

PWgui tutorial: a PWscf's Graphical User Interface

PWgui == PWscf GUI

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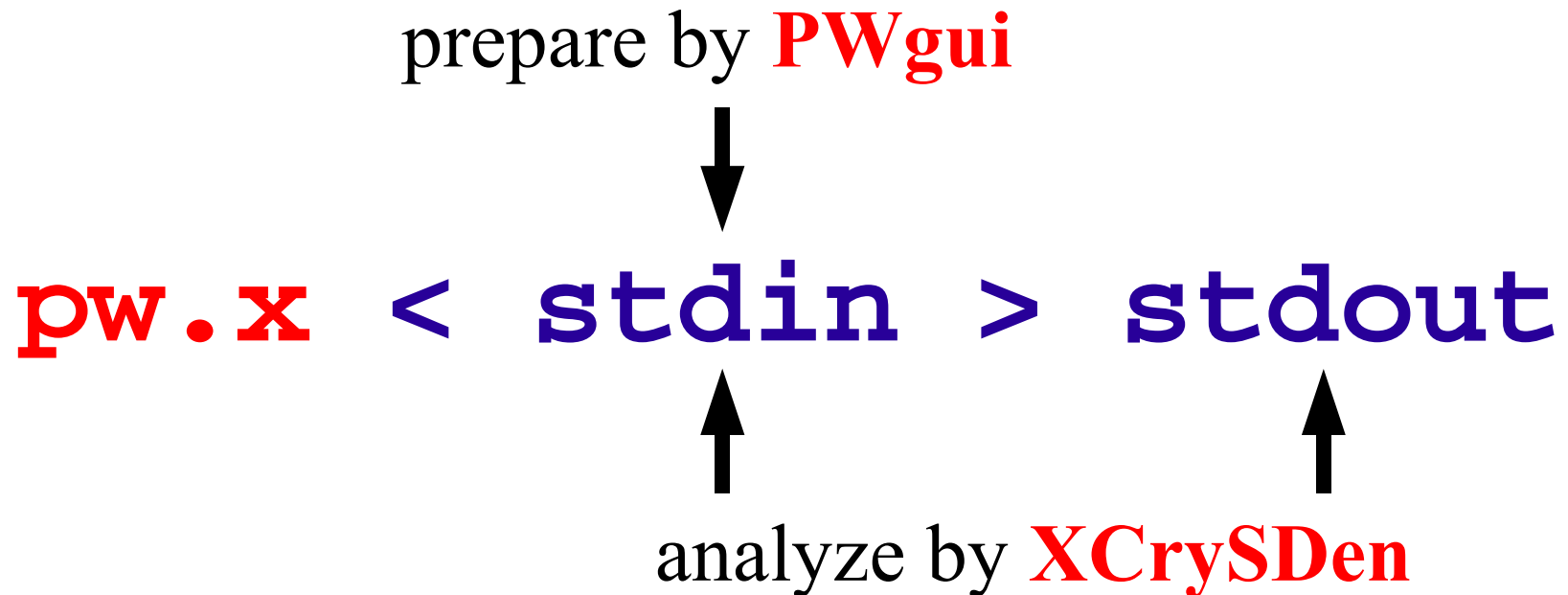
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Basic scheme @ PWscf



Basic scheme @ PWscf [extended]

- make SCF calculation:

PWgui →
pw.x < **stdin** > **stdout**
↙ output: prefix.*
↘ analyze by *XCrySDen*

- calculate property:

PWgui →
pp.x < **stdin** > **stdout**
↙ output: filplot

- transform the data:

PWgui →
pp.x < **stdin** > **stdout**
↙ output: fileout ← analyze by *XCrySDen*

PWgui == PWscf GUI

- ✓ is free software (GNU General Public License)
- ✓ WEB page:
<http://www.pwscf.org/>, there is link to:
<http://www-k3.ijs.si/kokalj/pwgui/>

PWgui and GUIB

CONSIDER: *inputs for numerical simulation software are simple from computer perspective*

