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# **HPlattice Documentation**

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HPlattice is a Python library for the HP lattice model of Dill and Chan. It is ideally used as a teaching tool, or as a way to quickly prototype 2D lattice simulation ideas with easy-to-use extensible code. HPlattice can either 1) enumerate conformations, or 2) perform replica exchange monte carlo “dynamics” for 2-dimensional, square-lattice “bead-on-a-string” type chains.

The easiest way to get started with HPlattice is to download and install the Anaconda Python distribution. After installing Anaconda or another Python distribution of your choice, here are the steps for installing HPlattice:

1. **Download Bento**

2. **Install Bento**

```
unzip Bento-master.zip
cd Bento-master
python bootstrap.py
./bentomaker configure
./bentomaker build
./bentomaker install
```

3. **Download HPlattice**

4. **Install HPlattice**

```
tar xzf hp-lattice-1.0.tar.gz
cd hp-lattice-1.0
tar xzf HP-sequences.tgz # this step may take 30min to complete
cd hplattice/util
python setup.py build_ext --inplace
cd ../../
bentomaker install
```

5. **Run unit tests (optional)**

```
conda install pytest # (or pip install pytest if Anaconda not installed)
py.test hplattice
```

6. **Try examples**

```
cd examples/enumerate
python enumerate.py
cd ../mcrex
python mcrex.py
```



## 1.1 User Guide

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### 1.1.1 Configuration File Format

*hplattice* simulations require a configuration file. The file should have formatted rows consisting of two fields, separated by white-space (or any non-printing characters, like tabs):

```

HPSTRING           PHPPHPPPHH
INITIALVEC         [1, 0, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 3, 3]
EPS                -5.0
RESTRAINED_STATE  [(1, 4), (6, 9)]
KSPRING           0.0
NREPLICAS         9
REPLICATEMPS      [275.0, 300.0, 325.0, 350.0, 400.0, 450.0, 500.0, 600.0, 1000.0]
MCSTEPS           1000
SWAPEVERY         50
SWAPMETHOD        random pair
MOVESET           MS2
PRINTEVERY        1
NATIVEDIR         ../../HP-sequences/sequences/clist/hp11
STOPATNATIVE      False

```

Here is the full list of the parameters and what each one represents. If a parameter is not specified in the file, it will be set to a default value.

**HPSTRING** The *HPSTRING* specifies the chemical nature of each monomer. The only supported options are Hydrophobic (H) or Polar (P).

**INITIALVEC** The *INITIALVEC* is a list of integers that specifies the direction of the chain between two neighboring monomers: 0 (up), 1 (left), 2 (down) or 3 (right). For example, [0, 0, 0, 0] would correspond to a 5-mer that points straight up from the origin (in the positive-y direction).

**EPS** The energy of a hydrophobic contact (two H's in adjacent lattice spaces that are not  $i + 1$  or  $i + 2$  neighbors along the chain).

**NREPLICAS** The number of replicas for replica exchange simulations. This is usually set to 1 for enumeration simulations because those simulations do not involve random moves in conformational space.

**REPLICATEMPS** A list of floats that specifies the temperature (K) of each replica. The length of the *REPLICATEMPS* list should be equal to *NREPLICAS*.

**MCSTEPS** The number of monte carlo steps to run. Each replica will run for this number of steps, and they will periodically attempt to swap temperatures.

**SWAPEVERY** The number of steps between replica swap attempts.

**SWAPMETHOD** How to swap replicas. *random pair* to randomly choose two replicas to swap; *neighbors* to randomly choose one replica *i* and swap it with its *i+1* neighbor.

**MOVESET** Select which type of monte carlo moves will be used to sample conformational space: *MS1* for three-bead flips and rigid rotations; *MS2* for three-bead flips, crankshaft moves, and rigid rotations; and *MS3* for rigid rotations only.

