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Analysator

What is Analysator

- 1. An analysis tool developed for vlasiator
- 2. Originally developed as a pointn'click tool to get a velocity distributions
- 3. Functions optimized with Scipy and Numpy libraries (close to C performance)

Functions

- 1. Reading and writing *numpy* arrays with *VLSV* files
- 2. Various analysis tools
 - 2.1 time-evolution of cells
 - 2.2 cut-throughs
 - 2.3 pitch angle distributions
 - 2.4 Can be combined with every python module and function
 - 2.5 ..
- 3. Plotting using *matplotlib*
- 4. Plotting Vlasiator grids using MayaVi library
- 5. An interface to Urs' superb particle pusher
- 6. Full easy-to-use documentation for every function

Example

```
# We are interested in reading data from the cell whose ID is 75

import pytools as pt # Import Analysator

# Open a vlsv file for reading
vlsvReader = pt.vlsvfile.VlsvReader('bulk.0003710.vlsv')

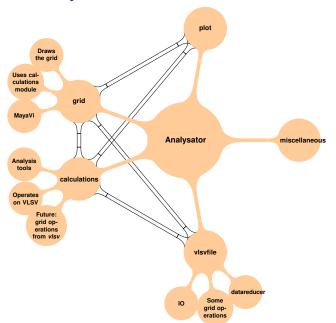
# Read a variable at cell id 75
rho = vlsvReader.read.variable( name='rho', cellids=75)
```

Important notes

Documentation can be found at

https://github.com/fmihpc/analysator/wiki

Modules in Analysator



Navigation

Navigating through the code is the most important thing

```
# Import analysator
import pytools as pt

vlsvReader = pt.vlsvfile.VlsvReader('test.vlsv') #What?

cut_through = pt.calculations.cut_through(vlsvReader, point1 =[0,0,0], point2 =[2,5e6,0])
```

1. Otherwise you need to remember

- 1.1 The name of the cut_through function
- 1.2 The first function argument: vlsvReader
- 1.3 The second argument: point1
- 1.4 The third argument: point2
- 1.5 The second and third argument's format and dimensions (3d list)

Navigation (the *most* important part)

```
# Import analysator
import pytools as pt
```

pt.

tab

In [2]: pt.

pt.calculations pt.grid

pt.filemanagement pt.miscellaneous

pt.plot pt. vlsvfile

Navigation (the *most* important part)

```
# Import analysator
import pytools as pt
pt.calculations.
```

tab

```
pt. calculations . cell_time_evolution
pt. calculations .cut.through
pt. calculations .fit
pt. calculations .fourier
pt. calculations .gyrophase_angles_from_file
pt. calculations .lineout
pt. calculations .pitch_angles
pt. calculations .yvriableInfo
```

Navigation (the *most* important part)

```
# Import analysator
import pytools as pt
pt.calculations.cut_through?
```

Enter

```
In [2]: pt.calculations.cut_through?
Definition: pt.calculations.cut_through(vlsvReader.point1.point2)
Docstring:
Returns cell ids and distances from point 1 for every cell in a line between
given point1 and point2
:param vlsvReader: Some open VlsvReader
:type vlsvReader:
                       :class:'vlsvfile.VlsvReader'
:param point1:
                        The starting point of a cut-through line
:param point2:
                        The ending point of a cut-through line
returns: an array containing cell ids, coordinates and distances in the following:
format: [cell ids. distances. coordinates]
.. code-block:: python
  Example:
  vlsvReader = VlsvReader("testfile.vlsv")
  cut_through = cut_through(vlsvReader, [0,0,0], [2,5e6,0])
   cellids = cut_through[0]
  distances = cut_through[1]
  print "Cell ids: " + str(cellids)
  print "Distance from point 1 for every cell: " + str(distances)
```

Navigation summary

pt.calculations.

tab Autocompletion

pt.calculations?