IDEA: *construct a two-purpose meta-language:*

- *define the input syntax*
 - *provide automatic GUI construction*
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GUIB: simple **G**raphical **U**ser **I**nterface **B**uilder
<http://www-k3.ijs.si/kokalj/gui/>

What is GUIB

GUIB is an engine for building GUIs for numerical simulation software:

- ✓ define the input syntax of your input
- ✓ automatic GUI construction

GUIB is free software (GPL)

<http://www-k3.ijs.si/kokalj/guiB>

GUIB engine is used for

PWgui – a GUI for the
PWscf set of programs



How GUIB works

(1) Consider the following input:

```
K_POINTS automatic
8 8 8
1 1 1
```

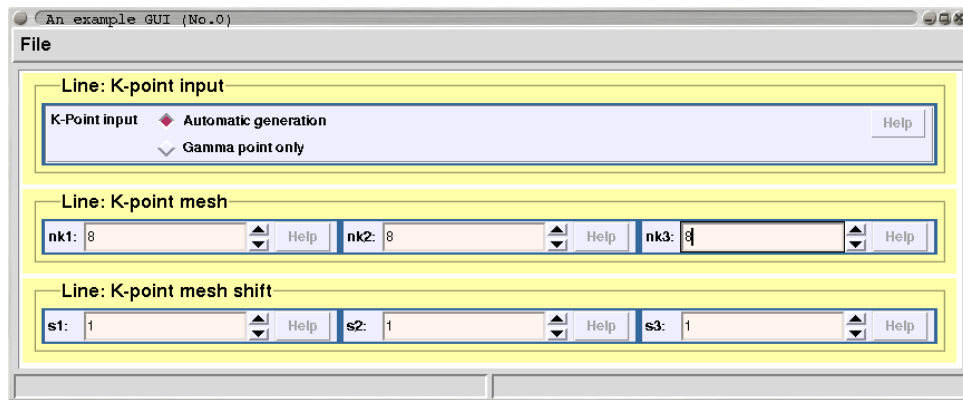
(2) Define the input syntax:

```
module example1\#auto -title "An example GUI" -script {
  # 1st-line of input
  line ktype -name "K-point input" {
    keyword kpoints K_POINTS
    var kpoint_type {
      -label "K-Point input"
      -textvalue { "Automatic generation" "Gamma point only" }
      -value { automatic gamma }
      -widget radiobox
    }
  }

  # 2nd-line of input
  line kmesh -name "K-point mesh" {
    packwidgets left
    var nk1 -label "nk1:" -widget entry -validate posint -default 1
    var nk2 -label "nk2:" -widget entry -validate posint -default 1
    var nk3 -label "nk3:" -widget entry -validate posint -default 1
  }

  # 3rd-line of input
  line kshift -name "K-point mesh shift" {
    packwidgets left
    var s1 -label "s1:" -widget entry -validate posint -default 1
    var s2 -label "s2:" -widget entry -validate posint -default 1
    var s3 -label "s3:" -widget entry -validate posint -default 1
  }
}
```

(3) Corresponding GUI [automatically constructed on the basis of definition (2)]

