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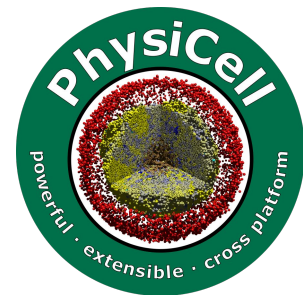
Lesson 7: Working with PhysiCell Data in Python

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History

- 2019-09-28: **first release** Physicell-Tools/python-loader.

1. copy `pyMCDS.py` into your output folder.
 2. `from pyMCDS import pyMCDS`
- it is still possible to run `pcdl` like this!

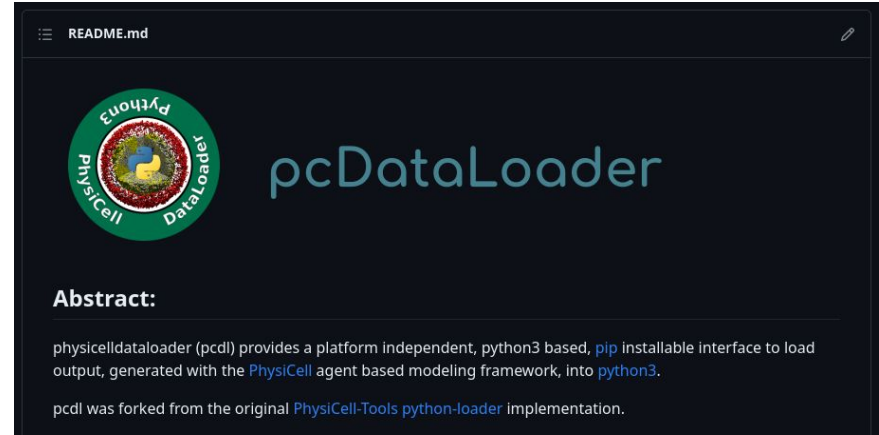
- an issue that bothered me ...



<https://github.com/PhysiCell-Tools/python-loader>

History

- 2022-08: I joined the lab and overtook **maintenance** of the python-loder.
- physicell data loader was **forked**.
- **aim:** ...



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pcdl - “PhysiCell’s USB port”

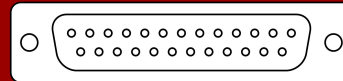
Focus:

- ★ stay **backwards compatible**, as much as possible.
- ★ stay platform independent (**Windows, MacOS, Linux**).
- ★ be **pip** installable.
- ★ load **PhysiCell** output into **Python3**.
- ★ supply the loaded data in well established, standardized data formats.
 - pandas **DataFrame** and **Series**
 - scverse **AnnData** objects

In other words:

- ★ pcdl **does not try to be** analysis software.
- ★ pcdl **tries to be the** default connector between PhysiCell output and analysis software.

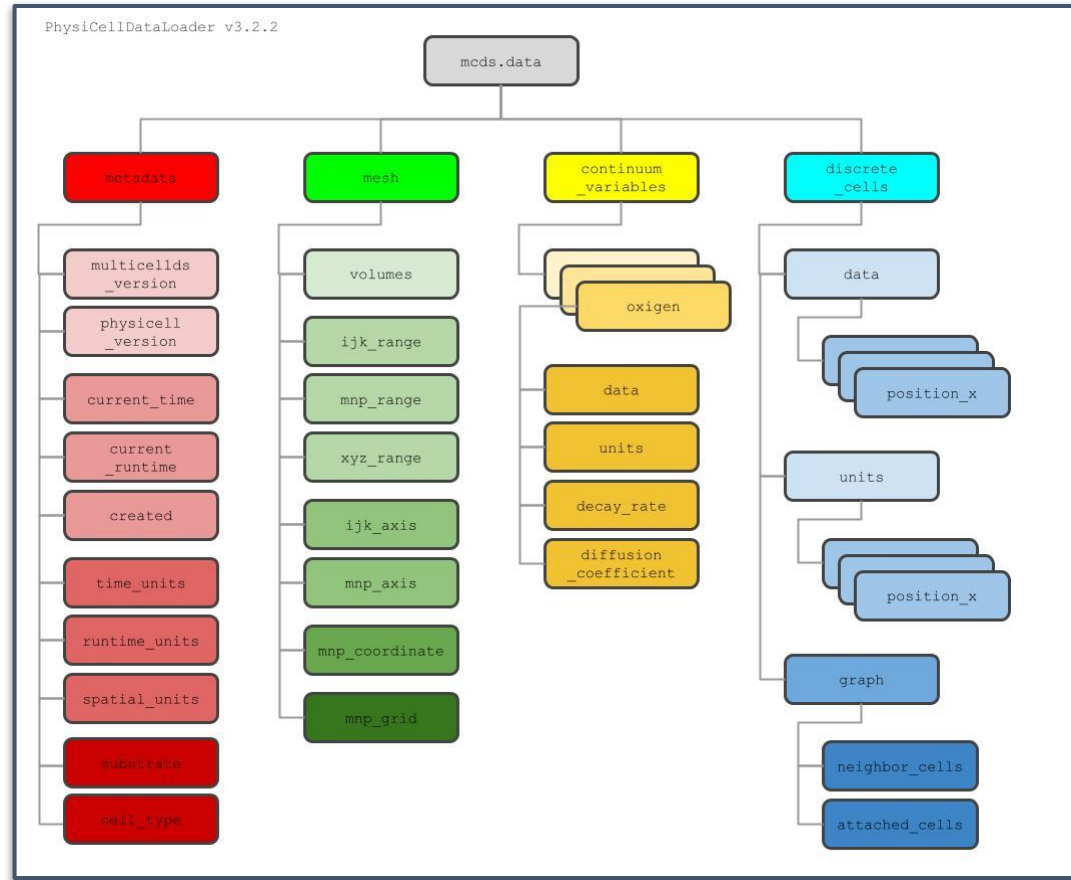
In this presentation, we will see, how far we come with this strategy.



