

CAVIAR Guide for Developers

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Prerequisite knowledge for CAVIAR developers

- **C++ programming (Polymorphism, Preprocessors)**
- **CMake**
- **Molecular Dynamics basic algorithms**

Part I: a C++ review for CAVIAR

CAVIAR source code looks complicated, why is it developed like that?

We had the following goals while developing CAVIAR:

- **Creation of the most flexible design**
- **Automation the code as much as possible to reduce typos, errors and mental workload for developers**
- **An input script with a functionality that make the user independent of changing C++ source code.**

The above items resulted in:

- **Creation of an MD library (such as Espresso) instead of an MD software (like LAMMPS (LAMMPS also can be used as a c++ library))**
- **Developing almost everything as C++ classes with polymorphism**
- **Creation of CASL language and interpreter**

What do we mean by “library”?

- We instantiate objects of the library by using the constructor functions defined in the class descriptions of the libraries:

```
class Lj {  
  public:  
    Lj (type1 arg1, type2 arg2) {...}  
  ...  
};
```

```
Lj my_force(arg1, arg2); // class instantiation
```

What do we mean by “library”?

- The instantiated objects does not know each other unless we tell them.

Objects instantiation:

```
Lj my_force(arg1, arg2);  
Verlet_list my_nbl(arg3, arg4);
```

Setting Variables:

```
my_force.neighborlist = &my_nbl; // C++  
my_force.set_neighborlist (my_nbl); // C++
```

```
my_force set_neighborlist my_nbl #CASL Script
```

```
my_force.set_neighborlist(my_nbl) #Python Script  
my_force.neighborlist=my_nbl #Python Script
```

Polymorphism in CAVIAR

```
class Force_field : public Pointers {
```

```
...
```

```
void calculate_acceleration() = 0; // Force_field becomes an abstract class by setting to zero.
```

```
Atom_data *atom_data;
```

```
...
```

```
};
```

```
class Lj : public Force_field {
```

```
...
```

```
void calculate_acceleration() {...}
```

```
...
```

```
};
```

```
class Electrostatic : public Force_field {
```

```
...
```

```
void calculate_acceleration() {...}
```

```
...
```

```
};
```

Why polymorphism?

```
Class Md_simulator : public Pointers{
```

```
...
```

```
std::vector<Force_field *> force_fields;
```

```
...
```

```
};
```

```
int main () {
```

```
...
```

```
md_simulator::Basic my_simulator (arg1);
```

```
force_field::Lj my_force_1 (arg2);
```

```
force_field::Electrostatic_ewald my_force_2 (arg3);
```

```
my_simulator.force_fields.push_back(&my_force_1); // Possible with polymorphism
```

```
my_simulator.force_fields.push_back(&my_force_2); // Possible with polymorphism
```

```
...
```

```
}
```


Why polymorphism?

```
class Force_field : public Pointers {  
    ...  
    void calculate_acceleration() = 0;  
    ...  
};
```

```
Class Md_simulator : public Pointers{  
    ...  
    std::vector<Force_field *> force_fields;  
    void time_step () {  
        ...  
        For (auto f : force_fields) {  
            f → calculate_acceleration(); // Possible only with polymorphism  
        }  
        ...  
    }  
    ...  
};
```

A Base Class Example: Class declarations

```
#ifndef CAVIAR_OBJECTS_FORCEFIELD_H
#define CAVIAR_OBJECTS_FORCEFIELD_H
#include "caviar/utility/objects_common_headers.h"
namespace caviar {
namespace objects {
class Atom_data;    // Class Declaration (I):    Instead of #include "Atom_data.h" → less compile time
class Domain;       // Class Declaration (II):   Instead of #include "Domain.h" → less compile time
class Neighborlist; // Class Declaration (III):  Instead of #include "Neighborlist.h" → less compile time
class Force_field : public Pointers {
public:
    Force_field (class CAVIAR *);
    virtual bool read (class caviar::interpreter::Parser *) = 0;
    virtual void calculate_acceleration () = 0;
    virtual double potential (const Vector<double> &);
    virtual Vector<double> field (const Vector<double> &);
    ...
    class objects::Atom_data *atom_data;    // It can be defined because of the declaration (I)
    class objects::Domain *domain;          // It can be defined because of the declaration (II)
    class objects::Neighborlist *neighborlist; // It can be defined because of the declaration (III)
    ...
};
} //objects
} // namespace caviar
#endif
```

Class declarations. Reason

If a header is changed, all of the files that has included it are need to be recompiled.

For example If you change 'Pointer.h' or 'CAVIAR.h' in the package, almost all of the project source files needs to be recompiled.

CAVIAR have more than 500 source files and re-compiling all of them takes a long time.