**RESTRAINED\_STATE** A list of tuples that specifies contacts that should be harmonically restrained. Each tuple in the list should contain a pair of integers that correspond to the indices of the monomers that should be restrained. An example would be `[(1, 4), (6, 9)]` which would add restraints to the monomer1-monomer4 contact and the monomer6-monomer9 contact. Note that the indices are 0-indexed, so monomer0 is the first monomer in the chain.

**KSPRING** The force constant of the harmonic restraints specified in *RESTRAINED\_STATE*.

**PRINTEVERY** In a monte carlo simulation, save coordinates to trajectory after this number of steps.

**NATIVEDIR** The path to the file that specifies what the native contacts are for the chain specified by *HPSTRING*.

**STOPATNATIVE** If the monte carlo simulation finds the native conformation of the chain (as defined by the contacts in *NATIVEDIR*), then halt the simulation if *STOPATNATIVE* is `True`.

### 1.1.2 HP Simulations

#### Replica Exchange Monte Carlo

The basic steps involved in running a monte carlo simulation are:

1. Create a *LatticeFactory*.
2. Use the *LatticeFactory* to load a *Configuration*.
3. Create an *MCSampler*, passing the *LatticeFactory* and *Configuration* as arguments.
4. Call the `do_mc_sampling` method of the *MCSampler*.

```
from hplattice import LatticeFactory
from hplattice.MCSampler import MCSampler

lattice_factory = LatticeFactory()
config = lattice_factory.make_configuration(filename='mcrex.conf')

mc = MCSampler(lattice_factory, config)
mc.do_mc_sampling(save_trajectory=True, trajectory_filename='traj.xyz')
```

#### Conformational State Enumeration

The basic steps involved in running an enumeration simulation are:

1. Create a *LatticeFactory*.
2. Use the *LatticeFactory* to load a *Configuration*.



3. Create an *Enumerator*, passing the *LatticeFactory* and *Configuration* as arguments.
4. Call the `enumerate_states` method of the *Enumerator*.

```
from hplattice import LatticeFactory
from hplattice.Enumerator import Enumerator

lattice_factory = LatticeFactory()
config = lattice_factory.make_configuration(filename='enumerate.conf')

en = Enumerator(lattice_factory, config)
en.enumerate_states(save_trajectory=True, trajectory_filename='traj.xyz')
```

### 1.1.3 Visualizing HP Trajectories in VMD

Output from HPlattice simulations can be easily viewed using the *VMD molecular graphics program* <<http://www.ks.uiuc.edu/Research/vmd/>>. HPlattice trajectories are saved as xyz coordinate files, which can be loaded by VMD.

To facilitate visualization of the lattice models, HPlattice includes a `.vmdrc` file. If you copy this file to your home directory and save it as `.vmdrc`, then VMD should automatically apply the styles to any HPlattice `.xyz` trajectories that you load from the command line.

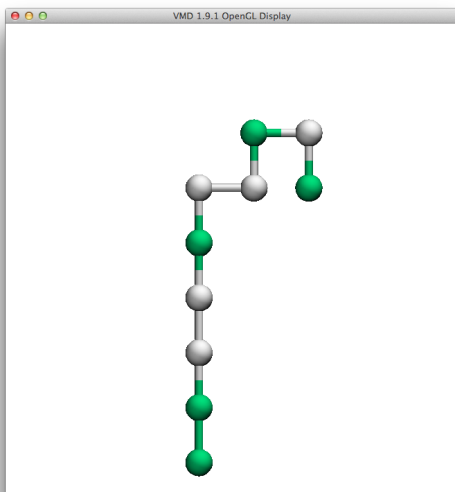
To call VMD from the command line, create a link to the VMD binary. On a mac, the command would be:

```
ln -s /Applications/VMD\ 1.9.1.app/Contents/vmd/vmd_MACOSXX86 /usr/local/bin/vmd
```

Then, if the `.vmdrc` file is in your home directory, this command would open an HPlattice trajectory in VMD and apply the HPlattice style by default:

```
vmd trajectory.xyz
```

Which should produce a chain that looks like this:



Sometimes VMD draws the topology of the chain incorrectly. In that case, the easiest way to correct it is to enter these commands on the Tk console:

```
topo getbondlist
topo setbondlist {{0 1} {1 2} {2 3} {3 4} {4 5} {5 6} {6 7} {7 8} {8 9}}
```

You'll need to adjust the second command to match the length of your chain. The last pair should be  $\{N-2 \ N-1\}$ , where  $N$  is the length of the chain.

