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# OpenFF Evaluator Documentation

**openff-evaluator**

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*An automated and scalable framework for curating, manipulating, and computing data sets of physical properties from molecular simulation and simulation data.*

The framework is built around four central ideas:

- **Flexibility:** New physical properties, data sources and calculation approaches are easily added via an extensible plug-in system and a flexible workflow engine.
- **Automation:** Physical property measurements are readily importable from open data sources (such as the [NIST ThermoML Archive](#)) through the data set APIs, and automatically calculated using either the built-in or user specified calculation schemas.
- **Scalability:** Calculations are readily scalable from single machines and laptops up to large HPC clusters and supercomputers through seamless integration with libraries such as [dask](#).
- **Efficiency:** Properties are estimated using the fastest approach available to the framework, whether that be through evaluating a trained surrogate model, re-evaluating cached simulation data, or by running simulations directly.



## CALCULATION APPROACHES

The framework is designed around the idea of allowing multiple calculation approaches for estimating the same set of properties, in addition to estimation directly from molecular simulation, all using a uniform API.

The primary purpose of this is to take advantage of the many techniques exist which are able to leverage data from previous simulations to rapidly estimate sets of properties, such as *reweighting cached simulation data*, or evaluating *surrogate models* trained upon cached data. The most rapid approach which may accurately estimate a set of properties is automatically determined by the framework on the fly.

Each approach supported by the framework is implemented as a *calculation layer*. Two such layers are currently supported (although new calculation layers can be readily added via the plug-in system):

- evaluating physical properties directly from molecular simulation using the *SimulationLayer*.
- reprocessing cached simulation data with *MBAR reweighting* using the *ReweightingLayer*.





## SUPPORTED PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

The framework has built-in support for evaluating a number of physical properties, ranging from relatively ‘cheap’ properties such as liquid densities, up to more computationally demanding properties such as solvation free energies and host-guest binding affinities.

Included for most of these properties is the ability to calculate their derivatives with respect to force field parameters, making the framework ideal for evaluating an objective function and it’s gradient as part of a force field optimisation.

Table 1: The physical properties which are natively supported by the framework.

	<i>Direct Simulation</i>		<i>MBAR Reweighting</i>	
	Supported	Gradients	Supported	Gradients
Density	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dielectric Constant	✓	✓	✓	✓*
$H_{\text{vaporization}}$	✓	✓	✓	✓*
$H_{\text{mixing}}$	✓	✓	✓	✓*
$V_{\text{excess}}$	✓	✓	✓	✓*
$G_{\text{solvation}}$	✓			

\* Entries marked with an asterisk are supported but have not yet been extensively tested and validated.

## 2.1 Installation

The OpenFF Evaluator is currently installable either through `conda` or directly from the source code. Whichever route is chosen, it is recommended to install the framework within a conda environment and allow the conda package manager to install the required and optional dependencies.

More information about conda and instructions to perform a lightweight miniconda installation [can be found here](#). It will be assumed that these have been followed and conda is available on your machine.

### 2.1.1 Installation from Conda

To install the `openff-evaluator` from the `omnia` channel, simply run:

```
conda install -c conda-forge -c omnia openff-evaluator
```

### 2.1.2 Recommended Dependencies

If you have access to the fantastic [OpenEye toolkit](#) we recommend installing this to enable (among many other things) the use of the `BuildDockedCoordinates` protocol and faster conformer generation / AM1BCC partial charge calculations:

```
conda install -c openeye openeye-toolkits
```

To parameterize systems with the Amber `tLeap` tool using a `TLeapForceFieldSource` the `ambertools` package must be installed:

```
conda install -c ambermd 'ambertools >=19.0'
```

### 2.1.3 Installation from Source

To install the OpenFF Evaluator from source begin by cloning the repository from [github](#):

```
git clone https://github.com/openforcefield/openff-evaluator.git
cd openff-evaluator
```

Create a custom conda environment which contains the required dependencies and activate it:

```
conda env create --name openff-evaluator --file devtools/conda-envs/test_env.yaml
conda activate openff-evaluator
```

Finally, install the estimator itself:

```
python setup.py develop
```

## 2.2 Architecture

The openff-evaluator framework is constructed as a collection of modular components, each performing a specific role within the estimation of physical property data sets. These components are designed to be as extensible as possible, with support for user created plug-ins built into their core.

Fig. 1: An overview of the openff-evaluators modular design. The framework is split into a ‘client-side’ which handles the curation and preparation of data sets, and a ‘server-side’ which performs the estimation of the data sets.

The framework is implemented as a *client-server* architecture. This design allows users to spin up *Evaluator Server* instances on whichever compute resources they may have available (from a single machine up to a large HPC cluster), and to which *Evaluator Client* objects may connect to both request that data sets be estimated, and to query and retrieve the results of those requests.

The *client-side* of the framework is predominantly responsible for providing APIs and objects for:

- curating *data sets* of physical properties from open data sources.
- specifying custom *calculation schemas* which describe how individual properties should be computed.
- requesting that data sets be estimated by a running *Evaluator Server* instance.
- retrieving the results of estimation requests from a running *Evaluator Server* instance.

while the *server-side* is responsible for:

- receiving estimation requests from an *Evaluator Client* object.
- automatically determining which *calculation approach* to use for each property in the request.
- executing those requests across the available *compute resources* following the calculation schemas provided by the client
- *caching data* from any calculations which may be useful for future calculations.

All communication between servers and clients is handled through the *TCP* protocol.

## 2.3 Evaluator Client

The *EvaluatorClient* object is responsible for both submitting requests to estimate a data set of properties to a running *Evaluator Server* instance, and for pulling back the results of those requests when complete.

An *EvaluatorClient* object may optionally be created using a set of *ConnectionOptions* which specifies the network address of the running *Evaluator Server* instance to connect to:

```
# Specify the address of a server running on the local machine.
connection_options = ConnectionOptions(server_address="localhost", server_port=8000)
# Create the client object
evaluator_client = EvaluatorClient(connection_options)
```

### 2.3.1 Requesting Estimates

The client can request the estimation of a data set of properties using the `request_estimate()` function:

```
# Specify the data set.
data_set = PhysicalPropertyDataSet()
data_set.add_properties(...)

# Specify the force field source.
force_field = SmirnoffForceFieldSource.from_path("openff-1.0.0.offxml")

# Specify some estimation options (optional).
options = client.default_request_options(data_set, force_field)

# Specify the parameters to differentiate with respect to (optional).
gradient_keys = [
    ParameterGradientKey(tag="vdW", smirks="#6X4:1", attribute="epsilon")
]

# Request the estimation of the data set.
request, errors = evaluator_client.request_estimate(
    data_set,
    force_field,
    options,
    gradient_keys
)
```

A request must at minimum specify:

- the *data set* of physical properties to estimate.
- the *force field parameters* to estimate the data set using.

and may also optionally specify:

- the *options* to use when estimating the property set.
- the parameters to differentiate each physical property estimate with respect to.

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**Note:** Gradients can currently only be computed for requests using a **SMIRNOFF** based force field.

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The `request_estimate()` function returns back two objects:

- a *Request* object which can be used to retrieve the results of the request and,
- an *EvaluatorException* object which will be populated if any errors occurred while submitting the request.

The *Request* object is similar to a *Future* object, in that it is an object which can be used to query the current status of a request either asynchronously:

```
results = request.results(synchronous=False)
```

or synchronously:

```
results = request.results(synchronous=True)
```

The results (which may currently be incomplete) are returned back as a *RequestResult* object.

The *Request* object is fully JSON serializable:

```
# Save the request to JSON
request.json(file_path="request.json", format=True)
# Load the request from JSON
request = Request.from_json(file_path="request.json")
```

making it easy to keep track of any open requests.

## 2.3.2 Request Options

The *RequestOptions* object allows greater control over how properties are estimated by the server. It currently allows control over:

- *calculation\_layers*: The *calculation layers* which the server should attempt to use when estimating the data set. The order which the layers are specified in this list is the order which the server will attempt to use each layer.
- *calculation\_schemas*: The *calculation schemas* to use for each allowed calculation layer per class of property. These will be automatically populated in the cases where no user specified schema is provided, and where a default schema has been registered with the plugin system for the particular layer and property type.

If no options are passed to *request\_estimate()* a default set will be generated through a call to *default\_request\_options()*. For more information about how default calculation schemas are registered, see the *Default Schemas* section.

## 2.3.3 Force Field Sources

Different force field representations (e.g. SMIRNOFF, TLeap, LigParGen) are defined within the framework as *ForceFieldSource* objects. A force field source should specify *all* of the options which would be required by a particular force field, such as the non-bonded cutoff or the charge scheme if not specified directly in the force field itself.

Currently the framework has built in support for force fields applied via:

- the OpenFF toolkit (*SmirnoffForceFieldSource*).
- the tleap program from the AmberTools suite (*LigParGenForceFieldSource*).
- an instance of the LigParGen server (*LigParGenForceFieldSource*).

The client will automatically adapt any of the built-in calculation schemas which are based off of the *WorkflowCalculationSchema* to use the correct workflow protocol (*BuildSmirnoffSystem*, *BuildTLeapSystem* or *BuildLigParGenSystem*) for the requested force field.

## 2.4 Evaluator Server

The *EvaluatorServer* object is responsible for coordinating the estimation of physical property data sets as requested by *evaluator clients*. Its primary responsibilities are to:

- receive incoming requests from an *evaluator clients* to either estimate a dataset of properties, or to query the status of a previous request.
- request that each specified *calculation layers* attempt to estimate the data set of properties, cascading unestimated properties through the different layers.

An *EvaluatorServer* must be created with an accompanying *calculation backend* which will be responsible for distributing any calculations launched by the different calculation layers:

```
with DaskLocalCluster() as calculation_backend:

    evaluator_server = EvaluatorServer(calculation_backend)
    evaluator_server.start()
```

It may also be optionally created using a specific *storage backend* if the default *LocalFileStorage* is not sufficient:

```
with DaskLocalCluster() as calculation_backend:

    storage_backend = LocalFileStorage()

    evaluator_server = EvaluatorServer(calculation_backend, storage_backend)
    evaluator_server.start()
```

By default the server will run synchronously until it is killed, however it may also be run asynchronously such that it can be interacted with directly by a client in the same script:

```
with DaskLocalCluster() as calculation_backend:

    with EvaluatorServer(calculation_backend) as evaluator_server:

        # Specify the data set.
        data_set = PhysicalPropertyDataSet()
        data_set.add_properties(...)

        # Specify the force field source.
        force_field = SmirnoffForceFieldSource.from_path("openff-1.0.0.offxml")

        # Request the estimation of the data set.
        request, errors = evaluator_client.request_estimate(data_set, force_field)
        # Wait for the results.
        results = request.results(synchronous=True)
```

### 2.4.1 Estimation Batches

When a server receives a request from a client, it will attempt to split the requested set of properties into smaller batches, represented by the *Batch* object. The server is currently only able to mark entire batches of estimated properties as being completed, as opposed to individual properties.

Currently the server supports two ways of batching properties:

- **SameComponents:** All properties measured for the substance containing the *same* components will be batched together. As an example, the density of a 80:20 and a 20:80 mix of ethanol and water would be batched together, but the density of pure ethanol and the density of pure water would be placed into separate batches.
- **SharedComponents:** All properties measured for substances containing at least one common component will be batched together. As an example, the densities of 80:20 and 20:80 mixtures of ethanol and water, and the pure densities of ethanol and water would be batched together.

The mode of batching is set by the client using the *batch\_mode* attribute of the request options.

## 2.5 Tutorial 01 - Loading Data Sets

In this tutorial we will be exploring the frameworks utilities for loading and manipulating data sets of physical property measurements. The tutorial will cover

- Loading a data set of density measurements from NISTs ThermoML Archive
- Filtering the data set down using a range of criteria, including temperature pressure, and composition.
- Supplementing the data set with enthalpy of vaporization ( $\Delta H_v$ ) data sourced directly from the literature

If you haven't yet installed the OpenFF Evaluator framework on your machine, check out the [installation instructions here!](#)

*Note: If you are running this tutorial in google colab you will need to run a setup script instead of following the installation instructions:*

```
[1]: !wget https://raw.githubusercontent.com/openforcefield/openff-evaluator/master/docs/
      ↪tutorials/colab_setup.ipynb
      %run colab_setup.ipynb
```

For the sake of clarity all warnings will be disabled in this tutorial:

```
[2]: import warnings
      warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
      import logging
      logging.getLogger("openforcefield").setLevel(logging.ERROR)
```

### 2.5.1 Extracting Data from ThermoML

For anyone who is not familiar with the ThermoML archive - it is a fantastic database of physical property measurements which have been extracted from data published in the

- Journal of Chemical and Engineering Data
- Journal of Chemical Thermodynamics
- Fluid Phase Equilibria
- Thermochimica Acta
- International Journal of Thermophysics

journals. It includes data for a wealth of different physical properties, from simple densities and melting points, to activity coefficients and osmotic coefficients, all of which is freely available. As such, it serves as a fantastic resource for benchmarking and optimising molecular force fields against.

The Evaluator framework has built-in support for extracting this wealth of data, storing the data in easy to manipulate python objects, and for automatically re-computing those properties using an array of calculation techniques, such as molecular simulations and, in future, from trained surrogate models.

This support is provided by the `ThermoMLDataSet` object:

```
[3]: from openff.evaluator.datasets.thermoml import ThermoMLDataSet
```

The `ThermoMLDataSet` object offers two main routes for extracting data the the archive:

- extracting data directly from the NIST ThermoML web server

- extracting data from a local ThermoML XML archive file

Here we will be extracting data directly from the web server. To pull data from the web server we need to specify the digital object identifiers (DOIs) of the data we wish to extract - these correspond to the DOI of the publication that the data was initially sourced from.

For this tutorial we will be extracting data using the following DOIs:

```
[4]: data_set = ThermoMLDataSet.from_doi(
      "10.1016/j.fluid.2013.10.034",
      "10.1021/jel1013476",
    )
```

We can inspect the data set to see how many properties were loaded:

```
[5]: len(data_set)
```

```
[5]: 275
```

and for how many different substances those properties were measured for:

```
[6]: len(data_set.substances)
```

```
[6]: 254
```

We can also easily check which types of properties were loaded in:

```
[7]: print(data_set.property_types)
     {'EnthalpyOfMixing', 'Density'}
```

### 2.5.2 Filtering the Data Set

The data set object we just created contains many different functions which will allow us to filter the data down, retaining only those measurements which are of interest to us.

The first thing we will do is filter out all of the measurements which aren't density measurements:

```
[8]: data_set.filter_by_property_types("Density")
     print(data_set.property_types)
     {'Density'}
```

Next we will filter out all measurements which were made away from atmospheric conditions:

```
[9]: from openff.evaluator import unit

     print(f"There were {len(data_set)} properties before filtering")

     data_set.filter_by_temperature(
         min_temperature=298.0 * unit.kelvin, max_temperature=298.2*unit.kelvin
     )

     data_set.filter_by_pressure(
         min_pressure=0.999 * unit.atmosphere, max_pressure=1.001 * unit.atmosphere
     )

     print(f"There are now {len(data_set)} properties after filtering")
```



```
There were 213 properties before filtering
There are now 9 properties after filtering
```

*Note: Here we have made use of the `openff.evaluator.unit` module to attach units to the temperatures and pressures we are filtering by. This module simply exposes a `UnitRegistry` from the fantastic [pint](#) library. Pint provides full support for attaching to units to values and is used extensively throughout this framework.*

Finally, we will filter out all measurements which were not measured for either ethanol (CCO) or isopropanol (CC(C)O):

```
[10]: data_set.filter_by_smiles("CCO", "CC(C)O")
print(f"There are now {len(data_set)} properties after filtering")

There are now 2 properties after filtering
```

We will convert the filtered data to a pandas DataFrame to more easily visualize the final data set:

```
[11]: pandas_data_set = data_set.to_pandas()
pandas_data_set[
    ["Temperature (K)", "Pressure (kPa)", "Component 1", "Density Value (g / ml)",
     ↪ "Source"]
].head()

[11]:   Temperature (K)  ...                               Source
0           298.15  ...   10.1016/j.fluid.2013.10.034
1           298.15  ...   10.1021/je1013476

[2 rows x 5 columns]
```

Through filtering, we have now cut down from over 250 property measurements down to just 2. There are many more possible filters which can be applied. All of these and more information about the data set object can be found in the `PhysicalPropertyDataSet` (from which the `ThermoMLDataSet` class inherits) API documentation.

### 2.5.3 Adding Extra Data

For the final part of this tutorial, we will be supplementing our newly filtered data set with some enthalpy of vaporization ( $\Delta H_v$ ) measurements sourced directly from the literature (as opposed to from the ThermoML archive).

We will be sourcing values of the  $\Delta H_v$  of ethanol and isopropanol, summarised in the table below, from the [Enthalpies of vaporization of some aliphatic alcohols](#) publication:

Compound	Temperature / K	$\Delta H_v / kJmol^{-1}$	$\delta \Delta H_v / kJmol^{-1}$
Ethanol	298.15	42.26	0.02
Isopropanol	298.15	45.34	0.02

In order to create a new  $\Delta H_v$  measurements, we will first define the state (namely temperature and pressure) that the measurements were recorded at:

```
[12]: from openff.evaluator.thermodynamics import ThermodynamicState

thermodynamic_state = ThermodynamicState(
    temperature=298.15 * unit.kelvin, pressure=1.0 * unit.atmosphere
)
```

the substances that the measurements were recorded for:

```
[13]: from openff.evaluator.substances import Substance
```

```
ethanol = Substance.from_components("CCO")
isopropanol = Substance.from_components("CC(C)O")
```

and the source of this measurement (defined as the DOI of the publication):

```
[14]: from openff.evaluator.datasets import MeasurementSource
```

```
source = MeasurementSource(doi="10.1016/S0021-9614(71)80108-8")
```

We will combine this information with the values of the measurements to create an object which encodes each of the  $\Delta H_v$  measurements

```
[15]: from openff.evaluator.datasets import PropertyPhase
from openff.evaluator.properties import EnthalpyOfVaporization
```

```
ethanol_hvap = EnthalpyOfVaporization(
    thermodynamic_state=thermodynamic_state,
    phase=PropertyPhase.Liquid | PropertyPhase.Gas,
    substance=ethanol,
    value=42.26*unit.kilojoule / unit.mole,
    uncertainty=0.02*unit.kilojoule / unit.mole,
    source=source
)
isopropanol_hvap = EnthalpyOfVaporization(
    thermodynamic_state=thermodynamic_state,
    phase=PropertyPhase.Liquid | PropertyPhase.Gas,
    substance=isopropanol,
    value=45.34*unit.kilojoule / unit.mole,
    uncertainty=0.02*unit.kilojoule / unit.mole,
    source=source
)
```

These properties can then be added to our data set:

```
[16]: data_set.add_properties(ethanol_hvap, isopropanol_hvap)
```

If we print the data set again using pandas we should see that our new measurements have been added:

```
[17]: pandas_data_set = data_set.to_pandas()
pandas_data_set[
    ["Temperature (K)",
     "Pressure (kPa)",
     "Component 1",
     "Density Value (g / ml)",
     "EnthalpyOfVaporization Value (kJ / mol)",
     "Source"]
].head()
```

	Temperature (K)	...	Source
0	298.15	...	10.1016/j.fluid.2013.10.034
1	298.15	...	10.1021/je1013476
2	298.15	...	10.1016/S0021-9614(71)80108-8
3	298.15	...	10.1016/S0021-9614(71)80108-8

[ 4 rows x 6 columns]

## 2.5.4 Conclusion

We will finish off this tutorial by saving the data set we have created as a JSON file for future use:

```
[18]: data_set.json("filtered_data_set.json", format=True);
```

And that concludes the first tutorial. For more information about data sets in the Evaluator framework check out the [data set](#) and [ThermoML](#) documentation.

In the next tutorial we will be estimating the data set we have created here using molecular simulation.

If you have any questions and / or feedback, please open an issue on the [GitHub issue tracker](#).

## 2.6 Tutorial 02 - Estimating Data Sets

In this tutorial we will be estimating the data set we created in the [first tutorial](#) using molecular simulation. The tutorial will cover:

- loading in the data set to estimate, and the force field parameters to use in the calculations.
- defining custom calculation schemas for the properties in our data set.
- estimating the data set of properties using an [Evaluator server](#) instance.
- retrieving the results from the server and storing them on disk.

*Note: If you are running this tutorial in google colab you will need to run a setup script instead of following the installation instructions:*

```
[1]: # !wget https://raw.githubusercontent.com/openforcefield/openff-evaluator/master/docs/
↪tutorials/colab_setup.ipynb
# %run colab_setup.ipynb
```

*For this tutorial make sure that you are using a GPU accelerated runtime.*

For the sake of clarity all warnings will be disabled in this tutorial:

```
[2]: import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
import logging
logging.getLogger("openforcefield").setLevel(logging.ERROR)
```

We will also enable time-stamped logging to help track the progress of our calculations:

```
[3]: from openff.evaluator.utils import setup_timestamp_logging
setup_timestamp_logging()
```

## 2.6.1 Loading the Data Set and Force Field Parameters

We will begin by loading in the data set which we created in the previous tutorial:

```
[4]: from openff.evaluator.datasets import PhysicalPropertyDataSet

data_set_path = "filtered_data_set.json"

# If you have not yet completed that tutorial or do not have the data set file
# available, a copy is provided by the framework:

# from openff.evaluator.utils import get_data_filename
# data_set_path = get_data_filename("tutorials/tutorial01/filtered_data_set.json")

data_set = PhysicalPropertyDataSet.from_json(data_set_path)
```

As a reminder, this data contains the experimentally measured density and  $H_{vap}$  measurements for ethanol and isopropanol at ambient conditions:

```
[5]: data_set.to_pandas().head()

[5]:   Temperature (K)  ...                               Source
0          298.15    ...      10.1016/j.fluid.2013.10.034
1          298.15    ...      10.1021/je1013476
2          298.15    ...  10.1016/S0021-9614(71)80108-8
3          298.15    ...  10.1016/S0021-9614(71)80108-8

[4 rows x 13 columns]
```

We will also define the set of force field parameters which we wish to use to estimate this data set of properties. The framework has support for estimating force field parameters from a range of sources, including those in the OpenFF SMIRNOFF format, those which can be applied by [AmberTools](#), *and more*.

Each source of a force field has a corresponding source object in the framework. In this tutorial we will be using the OpenFF Parsley force field which is based off of the SMIRNOFF format:

```
[6]: from openff.evaluator.forcefield import SmirnoffForceFieldSource

force_field_path = "openff-1.0.0.offxml"
force_field_source = SmirnoffForceFieldSource.from_path(force_field_path)
```

## 2.6.2 Defining the Calculation Schemas

The next step we will take will be to define a custom calculation schema for each type of property in our data set.

A calculation schema is the blueprint for how a type of property should be calculated using a particular *calculation approach*, such as directly by simulation, by reprocessing cached simulation data or, in future, a range of other options.

The framework has built-in schemas defining how densities and  $H_{vap}$  should be estimated from molecular simulation, covering all aspects from coordinate generation, force field assignment, energy minimisation, equilibration and finally the production simulation and data analysis. All of this functionality is implemented via the frameworks built-in, lightweight *workflow engine*, however we won't dive into the details of this until a later tutorial.

For the purpose of this tutorial, we will simply modify the default calculation schemas to reduce the number of molecules to include in our simulations to speed up the calculations. This step can be skipped entirely if the default options (which we recommend using for 'real-world' calculations) are to be used:

```
[7]: from openff.evaluator.properties import Density, EnthalpyOfVaporization

density_schema = Density.default_simulation_schema(n_molecules=256)
h_vap_schema = EnthalpyOfVaporization.default_simulation_schema(n_molecules=256)
```

We could further use this method to set either the absolute or the relative uncertainty that the property should be estimated to within. If either of these are set, the simulations will automatically be extended until the target uncertainty in the property has been met.

For our purposes however we won't set any targets, leaving the simulations to run for the default 1 ns.

To use these custom schemas, we need to add them to the a request options object which defines all of the options for estimating our data set:

```
[8]: from openff.evaluator.client import RequestOptions

# Create an options object which defines how the data set should be estimated.
estimation_options = RequestOptions()
# Specify that we only wish to use molecular simulation to estimate the data set.
estimation_options.calculation_layers = ["SimulationLayer"]

# Add our custom schemas, specifying that the should be used by the 'SimulationLayer'
estimation_options.add_schema("SimulationLayer", "Density", density_schema)
estimation_options.add_schema("SimulationLayer", "EnthalpyOfVaporization", h_vap_
↪schema)
```

### 2.6.3 Launching the Server

The framework is split into two main applications - an `EvaluatorServer` and an `EvaluatorClient`.

The `EvaluatorServer` is the main object which will perform any and all calculations needed to estimate sets of properties. It is design to run on whichever compute resources you may have available (whether that be a single machine or a high performance cluster), wait until a user requests a set of properties be estimated, and then handle that request.

The `EvaluatorClient` is the object used by the user to send requests to estimate data sets to running server instances over a TCP connection. It is also used to query the server to see when that request has been fulfilled, and to pull back any results.

Let us begin by spawning a new server instance.

To launch a server, we need to define how this object is going to interact with the compute resource it is running on.

This is accomplished using a *calculation backend*. While there are several to choose from depending on your needs, well will go with a simple dask based one designed to run on a single machine:

```
[9]: from openff.evaluator.backends import ComputeResources
from openff.evaluator.backends.dask import DaskLocalCluster

calculation_backend = DaskLocalCluster(
    number_of_workers=1,
    resources_per_worker=ComputeResources(
        number_of_threads=1,
        number_of_gpus=1,
        preferred_gpu_toolkit=ComputeResources.GPUToolkit.CUDA
    ),
)
calculation_backend.start()
```

Here we have specified that we want to run our calculations on a single worker which has access to a single GPU.

With that defined, we can go ahead and spin up the server:

```
[10]: from openff.evaluator.server import EvaluatorServer

evaluator_server = EvaluatorServer(calculation_backend=calculation_backend)
evaluator_server.start(asynchronous=True)

02:47:53.961 INFO      Server listening at port 8000
```

The server will run asynchronously in the background waiting until a client connects and requests that a data set be estimated.

### 2.6.4 Estimating the Data Set

With the server spun up we can go ahead and connect to it using an `EvaluatorClient` and request that it estimate our data set using the custom options we defined earlier:

```
[11]: from openff.evaluator.client import EvaluatorClient
evaluator_client = EvaluatorClient()

request, exception = evaluator_client.request_estimate(
    property_set=data_set,
    force_field_source=force_field_source,
    options=estimation_options,
)

assert exception is None

02:47:54.012 INFO      Received estimation request from ('127.0.0.1', 50618)
```

The server will now receive the requests and begin whirring away fulfilling it. It should be noted that the `request_estimate()` function returns two values - a request object, and an exception object. If all went well (as it should do here) the exception object will be `None`.

The request object represents the request which we just sent to the server. It stores the unique id which the server assigned to the request, as well as the address of the server that the request was sent to.

The request object is primarily used to query the current state of our request, and to pull down the results when it the request finishes. Here we will use it to synchronously query the server every 30 seconds until our request has completed.

```
[12]: # Wait for the results.
results, exception = request.results(synchronous=True, polling_interval=30)
assert exception is None
```

*Note: we could also asynchronously query for the results of the request. The resultant results object would then contain the partial results of any completed estimates, as well as any exceptions raised during the estimation.*

## 2.6.5 Inspecting the Results

Now that the server has finished estimating our data set and returned the results to us, we can begin to inspect the results of the calculations:

```
[13]: print(len(results.queued_properties))

print(len(results.estimated_properties))

print(len(results.unsuccessful_properties))
print(len(results.exceptions))

0
4
0
0
```

We can (hopefully) see here that there were no exceptions raised during the calculation, and that all of our properties were successfully estimated.

We will extract the estimated data set and save this to disk:

```
[14]: results.estimated_properties.json("estimated_data_set.json", format=True);
```

## 2.6.6 Conclusion

And that concludes the second tutorial. In the next tutorial we will be performing some basic analysis on our estimated results.

If you have any questions and / or feedback, please open an issue on the [GitHub issue tracker](#).

## 2.7 Tutorial 03 - Analysing Data Sets

In this tutorial we will be analysing the results of the calculations which we performed in the *second tutorial*. The tutorial will cover:

- comparing the estimated data set with the experimental data set.
- plotting the two data sets.

*Note: If you are running this tutorial in google colab you will need to run a setup script instead of following the installation instructions:*

```
[1]: # !wget https://raw.githubusercontent.com/openforcefield/openff-evaluator/master/docs/
↪tutorials/colab_setup.ipynb
# %run colab_setup.ipynb
```

For the sake of clarity all warnings will be disabled in this tutorial:

```
[2]: import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
import logging
logging.getLogger("openforcefield").setLevel(logging.ERROR)
```

## 2.7.1 Loading the Data Sets

We will begin by loading both the experimental data set and the estimated data set:

```
[3]: from openff.evaluator.datasets import PhysicalPropertyDataSet

experimental_data_set_path = "filtered_data_set.json"
estimated_data_set_path = "estimated_data_set.json"

# If you have not yet completed the previous tutorials or do not have the data set_
# ↪ files
# available, copies are provided by the framework:

# from openff.evaluator.utils import get_data_filename
# experimental_data_set_path = get_data_filename(
#     "tutorials/tutorial01/filtered_data_set.json"
# )
# estimated_data_set_path = get_data_filename(
#     "tutorials/tutorial02/estimated_data_set.json"
# )

experimental_data_set = PhysicalPropertyDataSet.from_json(experimental_data_set_path)
estimated_data_set = PhysicalPropertyDataSet.from_json(estimated_data_set_path)
```

if everything went well from the previous tutorials, these data sets will contain the density and  $H_{vap}$  of ethanol and isopropanol:

```
[4]: experimental_data_set.to_pandas().head()

[4]:   Temperature (K)  ...                               Source
0           298.15  ...    10.1016/j.fluid.2013.10.034
1           298.15  ...    10.1021/je1013476
2           298.15  ...  10.1016/S0021-9614(71)80108-8
3           298.15  ...  10.1016/S0021-9614(71)80108-8

[4 rows x 13 columns]
```

```
[5]: estimated_data_set.to_pandas().head()

[5]:   Temperature (K)  ...                               Source
0           298.15  ...    SimulationLayer
1           298.15  ...    SimulationLayer
2           298.15  ...    SimulationLayer
3           298.15  ...    SimulationLayer

[4 rows x 13 columns]
```

## 2.7.2 Extracting the Results

We will now compare how the value of each property estimated by simulation deviates from the experimental measurement.

To do this we will extract a list which contains pairs of experimental and evaluated properties. We can easily match properties based on the unique ids which were automatically assigned to them on their creation:

```
[6]: properties_by_type = {
      "Density": [],
```

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```

    "EnthalpyOfVaporization": []
}

for experimental_property in experimental_data_set:

    # Find the estimated property which has the same id as the
    # experimental property.
    estimated_property = next(
        x for x in estimated_data_set if x.id == experimental_property.id
    )

    # Add this pair of properties to the list of pairs
    property_type = experimental_property.__class__.__name__
    properties_by_type[property_type].append((experimental_property, estimated_
    ↪property))

```

### 2.7.3 Plotting the Results

We will now compare the experimental results to the estimated ones by plotting them using matplotlib:

```

[7]: from matplotlib import pyplot

# Create the figure we will plot to.
figure, axes = pyplot.subplots(nrows=1, ncols=2, figsize=(8.0, 4.0))

# Set the axis titles
axes[0].set_xlabel('OpenFF 1.0.0')
axes[0].set_ylabel('Experimental')
axes[0].set_title('Density $kg m^{-3}$')

axes[1].set_xlabel('OpenFF 1.0.0')
axes[1].set_ylabel('Experimental')
axes[1].set_title('$H_{vap}$ $kJ mol^{-1}$')

# Define the preferred units of the properties
from openff.evaluator import unit

preferred_units = {
    "Density": unit.kilogram / unit.meter ** 3,
    "EnthalpyOfVaporization": unit.kilojoule / unit.mole
}

for index, property_type in enumerate(properties_by_type):

    experimental_values = []
    estimated_values = []

    preferred_unit = preferred_units[property_type]

    # Convert the values of our properties to the preferred units.
    for experimental_property, estimated_property in properties_by_type[property_
    ↪type]:

        experimental_values.append(
            experimental_property.value.to(preferred_unit).magnitude

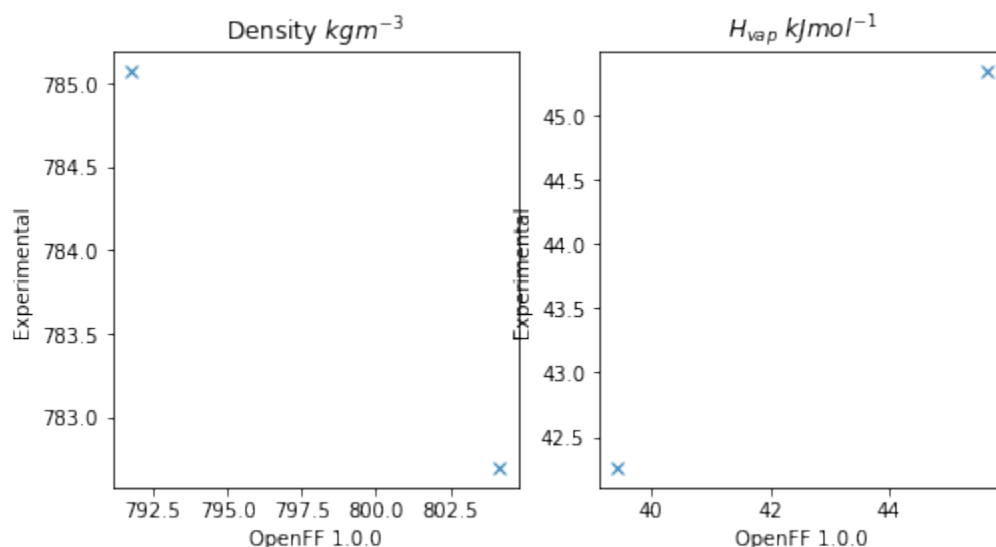
```

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```
)
estimated_values.append(
    estimated_property.value.to(preferred_unit).magnitude
)

axes[index].plot(
    estimated_values, experimental_values, marker='x', linestyle='None'
)
```



## 2.7.4 Conclusion

And that concludes the third tutorial!

If you have any questions and / or feedback, please open an issue on the [GitHub issue tracker](#).