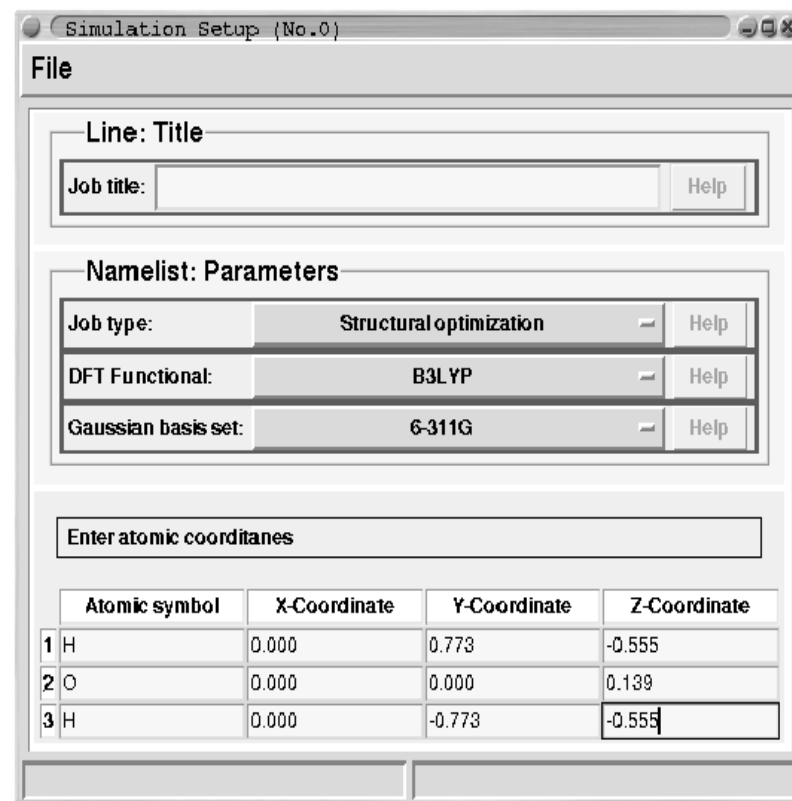


GUI based on GUIB

- a GUI based on **GUIB** closely follows the structure of the input
- *example:*

```

water molecule
&parameters
  job_type = optimization
  functional = B3LYP
  basis_set = 6-311G
&end
Input_Geometry
H 0.000 0.773 -0.555
O 0.000 0.000 0.139
H 0.000 -0.773 -0.555
End
  
```



- *the function of such GUI is to manage input files (creation + editing)*

PWgui installation

- *PWgui comes in two flavors:*
 - binary standalone package (for Linux / MAC OSX)
 - source package
- *Installation of binary (standalone) package:*
 - download PWgui from <http://www.pwscf.org/> or <http://www-k3.ijs.si/kokalj/pwgui/>
 - unzip (or untar) the package
 - execute: `./pwgui`
- *Installation of source package:*
 - define environmental variables
 - `export PWGUI=/path/to/PWgui-3.1` (syntax for bash shell)
 - add `$PWGUI` to path: `PATH=$PATH:$PWGUI`
 - execute: `./pwgui`

PWgui: what it provides?

- manages (create and edit) inputs for the following modules:

`pw.x`

`ph.x`

`pp.x`

`projwfc.x`

`ld1.x (atomic)`

`d3.x`

- contains help:
 - User's manual
 - **INPUT_*** files
 - description of individual variables (**Help** buttons)
- visualization of structure: **PWgui** uses **XCRYSDEN**

