

Broad Epoch Analysis Modules

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Modules Overview



- **sdf-xarray**: Processing **.sdf** files and converting them to **xarray** datasets
- **epydeck**: Parsing input (**.deck**) files and modifying parameters
- **epyscan**: Sample parameter space and create campaigns utilising **epydeck**
- **epyranner**: Automate workflow and generate surrogate models

Introduction



- **SDF File Handling:** Loads and works with EPOCH-generated `.sdf` files as `xarray` datasets, enabling efficient data manipulation.
- **Xarray Ecosystem:** If the user is familiar with `xarray` then they will be able to interact with this easily
- **Lazy Loading & Performance:** Uses `xarray`'s lazy loading to avoid excessive memory usage, with Dask integration for parallel and out-of-core computation.
- **Flexible Data Conversion:** Easily converts data to pandas or NumPy formats for further analysis.
- **Built-in Visualisation:** Supports quick and easy plotting with matplotlib, handling high-dimensional data effectively.
- **Documentation/Support:** <https://sdf-xarray.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>

Installation



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```
15  pip install sdf-xarray
```



https://sdf-xarray.readthedocs.io/en/latest/key_functionality.html





























Usage

Loading a single SDF file

```
1 import xarray as xr
2 ds = xr.open_dataset("simulation/0000.sdf")
```

Loading multiple SDF files

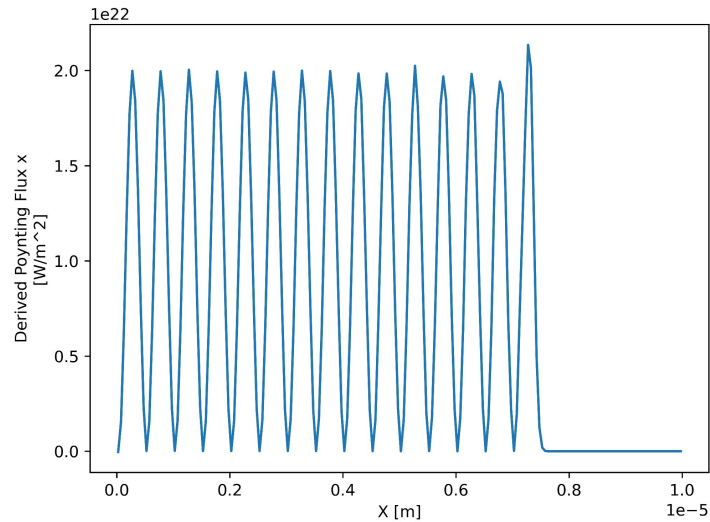
```
1 import xarray as xr
2 from sdf_xarray import SDFPreprocess
3 ds = xr.open_mfdataset("simulation/*.sdf", preprocess=SDFPreprocess())
```

▼ Coordinates:				
X_Grid	(X_Grid)	float64	-1e-05 -9.98e-06 ... 2e-05	 
X_Grid_mid	(X_Grid_mid)	float64	-9.99e-06 -9.971e-06 ... 1.999e-05	 
long_name : X				
units : m				
point_data : False				
full_name : Grid/Grid_mid				
time	(time)	float64	2.606e-17 5.003e-15 ... 2e-13	 
▼ Data variables:				
Wall_time	(time)	float64	0.4287 4.708 6.57 ... 316.7 317.6	 
Time_increment	(time)	float64	nan nan nan ... nan nan 5.212e-17	 
Plasma_frequency...	(time)	float64	nan nan nan ... nan nan 4.209e-16	 
Minimum_grid_po...	(time)	float64	nan nan nan ... nan nan -9.99e-06	 
laser_x_min_phase	(time, dim_laser_x_min_phase_0)	float64	dask.array<chunksize=(1, 1), meta=np.nd...	 
time_prev_normal	(time)	float64	nan nan nan nan ... nan nan 2e-13	 
walltime_prev_nor...	(time)	float64	nan nan nan nan ... nan nan nan 0.0	 
nstep_prev_normal	(time)	float64	nan nan nan nan ... nan nan nan 0.0	 
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Particles_Particles...	(time)	float64	nan nan nan nan ... nan nan 64.0	 
Particles_Particles...	(time)	float64	nan nan nan nan ... nan nan -1.0	 

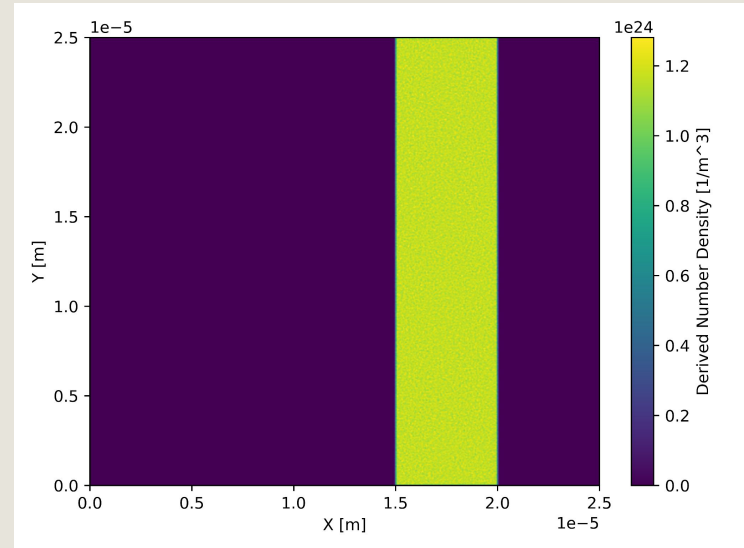
Plotting