**Using declarations instead of include is possible when we are working with pointers.
Less include -> less dependency**

CAVIAR Major Namespace

```
namespace caviar {  
  namespace objects {  
    ... // (containing the classes that have different  
          algorithms for CAVIAR MD simulations)  
  }  
  
  namespace interpreter {  
    ... // (containing the input/output classes that are  
          used to create and call objects classes)  
  }  
}
```

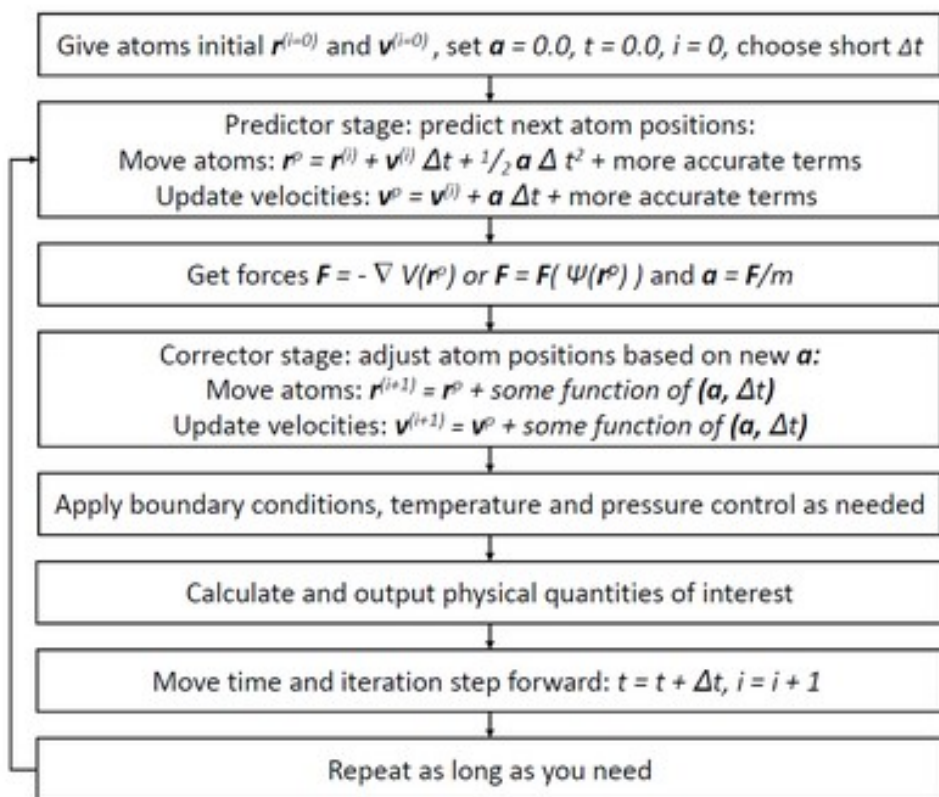
CAVIAR Major Namespace

```
namespace caviar {  
  namespace objects {  
    class Atom_data;  
    namespace atom_data {  
      class Basic;  
    }  
    class Force_field;  
    namespace force_field {  
      class Lj;  
      class Electrostatic;  
      class Plt_dealii;  
      ...  
    }  
    ...  
  }  
}
```