## 1.2 API Reference

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### 1.2.1 hplattice

```
class hplattice.LatticeFactory (chain_cls=<class 'hplattice.Chain.Chain'>, replica_cls=<class  
                                'hplattice.Replica.Replica'>, monty_cls=<class 'hplat-  
                                tice.Monty.Monty'>, trajectory_cls=<class 'hplat-  
                                tice.Trajectory.Trajectory'>, conf_cls=<class 'hplat-  
                                tice.Config.Config'>)
```

*LatticeFactory* objects orchestrate the creation of other objects in the HP model, namely chains, replicas, monte carlo samplers, trajectories, and configurations.

#### Parameters

- **chain\_cls** (*callable*) – optional, chain class
- **replica\_cls** (*callable*) – optional, replica class
- **monty\_cls** (*callable*) – optional, monte carlo sampler class
- **trajectory\_cls** (*callable*) – optional, trajectory class
- **conf\_cls** (*callable*) – optional, HP configuration class

**make\_chain** (\*args, \*\*kwargs)  
Make a chain object.

**make\_configuration** (\*args, \*\*kwargs)  
Make a configuration object.

**make\_monty** (\*args, \*\*kwargs)  
Make a monte carlo sampler object.

**make\_replica** (\*args, \*\*kwargs)  
Make a replica object.

**make\_trajectory** (\*args, \*\*kwargs)  
Make a trajectory object.

### 1.2.2 hplattice.Chain

```
class hplattice.Chain.Chain (hpstring, initial_vec)
```

The 2D HP lattice chain. The chain is defined by monomers (beads), which can be either Hydrophobic (H) or Polar (P). By convention, the first monomer in the chain is fixed at the origin on a two-dimensional square lattice.

Adjacent monomers are connected by bonds. The directionality of the bonds is stored in `Vectors`, and each bond-vector is stored as an integer: 0 (up), 1 (left), 2 (down) or 3 (right). A chain with  $N$  monomers has  $N - 1$  vectors.

In addition to the vector representation of the chain, `Chain` objects also store the 2D coordinates of each monomer. The set of coordinates is stored in a `Coords` object.

### Parameters

- **hpstring** (*str*) – String that specifies H or P for each monomer. Example: PPHPHP
- **initial\_vec** (*list*) – List that specifies the direction of each bond. Example: `[0, 0, 1, 2, 1]`, which would correspond to up, up, left, down, left.

**class Coords** (*num\_monomers=0*)

`Coords` is the set of monomer coordinates for a chain.

**Parameters** **num\_monomers** (*int*) – The number of monomers in the chain.

**as\_numpy\_array** ()

Convert `Coords` object to `numpy.ndarray`

**Returns** array of coordinates

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`

**copy** ()

**Returns** a copy of this object

**Return type** `Coords`

**distance\_between\_pts** (*idx1, idx2*)

Compute the cartesian distance between two monomers.

**Parameters**

- **idx1** (*int*) – the index of a monomer
- **idx2** (*int*) – the index of a monomer

**get** (*idx=None*)

Get the coordinates of a monomer.

**Parameters** **idx** (*int*) – the index of a monomer

**grow** ()

Append another monomer to C-terminus of the chain, one space above the current C-terminal monomer.

**is\_viable** ()

Check for steric overlap and chain crossovers, neither of which are allowed.