```
1 ds["Derived_Poynting_Flux_x"].plot()
```



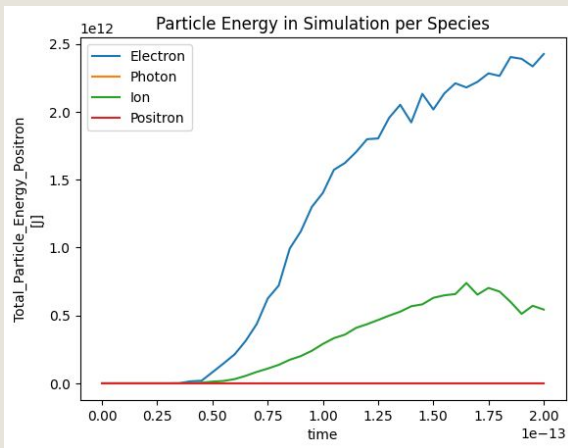
```
1 ds["Derived_Number_Density"].plot(x="X_Grid_mid", y="Y_Grid_mid")
```



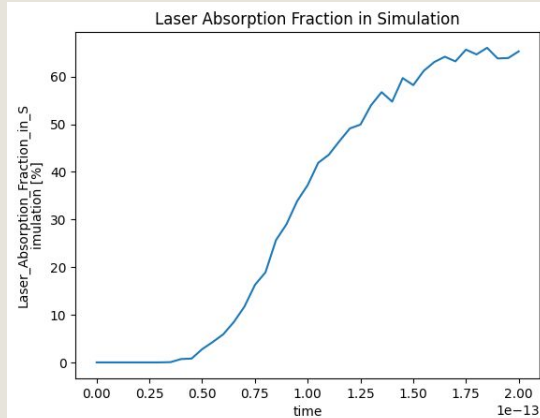
Advanced Plotting



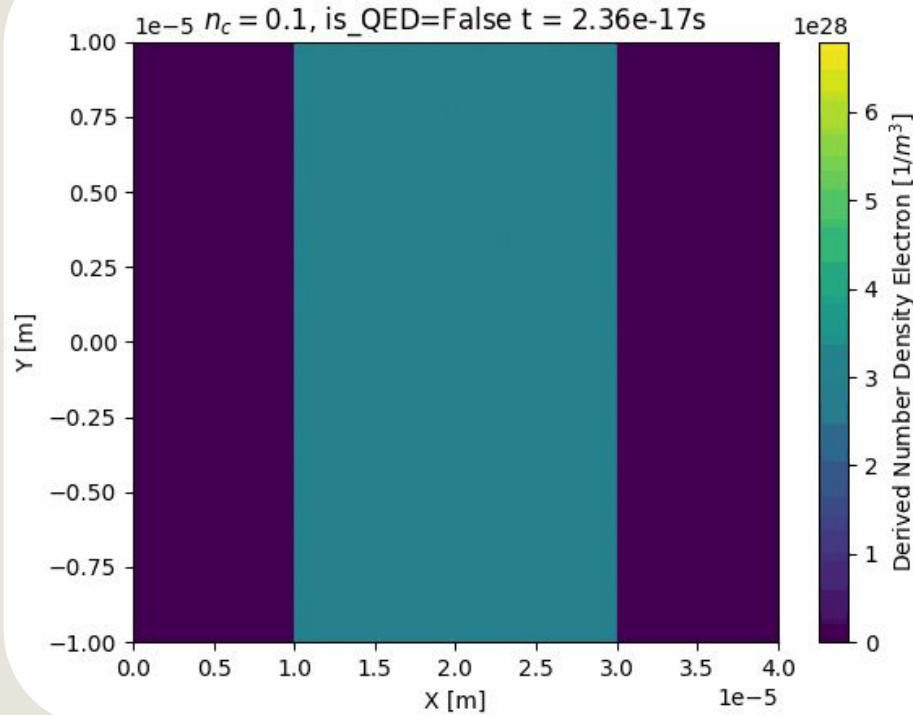
```
4 ds["Total_Particle_Energy_Electron"].plot(label="Electron")
5 ds["Total_Particle_Energy_Photon"].plot(label="Photon")
6 ds["Total_Particle_Energy_Ion"].plot(label="Ion")
7 ds["Total_Particle_Energy_Positron"].plot(label="Positron")
8 plt.legend()
9 plt.title("Particle Energy in Simulation per Species")
10 plt.show()
```