Part II: CAVIAR MD Pipeline

Molecular Dynamics Flowcharts

Simplified schematic of the molecular dynamics algorithm



Molecular Dynamics

Define the interaction potential and molecular topology

Assign initial position and velocities

Compute interatomic forces

Move atoms according to the equation of motion

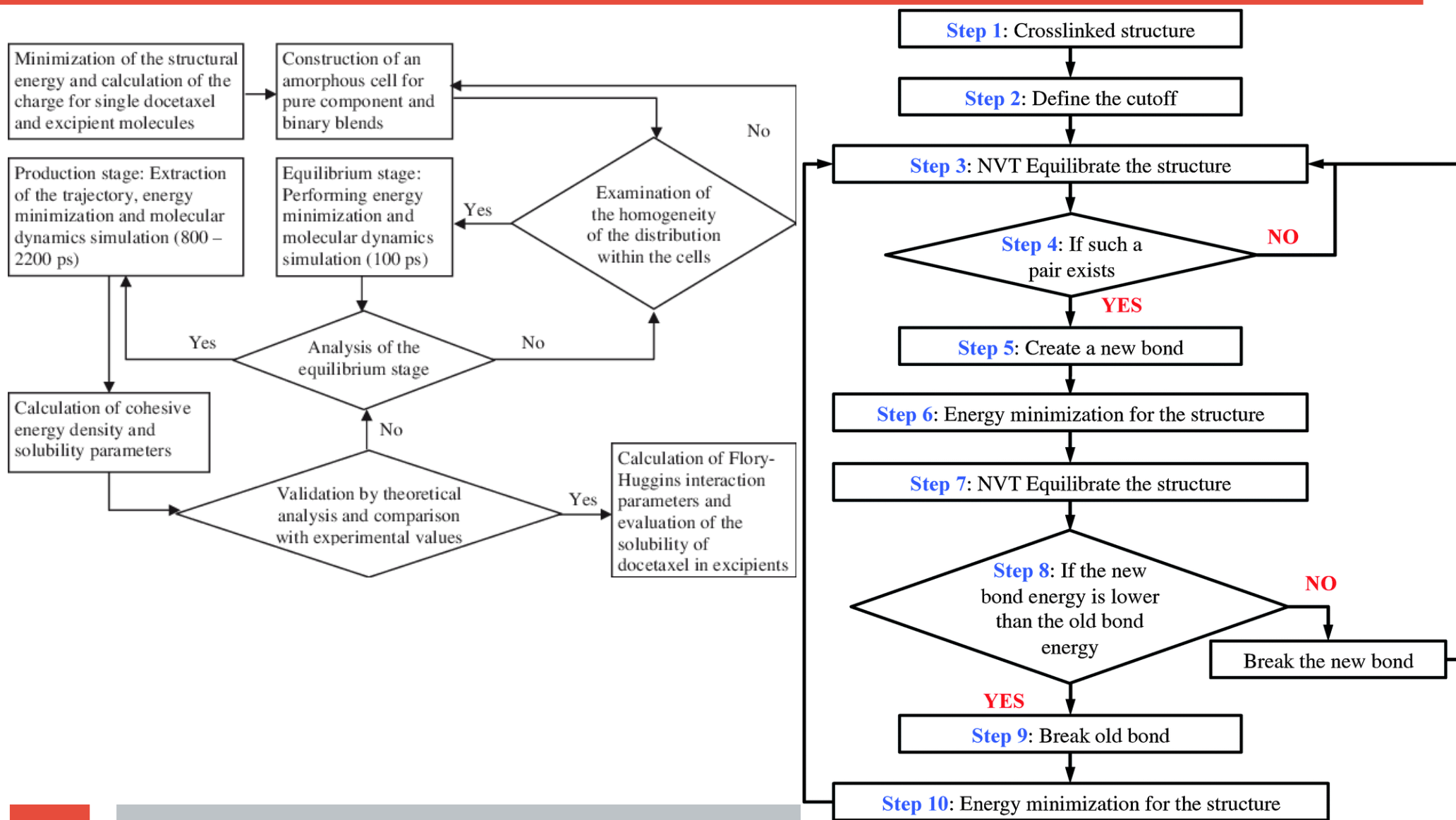
Restore molecular geometry

Compute energy, temperature, pressure, etc.

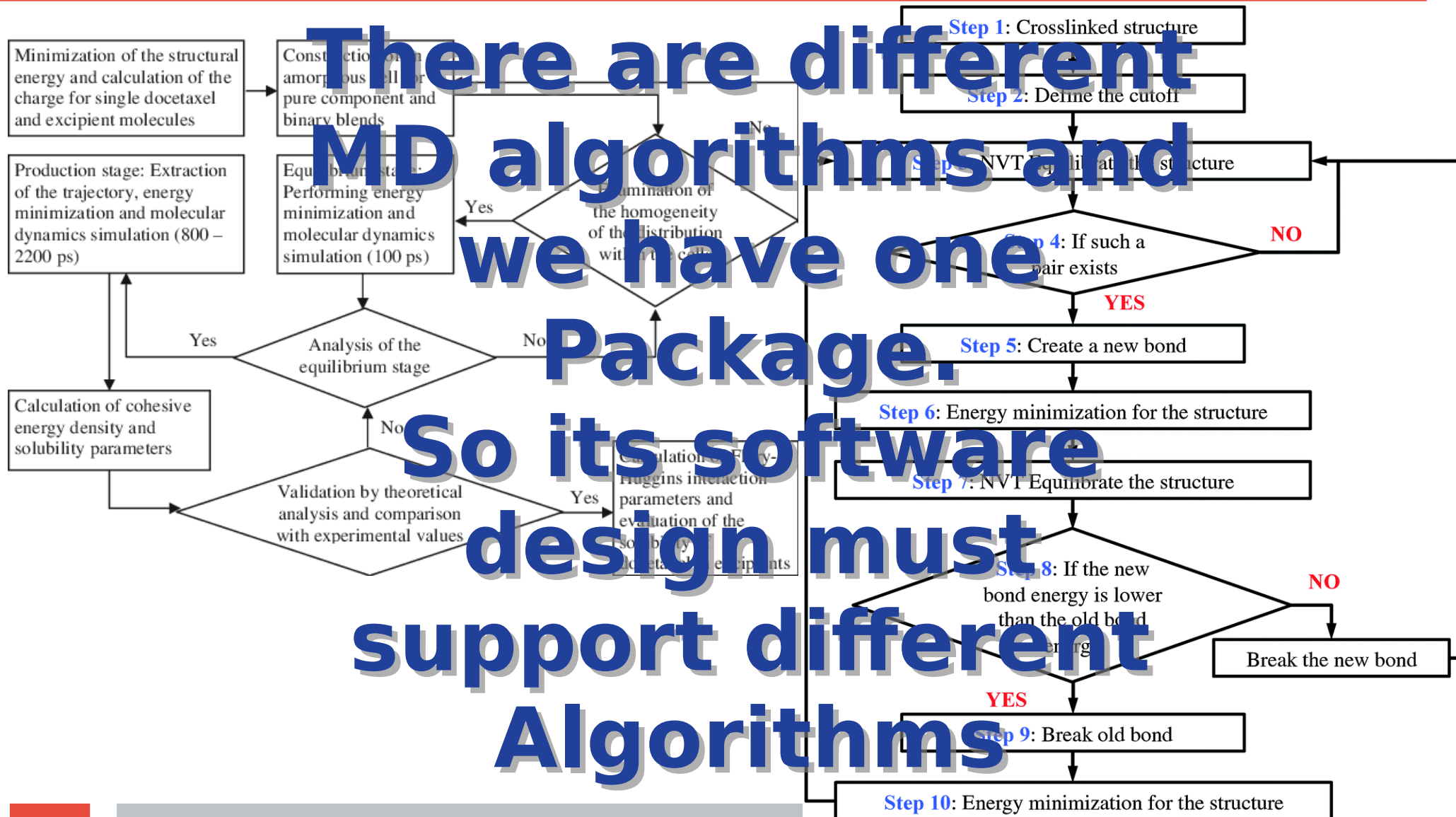
Store configurations $\Omega(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t)$

