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PWgui tutorial: a PWscf's Graphical User Interface

PWgui == PWscf GUI

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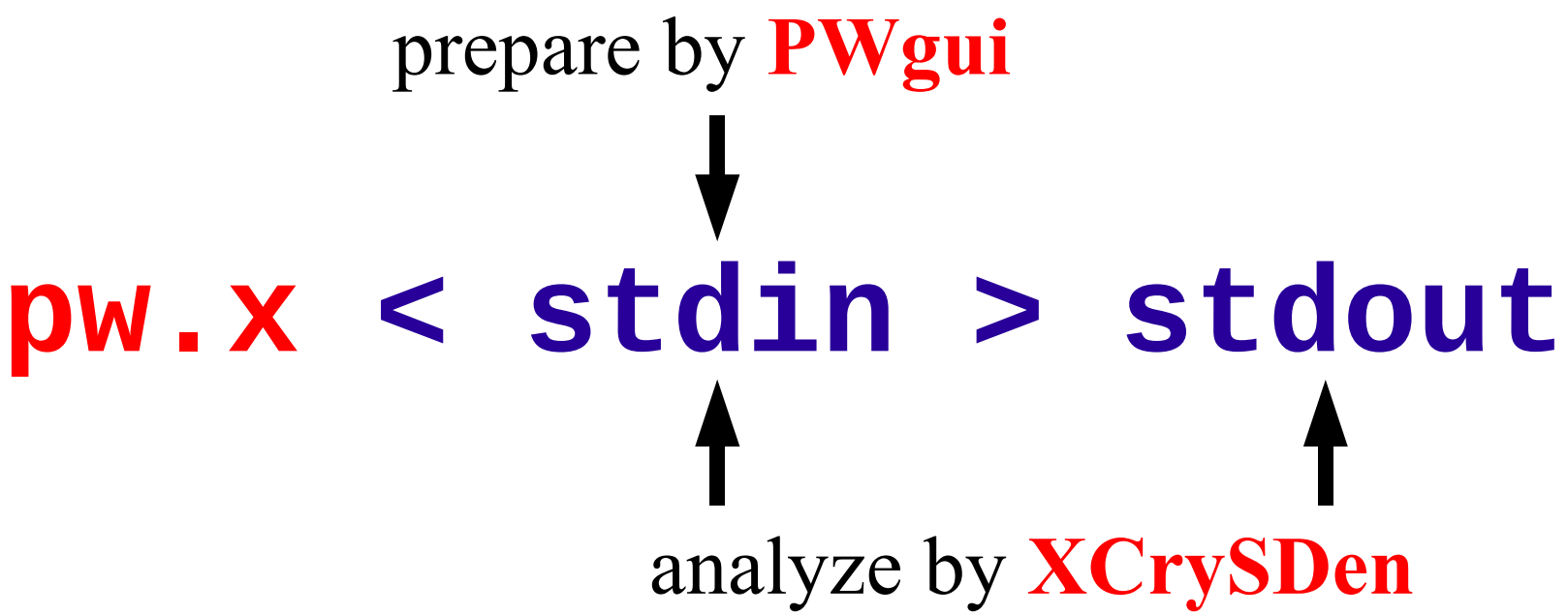
- This tutorial can be downloaded from:

  `http://[ESPRESSO-TUTORIAL-SITE]/tutorial_pwgui.pdf`

- **PWgui** (linux binary package) can be copied from:

  `http://[ESPRESSO-TUTORIAL-SITE]/pwgui-linux-x86.zip`

Basic scheme @ PWscf



Basic scheme @ PWscf [extended]