Blueprint

one **time step** =
one **mcds object** =
one Python3 **dictionary**
and a set of **functions** to
access the data.

mcds: **Multi Cellular Data Standard**



pcdl - all the details

- <https://github.com/elmbeech/physicelldataloader/blob/master/README.md>

HowTo Guide:

- Check out: [man/HOWTO.md!](#)

Tutorial:

- Check out: [man/TUTORIAL.md!](#)

Reference Manual:

- Check out: [man/REFERENCE.md!](#)

Discussion:

To be developed.



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pcdl[all] - python library dependencies

pip install pcdl # light weight, the basics:

- matplotlib
- numpy
- pandas
- scipy

pip install pcdl[scverse] # heavy weight:

- anndata - for single cell data analysis

pip install pcdl[data] # used for the tutorial:

- requests - for http downloading the data files

pcdl - the workhorse functions for data analysis

TimeStep Class

```
help(pcdl.TimeStep) # ! make class instance  
help(pcdl.TimeStep.__init__)
```



```
# TimeStep microenvironment  
help(pcdl.TimeStep.get_concentration_df) # ! workhorse function  
help(pcdl.TimeStep.get_conc_df) # ! shorthand  
help(pcdl.TimeStep.get_contour) # ! workhorse function
```

```
# TimeStep cells and other agents  
help(pcdl.TimeStep.get_cell_df) # ! workhorse function  
help(pcdl.TimeStep.get_scatter) # ! workhorse function
```

```
# TimeStep unit  
help(pcdl.TimeStep.get_unit_se) # ! workhorse function
```

```
# TimeStep anndata  
help(pcdl.TimeStep.get_anndata) # ! workhorse function
```


pcdl - the workhorse functions for data analysis

TimeSeries Class

```
help(pcdl.TimeSeries) # ! make class instance  
help(pcdl.TimeSeries.__init__)
```

```
# TimeSeries load data  
help(pcdl.TimeSeries.get_mcds_list) # ! workhorse function  
help(pcdl.TimeSeries.get_anmcds_list) # ! workhorse function
```

```
# TimeSeries triage data  
help(pcdl.TimeSeries.get_cell_df_states) # ! workhorse function  
help(pcdl.TimeSeries.get_conc_df_states) # ! workhorse function
```

```
# TimeSeries images and movies  
help(pcdl.TimeSeries.make_imgcell) # ! workhorse function  
help(pcdl.TimeSeries.make_imgsubs) # ! workhorse function  
help(pcdl.TimeSeries.make_gif) # ! workhorse function  
help(pcdl.TimeSeries.make_movie) # ! workhorse function
```

```
# TimeSeries anndata  
help(pcdl.TimeSeries.get_anndata) # ! workhorse function
```

Data analysis with pcdl ...

- is not **source code** programming!
(Although, when you write an analysis tool, you should use pcdl to load PhysiCell output.)
- is interactive “**REPL** (read-eval-print loop) programming”.
REPL programming’s basis is “one-liner” code.
REPL programming is ideal for **ad hoc, on the fly data analysis**.
REPL programming is more agile than any **GUI** (graphical user interface) can be.

In the beginning, I will move slowly, to show how I do REPL programming.
Afterward I will move fast, to give an overview about what is possible.

live demo!
pcdl_ws2023.ipynb

- https://github.com/elmbeech/physicelldataloader/blob/master/man/jupyter/pcdl_ws2023.ipynb



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Conclusion

- pcdl is simply and **interface**.
- don't re-invent the wheel: it is a fruitful approach to learn, make use of, and contribute to in the field **well established high-level Python3 libraries**.

Where to go from here?

the basics:

- learn core python3: <https://www.python.org/> [resources: <https://nostarch.com/python-kids-2nd-edition>, <https://realpython.com/>]
- learn numpy: <https://numpy.org/>
- learn scipy: <https://scipy.org/>
- learn pandas: <https://pandas.pydata.org>
- learn matplotlib: <https://matplotlib.org/>

depending on your needs, learn:

- statsmodels: <https://www.statsmodels.org/stable/index.html>
- sklearn: <https://scikit-learn.org/stable/>
- pytorch: <https://pytorch.org/>
- skimage: <https://scikit-image.org/>
- ...

at <https://scverse.org> :

- read the anndata docs - the basic data object
- read the scanpy docs - single cell analysis
- read the squidpy docs - spatial single cell analysis
- read the scvi-tools docs - single cell machine learning
- ...

at <https://github.com/PhysiCell-Tools/python-loader> :

- work through the pcdl TUTORIAL.md
- read the docstrings from the “workhorse functions” mentioned in the pcdl REFERENCE.md

pcdl - future development

Road Map:

- [vtk file format](#) output, maybe [stl](#) and [wavefront obj](#) output.
- [GML](#) ([networkx](#) and [igraph](#) compatible) output.



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- PhysiCell Studio
- Python3 core libraries
- numpy, scipy, pandas, matplotlib
- scveres: anndata
- http: requests

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