**Returns** `True` if no problems are found with the chain.

**Return type** `bool`

**pop** ()

Remove the last monomer from the C-terminus of the chain.

**rotate\_down\_to\_left** (*idx*)

Decrements the x-coord and increments the y-coord of a monomer.

**Parameters** **idx** (*int*) – the index of a monomer

**rotate\_right\_to\_down** (*idx*)

Decrements the x-coord and decrements the y-coord of a monomer.

**Parameters** **idx** (*int*) – the index of a monomer

**rotate\_up\_to\_right** (*idx*)

Increments the x-coord and decrements the y-coord of a monomer.

**Parameters** **idx** (*int*) – the index of a monomer

**set** (*coords, idx=None*)

Change the coordinates for all monomers or one monomer if *idx* is defined.

**Parameters**

- **coords** (`numpy.ndarray`) – 2D array of coordinates

- **idx** (*int*) – (optional), the index of a monomer

**vec2coords** (*vec*)

Convert a `Vectors` object into a set of coordinates, and replace the currently stored coordinates with the result.

**Parameters** **vec** (`Vectors`) – convert these vectors into a set of coordinates

**class** `Chain.Vectors` (*vec\_list=None*)

`Vectors` stores the directionality of the bonds between monomers in a `Chain`. Each bond-vector is stored as an integer: 0 (up), 1 (left), 2 (down) or 3 (right). A chain with  $N$  monomers has  $N - 1$  vectors.

**Parameters** **vec\_list** (*list*) – List that specifies the direction of each bond. Example: `[0, 0, 1, 2, 1]`, which would correspond to up, up, left, down, left.

**as\_npy\_array** ()

Convert `Vectors` object to `numpy.ndarray`

**Returns** array of vector values

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`

**copy** ()

**Returns** copy of this object

**Return type** `Vectors`

**get** (*idx*)

Get one of the vectors.

**Parameters** **idx** (*int*) – the index of a vector

**grow** ()

Append another vector to C-terminus of the chain, pointing up.

**increment** (*idx*)

Rotate a vector clockwise.

**Parameters** **idx** (*int*) – the index of a vector

**pop** ()

Remove the last vector from the C-terminus of the chain.

**set** (*vec*)

Change all of the vectors.

**Parameters** **vec** (`numpy.ndarray`) – array of vector values

**set\_idx** (*idx, value*)

Change one of the vectors.

**Parameters**

- **idx** (*int*) – the index of the vector to change
- **value** (*int*) – the value to change the vector to

`Chain.contactstate` ()

Find all contacts between pairs of H monomers that are separated by at least three positions along the chain, i.e. will not include ( $i, i+1$ ) and ( $i, i+2$ ) pairs.

**Returns** list of ( $idx1, idx2$ ) contacts (tuples)

**Return type** list

`Chain.do_crankshaft` (*vecindex*)

Swap the values of a pair of chain vectors that are next-nearest neighbors.

**Parameters** **vecindex** (*int*) – swap `vecindex` with `vecindex+2`

`Chain.do_rigid_rot` (*vecindex, direction*)

Rotate a chain vector clockwise or counterclockwise. The possible clockwise rotations are:

0 → 1

1 → 2

2 → 3

3 → 0

### Parameters

- **vecindex** (*int*) – a valid vector index
- **direction** (*int*) – 1 for clockwise, -1 for counterclockwise

`Chain.do_three_bead_flip` (*vecindex*)

Swap the values of a pair of neighboring chain vectors.

**Parameters** **vecindex** (*int*) – swap `vecindex` with `vecindex+1`

`Chain.energy` (*epsilon=0.0*)

Compute energy of chain, based on hydrophobic contacts.

**Parameters** **epsilon** (*float*) – the energy of one hydrophobic contact.

**Returns** the total energy of the chain.

**Return type** float

`Chain.get_coord_array` ()

**Returns** the coordinates of the chain

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`

`Chain.get_hp_string` ()

**Returns** example `HPHPHPPPHHP`

**Return type** string

`Chain.get_vec_length` ()

**Returns** The number of vectors in the chain, which should be one less than the number of monomers.

**Return type** int

`Chain.grow` ()

Add a new monomer to C-terminus of the chain.