```
1 ds["Laser_Absorption_Fraction_in_Simulation"] = (
2     ds["Total_Particle_Energy_in_Simulation"]
3     /
4     ds["Absorption_Total_Laser_Energy_Injected"]
5 ) * 100
6 # We can also manipulate the units and other attributes
7 ds["Laser_Absorption_Fraction_in_Simulation"].attrs["units"] = "%"
8
9 ds["Laser_Absorption_Fraction_in_Simulation"].plot()
10 plt.title("Laser Absorption Fraction in Simulation")
11 plt.show()
```



Animations



```
1 ds["Derived_Number_Density"].epoch.  
  animate()
```

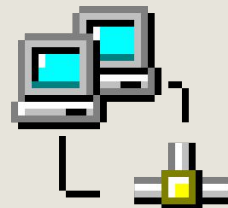

Using EPOCH on Viking

Connecting to Viking

```
 bmp535@login1:~
Last login: Tue Mar 25 10:09:59 on ttys025
→ ~ ssh bmp535@viking.york.ac.uk
(bmp535@viking.york.ac.uk) Password:
Last login: Thu Mar 20 15:07:46 2025 from 10.241.38.45
  'o'
  'ooo'                Welcome to viking2
  'oooo'
  'oooo'   'o'
  'ooooo'  'ooooo'      Flight Direct r2024.1
  'oooo:oooo'           Based on Rocky Linux 8.9
  'v  -[ alces flight ]-

TIPS:
'flight help' - get help on available commands
'flight set'  - change login defaults (see 'flight info' for details)
'flight env'  - manage software package ecosystems
'flight desktop' - manage interactive GUI desktop sessions