## 2.8 Tutorial 04 - Optimizing Force Fields

In this tutorial we will be using the OpenFF Evaluator framework in combination with the fantastic [ForceBalance](#) software to optimize a molecular force field against the physical property data set we created in the [first tutorial](#).

*ForceBalance* offers a suite of tools for optimizing molecular force fields against a set of target data. Perhaps one of the most fundamental targets to fit against is experimental physical property data. Physical property data has been used extensively for decades to inform the values of non-bonded Van der Waals (VdW) interaction parameters (often referred to as Lennard-Jones parameters).

*ForceBalance* is seamlessly integrated with the evaluator framework, using it to evaluate the deviations between target experimentally measured data points and those evaluated using the force field being optimized (as well as the gradient of those deviations with respect to the force field parameters being optimized).

The tutorial will cover:

- setting up the input files and directory structure required by ForceBalance.

- setting up an EvaluatorServer for *ForceBalance* to connect to.
- running *ForceBalance* using those input files.
- extracting and plotting a number of statistics output during the optimization.

*Note: If you are running this tutorial in google colab you will need to run a setup script instead of following the installation instructions:*

```
[1]: # !wget https://raw.githubusercontent.com/openforcefield/openff-evaluator/master/docs/
      ↪ tutorials/colab_setup.ipynb
      # %run colab_setup.ipynb
```

*For this tutorial make sure that you are using a GPU accelerated runtime.*

For the sake of clarity all warnings will be disabled in this tutorial:

```
[2]: import warnings
      warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
      import logging
      logging.getLogger("openforcefield").setLevel(logging.ERROR)
```

We will also enable time-stamped logging to help track the progress of our calculations:

```
[3]: from openff.evaluator.utils import setup_timestamp_logging
      setup_timestamp_logging()
```

## 2.8.1 Setting up the ForceBalance Inputs

In this section we will be creating the directory structure required by *ForceBalance*, and populating it with the required input files.

### Creating the Directory Structure

To begin with, we will create a directory to store the starting force field parameters in:

```
[4]: !mkdir forcefield
```

and one to store the input parameters for our ‘fitting target’ - in this case a data set of physical properties:

```
[5]: !mkdir -p targets/pure_data
```

### Defining the Training Data Set

With the directories created, we will next specify the data set of physical properties which we will be training the force field against:

```
[6]: # For convenience we will use the copy shipped with the framework
      from openff.evaluator.utils import get_data_filename
      data_set_path = get_data_filename("tutorials/tutorial01/filtered_data_set.json")

      # Load the data set.
      from openff.evaluator.datasets import PhysicalPropertyDataSet
      data_set = PhysicalPropertyDataSet.from_json(data_set_path)
```

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```
# Due to a small bug in ForceBalance we need to zero out any uncertainties
# which are undefined. This will be fixed in future versions.
from openff.evaluator.attributes import UNDEFINED

for physical_property in data_set:

    if physical_property.uncertainty != UNDEFINED:
        continue

    physical_property.uncertainty = 0.0 * physical_property.default_unit()
```

To speed up the runtime of this tutorial, we will only train the force field against measurements made for ethanol

```
[7]: data_set.filter_by_smiles("CCO")
```

in real optimizations however the data set should be **much** larger than two data points!

With those changes made, we can save the data set in our targets directory:

```
[8]: # Store the data set in the `pure_data` targets folder:
data_set.json("targets/pure_data/training_set.json");
```

## Defining the Starting Force Field Parameters

We will use the OpenFF Parsley 1.0.0 force field as the starting parameters for the optimization. These can be loaded directly into an OpenFF ForceField object using the OpenFF toolkit:

```
[9]: from openforcefield.typing.engines.smirnoff import ForceField
force_field = ForceField('openff-1.0.0.offxml')
```

In order to use these parameters in *ForceBalance*, we need to ‘tag’ the individual parameters in the force field that we wish to optimize. The toolkit easily enables us to add these tags using cosmetic attributes:

```
[10]: # Extract the smiles of all unique components in our data set.
from openforcefield.topology import Molecule, Topology

all_smiles = set(
    component.smiles
    for substance in data_set.substances
    for component in substance.components
)

for smiles in all_smiles:

    # Find those VdW parameters which would be applied to those components.
    molecule = Molecule.from_smiles(smiles)
    topology = Topology.from_molecules([molecule])

    labels = force_field.label_molecules(topology)[0]

    # Tag the exercised parameters as to be optimized.
    for parameter in labels["vdW"].values():
        parameter.add_cosmetic_attribute("parameterize", "epsilon", "rmin_half")
```

Here we have made use of the toolkit’s handy `label_molecules` function to see which VdW parameters will be assigned to the molecules in our data set, and tagged them to be parameterized.

With those tags added, we can save the parameters in the `forcefield` directory:

```
[11]: # Save the annotated force field file.
force_field.to_file('forcefield/openff-1.0.0-tagged.offxml')
```

*Note: The force field parameters are stored in the OpenFF SMIRNOFF XML format.*

## Creating the Main Input File

Next, we will create the main *ForceBalance* input file. For the sake of brevity a default input file which ships with this framework will be used:

```
[12]: input_file_path = get_data_filename("tutorials/tutorial04/optimize.in")

# Copy the input file into our directory structure
import shutil
shutil.copyfile(input_file_path, "optimize.in")

[12]: 'optimize.in'
```

While there are many options that can be set within this file, the main options of interest for our purposes appear at the bottom of the file:

```
[13]: !tail -n 6 optimize.in

$target
name pure_data
type Evaluator_SMIRNOFF
weight 1.0
openff.evaluator_input options.json
$end
```

Here we have specified that we wish to create a new *ForceBalance* `Evaluator_SMIRNOFF` target called `pure_data` (corresponding to the name of the directory we created in the earlier step).

The main input to this target is the file path to an `options.json` file - it is this file which will specify all the options which should be used when *ForceBalance* requests that our target data set be estimated using the current sets of force field parameters.

We will create this file in the `targets/pure_data` directory later in this section.

The data set is the JSON serialized representation of the `PhysicalPropertyDataSet` we created during the *first tutorial*.

## Defining the Estimation Options

The final step before we can start the optimization is to create the set of options which will govern how our data set is estimated using the Evaluator framework.

These options will be stored in an `Evaluator_SMIRNOFF` object:

```
[14]: from forcebalance.evaluator_io import Evaluator_SMIRNOFF

# Create the ForceBalance options object
target_options = Evaluator_SMIRNOFF.OptionsFile()
# Set the path to the data set
target_options.data_set_path = "training_set.json"
```

This object exposes both a set of *ForceBalance* specific options, as well as the set of Evaluator options.

The *ForceBalance* specific options allow us to define how each type of property will contribute to the optimization objective function (the value which we are trying to minimize):

$$\Delta(\theta) = \sum_n \frac{weight_n}{M_n} \sum_m^{M_n} \left( \frac{y_m^{ref} - y_m(\theta)}{denominator_n} \right)^2$$

where  $N$  is the number of types of properties (e.g. density, enthalpy of vaporization, etc.),  $M_n$  is the number of data points of type  $n$ ,  $y_m^{ref}$  is the experimental value of data point  $m$  and  $y_m(\theta)$  is the estimated value of data point  $m$  using the current force field parameters

In particular, the options object allows us to specify both an amount to scale each type of properties contribution to the objective function by ( $weight_n$ ), and the amount to scale the difference between the experimental and estimated properties ( $denominator_n$ ):

```
[15]: from openff.evaluator import unit

target_options.weights = {
    "Density": 1.0,
    "EnthalpyOfVaporization": 1.0
}
target_options.denominators = {
    "Density": 30.0 * unit.kilogram / unit.meter ** 3,
    "EnthalpyOfVaporization": 3.0 * unit.kilojoule / unit.mole
}
```

where here we have chosen values that ensure that both types of properties contribute roughly equally to the total objective function.

The Evaluator specific options correspond to a standard RequestOptions object:

```
[16]: from openff.evaluator.client import RequestOptions

# Create the options which evaluator should use.
evaluator_options = RequestOptions()
# Choose which calculation layers to make available.
evaluator_options.calculation_layers = ["SimulationLayer"]

# Reduce the default number of molecules
from evaluator.properties import Density, EnthalpyOfVaporization

density_schema = Density.default_simulation_schema(n_molecules=256)
h_vap_schema = EnthalpyOfVaporization.default_simulation_schema(n_molecules=256)

evaluator_options.add_schema("SimulationLayer", "Density", density_schema)
evaluator_options.add_schema("SimulationLayer", "EnthalpyOfVaporization", h_vap_
    ↳ schema)

target_options.estimation_options = evaluator_options
```

These options allow us to control exactly how each type of property should be estimated, which calculation approaches should be used and more. Here we use the same options as were used in the [second tutorial](#)

*Note: more information about the different estimation options can be found [here](#)*

And that's the options created! We will finish off by serializing the options into our target directory:

```
[17]: # Save the options to file.
with open("targets/pure_data/options.json", "w") as file:
    file.write(target_options.to_json())
```

## 2.8.2 Launching an Evaluator Server

With the *ForceBalance* options created, we can now move onto launching the *EvaluatorServer* which *ForceBalance* will call out to when it needs the data set to be evaluated:

```
[18]: # Launch the calculation backend which will distribute any calculations.
from openff.evaluator.backends import ComputeResources
from openff.evaluator.backends.dask import DaskLocalCluster

calculation_backend = DaskLocalCluster(
    number_of_workers=1,
    resources_per_worker=ComputeResources(
        number_of_threads=1,
        number_of_gpus=1,
        preferred_gpu_toolkit=ComputeResources.GPUToolkit.CUDA
    ),
)
calculation_backend.start()

# Launch the server object which will listen for estimation requests and schedule any
# required calculations.
from openff.evaluator.server import EvaluatorServer

evaluator_server = EvaluatorServer(calculation_backend=calculation_backend)
evaluator_server.start(asynchronous=True)

01:30:20.505 INFO      Server listening at port 8000
```

We will not go into the details of this here as this was already covered in the *second tutorial*

## 2.8.3 Running ForceBalance

With the inputs created and an Evaluator server spun up, we are finally ready to run the optimization! This can be accomplished with a single command:

```
[19]: !ForceBalance optimize.in
```

If everything went well *ForceBalance* should exit cleanly, and will have stored out newly optimized force field in the *results* directory.

```
[20]: !ls result/optimize
openff-1.0.0-tagged_1.offxml  openff-1.0.0-tagged.offxml
```

## 2.8.4 Plotting the results

As a last step in this tutorial, we will extract the objective function at each iteration from the *ForceBalance* output files and plot this using `matplotlib`.

First, we will extract the objective function from the pickle serialized output files which can be found in the `optimize.tmp/pure_data/iter_****/` directories:

```
[21]: from forcebalance.nifty import lp_load

# Determine how many iterations ForceBalance has completed.
from glob import glob
n_iterations = len(glob("optimize.tmp/pure_data/iter*"))

# Extract the objective function at each iteration.
objective_function = []

for iteration in range(n_iterations):

    folder_name = "iter_" + str(iteration).zfill(4)
    file_path = f"optimize.tmp/pure_data/{folder_name}/objective.p"

    statistics = lp_load(file_path)
    objective_function.append(statistics["X"])

print(objective_function)

[0.9270359101845124, 0.011497456194198362]
```

The objective function is then easily plotted:

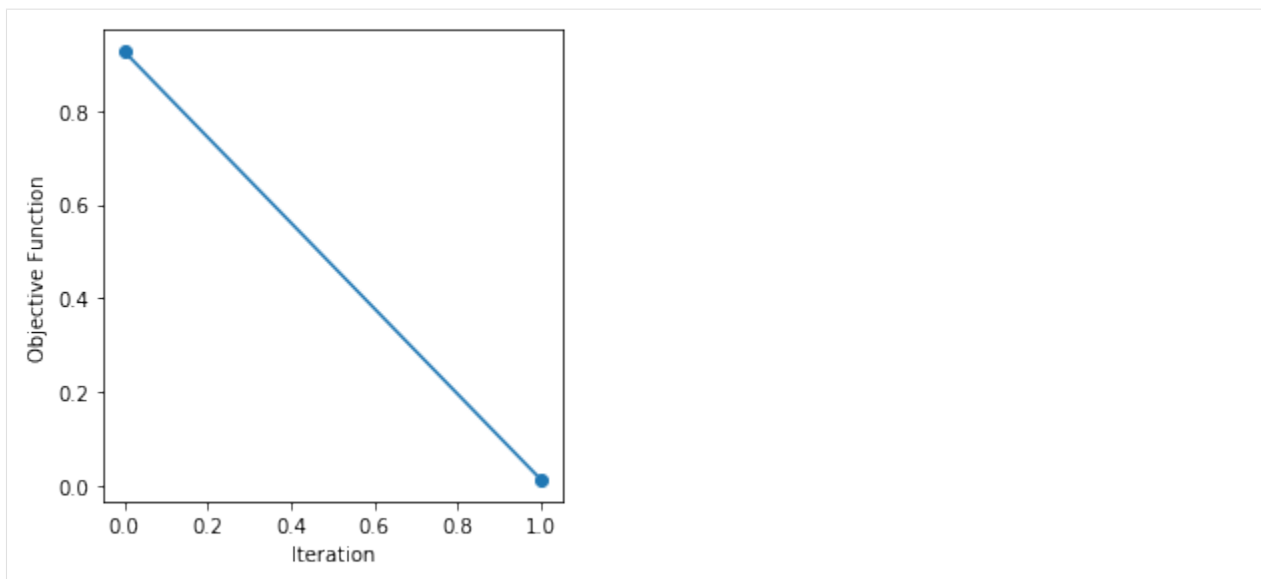
```
[22]: from matplotlib import pyplot
figure, axis = pyplot.subplots(1, 1, figsize=(4, 4))

axis.set_xlabel("Iteration")
axis.set_ylabel("Objective Function")

axis.plot(range(n_iterations), objective_function, marker="o")

figure.tight_layout()
```





## 2.8.5 Conclusion

And that concludes the fourth tutorial!

If you have any questions and / or feedback, please open an issue on the [GitHub issue tracker](#).

## 2.9 Property Data Sets

A *PhysicalPropertyDataSet* is a collection of measured physical properties encapsulated as *physical property* objects. They may be created from scratch:

```
# Define a density measurement
density = Density(
    substance=Substance.from_components("O"),
    thermodynamic_state=ThermodynamicState(
        pressure=1.0*unit.atmospheres, temperature=298.15*unit.kelvin
    ),
    phase=PropertyPhase.Liquid,
    value=1.0*unit.gram/unit.millilitre,
    uncertainty=0.0001*unit.gram/unit.millilitre
)

# Add the property to a data set
data_set = PhysicalPropertyDataset()
data_set.add_properties(density)
```

are readily JSON (de)serializable:

```
# Save the data set as a JSON file.
data_set.json(file_path="data_set.json", format=True)
# Load the data set from a JSON file
data_set = PhysicalPropertyDataset.from_json(file_path="data_set.json")
```

and may be converted to pandas *DataFrame* objects:

```
data_set.to_pandas()
```

The framework implements specific data set objects for extracting data measurements directly from a number of open data sources, such as the *ThermoMLDataSet* (see *ThermoML Data Sets*) which provides utilities for extracting the data from the *NIST ThermoML Archive* and converting it into the standard framework objects.

Data set objects are directly iterable:

```
for physical_property in data_set:
    ...
```

or can be iterated over for a specific substance:

```
for physical_property in data_set.properties_by_substance(substance):
    ...
```

or for a specific type of property:

```
for physical_property in data_set.properties_by_type("Density"):
    ...
```

## 2.9.1 Physical Properties

The *PhysicalProperty* object is a base class for any object which describes a measured property of substance, and is defined by a combination of:

- the observed value of the property.
- *Substance* specifying the substance that the measurement was collected for.
- *PropertyPhase* specifying the phase that the measurement was collected in.
- *ThermodynamicState* specifying the thermodynamic conditions under which the measurement was performed

as well as optionally

- the uncertainty in the value of the property.
- a list of *ParameterGradient* which defines the gradient of the property with respect to the model parameters if it was computationally estimated.
- a *Source* specifying the source (either experimental or computational) and provenance of the measurement.

Each type of property supported by the framework, such as a density or an enthalpy of vaporization, must have its own class representation which inherits from *PhysicalProperty*:

```
# Define a density measurement
density = Density(
    substance=Substance.from_components("O"),
    thermodynamic_state=ThermodynamicState(
        pressure=1.0*unit.atmospheres, temperature=298.15*unit.kelvin
    ),
    phase=PropertyPhase.Liquid,
    value=1.0*unit.gram/unit.millilitre,
    uncertainty=0.0001*unit.gram/unit.millilitre
)
```

## 2.9.2 Substances

A *Substance* is defined by a number of components (which may have specific roles assigned to them such as being solutes in the system) and the amount of each component in the substance.

To create a pure substance containing only water:

```
water_substance = Substance.from_components("O")
```

To create binary mixture of water and methanol in a 20:80 ratio:

```
binary_mixture = Substance()
binary_mixture.add_component(Component(smiles="O"), MoleFraction(value=0.2))
binary_mixture.add_component(Component(smiles="CO"), MoleFraction(value=0.8))
```

To create a substance of an infinitely dilute paracetamol solute dissolved in water:

```
solution = Substance()
solution.add_component(
    Component(smiles="O", role=Component.Role.Solvent), MoleFraction(value=1.0)
)
solution.add_component(
    Component(smiles="CC(=O)Nc1ccc(O)cc1", role=Component.Role.Solute), _
    ↪ ExactAmount(value=1)
)
```

## 2.9.3 Property Phases

The *PropertyPhase* enum describes the possible phases which a measurement was performed in.

While the enum only has three defined phases (Solid, Liquid and Gas), multiple phases can be formed by OR'ing (!) multiple phases together. As an example, to define a phase for a liquid and gas coexisting:

```
liquid_gas_phase = PropertyPhase.Liquid | PropertyPhase.Gas
```

## 2.9.4 Thermodynamic States

A *ThermodynamicState* specifies a combination of the temperature and (optionally) the pressure at which a measurement is performed:

```
thermodynamic_state = ThermodynamicState(
    temperature=298.15*unit.kelvin, pressure=1.0*unit.atmosphere
)
```

## 2.10 ThermoML Data Sets

The `ThermoMLDataSet` object offers an API for extracting physical properties from the [NIST ThermoML Archive](#), both directly from the archive itself or from files stored in the IUPAC- standard [ThermoML](#) format.

The API only supports extracting those properties which have been *registered* with the frameworks plug-in system, and does not currently load the full set of metadata available in the archive files.

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**Note:** If the metadata you require is not currently exposed, please open an issue on the [GitHub issue tracker](#) to request it.

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Currently the framework has built-in support for extracting:

- *Mass density, kg/m<sup>3</sup>* (`Density`)
- *Excess molar volume, m<sup>3</sup>/mol* (`ExcessMolarVolume`)
- *Relative permittivity at zero frequency* (`DielectricConstant`)
- *Excess molar enthalpy (molar enthalpy of mixing), kJ/mol* (`EnthalpyOfMixing`)
- *Molar enthalpy of vaporization or sublimation, kJ/mol* (`EnthalpyOfVaporization`)

where here both the ThermoML property name (as defined by the [IUPAC XML schema](#)) and the built-in framework class are listed.

### 2.10.1 Registering Properties

Properties to be extracted from ThermoML archives must have a corresponding class representation to be loading into. This class representation must both:

- inherit from the frameworks `PhysicalProperty` class and
- be registered with the frameworks plug-in system using either the `thermoml_property()` decorator or the `register_thermoml_property()` method.

As an example, a class representation of the ThermoML ‘*Mass density, kg/m<sup>3</sup>*’ property could be defined and registered with the plug-in system using:

```
@thermoml_property("Mass density, kg/m3", supported_phases=PropertyPhase.Liquid)
class Density(PhysicalProperty):
    """A class representation of a mass density property"""
```

The `thermoml_property()` decorator takes in the name of the ThermoML property (as defined by the [IUPAC schema](#)) as well as the phases which the framework will be able to estimate this property in.

Multiple ThermoML properties can be mapped onto a single class using the flexible `register_thermoml_property()` function. For example, the ‘*Specific volume, m<sup>3</sup>/kg*’ property (which is simply the reciprocal of mass density) may be mapped onto the `Density` object by providing a `conversion_function`:

```
def specific_volume_to_mass_density(specific_volume):
    """Converts a specific volume measurement into a mass
    density.

    Parameters
    -----
```

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```

specific_volume: ThermoMLProperty
    The specific volume measurement to convert.
    """
    mass_density = Density()

    mass_density.value = 1.0 / specific_volume.value

    if mass_density.uncertainty is not None:
        mass_density.uncertainty = 1.0 / mass_density.uncertainty

    mass_density.phase = specific_volume.phase

    mass_density.thermodynamic_state = specific_volume.thermodynamic_state
    mass_density.substance = specific_volume.substance

    return mass_density

# Register the ThermoML property using the conversion function.
register_thermoml_property(
    thermoml_string="Specific volume, m3/kg",
    supported_phases=PropertyPhase.Liquid,
    property_class=Density,
    conversion_function=specific_volume_to_mass_density
)

```

Converting the different density derivatives into a single density class removes the need to produce many very similar class representations of density measurements, and allows a single calculation schema to be defined for all variants.

## 2.10.2 Loading Data Sets

Data sets are most easily loaded using their digital object identifiers (DOI). For example, to retrieve the [ThermoML data set](#) that accompanies [this paper](#), we can simply use the DOI 10.1016/j.jct.2005.03.012:

```
data_set = ThermoMLDataset.from_doi('10.1016/j.jct.2005.03.012')
```

Data can be pulled from multiple sources at once by specifying multiple identifiers:

```

identifiers = ['10.1021/acs.jced.5b00365', '10.1021/acs.jced.5b00474']
dataset = ThermoMLDataset.from_doi(*identifiers)

```

Entire archives of properties can be downloaded directly from the [ThermoML website](#) and parsed by the framework. For example, to create a data set object containing all of the measurements recorded from the International Journal of Thermophysics:

```

# Download the archive of all properties from the IJT journal.
import requests
request = requests.get("https://trc.nist.gov/ThermoML/IJT.tgz", stream=True)

# Make sure the request went ok.
assert request

# Unzip the files into a new 'ijt_files' directory.
import io, tarfile
tar_file = tarfile.open(fileobj=io.BytesIO(request.content))
tar_file.extractall("ijt_files")

```

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```
# Get the names of the extracted files
import glob
file_names = glob.glob("ijt_files/*.xml")

# Create the data set object
from openff.evaluator.datasets.thermoml import ThermoMLDataSet
data_set = ThermoMLDataSet.from_file(*file_names)

# Save the data set to a JSON object
data_set.json(file_path="ijt.json", format=True)
```

## 2.11 Calculation Layers

A *CalculationLayer* is an implementation of one calculation approach for estimating a set of physical properties, such as via molecular simulation or evaluating some QSAR like model.

The framework stacks multiple layers together when estimating a data set of properties.

Fig. 2: A schematic of the layer system. A set of properties to estimate are fed into the first layer. Those which can be calculated are returned back. Those that can't are passed to the next layer until no layer are left.

Each layer will in turn attempt to evaluate the properties being estimated using the specific approach the layer represents, such as by running a set of simulations. If the layer is unable to estimate a given property, for example if a layer does not yet support a given property, or if the layer has insufficient data to reprocesses, the property will be passed to the next layer for it to try and evaluate.

In practice, this allows the framework to attempt to estimate a data set using the most rapid calculation layer first, before moving to successively slower yet more robust layers, and thus enabling as efficient as possible property estimation.

### 2.11.1 Defining a Calculation Layer

A calculation layer is defined by two objects - a *CalculationLayer* object which implements the main layer logic, and a *CalculationLayerSchema* which defines those settings and options exposed required by the layer.

One *CalculationLayerSchema* will be provided to the for each type of property that the layer is being asked to estimate. The base *CalculationLayerSchema* currently only exposes options for optionally defining either the relative or absolute uncertainty that the layer should attempt to estimate the associated property type to within, however custom schemas can be defined per layer.

The structure of a *CalculationLayer* is relatively simple and permissive:

```
@calculation_layer()
class MyCalculationLayer(CalculationLayer):

    @classmethod
    def required_schema_type(cls):
        return CalculationLayerSchema

    @classmethod
    def _schedule_calculation(
        cls,
```

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```

        calculation_backend,
        storage_backend,
        layer_directory,
        batch
    ):
        ...

```

The first thing to note is the `calculation_layer()` decorator which is being applied to the class. This registers the calculation layer with the frameworks plug-in system, allowing it to be used in future calculations.

The only other requirements is that the class implement a `required_schema_type` class method, which returns the type of `CalculationLayerSchema` that is associated with this layer, and a `_schedule_calculation()`. The `_schedule_calculation()` is responsible for performing the actual property calculations.

The form of the `_schedule_calculation()` function is very flexible:

```

@classmethod
def _schedule_calculation(
    cls,
    calculation_backend,
    storage_backend,
    layer_directory,
    batch
):
    futures = []

    for queued_property in batch.queued_properties:
        futures.append(
            calculation_backend.submit_task(
                cls.process_property, queued_property, cls.__name__
            )
        )

    return futures

```

It takes as arguments:

- a `CalculationBackend` which is used to asynchronously distribute any calculations across the available compute resources.
- a `StorageBackend` which may be used to store / cache any data generated by the calculations.
- the path to the directory within which all of the calculation working files should be stored.
- the `Batch` of properties which this layer should attempt to estimate. This object includes the properties to estimate, as well as the `CalculationLayerSchema` for each property type.

and must return a list of `Future` objects (which either must be or implement the same API as the `asyncio Future` object). The easiest way to generate the futures is to perform any calculations using the `calculation_backend` which will automatically return the results of any functions as such.

The future objects returned by `_schedule_calculation()` must return a `CalculationLayerResult` object, which includes

- the estimated property if the calculation was successful (or `UNDEFINED` otherwise).
- a list of any exceptions (of type `EvaluatorException`) which were raised during the calculation.
- a list of any data to be stored by the storage backend.

As a minimal example of a method which returns one such object:

```
@classmethod
def process_property(cls, physical_property, **_):
    """Return a result as if the property had been successfully estimated.
    """

    # TODO: Do some calculations

    # Set the property provenance
    physical_property.source = CalculationSource(fidelity=cls.__name__)

    # Return the results object.
    results = CalculationLayerResult()
    results.physical_property = physical_property
    return results
```

## 2.11.2 Default Schemas

Default schemas for each pair of a calculation layer and a type of physical property may be registered using the `register_calculation_schema()` function:

```
# Register the default schema to use for density measurements being estimated
# by the direct simulation calculation layer.
register_calculation_schema(
    property_class=Density,
    layer_class=SimulationLayer,
    schema=Density.default_simulation_schema
)
```

where the schema object should either be an instance of a `CalculationLayerSchema`, or a function with no required arguments which returns a `CalculationLayerSchema`.

A list of the registered schemas is provided by the `registered_calculation_schemas` module attribute.

## 2.12 Workflow Layers

The `WorkflowCalculationLayer` and `WorkflowCalculationSchema` offer an abstract base implementation for any calculation layers (and their associated schemas) which will perform their calculations using the built-in *workflow engine*.

The `WorkflowCalculationLayer` takes as input from its calculation schema one `WorkflowSchema` object for each type of property to be estimated by this layer. These schemas must *at a minimum* provide both the schemas of the protocols in the workflow, and have the `final_value_source` attribute set to the value of the calculated observable. In addition, the layer fully supports schemas which provide gradient information (see the `gradients_sources` attribute), as well as storing any generated dataclasses (see the `outputs_to_store` attribute) to the available storage backend.

This layer implements three key methods which are available to be overridden by any subclass implementations:

- `_get_workflow_metadata()`: a method which returns the dictionary of *metadata* which will be made available to the workflow (see the *default metadata* section for details).
- `_build_workflow_graph()`: the method which will construct the *workflow graph* to execute using the input workflow schemas and the metadata generated by the layer.



- `workflow_to_layer_result()`: a method which will map any `WorkflowResult` objects generated by the workflow graph into the `CalculationLayerResult` objects which the layer requires.

The workflow layer will by default tag each property estimated using it (or one of its derivatives) with a `CalculationSource` with the `fidelity` attribute set to the name of the layer, and the `provenance` attribute set to the schema of the workflow used to generate the property.

### 2.12.1 Default Metadata

The metadata provided to the workflows generated by this layer is generated on a per property to estimate basis mainly using the `generate_default_metadata()` function. It includes:

Key	Type	Description
<code>thermodynamic_state</code>	<code>ThermodynamicState</code>	The state at which the to perform any calculations .
<code>substance</code>	<code>Substance</code>	The substance to use in any calculations.
<code>components</code>	<code>[Substance]</code>	The components present in the main substance.
<code>target_uncertainty</code>	<code>Quantity</code>	The target uncertainty of any calculations defined by the calculation schema.
<code>per_component_uncertainty</code>	<code>Quantity</code>	The <code>target_uncertainty</code> divided by <code>sqrt(substance.n_components + 1)</code>
<code>force_field_path</code>	<code>str</code>	A file path to the force field parameters to use.
<code>parameter_gradient_keys</code>	<code>[ParameterGradientKey]</code>	The parameters to differentiate any observables with respect to (if any).

## 2.13 The Direct Simulation Layer

The *SimulationLayer* is a calculation layer which employs molecular simulation to estimate data sets of physical properties. It inherits the *WorkflowCalculationLayer* base layer, and primarily makes use of the built-in *workflow* engine to perform the required calculations.

The simulation layer is expected to *almost always* be able to estimate any properties requested of it (with exceptions being where a workflow schema has not yet been defined for a class of properties, or where an unexpected error occurs), and can be thought of as a safe ‘fallback’ layer when no other calculation approach are able to estimate particular properties.

It is expected that *workflow schemas* passed to the simulation layer should be able to estimate the gradients of the observable they aim to calculate, as well as specify a set of `:doc:` storage/dataclasses <storage/dataclasses>`` which contain the data generated by the molecular simulations.

### 2.13.1 Default Metadata

The simulation layer makes the same set of metadata available to its workflows as the *parent workflow layer*.

## 2.14 The MBAR Reweighting Layer

The *ReweightingLayer* is a calculation layer which employs the [Multistate Bennett Acceptance Ratio \(MBAR\)](#) method to calculate observables at states which have not been previously simulated, but for which simulations have been previously run at similar states and their data cached. It inherits the *WorkflowCalculationLayer* base layer, and primarily makes use of the built-in *workflow* engine to perform the required calculations.

Because MBAR is a technique which reprocesses existing simulation data rather than re-running new simulations, it is typically several fold faster than the *simulation layer* provided it has cached simulation data (made accessible via a *storage backend*) available. Any properties for which the required data (see *Calculation Schema*) is not available will be skipped.

### 2.14.1 Theory

The theory behind applying MBAR to reweighting observables from a simulated state to an unsimulated state is covered in detail in the publication [Configuration-Sampling-Based Surrogate Models for Rapid Parameterization of Non-Bonded Interactions](#).

### 2.14.2 Calculation Schema

The reweighting layer will be provided with one *ReweightingSchema* per type of property that it is being requested to estimate. It builds off of the base *WorkflowCalculationSchema* schema providing an additional *storage\_queries* attribute.

The *storage\_queries* attribute will contain a dictionary of *SimulationDataQuery* which will be used by the layer to access the data required for each property from the storage backend. Each key in this dictionary will correspond to the key of a piece of metadata made available to the property workflows.

### 2.14.3 Default Metadata

The reweighting layer makes available the default metadata provided by the *parent workflow layer* in addition to any cached data retrieved via the schemas *storage\_queries*.

When building the metadata for each property, a copy of the query will be made and any of the supported attributes (currently only *substance*) whose values are set as *PlaceholderValue* objects will have their values updated using values directly from the property. This query will then be passed to the storage backend to retrieve any matching data.

The matching data will be stored as a list of tuples of the form:

```
(object_path, data_directory, force_field_path)
```

where *object\_path* is the file path to the stored dataclass, the *data\_directory* is the file path to the ancillary data directory and *force\_field\_path* is the file path to the force field parameters which were used to generate the data originally.

This list of tuples will be made available as metadata under the key that was associated with the query.

## 2.15 Workflows

The framework offers a lightweight workflow engine for executing graphs of tasks using the available *calculation backends*. While lightweight, it offers a large amount of extensibility and flexibility, and is currently used by both the *simulation* and *reweighting* layers to perform their required calculations.

A workflow is a wrapper around a collection of tasks that should be executed in succession, and whose outputs should be made available as the input to others.

Fig. 3: A an example workflow which combines a protocol which will build a set of coordinates for a particular system, assign parameters to that system, and then perform an energy minimisation.