Enter Getting documentation

Basic usage

- 1. Open a vlsv file
- 2. Read from the vlsv file
- 3. Operate on the data

Basic usage

```
# Import analysator
import pytools as pt
# Open a vlsv file
vlsvReader = pt.vlsvfile.VlsvReader('test.vlsv')
# Read vlsv data
rho = vlsvReader.read_variable('rho')
```

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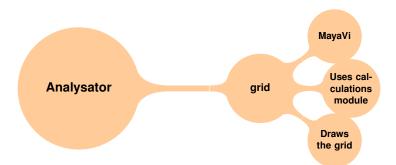
Summary of the basics:

- 1. Remember to import analysator
- 2. Nearly every script starts by opening a vlsv file
- 3. [tab] to navigate
- 4. ? + Enter to get documentation

Note: if you have virtualbox you have to set up a shared folder:

```
sudo mount -t vboxsf -o rw,uid=1000,gid=1000 \ vlsv_data $HOME/share
```





The most important concepts

- 1. How to plot
- 2. How to use MayaVi
- 3. How to use the Analysator's *pointnclick* interface

1. How to plot

Plotting can be done simply by feeding a vlsv file to the grid class as follows:

```
# Import Analysator
import pytools as pt

# Open a vlsv file
vlsvReader = pt.vlsvfile.VlsvReader('test.vlsv')

# Plot rho
grid = pt.grid.MayaviGrid(vlsvReader, variable='rho')
```

- 1. How to plot
- 2. How to use MayaVi

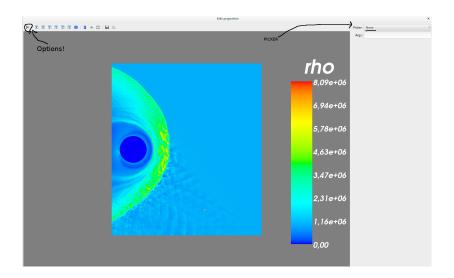


Figure: Example plot with Mayavi, highlighting options and point nclick tool.

- How to plot
- 2. How to use MayaVi

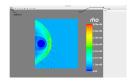


Figure: Example plot with Mayavi, highlighting options and pointnclick tool.

- 1. Scroll to zoom
- 2. Mouse 3 to move the image
- 3. Mouse 1 + Hold to pan the image
- 4. Mouse 1 to click

- How to plot
- 2. How to use MayaVi
- 3. How to use the Analysator's pointnclick interface

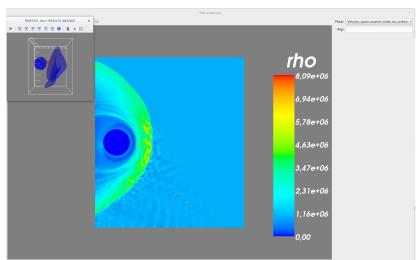
Pointnclick options:

- 1. None
- Velocity_space_nearest_cellid
- Velocity_space_nearest_cellid_iso_surface
- 4. Pitch_angle
- 5. Gyrophase_angle (Made by *Yann*, yay)
- 6. Cut_through

Click [Mouse 1] somewhere on the grid

- 1. How to plot
- 2. How to use MayaVi
- 3. How to use the Analysator's pointnclick interface

Sorry about the horribly small text..



Hands-on

To get started:

```
grid = pt.grid.MayaviGrid(vlsvReader, 'rho')
```

Summary:

- 1. Mouse scroll to zoom
- 2. [Mouse 3] to move the image
- 3. Mouse 1 + Hold to pan
- 4. Mouse 1 to use the Analysator pointnclick

Note on pointnclick cut-through option:

Press Mouse 1 in two places, and there is a *field* where you have to type:

```
plot rho
```

Example from calculations



```
# Import analysator
import pytools as pt

# Open a vlsv file
vlsvReader = pt.vlsvfile.vlsvReader('testfile.vlsv')

# Get a cut-through starting at (x=0, y=0; z=0) to (x=2, y=5e6, z=0) :
cut-through = pt.calculations.cut_through(vlsvReader, point1=[0,0,0], point2=[2,5e6,0])

# We now have the cut_through, so now we want to print cellids:
cellids = cut_through[0]
print cellids
```