[bmp535@login1[viking2] ~]$
```



ssh **username**@viking.york.ac.uk

Epoch Viking Setup

See here for example jobscript:

<https://github.com/PlasmaFAIR/SPLICE-docs/wiki/Running-EPOCH#on-viking>






1. `cd scratch`
2. `git clone --recursive https://github.com/Warwick-Plasma/epoch.git`
3. `cd epoch/epoch2d`
4. `module load OpenMPI/4.1.6-GCC-13.2.0`
5. `make COMPILER=gfortran --debug -j4`



Viking do's and don'ts



How 2 run code on Viking

-  Run code directly in the terminal
-  Install packages from the internet using `sudo apt install <package_name>`
-  Use `module load <package_name>` to load packages
-  Utilise jobscripts to execute jobs
-  Create jobscripts with a lot of resources (we only have a limited amount of compute power so be respectful of others)

Viking utilises something called jobscripts to run code via a process called [Slurm](#)

Viking Jobscripts



```
1  #!/usr/bin/env bash
2
3  #SBATCH --job-name=epoch_test ← Job name
4  #SBATCH --ntasks=96 ← The number of CPUs
5  #SBATCH --partition=teach ← For today use this partition but in the future use "nodes"
6  #SBATCH --time=02-00:00:00 # Time limit (DD-HH:MM:SS)
7  #SBATCH --account=pct-pic-2022 ← You'll probably all be using this one
8  #SBATCH --output=%x-%j.log
9  #SBATCH --mail-user=user.email@york.ac.uk ← Replace with your email address
10 #SBATCH --mail-type=ALL # Mail events (NONE, BEGIN, END, FAIL, ALL) ← These can be turned off and are not
11                               required
12 # Abort if any command fails
13 set -e
14
15 # Purge any previously loaded modules
16 module purge
17
18 # Load modules
19 module load OpenMPI/3.1.3-GCC-8.2.0-2.31.1 ← Loads the OpenMPI module required for EPOCH
20
21 # Prestart
22 cd epoch/epoch2d
23 echo Working directory: `pwd`
24 echo Running job on host:
25 echo -e '\t'hostname` at `date`\n'
26
27 # Script initialisation
28 mpiexec -n ${SLURM_NTASKS} ~/scratch/epoch/epoch2d/bin/epoch2d <<< ~/scratch/epoch/epoch2d/test1
29
30 # Job completed
31 echo '\n'Job completed at `date`
```

See here for example jobscrip: <https://github.com/PlasmaFAIR/SPLICE-docs/wiki/Running-EPOCH#on-viking>



Has my job finished?



Viking has a few approaches to checking if jobs are done

- Get an email notification from the completed/failed job
- Check if the right number of sdf files have been created (bad idea as the last one can sometimes take a while)
- Poll Viking to check if the job has completed (see below)