The workflow engine offers a number of advanced features such as the *automatic reduction of redundant tasks*, and *looping over parts of a workflow*

### 2.15.1 Building Workflows

At its core a workflow must define the tasks which need to be executed, and where the inputs to those tasks should be sourced from. Each task to be executed is represented by a *protocol object*, with each protocol requiring a specific set of user specified inputs:

```
# Define a protocol which will build some coordinates for a system.
build_coordinates = BuildCoordinatesPackmol("build_coordinates")
build_coordinates.max_molecules = 1000
build_coordinates.mass_density = 1.0 * unit.gram / unit.millilitre
build_coordinates.substance = Substance.from_components("O", "CO")

# Define a protocol which will assign force field parameters to the system.
assign_parameters = BuildSmirnoffSystem(f"assign_parameters")
assign_parameters.water_model = BuildSmirnoffSystem.WaterModel.TIP3P
assign_parameters.force_field_path = "openff-1.0.0.offxml"

# Set the `coordinate_file_path` input of the `assign_parameters` protocol
```

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```
# to the `coordinate_file_path` output of the `build_coordinates` protocol.
assign_parameters.coordinate_file_path = ProtocolPath(
    "coordinate_file_path", build_coordinates.id
)
```

The *ProtocolPath* object is used to reference the output of another protocol in the workflow, and will be replaced by the value of that output once that protocol has been executed by the workflow engine. It is constructed from two parts:

- the name of the output attribute to reference.
- the unique id of the protocol to take the output from.

To turn these tasks into a valid workflow which can be automatically executed, they must first be converted to a *workflow schema*:

```
# Create the schema object.
schema = WorkflowSchema()
# Add the individual protocol's schema representations to the workflow schema.
schema.protocol_schemas = [build_coordinates.schema, assign_parameters.schema]

# Create the executable workflow object from its schema.
workflow = Workflow.from_schema(schema, metadata=None)
```

A *Workflow* may either be synchronously executed in place yielding a *WorkflowResult* object directly:

```
workflow_result = workflow.execute()
```

or asynchronously using a calculation backend yielding a Future like object which will eventually return a *WorkflowResult*:

```
with DaskLocalCluster() as calculation_backend:
    result_future = workflow.execute(calculation_backend=calculation_backend)
```

In addition, a workflow may be added to, and executed as part as a larger *workflow graphs*.

## 2.15.2 Workflow Schemas

A *WorkflowSchema* is a blueprint from which all *Workflow* objects are constructed. It will predominantly define the tasks which compose the workflow, but may optionally define:

- *final\_value\_source*: A reference to the protocol output which corresponds to the value of the main observable calculated by the workflow.
- *gradients\_sources*: A list of references to the protocol outputs which correspond to the gradients of the main observable with respect to a set of force field parameters.
- *outputs\_to\_store*: A list of *data classes* whose values will be populated from protocol outputs.
- *protocol\_replicators*: A set of *replicators* which are used to flag parts of a workflow which should be replicated.

Each of these attributes will control whether the *value*, *gradients* and *data\_to\_store* attributes of the *WorkflowResult* results object will be populated respectively when executing a workflow.

## Metadata

Because a schema is purely a blueprint for a general workflow, it need not define the exact values of all of the inputs of its constituent tasks. Consider the above example workflow for constructing a set of coordinates and assigning force field parameters to them. Ideally this one schema could be reused for multiple substances. This is made possible through a workflow's *metadata*.

Each protocol within a workflow may access a dictionary of values unique to that workflow (termed here *metadata*) which is defined when the *Workflow* object is created from its schema.

This metadata may be accessed by protocols via a fictitious "global" protocol whose outputs map to the metadata dictionary:

```
build_coordinates = BuildCoordinatesPackmol("build_coordinates")
build_coordinates.substance = ProtocolPath("substance", "global")

# ...

substances = [
    Substance.from_components("CO"),
    Substance.from_components("CCO"),
    Substance.from_components("CCCO"),
]

for substance in substances:

    # Define the metadata to make available to the workflow protocols.
    metadata = {"substance": substance}
    # Create the executable workflow object from its schema.
    workflow = Workflow.from_schema(schema, metadata=metadata)

    # Execute the workflow ...
```

the created workflow will contain the `build_coordinates` protocol but with its `substance` input set to the value from the metadata dictionary.

## 2.16 Replicators

A *ProtocolReplicator* is the workflow equivalent of a `for` loop. It is statically evaluated when a *Workflow* is created from its schema. This is useful when parts of a workflow should be run multiple times but using different values for certain protocol inputs.

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**Note:** The syntax of replicators is still rather rough around the edges, and will be refined in future versions of the framework.

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Each *ProtocolReplicator* requires both a unique id and the set of *template values* which the replicator will 'loop' over to be defined. These values must either be a list of constant values or a reference to a list of values provided as *metadata*.

The 'loop variable' is referenced by protocols in the workflow using the *ReplicatorValue* placeholder input, where the value is linked to the replicator through the replicator's unique id.

As an example, consider the case where a set of coordinates should be built for each component in a substance:

```

# Create the replicator object, and assign it a unique id.
replicator = ProtocolReplicator(replicator_id="component_replicator")
# Instruct the replicator to loop over all of the components of the substance
# made available by the global metadata
replicator.template_values = ProtocolPath("substance.components", "global")

# Define a protocol which will build some coordinates for a system.
build_coords = BuildCoordinatesPackmol("build_coords_" + replicator.placeholder_id)
# Instruct the protocol to use the value specified by the replicator.
build_coords.substance = ReplicatorValue(replicator.id)

# Build the schema containing the protocol and the replicator
schema = WorkflowSchema()
schema.protocol_schemas = [build_coords.schema]
schema.protocol_replicators = [replicator]

```

The requirement for a protocol to be replicated by a replicator is that its id *must* contain the replicators `placeholder_id` - this is a simple string which the workflow engine looks for when applying the replicator. The contents of this schema can be easily inspected by printing its JSON representation:

```

{
  "@type": "openff.evaluator.workflow.schemas.WorkflowSchema",
  "protocol_replicators": [
    {
      "@type": "openff.evaluator.workflow.schemas.ProtocolReplicator",
      "id": "component_replicator",
      "template_values": {
        "@type": "openff.evaluator.workflow.utils.ProtocolPath",
        "full_path": "global.substance.components"
      }
    }
  ],
  "protocol_schemas": [
    {
      "@type": "openff.evaluator.workflow.schemas.ProtocolSchema",
      "id": "build_coords_${component_replicator}",
      "inputs": {
        ".substance": {
          "@type": "openff.evaluator.workflow.utils.ReplicatorValue",
          "replicator_id": "component_replicator"
        }
      },
      "type": "BuildCoordinatesPackmol"
    }
  ]
}

```

It can be clearly seen that the schema only contains a single protocol entry, with the placeholder id present in its unique id. Once a workflow is created from this schema however:

```

# Define some metadata
metadata = {"substance": Substance.from_components("O", "CO")}

# Build the workflow from the schema.
workflow = Workflow.from_schema(schema, metadata)
# Output the contents of the workflow as JSON.
print(workflow.schema.json())

```

it can be seen that the replicator has been correctly been applied and the workflow now contains one protocol for each component in the substance passed as metadata:

```
{
  "@type": "openff.evaluator.workflow.schemas.WorkflowSchema",
  "protocol_schemas": [
    {
      "@type": "openff.evaluator.workflow.schemas.ProtocolSchema",
      "id": "build_coords_0",
      "inputs": {
        ".substance": {
          "@type": "openff.evaluator.substances.components.Component",
          "smiles": "O"
        }
      },
      "type": "BuildCoordinatesPackmol"
    },
    {
      "@type": "openff.evaluator.workflow.schemas.ProtocolSchema",
      "id": "build_coords_1",
      "inputs": {
        ".substance": {
          "@type": "openff.evaluator.substances.components.Component",
          "smiles": "CO"
        }
      },
      "type": "BuildCoordinatesPackmol"
    }
  ]
}
```

In both cases the replicators `placeholder_id` has been replaced with the index of the value it was replicated for, and the substance input has been correctly set to the actual array value.

### 2.16.1 Nested Replicators

Replicators can be applied to other replicators to achieve a result similar to a set of nested for loops. For example the below loop:

```
components = [Component("O"), Component("CO")]
n_mols = [[1000], [500]]

for i, component in enumerate(components):
    for component_n_mols in n_mols[i]:
        ...
```

can readily be reproduced using replicators:

```
# Define a replicator which will loop over all components in the substance.
component_replicator = ProtocolReplicator(replicator_id="components")
component_replicator.template_values = ProtocolPath("components", "global")

# Define a replicator to loop over the number of each component to add.
n_mols_replicator_id = f"n_mols_{component_replicator.placeholder_id}"
```

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```

n_mols_replicator = ProtocolReplicator(replicator_id=n_mols_replicator_id)
n_mols_replicator.template_values = ProtocolPath(
    f"n_mols[{component_replicator.placeholder_id}]", "global"
)

# Define the suffix which must be applied to protocols to be replicated
id_suffix = f"{component_replicator.placeholder_id}_{n_mols_replicator.placeholder_id}"
↪

# Define a protocol which will build some coordinates for a system.
build_coordinates = BuildCoordinatesPackmol(f"build_coordinates_{id_suffix}")
build_coordinates.substance = ReplicatorValue(component_replicator.id)
build_coordinates.max_molecules = ReplicatorValue(n_mols_replicator.id)

# Build the schema containing the protocol and the replicator
schema = WorkflowSchema()
schema.protocol_schemas = [build_coordinates.schema]
schema.protocol_replicators = [component_replicator, n_mols_replicator]

# Define some metadata
metadata = {
    "components": [Component("O"), Component("CO")],
    "n_mols": [[1000], [500]]
}

# Build the workflow from the created schema.
workflow = Workflow.from_schema(schema, metadata)
# Print the JSON representation of the workflow.
print(workflow.schema.json(format=True))

```

Here the `component_replicator` placeholder id has been appended to the `n_mols_replicator` id to inform the workflow engine that the later is a child of the former. The `component_replicator` placeholder id is then used as an index into the `n_mols` array. This results in the following schema as desired:

```

{
  "@type": "openff.evaluator.workflow.schemas.WorkflowSchema",
  "protocol_schemas": [
    {
      "@type": "openff.evaluator.workflow.schemas.ProtocolSchema",
      "id": "build_coordinates_0_0",
      "inputs": {
        ".max_molecules": 1000,
        ".substance": {
          "@type": "openff.evaluator.substances.components.Component",
          "smiles": "O"
        }
      },
      "type": "BuildCoordinatesPackmol"
    },
    {
      "@type": "openff.evaluator.workflow.schemas.ProtocolSchema",
      "id": "build_coordinates_1_0",
      "inputs": {
        ".max_molecules": 500,
        ".substance": {

```

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```

        "@type": "openff.evaluator.substances.components.Component",
        "smiles": "CO"
    },
    "type": "BuildCoordinatesPackmol"
]
}

```

## 2.17 Workflow Graphs

A *WorkflowGraph* is a collection of *Workflow* objects which should be executed together. The primary advantage of executing workflows via the graph object is that the graph will automatically take advantage of the *protocols* built in redundancy / merging support to collapse duplicate tasks across multiple workflows.

As an example, consider the case of executing workflows to estimate the density and the dielectric constant at the same state point, for the same substance, and using the same force field parameters:

```

density_schema = Density.default_simulation_schema()
dielectric_schema = DielectricConstant.default_simulation_schema()

density_workflow = Workflow.from_schema(density_schema, metadata)
dielectric_workflow = Workflow.from_schema(dielectric_schema, metadata)

print(len(density_workflow.protocols), len(dielectric_workflow.protocols))

workflow_graph = WorkflowGraph()
workflow_graph.add_workflows(density_workflow, dielectric_workflow)

print(len(workflow_graph.protocols))

```

The final workflow graph has roughly half the total number of density and dielectric protocols to be executed. This is expected as both the density and dielectric workflows are almost identical, except for the final analysis steps.

Graphs can be executed either in place without using a calculation backend in the same way that *workflows can*.

## 2.18 Protocols

The *Protocol* class represents a single task to be executed, whether that be as a standalone task or as a task which is part of some larger workflow. The task encoded by a protocol may be as simple as adding two numbers together or even as complex as performing entire free energy simulations:

```

from openff.evaluator.protocols.miscellaneous import AddValues

# Create the protocol and assign it some unique name.
add_numbers = AddValues(protocol_id="add_values")
# Set the numbers to add together
add_numbers.values = [1, 2, 3, 4]

# Execute the protocol
add_numbers.execute()

```

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```
# Retrieve the output
result = add_numbers.result
```

## 2.18.1 Inputs and Outputs

Each protocol exposes a set of the required inputs as well as the produced outputs. These inputs may either be set as a constant directly, or if used as part of a *workflow*, can take their value from one of the outputs of another protocol.

Fig. 4: A selection of the inputs and outputs of the *OpenMMSimulation* protocol.

A surprisingly rich spectrum of workflows can be constructed by chaining together many relatively simple protocols.

The inputs and outputs of a protocol are defined using the custom *InputAttribute* and *OutputAttribute* descriptors:

```
class AddValues(Protocol):

    # Define the inputs that the protocol requires
    values = InputAttribute(
        docstring="The values to add together.",
        type_hint=list, default_value=UNDEFINED
    )

    # Define the outputs that the protocol will produce
    # once it is executed.
    result = OutputAttribute(
        docstring="The sum of the values.",
        type_hint=typing.Union[int, float, pint.Measurement, pint.Quantity],
    )

    def _execute(self, directory, available_resources):
        ...

    def validate(self, attribute_type=None):
        ...
```

Here we have defined a *values* input to the protocol and a *result* output. Both descriptors require a *docstring* and a *type\_hint* to be provided.

The *type\_hint* will be used by the workflow engine to ensure that a protocol which takes its input as the output of another protocol is receiving values of the correct type. Currently the *type\_hint* can be any type of python class, or a Union of multiple types should the protocol allow for that.

In addition, the input attribute must specify a *default\_value* for the attribute. This can either be a constant value, or a value set by some function such as a lambda statement:

```
some_input = InputAttribute(
    docstring="Takes it's default value from a function.",
    type_hint=int,
    default_value=lambda: return 1 + 1
)
```

In the above example we set the default value of *values* to *UNDEFINED* in order to specify that this input must be set by the user. The custom *UNDEFINED* class is used in place of *None* as *None* may be a valid input value for some attributes.

## 2.18.2 Task Execution

In addition to defining its inputs and outputs, a protocol must also implement an `_execute()` function which handles the main logic of the task:

```
def _execute(self, directory, available_resources):

    self.result = self.values[0]

    for value in self.values[1:]:
        self.result += value
```

The function is passed the directory in which it should run and create any working files, as well as a `ComputeResources` object which describes which compute resources are available to run on. This function *must* set all of the output attributes of the protocol before returning.

The private `_execute()` function which must be implemented should not be confused with the public `execute()` function. The public `execute()` function implements some common protocol logic (such as validating the inputs and creating the directory to run in if needed) before calling the private `_execute()` function.

## 2.18.3 Protocol Validation

The protocols inputs will automatically be validated before `_execute()` is called - this validation includes making sure that all of the non-optional inputs have been set, as well as ensuring they have been set to a value of the correct type. Protocols may implement additional validation logic by implementing a `execute()` function:

```
def validate(self, attribute_type=None):

    super(AddValues, self).validate(attribute_type)

    if len(self.values) < 1:
        raise ValueError("There were no values to add together")
```

## 2.18.4 Schemas

Every protocol has a `ProtocolSchema` representation which uniquely describes the protocol, and from which the protocol can be exactly recreated. The schema stores not only the type of protocol which it represents, but also the values of each of the inputs. Protocol schemas are fully JSON serializable. The following is an example schema for the above `add_numbers` protocol:

```
{
  "@type": "openff.evaluator.workflow.schemas.ProtocolSchema",
  "id": "add_values",
  "inputs": {
    ".allow_merging": true,
    ".values": [1, 2, 3, 4]
  },
  "type": "AddValues"
}
```

A protocols schema can be accessed via it's `schema` attribute. A protocol can be directly created from its schema representation by calling the schema's `to_protocol()` function.

## 2.18.5 Merging Protocols

When executing multiple workflows together (e.g. executing a workflow to estimate a substances density and potential energy) there is a large likelihood that some of tasks in those two workflows will be identical. Examples may include two workflows requiring protocols which build a set of coordinates, or assigning the same set of parameters to those coordinates.

Protocols have built-in support for comparing whether they are performing the same task / calculation as another protocol through the `can_merge()` and `merge()` functions:

- The `can_merge()` function checks to see whether two protocols are performing an identical task and hence whether they should be merged or not.
- The `merge()` function handles the actual merging of two protocols which can be merged.

The default `can_merge()` function takes advantage of the `merge_behvaious` attribute of the different input descriptors. The `merge_behvaious` attribute describes how each input should be considered when checking to see if two protocols can be merged:

```
max_molecules = InputAttribute(  
    docstring="The maximum number of molecules to be added to the system.",  
    type_hint=int,  
    default_value=1000,  
    merge_behavior=MergeBehaviour.ExactlyEqual  
)
```

The most common behavior is to require that the inputs must be `ExactlyEqual` in order for two protocols two be considered to be identical. However, for some inputs such as the timestep of a simulation or the number of steps to simulate for, the exact values of the inputs don't necessarily need to be equal but rather, we may just wish to take the larger / smaller of the two inputs:

```
timestep = InputAttribute(  
    docstring="The timestep to evolve the system by at each step.",  
    type_hint=pint.Quantity,  
    merge_behavior=InequalityMergeBehaviour.SmallestValue,  
    default_value=2.0 * unit.femtosecond,  
)  
  
total_number_of_iterations = InputAttribute(  
    docstring="The number of times to propogate the system forward by.",  
    type_hint=int,  
    merge_behavior=InequalityMergeBehaviour.LargestValue,  
    default_value=1,  
)
```

This can be accomplished using the `InequalityMergeBehaviour` enum.

The default `merge()` function also relies upon the `merge_behaviour` attributes to determine which values of the inputs should be retained when merging two protocols.

## 2.19 Protocol Groups

The *ProtocolGroup* class represents a collection of *protocols* which have been grouped together. All protocols within a group will be executed together on a single compute resources, i.e. there is currently no support for executing protocols within a group in parallel.

Protocol groups have a specialised *ProtocolGroupSchema* which is essentially a collection of *ProtocolSchema* objects.

### 2.19.1 Conditional Protocol Groups

A *ConditionalGroup* is a special class of *ProtocolGroup* which will execute all of the grouped protocols again and again until a set of conditions has been met or until a maximum number of iterations (see *max\_iterations*) has been performed. They can be thought of as being a protocol representation of a while statement.

Each condition to be met is represented by a *Condition* object:

```
condition = ConditionalGroup.Condition()

# Set the left and right hand values.
condition.left_hand_value = ...
condition.right_hand_value = ...

# Choose the type of condition
condition.type = ConditionalGroup.Condition.Type.LessThan
```

The left and right hand values can either be constants, or come from the output of another protocol (including grouped protocols) using a *ProtocolPath*. Currently a condition can either check that a value is less than or greater than another value.

Conditional groups expose a *current\_iteration* attribute which tracks how many times the grouped protocols have been executed. This can be used as input by any of the grouped protocols and is useful, for example, to run a simulation for longer and longer until the groups condition has been met:

```
conditional_group = ConditionalGroup("conditional_group")

# Set up protocols to run a simulation and then to extract the
# value of the density and its uncertainty.
simulation = OpenMMSimulation("simulation")
simulation.input_coordinate_file = "coords.pdb"
simulation.system_path = "system.xml"

extract_density = ExtractAverageStatistic("extract_density")
extract_density.statistics_type = ObservableType.Density
extract_density.statistics_path = simulation.statistics_file_path

# Set the total number of iterations the simulation should perform to be equal
# to the current iteration of the group. I.e the simulation should perform a
# new iteration at each group iteration.
simulation.total_number_of_iterations = ProtocolPath(
    "current_iteration", conditional_group.id
)

# Add the protocols to the group.
conditional_group.add_protocols(production_simulation, analysis_protocol)
```

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```
# Set up a condition which will check if the uncertainty is less than
# some threshold.
condition = ConditionalGroup.Condition()
condition.condition_type = groups.ConditionalGroup.Condition.Type.LessThan

condition.right_hand_value = 0.5 * unit.gram / unit.millilitre
condition.left_hand_value = ProtocolPath(
    "value.error", conditional_group.id, analysis_protocol.id
)

# Add the condition.
conditional_group.add_condition(condition)
```

It is this idea which is used to continue running a molecular simulations until an observable of interest (such as the density) has been calculated to within a specified uncertainty.

submit\_task

## 2.20 Calculation Backends

A *CalculationBackend* is an object used to distribute calculation tasks across available compute resources. This is possible through specific backends which integrate with libraries such as *multiprocessing*, *dask*, *parsl* and *cerlery*.

Each backend is responsible for creating *compute workers*. A compute worker is an entity which has a set amount of dedicated compute resources available to it and which can execute python functions using those resources. Calculation backends may spawn multiple workers such that many tasks and calculations can be performed simultaneously.

A compute worker can be as simple as a new *multiprocessing* *Process* or something more complex like a *dask worker*. The resources available to a worker are described by the *ComputeResources* object.

*CalculationBackend* classes have a relatively simple structure:

```
class MyCalculationBackend(CalculationBackend):

    def __init__(self, number_of_workers, resources_per_worker):
        ...

    def start(self):
        ...

    def stop(self):
        ...

    def submit_task(self, function, *args, **kwargs):
        ...
```

By default they implement a constructor which takes as input the number of workers that the backend should initially spawn as well as the compute resources which are available to each. They must further implement:

- a *start()* method which spawns the initial set of compute workers.
- a *stop()* method which should kill all workers spawned by the backend as well as cleanup any temporary worker files.
- a *submit\_task()* method which takes a function to be execute by a worker, and a set of *args* and *kwargs* to pass to that function.

The `submit_task()` must run asynchronously and return an `asyncio Future` object (or an object which implements the same API) when called, which can then be queried for when the task has completed.

All calculation backends are implemented as context managers such that they can be used as:

```
with MyCalculationBackend(number_of_workers=..., resources_per_worker...) as backend:
    backend.submit_task(...)
```

where the `start()` and `stop()` methods will be called automatically.

## 2.21 Dask Backends

The framework implements a number of calculation backends which integrate with the `dask distributed` and `job-queue` libraries.

### 2.21.1 Dask Local Cluster

The `DaskLocalCluster` backend wraps around the `dask LocalCluster` class to distribute tasks on a single machine:

```
worker_resources = ComputeResources(
    number_of_threads=1,
    number_of_gpus=1,
    preferred_gpu_toolkit=GPUSToolkit.CUDA,
)

with DaskLocalCluster(number_of_workers=1, resources_per_worker=worker_resources) as local_backend:
    local_backend.submit_task(logging.info, "Hello World")
    ...
```

Its main purpose is for use when debugging calculations locally, or when running calculations on machines with large numbers of CPUs or GPUs.

### 2.21.2 Dask HPC Cluster

The `DaskLSFBackend` and `DaskPBSBackend` backends wrap around the `dask LSFCluster` and `PBSCluster` classes respectively, and both inherit the `BaseDaskJobQueueBackend` class which implements the core of their functionality. They predominantly run in an adaptive mode, whereby the backend will automatically scale up or down the number of workers based on the current number of tasks that the backend is trying to execute.

These backends integrate with the queueing systems which most HPC cluster use to manage task execution. They work by submitting jobs into the queueing system which themselves spawn `dask workers`, which in turn then execute tasks on the available compute nodes:

```
# Create the object which describes the compute resources each worker should request,
# from
# the queueing system.
worker_resources = QueueWorkerResources(
    number_of_threads=1,
    number_of_gpus=1,
    preferred_gpu_toolkit=QueueWorkerResources.GPUSToolkit.CUDA,
    per_thread_memory_limit=worker_memory,
    wallclock_time_limit="05:59",
```

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```
)

# Create the backend object.
setup_script_commands = [
    f"conda activate evaluator",
    f"module load cuda/10.1",
]

calculation_backend = DaskLSFBackend(
    minimum_number_of_workers=1,
    maximum_number_of_workers=max_number_of_workers,
    resources_per_worker=queue_resources,
    queue_name="gpuqueue",
    setup_script_commands=setup_script_commands,
)

# Perform some tasks.
with calculation_backend:
    calculation_backend.submit_task(logging.info, "Hello World")
    ...
```

The `setup_script_commands` argument takes a list of commands which should be run by the queue job submission script before spawning the actual worker. This enables setting up custom environments, and setting any required environmental variables.

## Configuration

To ensure optimal behaviour we recommend changing / uncommenting the following settings in the dask distributed configuration file (this can be found at `~/ .config/dask/distributed.yaml`):

```
distributed:

  worker:
    daemon: False

  comm:
    timeouts:
      connect: 10s
      tcp: 30s

  deploy:
    lost-worker-timeout: 15s
```

See the [dask documentation](#) for more information about changing dask settings.



## 2.22 Storage Backends

A *StorageBackend* is an object used to store data generated as part of property calculations, and to retrieve that data for use in future calculations.

In general, most data stored in a storage backend is stored in two parts:

- A JSON serialized representation of this class (or a subclass), which contains lightweight information such as the state and composition of a system.
- A directory like structure (either directly a directory, or some NetCDF like compressed archive) of ancillary files which do not easily lend themselves to be serialized within a JSON object, such as simulation trajectories, whose files are referenced by their file name by the data object.

The ancillary directory-like structure is not required if the data may be suitably stored in the data object itself.

### 2.22.1 Data Storage / Retrieval

Each piece of data which is stored in a backend must inherit from the *BaseStoredData* class, will be assigned a unique key. This unique key is both useful for tracking provenance if this data is re-used in future calculations, and also can be used to retrieve the piece of data from the storage system.

In addition to retrieval using the data keys, each backend offers the ability to perform a ‘query’ to retrieve data which matches a set of given criteria. Data queries are implemented via *BaseDataQuery* objects, which expose different options for querying for specific types of data (such a simulation data, trained models, etc.).

A query may be used for example to match all simulation data that was generated for a given *Substance* in a particular phase:

```
# Look for all simulation data generated for liquid water
substance_query = SimulationDataQuery()

substance_query.substance = Substance.from_components("O")
substance_query.property_phase = PropertyPhase.Liquid

found_data = backend.query(substance_query)
```

The returned `found_data` will be a dictionary with keys of tuples and values as lists of tuples. Each key will be a tuple of the values which were matched, for example the matched thermodynamic state, or the matched substance. For each value tuple in the tuple list, the first item in the tuple is the unique key of the found data object, the second item is the data object itself, and the final object is the file path to the ancillary data directory (or None if none is present).

See the *Data Classes and Queries* page for more information about the available data classes, queries and their details.

### 2.22.2 Implementation

A *StorageBackend* must at minimum implement a structure of:

```
class MyStorageBackend(StorageBackend):

    def _store_object(self, object_to_store, storage_key=None, ancillary_data_
↳ path=None):
        ...

    def _retrieve_object(self, storage_key, expected_type=None):
        ...
```

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```
def _object_exists(self, storage_key):  
    ...
```

where

- `_store_object()` must store a *BaseStoredData* object as well as optionally its ancillary data directory, and return a unique key assigned to that object.
- `_retrieve_object()` must return the *BaseStoredData* object which has been assigned a given key if the object exists in the system, as well as the file path to ancillary data directory if it exists.
- `_object_exists()` should return whether any object still exists in the storage system with a given key.

All of these methods will be called under a *reentrant thread lock* and may be considered as thread safe.

## 2.23 Data Classes and Queries

All data which is to be stored within a *StorageBackend* must inherit from the *BaseStoredData* class. More broadly there are typically two types of data which are expected to be stored:

- *HashableStoredData* - data which is readily hashable and can be quickly queried for in a storage backend. The prime examples of such data are *ForceFieldData*, whose hash can be easily computed from the file representation of a force field.
- *ReplaceableData* - data which should be replaced in a storage backend when new data of the same type, but which has a higher information content, is stored in the backend. An example of this is when storing a piece of *StoredSimulationData* in the backend which was generated for a particular *Substance* and at the same *ThermodynamicState* as an existing piece of data, but which stores many more uncorrelated configurations.

Every data class **must** be paired with a corresponding data query class which inherits from the *BaseDataQuery* class. In addition, each data object must implement a `to_storage_query()` function which returns the data query which would uniquely match that data object. The `to_storage_query()` is used heavily by storage backends when checking if a piece of data already exists within the backend.

### 2.23.1 Force Field Data

The *ForceFieldData* class is used to *ForceFieldSource* objects within the storage backend. It is a hashable storage object which allows for rapidly checking whether any calculations have been previously been performed for a particular force field source.

It has a corresponding *ForceFieldQuery* class which can be used to query for particular force field sources within a storage backend.

### 2.23.2 Cached Simulation Data

The `StoredSimulationData` class is used to store the data generated by a single molecular simulation. The data object primarily records the `Substance`, `PropertyPhase` and `ThermodynamicState` that the simulation was run at, as well as provenance about the calculation and the force field parameters used (as the key of the force field in the storage system). Further, the object records the file names of the topology, trajectory and statistics files generated by the simulation - these files should be stored in an associated ancillary data directory.

Cached simulation data is considered replaceable, whereby data which has the lowest statistical efficiency is preferred. The philosophy here is that we should store the maximum amount of samples (i.e the maximum number of uncorrelated samples for the property which has the shortest correlation time) which will be useful for future calculations, such that future calculations can simply discard the data which cannot be used (i.e. is likely correlated).

It has a corresponding `SimulationDataQuery` class which can be used to query for simulation data which matches a set of particular criteria within a storage backend, which in part includes querying for data collected:

- at a given `thermodynamic_state` (i.e temperature and pressure).
- for a given `property_phase` (e.g. gas, liquid, liquid+gas coexisting, ...).
- using a given set of force field parameters identified by their unique `force_field_id` assigned by the storage system

Included is not only the ability to find data generated for a particular substance (e.g. only data for methanol), but also the ability to return data for each component of a given substance by setting the `substance_query` attribute to a `SubstanceQuery` which has the `components_only` attribute set to `true`:

```
# Load an existing storage backend
storage_backend = LocalFileStorage()

# Define a system of 50% water and 50% methanol.
full_substance = Substance.from_components("O", "CO")

# Look for all simulation data generated for the full substance
data_query = SimulationDataQuery()

data_query.substance = full_substance
data_query.property_phase = PropertyPhase.Liquid

full_substance_data = storage_backend.query(data_query)

# Now look for all of the pure data which has been stored for both pure
# water and pure methanol.
pure_substance_query = SubstanceQuery()
pure_substance_query.components_only = True

data_query.substance_query = pure_substance_query
component_data = storage_backend.query(data_query)
```

This is particularly useful for when retrieving data for use in the calculation of excess properties (such as the enthalpy of mixing), where such calculations require information about both the full mixture as well as the pure components.

## 2.24 Local File Storage

The `LocalFileStorage` backend stores and retrieves all data objects to / from the local file system. The root directory in which all data is to be stored is defined when the object is created:

```
storage_backend = LocalFileStorage(root_directory="stored_data")
```

All data objects will be stored within this directory as JSON files, with file names of the storage key assigned to that object. If the data object has an associated ancillary data directory, this will be **moved** (not copied) into the root directory and renamed to the storage key when that object is stored into the system.

An example directory created by a local storage backend will look something similar to:

```
- root_directory
  - 1fe615c5cb48429ab77fd71125dec297
    - trajectory.dcd
    - statistics.csv
  - 3e15d19e0e614d0491a1a0bc9a51534e
    - trajectory.dcd
    - statistics.csv
  - 1fe615c5cb48429ab77fd71125dec297.json
  - 3e15d19e0e614d0491a1a0bc9a51534e.json
  - 0f71f2b4a22042d89d6f0882406869b6.json
```

where here the backend contains two data objects with ancillary data directories, and one without.

When retrieving data which has an ancillary data directory from the backend, the returned directory path will be the full path to the directory in the root storage directory.

## 2.25 Building the Docs

Although documentation for the OpenFF Evaluator is [readily available online](#), it is sometimes useful to build a local version such as when

- developing new pages which you wish to preview without having to wait for ReadTheDocs to finish building.
- debugging errors which occur when building on ReadTheDocs.

In these cases, the docs can be built locally by doing the following:

```
git clone https://github.com/openforcefield/openff-evaluator.git
cd openff-evaluator/docs
conda env create --name openff-evaluator-docs --file environment.yaml
conda activate openff-evaluator-docs
rm -rf api && make clean && make html
```

The above will yield a new directory named `_build` which will contain the built html files which can be viewed in your local browser.

## 2.26 API

Documentation for each of the classes contained within the *openff.evaluator* framework.

### 2.26.1 Client Side API

<i>EvaluatorClient</i>	The object responsible for connecting to, and submitting physical property estimation requests to an <i>EvaluatorServer</i> .
<i>BatchMode</i>	The different modes in which a server can batch together properties to estimate.
<i>ConnectionOptions</i>	The options to use when connecting to an <i>EvaluatorServer</i>
<i>Request</i>	An estimation request which has been sent to a <i>EvaluatorServer</i> instance.
<i>RequestOptions</i>	The options to use when requesting a set of physical properties be estimated by the server.
<i>RequestResult</i>	The current results of an estimation request - these results may be partial if the server hasn't yet completed the request.

#### EvaluatorClient

**class** openff.evaluator.client.**EvaluatorClient** (*connection\_options=None*)

The object responsible for connecting to, and submitting physical property estimation requests to an *EvaluatorServer*.

#### Examples

These examples assume that an *EvaluatorServer* has been set up and is running (either synchronously or asynchronously). This server can be connect to be creating an *EvaluatorClient*:

```
>>> from openff.evaluator.client import EvaluatorClient
>>> property_estimator = EvaluatorClient()
```

If the *EvaluatorServer* is not running on the local machine, you will need to specify its address and the port that it is listening on:

```
>>> from openff.evaluator.client import ConnectionOptions
>>>
>>> connection_options = ConnectionOptions(server_address='server_address',
>>>                                         server_port=8000)
>>> property_estimator = EvaluatorClient(connection_options)
```

To asynchronously submit a request to the running server using the default estimation options:

```
>>> # Load in the data set of properties which will be used for comparisons
>>> from openff.evaluator.datasets.thermoml import ThermoMLDataSet
>>> data_set = ThermoMLDataSet.from_doi('10.1016/j.jct.2016.10.001')
>>>
>>> # Filter the dataset to only include densities measured between 130-260 K
```

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```

>>> from openff.evaluator import unit
>>> from openff.evaluator.properties import Density
>>>
>>> data_set.filter_by_property_types(Density)
>>> data_set.filter_by_temperature(
>>>     min_temperature=130*unit.kelvin,
>>>     max_temperature=260*unit.kelvin
>>> )
>>>
>>> # Load in the force field parameters
>>> from openff.evaluator.forcefield import SmirnoffForceFieldSource
>>> force_field_source = SmirnoffForceFieldSource.from_path('smirnoff99Frosst-1.1.
↳0.offxml')
>>>
>>> # Submit the estimation request to a running server.
>>> request = property_estimator.request_estimate(data_set, force_field_source)

```

The status of the request can be asynchronously queried by calling

```

>>> results = request.results()

```

or the main thread can be blocked until the results are available by calling

```

>>> results = request.results(synchronous=True)

```

How the property set will be estimated can easily be controlled by passing a *RequestOptions* object to the estimate commands.