- **make SCF calculation:**

analyze by ***XCrySDen***

PWgui

```
pw.x < stdin > stdout
```

output: *prefix.**

- **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

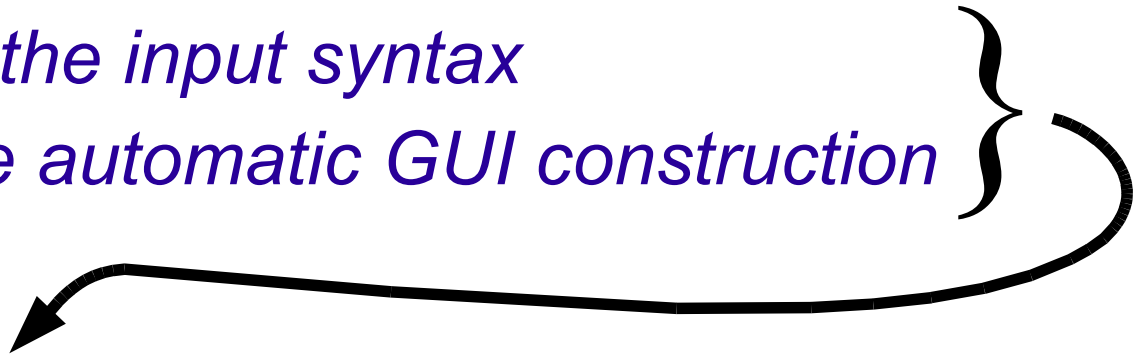
- is free software (GNU General Public License)
- WEB page:
  http://www.pwscf.org/, there is link to:
  http://www-k3.ijs.si/kokalj/pwgui/

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*



GUIB: simple **G**raphical **U**ser **I**nterface **B**uilder

`http://www-k3.ijs.si/kokalj/guib/`

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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
```

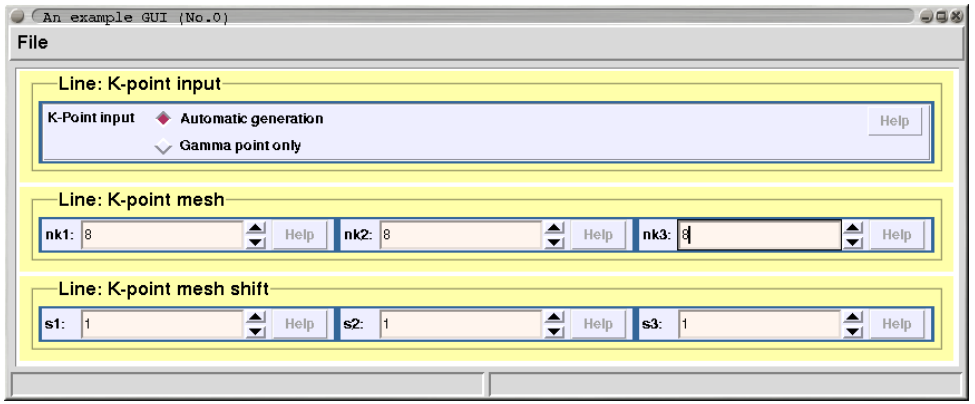
(2) *Define the input syntax:*

