** (*input_dict*)
dummy class to return objects from methods defined inside other classes

class PyCD.material_msd.**ReturnValues** (*input_dict*)
dummy class to return objects from methods defined inside other classes

PyCD.io.**generate_report** (*start_time*, *dst_path*, *file_name*, *print_time_elapsed*, *prefix=None*)
Generates a report file to the output directory This function writes out a VASP-style POSCAR file and returns dict containing a variety of POSCAR-derived quantities.

Parameters

- **start_time** (*datetime.datetime*) – Time value when this function is called
- **dst_path** (*str*) – The location of the destination file to write out
- **file_name** (*str*) – The file name of the output report
- **print_time_elapsed** (*bool*) – Flag value to whether to print elapsed time or not
- **prefix** (*str or NoneType*) – String value to prefix the newly generated report content

Returns None

Return type NoneType

PyCD.io.**read_poscar** (*input_file_path*)
This function reads in a VASP-style POSCAR file and returns dict containing a variety of POSCAR-derived quantities.

Parameters **file_location** (*str*) – The location of the POSCAR file to read in

Returns **poscar_info** – Dict of POSCAR-derived quantities

Return type dict of {*str* : np.ndarray, *str* : list, *str* : list, *str* : int, *str* : str, *str* : np.ndarray, *str* : str}

PyCD.io.**write_poscar** (*src_file_path*, *dst_file_path*, *file_format*, *element_types_cluster*,
num_elements_cluster, *coordinate_type*, *coordinates_cluster*)

This function writes out a VASP-style POSCAR file and returns dict containing a variety of POSCAR-derived quantities.

Parameters

- **src_file_path** (*str*) – The location of the source file to read in
- **dst_file_path** (*str*) – The location of the destination file to write out
- **file_format** (*str*) – The file format of the source coordinate file: VASP, VESTA, unknown
- **element_types_cluster** (*list*) – List of element types in the cluster
- **num_elements_cluster** (*list*) – List containing number of elements for each element type listed in *element_types_cluster*

- **coordinate_type** (*str*) – Nature of coordinates : Cartesian or Fractional
- **coordinates_cluster** (*np.ndarray*) – NumPy array containing the coordinates within the selected cluster

Returns None

Return type NoneType

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class PyCD.scripts.data_profile.DataProfile(dst_path, system_directory_path,  
      variable_quantity_type_index, variable_quantity_index, variable_quantity_list,  
      species_count, t_final, time_interval, n_traj,  
      external_field, doping)
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