The calculations layers which will be used to estimate the properties can be controlled for example like so:

```

>>> from openff.evaluator.layers.reweighting import ReweightingLayer
>>> from openff.evaluator.layers.simulation import SimulationLayer
>>>
>>> options = RequestOptions(calculation_layers=[
>>>     "ReweightingLayer",
>>>     "SimulationLayer"
>>> ])
>>>
>>> request = property_estimator.request_estimate(data_set, force_field_source,
↳options)

```

Options for how properties should be estimated can be set on a per property, and per layer basis by providing a calculation schema to the options object.

```

>>> from openff.evaluator.properties import DielectricConstant
>>>
>>> # Generate a schema to use when estimating densities directly
>>> # from simulations.
>>> density_simulation_schema = Density.default_simulation_schema()
>>> # Generate a schema to use when estimating dielectric constants
>>> # from cached simulation data.
>>> dielectric_reweighting_schema = DielectricConstant.default_reweighting_
↳schema()
>>>
>>> options.workflow_options = {
>>>     'Density': {'SimulationLayer': density_simulation_schema},
>>>     'Dielectric': {'SimulationLayer': dielectric_reweighting_schema}

```

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>>> }
>>>
>>> property_estimator.request_estimate(
>>>     data_set,
>>>     force_field_source,
>>>     options,
>>> )

```

The gradients of the observables of interest with respect to a number of chosen parameters can be requested by passing a *parameter\_gradient\_keys* parameter. In the below example, gradients will be calculated with respect to both the bond length parameter for the [#6:1]-[#8:2] chemical environment, and the bond angle parameter for the [:1]-[#8:2]-[:3] chemical environment:

```

>>> from openff.evaluator.forcefield import ParameterGradientKey
>>>
>>> parameter_gradient_keys = [
>>>     ParameterGradientKey('Bonds', '#6:1-#8:2', 'length')
>>>     ParameterGradientKey('Angles', '[:1]-#8:2-[:3]', 'angle')
>>> ]
>>>
>>> property_estimator.request_estimate(
>>>     data_set,
>>>     force_field_source,
>>>     options,
>>>     parameter_gradient_keys
>>> )

```

**\_\_init\_\_** (*connection\_options=None*)

**Parameters** **connection\_options** (*ConnectionOptions*, *optional*) – The options used when connecting to the calculation server. If *None*, default options are used.

## Methods

**\_\_init\_\_** ([*connection\_options*])

**param connection\_options** The options used when connecting to the calculation

<i>default_request_options</i> ( <i>data_set</i> , ...)	Returns the default <i>RequestOptions</i> options used to estimate a set of properties if <i>None</i> are provided.
<i>request_estimate</i> ( <i>property_set</i> , ...[, ...])	Submits a request for the <i>EvaluatorServer</i> to attempt to estimate the data set of physical properties using the specified force field parameters according to the provided options.
<i>retrieve_results</i> ( <i>request_id</i> [, <i>synchronous</i> , ...])	Retrieves the current results of a request from the server.

## Attributes

<code>server_address</code>	The address of the server that this client is connected to.
<code>server_port</code>	The port of the server that this client is connected to.

### **property server\_address**

The address of the server that this client is connected to.

**Type** `str`

### **property server\_port**

The port of the server that this client is connected to.

**Type** `int`

### **static default\_request\_options** (*data\_set*, *force\_field\_source*)

Returns the default *RequestOptions* options used to estimate a set of properties if *None* are provided.

#### **Parameters**

- **data\_set** (*PhysicalPropertyDataSet*) – The data set which would be estimated.
- **force\_field\_source** (*ForceFieldSource*) – The force field parameters which will be used by the request.

**Returns** The default options.

**Return type** *RequestOptions*

### **request\_estimate** (*property\_set*, *force\_field\_source*, *options=None*, *parameter\_gradient\_keys=None*)

Submits a request for the *EvaluatorServer* to attempt to estimate the data set of physical properties using the specified force field parameters according to the provided options.

#### **Parameters**

- **property\_set** (*PhysicalPropertyDataSet*) – The set of properties to estimate.
- **force\_field\_source** (*ForceFieldSource* or *openforcefield.typing.engines.smirnoff.ForceField*) – The force field parameters to estimate the properties using.
- **options** (*RequestOptions*, *optional*) – A set of estimator options. If *None* default options will be used (see *default\_request\_options*).
- **parameter\_gradient\_keys** (*list of ParameterGradientKey*, *optional*) – A list of the parameters that the physical properties should be differentiated with respect to.

#### **Returns**

- *Request* – An object which will provide access to the results of this request.
- *EvaluatorException*, *optional* – Any exceptions raised while attempting the submit the request.

### **retrieve\_results** (*request\_id*, *synchronous=False*, *polling\_interval=5*)

Retrieves the current results of a request from the server.

#### **Parameters**

- **request\_id** (*str*) – The server assigned id of the request.



- **synchronous** (*bool*) – If true, this method will block the main thread until the server either returns a result or an error.
- **polling\_interval** (*float*) – If running synchronously, this is the time interval (seconds) between checking if the request has completed.

### Returns

- *RequestResult, optional* – Returns the current results of the request. This may be *None* if any unexpected exceptions occurred while retrieving the estimate.
- *EvaluatorException, optional* – The exception raised will trying to retrieve the result, if any.

## BatchMode

**class** openff.evaluator.client.**BatchMode**

The different modes in which a server can batch together properties to estimate.

This enum may take values of

- **SameComponents**: All properties measured for substances containing exactly the same components will be placed into a single batch. E.g. The density of a 80:20 and a 20:80 mix of ethanol and water would be batched together, but the density of pure ethanol and the density of pure water would be placed into separate batches.
- **SharedComponents**: All properties measured for substances containing at least common component will be batched together. E.g. The densities of 80:20 and 20:80 mixtures of ethanol and water, and the pure densities of ethanol and water would be batched together.

Properties will only be marked as estimated by the server when all properties in a single batch are completed.

**\_\_init\_\_** ()

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

### Attributes

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SameComponents

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SharedComponents

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## ConnectionOptions

**class** openff.evaluator.client.**ConnectionOptions** (*server\_address=None, server\_port=None*)

The options to use when connecting to an *EvaluatorServer*

**\_\_init\_\_** (*server\_address=None, server\_port=None*)

### Parameters

- **server\_address** (*str*) – The address of the server to connect to.
- **server\_port** (*int*) – The port of the server to connect to.

## Methods

<code>__init__([server_address, server_port])</code>	<b>param server_address</b> The address of the server to connect to.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<code>server_address</code>	The address of the server to connect to.
<code>server_port</code>	The port of the server to connect to.

### **server\_address**

The address of the server to connect to. The default value of this attribute is `localhost`.

**Type** `str`

### **server\_port**

The port of the server to connect to. The default value of this attribute is `8000`.

**Type** `int`

### **classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

### **classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** `list of str`

### **json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**classmethod** `parse_json` (*string\_contents*, *encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str* or *bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** **ValueError** or **AssertionError** –

## Request

**class** `openff.evaluator.client.Request` (*client=None*)

An estimation request which has been sent to a *EvaluatorServer* instance.

This object can be used to query and retrieve the results of the request when finished, or be stored to retrieve the request at some point in the future.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*client=None*)

**Parameters** **client** (*EvaluatorClient, optional*) – The client which submitted this request.

## Methods

<code>__init__([client])</code>	<b>param client</b> The client which submitted this request.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>results([synchronous, polling_interval])</code>	Attempt to retrieve the results of the request from the server.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<code>connection_options</code>	The options used to connect to the server handling the request.
<code>id</code>	The unique id assigned to this request by the server.

### **id**

The unique id assigned to this request by the server. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

### **connection\_options**

The options used to connect to the server handling the request. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `ConnectionOptions`

### **results** (*synchronous=False, polling\_interval=5*)

Attempt to retrieve the results of the request from the server.

If the method is run synchronously it will block the main thread either all of the requested properties have been estimated, or an exception is returned.

#### **Parameters**

- **synchronous** (*bool*) – If *True*, this method will block the main thread until the server either returns a result or an error.
- **polling\_interval** (*float*) – If running synchronously, this is the time interval (seconds) between checking if the calculation has finished. This will be ignored if running asynchronously.

#### **Returns**

- *RequestResult, optional* – Returns the current results of the request. This may be *None* if any unexpected exceptions occurred while retrieving the estimate.
- *EvaluatorException, optional* – The exception raised will trying to retrieve the result if any.

### **classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

### **classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** `list of str`

### **json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str*, *optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** *str*

**classmethod** **parse\_json** (*string\_contents*, *encoding*='utf8')

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str* or *bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**validate** (*attribute\_type*=None)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute*, *optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** **ValueError** or **AssertionError** –

**RequestOptions**

**class** openff.evaluator.client.**RequestOptions**

The options to use when requesting a set of physical properties be estimated by the server.

**\_\_init\_\_** ()

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

**Methods**

<code>__init__</code>	Initialize self.
<code>add_schema(layer_type, property_type, schema)</code>	A convenience function for adding a calculation schema to the schema dictionary.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<code>batch_mode</code>	The way in which the server should batch together properties to estimate.
<code>calculation_layers</code>	The calculation layers which may be used to estimate the set of physical properties.
<code>calculation_schemas</code>	The schemas that each calculation layer should use when estimating the set of physical properties.

### **calculation\_layers**

The calculation layers which may be used to estimate the set of physical properties. The order in which the layers appears in this list determines the order in which the layers will attempt to estimate the data set. The default value of this attribute is ['ReweightingLayer', 'SimulationLayer'].

**Type** `list`

### **calculation\_schemas**

The schemas that each calculation layer should use when estimating the set of physical properties. The dictionary should be of the form [property\_type][layer\_type]. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** `dict`

### **batch\_mode**

The way in which the server should batch together properties to estimate. Properties will only be marked as finished when all properties in a single batch are completed. The default value of this attribute is `BatchMode.SharedComponents`. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** `BatchMode`

### **add\_schema** (*layer\_type*, *property\_type*, *schema*)

A convenience function for adding a calculation schema to the schema dictionary.

#### **Parameters**

- **layer\_type** (*str* or *type* of `CalculationLayer`) – The layer to associate the schema with.
- **property\_type** (*str* or *type* of `PhysicalProperty`) – The class of property to associate the schema with.
- **schema** (`CalculationSchema`) – The schema to add.

### **validate** (*attribute\_type*=None)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type* of `Attribute`, *optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** `ValueError` or `AssertionError` –

### **classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

### **classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type*=None)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** `attribute_type` (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of str

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** str

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

## RequestResult

**class** openff.evaluator.client.**RequestResult**

The current results of an estimation request - these results may be partial if the server hasn't yet completed the request.

**\_\_init\_\_** ()

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

## Methods

<code>__init__</code>	Initialize self.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<i>estimated_properties</i>	The set of properties which have been successfully estimated.
<i>exceptions</i>	The set of properties which have yet to be, or are currently being estimated.
<i>queued_properties</i>	The set of properties which have yet to be, or are currently being estimated.
<i>unsuccessful_properties</i>	The set of properties which could not be successfully estimated.

### **queued\_properties**

The set of properties which have yet to be, or are currently being estimated.

**Type** *PhysicalPropertyDataSet*

### **estimated\_properties**

The set of properties which have been successfully estimated.

**Type** *PhysicalPropertyDataSet*

### **unsuccessful\_properties**

The set of properties which could not be successfully estimated.

**Type** *PhysicalPropertyDataSet*

### **exceptions**

The set of properties which have yet to be, or are currently being estimated. The default value of this attribute is `[]`.

**Type** *list*

### **validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** **ValueError** or **AssertionError** –

### **classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** *cls*

### **classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** *list of str*

### **json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**



- **file\_path** (*str*, *optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** *str*

**classmethod** **parse\_json** (*string\_contents*, *encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str* or *bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

## Exceptions

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*EvaluatorException*

A serializable wrapper around an *Exception*.

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## EvaluatorException

**class** openff.evaluator.utils.exceptions.**EvaluatorException** (*message=None*)

A serializable wrapper around an *Exception*.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*message=None*)

Constructs a new EvaluatorException object.

**Parameters** **message** (*str* or *list of str*) – Information about the raised exception.

## Methods

<code>__init__</code> ([ <i>message</i> ])	Constructs a new EvaluatorException object.
<code>from_exception</code> ( <i>exception</i> )	Initialize this class from an existing exception.
<code>from_json</code> ( <i>file_path</i> )	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>json</code> ([ <i>file_path</i> , <i>format</i> ])	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json</code> ( <i>string_contents</i> [, <i>encoding</i> ])	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**classmethod** **from\_exception** (*exception*)

Initialize this class from an existing exception.

**Parameters** **exception** (*Exception*) – The existing exception

**Returns** The initialized exception object.

**Return type** *cls*

**classmethod** **from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

## 2.26.2 Server Side API

<i>EvaluatorServer</i>	The object responsible for coordinating all properties estimations to be ran using the openff-evaluator framework.
<i>Batch</i>	Represents a batch of physical properties which are being estimated by the server for a given set of force field parameters.

### EvaluatorServer

**class** `openff.evaluator.server.EvaluatorServer` (*calculation\_backend,* *storage\_backend=None,* *port=8000,* *working\_directory='working-data'*)

The object responsible for coordinating all properties estimations to be ran using the openff-evaluator framework.

This server is responsible for receiving estimation requests from the client, determining which calculation layer to use to launch the request, and distributing that estimation across the available compute resources.

## Notes

Every client request is split into logical chunk batches. This enables batches of related properties (e.g. all properties for CO) to be estimated in one go (or one task graph in the case of workflow based layers) and returned when ready, rather than waiting for the full data set to complete.

## Examples

Setting up a general server instance using a dask based calculation backend, and a local file storage backend:

```
>>> # Create the backend which will be responsible for distributing the
↪ calculations
>>> from openff.evaluator.backends.dask import DaskLocalCluster
>>> calculation_backend = DaskLocalCluster()
>>> calculation_backend.start()
>>>
>>> # Create the server to which all estimation requests will be submitted
>>> from openff.evaluator.server import EvaluatorServer
>>> property_server = EvaluatorServer(calculation_backend)
>>>
>>> # Instruct the server to listen for incoming requests
>>> # This command will run until killed.
>>> property_server.start()
```

**\_\_init\_\_**(*calculation\_backend*, *storage\_backend=None*, *port=8000*, *working\_directory='working-data'*)

Constructs a new *EvaluatorServer* object.

### Parameters

- **calculation\_backend** (*CalculationBackend*) – The backend to use for executing calculations.
- **storage\_backend** (*StorageBackend*, *optional*) – The backend to use for storing information from any calculations. If *None*, a default *LocalFileStorage* backend will be used.
- **port** (*int*) – The port on which to listen for incoming client requests.
- **working\_directory** (*str*) – The local directory in which to store all local, temporary calculation data.

## Methods

<b>__init__</b> ( <i>calculation_backend</i> [, ...])	Constructs a new <i>EvaluatorServer</i> object.
<b>start</b> ([ <i>asynchronous</i> ])	Instructs the server to begin listening for incoming requests from any <i>EvaluatorClients</i> .
<b>stop</b> ()	Stops the property calculation server and it's provided backend.

**start** (*asynchronous=False*)

Instructs the server to begin listening for incoming requests from any *EvaluatorClients*.

**Parameters** **asynchronous** (*bool*) – If *True* the server will run on a separate thread in the background, returning control back to the main thread. Otherwise, this function will block the main thread until this server is killed.

**stop()**

Stops the property calculation server and it's provided backend.

## Batch

**class** openff.evaluator.server.**Batch**

Represents a batch of physical properties which are being estimated by the server for a given set of force field parameters.

The expectation is that this object will be passed between calculation layers, whereby each layer will attempt to estimate each of the *queued\_properties*. Those properties which can be estimated will be moved to the *estimated\_properties* set, while those that couldn't will remain in the *queued\_properties* set ready for the next layer.

**\_\_init\_\_()**

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

## Methods

<code>__init__</code>	Initialize self.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<code>estimated_properties</code>	The set of properties which have been successfully estimated.
<code>exceptions</code>	The set of properties which have yet to be, or are currently being estimated.
<code>force_field_id</code>	The id of the force field being used to estimatethis batch of properties.
<code>id</code>	The unique id of this batch.
<code>options</code>	The options being used to estimate this batch.
<code>parameter_gradient_keys</code>	The parameters that this batch of physical properties should be differentiated with respect to.
<code>queued_properties</code>	The set of properties which have yet to be estimated.
<code>unsuccessful_properties</code>	The set of properties which have been could not be estimated.

**id**

The unique id of this batch.

**Type** str

**force\_field\_id**

The id of the force field being used to estimatethis batch of properties. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**options**

The options being used to estimate this batch. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `RequestOptions`

**parameter\_gradient\_keys**

The parameters that this batch of physical properties should be differentiated with respect to. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `list`

**queued\_properties**

The set of properties which have yet to be estimated. The default value of this attribute is `[]`.

**Type** `list`

**estimated\_properties**

The set of properties which have been successfully estimated. The default value of this attribute is `[]`.

**Type** `list`

**unsuccessful\_properties**

The set of properties which have been could not be estimated. The default value of this attribute is `[]`.

**Type** `list`

**exceptions**

The set of properties which have yet to be, or are currently being estimated. The default value of this attribute is `[]`.

**Type** `list`

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** *attribute\_type* (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** `ValueError` or `AssertionError` –

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** *file\_path* (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** *attribute\_type* (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** `list of str`

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str*, *optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** *str*

**classmethod** **parse\_json** (*string\_contents*, *encoding*='utf8')

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str* or *bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

### 2.26.3 Physical Property API

<i>PhysicalProperty</i>	Represents the value of any physical property and it's uncertainty if provided.
<i>PropertyPhase</i>	An enum describing the phase that a property was collected in.
<i>Source</i>	Container class for information about how a property was measured / calculated.
<i>CalculationSource</i>	Contains any metadata about how a physical property was calculated.
<i>MeasurementSource</i>	Contains any metadata about how a physical property was measured by experiment.

#### PhysicalProperty

```
class openff.evaluator.datasets.PhysicalProperty (thermodynamic_state=None,  
                                                phase=<PropertyPhase >, sub-  
                                                stance=None, value=None, uncer-  
                                                tainty=None, source=None)
```

Represents the value of any physical property and it's uncertainty if provided.

It additionally stores the thermodynamic state at which the property was collected, the phase it was collected in, information about the composition of the observed system, and metadata about how the property was collected.

```
__init__ (thermodynamic_state=None, phase=<PropertyPhase >, substance=None, value=None, un-  
         certainty=None, source=None)
```

Constructs a new PhysicalProperty object.

**Parameters**

- **thermodynamic\_state** (*ThermodynamicState*) – The thermodynamic state that the property was measured in.
- **phase** (*PropertyPhase*) – The phase that the property was measured in.
- **substance** (*Substance*) – The composition of the substance that was measured.

- **value** (*pint.Quantity*) – The value of the measured physical property.
- **uncertainty** (*pint.Quantity*) – The uncertainty in the measured value.
- **source** (*Source*) – The source of this property.

## Methods

<code>__init__([thermodynamic_state, phase, ...])</code>	Constructs a new PhysicalProperty object.
<code>default_unit()</code>	<i>pint.Unit</i> : The default unit (e.g.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<code>gradients</code>	The gradients of this property with respect to different force field parameters.
<code>id</code>	A unique identifier string assigned to this property
<code>metadata</code>	Additional metadata associated with this property.
<code>phase</code>	The phase / phases that this property was measured in.
<code>source</code>	The original source of this physical property.
<code>substance</code>	The substance that this property was measured estimated for.
<code>thermodynamic_state</code>	The thermodynamic state that this property was measured / estimated at.
<code>uncertainty</code>	The uncertainty in measured / estimated value of this property.
<code>value</code>	The measured / estimated value of this property.

**abstract classmethod default\_unit ()**

*pint.Unit*: The default unit (e.g. g / mol) associated with this class of property.

**id**

A unique identifier string assigned to this property

**Type** *str*

**metadata**

Additional metadata associated with this property. All property metadata will be made accessible to estimation workflows. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** *dict*

**thermodynamic\_state**

The thermodynamic state that this property was measured / estimated at. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *ThermodynamicState*

**phase**

The phase / phases that this property was measured in. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *PropertyPhase*

**substance**

The substance that this property was measured estimated for. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *Substance*

**value**

The measured / estimated value of this property. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** Quantity

**uncertainty**

The uncertainty in measured / estimated value of this property. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** Quantity

**gradients**

The gradients of this property with respect to different force field parameters. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** list

**source**

The original source of this physical property. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** *Source*

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** **ValueError** or **AssertionError** –

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** cls

**classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of str

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.



**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str*, *optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** *str*

**classmethod** **parse\_json** (*string\_contents*, *encoding*='utf8')

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str* or *bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**PropertyPhase**

**class** openff.evaluator.datasets.**PropertyPhase**

An enum describing the phase that a property was collected in.

**Examples**

Properties measured in multiple phases (e.g. enthalpies of vaporization) can be defined by concatenating *PropertyPhase* enums:

```
>>> gas_liquid_phase = PropertyPhase.Gas | PropertyPhase.Liquid
```

**\_\_init\_\_** ()

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

**Attributes**


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Gas

---

Liquid

---

Solid

---

Undefined

---

**Source**

**class** openff.evaluator.datasets.**Source**

Container class for information about how a property was measured / calculated.

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**Todo:** Swap this out with a more general provenance class.

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**\_\_init\_\_** ()

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

## Methods

<code>__init__</code>	Initialize self.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**classmethod** `from_json(file_path)`

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** `file_path` (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**json** (`file_path=None, format=False`)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str*, *optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**classmethod** `parse_json(string_contents, encoding='utf8')`

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

## CalculationSource

**class** `openff.evaluator.datasets.CalculationSource(fidelity=None, provenance=None)`

Contains any metadata about how a physical property was calculated.

This includes at which fidelity the property was calculated at (e.g Direct simulation, reweighting, ...) in addition to the parameters which were used as part of the calculations.

**fidelity**

The fidelity at which the property was calculated

**Type** `str`

**provenance**

A dictionary containing information about how the property was calculated.

**Type** dict of str and Any

`__init__` (*fidelity=None, provenance=None*)  
Constructs a new CalculationSource object.

#### Parameters

- **fidelity** (*str*) – The fidelity at which the property was calculated
- **provenance** (*dict of str and Any*) – A dictionary containing information about how the property was calculated.

#### Methods

<code>__init__</code> ([fidelity, provenance])	Constructs a new CalculationSource object.
<code>from_json</code> (file_path)	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>json</code> ([file_path, format])	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json</code> (string_contents[, encoding])	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**classmethod** `from_json` (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** `file_path` (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

#### Parameters

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**classmethod** `parse_json` (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

#### Parameters

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `Any`

## MeasurementSource

**class** `openff.evaluator.datasets.MeasurementSource` (*doi*="", *reference*="")

Contains any metadata about how a physical property was measured by experiment.

This class contains either the DOI and/or the reference, but must contain at least one as the observable must have a source, even if it was measured in lab.

**doi**

The DOI for the source, preferred way to identify for source

**Type** `str` or `None`, default `None`

**reference**

The long form description of the source if no DOI is available, or more information is needed or wanted.

**Type** `str`

**\_\_init\_\_** (*doi*="", *reference*="")

Constructs a new MeasurementSource object.

### Parameters

- **doi** (`str` or `None`, default `None`) – The DOI for the source, preferred way to identify for source
- **reference** (`str`) – The long form description of the source if no DOI is available, or more information is needed or wanted.

## Methods

<code>__init__</code> ([doi, reference])	Constructs a new MeasurementSource object.
<code>from_json</code> (file_path)	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>json</code> ([file_path, format])	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json</code> (string_contents[, encoding])	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**classmethod** `from_json` (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** `file_path` (`str`) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**json** (*file\_path*=None, *format*=False)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

### Parameters

- **file\_path** (`str`, optional) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (`bool`) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**classmethod** `parse_json` (*string\_contents*, *encoding*='utf8')

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str* or *bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**Built-in Properties**

<i>Density</i>	A class representation of a density property
<i>ExcessMolarVolume</i>	A class representation of an excess molar volume property
<i>DielectricConstant</i>	A class representation of a dielectric property
<i>EnthalpyOfMixing</i>	A class representation of an enthalpy of mixing property
<i>EnthalpyOfVaporization</i>	A class representation of an enthalpy of vaporization property
<i>SolvationFreeEnergy</i>	A class representation of a solvation free energy property.
<i>HostGuestBindingAffinity</i>	A class representation of a host-guest binding affinity property

**Density**

```
class openff.evaluator.properties.Density (thermodynamic_state=None,
                                           phase=<PropertyPhase >, substance=None,
                                           value=None, uncertainty=None, source=None)
```

A class representation of a density property

```
__init__ (thermodynamic_state=None, phase=<PropertyPhase >, substance=None, value=None,
          uncertainty=None, source=None)
```

Constructs a new PhysicalProperty object.

**Parameters**

- **thermodynamic\_state** (*ThermodynamicState*) – The thermodynamic state that the property was measured in.
- **phase** (*PropertyPhase*) – The phase that the property was measured in.
- **substance** (*Substance*) – The composition of the substance that was measured.
- **value** (*pint.Quantity*) – The value of the measured physical property.
- **uncertainty** (*pint.Quantity*) – The uncertainty in the measured value.
- **source** (*Source*) – The source of this property.

## Methods

<code>__init__([thermodynamic_state, phase, ...])</code>	Constructs a new PhysicalProperty object.
<code>default_reweighting_schema([...])</code>	Returns the default calculation schema to use when estimating this property by reweighting existing data.
<code>default_simulation_schema([...])</code>	Returns the default calculation schema to use when estimating this class of property from direct simulations.
<code>default_unit()</code>	pint.Unit: The default unit (e.g.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<code>gradients</code>	The gradients of this property with respect to different force field parameters.
<code>id</code>	A unique identifier string assigned to this property
<code>metadata</code>	Additional metadata associated with this property.
<code>phase</code>	The phase / phases that this property was measured in.
<code>source</code>	The original source of this physical property.
<code>substance</code>	The substance that this property was measured estimated for.
<code>thermodynamic_state</code>	The thermodynamic state that this property was measured / estimated at.
<code>uncertainty</code>	The uncertainty in measured / estimated value of this property.
<code>value</code>	The measured / estimated value of this property.

**classmethod** `default_unit()`

pint.Unit: The default unit (e.g. g / mol) associated with this class of property.

**static** `default_simulation_schema` (*absolute\_tolerance=<openff.evaluator.attributes.attributes.UndefinedAttribute object>, relative\_tolerance=<openff.evaluator.attributes.attributes.UndefinedAttribute object>, n\_molecules=1000*)

Returns the default calculation schema to use when estimating this class of property from direct simulations.

### Parameters

- **absolute\_tolerance** (*pint.Quantity, optional*) – The absolute tolerance to estimate the property to within.
- **relative\_tolerance** (*float*) – The tolerance (as a fraction of the properties reported uncertainty) to estimate the property to within.
- **n\_molecules** (*int*) – The number of molecules to use in the simulation.

**Returns** The schema to follow when estimating this property.

**Return type** *SimulationSchema*

**static default\_reweighting\_schema** (*absolute\_tolerance=<openff.evaluator.attributes.attributes.UndefinedAttribute object>, relative\_tolerance=<openff.evaluator.attributes.attributes.UndefinedAttribute object>, n\_effective\_samples=50*)

Returns the default calculation schema to use when estimating this property by reweighting existing data.

**Parameters**

- **absolute\_tolerance** (*pint.Quantity, optional*) – The absolute tolerance to estimate the property to within.
- **relative\_tolerance** (*float*) – The tolerance (as a fraction of the properties reported uncertainty) to estimate the property to within.
- **n\_effective\_samples** (*int*) – The minimum number of effective samples to require when reweighting the cached simulation data.

**Returns** The schema to follow when estimating this property.

**Return type** *ReweightingSchema*

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** *cls*

**classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of str

**gradients**

The gradients of this property with respect to different force field parameters. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** *list*

**id**

A unique identifier string assigned to this property

**Type** *str*

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** *str*

**metadata**

Additional metadata associated with this property. All property metadata will be made accessible to estimation workflows. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

Type `dict`

**classmethod `parse_json`** (*string\_contents*, *encoding*='utf8')

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str* or *bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**phase**

The phase / phases that this property was measured in. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `PropertyPhase`

**source**

The original source of this physical property. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

Type `Source`

**substance**

The substance that this property was measured estimated for. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `Substance`

**thermodynamic\_state**

The thermodynamic state that this property was measured / estimated at. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `ThermodynamicState`

**uncertainty**

The uncertainty in measured / estimated value of this property. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

Type `Quantity`

**validate** (*attribute\_type*=None)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute*, *optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** `ValueError` or `AssertionError` –

**value**

The measured / estimated value of this property. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `Quantity`



## ExcessMolarVolume

**class** openff.evaluator.properties.**ExcessMolarVolume** (*thermodynamic\_state=None, phase=<PropertyPhase >, substance=None, value=None, uncertainty=None, source=None*)

A class representation of an excess molar volume property

**\_\_init\_\_** (*thermodynamic\_state=None, phase=<PropertyPhase >, substance=None, value=None, uncertainty=None, source=None*)  
Constructs a new PhysicalProperty object.

### Parameters

- **thermodynamic\_state** (*ThermodynamicState*) – The thermodynamic state that the property was measured in.
- **phase** (*PropertyPhase*) – The phase that the property was measured in.
- **substance** (*Substance*) – The composition of the substance that was measured.
- **value** (*pint.Quantity*) – The value of the measured physical property.
- **uncertainty** (*pint.Quantity*) – The uncertainty in the measured value.
- **source** (*Source*) – The source of this property.

### Methods

<code>__init__([thermodynamic_state, phase, ...])</code>	Constructs a new PhysicalProperty object.
<code>default_reweighting_schema(...)</code>	Returns the default calculation schema to use when estimating this property by reweighting existing data.
<code>default_simulation_schema(...)</code>	Returns the default calculation schema to use when estimating this class of property from direct simulations.
<code>default_unit()</code>	<i>pint.Unit</i> : The default unit (e.g.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

### Attributes

<code>gradients</code>	The gradients of this property with respect to different force field parameters.
<code>id</code>	A unique identifier string assigned to this property
<code>metadata</code>	Additional metadata associated with this property.
<code>phase</code>	The phase / phases that this property was measured in.
<code>source</code>	The original source of this physical property.
<code>substance</code>	The substance that this property was measured estimated for.

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<i>thermodynamic_state</i>	The thermodynamic state that this property was measured / estimated at.
<i>uncertainty</i>	The uncertainty in measured / estimated value of this property.
<i>value</i>	The measured / estimated value of this property.

**classmethod** `default_unit()`

`pint.Unit`: The default unit (e.g. g / mol) associated with this class of property.

**static** `default_simulation_schema` (*absolute\_tolerance*=<openff.evaluator.attributes.attributes.UndefinedAttribute object>, *relative\_tolerance*=<openff.evaluator.attributes.attributes.UndefinedAttribute object>, *n\_molecules*=1000)

Returns the default calculation schema to use when estimating this class of property from direct simulations.

#### Parameters

- **absolute\_tolerance** (*pint.Quantity*, *optional*) – The absolute tolerance to estimate the property to within.
- **relative\_tolerance** (*float*) – The tolerance (as a fraction of the properties reported uncertainty) to estimate the property to within.
- **n\_molecules** (*int*) – The number of molecules to use in the simulation.

**Returns** The schema to follow when estimating this property.

**Return type** *SimulationSchema*

**static** `default_reweighting_schema` (*absolute\_tolerance*=<openff.evaluator.attributes.attributes.UndefinedAttribute object>, *relative\_tolerance*=<openff.evaluator.attributes.attributes.UndefinedAttribute object>, *n\_effective\_samples*=50)

Returns the default calculation schema to use when estimating this property by reweighting existing data.

#### Parameters

- **absolute\_tolerance** (*pint.Quantity*, *optional*) – The absolute tolerance to estimate the property to within.
- **relative\_tolerance** (*float*) – The tolerance (as a fraction of the properties reported uncertainty) to estimate the property to within.
- **n\_effective\_samples** (*int*) – The minimum number of effective samples to require when reweighting the cached simulation data.

**Returns** The schema to follow when estimating this property.

**Return type** *ReweightingSchema*

**classmethod** `from_json` (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** `file_path` (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod** `get_attributes` (*attribute\_type*=None)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** `attribute_type` (*type of Attribute*, *optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of str

### gradients

The gradients of this property with respect to different force field parameters. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** list

### id

A unique identifier string assigned to this property

**Type** str

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

#### Parameters

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** str

### metadata

Additional metadata associated with this property. All property metadata will be made accessible to estimation workflows. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** dict

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

#### Parameters

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

### phase

The phase / phases that this property was measured in. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *PropertyPhase*

### source

The original source of this physical property. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** *Source*

### substance

The substance that this property was measured estimated for. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *Substance*

**thermodynamic\_state**

The thermodynamic state that this property was measured / estimated at. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type *ThermodynamicState*

**uncertainty**

The uncertainty in measured / estimated value of this property. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

Type Quantity

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

Parameters **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

Raises **ValueError** or **AssertionError** –

**value**

The measured / estimated value of this property. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type Quantity

## DielectricConstant

```
class openff.evaluator.properties.DielectricConstant (thermodynamic_state=None,
                                                       phase=<PropertyPhase
                                                       >,
                                                       substance=None,
                                                       value=None,
                                                       uncertainty=None,
                                                       source=None)
```

A class representation of a dielectric property