```
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
  }
}
```

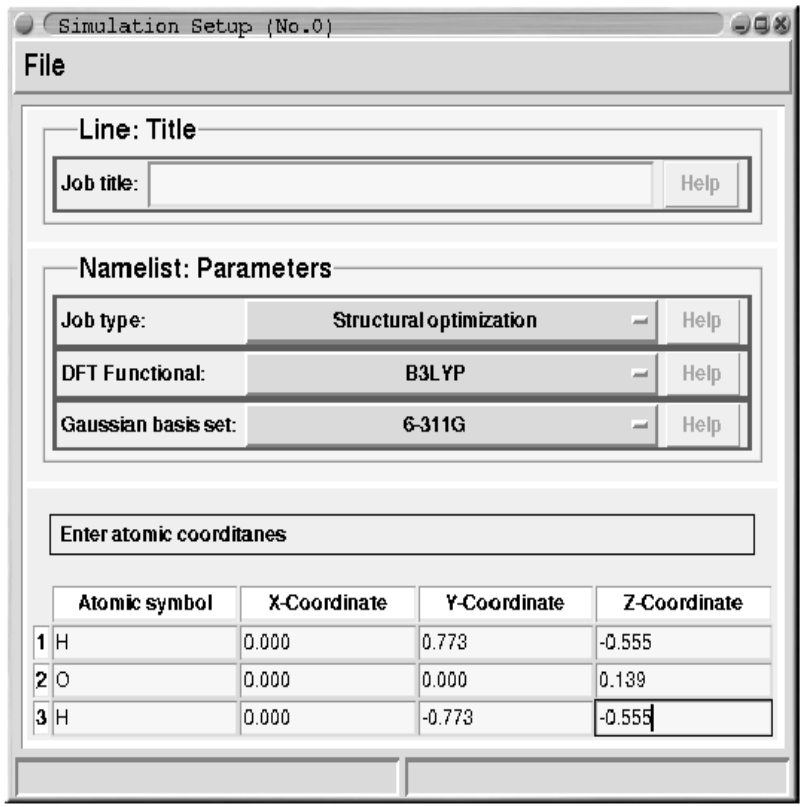
(3) *Corresponding GUI [automatically constructed on the basis of definition (2)]*



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?

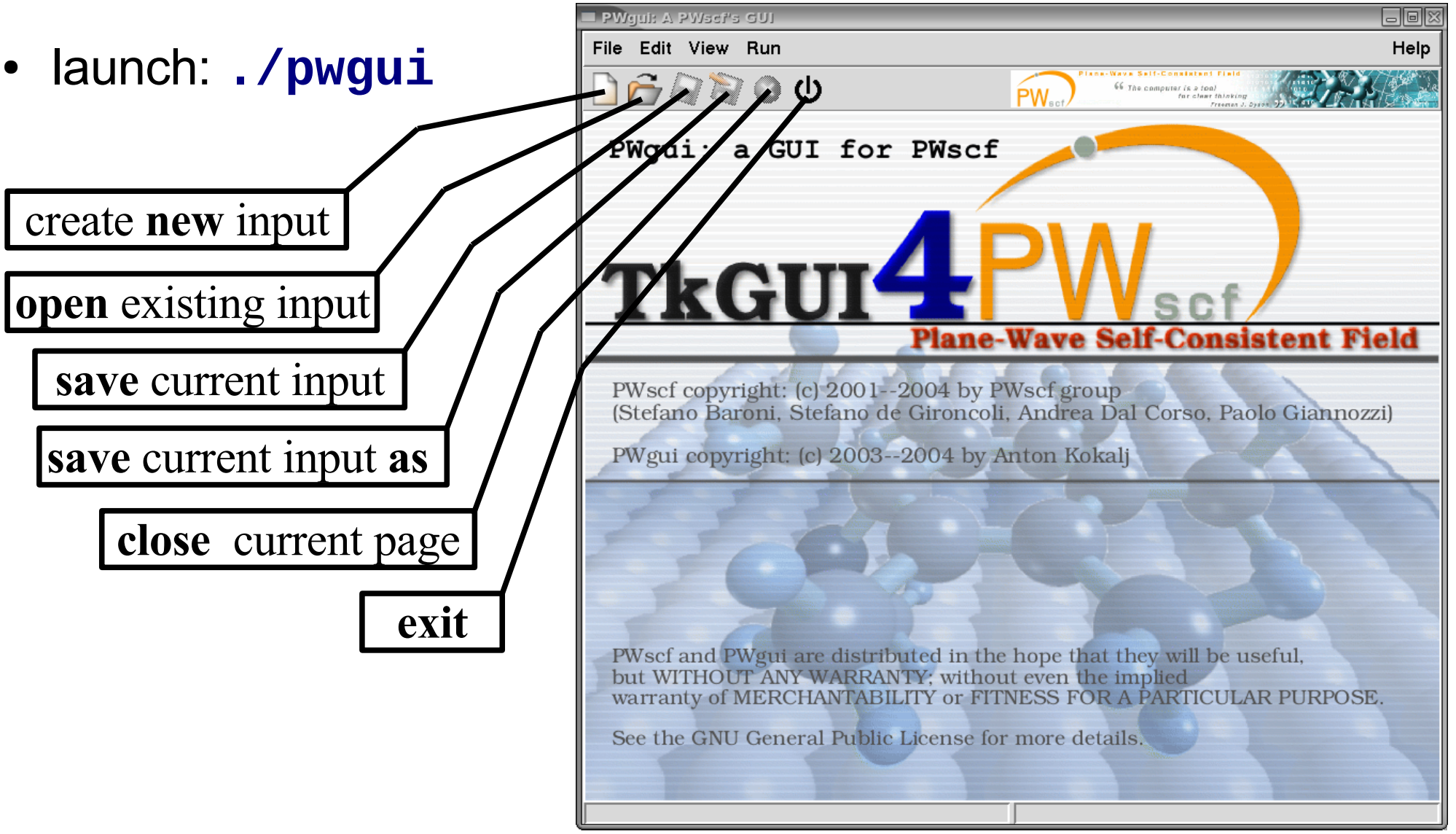
- manages (create and edit) inputs for the following modules:

  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 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

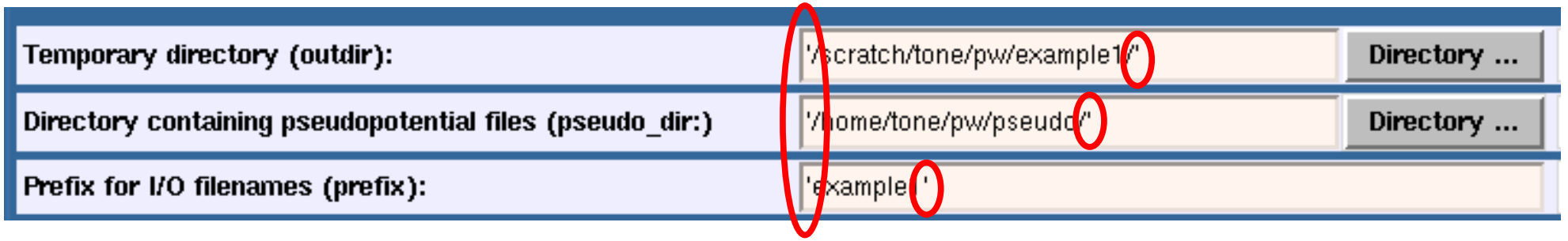
  + one page for `K_POINTS` card

  + 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/tone/pw/pseudo/'
```