`Chain.hpstr2bin` ()

Convert a string of type `HPHPHPPPHHP` to a list of 1s and 0s.

`Chain.is_first_vec_one` ()

**Returns** True if the first vector points to the right

**Return type** bool

`Chain.is_viable` ()

Check for steric overlap and chain crossovers, neither of which are allowed.

**Returns** True if no problems are found with the chain.

**Return type** bool

`Chain.nextviable()`

Check for steric overlap and chain crossovers in the not-yet-accepted next configuration of the chain. This is usually called before accepting a monte carlo move to make sure that the chain doesn't end up in a disallowed state.

**Returns** `True` if no problems are found with the chain.

**Return type** `bool`

`Chain.nonsym()`

Many of the conformations are related by rotations and reflections. We define a "non-symmetric" conformation to have the first direction 0 and the first turn be a 1 (right turn)

**Returns** 1 if the chain is non-symmetric, 0 otherwise.

**Return type** `int`

`Chain.shift()`

Shifts the chain vector to the 'next' list, according to an enumeration scheme where the most distal chain vector is incremented 0->1->2->3. After 3, the most distal vector element is removed, and the next most distal element is incremented. If there are multiple "3" vectors, this process is done recursively.

Example:

[0,0,0,0] -> [0,0,0,1]

[0,0,1,2] -> [0,0,1,3]

[0,1,0,3] -> [0,1,1]

[0,3,3,3] -> [1]

This operation is very useful for enumerating the full space of chain conformations.

**Returns** 1 if no more shifts are possible and 0 otherwise.

**Return type** `int`

`Chain.update_chain()`

Accept recent chain move. This is usually called after a trial monte carlo move to accept the chain perturbation.

`Chain.vec2coords()`

Convert a `Vectors` object into a set of coordinates, and replace the currently stored coordinates with the result.

**Parameters** `vec` (`Vectors`) – generate coordinates from current vectors

### 1.2.3 hplattice.Config

`class hplattice.Config.Config(filename=None)`

A data structure to hold all the configuration data for an HP model calculation.

**Parameters** `filename` (`str`) – optional, path to configuration file

`print_config()`

Output the values of the configuration variables.

`read_configfile(filename)`

Read in configuration parameters from file. The file should have formatted rows consisting of two fields, separated by white-space (or any non-printing characters, like tabs):

```

HPSTRING          PPHPHPHPHP
INITIALVEC        [0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0]
...

```

**Parameters** `filename` (*str*) – path to configuration file

## 1.2.4 hplattice.Enumerator

**class** `hplattice.Enumerator.Enumerator` (*lattice\_factory, config*)

*Enumerator* objects are used to enumerate all conformations of an HP chain. The HP chain is defined in a configuration file, specified by the *config* parameter.

### Parameters

- **lattice\_factory** (`hplattice.LatticeFactory`) – factory object that knows how to create chains and trajectories
- **config** (*str*) – path to configuration file

**enumerate\_states** (*save\_trajectory=False, trajectory\_filename='traj.xyz'*)

Enumerate all conformations of an HP chain. Prints density of contact states to stdout.

### Parameters

- **save\_trajectory** (*bool*) – Generate an xyz coordinate trajectory when `True`.
- **trajectory\_filename** (*str*) – optional, save trajectory to this path

## 1.2.5 hplattice.MCSampler

**class** `hplattice.MCSampler.MCSampler` (*lattice\_factory, config*)

*MCSampler* objects are used to run replica exchange monte carlo simulations of an HP chain. The HP chain is defined in a configuration file, specified by the *config* parameter. The configuration file also specifies the replica exchange parameters, such as the temperature of each replica.

