
OpenSMOG

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INSTALLATION

1.1 Installing OpenSMOG

The **OpenSMOG** library can be installed via [conda](#) or [pip](#), or compiled from [source \(GitHub\)](#).

1.1.1 Install via conda

The code below will install **OpenSMOG** from [conda-forge](#).

```
conda install -c conda-forge OpenSMOG
```

1.1.2 Install via pip

The code below will install **OpenSMOG** from [PyPI](#).

```
pip install OpenSMOG
```

1.1.3 Install OpenMM

The **OpenSMOG** library uses [OpenMM](#) API to run the molecular dynamics simulations. **OpenMM** may be installed from the [conda-forge channel](#):

```
conda install -c conda-forge openmm
```

The following libraries are **required** when installing **OpenSMOG**:

- [Python](#) (≥ 3.6)
- [NumPy](#) (≥ 1.14)
- [ElementTree XML](#) ($\geq 2.2.0$)

1.2 Installing SMOG2

The input files for **OpenSMOG** simulations are generated using **SMOG2** (version 2.4, or newer). Here, there is a quick installation guide based on **conda** (Linux and Windows-WSL only). Alternate installation options are described in the SMOG2 manual.

First, create a new environment and activate it:

```
conda create --name smog2.4 perl
```

```
conda activate smog2.4
```

Next, it is necessary to instal a few **Perl** modules (a complete list of modules is in the SMOG2 README file):

```
conda install -c bioconda perl-xml-simple perl-xml-libxml java-jdk
```

```
conda install -c eumetsat perl-pdl
```

```
perl -MCPAN -e 'install XML::Validator::Schema'
```

Enter the **Perl** and **smog2** paths in the `configure.smog2` file.

Then load and test your **smog2** configuration:

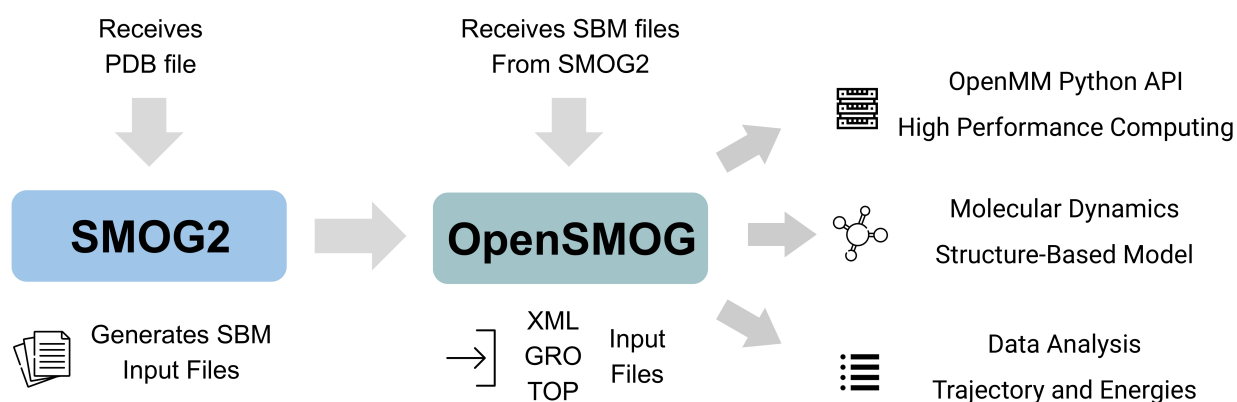
```
source configure.smog2
```

```
./test-config
```

It is also **STRONGLY** recommended that you download **smog-check** (available at smog-server.org) and run all tests before using **smog2** for production calculations.

INTRODUCTION

OpenSMOG is a Python library for performing molecular dynamics simulations using Structure-Based Models [[1]]. OpenSMOG uses the [OpenMM](#) Python API that supports a wide variety of potential forms, which includes the commonly employed C-alpha [[2]] and All-Atom [[3]] models. The input files are generated using the SMOG2 software package with the flag `-OpenSMOG`. Details on SMOG2 usage can be found in the [SMOG2 User Manual](#).



OPENSOG

The OpenSMOG classes perform molecular dynamics using Structure-Based Models (SBM) for biomolecular simulations. OpenSMOG uses force fields generated by SMOG 2, and it allows the simulations of a wide variety of potential forms, including commonly employed C-alpha and all-atom variants. Details about the default models in SMOG 2 can be found in the following resources:

- **SMOG server:** <https://smog-server.org/smog2/>
- **C-alpha:** Clementi, C., Nymeyer, H. and Onuchic, J.N., 2000. Topological and energetic factors: what determines the structural details of the transition state ensemble and “en-route” intermediates for protein folding? An investigation for small globular proteins. *Journal of molecular biology*, 298(5), pp.937-953.
- **All-Atom:** Whitford, P.C., Noel, J.K., Gosavi, S., Schug, A., Sanbonmatsu, K.Y. and Onuchic, J.N., 2009. An all-atom structure-based potential for proteins: bridging minimal models with all-atom empirical forcefields. *Proteins: Structure, Function, and Bioinformatics*, 75(2), pp.430-441.

```
class OpenSMOG.SBM(time_step, collision_rate, r_cutoff, temperature=-1, cmm=True, pbc=False,  
                   name='OpenSMOG', warn=True)
```

Bases: object

```
createReporters(trajectory=True, trajectoryName=None, trajectoryFormat='dcd', energies=True,  
               energiesName=None, energy_components=False, energy_componentsName=None,  
               logFileName='OpenSMOG.log', interval=1000)
```

Creates the reporters to provide the output data.

Parameters

- **logFileName** (*str, optional*) – Name of log file. (Default value: OpenSMOG.log).
- **trajectory** (*bool, optional*) – Whether to save the trajectory .dcd file containing the position of the atoms as a function of time. (Default value: True).
- **trajectoryName** (*str, optional*) – Name of the trajectory file.
- **trajectoryFormat** (*str, optional*) – File format of the trajectory file. Options are dcd, pdb, pdbx, hdf5, netcdf, and xtc. Saving the trajectory in the file formats hdf5, netcdf, and xtc require the MDTraj package. (Default value: dcd).
- **energies** (*bool, optional*) – Whether to save the energies in a .txt file containing five columns, comma-delimited. The header of the files shows the information of each column: #”Step”,”Potential Energy (kJ/mole)”,”Kinetic Energy (kJ/mole)”,”Total Energy (kJ/mole)”,”Temperature (K)”. (Default value: True).
- **energiesName** (*str, optional*) – Name of the energy file.
- **energy_components** (*bool, optional*) – Whether to save the potential energy for each applied force in a .txt file containing several columns, comma-delimited. The header of the files shows the information of each column. An example of the header

is: #”Step”,”electrostatic”,”Non-Contacts”,”Bonds”,”Angles”,”Dihedrals”,”contact_1-10-12”. (Default value: False).

- **energy_componentsName** (*str*, *optional*) – Name of the energy_components file.
- **logFileName** – Name of the log file.
- **interval** (*int*, *required*) – Frequency to write the data to the output files. (Default value: 10**3)

createSimulation()

Creates the simulation context and loads into the OpenMM platform.

help()

Prints information about using OpenSMOG.

loadGro(*Grofile*)

Loads the .gro file format in the OpenMM system platform. The input files are generated using SMOG2 software with the flag -OpenSMOG. Details on how to create the files can be found in the [SMOG2 User Manual](#). Tutorial on how to generate the inputs files can be found on the smog-server page, or [here](#).

Parameters **Grofile** (*file*, *required*) – Initial structure for the MD simulations in .gro file format. This is typically generated by SMOG2 with the flag -OpenSMOG. (Default value: None).

loadSystem(*Grofile*, *Topfile*, *Xmlfile*)

Loads the input files in the OpenMM system platform. The input files are generated using SMOG2 software with the flag -OpenSMOG. Details on how to create the files can be found in the [SMOG2 User Manual](#). Tutorials for how to generate the inputs files can be found on the smog-server page, or [here](#).

Parameters

- **Grofile** (*file*, *required*) – Initial structure for the MD simulations in .gro file format generated by SMOG2 software with the flag -OpenSMOG. (Default value: None).
- **Topfile** (*file*, *required*) – Topology .top file format generated by SMOG2 software with the flag -OpenSMOG. The topology file lists the interactions between the system atoms except for the “Native Contacts” potential that is provided to OpenSMOG in a .xml file. (Default value: None).
- **Xmlfile** (*file*, *required*) – The .xml file can contain the information that defines the “Contact” and nonbonded potentials. The .xml file is generated by SMOG2 software with the flag -OpenSMOG, which support custom potential functions. (Default value: None).

loadTop(*Topfile*)

Loads the .top file format in the OpenMM system platform. The input files are generated using SMOG2 software with the flag -OpenSMOG. Details on how to create the files can be found in the [SMOG2 User Manual](#). Tutorial on how to generate the inputs files can be found on the smog-server page, or [here](#).

Parameters **Topfile** (*file*, *required*) – Topology .top file format generated by SMOG2 software with the flag -OpenSMOG. The topology file defines the interactions between atoms, but the “Contacts” and nonbonded potentials can be provided with the .xml file. (Default value: None).

loadXml(*Xmlfile*)

Loads the .xml file format in the OpenMM system platform. The input files are generated using SMOG2 software with the flag -OpenSMOG. Details on how to create the files can be found in the [SMOG2 User Manual](#). Tutorial on how to generate the inputs files can be found on the smog-server page, or [here](#).

Parameters **Xmlfile** (*file*, *required*) – The .xml file can contain information that defines the “Contact” and nonbonded potentials. The .xml file is generated by SMOG2 software with the flag -OpenSMOG, which support custom potential energy functions. (Default value: None).

minimize(*tolerance=1.0, maxIterations=0*)

Wrapper for L-BFGS energy minimization.

Parameters

- **tolerance** (*float, required*) – Stopping criteria value between iterations. When the error between iteration is below this value, the minimization stops. (Default value: 1.0).
- **maxIteration** (*int, required*) – Number of maximum steps to be performed in the minimization simulation. (Default value: 0).

opensmog_quit()

opensmogcheck()

run(*nsteps, report=True, interval=10000*)

runForClockTime(*time, report=True, interval=10000, checkpointFile=None, stateFile=None, checkpointInterval=None*)

saveFolder(*folder*)

Sets the folder path to save data.

Parameters **folder** (*str, required*) – Folder path to save the simulation data. If the folder path does not exist, the function will create the directory.

setup_openmm(*platform='opencl', precision='single', GPUindex='default', integrator='langevin'*)

Sets up the parameters of the simulation OpenMM platform.

Parameters

- **platform** (*str, optional*) – Platform to use in the simulations. Options are *CUDA*, *OpenCL*, *HIP*, *CPU*, *Reference*. (Default value: *OpenCL*).
- **precision** (*str, optional*) – Numerical precision type of the simulation. Options are *single*, *mixed*, *double*. (Default value: *single*). For details check the [OpenMM Documentation](#).
- **GPUIndex** (*str, optional*) – Set of Platform device index IDs. Ex: 0,1,2 for the system to use the devices 0, 1 and 2.
- **integrator** (*str, or integrator object*) – Integrator to use in the simulations. Options are *langevin*, *langevinMiddle*, **variableLangevin* and *brownian*. You may also build your own integrator object and pass it, rather than use a named integrator. (Default value: *langevin*).

version = '1.1.1'

[//smog-server.org](http://smog-server.org)

The [SBM](#) sets the environment to start the molecular dynamics simulations.

Parameters

- **time_step** (*float, required*) – Simulation time step in units of τ .
- **collision_rate** (*float, required*) – Friction/Damping constant in units of reciprocal time ($1/\tau$).
- **r_cutoff** (*float, required*) – Cutoff distance to consider non-bonded interactions in units of nanometers.
- **pbk** (*boolean, optional*) – Turn PBC on/off. Default value: False
- **cmm** (*boolean, optional*) – Remove center of mass motion. Default value: True
- **temperature** (*float, required*) – Temperature in reduced units

- **name** (*str*) – Name used in the output files. (Default value: OpenSMOG)
- **warn** (*boolean, optional*) – Give cautionary warnings... (Default value: True)

Type The *SBM* class performs Molecular dynamics simulations using structure-based (SMOG) models to investigate a broad range of biomolecular dynamics, including domain rearrangements in proteins, folding and ligand binding in RNA, and large-scale rearrangements in ribonucleoprotein assemblies. In its simplest form, a structure-based model defines a particular structure (usually obtained from X-ray, cryo-EM, or NMR methods) as the energetic global minimum. Find more information about SMOG models and OpenSMOG at <http>

USING SMOG2 TO GENERATE C-ALPHA AND ALL-ATOM STRUCTURE-BASED MODELS

This tutorial should take between 5 to 10 minutes to complete. Here, we will use the **SMOG2** software package to generate the SBM (Structure-Based Model) input files that will be used to perform a simulation with **OpenSMOG**. To install SMOG2, please check the installation notes in the SMOG 2 user manual, or use the guide [here](#). Details of SMOG2 usage and options are described in the [manual](#). It is assumed that the executable **smog2** is in your path.

4.1 Preparing your PDB file

The following instructions will use a PDB file of CI2 protein ([2ci2.pdb](#)).

First, download the PDB file:

```
wget http://www.rcsb.org/pdb/files/2ci2.pdb
```

Then, it is necessary to clean up the file and only keep information needed to define a structure-based model. In this case, let us keep only the ATOM lines:

```
grep "^ATOM" 2ci2.pdb > 2ci2.atoms.pdb
```

Note: Sometimes, you also want HETATMs. This is up to the user. HETATMs can be things that we don't want to include (e.g. HOH), or things that we may want to included (e.g. posttranslational modifications). In this case, we only want ATOM lines.

Next, add an END line to the file 2ci2.atoms.pdb:

```
sed -i -e "\$aEND" 2ci2.atoms.pdb
```

Adjust the file, so that the naming convention conforms with the default SMOG models:

```
smog_adjustPDB -i 2ci2.atoms.pdb -o 2ci2.adj.pdb
```

4.2 Generate OpenSMOG input files for a C-alpha model

Use the adjusted file to generate your input CA model:

```
smog2 -i 2ci2.adj.pdb -CA -dname 2ci2.CA -OpenSMOG
```

4.3 Generate OpenSMOG input files for an all-atom model

To generate input files for the all-atom model, you only need to change the flag -CA to -AA:

```
smog2 -i 2ci2.adj.pdb -AA -dname 2ci2.AA -OpenSMOG
```

Note: When running the simulation in OpenSMOG, there are differences in the simulation protocols and settings. For example, in the case of AA, the cutoff is typically much shorter than the values used with the CA model. However, larger timesteps can typically be used with the AA model. Please, check the [C-alpha](#) and [All-Atom](#) simulation tutorial pages.

PERFORM A SIMULATION WITH A C-ALPHA STRUCTURE-BASED MODEL USING OPENSMOG

This tutorial should take between 5 to 15 minutes to complete.

Input files for this tutorial can be found [here](#)

The first step is to import the **OpenSMOG** module

```
[ ]: from OpenSMOG import SBM
```

SBM class sets the parameters for the simulation:

`name="2ci2"` Sets the name of each simulation (*this name is used as prefix for the outputs*). `time_step=0.0005` (**reduced time unit**) Sets the time step used in integration. `collision_rate=1.0` (**reduced inverse-time unit**) Sets the collision rate for the Langevin integrator. `r_cutoff=3.0` (**nanometers**) Sets the non-bonded cutoff. `temperature=0.5` (**reduced temperature unit**) Sets the temperature in the simulation.

`sbm_CA` is an arbitrarily chosen variable name for the SBM object

```
[ ]: sbm_CA = SBM(name='2ci2', time_step=0.0005, collision_rate=1.0, r_cutoff=3.0,
    ↪ temperature=0.5)
```

There are three hardware platform options to run the simulations:

`platform="cuda"` `platform="HIP"` `platform="opencl"` `platform="cpu"`

if **cuda**, **opencl** or **HIP** is chosen the GPUindex can be defined as "0". If two GPUs are used, one may give "0,1"

```
[ ]: sbm_CA.setup_openmm(platform='cuda', GPUindex='default')
```

Sets the directory name where to save the simulation outputs

```
[ ]: sbm_CA.saveFolder('output_2ci2_CA')
```

Load the **gro**, **top** and **xml** files into the `sbm_CA` object

```
[ ]: sbm_CA_grofile = 'SMOG2_CA_CI2/2ci2.CA.gro'
    sbm_CA_topfile = 'SMOG2_CA_CI2/2ci2.CA.top'
    sbm_CA_xmlfile = 'SMOG2_CA_CI2/2ci2.CA.xml'

    sbm_CA.loadSystem(Grofile=sbm_CA_grofile, Topfile=sbm_CA_topfile, Xmlfile=sbm_CA_xmlfile)
```

This function returns the name of each contact potential that is being used in the current model. In this example, only a Lennard-Jones-style 10-12 potential is being applied.

The simulation **context** is created with all information given in the previous steps.

```
[ ]: sbm_CA.createSimulation()
```

Create the **reporters** that will save the simulation data in an output folder.

`trajectory=True` Save the trajectory in .dcd format. `energies=True` Save the energy in text format separated by a comma. `interval=10**3` The interval (in steps) at which the trajectory and energies are saved.

```
[ ]: sbm_CA.createReporters(trajectory=True, energies=True, energy_components=True,
↪ interval=10**3)
```

The run function receives the following parameters:

`nsteps=10**6` Number of steps to be performed in the simulation. `report=True` Show the simulation details (Progress (%), Step and Time Remaining) `interval=10**3` The step interval to show the details

```
[ ]: sbm_CA.run(nsteps=10**6, report=True, interval=10**3)
```

The output files are located in the output folder

PERFORM A SIMULATION WITH AN ALL-ATOM STRUCTURE-BASED MODEL USING OPENSOG

This tutorial should take between 5 to 15 minutes of reading and performing simulations.

Input files for this tutorial can be found [here](#)

The first step is to import the **OpenSMOG** module

```
[ ]: from OpenSMOG import SBM
```

SBM class sets the parameters for the simulation:

name="2ci2" Sets the name of each simulation (*this name is used as prefix for the outputs*). time_step=0.002 (**reduced time unit**) Sets the time step used in integration. collision_rate=1.0 (**reduced inverse-time unit**) Sets the collision rate in the Langevin integrator. r_cutoff=1.2 (**nanometers**) Sets the non-bonded cutoff. temperature=0.5 (**reduced temperature unit**) Sets the temperature for the simulation.

sbm_AA is an arbitrarily chosen variable name for the SBM object

```
[ ]: sbm_AA = SBM(name='2ci2', time_step=0.002, collision_rate=1.0, r_cutoff=1.2,
    ↪ temperature=0.5)
```

There are three hardware platform options to run the simulations:

platform="cuda" platform="HIP" platform="opencl" platform="cpu"

if **cuda**, **opencl** or **HIP** is chosen the GPUindex can be define as "0". If two GPUs are used, one may give "0,1"

```
[ ]: sbm_AA.setup_openmm(platform='cuda', GPUindex='default')
```

Sets the directory name where the output files are saved

```
[ ]: sbm_AA.saveFolder('output_2ci2_AA')
```

Load the **gro**, **top** and **xml** files into the sbm_AA object

```
[ ]: sbm_AA_grofile = 'SMOG2_AA_CI2/2ci2_AA.gro'
    sbm_AA_topfile = 'SMOG2_AA_CI2/2ci2_AA.top'
    sbm_AA_xmlfile = 'SMOG2_AA_CI2/2ci2_AA.xml'

    sbm_AA.loadSystem(Grofile=sbm_AA_grofile, Topfile=sbm_AA_topfile, Xmlfile=sbm_AA_xmlfile)
```

This function returns the name of each contact potential that is being used in the current model. In this example, only a Lennard-Jones-style 6-12 potential is being applied.

The simulation **context** is created with all information given in the previous steps.

```
[ ]: sbm_AA.createSimulation()
```

Create the **reporters** that will save the simulation data in an output folder.

`trajectory=True` Save the trajectory in .dcd format. `energies=True` Save the energy in text format separated by a comma. `interval=10**3` The interval (in steps) at which the trajectory and energies are saved.

```
[ ]: sbm_AA.createReporters(trajectory=True, energies=True, energy_components=True,
↪ interval=10**3)
```

The `run` function receives the following parameters:

`nsteps=10**6` Number of steps to perform in the simulation. `report=True` Shows the simulation details (Progress (%), Step and Time Remaining) `interval=10**3` The step interval to show the details

```
[ ]: sbm_AA.run(nsteps=10**6, report=True, interval=10**3)
```

The output files are located in the output folder

HOW TO CITE OPENSMOG

When using the SMOG2-OpenSMOG framework for publications, please use the following citations:

```
@article{SMOG2,  
title = {SMOG 2: A Versatile Software Package for Generating Structure-Based Models},  
author = {Noel, Jeffrey K. and  
Levi, Mariana and  
Raghunathan, Mohit and  
Lammert, Heiko and  
Hayes, Ryan L. and  
Onuchic, Jos{\'}{e} N. and  
Whitford, Paul C.},  
journal = {PloS Comp Biol},  
pages = {e1004794},  
volume = {12},  
year = {2016}  
}
```

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Wang, Yang and  
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Mohanty, Udayan and  
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Onuchic, Jose N and  
Whitford, Paul C},  
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```


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