Let's start using PWgui

- launch: `./pwgui`

create new input

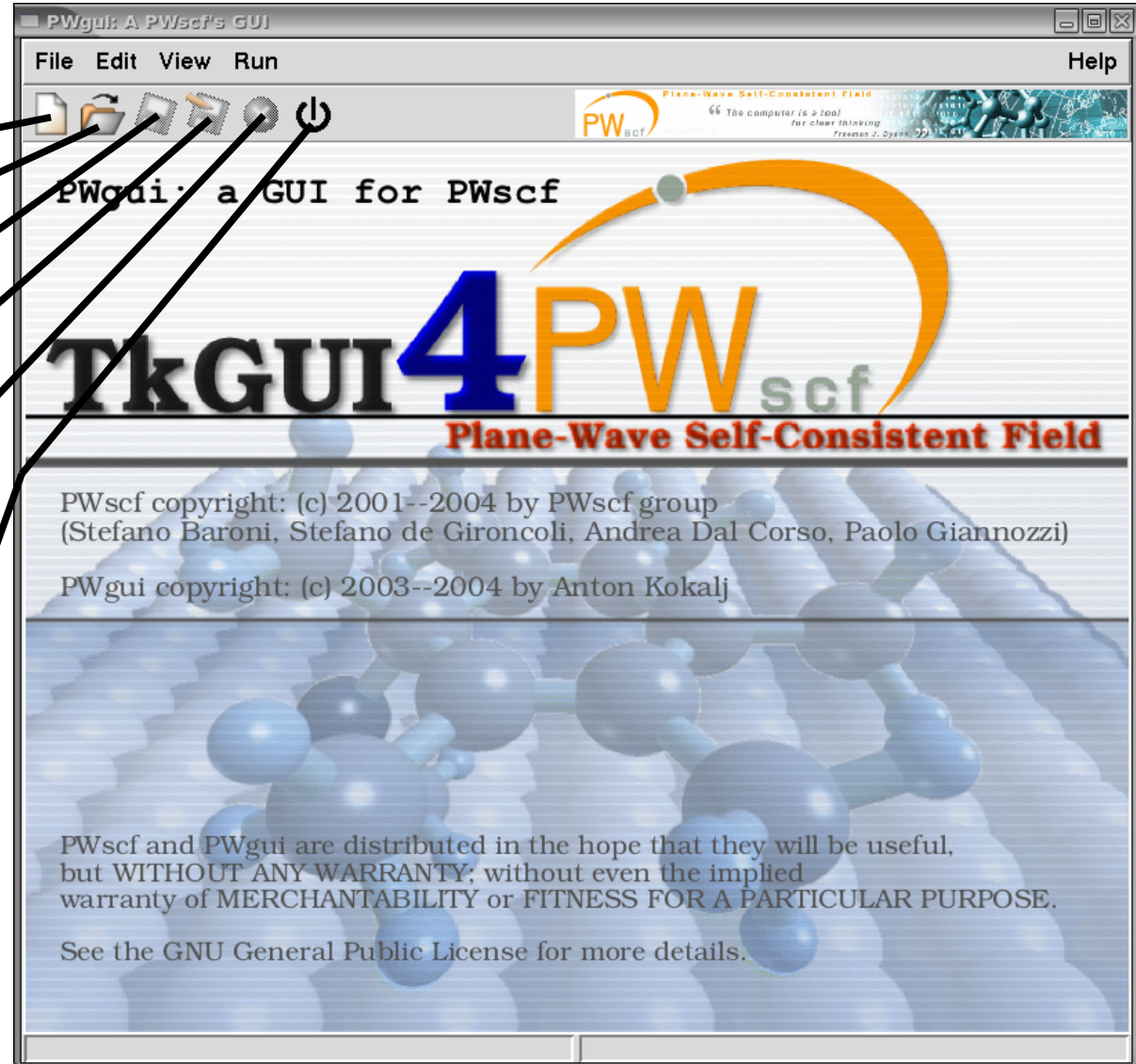
open existing input

save current input

save current input as

close current page

exit



Create a new pw.x input file

- **select menu:** `File->New Input ...->New PW.X Input`
- **PWgui** opens a new page, which contains several pages:
 - + one page per each *namelist*
 - + one page for `CELL_PARAMETERS/ATOMIC_SPECIES/ATOMIC_POSITIONS` cards
 - + one page for `K_POINTS` card
 - + one page for `CLIMBING_IMAGES/OCCUPATIONS` cards

Create a new pw.x input file

- the input constructed by PWgui is syntactically correct, BUT the **STRINGS MUST BE QUOTED**. Example:

```
pseudo_dir = '/home/tono/pw/pseudo/'
```

Temporary directory (outdir):	<input type="text" value="/scratch/tono/pw/example1"/>	Directory ...
Directory containing pseudopotential files (pseudo_dir):	<input type="text" value="/home/tono/pw/pseudo"/>	Directory ...
Prefix for I/O filenames (prefix):	<input type="text" value="example"/>	

Display help for pw.x

- **description of variables:**
use **Help** buttons on the right
- **description of whole pw.x input:**
select menu: **Help->PW.X Input Syntax**
- **PWscf User's manual:**
select menu: **Help->PWSCF User's guide**

Event driven mechanism

- on **Control** page select:
 Type of calculation = Self-Consistent-field
 - goto **ions** page: all items are disabled
- on **Control** page select:
 Type of calculation = Ionic-relaxation
 - goto **ions** page: some items are enabled now.
- select a given type of ionic dynamics (first item): more items get enabled ...