```
__init__ (thermodynamic_state=None, phase=<PropertyPhase >, substance=None, value=None, un-
          certainty=None, source=None)
```

Constructs a new PhysicalProperty object.

**Parameters**

- **thermodynamic\_state** (*ThermodynamicState*) – The thermodynamic state that the property was measured in.
- **phase** (*PropertyPhase*) – The phase that the property was measured in.
- **substance** (*Substance*) – The composition of the substance that was measured.
- **value** (*pint.Quantity*) – The value of the measured physical property.
- **uncertainty** (*pint.Quantity*) – The uncertainty in the measured value.
- **source** (*Source*) – The source of this property.

## Methods

<code>__init__([thermodynamic_state, phase, ...])</code>	Constructs a new PhysicalProperty object.
<code>default_reweighting_schema([...])</code>	Returns the default calculation schema to use when estimating this property by reweighting existing data.
<code>default_simulation_schema([...])</code>	Returns the default calculation schema to use when estimating this class of property from direct simulations.
<code>default_unit()</code>	<code>pint.Unit</code> : The default unit (e.g.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<code>gradients</code>	The gradients of this property with respect to different force field parameters.
<code>id</code>	A unique identifier string assigned to this property
<code>metadata</code>	Additional metadata associated with this property.
<code>phase</code>	The phase / phases that this property was measured in.
<code>source</code>	The original source of this physical property.
<code>substance</code>	The substance that this property was measured estimated for.
<code>thermodynamic_state</code>	The thermodynamic state that this property was measured / estimated at.
<code>uncertainty</code>	The uncertainty in measured / estimated value of this property.
<code>value</code>	The measured / estimated value of this property.

**classmethod** `default_unit()`

`pint.Unit`: The default unit (e.g. g / mol) associated with this class of property.

**static** `default_simulation_schema` (*absolute\_tolerance*=<`openff.evaluator.attributes.attributes.UnDEFINED_ATTRIBUTE` object>, *relative\_tolerance*=<`openff.evaluator.attributes.attributes.UnDEFINED_ATTRIBUTE` object>, *n\_molecules*=1000)

Returns the default calculation schema to use when estimating this class of property from direct simulations.

### Parameters

- **absolute\_tolerance** (*pint.Quantity*, *optional*) – The absolute tolerance to estimate the property to within.
- **relative\_tolerance** (*float*) – The tolerance (as a fraction of the properties reported uncertainty) to estimate the property to within.
- **n\_molecules** (*int*) – The number of molecules to use in the simulation.

**Returns** The schema to follow when estimating this property.

**Return type** *SimulationSchema*

**static default\_reweighting\_schema** (*absolute\_tolerance=<openff.evaluator.attributes.attributes.UndefinedAttribute object>, relative\_tolerance=<openff.evaluator.attributes.attributes.UndefinedAttribute object>, n\_effective\_samples=50*)

Returns the default calculation schema to use when estimating this property by reweighting existing data.

**Parameters**

- **absolute\_tolerance** (*pint.Quantity, optional*) – The absolute tolerance to estimate the property to within.
- **relative\_tolerance** (*float*) – The tolerance (as a fraction of the properties reported uncertainty) to estimate the property to within.
- **n\_effective\_samples** (*int*) – The minimum number of effective samples to require when reweighting the cached simulation data.

**Returns** The schema to follow when estimating this property.

**Return type** *ReweightingSchema*

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** *cls*

**classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** *list of str*

**gradients**

The gradients of this property with respect to different force field parameters. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** *list*

**id**

A unique identifier string assigned to this property

**Type** *str*

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** *str*

**metadata**

Additional metadata associated with this property. All property metadata will be made accessible to estimation workflows. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** `dict`

**classmethod** `parse_json` (*string\_contents*, *encoding*='utf8')

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str* or *bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**phase**

The phase / phases that this property was measured in. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `PropertyPhase`

**source**

The original source of this physical property. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** `Source`

**substance**

The substance that this property was measured estimated for. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `Substance`

**thermodynamic\_state**

The thermodynamic state that this property was measured / estimated at. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `ThermodynamicState`

**uncertainty**

The uncertainty in measured / estimated value of this property. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** Quantity

**validate** (*attribute\_type*=None)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute*, *optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** `ValueError` or `AssertionError` –

**value**

The measured / estimated value of this property. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** Quantity

## EnthalpyOfMixing

**class** openff.evaluator.properties.**EnthalpyOfMixing** (*thermodynamic\_state=None, phase=<PropertyPhase >, substance=None, value=None, uncertainty=None, source=None*)

A class representation of an enthalpy of mixing property

**\_\_init\_\_** (*thermodynamic\_state=None, phase=<PropertyPhase >, substance=None, value=None, uncertainty=None, source=None*)  
Constructs a new PhysicalProperty object.

### Parameters

- **thermodynamic\_state** (*ThermodynamicState*) – The thermodynamic state that the property was measured in.
- **phase** (*PropertyPhase*) – The phase that the property was measured in.
- **substance** (*Substance*) – The composition of the substance that was measured.
- **value** (*pint.Quantity*) – The value of the measured physical property.
- **uncertainty** (*pint.Quantity*) – The uncertainty in the measured value.
- **source** (*Source*) – The source of this property.

### Methods

<code>__init__</code> ([ <i>thermodynamic_state, phase, ...</i> ])	Constructs a new PhysicalProperty object.
<code>default_reweighting_schema</code> ([...])	Returns the default calculation schema to use when estimating this property by reweighting existing data.
<code>default_simulation_schema</code> ([...])	Returns the default calculation schema to use when estimating this class of property from direct simulations.
<code>default_unit</code> ()	<i>pint.Unit</i> : The default unit (e.g.
<code>from_json</code> ( <i>file_path</i> )	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>get_attributes</code> ([ <i>attribute_type</i> ])	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>json</code> ( <i>file_path, format</i> )	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json</code> ( <i>string_contents[, encoding]</i> )	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>validate</code> ([ <i>attribute_type</i> ])	Validate the values of the attributes.

### Attributes

<code>gradients</code>	The gradients of this property with respect to different force field parameters.
<code>id</code>	A unique identifier string assigned to this property
<code>metadata</code>	Additional metadata associated with this property.
<code>phase</code>	The phase / phases that this property was measured in.
<code>source</code>	The original source of this physical property.
<code>substance</code>	The substance that this property was measured estimated for.

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<i>thermodynamic_state</i>	The thermodynamic state that this property was measured / estimated at.
<i>uncertainty</i>	The uncertainty in measured / estimated value of this property.
<i>value</i>	The measured / estimated value of this property.

**classmethod** `default_unit()`

`pint.Unit`: The default unit (e.g. g / mol) associated with this class of property.

**EnthalpyWorkflow**

alias of `EnthalpySchema`

**static** `default_simulation_schema` (*absolute\_tolerance*=<`openff.evaluator.attributes.attributes.UndefinedAttribute` object>, *relative\_tolerance*=<`openff.evaluator.attributes.attributes.UndefinedAttribute` object>, *n\_molecules*=1000)

Returns the default calculation schema to use when estimating this class of property from direct simulations.

#### Parameters

- **absolute\_tolerance** (*pint.Quantity*, *optional*) – The absolute tolerance to estimate the property to within.
- **relative\_tolerance** (*float*) – The tolerance (as a fraction of the properties reported uncertainty) to estimate the property to within.
- **n\_molecules** (*int*) – The number of molecules to use in the simulation.

**Returns** The schema to follow when estimating this property.

**Return type** *SimulationSchema*

**static** `default_reweighting_schema` (*absolute\_tolerance*=<`openff.evaluator.attributes.attributes.UndefinedAttribute` object>, *relative\_tolerance*=<`openff.evaluator.attributes.attributes.UndefinedAttribute` object>, *n\_effective\_samples*=50)

Returns the default calculation schema to use when estimating this property by reweighting existing data.

#### Parameters

- **absolute\_tolerance** (*pint.Quantity*, *optional*) – The absolute tolerance to estimate the property to within.
- **relative\_tolerance** (*float*) – The tolerance (as a fraction of the properties reported uncertainty) to estimate the property to within.
- **n\_effective\_samples** (*int*) – The minimum number of effective samples to require when reweighting the cached simulation data.

**Returns** The schema to follow when estimating this property.

**Return type** *ReweightingSchema*

**classmethod** `from_json` (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod** `get_attributes` (*attribute\_type*=None)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** `attribute_type` (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of str

#### **gradients**

The gradients of this property with respect to different force field parameters. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** list

#### **id**

A unique identifier string assigned to this property

**Type** str

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

#### **Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** str

#### **metadata**

Additional metadata associated with this property. All property metadata will be made accessible to estimation workflows. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** dict

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

#### **Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

#### **phase**

The phase / phases that this property was measured in. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *PropertyPhase*

#### **source**

The original source of this physical property. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** *Source*

#### **substance**

The substance that this property was measured estimated for. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *Substance*

**thermodynamic\_state**

The thermodynamic state that this property was measured / estimated at. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type *ThermodynamicState*

**uncertainty**

The uncertainty in measured / estimated value of this property. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

Type *Quantity*

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

Parameters **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

Raises **ValueError** or **AssertionError** –

**value**

The measured / estimated value of this property. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type *Quantity*

**EnthalpyOfVaporization**

```
class openff.evaluator.properties.EnthalpyOfVaporization (thermodynamic_state=None,
                                                         phase=<PropertyPhase
                                                         >, substance=None,
                                                         value=None, uncertainty=None,
                                                         source=None)
```

A class representation of an enthalpy of vaporization property

```
__init__ (thermodynamic_state=None, phase=<PropertyPhase >, substance=None, value=None, un-
          certainty=None, source=None)
```

Constructs a new PhysicalProperty object.

**Parameters**

- **thermodynamic\_state** (*ThermodynamicState*) – The thermodynamic state that the property was measured in.
- **phase** (*PropertyPhase*) – The phase that the property was measured in.
- **substance** (*Substance*) – The composition of the substance that was measured.
- **value** (*pint.Quantity*) – The value of the measured physical property.
- **uncertainty** (*pint.Quantity*) – The uncertainty in the measured value.
- **source** (*Source*) – The source of this property.

## Methods

<code>__init__([thermodynamic_state, phase, ...])</code>	Constructs a new PhysicalProperty object.
<code>default_reweighting_schema([...])</code>	Returns the default calculation schema to use when estimating this property by reweighting existing data.
<code>default_simulation_schema([...])</code>	Returns the default calculation schema to use when estimating this class of property from direct simulations.
<code>default_unit()</code>	pint.Unit: The default unit (e.g.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<code>gradients</code>	The gradients of this property with respect to different force field parameters.
<code>id</code>	A unique identifier string assigned to this property
<code>metadata</code>	Additional metadata associated with this property.
<code>phase</code>	The phase / phases that this property was measured in.
<code>source</code>	The original source of this physical property.
<code>substance</code>	The substance that this property was measured estimated for.
<code>thermodynamic_state</code>	The thermodynamic state that this property was measured / estimated at.
<code>uncertainty</code>	The uncertainty in measured / estimated value of this property.
<code>value</code>	The measured / estimated value of this property.

**classmethod** `default_unit()`

pint.Unit: The default unit (e.g. g / mol) associated with this class of property.

**static** `default_simulation_schema` (*absolute\_tolerance=<openff.evaluator.attributes.attributes.UndefinedAttribute object>, relative\_tolerance=<openff.evaluator.attributes.attributes.UndefinedAttribute object>, n\_molecules=1000*)

Returns the default calculation schema to use when estimating this class of property from direct simulations.

### Parameters

- **absolute\_tolerance** (*pint.Quantity, optional*) – The absolute tolerance to estimate the property to within.
- **relative\_tolerance** (*float*) – The tolerance (as a fraction of the properties reported uncertainty) to estimate the property to within.
- **n\_molecules** (*int*) – The number of molecules to use in the simulation.

**Returns** The schema to follow when estimating this property.

**Return type** *SimulationSchema*

**static default\_reweighting\_schema** (*absolute\_tolerance=<openff.evaluator.attributes.attributes.UndefinedAttribute object>, relative\_tolerance=<openff.evaluator.attributes.attributes.UndefinedAttribute object>, n\_effective\_samples=50*)

Returns the default calculation schema to use when estimating this property by reweighting existing data.

**Parameters**

- **absolute\_tolerance** (*pint.Quantity, optional*) – The absolute tolerance to estimate the property to within.
- **relative\_tolerance** (*float*) – The tolerance (as a fraction of the properties reported uncertainty) to estimate the property to within.
- **n\_effective\_samples** (*int*) – The minimum number of effective samples to require when reweighting the cached simulation data.

**Returns** The schema to follow when estimating this property.

**Return type** *ReweightingSchema*

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** *cls*

**classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** *list of str*

**gradients**

The gradients of this property with respect to different force field parameters. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** *list*

**id**

A unique identifier string assigned to this property

**Type** *str*

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** *str*

**metadata**

Additional metadata associated with this property. All property metadata will be made accessible to estimation workflows. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

Type `dict`

**classmethod `parse_json`** (*string\_contents*, *encoding*='utf8')

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str* or *bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**phase**

The phase / phases that this property was measured in. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `PropertyPhase`

**source**

The original source of this physical property. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

Type `Source`

**substance**

The substance that this property was measured estimated for. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `Substance`

**thermodynamic\_state**

The thermodynamic state that this property was measured / estimated at. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `ThermodynamicState`

**uncertainty**

The uncertainty in measured / estimated value of this property. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

Type `Quantity`

**validate** (*attribute\_type*=None)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute*, *optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** `ValueError` or `AssertionError` –

**value**

The measured / estimated value of this property. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `Quantity`

## SolvationFreeEnergy

```
class openff.evaluator.properties.SolvationFreeEnergy (thermodynamic_state=None,  
                                                    phase=<PropertyPhase  
                                                    >, substance=None,  
                                                    value=None, uncertainty=None, source=None)
```

A class representation of a solvation free energy property.

```
__init__ (thermodynamic_state=None, phase=<PropertyPhase >, substance=None, value=None, un-  
          certainty=None, source=None)
```

Constructs a new PhysicalProperty object.

### Parameters

- **thermodynamic\_state** (*ThermodynamicState*) – The thermodynamic state that the property was measured in.
- **phase** (*PropertyPhase*) – The phase that the property was measured in.
- **substance** (*Substance*) – The composition of the substance that was measured.
- **value** (*pint.Quantity*) – The value of the measured physical property.
- **uncertainty** (*pint.Quantity*) – The uncertainty in the measured value.
- **source** (*Source*) – The source of this property.

### Methods

<code>__init__([thermodynamic_state, phase, ...])</code>	Constructs a new PhysicalProperty object.
<code>default_simulation_schema([...])</code>	Returns the default calculation schema to use when estimating this class of property from direct simulations.
<code>default_unit()</code>	pint.Unit: The default unit (e.g.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

### Attributes

<code>gradients</code>	The gradients of this property with respect to different force field parameters.
<code>id</code>	A unique identifier string assigned to this property
<code>metadata</code>	Additional metadata associated with this property.
<code>phase</code>	The phase / phases that this property was measured in.
<code>source</code>	The original source of this physical property.
<code>substance</code>	The substance that this property was measured estimated for.

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<i>thermodynamic_state</i>	The thermodynamic state that this property was measured / estimated at.
<i>uncertainty</i>	The uncertainty in measured / estimated value of this property.
<i>value</i>	The measured / estimated value of this property.

**classmethod** `default_unit()`

`pint.Unit`: The default unit (e.g. g / mol) associated with this class of property.

**static** `default_simulation_schema` (*absolute\_tolerance=<openff.evaluator.attributes.attributes.UndefinedAttribute object>, relative\_tolerance=<openff.evaluator.attributes.attributes.UndefinedAttribute object>, n\_molecules=2000*)

Returns the default calculation schema to use when estimating this class of property from direct simulations.

#### Parameters

- **absolute\_tolerance** (*pint.Quantity, optional*) – The absolute tolerance to estimate the property to within.
- **relative\_tolerance** (*float*) – The tolerance (as a fraction of the properties reported uncertainty) to estimate the property to within.
- **n\_molecules** (*int*) – The number of molecules to use in the simulation.

**Returns** The schema to follow when estimating this property.

**Return type** *SimulationSchema*

**classmethod** `from_json` (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** `file_path` (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod** `get_attributes` (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** `attribute_type` (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of str

#### gradients

The gradients of this property with respect to different force field parameters. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** list

#### id

A unique identifier string assigned to this property

**Type** str

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

#### Parameters



- **file\_path** (*str*, *optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** *str*

#### **metadata**

Additional metadata associated with this property. All property metadata will be made accessible to estimation workflows. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** *dict*

#### **classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents*, *encoding*='utf8')

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

##### **Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str* or *bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

#### **phase**

The phase / phases that this property was measured in. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *PropertyPhase*

#### **source**

The original source of this physical property. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** *Source*

#### **substance**

The substance that this property was measured estimated for. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *Substance*

#### **thermodynamic\_state**

The thermodynamic state that this property was measured / estimated at. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *ThermodynamicState*

#### **uncertainty**

The uncertainty in measured / estimated value of this property. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** Quantity

#### **validate** (*attribute\_type*=None)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute*, *optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** **ValueError** or **AssertionError** –

**value**

The measured / estimated value of this property. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type Quantity

**HostGuestBindingAffinity**

```
class openff.evaluator.properties.HostGuestBindingAffinity (thermodynamic_state=None,  
phase=<PropertyPhase >, substance=None,  
value=None, uncertainty=None,  
source=None)
```

A class representation of a host-guest binding affinity property

```
__init__ (thermodynamic_state=None, phase=<PropertyPhase >, substance=None, value=None, un-  
certainty=None, source=None)  
Constructs a new PhysicalProperty object.
```

**Parameters**

- **thermodynamic\_state** (*ThermodynamicState*) – The thermodynamic state that the property was measured in.
- **phase** (*PropertyPhase*) – The phase that the property was measured in.
- **substance** (*Substance*) – The composition of the substance that was measured.
- **value** (*pint.Quantity*) – The value of the measured physical property.
- **uncertainty** (*pint.Quantity*) – The uncertainty in the measured value.
- **source** (*Source*) – The source of this property.

**Methods**

<code><b>__init__</b> ([thermodynamic_state, phase, ...])</code>	Constructs a new PhysicalProperty object.
<code><b>default_simulation_schema</b> ([existing_schema])</code>	Returns the default calculation schema to use when estimating this class of property from direct simulations.
<code><b>default_unit</b> ()</code>	pint.Unit: The default unit (e.g.
<code><b>from_json</b> (file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code><b>get_attributes</b> ([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code><b>json</b> ([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code><b>parse_json</b> (string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code><b>validate</b> ([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<i>gradients</i>	The gradients of this property with respect to different force field parameters.
<i>id</i>	A unique identifier string assigned to this property
<i>metadata</i>	Additional metadata associated with this property.
<i>phase</i>	The phase / phases that this property was measured in.
<i>source</i>	The original source of this physical property.
<i>substance</i>	The substance that this property was measured estimated for.
<i>thermodynamic_state</i>	The thermodynamic state that this property was measured / estimated at.
<i>uncertainty</i>	The uncertainty in measured / estimated value of this property.
<i>value</i>	The measured / estimated value of this property.

**classmethod** `default_unit()`

pint.Unit: The default unit (e.g. g / mol) associated with this class of property.

**static** `default_simulation_schema (existing_schema=None)`

Returns the default calculation schema to use when estimating this class of property from direct simulations.

**Parameters** `existing_schema` (*SimulationSchema*, optional) – An existing schema whose settings to use. If set, the schema's *workflow\_schema* will be overwritten by this method.

**Returns** The schema to follow when estimating this property.

**Return type** *SimulationSchema*

**classmethod** `from_json (file_path)`

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** `file_path` (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** cls

**classmethod** `get_attributes (attribute_type=None)`

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** `attribute_type` (*type of Attribute*, optional) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of str

**gradients**

The gradients of this property with respect to different force field parameters. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** list

**id**

A unique identifier string assigned to this property

**Type** `str`

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**metadata**

Additional metadata associated with this property. All property metadata will be made accessible to estimation workflows. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** `dict`

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**phase**

The phase / phases that this property was measured in. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *PropertyPhase*

**source**

The original source of this physical property. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** *Source*

**substance**

The substance that this property was measured estimated for. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *Substance*

**thermodynamic\_state**

The thermodynamic state that this property was measured / estimated at. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *ThermodynamicState*

**uncertainty**

The uncertainty in measured / estimated value of this property. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** Quantity

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** `attribute_type` (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** `ValueError` or `AssertionError` –

**value**

The measured / estimated value of this property. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** Quantity

## Substance Definition

<i>Substance</i>	Defines the components, their amounts, and their roles in a system.
<i>Component</i>	Defines a single component in a chemical system, as well as it's role within the system (if any).
<i>Amount</i>	A representation of the amount of a given component in a <i>Substance</i> .
<i>ExactAmount</i>	The exact number of instances of a <i>Component</i> in a <i>Substance</i> .
<i>MoleFraction</i>	The mole fraction of a <i>Component</i> in a <i>Substance</i> .

## Substance

**class** `openff.evaluator.substances.Substance`

Defines the components, their amounts, and their roles in a system.

## Examples

A neat liquid containing only a single component:

```
>>> from openff.evaluator.substances import Component, ExactAmount, MoleFraction
>>> liquid = Substance()
>>> liquid.add_component(Component(smiles='O'), MoleFraction(1.0))
```

A binary mixture containing two components, where the mole fractions are explicitly stated:

```
>>> binary_mixture = Substance()
>>> binary_mixture.add_component(Component(smiles='O'), MoleFraction(0.2))
>>> binary_mixture.add_component(Component(smiles='CO'), MoleFraction(0.8))
```

The infinite dilution of one molecule within a bulk solvent or mixture may also be specified by defining the exact number of copies of that molecule, rather than a mole fraction:

```
>>> benzene = Component(smiles='C1=CC=CC=C1', role=Component.Role.Solute)
>>> water = Component(smiles='O', role=Component.Role.Solvent)
>>>
>>> infinite_dilution = Substance()
>>> infinite_dilution.add_component(component=benzene, amount=ExactAmount(1)) # 
↪ Infinite dilution.
>>> infinite_dilution.add_component(component=water, amount=MoleFraction(1.0))
```

In this example we explicitly flag benzene as being the solute and the water component the solvent. This enables workflow's to easily identify key molecules of interest, such as the molecule which should be 'grown' into solution during solvation free energy calculations.

`__init__()`  
Initialize self. See `help(type(self))` for accurate signature.

## Methods

<code>__init__</code>	Initialize self.
<code>add_component(component, amount)</code>	Add a component to the Substance.
<code>calculate_aqueous_ionic_mole_fraction</code>	Determines what mole fraction of ions is needed to yield
<code>from_components(*components)</code>	Creates a new <i>Substance</i> object from a list of components.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>get_amounts(component)</code>	Returns the amounts of the component in this substance.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>get_molecules_per_component(maximum_molecules)</code>	Returns the number of molecules for each component in this substance, given a maximum total number of molecules.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<code>amounts</code>	the amounts of the component in this substance This attribute is <i>read-only</i> .
<code>components</code>	A list of all of the components in this substance.
<code>identifier</code>	A unique str representation of this substance, which encodes all components and their amounts in the substance.
<code>number_of_components</code>	The number of different components in this substance.

### **components**

A list of all of the components in this substance. The default value of this attribute is `()`. This attribute is *read-only*.

**Type** `tuple`

### **amounts**

the amounts of the component in this substance This attribute is *read-only*.

**Type** `dict`

### **property identifier**

A unique str representation of this substance, which encodes all components and their amounts in the substance.

**Type** `str`

### **property number\_of\_components**

The number of different components in this substance.

Type `int`

**classmethod** `from_components` (\**components*)

Creates a new *Substance* object from a list of components. This method assumes that all components should be present with equal mole fractions.

**Parameters** `components` (*Component* or *str*) – The components to add to the substance. These may either be full *Component* objects or just the smiles representation of the component.

**Returns** The substance containing the requested components in equal amounts.

**Return type** *Substance*

**add\_component** (*component*, *amount*)

Add a component to the Substance. If the component is already present in the substance, then the mole fraction will be added to the current mole fraction of that component.

**Parameters**

- **component** (*Component*) – The component to add to the system.
- **amount** (*Amount*) – The amount of this component in the substance.

**get\_amounts** (*component*)

Returns the amounts of the component in this substance.

**Parameters** `component` (*str* or *Component*) – The component (or it's identifier) to retrieve the amount of.

**Returns** The amounts of the component in this substance.

**Return type** tuple of Amount

**get\_molecules\_per\_component** (*maximum\_molecules*, *tolerance=None*)

Returns the number of molecules for each component in this substance, given a maximum total number of molecules.

**Parameters**

- **maximum\_molecules** (*int*) – The maximum number of molecules.
- **tolerance** (*float*, *optional*) – The tolerance within which this amount should be represented. As an example, when converting a mole fraction into a number of molecules, the total number of molecules may not be sufficiently large enough to reproduce this amount.

**Returns** A dictionary of molecule counts per component, where each key is a component identifier.

**Return type** dict of str and int

**static** `calculate_aqueous_ionic_mole_fraction` (*ionic\_strength*)

Determines what mole fraction of ions is needed to yield an aqueous system of a given ionic strength.

**Parameters** `ionic_strength` (*pint.Quantity*) – The ionic string in units of molar.

**Returns** The mole fraction of ions.

**Return type** `float`

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** `attribute_type` (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** `ValueError` or `AssertionError` –

**classmethod** `from_json` (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** `file_path` (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod** `get_attributes` (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** `attribute_type` (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of `str`

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- `file_path` (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- `format` (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**classmethod** `parse_json` (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- `string_contents` (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- `encoding` (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

## Component

**class** `openff.evaluator.substances.Component` (*smiles=<openff.evaluator.attributes.attributes.UndefinedAttribute object>, role=<Role.Solvent: 'solv'>*)

Defines a single component in a chemical system, as well as it's role within the system (if any).

**\_\_init\_\_** (*smiles=<openff.evaluator.attributes.attributes.UndefinedAttribute object>, role=<Role.Solvent: 'solv'>*)

Constructs a new Component object with either a label or a smiles string, but not both.



## Notes

The *label* and *smiles* arguments are mutually exclusive, and only one can be passed while the other should be *None*.

## Parameters

- **smiles** (*str*) – A SMILES descriptor of the component
- **role** (`Component.Role`) – The role of this component in the system.

## Methods

<code>__init__([smiles, role])</code>	Constructs a new Component object with either a label or a smiles string, but not both.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<i>identifier</i>	A unique identifier for this component.
<i>role</i>	The role of this component in the system.
<i>smiles</i>	The SMILES pattern which describes this component.

### class Role

An enum which describes the role of a component in the system, such as whether the component is a solvent, a solute, a receptor etc.

These roles are mainly used by workflow to identify the correct species in a system, such as when doing docking or performing solvation free energy calculations.

### smiles

The SMILES pattern which describes this component. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user.. This attribute is *read-only*.

**Type** *str*

### role

The role of this component in the system. The default value of this attribute is `Role.Solvent`. This attribute is *read-only*.

**Type** *Component.Role*

### property identifier

A unique identifier for this component.

**Type** *str*

### classmethod from\_json (file\_path)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** `file_path` (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod** `get_attributes` (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** `attribute_type` (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of `str`

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- `file_path` (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- `format` (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**classmethod** `parse_json` (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- `string_contents` (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- `encoding` (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** `attribute_type` (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** `ValueError` or `AssertionError` –

## Amount

**class** `openff.evaluator.substances.Amount` (*value=<openff.evaluator.attributes.attributes.UndefinedAttribute object>*)

A representation of the amount of a given component in a *Substance*.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*value=<openff.evaluator.attributes.attributes.UndefinedAttribute object>*)

**Parameters** `value` (*float or int*) – The value of this amount.

## Methods

<code>__init__([value])</code>	<b>param value</b> The value of this amount.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>to_number_of_molecules(total_substance_molecules, tolerance=None)</code>	Converts this amount to an exact number of molecules
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<code>identifier</code>	A string identifier for this amount.
<code>value</code>	The value of this amount.

### value

The value of this amount. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user.. This attribute is *read-only*.

**Type** `typing.Union[float, int]`

### property identifier

A string identifier for this amount.

**abstract to\_number\_of\_molecules** (*total\_substance\_molecules, tolerance=None*)

Converts this amount to an exact number of molecules

### Parameters

- **total\_substance\_molecules** (*int*) – The total number of molecules in the whole substance. This amount will contribute to a portion of this total number.
- **tolerance** (*float, optional*) – The tolerance with which this amount should be in. As an example, when converting a mole fraction into a number of molecules, the total number of molecules may not be sufficiently large enough to reproduce this amount.

**Returns** The number of molecules which this amount represents, given the *total\_substance\_molecules*.

**Return type** `int`

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** `attribute_type` (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of str

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** str

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** `attribute_type` (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** `ValueError` or `AssertionError` –

## ExactAmount

**class** `openff.evaluator.substances.ExactAmount` (*value=<openff.evaluator.attributes.attributes.UndefinedAttribute object>*)

The exact number of instances of a *Component* in a *Substance*.

An assumption is made that this amount is for a component which is infinitely dilute (such as ligands in binding calculations), and hence do not contribute to the total mole fraction of a *Substance*.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*value=<openff.evaluator.attributes.attributes.UndefinedAttribute object>*)

**Parameters** `value` (*float or int*) – The value of this amount.

## Methods

<code>__init__([value])</code>	<b>param value</b> The value of this amount.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>to_number_of_molecules(total_substance_molecules)</code>	Converts this amount to an exact number of molecules
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<code>identifier</code>	A string identifier for this amount.
<code>value</code>	The value of this amount.

### value

The value of this amount. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `int`

### property identifier

A string identifier for this amount.

**to\_number\_of\_molecules** (*total\_substance\_molecules*, *tolerance=None*)

Converts this amount to an exact number of molecules

### Parameters

- **total\_substance\_molecules** (*int*) – The total number of molecules in the whole substance. This amount will contribute to a portion of this total number.
- **tolerance** (*float*, *optional*) – The tolerance with which this amount should be in. As an example, when converting a mole fraction into a number of molecules, the total number of molecules may not be sufficiently large enough to reproduce this amount.

**Returns** The number of molecules which this amount represents, given the *total\_substance\_molecules*.

**Return type** `int`

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute*, *optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of str

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** str

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** **ValueError** or **AssertionError** –

## MoleFraction

**class** openff.evaluator.substances.**MoleFraction** (*value=<openff.evaluator.attributes.attributes.UndefinedAttribute object>*)

The mole fraction of a *Component* in a *Substance*.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*value=<openff.evaluator.attributes.attributes.UndefinedAttribute object>*)

**Parameters** **value** (*float or int*) – The value of this amount.

## Methods

<code>__init__([value])</code>	<b>param value</b> The value of this amount.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>to_number_of_molecules(total_substance_mole)</code>	Converts this amount to an exact number of molecules

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<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.
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## Attributes

<code>identifier</code>	A string identifier for this amount.
<code>value</code>	The value of this amount.

### value

The value of this amount. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `float`

### property identifier

A string identifier for this amount.

**to\_number\_of\_molecules** (*total\_substance\_molecules*, *tolerance=None*)

Converts this amount to an exact number of molecules

#### Parameters

- **total\_substance\_molecules** (*int*) – The total number of molecules in the whole substance. This amount will contribute to a portion of this total number.
- **tolerance** (*float*, *optional*) – The tolerance with which this amount should be in. As an example, when converting a mole fraction into a number of molecules, the total number of molecules may not be sufficiently large enough to reproduce this amount.

**Returns** The number of molecules which this amount represents, given the *total\_substance\_molecules*.

**Return type** `int`

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute*, *optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** `ValueError` or `AssertionError` –

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute*, *optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** `list of str`

**json** (*file\_path=None*, *format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str*, *optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** *str*

**classmethod** **parse\_json** (*string\_contents*, *encoding*='utf8')

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str* or *bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**State Definition**

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*ThermodynamicState*

Data specifying a physical thermodynamic state obeying Boltzmann statistics.

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**ThermodynamicState**

**class** openff.evaluator.thermodynamics.**ThermodynamicState** (*temperature=None*, *pressure=None*)

Data specifying a physical thermodynamic state obeying Boltzmann statistics.

**Notes**

Equality of two thermodynamic states is determined by comparing the temperature in kelvin to within 3 decimal places, and comparing the pressure (if defined) in pascals to within 3 decimal places.

**Examples**

Specify an NPT state at 298 K and 1 atm pressure.

```
>>> state = ThermodynamicState(temperature=298.0*unit.kelvin, pressure=1.0*unit.  
↪atmospheres)
```

Note that the pressure is only relevant for periodic systems.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*temperature=None*, *pressure=None*)

Constructs a new ThermodynamicState object.

**Parameters**

- **temperature** (*pint.Quantity*) – The external temperature
- **pressure** (*pint.Quantity*) – The external pressure



## Methods

<code>__init__([temperature, pressure])</code>	Constructs a new ThermodynamicState object.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<code>beta</code>	Returns one divided by the temperature multiplied by the molar gas constant
<code>inverse_beta</code>	Returns the temperature multiplied by the molar gas constant
<code>pressure</code>	The external pressure.
<code>temperature</code>	The external temperature.

### property `inverse_beta`

Returns the temperature multiplied by the molar gas constant

### property `beta`

Returns one divided by the temperature multiplied by the molar gas constant

### property `temperature`

The external temperature. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** Quantity

### property `pressure`

The external pressure. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** Quantity

### method `validate (attribute_type=None)`

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** `attribute_type` (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** `ValueError` or `AssertionError` –

### classmethod `from_json (file_path)`

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** `file_path` (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** cls

### classmethod `get_attributes (attribute_type=None)`

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** `attribute_type` (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of str

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** str

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

## 2.26.4 Data Set API

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*PhysicalPropertyDataSet*

An object for storing and curating data sets of both physical property measurements and estimated.

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### PhysicalPropertyDataSet

**class** openff.evaluator.datasets.**PhysicalPropertyDataSet**

An object for storing and curating data sets of both physical property measurements and estimated. This class defines a number of convenience functions for filtering out unwanted properties, and for generating general statistics (such as the number of properties per substance) about the set.

**\_\_init\_\_** ()

Constructs a new PhysicalPropertyDataSet object.

#### Methods

<code>__init__()</code>	Constructs a new PhysicalPropertyDataSet object.
<code>add_properties(*physical_properties[, validate])</code>	Adds a physical property to the data set.
<code>filter_by_components(number_of_components)</code>	Filter the data set based on the number of components present in the substance the data points were collected for.
<code>filter_by_elements(*allowed_elements)</code>	Filters out those properties which were estimated for
<code>filter_by_function(filter_function)</code>	Filter the data set using a given filter function.

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<code>filter_by_phases(phases)</code>	Filter the data set based on the phase of the property (e.g liquid).
<code>filter_by_pressure(min_pressure, max_pressure)</code>	Filter the data set based on a minimum and maximum pressure.
<code>filter_by_property_types(*property_types)</code>	Filter the data set based on the type of property (e.g Density).
<code>filter_by_smiles(*allowed_smiles)</code>	Filters out those properties which were estimated for
<code>filter_by_temperature(min_temperature, ...)</code>	Filter the data set based on a minimum and maximum temperature.
<code>filter_by_uncertainties()</code>	Filters out those properties which don't have their uncertainties reported.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>merge(data_set[, validate])</code>	Merge another data set into the current one.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>properties_by_substance(substance)</code>	A generator which may be used to loop over all of the properties which were measured for a particular substance.
<code>properties_by_type(property_type)</code>	A generator which may be used to loop over all of properties of a particular type, e.g.
<code>to_pandas()</code>	Converts a <i>PhysicalPropertyDataSet</i> to a <i>pandas.DataFrame</i> object with columns of
<code>validate()</code>	Checks to ensure that all properties within the set are valid physical property object.

### Attributes

<code>properties</code>	A list of all of the properties within this set.
<code>property_types</code>	The types of property within this data set.
<code>sources</code>	The sources from which the properties in this data set were gathered.
<code>substances</code>	The substances for which the properties in this data set were collected for.

#### **property properties**

A list of all of the properties within this set.

**Type** tuple of PhysicalProperty

#### **property property\_types**

The types of property within this data set.

**Type** set of str

#### **property substances**

The substances for which the properties in this data set were collected for.

**Type** set of Substance

#### **property sources**

The sources from which the properties in this data set were gathered.

**Type** set of Source

**merge** (*data\_set*, *validate=True*)

Merge another data set into the current one.

**Parameters**

- **data\_set** (*PhysicalPropertyDataSet*) – The secondary data set to merge into this one.
- **validate** (*bool*) – Whether to validate the other data set before merging.

**add\_properties** (*\*physical\_properties*, *validate=True*)

Adds a physical property to the data set.

**Parameters**

- **physical\_properties** (*PhysicalProperty*) – The physical property to add.
- **validate** (*bool*) – Whether to validate the properties before adding them to the set.

**properties\_by\_substance** (*substance*)

A generator which may be used to loop over all of the properties which were measured for a particular substance.

**Parameters** **substance** (*Substance*) – The substance of interest.

**Returns**

**Return type** generator of *PhysicalProperty*

**properties\_by\_type** (*property\_type*)

A generator which may be used to loop over all of properties of a particular type, e.g. all “Density” properties.

**Parameters** **property\_type** (*str* or *type of PhysicalProperty*) – The type of property of interest. This may either be the string class name of the property or the class type.

**Returns**

**Return type** generator of *PhysicalProperty*

**filter\_by\_function** (*filter\_function*)

Filter the data set using a given filter function.

**Parameters** **filter\_function** (*lambda*) – The filter function.

**filter\_by\_property\_types** (*\*property\_types*)

Filter the data set based on the type of property (e.g Density).

**Parameters** **property\_types** (*PropertyType* or *str*) – The type of property which should be retained.

## Examples

Filter the dataset to only contain densities and static dielectric constants

```
>>> # Load in the data set of properties which will be used for comparisons
>>> from openff.evaluator.datasets.thermoml import ThermoMLDataSet
>>> data_set = ThermoMLDataSet.from_doi('10.1016/j.jct.2016.10.001')
>>>
>>> # Filter the dataset to only include densities and dielectric constants.
>>> from openff.evaluator.properties import Density, DielectricConstant
>>> data_set.filter_by_property_types(Density, DielectricConstant)
```

or

```
>>> data_set.filter_by_property_types('Density', 'DielectricConstant')
```

**filter\_by\_phases** (*phases*)

Filter the data set based on the phase of the property (e.g liquid).

**Parameters** **phases** (*PropertyPhase*) – The phase of property which should be retained.

## Examples

Filter the dataset to only include liquid properties.