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`**
  (**xcrysden** will display structure; **Note: XCrySDen should be installed first. See the other tutorial**)

- **xcrysden** 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`**
    (**xcrysden** 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
  - **DISADVATAGE:** **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`

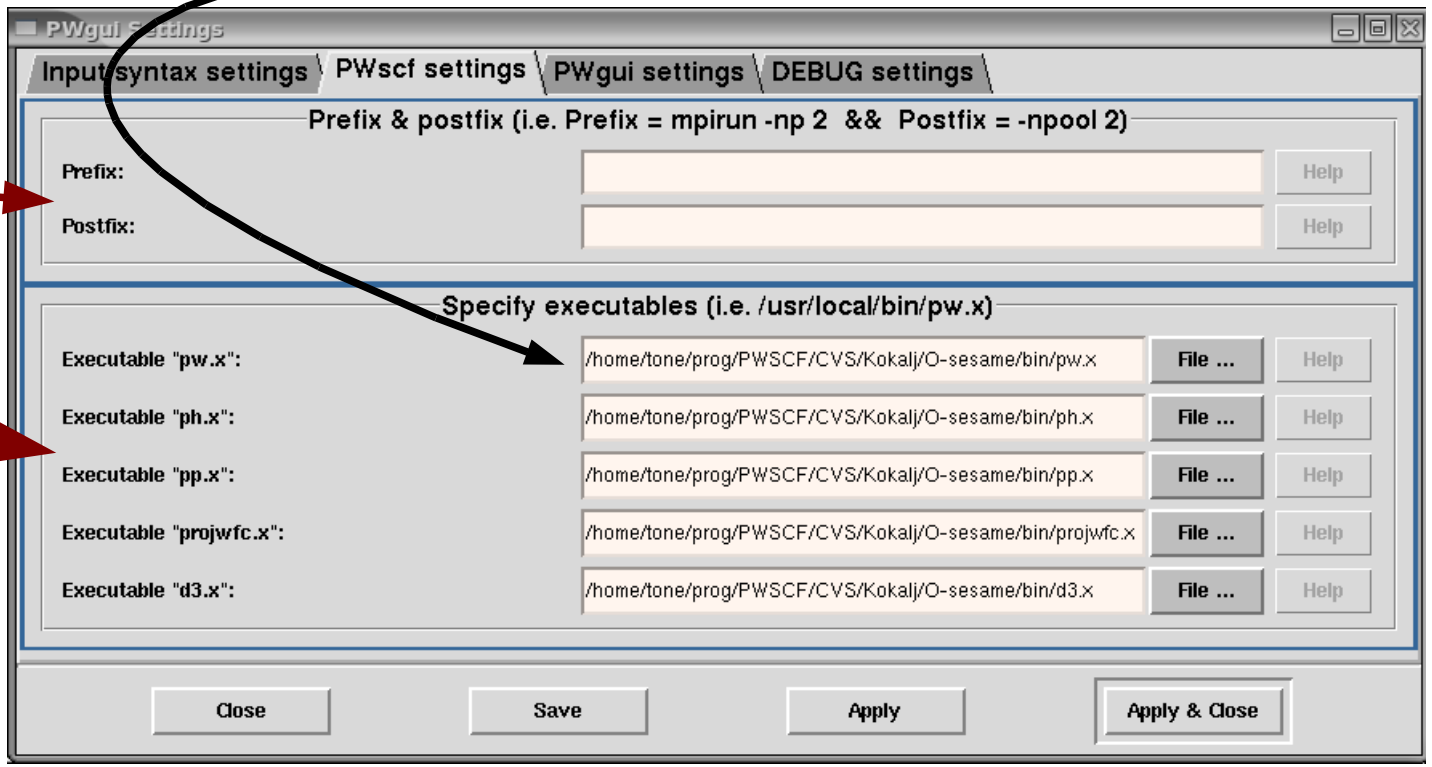
Define PWscf executables

- 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



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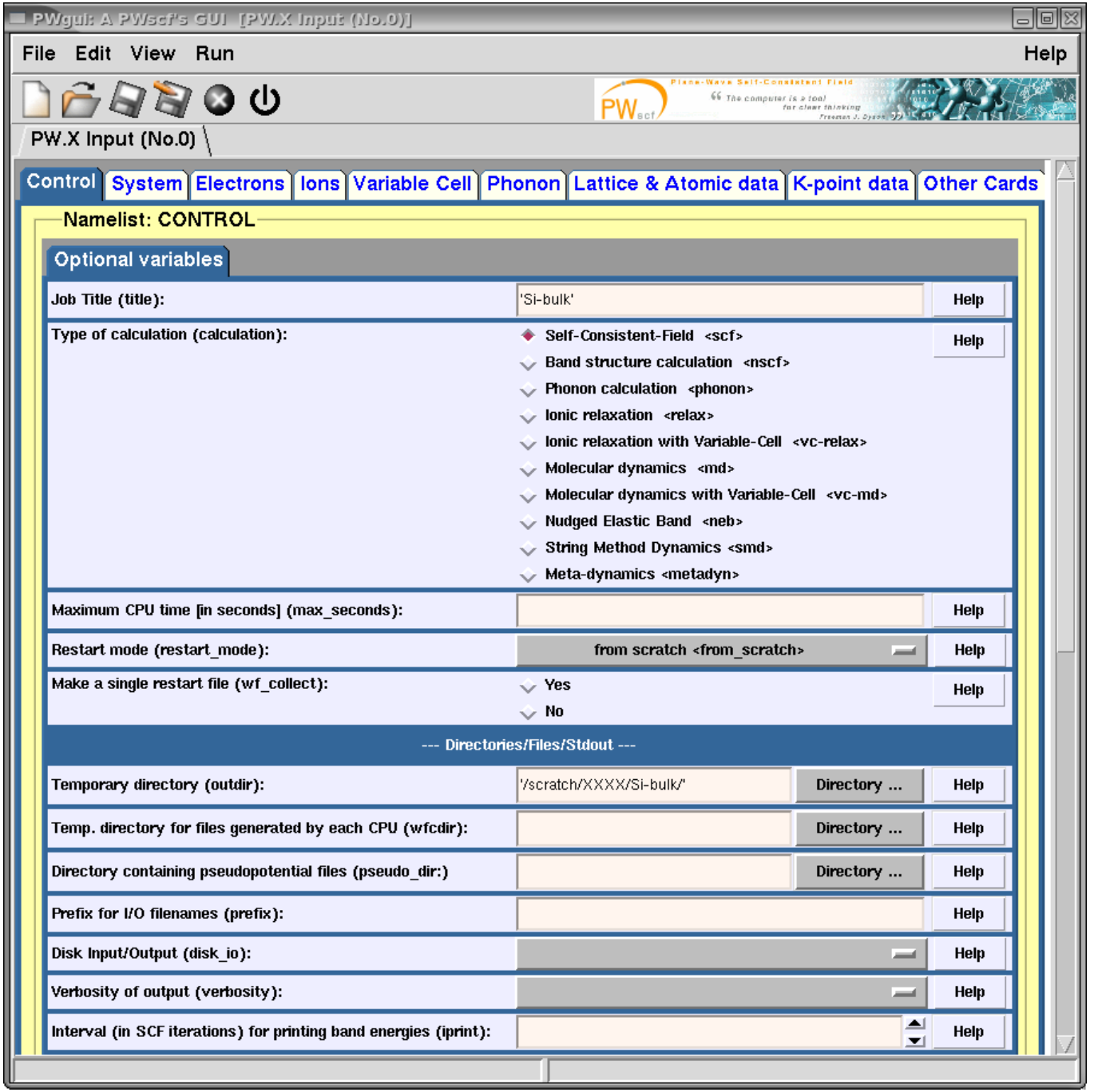