$t \leftarrow t_{i+1} + \Delta t_i$

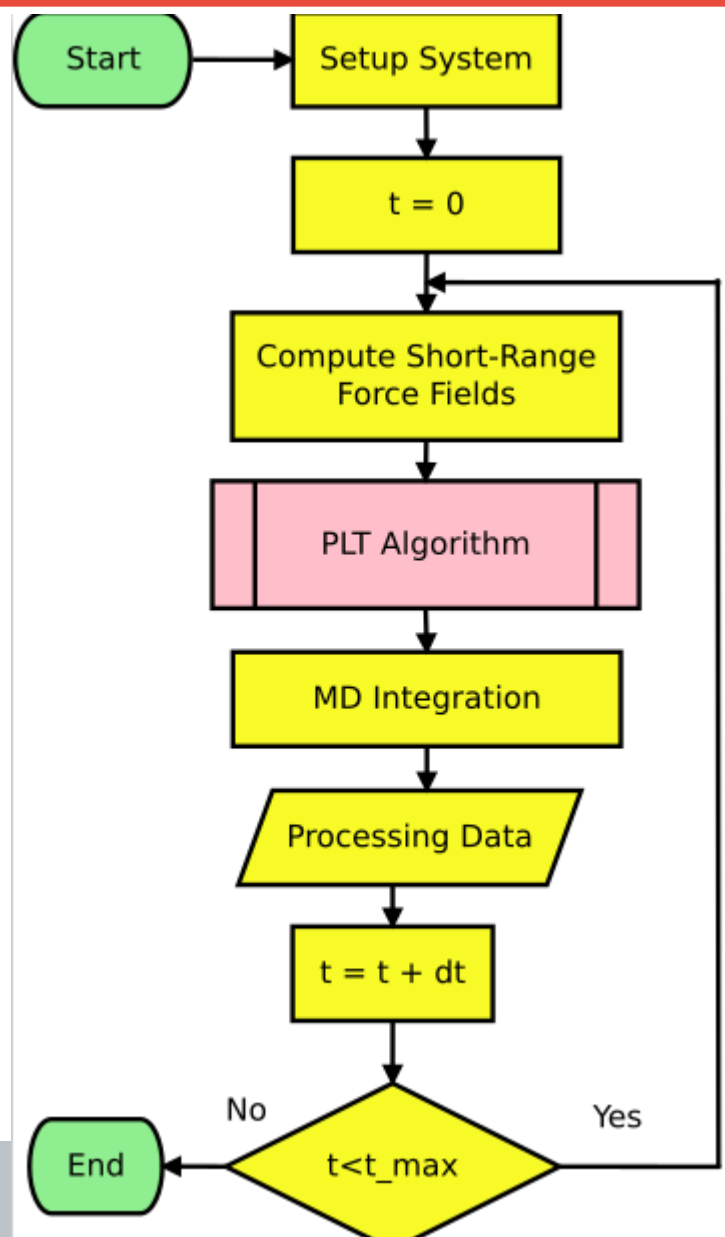
Molecular Dynamics Flowcharts



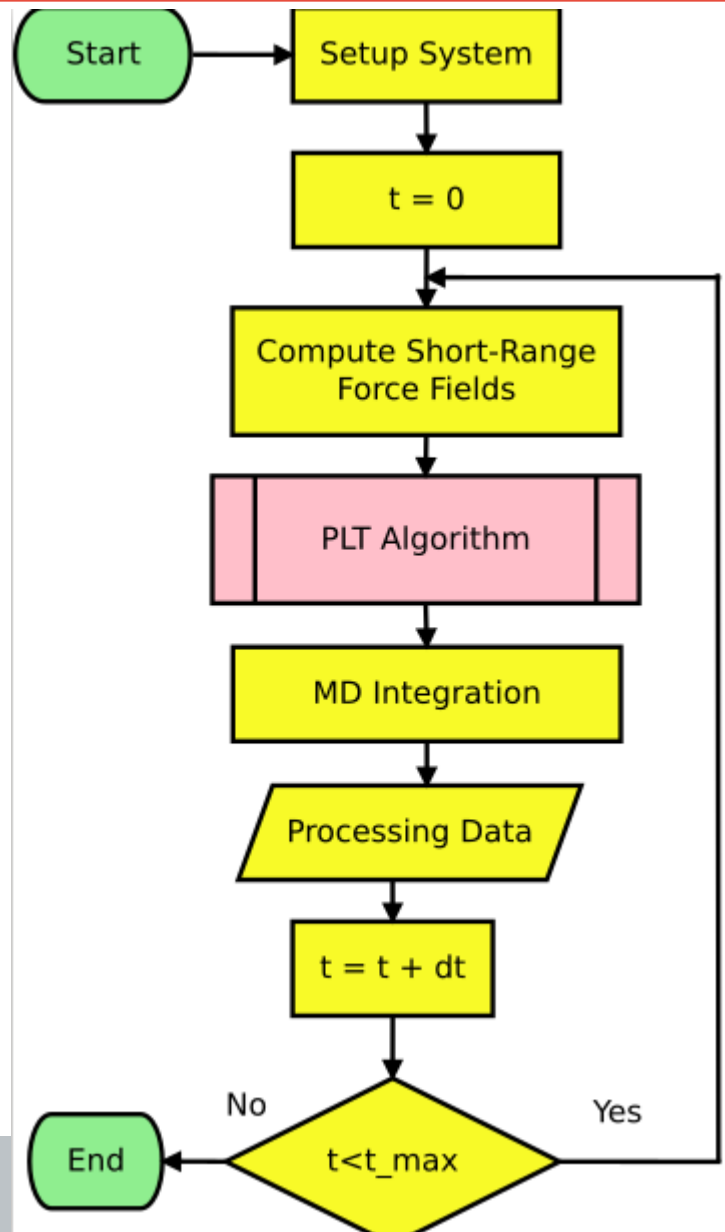
Molecular Dynamics Flowcharts



CAVIAR MD Flowchart

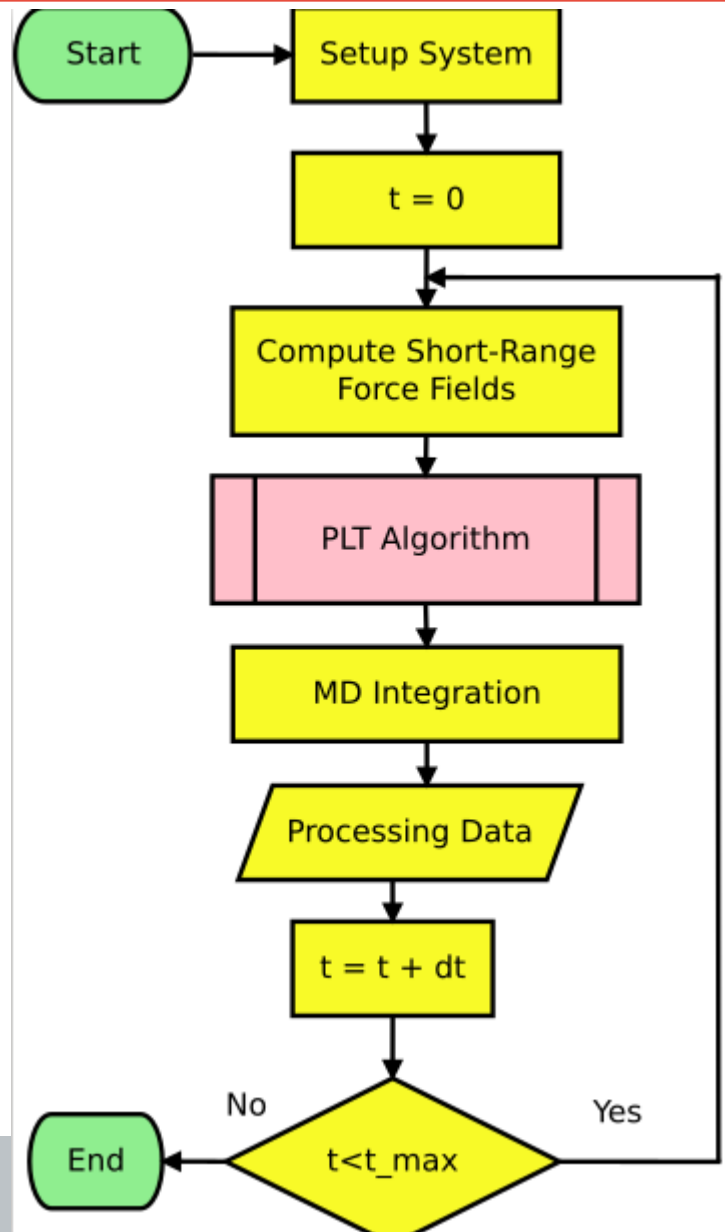