Viewing input in text-mode

- on ***Control*** page select:
`Type of calculation = Self-Consistent-field`
- now try the following menu items:
 - `View->Input file`
(text layout of appropriate **pw.x**'s input is displayed)
- now try input-layouts for other types of calculations ...

Editor vs. GUI mode

- from menu: **File->Open Input ...->Open PW.X Input**
- select file: ***YOUR_ESPRESSO_DIR/examples/example03/results/al001.rx.in***
(NOTE: the input files are there after example03 has been run)
- now try the following menu items:
 - **Edit->Input with editor**
 - **Edit->Input's copy with editor**

PWgui & XCrySDen: visualization

- try menu: **View->Structure with XCRYSDEN**
(**xcrysdn** will display structure; **Note: XCrySDen** should be installed first. See the other tutorial)
- **xcrysdn** in **PWgui**'s page:
 - select the **PWgui**'s menu: **File->Settings**
 - on ***PWgui settings*** page select:
 - **launch XCRYSDEN = in notebook page**
 - retry the menu: **View->Structure with XCRYSDEN**
(**xcrysdn** will appear inside **PWgui** as a new notebook page)

Input error checking

- select menu: `Edit->Input with editor`
- make an error on purpose, for example, add an undefined variable:

```
&CONTROL
```

```
my_var = 'my_value',  
calculation = 'relax',  
...
```

- save the file and exit from editor: **PWgui will complain !!!**
- **Message:** when **PWgui** complains about input, then the input probably contains syntax errors !!!

More info about installation

- **PWgui** is written in *[incr Tcl]*, which is a scripting language:
 - **ADVANTAGE:** no compilation
 - **DISADVANTAGE:** source-package requires *[incr Tcl]* and related software
- How to install *[incr Tcl]* and related software:
 - Compile sources:
 - For Tcl/Tk see: <http://www.scriptics.com/>
 - For ITcl/Itk/Iwidgets see: <http://incrtcl.sourceforge.net/>
 - Tcl binaries (for a few platforms only)
 - ActiveTcl (contains everything):
<http://www.activestate.com/Products/Download/Download.plex?id=ActiveTcl>

PWgui: about modules

- modules are defined in `$PWGUI/modules` directory
- each module is in its own directory
- example: `pw.x` module:
 - located in `pw/` subdirectory
 - files:
 - `pw.tcl` — definition of input syntax and GUI
 - `pw-event.tcl` — event driven mechanism
 - `pw-help.tcl` — help for variables
 - `commands.tcl` — various functions for GUI

1st pw.x example by PWgui

- create a simple **pw.x** input for an **SCF** calculation with the **PWgui**
- **structure: si bulk**
 - *lattice parameter:* **10.2 Bohr**
 - *Braivas lattice:* **fcc-cubic**
 - *cutoff energy:* **18.0 ryd**
 - *pseudopotential:* **Si.vbc.UPF**
 - *atomic positions (crystal units):*
Si 0.00 0.00 0.00
Si 0.25 0.25 0.25
 - *k-point mesh:* **4x4x4**

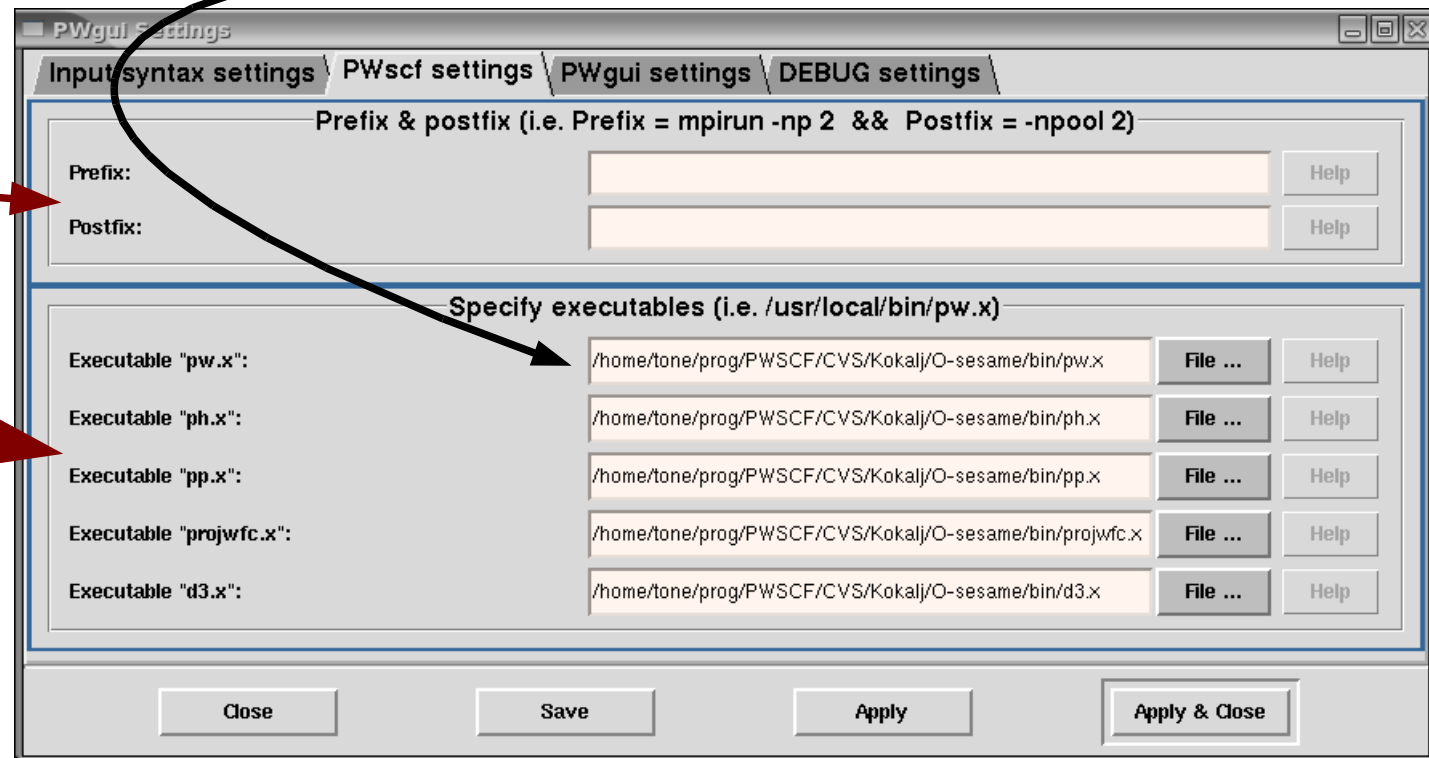
Define PWscf executables

- select the PWgui's menu: **File->Settings**
 - a new window will appear, select page: **PWscf settings**

Example: /proper/path/to/pw.x

*these are used
for parallel execution*

*define PWscf
executables here:
set the proper path*



Page: Control

PWgui: A PWscf's GUI [PW.X Input (No.0)]

File Edit View Run Help

PW.X Input (No.0)

Control System Electrons Ions Variable Cell Phonon Lattice & Atomic data K-point data Other Cards