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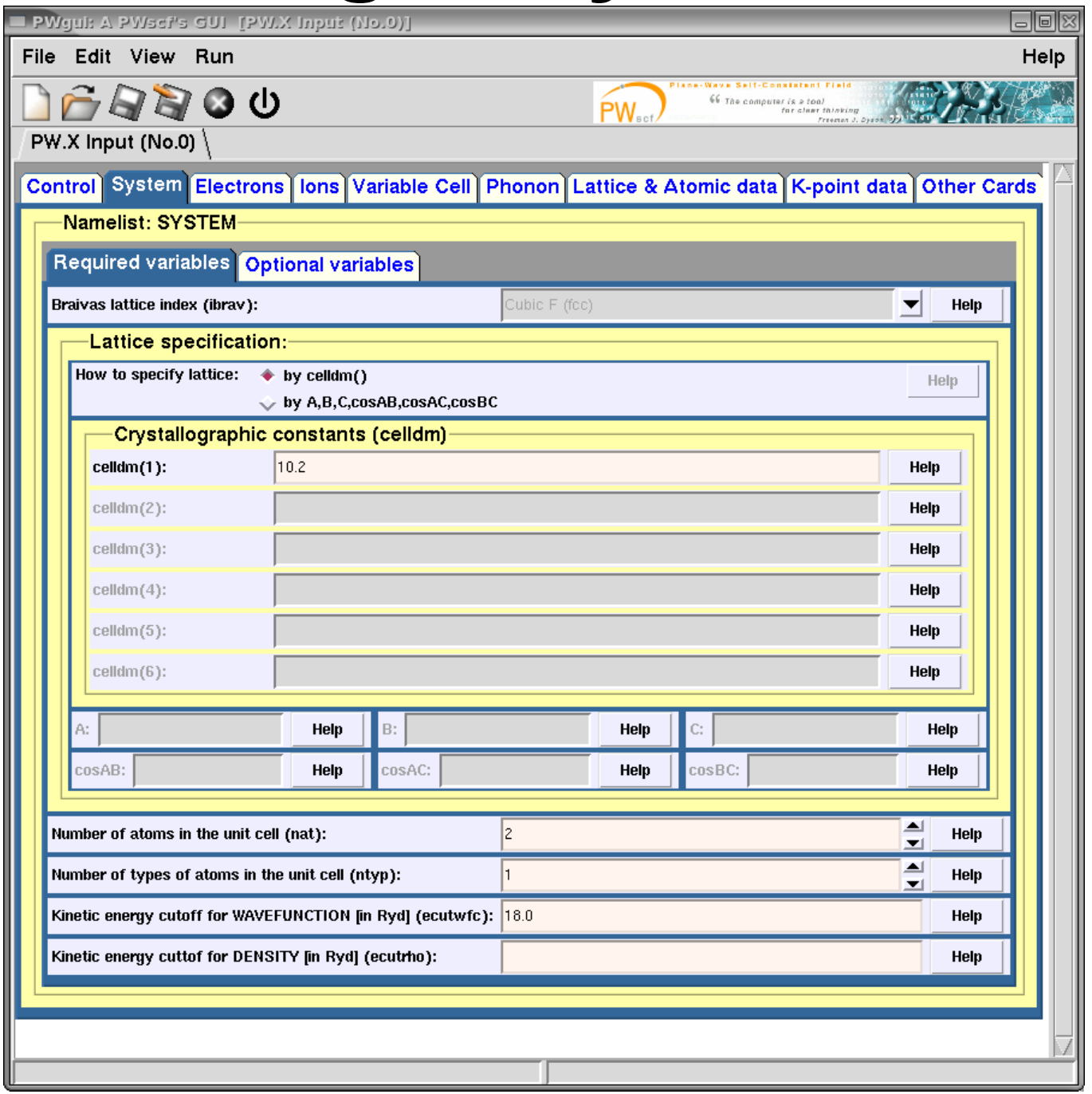