### Parameters

- **lattice\_factory** (`hplattice.LatticeFactory`) – factory object that knows how to create replicas and trajectories.
- **config** (*str*) – path to configuration file

**do\_mc\_sampling** (*save\_trajectory=False, trajectory\_filename='traj.xyz'*)

Run replica exchange monte carlo of the HP chain.

### Parameters

- **save\_trajectory** (*bool*) – Generate xyz coordinate trajectories when `True`. There will be separate trajectory for each replica.
- **trajectory\_filename** (*str*) – optional, save trajectory to this path. Replica numbers will be prepended to the name specified here.

## 1.2.6 hplattice.Monty

**class** `hplattice.Monty.DistRestraint` (*contacts, kspring*)

A harmonic constraint based on squared distance  $D = d^2$ , where  $D = \sum_{i,j} d_{ij}^2$  over all contacts.

**Parameters**

- **contacts** (*list*) – list of tuples, example `[(0, 4), (1, 6)]`
- **kspring** (*float*) – spring constant for restraint

**D** (*chain*)

Compute the sum of squared-distances of a given chain.

**Parameters** **chain** (`hplattice.Chain.Chain`) – Compute the sum of squared-distances of this chain.

**Returns** the sum of squared-distances over the selected contacts.

**Return type** float

**energy** (*chain*)

Compute the restraint energy of a given chain.

**Parameters** **chain** (`hplattice.Chain.Chain`) – Compute the restraint energy of this chain.

**Returns** energy of the distance restraint

**Return type** float

**class** `hplattice.Monty`.**Monty** (*config, temp, chain*)

A collection of functions to perform Monte Carlo move-set operations on an HP chain.

**Parameters**

- **config** (`hplattice.Config.Config`) – configuration parameters for chain and simulation
- **temp** (*float*) – temperature (K)
- **chain** (`hplattice.Chain.Chain`) – do monte carlo on this chain

**kT** ()

**Returns**  $k_b * T$

**Return type** float

**metropolis** (*replica*)

Judge the next conformation of the chain according to Metropolis criterion:  $e^{-\Delta E/kT}$ .

**Parameters** **replica** (`hplattice.Replica.Replica`) – The replica containing the chain that should be judged.

**Returns** `True` if next conformation should be accepted.

**Return type** bool

**move1** (*chain, vecindex=None, direction=None*)

Apply moveset MC1 (Dill and Chan, 1994, 1996) to the chain:

- 1.three-bead flips
- 2.rigid rotations

**Parameters**

- **chain** (`hplattice.Chain.Chain`) – apply move to this chain
- **vecindex** (*int*) – optional, vector to move. will be chosen randomly if no value is specified.



- **direction** (*int*) – optional, 1 for clockwise, -1 for counterclockwise. will be chosen randomly if no value is specified.

**move2** (*chain, vecindex=None, direction=None, moveseed=None*)

Apply moveset MC2 (Dill and Chan, 1994, 1996) to the chain:

- 1.three-bead flips
- 2.crankshaft moves
- 3.rigid rotations

#### Parameters

- **chain** (`hplattice.Chain.Chain`) – apply move to this chain
- **vecindex** (*int*) – optional, vector to move. will be chosen randomly if no value is specified.
- **direction** (*int*) – optional, 1 for clockwise, -1 for counterclockwise. will be chosen randomly if no value is specified.
- **moveseed** (*float*) – optional,  $moveseed < 1/3$  for three-bead flip;  $1/3 \leq moveseed < 2/3$  for crankshaft;  $2/3 \leq moveseed$  for rigid rotation.

**move3** (*chain, vecindex=None, direction=None*)

Apply rigid rotations to the chain:

- 1.rigid rotations

#### Parameters

- **chain** (`hplattice.Chain.Chain`) – apply move to this chain
- **vecindex** (*int*) – optional, vector to move. will be chosen randomly if no value is specified.
- **direction** (*int*) – optional, 1 for clockwise, -1 for counterclockwise. will be chosen randomly if no value is specified.