Namelist: CONTROL

Optional variables

Job Title (title):	'Si-bulk'	Help
Type of calculation (calculation):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Self-Consistent-Field <scf> ▼ Band structure calculation <nscf> ▼ Phonon calculation <phonon> ▼ Ionic relaxation <relax> ▼ Ionic relaxation with Variable-Cell <vc-relax> ▼ Molecular dynamics <md> ▼ Molecular dynamics with Variable-Cell <vc-md> ▼ Nudged Elastic Band <neb> ▼ String Method Dynamics <smd> ▼ Meta-dynamics <metadyn> 	Help
Maximum CPU time [in seconds] (max_seconds):		Help
Restart mode (restart_mode):	from scratch <from_scratch>	Help
Make a single restart file (wf_collect):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ Yes ▼ No 	Help
--- Directories/Files/Stdout ---		
Temporary directory (outdir):	/scratch/XXXX/Si-bulk'	Directory ... Help
Temp. directory for files generated by each CPU (wfcdir):		Directory ... Help
Directory containing pseudopotential files (pseudo_dir):		Directory ... Help
Prefix for I/O filenames (prefix):		Help
Disk Input/Output (disk_io):		Help
Verbosity of output (verbosity):		Help
Interval (in SCF iterations) for printing band energies (iprint):		Help

Page: System

PWgui: A PWscf's GUI [PW.X Input (No.0)]

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PW.X Input (No.0)

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Namelist: SYSTEM

Required variables Optional variables

Braivias lattice index (ibrav): Cubic F (fcc) Help

Lattice specification:

How to specify lattice: by celldm() Help
 by A,B,C,cosAB,cosAC,cosBC

Crystallographic constants (celldm)

celldm(1):	10.2	Help
celldm(2):		Help
celldm(3):		Help
celldm(4):		Help
celldm(5):		Help
celldm(6):		Help

A: Help B: Help C: Help

cosAB: Help cosAC: Help cosBC: Help

Number of atoms in the unit cell (nat): 2 Help

Number of types of atoms in the unit cell (ntyp): 1 Help

Kinetic energy cutoff for WAVEFUNCTION [in Ryd] (ecutwfc): 18.0 Help

Kinetic energy cutoff for DENSITY [in Ryd] (ecutrho): Help

Page: Lattice & Atomic data

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PW.X Input (No.0)

Control System **Electrons** Ions Variable Cell Phonon **Lattice & Atomic data** K-point data Other Cards

Line: Lattice type

Lattice type: cubic hexagonal Help

Enter Lattice Basis Vectors: Help

	X-Component	Y-Component	Z-Component
1			
2			
3			

Enter atomic types: Help

	Atomic-label	Atomic-Mass	Pseudopotential-file
1	Si	1.0	Si.vbc.UPF Pseudopotential ...

Line: Atomic coordinate unit

Atomic coordinate length unit: Cartesian in ALAT (i.e. in length units of celldm(1)) <alat> Help
 Cartesian in BOHR <bohr>
 Cartesian in ANGSTROMS <angstroms>
 Internal crystal coordinates <crystal>

Number of intermediate images: 0 Help

Enter atomic coordinates: Help

Load atomic coordinates from file ...

	Atomic-label	X-Coordinate	Y-Coordinate	Z-Coordinate	X-iforce	Y-iforce	Z-iforce
1	Si	0.00	0.00	0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Si	0.25	0.25	0.25	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Page: K-point data

PWgui: A PWscf's GUI [PW.X Input (No.0)]

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PW.X Input (No.0)

Control System **Electrons** Ions Variable Cell Phonon Lattice & Atomic data **K-point data** Other Cards

Line: K-point input

K-Point input

- Manual specification in $2\pi/a$ units <tpiba> Help
- Manual specification in CRYSTAL units <crystal>
- Automatic generation <automatic>
- Gamma point only <gamma>

Line: Number of K-points

Number of K-points: 1 Help

Line: K-point mesh + shift

nk1: 4 Help	nk2: 4 Help	nk3: 4 Help
sk1: 1 Help	sk2: 1 Help	sk3: 1 Help

Enter the coordinates of the K-points below:

Load K-point coordinates from file ... Help

KX-Coordinate KY-Coordinate KZ-Coordinate Weight

Visualize and run

- to see the input file select menu item:
View -> Input File
- to visualize the structure select menu item:
View -> Structure with XCrySDen
- to run calculation use, for example, menu item:
Run -> Run calculation

– **PWgui** will ask you to save the input:

– ignore this message:

