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# **pylastic Documentation**

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Contents: Get DEFORMATION MATRIX for given spacegroup number and Lagranian strain.

**Methods:** get\_eta : returns Lagrangian strain

get\_sgn : returns spacegroup number

get\_strainType : returns current strain (deformation) type

get\_defMatrix : returns deformation matrix

get\_strainList : returns list of deformation types for specific crystal symmetry

get\_V0

set\_eta : set Lagrangian strain

set\_sgn : set spacegroup number

set\_strainType : set current strain(deformation) type

set\_defMatrix : calculates deformation matrix

set\_strainList : finds list of deformation types for specific crystal symmetry

set\_V0

Example:

```
import distort
```

```
dist = distort.Distort()           # generate instance of distortion object
dist.sgn = sgn                     # set spacegroup number (int)
dist.set_strainList()              # set strain list according to space group number

strainType = next(dist.strainList_iter) # when using the iterator property --> get first distortion
dist.eta = eta                     # define lagrangian strain (float)
dist.set_strainType(strainType)     # set strain type (string)
dist.set_defMatrix()               # set deformation matrix
dist.get_defMatrix()               # get deformation matrix
```

**class** distort.**Distort** (volumeconserving=False, mthd='Energy', order=2)

Generate DEFORMATION MATRIX for given spacegroup number and Lagranian strain. arguments:

volumeconserving: (True/False) mthd: ('Energy'/'Stress') method of calculation order: (2/3) specify order of elastic constants

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**class** elatoms.**ElAtoms**

classdocs: ASE Atoms like object.

**Methods:** set\_cell set\_natom set\_scale set\_species set\_workdir set\_poscar set\_poscarnew distort  
poscarToAtoms atomsToPoscar

get\_cell get\_natom get\_scale get\_species get\_workdir get\_poscar get\_poscarnew

Example:

```
poscar = POS('POSCAR').read_pos()
structures = Structures()
```

Generate distortion:

```
atom1 = ElAtoms()  
atom1.poscarToAtoms(poscar)  
atom1.distort(eta=0.01, strainType_index = 0)  
structures.append_structure(atom1)
```

Generate another distortion:

```
atom2 = ElAtoms()  
atom2.poscarToAtoms(poscar)  
atom2.distort(eta=0.01, strainType_index = 1)  
structures.append_structure(atom2)  
  
structures.write_structures()
```

**class** `elatoms.Structures`

Generate a series of distorted structures.

**Methods:** `set_fname` `write_structures` `append_structure` `get_structures`

**class** `analyze.Energy` (*strain, energy, V0*)

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