```
[bmp535@login1[viking2] ~]$ squeue -u $USER
```

JOBID	PARTITION	NAME	USER	ST	TIME	NODES	NODELIST(REASON)
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Try putting the word **watch** in front of this command, it should then run the **squeue** command every 2 seconds by default

Introduction: epydeck & epyscan



What are they?

- **epydeck:** A package that parses input **deck** files allowing for both reading and writing
- **epyscan:** Parameter space (Linear and Log space support), sampling (grid or Latin Hypercube) and create campaign directory structure and then write input files using **epydeck**

Why use them?

- **Ease of use:** Simple interface with little to no Python experience required to use them
- **Automation:** deck parameters can be automated with Python instead of manual changing
- **epydeck Documentation/Support:**
<https://github.com/PlasmaFAIR/epydeck>
- **epyscan Documentation/Support:**
<https://github.com/PlasmaFAIR/epyscan>

Usage: epydeck

- Creates nested dicts if there are blocks with same name (e.g. `species`) and creates a nested dict using the `name` parameter
- Creates a list if multiple definitions of the same variable exist (e.g., `number_density`)
- Does not support mathematical or unit parsing
- Does not retain comments from template file

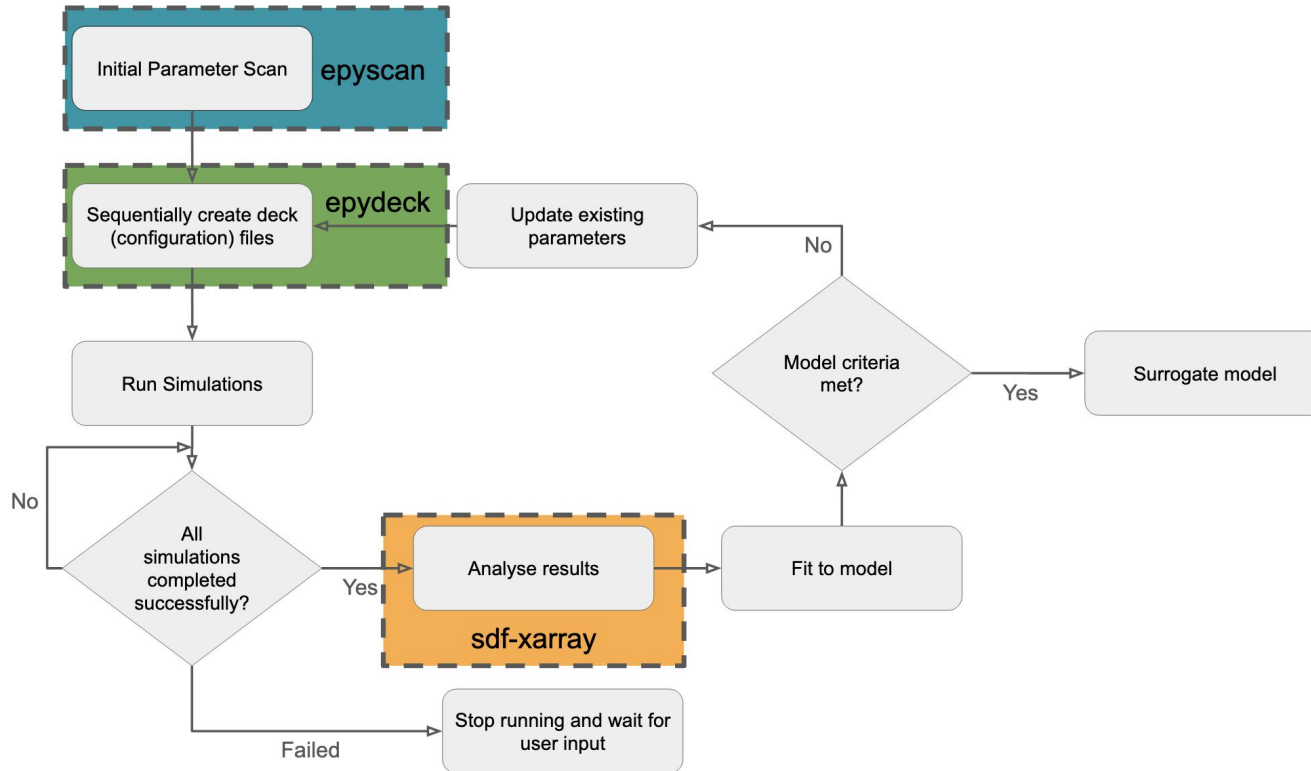
```
43 import epydeck
44
45 # Read from a file with `epydeck.load`
46 with open(filename) as f:
47     deck = epydeck.load(f)
48
49 print(deck.keys())
50 # dict_keys(['control', 'boundaries', 'constant', 'species', 'laser',
51 #            'output_global', 'output', 'dist_fn'])
52
53 # Modify the deck as a usual python dict:
54 deck["species"]["proton"]["charge"] = 2.0
55
56 # Write to file
57 with open(filename, "w") as f:
58     epydeck.dump(deck, f)
59
60 print(epydeck.dumps(deck))
```


Usage: epyscan

- Works with either normal or log space
- `campaign.setup_case()` can be called later with new parameter values and will setup folders