CAVIAR MD Flowchart



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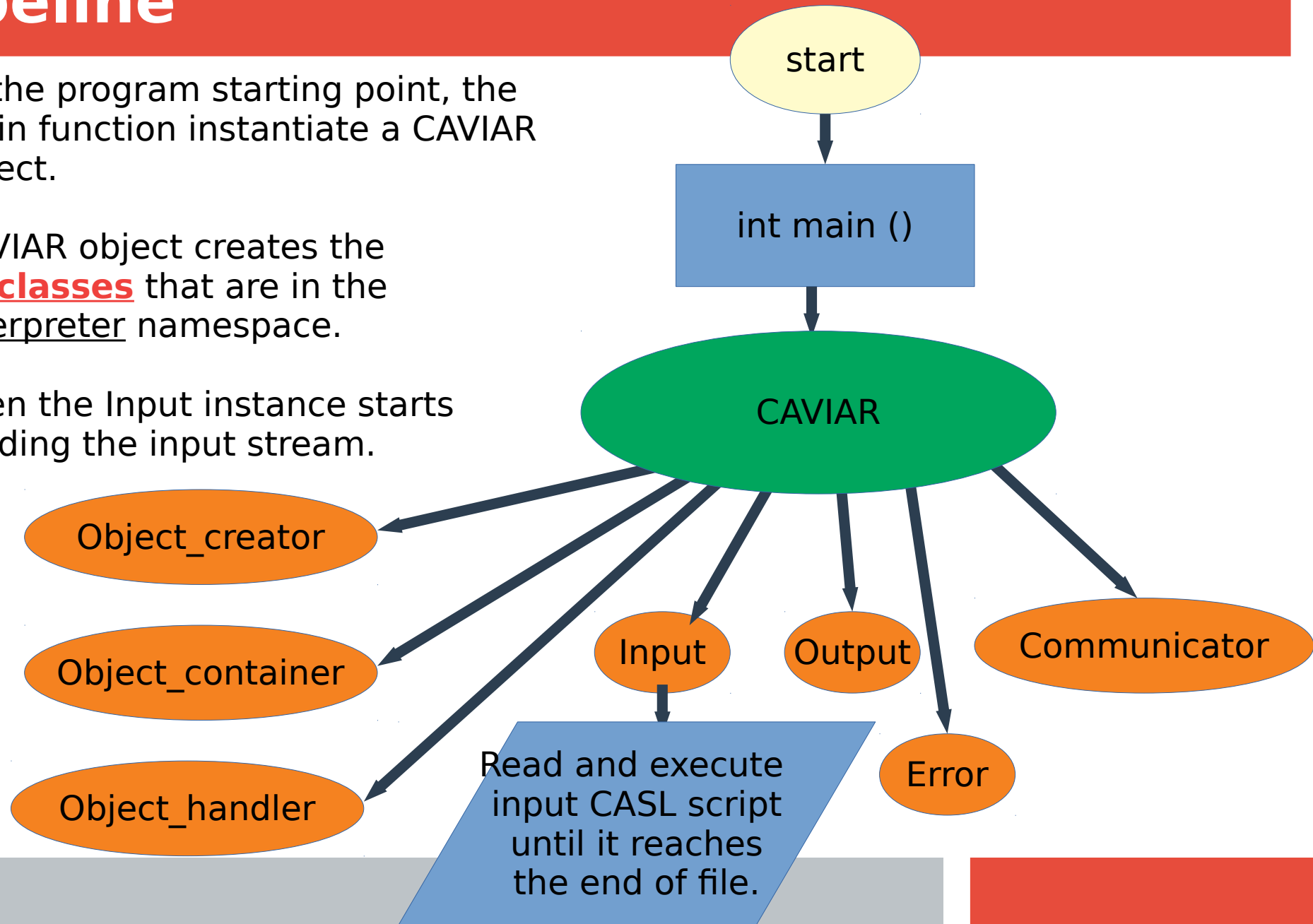
There's no main loop. One can instantiate an `Md_simulator` class to have such functionality. Also one can develop his or hers own custom MD loop.