```
>>> # Load in the data set of properties which will be used for comparisons
>>> from openff.evaluator.datasets.thermoml import ThermoMLDataSet
>>> data_set = ThermoMLDataSet.from_doi('10.1016/j.jct.2016.10.001')
>>>
>>> from openff.evaluator.datasets import PropertyPhase
>>> data_set.filter_by_temperature(PropertyPhase.Liquid)
```

**filter\_by\_temperature** (*min\_temperature*, *max\_temperature*)

Filter the data set based on a minimum and maximum temperature.

**Parameters**

- **min\_temperature** (*pint.Quantity*) – The minimum temperature.
- **max\_temperature** (*pint.Quantity*) – The maximum temperature.

## Examples

Filter the dataset to only include properties measured between 130-260 K.

```
>>> # Load in the data set of properties which will be used for comparisons
>>> from openff.evaluator.datasets.thermoml import ThermoMLDataSet
>>> data_set = ThermoMLDataSet.from_doi('10.1016/j.jct.2016.10.001')
>>>
>>> from openff.evaluator import unit
>>> data_set.filter_by_temperature(min_temperature=130*unit.kelvin, max_
↳ temperature=260*unit.kelvin)
```

**filter\_by\_pressure** (*min\_pressure*, *max\_pressure*)

Filter the data set based on a minimum and maximum pressure.

**Parameters**

- **min\_pressure** (*pint.Quantity*) – The minimum pressure.
- **max\_pressure** (*pint.Quantity*) – The maximum pressure.

## Examples

Filter the dataset to only include properties measured between 70-150 kPa.

```
>>> # Load in the data set of properties which will be used for comparisons
>>> from openff.evaluator.datasets.thermoml import ThermoMLDataSet
>>> data_set = ThermoMLDataSet.from_doi('10.1016/j.jct.2016.10.001')
>>>
>>> from openff.evaluator import unit
>>> data_set.filter_by_temperature(min_pressure=70*unit.kilopascal, max_
↳ temperature=150*unit.kilopascal)
```

**filter\_by\_components** (*number\_of\_components*)

Filter the data set based on the number of components present in the substance the data points were collected for.

**Parameters** **number\_of\_components** (*int*) – The allowed number of components in the mixture.

## Examples

Filter the dataset to only include pure substance properties.

```
>>> # Load in the data set of properties which will be used for comparisons
>>> from openff.evaluator.datasets.thermoml import ThermoMLDataSet
>>> data_set = ThermoMLDataSet.from_doi('10.1016/j.jct.2016.10.001')
>>>
>>> data_set.filter_by_components(number_of_components=1)
```

**filter\_by\_elements** (*\*allowed\_elements*)

**Filters out those properties which were estimated for** compounds which contain elements outside of those defined in *allowed\_elements*.

**Parameters** **allowed\_elements** (*str*) – The symbols (e.g. C, H, Cl) of the elements to retain.

**filter\_by\_smiles** (*\*allowed\_smiles*)

**Filters out those properties which were estimated for** compounds which do not appear in the allowed *smiles* list.

**Parameters** **allowed\_smiles** (*str*) – The smiles identifiers of the compounds to keep after filtering.

**filter\_by\_uncertainties** ()

Filters out those properties which don't have their uncertainties reported.

**validate** ()

Checks to ensure that all properties within the set are valid physical property object.

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** cls

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** *str*

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**to\_pandas** ()

Converts a *PhysicalPropertyDataSet* to a *pandas.DataFrame* object with columns of

- 'Id'
- 'Temperature (K)'
- 'Pressure (kPa)'
- 'Phase'
- 'N Components'
- 'Component 1'
- 'Role 1'
- 'Mole Fraction 1'
- 'Exact Amount 1'
- ...
- 'Component N'
- 'Role N'
- 'Mole Fraction N'
- 'Exact Amount N'
- '<Property 1> Value (<default unit>)'
- '<Property 1> Uncertainty / (<default unit>)'
- ...
- '<Property N> Value / (<default unit>)'
- '<Property N> Uncertainty / (<default unit>)'
- 'Source'

where 'Component X' is a column containing the smiles representation of component X.

**Returns** The create data frame.

**Return type** `pandas.DataFrame`

## NIST ThermoML Archive

<code>ThermoMLDataSet</code>	A dataset of physical property measurements created from a ThermoML dataset.
<code>register_thermoml_property</code>	A function used to map a property from the ThermoML archive to an internal <i>PhysicalProperty</i> object of the correct type.
<code>thermoml_property</code>	A decorator which wraps around the <code>register_thermoml_property</code> method.

## ThermoMLDataSet

**class** `openff.evaluator.datasets.thermoml.ThermoMLDataSet`

A dataset of physical property measurements created from a ThermoML dataset.

### Examples

For example, we can use the DOI *10.1016/j.jct.2005.03.012* as a key for retrieving the dataset from the ThermoML Archive:

```
>>> dataset = ThermoMLDataSet.from_doi('10.1016/j.jct.2005.03.012')
```

You can also specify multiple ThermoML Archive keys to create a dataset from multiple ThermoML files:

```
>>> thermoml_keys = ['10.1021/acs.jced.5b00365', '10.1021/acs.jced.5b00474']
>>> dataset = ThermoMLDataSet.from_doi(*thermoml_keys)
```

**`__init__()`**

Constructs a new `ThermoMLDataSet` object.

### Methods

<code>__init__()</code>	Constructs a new <code>ThermoMLDataSet</code> object.
<code>add_properties(*physical_properties[, validate])</code>	Adds a physical property to the data set.
<code>filter_by_components(number_of_components)</code>	Filter the data set based on the number of components present in the substance the data points were collected for.
<code>filter_by_elements(*allowed_elements)</code>	Filters out those properties which were estimated for
<code>filter_by_function(filter_function)</code>	Filter the data set using a given filter function.
<code>filter_by_phases(phases)</code>	Filter the data set based on the phase of the property (e.g liquid).
<code>filter_by_pressure(min_pressure, max_pressure)</code>	Filter the data set based on a minimum and maximum pressure.
<code>filter_by_property_types(*property_types)</code>	Filter the data set based on the type of property (e.g Density).
<code>filter_by_smiles(*allowed_smiles)</code>	Filters out those properties which were estimated for

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<code>filter_by_temperature(min_temperature, ...)</code>	Filter the data set based on a minimum and maximum temperature.
<code>filter_by_uncertainties()</code>	Filters out those properties which don't have their uncertainties reported.
<code>from_doi(*doi_list)</code>	Load a ThermoML data set from a list of DOIs
<code>from_file(*file_list)</code>	Load a ThermoML data set from a list of files
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>from_url(*url_list)</code>	Load a ThermoML data set from a list of URLs
<code>from_xml(xml, default_source)</code>	Load a ThermoML data set from an xml object.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>merge(data_set[, validate])</code>	Merge another data set into the current one.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>properties_by_substance(substance)</code>	A generator which may be used to loop over all of the properties which were measured for a particular substance.
<code>properties_by_type(property_type)</code>	A generator which may be used to loop over all of properties of a particular type, e.g.
<code>to_pandas()</code>	Converts a <i>PhysicalPropertyDataSet</i> to a <i>pandas.DataFrame</i> object with columns of
<code>validate()</code>	Checks to ensure that all properties within the set are valid physical property object.

### Attributes

<code>properties</code>	A list of all of the properties within this set.
<code>property_types</code>	The types of property within this data set.
<code>registered_properties</code>	
<code>sources</code>	The sources from which the properties in this data set were gathered.
<code>substances</code>	The substances for which the properties in this data set were collected for.

**classmethod** `from_doi(*doi_list)`

Load a ThermoML data set from a list of DOIs

**Parameters** `doi_list` (*str*) – The list of DOIs to pull data from

**Returns** The loaded data set.

**Return type** *ThermoMLDataSet*

**classmethod** `from_url(*url_list)`

Load a ThermoML data set from a list of URLs

**Parameters** `url_list` (*str*) – The list of URLs to pull data from

**Returns** The loaded data set.

**Return type** *ThermoMLDataSet*

**classmethod** `from_file(*file_list)`

Load a ThermoML data set from a list of files

**Parameters** `file_list` (*str*) – The list of files to pull data from

**Returns** The loaded data set.

**Return type** *ThermoMLDataSet*

**add\_properties** (\**physical\_properties*, *validate=True*)

Adds a physical property to the data set.

**Parameters**

- **physical\_properties** (*PhysicalProperty*) – The physical property to add.
- **validate** (*bool*) – Whether to validate the properties before adding them to the set.

**filter\_by\_components** (*number\_of\_components*)

Filter the data set based on the number of components present in the substance the data points were collected for.

**Parameters** **number\_of\_components** (*int*) – The allowed number of components in the mixture.

### Examples

Filter the dataset to only include pure substance properties.

```
>>> # Load in the data set of properties which will be used for comparisons
>>> from openff.evaluator.datasets.thermoml import ThermoMLDataSet
>>> data_set = ThermoMLDataSet.from_doi('10.1016/j.jct.2016.10.001')
>>>
>>> data_set.filter_by_components(number_of_components=1)
```

**filter\_by\_elements** (\**allowed\_elements*)

**Filters out those properties which were estimated for** compounds which contain elements outside of those defined in *allowed\_elements*.

**Parameters** **allowed\_elements** (*str*) – The symbols (e.g. C, H, Cl) of the elements to retain.

**filter\_by\_function** (*filter\_function*)

Filter the data set using a given filter function.

**Parameters** **filter\_function** (*lambda*) – The filter function.

**filter\_by\_phases** (*phases*)

Filter the data set based on the phase of the property (e.g liquid).

**Parameters** **phases** (*PropertyPhase*) – The phase of property which should be retained.

### Examples

Filter the dataset to only include liquid properties.

```
>>> # Load in the data set of properties which will be used for comparisons
>>> from openff.evaluator.datasets.thermoml import ThermoMLDataSet
>>> data_set = ThermoMLDataSet.from_doi('10.1016/j.jct.2016.10.001')
>>>
>>> from openff.evaluator.datasets import PropertyPhase
>>> data_set.filter_by_temperature(PropertyPhase.Liquid)
```

**filter\_by\_pressure** (*min\_pressure, max\_pressure*)

Filter the data set based on a minimum and maximum pressure.

#### Parameters

- **min\_pressure** (*pint.Quantity*) – The minimum pressure.
- **max\_pressure** (*pint.Quantity*) – The maximum pressure.

#### Examples

Filter the dataset to only include properties measured between 70-150 kPa.

```
>>> # Load in the data set of properties which will be used for comparisons
>>> from openff.evaluator.datasets.thermoml import ThermoMLDataSet
>>> data_set = ThermoMLDataSet.from_doi('10.1016/j.jct.2016.10.001')
>>>
>>> from openff.evaluator import unit
>>> data_set.filter_by_temperature(min_pressure=70*unit.kilopascal, max_
↳ temperature=150*unit.kilopascal)
```

**filter\_by\_property\_types** (*\*property\_types*)

Filter the data set based on the type of property (e.g Density).

**Parameters** **property\_types** (*PropertyType* or *str*) – The type of property which should be retained.

#### Examples

Filter the dataset to only contain densities and static dielectric constants

```
>>> # Load in the data set of properties which will be used for comparisons
>>> from openff.evaluator.datasets.thermoml import ThermoMLDataSet
>>> data_set = ThermoMLDataSet.from_doi('10.1016/j.jct.2016.10.001')
>>>
>>> # Filter the dataset to only include densities and dielectric constants.
>>> from openff.evaluator.properties import Density, DielectricConstant
>>> data_set.filter_by_property_types(Density, DielectricConstant)
```

or

```
>>> data_set.filter_by_property_types('Density', 'DielectricConstant')
```

**filter\_by\_smiles** (*\*allowed\_smiles*)

**Filters out those properties which were estimated for** compounds which do not appear in the allowed *smiles* list.

**Parameters** **allowed\_smiles** (*str*) – The smiles identifiers of the compounds to keep after filtering.

**filter\_by\_temperature** (*min\_temperature, max\_temperature*)

Filter the data set based on a minimum and maximum temperature.

#### Parameters

- **min\_temperature** (*pint.Quantity*) – The minimum temperature.

- `max_temperature` (*pint.Quantity*) – The maximum temperature.

## Examples

Filter the dataset to only include properties measured between 130-260 K.

```
>>> # Load in the data set of properties which will be used for comparisons
>>> from openff.evaluator.datasets.thermoml import ThermoMLDataSet
>>> data_set = ThermoMLDataSet.from_doi('10.1016/j.jct.2016.10.001')
>>>
>>> from openff.evaluator import unit
>>> data_set.filter_by_temperature(min_temperature=130*unit.kelvin, max_
↳ temperature=260*unit.kelvin)
```

**filter\_by\_uncertainties()**

Filters out those properties which don't have their uncertainties reported.

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** `file_path` (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod from\_xml** (*xml, default\_source*)

Load a ThermoML data set from an xml object.

**Parameters**

- `xml` (*str*) – The xml string to parse.
- `default_source` (*Source*) – The source to use if one cannot be parsed from the archive itself.

**Returns** The loaded ThermoML data set.

**Return type** *ThermoMLDataSet*

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- `file_path` (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- `format` (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** *str*

**merge** (*data\_set, validate=True*)

Merge another data set into the current one.

**Parameters**

- `data_set` (*PhysicalPropertyDataSet*) – The secondary data set to merge into this one.
- `validate` (*bool*) – Whether to validate the other data set before merging.

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**property properties**

A list of all of the properties within this set.

**Type** tuple of PhysicalProperty

**properties\_by\_substance** (*substance*)

A generator which may be used to loop over all of the properties which were measured for a particular substance.

**Parameters** **substance** (*Substance*) – The substance of interest.

**Returns**

**Return type** generator of PhysicalProperty

**properties\_by\_type** (*property\_type*)

A generator which may be used to loop over all of properties of a particular type, e.g. all “Density” properties.

**Parameters** **property\_type** (*str or type of PhysicalProperty*) – The type of property of interest. This may either be the string class name of the property or the class type.

**Returns**

**Return type** generator of PhysicalProperty

**property property\_types**

The types of property within this data set.

**Type** set of str

**property sources**

The sources from which the properties in this data set were gathered.

**Type** set of Source

**property substances**

The substances for which the properties in this data set were collected for.

**Type** set of Substance

**to\_pandas** ()

Converts a *PhysicalPropertyDataSet* to a *pandas.DataFrame* object with columns of

- ‘Id’
- ‘Temperature (K)’
- ‘Pressure (kPa)’
- ‘Phase’
- ‘N Components’
- ‘Component 1’
- ‘Role 1’

- ‘Mole Fraction 1’
- ‘Exact Amount 1’
- ...
- ‘Component N’
- ‘Role N’
- ‘Mole Fraction N’
- ‘Exact Amount N’
- ‘<Property 1> Value (<default unit>)’
- ‘<Property 1> Uncertainty / (<default unit>)’
- ...
- ‘<Property N> Value / (<default unit>)’
- ‘<Property N> Uncertainty / (<default unit>)’
- ‘Source’

where ‘Component X’ is a column containing the smiles representation of component X.

**Returns** The create data frame.

**Return type** `pandas.DataFrame`

**validate()**

Checks to ensure that all properties within the set are valid physical property object.

## register\_thermoml\_property

```
openff.evaluator.datasets.thermoml.register_thermoml_property(thermoml_string,  
                                                                sup-  
                                                                ported_phases,  
                                                                prop-  
                                                                erty_class=None,  
                                                                conver-  
                                                                sion_function=None)
```

A function used to map a property from the ThermoML archive to an internal *PhysicalProperty* object of the correct type.

This function takes either a specific class (e.g. *Density*) which maps directly to the specified *thermoml\_string*, or a a function which maps a *ThermoMLProperty* into a *PhysicalProperty* allowing fuller control.

### Parameters

- **thermoml\_string** (*str*) – The ThermoML string identifier (ePropName) for this property.
- **supported\_phases** (*PropertyPhase*;) – An enum which encodes all of the phases for which this property supports being estimated in.
- **property\_class** (*type of PhysicalProperty, optional*) – The class associated with this physical property. This argument is mutually exclusive with the *conversion\_function* argument.

- **conversion\_function** (*function*) – A function which maps a *ThermoMLProperty* into a *PhysicalProperty*. This argument is mutually exclusive with the *property\_class* argument.

## thermoml\_property

`openff.evaluator.datasets.thermoml.thermoml_property` (*thermoml\_string*, *supported\_phases*)

A decorator which wraps around the `register_thermoml_property` method.

### Parameters

- **thermoml\_string** (*str*) – The ThermoML string identifier (ePropName) for this property.
- **supported\_phases** (*PropertyPhase*;) – An enum which encodes all of the phases for which this property supports being estimated in.

## 2.26.5 Force Field API

<i>ForceFieldSource</i>	A helper object to define the source of a force field and any associated meta data, such as version, file paths, or generation options.
<i>SmirnoffForceFieldSource</i>	A wrapper around force fields based on the <a href="#">SMIRks Native Open Force Field (SMIRNOFF)</a> specification.
<i>TLeapForceFieldSource</i>	A wrapper around Amber force fields which may be applied via the <i>tleap</i> software package.
<i>LigParGenForceFieldSource</i>	A wrapper and the OPLSAAM force field which can be applied via the <a href="#">LigParGen server</a> .

## ForceFieldSource

**class** `openff.evaluator.forcefield.ForceFieldSource`

A helper object to define the source of a force field and any associated meta data, such as version, file paths, or generation options.

### Notes

It is likely that this class and classes based off of it will not be permanent fixtures of the framework, but rather will exist until the force fields can be stored in a uniform format / object model.

`__init__` ()

Initialize self. See `help(type(self))` for accurate signature.

## Methods

<code>__init__</code>	Initialize self.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**classmethod** `from_json(file_path)`

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** `file_path` (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**json** (`file_path=None, format=False`)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**classmethod** `parse_json(string_contents, encoding='utf8')`

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

## SmirnoffForceFieldSource

**class** `openff.evaluator.forcefield.SmirnoffForceFieldSource(inner_xml=None)`

A wrapper around force fields based on the [SMIRks Native Open Force Field \(SMIRNOFF\)](#) specification.

`__init__` (`inner_xml=None`)

Constructs a new SmirnoffForceFieldSource object

**Parameters** `inner_xml` (*str, optional*) – A string containing the xml representation of the force field.



## Methods

<code>__init__([inner_xml])</code>	Constructs a new <i>SmirnoffForceFieldSource</i> object
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>from_object(force_field)</code>	Creates a new <i>SmirnoffForceFieldSource</i> from an existing <i>ForceField</i> object
<code>from_path(file_path)</code>	Creates a new <i>SmirnoffForceFieldSource</i> from the file path to a <i>ForceField</i> object.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>to_force_field()</code>	Returns the SMIRNOFF force field created from this source.

**to\_force\_field()**

Returns the SMIRNOFF force field created from this source.

**Returns** The created force field.

**Return type** `openforcefield.typing.engines.smirnoff.ForceField`

**classmethod from\_object** (*force\_field*)

Creates a new *SmirnoffForceFieldSource* from an existing *ForceField* object

## Notes

All cosmetic attributes will be discarded.

**Parameters** **force\_field** (`openforcefield.typing.engines.smirnoff.ForceField`) – The existing force field.

**Returns** The created object.

**Return type** *SmirnoffForceFieldSource*

**classmethod from\_path** (*file\_path*)

Creates a new *SmirnoffForceFieldSource* from the file path to a *ForceField* object.

## Notes

All cosmetic attributes will be discarded.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The file path to the force field object. This may also be the name of a file which can be loaded via an entry point.

**Returns** The created object.

**Return type** *SmirnoffForceFieldSource*

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** *str*

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

## TLeapForceFieldSource

```
class openff.evaluator.forcefield.TLeapForceFieldSource (leap_source='leaprc.gaff2',  
                                                         cutoff=<Quantity(9.0,  
                                                         'angstrom')>)
```

A wrapper around Amber force fields which may be applied via the *tLeap* software package.

### Notes

Currently this only supports force fields which are installed alongside *tLeap*.

```
__init__ (leap_source='leaprc.gaff2', cutoff=<Quantity(9.0, 'angstrom')>)
```

Constructs a new TLeapForceFieldSource object

**Parameters**

- **leap\_source** (*str*) – The parameter file which should be sourced by *leap* when applying the force field. Currently only *'leaprc.gaff'* and *'leaprc.gaff2'* are supported.
- **cutoff** (*pint.Quantity*) – The non-bonded interaction cutoff.

### Examples

To create a source for the GAFF force field with tip3p water:

```
>>> amber_gaff_source = TLeapForceFieldSource('leaprc.gaff')
```

To create a source for the GAFF 2 force field with tip3p water:

```
>>> amber_gaff_2_source = TLeapForceFieldSource('leaprc.gaff2')
```

## Methods

<code>__init__([leap_source, cutoff])</code>	Constructs a new TLeapForceFieldSource object
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

## Attributes

<code>cutoff</code>	The non-bonded interaction cutoff.
<code>leap_source</code>	The parameter file which should be sourced by <i>leap</i> when applying the force field.

### property `leap_source`

The parameter file which should be sourced by *leap* when applying the force field.

**Type** list of str

### property `cutoff`

The non-bonded interaction cutoff.

**Type** `pint.Quantity`

### classmethod `from_json(file_path)`

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** `file_path` (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

### `json(file_path=None, format=False)`

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str*, *optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

### classmethod `parse_json(string_contents, encoding='utf8')`

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str* or *bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

## LigParGenForceFieldSource

```
class openff.evaluator.forcefield.LigParGenForceFieldSource (preferred_charge_model=<ChargeModel.CM1A-LBCC'>, cutoff=<Quantity(9.0, 'angstrom')>, request_url="", download_url="")
```

A wrapper and the OPLSAAM force field which can be applied via the [LigParGen server](#).

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```
__init__(preferred_charge_model=<ChargeModel.CM1A_1_14_LBCC: '1.14*CM1A-LBCC'>, cutoff=<Quantity(9.0, 'angstrom')>, request_url="", download_url="")
```

Constructs a new LigParGenForceFieldSource object

## Parameters

- **preferred\_charge\_model** ([ChargeModel](#)) – The preferred charge model to apply. In some cases the preferred charge model may not be applicable (e.g. 1.14\*CM1A-LBCC may only be applied to neutral molecules) and so another model may be applied in its place.
- **cutoff** ([pint.Quantity](#)) – The non-bonded interaction cutoff.
- **request\_url** ([str](#)) – The URL of the LIGPARGEN server file to send the parametrization to request to.
- **download\_url** ([str](#)) – The URL of the LIGPARGEN server file to download the results of a request from.

## Methods

<code>__init__([preferred_charge_model, cutoff, ...])</code>	Constructs a new LigParGenForceFieldSource object
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

## Attributes

<code>cutoff</code>	The non-bonded interaction cutoff.
<code>download_url</code>	The URL of the LIGPARGEN server file to download the results of a request from.
<code>preferred_charge_model</code>	The preferred charge model to apply.
<code>request_url</code>	The URL of the LIGPARGEN server file to send the parametrization to request to.

### **class** ChargeModel

An enumeration.

### **property** preferred\_charge\_model

The preferred charge model to apply. In some cases the preferred charge model may not be applicable (e.g. 1.14\*CM1A-LBCC may only be applied to neutral molecules) and so another model may be applied in its place.

**Type** *ChargeModel*

### **property** cutoff

The non-bonded interaction cutoff.

**Type** *pint.Quantity*

### **property** request\_url

The URL of the LIGPARGEN server file to send the parametrization to request to.

**Type** *str*

### **property** download\_url

The URL of the LIGPARGEN server file to download the results of a request from.

**Type** *str*

### **classmethod** from\_json(*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** *file\_path* (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** *cls*

### **json**(*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** *str*

### **classmethod** parse\_json(*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

## Gradient Estimation

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*ParameterGradientKey*

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*ParameterGradient*

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## ParameterGradientKey

**class** openff.evaluator.forcefield.**ParameterGradientKey** (*tag=None, smirks=None, attribute=None*)

**\_\_init\_\_** (*tag=None, smirks=None, attribute=None*)  
Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

### Methods

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<code>__init__</code> ([tag, smirks, attribute])	Initialize self.
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### Attributes

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attribute
smirks
tag

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## ParameterGradient

**class** openff.evaluator.forcefield.**ParameterGradient** (*key=None, value=None*)

**\_\_init\_\_** (*key=None, value=None*)  
Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

### Methods

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<code>__init__</code> ([key, value])	Initialize self.
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**Attributes**

key	
value	

**2.26.6 Calculation Layers API**

<i>CalculationLayer</i>	An abstract representation of a calculation layer whose goal is to estimate a set of physical properties using a single approach, such as a layer which employs direct simulations to estimate properties, or one which reweights cached simulation data to the same end.
<i>CalculationLayerResult</i>	The result of attempting to estimate a property using a <i>CalculationLayer</i> .
<i>CalculationLayerSchema</i>	A schema which encodes the options that a <i>CalculationLayer</i> should use when estimating a given class of physical properties.
<i>calculation_layer</i>	A decorator which registers a class as being a calculation layer which may be used in property calculations.
<i>register_calculation_layer</i>	Registers a class as being a calculation layer which may be used in property calculations.
<i>register_calculation_schema</i>	Registers the default calculation schema to use when estimating a class of properties (e.g.

**CalculationLayer**

**class** openff.evaluator.layers.**CalculationLayer**

An abstract representation of a calculation layer whose goal is to estimate a set of physical properties using a single approach, such as a layer which employs direct simulations to estimate properties, or one which reweights cached simulation data to the same end.

**\_\_init\_\_()**  
Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

**Methods**

<b>__init__</b>	Initialize self.
<i>required_schema_type()</i>	Returns the type of <i>CalculationLayerSchema</i> required by this layer.
<i>schedule_calculation</i> (calculation_backend, ...)	Submit the proposed calculation to the backend of choice.

**abstract classmethod required\_schema\_type()**  
Returns the type of *CalculationLayerSchema* required by this layer.

**Returns** The required schema type.

**Return type** type of CalculationLayerSchema

**classmethod** `schedule_calculation` (*calculation\_backend, storage\_backend, layer\_directory, batch, callback, synchronous=False*)

Submit the proposed calculation to the backend of choice.

#### Parameters

- **calculation\_backend** (*CalculationBackend*) – The backend to the submit the calculations to.
- **storage\_backend** (*StorageBackend*) – The backend used to store / retrieve data from previous calculations.
- **layer\_directory** (*str*) – The directory in which to store all temporary calculation data from this layer.
- **batch** (*Batch*) – The batch of properties to estimate with the layer.
- **callback** (*function*) – The function to call when the backend returns the results (or an error).
- **synchronous** (*bool*) – If true, this function will block until the calculation has completed. This is mainly intended for debugging purposes.

### CalculationLayerResult

**class** `openff.evaluator.layers.CalculationLayerResult`

The result of attempting to estimate a property using a *CalculationLayer*.

**\_\_init\_\_** ()

Initialize self. See `help(type(self))` for accurate signature.

#### Methods

<code>__init__</code>	Initialize self.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

#### Attributes

<code>data_to_store</code>	Paths to the data objects to store.
<code>exceptions</code>	Any exceptions raised by the layer while estimating the property.
<code>physical_property</code>	The estimated property (if the layer was successful).

#### **physical\_property**

The estimated property (if the layer was successful). The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

Type *PhysicalProperty*

**data\_to\_store**



Paths to the data objects to store. The default value of this attribute is `[]`.

**Type** `list`

#### **exceptions**

Any exceptions raised by the layer while estimating the property. The default value of this attribute is `[]`.

**Type** `list`

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** `ValueError` or `AssertionError` –

**classmethod** **from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod** **get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** `list of str`

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**classmethod** **parse\_json** (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

## CalculationLayerSchema

**class** openff.evaluator.layers.CalculationLayerSchema

A schema which encodes the options that a *CalculationLayer* should use when estimating a given class of physical properties.

**\_\_init\_\_**()

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

### Methods

<code>__init__</code>	Initialize self.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

### Attributes

<code>absolute_tolerance</code>	The absolute uncertainty that the property should be estimated to within.
<code>relative_tolerance</code>	The relative uncertainty that the property should be estimated to within, i.e <i>relative_tolerance</i> * <i>measured_property.uncertainty</i> .

#### **absolute\_tolerance**

The absolute uncertainty that the property should be estimated to within. This attribute is mutually exclusive with the *relative\_tolerance* attribute. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** Quantity

#### **relative\_tolerance**

The relative uncertainty that the property should be estimated to within, i.e *relative\_tolerance* \* *measured\_property.uncertainty*. This attribute is mutually exclusive with the *absolute\_tolerance* attribute. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** float

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** **ValueError** or **AssertionError** –

**classmethod** **from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** cls

**classmethod** `get_attributes` (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** `attribute_type` (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of str

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** str

**classmethod** `parse_json` (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

## calculation\_layer

`openff.evaluator.layers.calculation_layer()`

A decorator which registers a class as being a calculation layer which may be used in property calculations.

## register\_calculation\_layer

`openff.evaluator.layers.register_calculation_layer(layer_class)`

Registers a class as being a calculation layer which may be used in property calculations.

**Parameters** `layer_class` (*type of CalculationLayer*) – The calculation layer to register.

## register\_calculation\_schema

`openff.evaluator.layers.register_calculation_schema` (*property\_class*, *layer\_class*, *schema*)

Registers the default calculation schema to use when estimating a class of properties (e.g. *Density*) with a specific calculation layer (e.g. the *SimulationLayer*).

### Parameters

- **property\_class** (*type of PhysicalProperty*) – The class of properties to associate with the specified *calculation\_layer* and *property\_class*.
- **layer\_class** (*type of CalculationLayer*) – The calculation layer to associate the schema with.
- **schema** (*CalculationLayerSchema or Callable[[CalculationLayerSchema], CalculationLayerSchema]*) – Either the calculation schema to use, or a function which will create the schema from an existing *CalculationLayerSchema*.

## Built-in Calculation Layers

<i>WorkflowCalculationLayer</i>	An calculation layer which uses the built-in workflow framework to estimate sets of physical properties.
<i>WorkflowCalculationSchema</i>	A schema which encodes the options and the workflow schema that a <i>CalculationLayer</i> should use when estimating a given class of physical properties using the built-in workflow framework.

## WorkflowCalculationLayer

**class** `openff.evaluator.layers.workflow.WorkflowCalculationLayer`

An calculation layer which uses the built-in workflow framework to estimate sets of physical properties.

**\_\_init\_\_** ()

Initialize self. See `help(type(self))` for accurate signature.

### Methods

<b>__init__</b>	Initialize self.
<i>required_schema_type</i> ()	Returns the type of <i>CalculationLayerSchema</i> required by this layer.
<i>schedule_calculation</i> ( <i>calculation_backend</i> , ...)	Submit the proposed calculation to the backend of choice.
<i>workflow_to_layer_result</i> ( <i>queued_properties</i> , ...)	Converts a list of <i>WorkflowResult</i> to a list of <i>CalculationLayerResult</i> objects.

**static workflow\_to\_layer\_result** (*queued\_properties*, *provenance*, *workflow\_results*, \*\*\_)

Converts a list of *WorkflowResult* to a list of *CalculationLayerResult* objects.

### Parameters

- **queued\_properties** (*list of PhysicalProperty*) – The properties being estimated by this layer
- **provenance** (*dict of str and str*) – The provenance of each property.

- **workflow\_results** (*list of WorkflowResult*) – The results of each workflow.

**Returns** The calculation layer result objects.

**Return type** list of CalculationLayerResult

**abstractmethod required\_schema\_type()**

Returns the type of *CalculationLayerSchema* required by this layer.

**Returns** The required schema type.

**Return type** type of CalculationLayerSchema

**classmethod schedule\_calculation** (*calculation\_backend, storage\_backend, layer\_directory, batch, callback, synchronous=False*)

Submit the proposed calculation to the backend of choice.