`hplattice.Monty.random()` → x in the interval [0, 1).

## 1.2.7 hplattice.Trajectory

```
class hplattice.Trajectory.Trajectory (save_trajectory, trajectory_filename,
                                       open_stream_fcn=<function open_file_stream at
                                       0x7f07a28a8e60>)
```

Trajectory objects write chain coordinates to output streams. They used to record the progress of an enumeration or monte carlo simulation.

#### Parameters

- **save\_trajectory** (*bool*) – True if trajectory should be saved to output stream.
- **trajectory\_filename** (*str*) – write trajectory to this path
- **open\_stream\_fcn** (*callable*) – optional, call this function to open an output stream

**finalize** ()

Close any open output streams.

**snapshot** (*chain*)

Record coordinates of chain to output stream.

**Parameters** `chain` (`hplattice.Chain.Chain`) – Save coords of this chain.

`hplattice.Trajectory.open_file_stream(filename)`

Helper function to open a file for writing.

**Parameters** `filename` (`str`) – open this path for writing

## 1.2.8 hplattice.Replica

**class** `hplattice.Replica.Replica` (`lattice_factory`, `config`, `repnum`, `nativeclist=None`)

Each *Replica* is a container for a chain and a monte carlo sampler. During replica exchange simulations, the replicas attempt to swap temperatures at regular intervals. The success of a swap depends on the energies and temperatures of the replicas.

### Parameters

- **lattice\_factory** (`hplattice.LatticeFactory`) – factory object that knows how to create chains and monty samplers.
- **config** (`str`) – path to configuration file
- **repnum** (`int`) – replica number
- **nativeclist** (`list`) – optional, native contacts as a list of tuples, example `[(0, 4), (1, 6)]`

**compute\_mc\_acceptance** ()

Compute the fraction of mc moves that have been viable and the fraction of viable moves that have been accepted.

**contactstate** ()

Get contacts of current chain conformation.

**Returns** list of tuples, example `[(0, 4), (1, 6)]`

**Return type** list

**energy** ()

Compute energy of current chain conformation.

**Returns** energy

**Return type** float

**get\_T** ()

Get current temperature.

**Returns** temperature

**Return type** float

**get\_vec** ()

Get chain vectors.

**Returns** chain vectors

**Return type** `hplattice.Chain.Chain.Vectors`

**init\_mc\_stats** ()

Initialize stats about viability and acceptance of monte carlo moves.

**is\_native** ()

Check if current contacts match contacts of native state.

**Returns** `True` if current contacts match native contacts.

**Return type** bool

**kT** ()

**Returns**  $k_b * T$

**Return type** float

**metropolis\_accept\_move** ()

Apply metropolis criterion to determine whether new conformation of chain should replace current conformation.

**Returns** True if new conformation should be accepted.

**Return type** bool

**propose\_move** ()

Do a monte carlo move to produce a new conformation of the chain.

**Returns** True if new conformation is viable.

**Return type** bool

**record\_stats** (*move\_is\_viable, move\_is\_accepted*)

Update mc move stats based on outcome of most recent move.

**Parameters**

- **move\_is\_viable** (*bool*) – True if the move was a viable, non-overlapping chain conformation.
- **move\_is\_accepted** (*bool*) – True if the move was accepted as the new conformation of the chain.

`hplattice.Replica.attemptswap` (*swap\_method, replicas*)

Attempt swap of replicas.

**Parameters**

- **swap\_method** (*str*) – 'random pair' to randomly choose two replicas to swap; 'neighbors' to randomly choose one replica *i* and swap it with its *i+1* neighbor.
- **replicas** (*list*) – list of `Replica` objects

**Returns** the indices of the two replicas and the success or failure of the swap.

**Return type** (int, int, bool)

`hplattice.Replica.random` () → *x* in the interval [0, 1).



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