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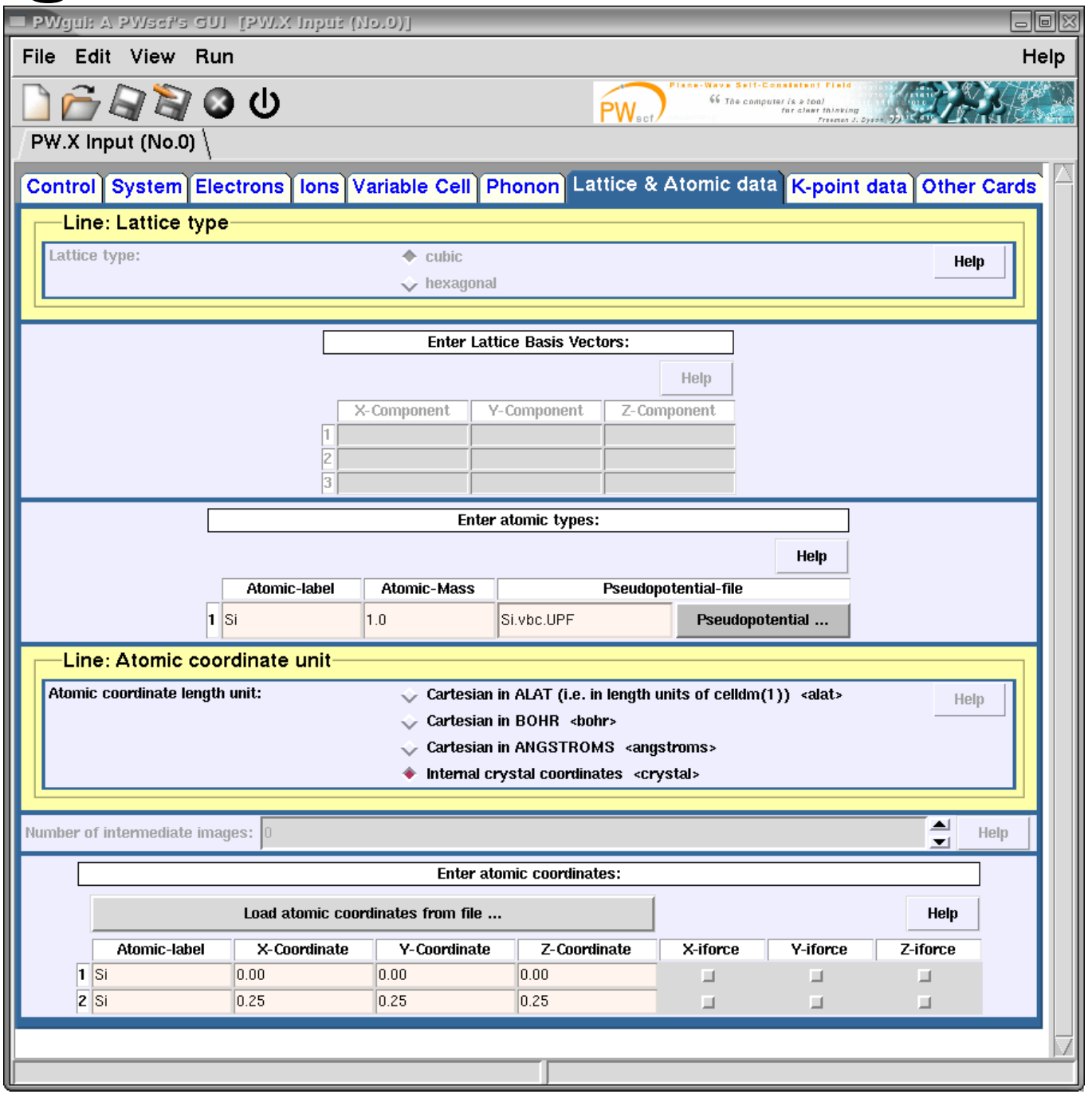

