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# PyCD Documentation

**PyCD**

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# CHAPTER 1

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## Getting Started

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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, pbc, 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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