**Parameters**

- **calculation\_backend** (*CalculationBackend*) – The backend to the submit the calculations to.
- **storage\_backend** (*StorageBackend*) – The backend used to store / retrieve data from previous calculations.
- **layer\_directory** (*str*) – The directory in which to store all temporary calculation data from this layer.
- **batch** (*Batch*) – The batch of properties to estimate with the layer.
- **callback** (*function*) – The function to call when the backend returns the results (or an error).
- **synchronous** (*bool*) – If true, this function will block until the calculation has completed. This is mainly intended for debugging purposes.

## WorkflowCalculationSchema

**class** openff.evaluator.layers.workflow.WorkflowCalculationSchema

A schema which encodes the options and the workflow schema that a *CalculationLayer* should use when estimating a given class of physical properties using the built-in workflow framework.

**\_\_init\_\_()**

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

## Methods

<code>__init__</code>	Initialize self.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<code>absolute_tolerance</code>	The absolute uncertainty that the property should be estimated to within.
<code>relative_tolerance</code>	The relative uncertainty that the property should be estimated to within, i.e <code>relative_tolerance * measured_property.uncertainty</code> .
<code>workflow_schema</code>	The workflow schema to use when estimating properties.

### **workflow\_schema**

The workflow schema to use when estimating properties. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `WorkflowSchema`

### **validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** `ValueError` or `AssertionError` –

### **absolute\_tolerance**

The absolute uncertainty that the property should be estimated to within. This attribute is mutually exclusive with the *relative\_tolerance* attribute. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** `Quantity`

### **classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

### **classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** `list of str`

### **json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

#### **Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**classmethod** `parse_json` (*string\_contents*, *encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str* or *bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**relative\_tolerance**

The relative uncertainty that the property should be estimated to within, i.e *relative\_tolerance* \* *measured\_property.uncertainty*. This attribute is mutually exclusive with the *absolute\_tolerance* attribute. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** float

<i>SimulationLayer</i>	A calculation layer which employs molecular simulation to estimate sets of physical properties.
<i>SimulationSchema</i>	A schema which encodes the options and the workflow schema that the <i>SimulationLayer</i> should use when estimating a given class of physical properties using the built-in workflow framework.

## SimulationLayer

**class** `openff.evaluator.layers.simulation.SimulationLayer`

A calculation layer which employs molecular simulation to estimate sets of physical properties.

**\_\_init\_\_** ()

Initialize self. See `help(type(self))` for accurate signature.

### Methods

<b>__init__</b>	Initialize self.
<code>required_schema_type()</code>	Returns the type of <i>CalculationLayerSchema</i> required by this layer.
<code>schedule_calculation(calculation_backend, ...)</code>	Submit the proposed calculation to the backend of choice.
<code>workflow_to_layer_result(queued_properties, ...)</code>	Converts a list of <i>WorkflowResult</i> to a list of <i>CalculationLayerResult</i> objects.

**classmethod** `required_schema_type` ()

Returns the type of *CalculationLayerSchema* required by this layer.

**Returns** The required schema type.

**Return type** type of *CalculationLayerSchema*

**classmethod** `schedule_calculation` (*calculation\_backend*, *storage\_backend*, *layer\_directory*, *batch*, *callback*, *synchronous=False*)

Submit the proposed calculation to the backend of choice.

**Parameters**

- **calculation\_backend** (*CalculationBackend*) – The backend to the submit the calculations to.
- **storage\_backend** (*StorageBackend*) – The backend used to store / retrieve data from previous calculations.
- **layer\_directory** (*str*) – The directory in which to store all temporary calculation data from this layer.
- **batch** (*Batch*) – The batch of properties to estimate with the layer.
- **callback** (*function*) – The function to call when the backend returns the results (or an error).
- **synchronous** (*bool*) – If true, this function will block until the calculation has completed. This is mainly intended for debugging purposes.

**static workflow\_to\_layer\_result** (*queued\_properties, provenance, workflow\_results, \*\*\_*)  
Converts a list of *WorkflowResult* to a list of *CalculationLayerResult* objects.

#### Parameters

- **queued\_properties** (*list of PhysicalProperty*) – The properties being estimated by this layer
- **provenance** (*dict of str and str*) – The provenance of each property.
- **workflow\_results** (*list of WorkflowResult*) – The results of each workflow.

**Returns** The calculation layer result objects.

**Return type** list of *CalculationLayerResult*

## SimulationSchema

**class** openff.evaluator.layers.simulation.**SimulationSchema**

A schema which encodes the options and the workflow schema that the *SimulationLayer* should use when estimating a given class of physical properties using the built-in workflow framework.

**\_\_init\_\_** ()

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

#### Methods

<code>__init__</code>	Initialize self.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.



## Attributes

<code>absolute_tolerance</code>	The absolute uncertainty that the property should be estimated to within.
<code>relative_tolerance</code>	The relative uncertainty that the property should be estimated to within, i.e. <code>relative_tolerance * measured_property.uncertainty</code> .
<code>workflow_schema</code>	The workflow schema to use when estimating properties.

### **absolute\_tolerance**

The absolute uncertainty that the property should be estimated to within. This attribute is mutually exclusive with the `relative_tolerance` attribute. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** Quantity

### **classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** `file_path` (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** cls

### **classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** `attribute_type` (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of str

### **json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- `file_path` (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- `format` (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** str

### **classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- `string_contents` (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- `encoding` (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**relative\_tolerance**

The relative uncertainty that the property should be estimated to within, i.e *relative\_tolerance* \* *measured\_property.uncertainty*. This attribute is mutually exclusive with the *absolute\_tolerance* attribute. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

Type `float`

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

Parameters **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

Raises **ValueError** or **AssertionError** –

**workflow\_schema**

The workflow schema to use when estimating properties. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `WorkflowSchema`

<code>ReweightLayer</code>	A <i>CalculationLayer</i> which attempts to ‘reweight’ cached simulation data to evaluate the values of properties at states which have not previously been simulated directly, but where simulations at similar states have been run previously.
<code>ReweightSchema</code>	A schema which encodes the options and the workflow schema that the <i>SimulationLayer</i> should use when estimating a given class of physical properties using the built-in workflow framework.
<code>default_storage_query</code>	Return the default query to use when retrieving cached simulation

**ReweightLayer****class** openff.evaluator.layers.reweighting.**ReweightLayer**

A *CalculationLayer* which attempts to ‘reweight’ cached simulation data to evaluate the values of properties at states which have not previously been simulated directly, but where simulations at similar states have been run previously.

**\_\_init\_\_** ()

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

**Methods**

<code>__init__</code>	Initialize self.
<code>required_schema_type()</code>	Returns the type of <i>CalculationLayerSchema</i> required by this layer.
<code>schedule_calculation(calculation_backend, ...)</code>	Submit the proposed calculation to the backend of choice.
<code>workflow_to_layer_result(queued_properties, ...)</code>	Converts a list of <i>WorkflowResult</i> to a list of <i>CalculationLayerResult</i> objects.

**classmethod** `required_schema_type()`

Returns the type of *CalculationLayerSchema* required by this layer.

**Returns** The required schema type.

**Return type** type of *CalculationLayerSchema*

**classmethod `schedule_calculation`** (*calculation\_backend*, *storage\_backend*, *layer\_directory*, *batch*, *callback*, *synchronous=False*)

Submit the proposed calculation to the backend of choice.

**Parameters**

- **`calculation_backend`** (*CalculationBackend*) – The backend to the submit the calculations to.
- **`storage_backend`** (*StorageBackend*) – The backend used to store / retrieve data from previous calculations.
- **`layer_directory`** (*str*) – The directory in which to store all temporary calculation data from this layer.
- **`batch`** (*Batch*) – The batch of properties to estimate with the layer.
- **`callback`** (*function*) – The function to call when the backend returns the results (or an error).
- **`synchronous`** (*bool*) – If true, this function will block until the calculation has completed. This is mainly intended for debugging purposes.

**static `workflow_to_layer_result`** (*queued\_properties*, *provenance*, *workflow\_results*, *\*\*\_*)

Converts a list of *WorkflowResult* to a list of *CalculationLayerResult* objects.

**Parameters**

- **`queued_properties`** (*list of PhysicalProperty*) – The properties being estimated by this layer
- **`provenance`** (*dict of str and str*) – The provenance of each property.
- **`workflow_results`** (*list of WorkflowResult*) – The results of each workflow.

**Returns** The calculation layer result objects.

**Return type** list of *CalculationLayerResult*

## ReweightingSchema

**class** `openff.evaluator.layers.reweighting.ReweightingSchema`

A schema which encodes the options and the workflow schema that the *SimulationLayer* should use when estimating a given class of physical properties using the built-in workflow framework.

**`__init__`** ()

Initialize self. See `help(type(self))` for accurate signature.

## Methods

<code>__init__</code>	Initialize self.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<code>absolute_tolerance</code>	The absolute uncertainty that the property should be estimated to within.
<code>maximum_data_points</code>	The maximum number of data points to include as part of the multi-state reweighting calculations.
<code>relative_tolerance</code>	The relative uncertainty that the property should be estimated to within, i.e <i>relative_tolerance</i> * <i>measured_property.uncertainty</i> .
<code>storage_queries</code>	The queries to perform when retrieving data for each of the components in the system from the storage backend.
<code>temperature_cutoff</code>	The maximum difference between the target temperature and the temperature at which cached data was collected to.
<code>workflow_schema</code>	The workflow schema to use when estimating properties.

### **storage\_queries**

The queries to perform when retrieving data for each of the components in the system from the storage backend. The keys of this dictionary will correspond to the metadata keys made available to the workflow system.

**Type** dict

### **maximum\_data\_points**

The maximum number of data points to include as part of the multi-state reweighting calculations. If zero, no cap will be applied. The default value of this attribute is 4.

**Type** int

### **temperature\_cutoff**

The maximum difference between the target temperature and the temperature at which cached data was collected to. Data collected for temperatures outside of this cutoff will be ignored. The default value of this attribute is 5.0 K.

**Type** Quantity

### **validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** *attribute\_type* (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** **ValueError** or **AssertionError** –

**absolute\_tolerance**

The absolute uncertainty that the property should be estimated to within. This attribute is mutually exclusive with the *relative\_tolerance* attribute. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** Quantity

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** *file\_path* (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** cls

**classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** *attribute\_type* (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of str

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** str

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**relative\_tolerance**

The relative uncertainty that the property should be estimated to within, i.e *relative\_tolerance* \* *measured\_property.uncertainty*. This attribute is mutually exclusive with the *absolute\_tolerance* attribute. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** float

**workflow\_schema**

The workflow schema to use when estimating properties. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *WorkflowSchema*

## default\_storage\_query

`openff.evaluator.layers.reweighting.default_storage_query()`

**Return the default query to use when retrieving cached simulation** data from the storage backend.

Currently this query will search for data for the full substance of interest in the liquid phase.

**Returns** A single query with a key of “*full\_system\_data*”.

**Return type** dict of str and SimulationDataQuery

## 2.26.7 Calculation Backends API

<i>CalculationBackend</i>	An abstract base representation of an openff-evaluator calculation backend.
<i>ComputeResources</i>	An object which stores how many of each type of computational resource (threads or gpu’s) is available to a calculation worker.
<i>QueueWorkerResources</i>	An extended resource object with properties specific to calculations which will run on queue based resources, such as LSF, PBS or SLURM.

### CalculationBackend

**class** `openff.evaluator.backends.CalculationBackend` (*number\_of\_workers=1*, *re-sources\_per\_worker=None*)

An abstract base representation of an openff-evaluator calculation backend. A backend is responsible for coordinating, distributing and running calculations on the available hardware. This may range from a single machine to a multinode cluster, but *not* across multiple cluster or physical locations.

### Notes

All estimator backend classes must inherit from this class, and must implement the *start*, *stop*, and *submit\_task* method.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*number\_of\_workers=1*, *resources\_per\_worker=None*)

Constructs a new CalculationBackend object.

#### Parameters

- **number\_of\_workers** (*int*) – The number of works to run the calculations on. One worker can perform a single task (e.g run a simulation) at once.
- **resources\_per\_worker** (*ComputeResources*, *optional*) – The number of resources to request per worker.

## Methods

<code>__init__([number_of_workers, ...])</code>	Constructs a new CalculationBackend object.
<code>start()</code>	Start the calculation backend.
<code>stop()</code>	Stop the calculation backend.
<code>submit_task(function, *args, **kwargs)</code>	Submit a task to the compute resources managed by this backend.

## Attributes

<code>started</code>	Returns whether this backend has been started yet.
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### property started

Returns whether this backend has been started yet.

Type `bool`

### start()

Start the calculation backend.

### abstract stop()

Stop the calculation backend.

### abstract submit\_task(function, \*args, \*\*kwargs)

Submit a task to the compute resources managed by this backend.

**Parameters** `function` (*function*) – The function to run.

**Returns** Returns a future object which will eventually point to the results of the submitted task.

**Return type** Future

## ComputeResources

```
class openff.evaluator.backends.ComputeResources (number_of_threads=1,
                                                number_of_gpus=0,           pre-
                                                ferred_gpu_toolkit=<GPUPoolkit.CUDA:
                                                'CUDA'>)
```

An object which stores how many of each type of computational resource (threads or gpu's) is available to a calculation worker.

```
__init__ (number_of_threads=1, number_of_gpus=0, preferred_gpu_toolkit=<GPUPoolkit.CUDA:
'CUDA'>)
```

Constructs a new ComputeResources object.

### Parameters

- **number\_of\_threads** (*int*) – The number of threads available to a calculation worker.
- **number\_of\_gpus** (*int*) – The number of GPUs available to a calculation worker.
- **preferred\_gpu\_toolkit** (`ComputeResources.GPUPoolkit`, *optional*) – The preferred toolkit to use when running on GPUs.

## Methods

<code>__init__</code> ( <code>number_of_threads</code> , ...)	Constructs a new <code>ComputeResources</code> object.
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## Attributes

<code>gpu_device_indices</code>	The indices of the GPUs to run on.
<code>number_of_gpus</code>	The number of GPUs available to a calculation worker.
<code>number_of_threads</code>	The number of threads available to a calculation worker.
<code>preferred_gpu_toolkit</code>	The preferred toolkit to use when running on GPUs.

### **class** `GPUToolkit`

An enumeration of the different GPU toolkits to make available to different calculations.

#### **property** `number_of_threads`

The number of threads available to a calculation worker.

Type `int`

#### **property** `number_of_gpus`

The number of GPUs available to a calculation worker.

Type `int`

#### **property** `preferred_gpu_toolkit`

The preferred toolkit to use when running on GPUs.

Type `ComputeResources.GPUToolkit`

#### **property** `gpu_device_indices`

The indices of the GPUs to run on. This is purely an internal implementation detail and should not be relied upon externally.

Type `str`

## QueueWorkerResources

```
class openff.evaluator.backends.QueueWorkerResources(number_of_threads=1,  
                                                    number_of_gpus=0,      pre-  
                                                    ferred_gpu_toolkit=None,  
                                                    per_thread_memory_limit=<Quantity(1,  
                                                    'gigabyte')>,      wall-  
                                                    clock_time_limit='01:00')
```

An extended resource object with properties specific to calculations which will run on queue based resources, such as LSF, PBS or SLURM.

```
__init__(number_of_threads=1,      number_of_gpus=0,      preferred_gpu_toolkit=None,  
         per_thread_memory_limit=<Quantity(1, 'gigabyte')>, wallclock_time_limit='01:00')  
Constructs a new ComputeResources object.
```



## Notes

Both the requested *number\_of\_threads* and the *number\_of\_gpus* must be less than or equal to the number of threads (/cpus/cores) and GPUs available to each compute node in the cluster respectively, such that a single worker is able to be accommodated by a single compute node.

## Parameters

- **per\_thread\_memory\_limit** (*simtk.Quantity*) – The maximum amount of memory available to each thread.
- **wallclock\_time\_limit** (*str*) – The maximum amount of wall clock time that a worker can run for. This should be a string of the form *HH:MM* where HH is the number of hours and MM the number of minutes

## Methods

<code>__init__</code> ([number_of_threads, ...])	Constructs a new ComputeResources object.
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## Attributes

<code>gpu_device_indices</code>	The indices of the GPUs to run on.
<code>number_of_gpus</code>	The number of GPUs available to a calculation worker.
<code>number_of_threads</code>	The number of threads available to a calculation worker.
<code>per_thread_memory_limit</code>	The maximum amount of memory available to each thread, such that the total memory limit will be <i>per_cpu_memory_limit * number_of_threads</i> .
<code>preferred_gpu_toolkit</code>	The preferred toolkit to use when running on GPUs.
<code>wallclock_time_limit</code>	The maximum amount of wall clock time that a worker can run for.

### property `per_thread_memory_limit`

The maximum amount of memory available to each thread, such that the total memory limit will be *per\_cpu\_memory\_limit \* number\_of\_threads*.

**Type** `simtk.Quantity`

### property `wallclock_time_limit`

The maximum amount of wall clock time that a worker can run for. This should be a string of the form *HH:MM* where HH is the number of hours and MM the number of minutes

**Type** `str`

### class `GPUToolkit`

An enumeration of the different GPU toolkits to make available to different calculations.

### property `gpu_device_indices`

The indices of the GPUs to run on. This is purely an internal implementation detail and should not be relied upon externally.

**Type** `str`

**property number\_of\_gpus**

The number of GPUs available to a calculation worker.

Type `int`

**property number\_of\_threads**

The number of threads available to a calculation worker.

Type `int`

**property preferred\_gpu\_toolkit**

The preferred toolkit to use when running on GPUs.

Type `ComputeResources.GPUToolkit`

**Dask Backends**

<i>BaseDaskBackend</i>	A base <i>dask</i> backend class, which implements functionality which is common to all other <i>dask</i> based backends.
<i>BaseDaskJobQueueBackend</i>	An openff-evaluator backend which uses a <i>dask_jobqueue.JobQueueCluster</i> object to run calculations within an existing HPC queuing system.
<i>DaskLocalCluster</i>	An openff-evaluator backend which uses a <i>dask LocalCluster</i> object to run calculations on a single machine.
<i>DaskLSFBackend</i>	An openff-evaluator backend which uses a <i>dask_jobqueue.LSFCluster</i> object to run calculations within an existing LSF queue.
<i>DaskPBSBackend</i>	An openff-evaluator backend which uses a <i>dask_jobqueue.PBSCluster</i> object to run calculations within an existing PBS queue.

**BaseDaskBackend**

**class** `openff.evaluator.backends.dask.BaseDaskBackend` (*number\_of\_workers=1*, *resources\_per\_worker=<openff.evaluator.backends.backends.ComputeResources object>*)

A base *dask* backend class, which implements functionality which is common to all other *dask* based backends.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*number\_of\_workers=1*, *resources\_per\_worker=<openff.evaluator.backends.backends.ComputeResources object>*)

Constructs a new BaseDaskBackend object.

**Methods**

<i>__init__</i> ([ <i>number_of_workers</i> , ...])	Constructs a new BaseDaskBackend object.
<i>start</i> ()	Start the calculation backend.
<i>stop</i> ()	Stop the calculation backend.
<i>submit_task</i> ( <i>function</i> , * <i>args</i> , ** <i>kwargs</i> )	Submit a task to the compute resources managed by this backend.

## Attributes

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<code>started</code>	Returns whether this backend has been started yet.
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**start()**

Start the calculation backend.

**stop()**

Stop the calculation backend.

**property started**

Returns whether this backend has been started yet.

**Type** `bool`

**abstract submit\_task** (*function*, \*args, \*\*kwargs)

Submit a task to the compute resources managed by this backend.

**Parameters** **function** (*function*) – The function to run.

**Returns** Returns a future object which will eventually point to the results of the submitted task.

**Return type** `Future`

## BaseDaskJobQueueBackend

```
class openff.evaluator.backends.dask.BaseDaskJobQueueBackend (minimum_number_of_workers=1,
                                                             maxi-
                                                             mum_number_of_workers=1,
                                                             re-
                                                             sources_per_worker=<openff.evaluator.bac
                                                             object>,
                                                             queue_name='default',
                                                             setup_script_commands=None,
                                                             ex-
                                                             tra_script_options=None,
                                                             adap-
                                                             tive_interval='10000ms',
                                                             dis-
                                                             able_nanny_process=False,
                                                             clus-
                                                             ter_type=None,
                                                             adap-
                                                             tive_class=None)
```

An openff-evaluator backend which uses a `dask_jobqueue.JobQueueCluster` object to run calculations within an existing HPC queuing system.

**See also:**

`dask_jobqueue.JobQueueCluster`

```
__init__ (minimum_number_of_workers=1,          maximum_number_of_workers=1,          re-
          sources_per_worker=<openff.evaluator.backends.backends.QueueWorkerResources ob-
          ject>, queue_name='default', setup_script_commands=None, extra_script_options=None,
          adaptive_interval='10000ms', disable_nanny_process=False, cluster_type=None, adap-
          tive_class=None)
```

Constructs a new `BaseDaskJobQueueBackend` object

### Parameters

- **minimum\_number\_of\_workers** (*int*) – The minimum number of workers to request from the queue system.
- **maximum\_number\_of\_workers** (*int*) – The maximum number of workers to request from the queue system.
- **resources\_per\_worker** (*QueueWorkerResources*) – The resources to request per worker.
- **queue\_name** (*str*) – The name of the queue which the workers will be requested from.
- **setup\_script\_commands** (*list of str*) – A list of bash script commands to call within the queue submission script before the call to launch the dask worker.

This may include activating a python environment, or loading an environment module

- **extra\_script\_options** (*list of str*) – A list of extra job specific options to include in the queue submission script. These will get added to the script header in the form

```
#BSUB <extra_script_options[x]>
```

- **adaptive\_interval** (*str*) – The interval between attempting to either scale up or down the cluster, of of the form ‘XXXms’.
- **disable\_nanny\_process** (*bool*) – If true, dask workers will be started in *-no-nanny* mode. This is required if using multiprocessing code within submitted tasks.

This has not been fully tested yet and may lead to stability issues with the workers.

- **adaptive\_class** (class of type *distributed.deploy.AdaptiveCore*, optional) – An optional class to pass to dask to use for its adaptive scaling handling. This is mainly exposed to allow easily working around certain dask bugs / quirks.

### Methods

<code>__init__</code> ([minimum_number_of_workers, ...])	Constructs a new BaseDaskJobQueueBackend object
<code>job_script</code> ()	Returns the job script that dask will use to submit workers.
<code>start</code> ()	Start the calculation backend.
<code>stop</code> ()	Stop the calculation backend.
<code>submit_task</code> (function, *args, **kwargs)	Submit a task to the compute resources managed by this backend.

### Attributes

<code>started</code>	Returns whether this backend has been started yet.
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#### `job_script()`

Returns the job script that dask will use to submit workers. The backend must be started before calling this function.

#### Returns

**Return type** `str`

**start()**

Start the calculation backend.

**submit\_task** (*function*, \*args, \*\*kwargs)

Submit a task to the compute resources managed by this backend.

**Parameters** **function** (*function*) – The function to run.

**Returns** Returns a future object which will eventually point to the results of the submitted task.

**Return type** Future

**property started**

Returns whether this backend has been started yet.

**Type** `bool`

**stop()**

Stop the calculation backend.

## DaskLocalCluster

**class** `openff.evaluator.backends.dask.DaskLocalCluster` (*number\_of\_workers=1*, *re-sources\_per\_worker=<openff.evaluator.backends.backends.ComputeResources object>*)

An openff-evaluator backend which uses a *dask LocalCluster* object to run calculations on a single machine.

**See also:**

`dask.LocalCluster`

**\_\_init\_\_** (*number\_of\_workers=1*, *resources\_per\_worker=<openff.evaluator.backends.backends.ComputeResources object>*)

Constructs a new DaskLocalCluster

## Methods

<code>__init__</code> ([ <i>number_of_workers</i> , ...])	Constructs a new DaskLocalCluster
<code>start</code> ()	Start the calculation backend.
<code>stop</code> ()	Stop the calculation backend.
<code>submit_task</code> ( <i>function</i> , *args, **kwargs)	Submit a task to the compute resources managed by this backend.

## Attributes

<code>started</code>	Returns whether this backend has been started yet.
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**start()**

Start the calculation backend.

**submit\_task** (*function*, \*args, \*\*kwargs)

Submit a task to the compute resources managed by this backend.

**Parameters** **function** (*function*) – The function to run.

**Returns** Returns a future object which will eventually point to the results of the submitted task.

**Return type** Future

**property started**

Returns whether this backend has been started yet.

**Type** bool

**stop()**

Stop the calculation backend.

## DaskLSFBackend

```
class openff.evaluator.backends.dask.DaskLSFBackend(minimum_number_of_workers=1,
                                                    maximum_number_of_workers=1,
                                                    resources_per_worker=<openff.evaluator.backends.backends.QueueWorkerResources object>,
                                                    queue_name='default',
                                                    setup_script_commands=None,
                                                    extra_script_options=None,
                                                    adaptive_interval='10000ms',
                                                    disable_nanny_process=False,
                                                    adaptive_class=None)
```

An openff-evaluator backend which uses a *dask\_jobqueue.LSFCluster* object to run calculations within an existing LSF queue.

**See also:**

*dask\_jobqueue.LSFCluster*, *DaskPBSBackend*

```
__init__(minimum_number_of_workers=1, maximum_number_of_workers=1,
          resources_per_worker=<openff.evaluator.backends.backends.QueueWorkerResources object>,
          queue_name='default', setup_script_commands=None, extra_script_options=None,
          adaptive_interval='10000ms', disable_nanny_process=False, adaptive_class=None)
```

Constructs a new DaskLSFBackend object

## Examples

To create an LSF queueing compute backend which will attempt to spin up workers which have access to a single GPU.

```
>>> # Create a resource object which will request a worker with
>>> # one gpu which will stay alive for five hours.
>>> from openff.evaluator.backends import QueueWorkerResources
>>>
>>> resources = QueueWorkerResources(number_of_threads=1,
>>>                                number_of_gpus=1,
>>>                                preferred_gpu_
↪ toolkit=QueueWorkerResources.GPUToolkit.CUDA,
>>>                                wallclock_time_limit='05:00')
>>>
>>> # Define the set of commands which will set up the correct environment
>>> # for each of the workers.
>>> setup_script_commands = [
>>>     'module load cuda/9.2',
>>> ]
```

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>>>
>>> # Define extra options to only run on certain node groups
>>> extra_script_options = [
>>>     '-m "ls-gpu lt-gpu"'
>>> ]
>>>
>>>
>>> # Create the backend which will adaptively try to spin up between one and
>>> # ten workers with the requested resources depending on the calculation,
↪load.
>>> from openff.evaluator.backends.dask import DaskLSFBackend
>>>
>>> lsf_backend = DaskLSFBackend(minimum_number_of_workers=1,
>>>                               maximum_number_of_workers=10,
>>>                               resources_per_worker=resources,
>>>                               queue_name='gpuqueue',
>>>                               setup_script_commands=setup_script_commands,
>>>                               extra_script_options=extra_script_options)

```

## Methods

<code>__init__([minimum_number_of_workers, ...])</code>	Constructs a new DaskLSFBackend object
<code>job_script()</code>	Returns the job script that dask will use to submit workers.
<code>start()</code>	Start the calculation backend.
<code>stop()</code>	Stop the calculation backend.
<code>submit_task(function, *args, **kwargs)</code>	Submit a task to the compute resources managed by this backend.

## Attributes

<code>started</code>	Returns whether this backend has been started yet.
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### `job_script()`

Returns the job script that dask will use to submit workers. The backend must be started before calling this function.

#### Returns

Return type `str`

### `start()`

Start the calculation backend.

### property `started`

Returns whether this backend has been started yet.

Type `bool`

### `stop()`

Stop the calculation backend.

### `submit_task(function, *args, **kwargs)`

Submit a task to the compute resources managed by this backend.

**Parameters** `function` (*function*) – The function to run.

**Returns** Returns a future object which will eventually point to the results of the submitted task.

**Return type** Future

## DaskPBSBackend

```
class openff.evaluator.backends.dask.DaskPBSBackend(minimum_number_of_workers=1,
                                                    maxi-
                                                    mum_number_of_workers=1,
                                                    re-
                                                    sources_per_worker=<openff.evaluator.backends.backen
                                                    object>, queue_name='default',
                                                    setup_script_commands=None,
                                                    extra_script_options=None,
                                                    adaptive_interval='10000ms',
                                                    disable_nanny_process=False,
                                                    resource_line=None, adap-
                                                    tive_class=None)
```

An openff-evaluator backend which uses a `dask_jobqueue.PBSCluster` object to run calculations within an existing PBS queue.

**See also:**

`dask_jobqueue.LSFCluster`, `DaskLSFBackend`

```
__init__(minimum_number_of_workers=1,           maximum_number_of_workers=1,           re-
          sources_per_worker=<openff.evaluator.backends.backends.QueueWorkerResources ob-
          ject>, queue_name='default', setup_script_commands=None, extra_script_options=None,
          adaptive_interval='10000ms', disable_nanny_process=False, resource_line=None, adap-
          tive_class=None)
```

Constructs a new DaskLSFBackend object

**Parameters** `resource_line` (*str*) – The string to pass to the `#PBS -l` line.

## Examples

To create a PBS queueing compute backend which will attempt to spin up workers which have access to a single GPU.

```
>>> # Create a resource object which will request a worker with
>>> # one gpu which will stay alive for five hours.
>>> from openff.evaluator.backends import QueueWorkerResources
>>>
>>> resources = QueueWorkerResources(number_of_threads=1,
>>>                                   number_of_gpus=1,
>>>                                   preferred_gpu_
↳ toolkit=QueueWorkerResources.GPUToolkit.CUDA,
>>>                                   wallclock_time_limit='05:00')
>>>
>>> # Define the set of commands which will set up the correct environment
>>> # for each of the workers.
>>> setup_script_commands = [
>>>     'module load cuda/9.2',
>>> ]
```

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```

>>>
>>> # Create the backend which will adaptively try to spin up between one and
>>> # ten workers with the requested resources depending on the calculation_
↪load.
>>> from openff.evaluator.backends.dask import DaskPBSBackend
>>>
>>> pbs_backend = DaskPBSBackend(minimum_number_of_workers=1,
>>>                               maximum_number_of_workers=10,
>>>                               resources_per_worker=resources,
>>>                               queue_name='gpuqueue',
>>>                               setup_script_commands=setup_script_commands)

```

## Methods

<code>__init__([minimum_number_of_workers, ...])</code>	Constructs a new DaskLSFBackend object
<code>job_script()</code>	Returns the job script that dask will use to submit workers.
<code>start()</code>	Start the calculation backend.
<code>stop()</code>	Stop the calculation backend.
<code>submit_task(function, *args, **kwargs)</code>	Submit a task to the compute resources managed by this backend.

## Attributes

<code>started</code>	Returns whether this backend has been started yet.
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### `job_script()`

Returns the job script that dask will use to submit workers. The backend must be started before calling this function.

#### Returns

**Return type** `str`

### `start()`

Start the calculation backend.

### **property** `started`

Returns whether this backend has been started yet.

**Type** `bool`

### `stop()`

Stop the calculation backend.

### `submit_task(function, *args, **kwargs)`

Submit a task to the compute resources managed by this backend.

**Parameters** `function` (*function*) – The function to run.

**Returns** Returns a future object which will eventually point to the results of the submitted task.

**Return type** `Future`

## 2.26.8 Storage API

*StorageBackend*

An abstract base representation of how the openff-evaluator will interact with and store simulation data.

### StorageBackend

**class** openff.evaluator.storage.StorageBackend

An abstract base representation of how the openff-evaluator will interact with and store simulation data.

#### Notes

When implementing this class, only private methods should be overridden as the public methods only mainly implement thread locks, while their private version perform their actual function.

`__init__()`

Constructs a new StorageBackend object.

#### Methods

<code>__init__()</code>	Constructs a new StorageBackend object.
<code>has_force_field(force_field)</code>	A convenience method for checking whether the specified <i>ForceFieldSource</i> object is stored in the backend.
<code>has_object(storage_object)</code>	Checks whether a given hashable object exists in the storage system.
<code>query(data_query)</code>	Query the storage backend for data matching the query criteria.
<code>retrieve_force_field(storage_key)</code>	A convenience method for retrieving <i>ForceFieldSource</i> objects.
<code>retrieve_object(storage_key[, expected_type])</code>	Retrieves a stored object for the estimators storage system.
<code>store_force_field(force_field)</code>	A convenience method for storing <i>ForceFieldSource</i> objects.
<code>store_object(object_to_store[, ...])</code>	Store an object in the storage system, returning the key of the stored object.

**store\_object** (*object\_to\_store*, *ancillary\_data\_path=None*)

Store an object in the storage system, returning the key of the stored object. This may be different to *storage\_key* depending on whether the same or a similar object was already present in the system.

#### Parameters

- **object\_to\_store** (*BaseStoredData*) – The object to store.
- **ancillary\_data\_path** (*str*, *optional*) – The data path to the ancillary directory-like data to store alongside the object if the data type requires one.

**Returns** The unique key assigned to the stored object.

**Return type** *str*

**store\_force\_field** (*force\_field*)

A convenience method for storing *ForceFieldSource* objects.

**Parameters** **force\_field** (*ForceFieldSource*) – The force field to store.

**Returns** The unique id of the stored force field.

**Return type** *str*

**retrieve\_object** (*storage\_key*, *expected\_type=None*)

Retrieves a stored object for the estimators storage system.

**Parameters**

- **storage\_key** (*str*) – A unique key that describes where the stored object can be found within the storage system.
- **expected\_type** (*type of BaseStoredData, optional*) – The expected data type. An exception is raised if the retrieved data doesn't match the type.

**Returns**

- *BaseStoredData, optional* – The stored object if the object key is found, otherwise None.
- *str, optional* – The path to the ancillary data if present.

**retrieve\_force\_field** (*storage\_key*)

A convenience method for retrieving *ForceFieldSource* objects.

**Parameters** **storage\_key** (*str*) – The key of the force field to retrieve.

**Returns** The retrieved force field source.

**Return type** *ForceFieldSource*

**has\_object** (*storage\_object*)

Checks whether a given hashable object exists in the storage system.

**Parameters** **storage\_object** (*BaseStoredData*) – The object to check for.

**Returns** The unique key of the object if it is in the system, *None* otherwise.

**Return type** *str*, optional

**has\_force\_field** (*force\_field*)

A convenience method for checking whether the specified *ForceFieldSource* object is stored in the back-end.

**Parameters** **force\_field** (*ForceFieldSource*) – The force field to look for.

**Returns** The unique key of the object if it is in the system, *None* otherwise.

**Return type** *str*, optional

**query** (*data\_query*)

Query the storage backend for data matching the query criteria.