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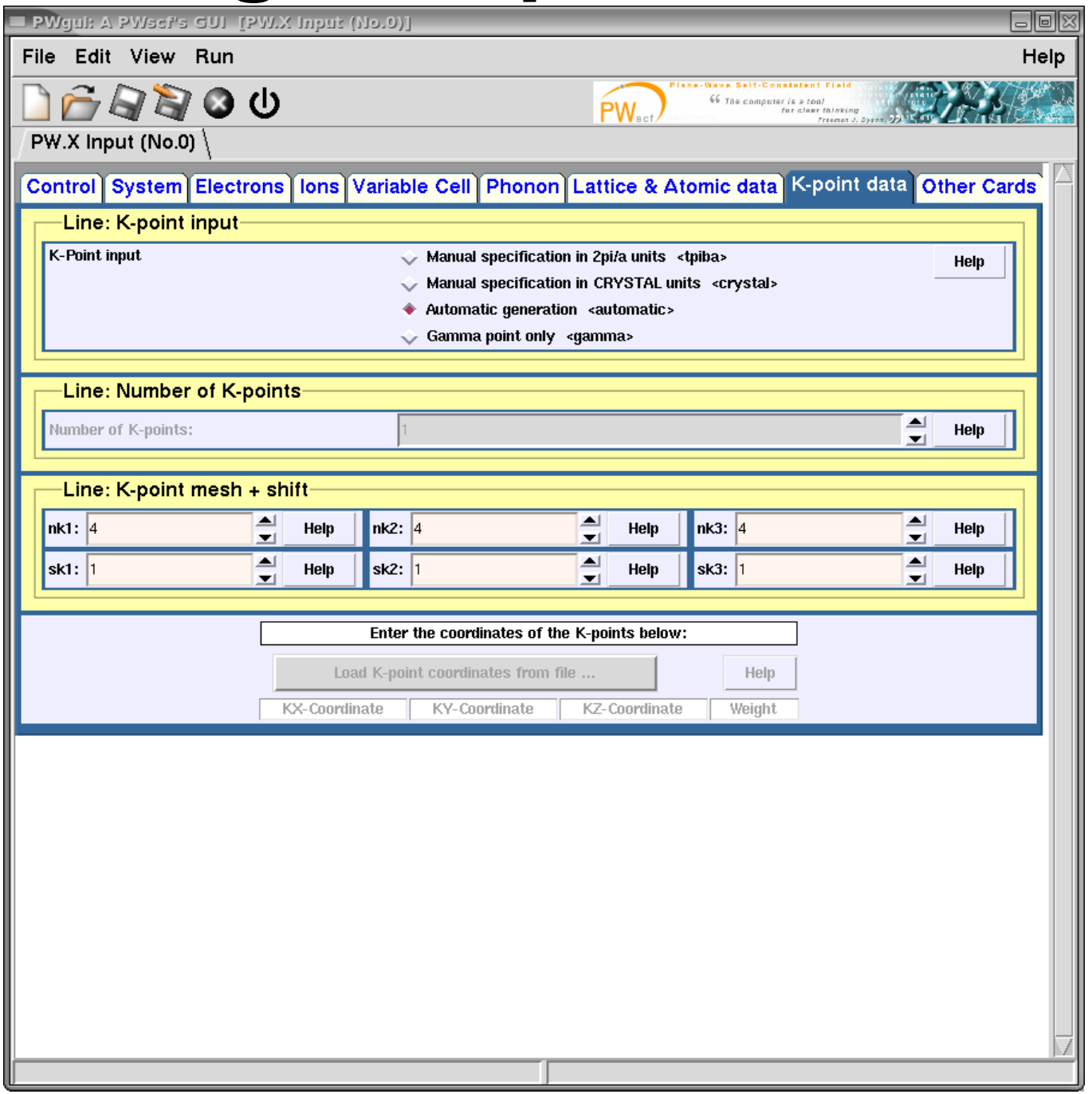
Page: K-point data



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: