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# **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](#) ( $\geq 3.6$ )
- [NumPy](#) ( $\geq 1.14$ )
- [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. Please, download SMOG2 package at the [SMOG-SERVER](#).

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:

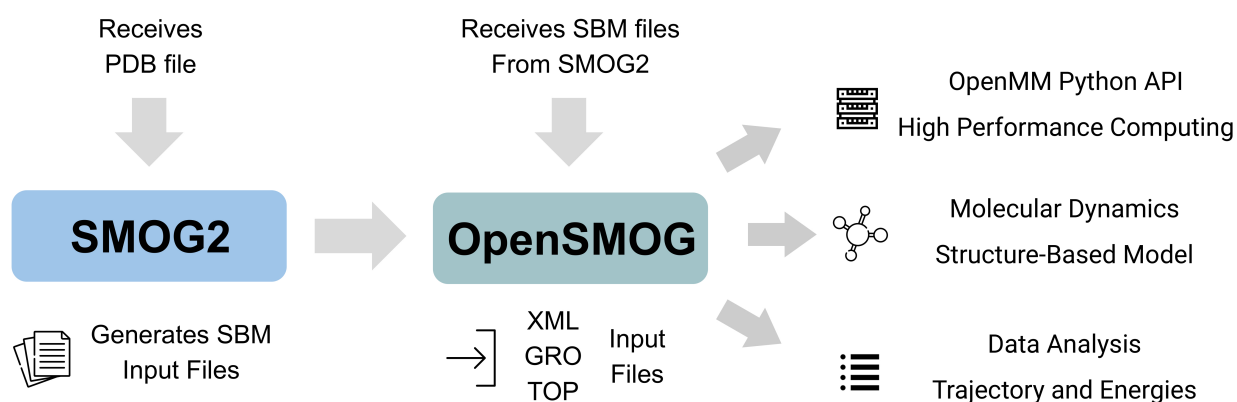
```
source configure.smog2
```

```
./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](#).







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CHAPTER  
**THREE**

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**OPENSMOG**



## 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
```

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**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.

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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
```

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**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.

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## PERFORM A SIMULATION WITH A C-ALPHA STRUCTURE-BASED MODEL USING OPENSOG

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 OPENSMOG

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}  
}
```

```
@article{OpenSMOG,  
  title={SMOG 2 and openSMOG: Extending the limits of structure-based models},  
  author={Oliveira Jr, Antonio B and Contessoto, Vinicius G and  
    Hassan, Asem and  
    Byju, Sandra and  
    Wang, Ailun and  
    Wang, Yang and  
    Dorero-Rojas, Esteban and  
    Mohanty, Udayan and  
    Noel, Jeffrey K and  
    Onuchic, Jose N and  
    Whitford, Paul C},  
  journal={bioRxiv},  
  doi={10.1101/2021.08.15.456423}  
}
```



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- `modindex`
- `search`





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