CAVIAR 1.0 (without python) Pipeline

At the program starting point, the main function instantiate a CAVIAR object.

CAVIAR object creates the **IO classes** that are in the interpreter namespace.

Then the Input instance starts reading the input stream.

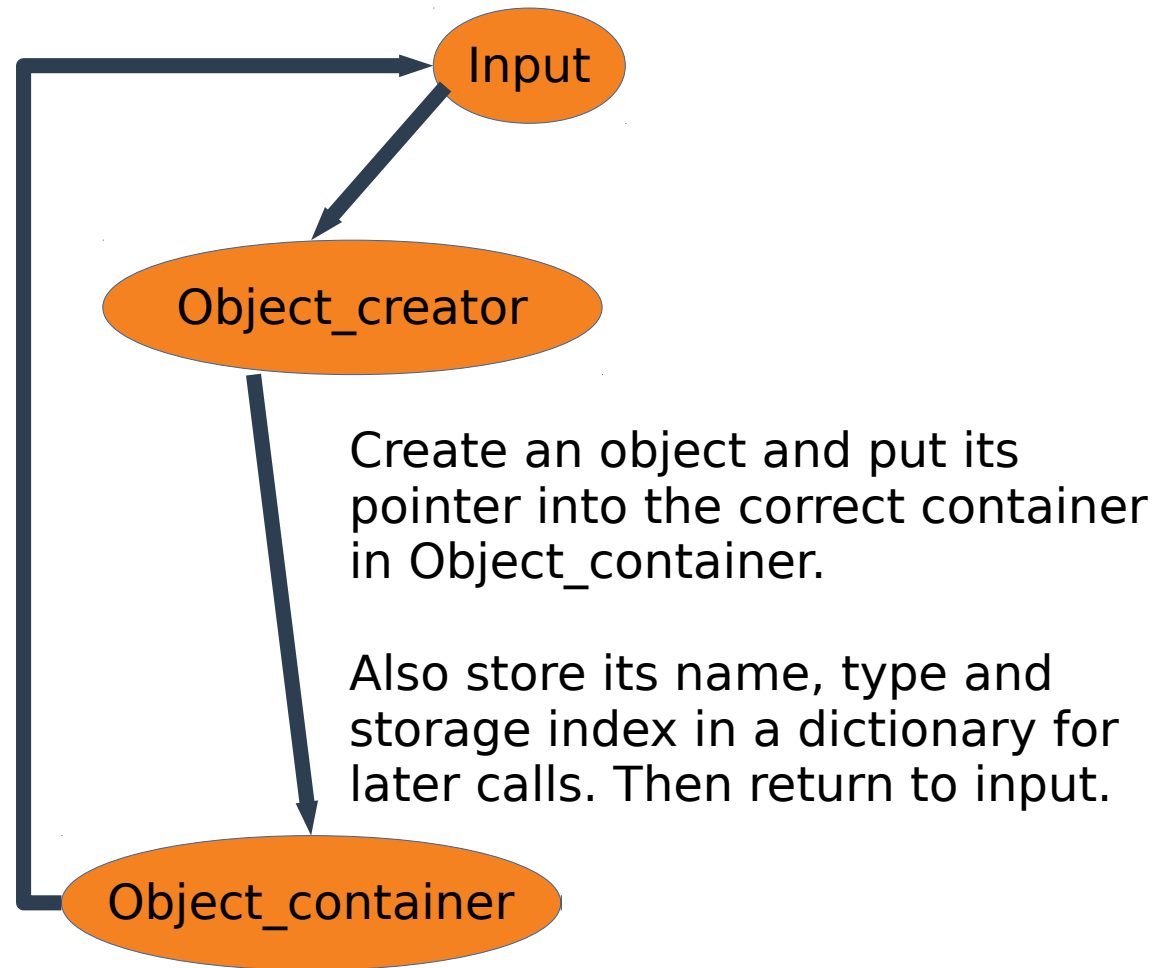


CAVIAR 1.0 (without python) Pipeline

There are three different type of commands:

I) Object Creation

```
force_field Lj my_force
```



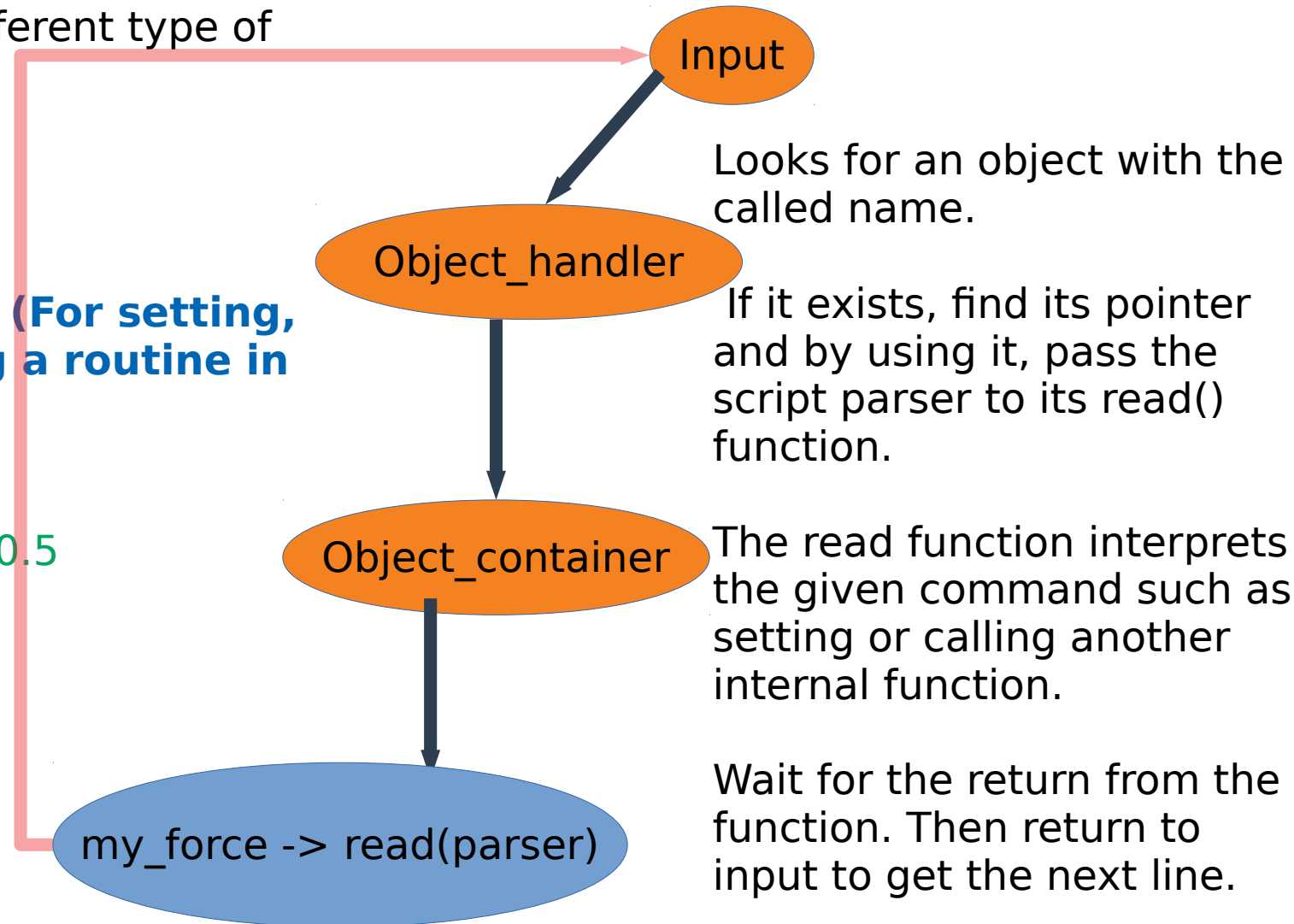
CAVIAR 1.0 (without python) Pipeline

There are three different type of commands:

I) Object Creation

II) Object Calling (For setting, getting or calling a routine in that object)

my_force cutoff 0.5



CAVIAR 1.0 (without python)

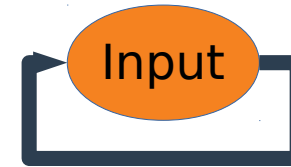
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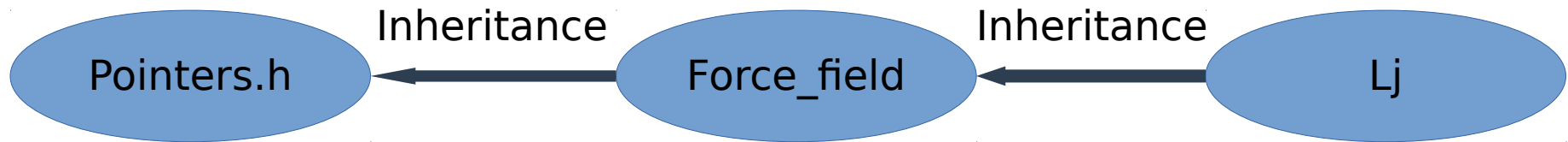
- **CASL commands (If Condition, Loop,...)**



The input class handles the CASL commands by calling its internal functions.

CAVIAR 1.0

objects interface:



Pointer class has :

- pointer to Error
- pointer to Output
- pointer to Input
- pointer to Communicator
- pointer to Obj. Container