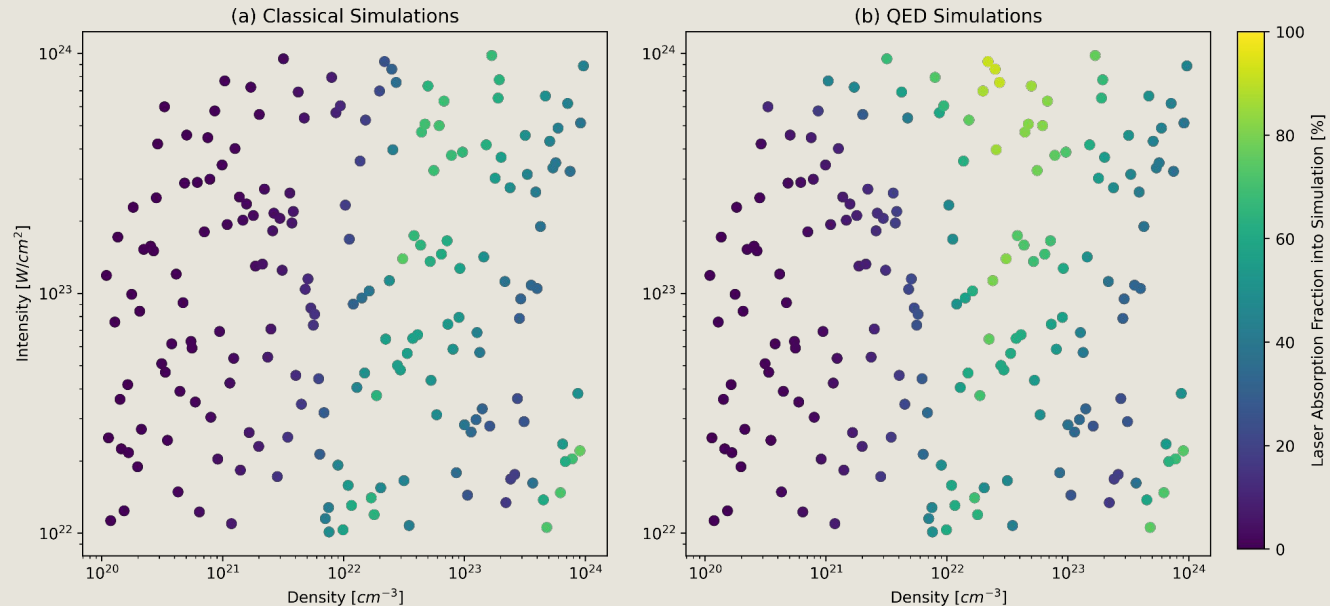
```
76 import pathlib
77 import epydeck
78 import epyscan
79
80 with open("template.deck") as f:
81     deck = epydeck.load(f)
82
83 parameters = {
84     "constant:intens": {"min": 1.0e22, "max": 1.0e24, "log": True},
85     "constant:nel": {"min": 1.0e20, "max": 1e24, "log": True},
86 }
87
88 # Sets up sampling of simulation and specifies number of times to run each simulation
89 hypercube_samples = epyscan.LatinHypercubeSampler(parameters).sample(30)
90 # OR
91 gridscan_samples = epyscan.GridScan(parameters).sample(30)
92
93 # Define the root directory where the simulation folders will be saved.
94 # This directory will be created if it doesn't exist
95 run_root = pathlib.Path("example_campaign")
96
97 # Takes in the folder and template and starts a counter so each new simulation gets saved to a new folder
98 campaign = epyscan.Campaign(deck, run_root)
99
100 # Randomly samples the parameter space and creates folders for each simulation
101 paths = [campaign.setup_case(sample) for sample in hypercube_samples]
102
103 # Save the paths to a file on separate lines
104 with open(simulation_dir_paths, "w") as f:
105     [f.write(str(path) + "\n") for path in paths]
```

Surrogate Modelling - epyrunner



Epoch Simulations

- **Simulation:** 1D Epoch
- **Sampling:** Latin Hypercube sampling with 192 samples
- **Parameter Space:** Comparison of intensity and density
- **Analysis:** Similar results to graph



Surrogate Modelling

- **Training:** The models are trained on all the data points from simulations, with separate models created for the classical and QED approaches
- **Kernel:** Implemented in scikit-learn using a kernel composed of a **RBF** with **length_scale_bounds=(1e-1, 10)** and **WhiteNoise**, applied to a **GaussianProcessRegressor()**
- **Fitting:** Models are fitted and scored on all data points. While not optimal, this approach provides a clear example