**Parameters** **data\_query** (*BaseDataQuery*) – The query to perform.

**Returns** The data that matches the query partitioned by the matched values. The list values take the form (storage\_key, data\_object, data\_directory\_path).

**Return type** dict of tuple and list of tuple of *str*, *BaseStoredData* and *str*

## Built-in Storage Backends

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*LocalFileStorage*A storage backend which stores files in directories on the local disk.

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## LocalFileStorage

**class** `openff.evaluator.storage.LocalFileStorage` (*root\_directory*='stored\_data')

A storage backend which stores files in directories on the local disk.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*root\_directory*='stored\_data')

Constructs a new StorageBackend object.

### Methods

<code>__init__</code> ( <i>[root_directory]</i> )	Constructs a new StorageBackend object.
<code>has_force_field</code> ( <i>force_field</i> )	A convenience method for checking whether the specified <i>ForceFieldSource</i> object is stored in the backend.
<code>has_object</code> ( <i>storage_object</i> )	Checks whether a given hashable object exists in the storage system.
<code>query</code> ( <i>data_query</i> )	Query the storage backend for data matching the query criteria.
<code>retrieve_force_field</code> ( <i>storage_key</i> )	A convenience method for retrieving <i>ForceFieldSource</i> objects.
<code>retrieve_object</code> ( <i>storage_key</i> [, <i>expected_type</i> ])	ex- Retrieves a stored object for the estimators storage system.
<code>store_force_field</code> ( <i>force_field</i> )	A convenience method for storing <i>ForceFieldSource</i> objects.
<code>store_object</code> ( <i>object_to_store</i> [, ...])	Store an object in the storage system, returning the key of the stored object.

### Attributes

<i>root_directory</i>	Returns the directory in which all stored objects are located.
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**property** `root_directory`

Returns the directory in which all stored objects are located.

**Type** `str`**has\_force\_field** (*force\_field*)A convenience method for checking whether the specified *ForceFieldSource* object is stored in the backend.**Parameters** `force_field` (*ForceFieldSource*) – The force field to look for.**Returns** The unique key of the object if it is in the system, *None* otherwise.**Return type** `str`, optional**has\_object** (*storage\_object*)

Checks whether a given hashable object exists in the storage system.

**Parameters** `storage_object` (`BaseStoredData`) – The object to check for.

**Returns** The unique key of the object if it is in the system, *None* otherwise.

**Return type** `str`, optional

**query** (`data_query`)

Query the storage backend for data matching the query criteria.

**Parameters** `data_query` (`BaseDataQuery`) – The query to perform.

**Returns** The data that matches the query partitioned by the matched values. The list values take the form (`storage_key`, `data_object`, `data_directory_path`).

**Return type** dict of tuple and list of tuple of `str`, `BaseStoredData` and `str`

**retrieve\_force\_field** (`storage_key`)

A convenience method for retrieving *ForceFieldSource* objects.

**Parameters** `storage_key` (`str`) – The key of the force field to retrieve.

**Returns** The retrieved force field source.

**Return type** *ForceFieldSource*

**retrieve\_object** (`storage_key`, `expected_type=None`)

Retrieves a stored object for the estimators storage system.

**Parameters**

- **storage\_key** (`str`) – A unique key that describes where the stored object can be found within the storage system.
- **expected\_type** (`type of BaseStoredData`, *optional*) – The expected data type. An exception is raised if the retrieved data doesn't match the type.

**Returns**

- *BaseStoredData*, *optional* – The stored object if the object key is found, otherwise *None*.
- *str*, *optional* – The path to the ancillary data if present.

**store\_force\_field** (`force_field`)

A convenience method for storing *ForceFieldSource* objects.

**Parameters** `force_field` (*ForceFieldSource*) – The force field to store.

**Returns** The unique id of the stored force field.

**Return type** `str`

**store\_object** (`object_to_store`, `ancillary_data_path=None`)

Store an object in the storage system, returning the key of the stored object. This may be different to *storage\_key* depending on whether the same or a similar object was already present in the system.

**Parameters**

- **object\_to\_store** (*BaseStoredData*) – The object to store.
- **ancillary\_data\_path** (`str`, *optional*) – The data path to the ancillary directory-like data to store alongside the object if the data type requires one.

**Returns** The unique key assigned to the stored object.

**Return type** `str`

## Data Classes

<i>BaseStoredData</i>	A base representation of cached data to be stored by a storage backend.
<i>HashableStoredData</i>	Represents a class of data objects which can be rapidly compared / indexed by their hash values.
<i>ForceFieldData</i>	A data container for force field objects which will be saved to disk.
<i>ReplaceableData</i>	Represents a piece of stored data which can be replaced in a <i>StorageBackend</i> by another piece of data of the same type.
<i>StoredSimulationData</i>	A representation of data which has been cached from a single previous simulation.

## BaseStoredData

**class** openff.evaluator.storage.data.**BaseStoredData**

A base representation of cached data to be stored by a storage backend.

The expectation is that stored data may exist in storage as two parts:

- 1) A JSON serialized representation of this class (or a subclass), which contains lightweight information such as the state and composition of the system. Any larger pieces of data, such as coordinates or trajectories, should be referenced as a file name.
- 2) A directory like structure (either directly a directory, or some NetCDF like compressed archive) of ancillary files which do not easily lend themselves to be serialized within a JSON object, whose files are referenced by their file name by the data object.

The ancillary directory-like structure is not required if the data may be suitably stored in the data object itself.

**\_\_init\_\_** ()

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

## Methods

<b>__init__</b>	Initialize self.
<i>from_json</i> (file_path)	Create this object from a JSON file.
<i>get_attributes</i> ([attribute_type])	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<i>has_ancillary_data</i> ()	Returns whether this data object requires an accompanying data directory-like structure.
<i>json</i> ([file_path, format])	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<i>parse_json</i> (string_contents[, encoding])	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<i>to_storage_query</i> ()	Returns the storage query which would match this data object.
<i>validate</i> ([attribute_type])	Validate the values of the attributes.

**abstract classmethod** *has\_ancillary\_data* ()

Returns whether this data object requires an accompanying data directory-like structure.

**Returns** True if this class requires an accompanying data directory-like structure.

**Return type** bool

**to\_storage\_query()**

Returns the storage query which would match this data object.

**Returns** The storage query which would match this data object.

**Return type** *BaseDataQuery*

**classmethod from\_json(file\_path)**

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** *cls*

**classmethod get\_attributes(attribute\_type=None)**

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** *list of str*

**json(file\_path=None, format=False)**

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** *str*

**classmethod parse\_json(string\_contents, encoding='utf8')**

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** *Any*

**validate(attribute\_type=None)**

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** *ValueError* or *AssertionError* –

## HashableStoredData

**class** openff.evaluator.storage.data.HashableStoredData

Represents a class of data objects which can be rapidly compared / indexed by their hash values.

**\_\_init\_\_**()

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

### Methods

<code>__init__</code>	Initialize self.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>has_ancillary_data()</code>	Returns whether this data object requires an accompanying data directory-like structure.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>to_storage_query()</code>	Returns the storage query which would match this data object.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

**classmethod** `from_json(file_path)`

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** `file_path` (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod** `get_attributes(attribute_type=None)`

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** `attribute_type` (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** `list of str`

**abstract classmethod** `has_ancillary_data()`

Returns whether this data object requires an accompanying data directory-like structure.

**Returns** True if this class requires an accompanying data directory-like structure.

**Return type** `bool`

**json** (`file_path=None, format=False`)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- `file_path` (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- `format` (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`



**classmethod** `parse_json(string_contents, encoding='utf8')`

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str* or *bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**to\_storage\_query()**

Returns the storage query which would match this data object.

**Returns** The storage query which would match this data object.

**Return type** *BaseDataQuery*

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** **ValueError** or **AssertionError** –

## ForceFieldData

**class** `openff.evaluator.storage.data.ForceFieldData`

A data container for force field objects which will be saved to disk.

**\_\_init\_\_()**

Initialize self. See `help(type(self))` for accurate signature.

## Methods

<code>__init__</code>	Initialize self.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>has_ancillary_data()</code>	Returns whether this data object requires an accompanying data directory-like structure.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>to_storage_query()</code>	<b>returns</b> The storage query which would match this
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

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*force\_field\_source*

The force field source object.

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### **force\_field\_source**

The force field source object. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *ForceFieldSource*

### **classmethod has\_ancillary\_data()**

Returns whether this data object requires an accompanying data directory-like structure.

**Returns** True if this class requires an accompanying data directory-like structure.

**Return type** *bool*

### **to\_storage\_query()**

**Returns** The storage query which would match this data object.

**Return type** *SimulationDataQuery*

### **classmethod from\_json(file\_path)**

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** *file\_path* (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** *cls*

### **classmethod get\_attributes(attribute\_type=None)**

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** *attribute\_type* (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** *list of str*

### **json(file\_path=None, format=False)**

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

#### **Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** *str*

### **classmethod parse\_json(string\_contents, encoding='utf8')**

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

#### **Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** *Any*

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** *attribute\_type* (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** `ValueError` or `AssertionError` –

## ReplaceableData

**class** `openff.evaluator.storage.data.ReplaceableData`

Represents a piece of stored data which can be replaced in a *StorageBackend* by another piece of data of the same type.

This may be the case for example when attempting to store a piece of *StoredSimulationData*, but another piece of data measured from the same calculation and for the same system already exists in the system, but stores less configurations.

**\_\_init\_\_** ()

Initialize self. See `help(type(self))` for accurate signature.

## Methods

<code>__init__</code>	Initialize self.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>has_ancillary_data()</code>	Returns whether this data object requires an accompanying data directory-like structure.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>most_information(stored_data_1, stored_data_2)</code>	Returns the data object with the highest information content.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>to_storage_query()</code>	Returns the storage query which would match this data object.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

**abstract classmethod** `most_information` (*stored\_data\_1, stored\_data\_2*)

Returns the data object with the highest information content.

### Parameters

- **stored\_data\_1** (`ReplaceableData`) – The first piece of data to compare.
- **stored\_data\_2** (`ReplaceableData`) – The second piece of data to compare.

**Returns** The data object with the highest information content, or *None* if the two pieces of information are incompatible with one another.

**Return type** `ReplaceableData`, optional

**classmethod** `from_json` (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** *file\_path* (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod** `get_attributes (attribute_type=None)`

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** `attribute_type` (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** `list of str`

**abstract classmethod** `has_ancillary_data ()`

Returns whether this data object requires an accompanying data directory-like structure.

**Returns** True if this class requires an accompanying data directory-like structure.

**Return type** `bool`

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**classmethod** `parse_json (string_contents, encoding='utf8')`

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `Any`

**to\_storage\_query** ()

Returns the storage query which would match this data object.

**Returns** The storage query which would match this data object.

**Return type** `BaseDataQuery`

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** `attribute_type` (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** `ValueError` or `AssertionError` –

## StoredSimulationData

**class** openff.evaluator.storage.data.StoredSimulationData

A representation of data which has been cached from a single previous simulation.

### Notes

The ancillary directory which stores larger information such as trajectories should be of the form:

```
|--- data_object.json
|--- data_directory
|    |--- coordinate_file_name.pdb
|    |--- trajectory_file_name.dcd
|    |--- statistics_file_name.csv
```

**\_\_init\_\_()**

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

### Methods

<code>__init__</code>	Initialize self.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>has_ancillary_data()</code>	Returns whether this data object requires an accompanying data directory-like structure.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>most_information(stored_data_1, stored_data_2)</code>	Returns the data object with the lowest <i>statistical inefficiency</i> .
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>to_storage_query()</code>	<b>returns</b> The storage query which would match this
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

### Attributes

<code>coordinate_file_name</code>	The name of a coordinate file which encodes the topology information of the system.
<code>force_field_id</code>	The id of the force field parameters used to generate the data.
<code>number_of_molecules</code>	The total number of molecules in the system.
<code>property_phase</code>	The phase of the system (e.g.
<code>source_calculation_id</code>	The server id of the calculation which yielded this data.
<code>statistical_inefficiency</code>	The statistical inefficiency of the collected data.
<code>statistics_file_name</code>	The name of a <i>StatisticsArray</i> csv file, containing statistics generated by the simulation.

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<i>substance</i>	A description of the composition of the stored system.
<i>thermodynamic_state</i>	The state at which the data was collected.
<i>trajectory_file_name</i>	The name of a .dcd trajectory file containing configurations generated by the simulation.

**substance**

A description of the composition of the stored system. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *Substance*

**thermodynamic\_state**

The state at which the data was collected. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *ThermodynamicState*

**property\_phase**

The phase of the system (e.g. liquid, gas). The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *PropertyPhase*

**source\_calculation\_id**

The server id of the calculation which yielded this data. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *str*

**force\_field\_id**

The id of the force field parameters used to generate the data. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *str*

**coordinate\_file\_name**

The name of a coordinate file which encodes the topology information of the system. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *FilePath*

**trajectory\_file\_name**

The name of a .dcd trajectory file containing configurations generated by the simulation. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *FilePath*

**statistics\_file\_name**

The name of a *StatisticsArray* csv file, containing statistics generated by the simulation. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *FilePath*

**statistical\_inefficiency**

The statistical inefficiency of the collected data. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *float*

**number\_of\_molecules**

The total number of molecules in the system. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `int`

**classmethod has\_ancillary\_data()**

Returns whether this data object requires an accompanying data directory-like structure.

**Returns** True if this class requires an accompanying data directory-like structure.

**Return type** `bool`

**classmethod most\_information(stored\_data\_1, stored\_data\_2)**

Returns the data object with the lowest *statistical\_inefficiency*.

**Parameters**

- **stored\_data\_1** (`StoredSimulationData`) – The first piece of data to compare.
- **stored\_data\_2** (`StoredSimulationData`) – The second piece of data to compare.

**Returns**

**Return type** `StoredSimulationData`

**to\_storage\_query()**

**Returns** The storage query which would match this data object.

**Return type** `SimulationDataQuery`

**classmethod from\_json(file\_path)**

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (`str`) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod get\_attributes(attribute\_type=None)**

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** `list of str`

**json(file\_path=None, format=False)**

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (`str, optional`) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (`bool`) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**classmethod parse\_json(string\_contents, encoding='utf8')**

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** **ValueError** or **AssertionError** –

**Data Queries**

<i>BaseDataQuery</i>	A base class for queries which can be made to a <i>StorageBackend</i> .
<i>SubstanceQuery</i>	A query which focuses on finding data which was collected for substances with specific traits, e.g which contains both a solute and solvent, or only a solvent etc.
<i>ForceFieldQuery</i>	A class used to query a <i>StorageBackend</i> for <i>ForceFieldData</i> which meet the specified criteria.
<i>SimulationDataQuery</i>	A class used to query a <i>StorageBackend</i> for <i>StoredSimulationData</i> which meet the specified set of criteria.

**BaseDataQuery**

**class** openff.evaluator.storage.query.**BaseDataQuery**

A base class for queries which can be made to a *StorageBackend*.

**\_\_init\_\_** ()

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

**Methods**

<b>__init__</b>	Initialize self.
<i>apply</i> (data_object)	Apply this query to a data object.
<i>data_class</i> ()	The type of data class that this query can be applied to.
<i>from_data_object</i> (data_object)	Returns the query which would match this data object.
<i>from_json</i> (file_path)	Create this object from a JSON file.
<i>get_attributes</i> ([attribute_type])	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<i>json</i> ([file_path, format])	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<i>parse_json</i> (string_contents[, encoding])	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<i>validate</i> ([attribute_type])	Validate the values of the attributes.

**abstract classmethod** **data\_class** ()

The type of data class that this query can be applied to.



**Returns****Return type** type of BaseStoredData**apply** (*data\_object*)

Apply this query to a data object.

**Parameters** **data\_object** (*BaseStoredData*) – The data object to apply the query to.**Returns** The values of the matched parameters of the data object fully matched this query, otherwise *None*.**Return type** tuple of Any, optional**classmethod from\_data\_object** (*data\_object*)

Returns the query which would match this data object.

**Parameters** **data\_object** (*BaseStoredData*) – The data object to construct the query for.**Returns** The query which would match this data object.**Return type** cls**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.**Returns** The parsed class.**Return type** cls**classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type=None*)Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.**Return type** list of str**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.**Return type** str**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.**Return type** Any

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** *attribute\_type* (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** **ValueError** or **AssertionError** –

## SubstanceQuery

**class** openff.evaluator.storage.query.SubstanceQuery

A query which focuses on finding data which was collected for substances with specific traits, e.g which contains both a solute and solvent, or only a solvent etc.

**\_\_init\_\_** ()

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

## Methods

<code>__init__</code>	Initialize self.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<code>components_only</code>	Only match pure data which was collected for one of the components in the query substance.
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**components\_only**

Only match pure data which was collected for one of the components in the query substance. The default value of this attribute is `False`.

**Type** `bool`

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** *attribute\_type* (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** **ValueError** or **AssertionError** –

**classmethod** `from_json(file_path)`

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** *file\_path* (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod** `get_attributes` (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** `attribute_type` (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of str

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** str

**classmethod** `parse_json` (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

## ForceFieldQuery

**class** `openff.evaluator.storage.query.ForceFieldQuery`

A class used to query a *StorageBackend* for *ForceFieldData* which meet the specified criteria.

**\_\_init\_\_** ()

Initialize self. See `help(type(self))` for accurate signature.

## Methods

<code>__init__</code>	Initialize self.
<code>apply(data_object)</code>	Apply this query to a data object.
<code>data_class()</code>	The type of data class that this query can be applied to.
<code>from_data_object(data_object)</code>	Returns the query which would match this data object.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

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*force\_field\_source*

The force field source to query for.

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**classmethod** `data_class()`

The type of data class that this query can be applied to.

**Returns**

**Return type** type of BaseStoredData

**force\_field\_source**

The force field source to query for. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** *ForceFieldSource*

**apply** (*data\_object*)

Apply this query to a data object.

**Parameters** `data_object` (*BaseStoredData*) – The data object to apply the query to.

**Returns** The values of the matched parameters of the data object fully matched this query, otherwise *None*.

**Return type** tuple of Any, optional

**classmethod** `from_data_object(data_object)`

Returns the query which would match this data object.

**Parameters** `data_object` (*BaseStoredData*) – The data object to construct the query for.

**Returns** The query which would match this data object.

**Return type** cls

**classmethod** `from_json(file_path)`

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** `file_path` (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** cls

**classmethod** `get_attributes(attribute_type=None)`

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** `attribute_type` (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of str

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**classmethod** `parse_json(string_contents, encoding='utf8')`

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (`str` or `bytes`) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (`str`) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** `ValueError` or `AssertionError` –

## SimulationDataQuery

**class** `openff.evaluator.storage.query.SimulationDataQuery`

A class used to query a *StorageBackend* for *StoredSimulationData* which meet the specified set of criteria.

**\_\_init\_\_** ()

Initialize self. See `help(type(self))` for accurate signature.

## Methods

<code>__init__</code>	Initialize self.
<code>apply(data_object[, attributes_to_ignore])</code>	Apply this query to a data object.
<code>data_class()</code>	The type of data class that this query can be applied to.
<code>from_data_object(data_object)</code>	Returns the query which would match this data object.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<i>force_field_id</i>	The id of the force field parameters which used to generate the data.
<i>number_of_molecules</i>	The total number of molecules in the system.
<i>property_phase</i>	The phase of the substance (e.g.
<i>source_calculation_id</i>	The server id which should have generated this data.
<i>substance</i>	The substance which the data should have been collected for.
<i>substance_query</i>	The subset of the <i>substance</i> to query for.
<i>thermodynamic_state</i>	The state at which the data should have been collected.

**classmethod data\_class()**

The type of data class that this query can be applied to.

### Returns

**Return type** type of BaseStoredData

### substance

The substance which the data should have been collected for. Data for a subset of this substance can be queried for by using the *substance\_query* attribute The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** *Substance*

### substance\_query

The subset of the *substance* to query for. This option can only be used when the *substance* attribute is set. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** *SubstanceQuery*

### thermodynamic\_state

The state at which the data should have been collected. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** *ThermodynamicState*

### property\_phase

The phase of the substance (e.g. liquid, gas). The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** *PropertyPhase*

### source\_calculation\_id

The server id which should have generated this data. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** str

### force\_field\_id

The id of the force field parameters which used to generate the data. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** str

### number\_of\_molecules

The total number of molecules in the system. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

Type `int`

**apply** (*data\_object*, *attributes\_to\_ignore=None*)

Apply this query to a data object.

**Parameters** *data\_object* (`BaseStoredData`) – The data object to apply the query to.

**Returns** The values of the matched parameters of the data object fully matched this query, otherwise `None`.

**Return type** tuple of Any, optional

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** *attribute\_type* (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** `ValueError` or `AssertionError` –

**classmethod from\_data\_object** (*data\_object*)

Returns the query which would match this data object.

**Parameters** *data\_object* (`BaseStoredData`) – The data object to construct the query for.

**Returns** The query which would match this data object.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** *file\_path* (`str`) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** *attribute\_type* (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of `str`

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (`str, optional`) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (`bool`) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (`str or bytes`) – The typed json string.

- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

### Attributes

<i>FilePath</i>	Represents a string file path.
<i>StorageAttribute</i>	A descriptor used to mark attributes of a class as those which store information about a cached piece of data.
<i>QueryAttribute</i>	A descriptor used to add additional metadata to attributes of a storage query.

### FilePath

**class** openff.evaluator.storage.attributes.**FilePath**

Represents a string file path.

**\_\_init\_\_** ()

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

### Methods

<b>__init__</b>	Initialize self.
<i>capitalize</i>	Return a capitalized version of the string.
<i>casefold</i>	Return a version of the string suitable for caseless comparisons.
<i>center</i>	Return a centered string of length width.
<i>count</i> (sub[, start[, end]])	Return the number of non-overlapping occurrences of substring sub in string S[start:end].
<i>encode</i>	Encode the string using the codec registered for encoding.
<i>endswith</i> (suffix[, start[, end]])	Return True if S ends with the specified suffix, False otherwise.
<i>expandtabs</i>	Return a copy where all tab characters are expanded using spaces.
<i>find</i> (sub[, start[, end]])	Return the lowest index in S where substring sub is found, such that sub is contained within S[start:end].
<i>format</i> (*args, **kwargs)	Return a formatted version of S, using substitutions from args and kwargs.
<i>format_map</i> (mapping)	Return a formatted version of S, using substitutions from mapping.
<i>index</i> (sub[, start[, end]])	Return the lowest index in S where substring sub is found, such that sub is contained within S[start:end].
<i>isalnum</i>	Return True if the string is an alpha-numeric string, False otherwise.
<i>isalpha</i>	Return True if the string is an alphabetic string, False otherwise.
<i>isascii</i>	Return True if all characters in the string are ASCII, False otherwise.

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<i>isdecimal</i>	Return True if the string is a decimal string, False otherwise.
<i>isdigit</i>	Return True if the string is a digit string, False otherwise.
<i>isidentifier</i>	Return True if the string is a valid Python identifier, False otherwise.
<i>islower</i>	Return True if the string is a lowercase string, False otherwise.
<i>isnumeric</i>	Return True if the string is a numeric string, False otherwise.
<i>isprintable</i>	Return True if the string is printable, False otherwise.
<i>isspace</i>	Return True if the string is a whitespace string, False otherwise.
<i>istitle</i>	Return True if the string is a title-cased string, False otherwise.
<i>isupper</i>	Return True if the string is an uppercase string, False otherwise.
<i>join</i>	Concatenate any number of strings.
<i>ljust</i>	Return a left-justified string of length width.
<i>lower</i>	Return a copy of the string converted to lowercase.
<i>lstrip</i>	Return a copy of the string with leading whitespace removed.
<i>maketrans</i>	Return a translation table usable for str.translate().
<i>partition</i>	Partition the string into three parts using the given separator.
<i>replace</i>	Return a copy with all occurrences of substring old replaced by new.
<i>rfind</i> (sub[, start[, end]])	Return the highest index in S where substring sub is found, such that sub is contained within S[start:end].
<i>rindex</i> (sub[, start[, end]])	Return the highest index in S where substring sub is found, such that sub is contained within S[start:end].
<i>rjust</i>	Return a right-justified string of length width.
<i>rpartition</i>	Partition the string into three parts using the given separator.
<i>rsplit</i>	Return a list of the words in the string, using sep as the delimiter string.
<i>rstrip</i>	Return a copy of the string with trailing whitespace removed.
<i>split</i>	Return a list of the words in the string, using sep as the delimiter string.
<i>splitlines</i>	Return a list of the lines in the string, breaking at line boundaries.
<i>startswith</i> (prefix[, start[, end]])	Return True if S starts with the specified prefix, False otherwise.
<i>strip</i>	Return a copy of the string with leading and trailing whitespace removed.
<i>swapcase</i>	Convert uppercase characters to lowercase and lowercase characters to uppercase.
<i>title</i>	Return a version of the string where each word is titlecased.

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<i>translate</i>	Replace each character in the string using the given translation table.
<i>upper</i>	Return a copy of the string converted to uppercase.
<i>zfill</i>	Pad a numeric string with zeros on the left, to fill a field of the given width.

**capitalize()**

Return a capitalized version of the string.

More specifically, make the first character have upper case and the rest lower case.

**casefold()**

Return a version of the string suitable for caseless comparisons.

**center()**

Return a centered string of length width.

Padding is done using the specified fill character (default is a space).

**count(sub[, start[, end]]) → int**

Return the number of non-overlapping occurrences of substring sub in string S[start:end]. Optional arguments start and end are interpreted as in slice notation.

**encode()**

Encode the string using the codec registered for encoding.

**encoding** The encoding in which to encode the string.

**errors** The error handling scheme to use for encoding errors. The default is ‘strict’ meaning that encoding errors raise a UnicodeEncodeError. Other possible values are ‘ignore’, ‘replace’ and ‘xmlcharrefreplace’ as well as any other name registered with codecs.register\_error that can handle UnicodeEncodeErrors.

**endswith(suffix[, start[, end]]) → bool**

Return True if S ends with the specified suffix, False otherwise. With optional start, test S beginning at that position. With optional end, stop comparing S at that position. suffix can also be a tuple of strings to try.

**expandtabs()**

Return a copy where all tab characters are expanded using spaces.

If tabsize is not given, a tab size of 8 characters is assumed.

**find(sub[, start[, end]]) → int**

Return the lowest index in S where substring sub is found, such that sub is contained within S[start:end]. Optional arguments start and end are interpreted as in slice notation.

Return -1 on failure.

**format(\*args, \*\*kwargs) → str**

Return a formatted version of S, using substitutions from args and kwargs. The substitutions are identified by braces (‘{’ and ‘}’).

**format\_map(mapping) → str**

Return a formatted version of S, using substitutions from mapping. The substitutions are identified by braces (‘{’ and ‘}’).

**index(sub[, start[, end]]) → int**

Return the lowest index in S where substring sub is found, such that sub is contained within S[start:end]. Optional arguments start and end are interpreted as in slice notation.

Raises `ValueError` when the substring is not found.

**`isalnum()`**

Return `True` if the string is an alpha-numeric string, `False` otherwise.

A string is alpha-numeric if all characters in the string are alpha-numeric and there is at least one character in the string.

**`isalpha()`**

Return `True` if the string is an alphabetic string, `False` otherwise.

A string is alphabetic if all characters in the string are alphabetic and there is at least one character in the string.

**`isascii()`**

Return `True` if all characters in the string are ASCII, `False` otherwise.

ASCII characters have code points in the range `U+0000-U+007F`. Empty string is ASCII too.

**`isdecimal()`**

Return `True` if the string is a decimal string, `False` otherwise.

A string is a decimal string if all characters in the string are decimal and there is at least one character in the string.

**`isdigit()`**

Return `True` if the string is a digit string, `False` otherwise.

A string is a digit string if all characters in the string are digits and there is at least one character in the string.

**`isidentifier()`**

Return `True` if the string is a valid Python identifier, `False` otherwise.

Use `keyword.iskeyword()` to test for reserved identifiers such as `"def"` and `"class"`.

**`islower()`**

Return `True` if the string is a lowercase string, `False` otherwise.

A string is lowercase if all cased characters in the string are lowercase and there is at least one cased character in the string.

**`isnumeric()`**

Return `True` if the string is a numeric string, `False` otherwise.

A string is numeric if all characters in the string are numeric and there is at least one character in the string.

**`isprintable()`**

Return `True` if the string is printable, `False` otherwise.

A string is printable if all of its characters are considered printable in `repr()` or if it is empty.

**`isspace()`**

Return `True` if the string is a whitespace string, `False` otherwise.

A string is whitespace if all characters in the string are whitespace and there is at least one character in the string.

**`istitle()`**

Return `True` if the string is a title-cased string, `False` otherwise.

In a title-cased string, upper- and title-case characters may only follow uncased characters and lowercase characters only cased ones.

**isupper()**

Return True if the string is an uppercase string, False otherwise.

A string is uppercase if all cased characters in the string are uppercase and there is at least one cased character in the string.

**join()**

Concatenate any number of strings.

The string whose method is called is inserted in between each given string. The result is returned as a new string.

Example: `'.'.join(['ab', 'pq', 'rs']) -> 'ab.pq.rs'`

**ljust()**

Return a left-justified string of length width.

Padding is done using the specified fill character (default is a space).

**lower()**

Return a copy of the string converted to lowercase.

**lstrip()**

Return a copy of the string with leading whitespace removed.

If chars is given and not None, remove characters in chars instead.

**static maketrans()**

Return a translation table usable for `str.translate()`.

If there is only one argument, it must be a dictionary mapping Unicode ordinals (integers) or characters to Unicode ordinals, strings or None. Character keys will be then converted to ordinals. If there are two arguments, they must be strings of equal length, and in the resulting dictionary, each character in x will be mapped to the character at the same position in y. If there is a third argument, it must be a string, whose characters will be mapped to None in the result.

**partition()**

Partition the string into three parts using the given separator.

This will search for the separator in the string. If the separator is found, returns a 3-tuple containing the part before the separator, the separator itself, and the part after it.

If the separator is not found, returns a 3-tuple containing the original string and two empty strings.

**replace()**

Return a copy with all occurrences of substring old replaced by new.

**count** Maximum number of occurrences to replace. -1 (the default value) means replace all occurrences.

If the optional argument count is given, only the first count occurrences are replaced.

**rfind(sub[, start[, end]]) → int**

Return the highest index in S where substring sub is found, such that sub is contained within S[start:end]. Optional arguments start and end are interpreted as in slice notation.

Return -1 on failure.

**rindex(sub[, start[, end]]) → int**

Return the highest index in S where substring sub is found, such that sub is contained within S[start:end]. Optional arguments start and end are interpreted as in slice notation.

Raises ValueError when the substring is not found.

**rjust ()**

Return a right-justified string of length width.

Padding is done using the specified fill character (default is a space).

**rpartition ()**

Partition the string into three parts using the given separator.

This will search for the separator in the string, starting at the end. If the separator is found, returns a 3-tuple containing the part before the separator, the separator itself, and the part after it.

If the separator is not found, returns a 3-tuple containing two empty strings and the original string.

**rsplit ()**

Return a list of the words in the string, using sep as the delimiter string.

**sep** The delimiter according which to split the string. None (the default value) means split according to any whitespace, and discard empty strings from the result.

**maxsplit** Maximum number of splits to do. -1 (the default value) means no limit.

Splits are done starting at the end of the string and working to the front.

**rstrip ()**

Return a copy of the string with trailing whitespace removed.

If chars is given and not None, remove characters in chars instead.

**split ()**

Return a list of the words in the string, using sep as the delimiter string.

**sep** The delimiter according which to split the string. None (the default value) means split according to any whitespace, and discard empty strings from the result.

**maxsplit** Maximum number of splits to do. -1 (the default value) means no limit.

**splitlines ()**

Return a list of the lines in the string, breaking at line boundaries.

Line breaks are not included in the resulting list unless keepends is given and true.

**startswith (prefix[, start[, end]]) → bool**

Return True if S starts with the specified prefix, False otherwise. With optional start, test S beginning at that position. With optional end, stop comparing S at that position. prefix can also be a tuple of strings to try.

**strip ()**

Return a copy of the string with leading and trailing whitespace removed.

If chars is given and not None, remove characters in chars instead.

**swapcase ()**

Convert uppercase characters to lowercase and lowercase characters to uppercase.

**title ()**

Return a version of the string where each word is titlecased.

More specifically, words start with uppercased characters and all remaining cased characters have lower case.

**translate ()**

Replace each character in the string using the given translation table.

**table** Translation table, which must be a mapping of Unicode ordinals to Unicode ordinals, strings, or None.

The table must implement lookup/indexing via `__getitem__`, for instance a dictionary or list. If this operation raises `LookupError`, the character is left untouched. Characters mapped to `None` are deleted.

**upper()**

Return a copy of the string converted to uppercase.

**zfill()**

Pad a numeric string with zeros on the left, to fill a field of the given width.

The string is never truncated.

## StorageAttribute

```
class openff.evaluator.storage.attributes.StorageAttribute(docstring, type_hint,
                                                         optional=False)
```

A descriptor used to mark attributes of a class as those which store information about a cached piece of data.

```
__init__(docstring, type_hint, optional=False)
```

Initializes a new Attribute object.

### Parameters

- **docstring** (*str*) – A docstring describing the attributes purpose. This will automatically be decorated with additional information such as type hints, default values, etc.
- **type\_hint** (*type*, *typing.Union*) – The expected type of this attribute. This will be used to help the workflow engine ensure that expected input types match corresponding output values.
- **default\_value** (*Any*) – The default value for this attribute.
- **optional** (*bool*) – Defines whether this is an optional input of a class. If true, the *default\_value* should be set to *UNDEFINED*.
- **read\_only** (*bool*) – Defines whether this attribute is read-only.

## Methods

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<code>__init__(docstring, type_hint[, optional])</code>	Initializes a new Attribute object.
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## QueryAttribute

```
class openff.evaluator.storage.attributes.QueryAttribute(docstring, type_hint,
                                                         optional=False, custom_match=False)
```

A descriptor used to add additional metadata to attributes of a storage query.

```
__init__(docstring, type_hint, optional=False, custom_match=False)
```

Initializes self.

**Parameters** **custom\_match** (*bool*) – Whether a custom behaviour will be implemented when matching this attribute against the matching data object attribute.

## Methods

<code>__init__(docstring, type_hint[, optional, ...])</code>	Initializes self.
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### 2.26.9 Workflow API

<i>Workflow</i>	Encapsulates and prepares a workflow which is able to estimate a physical property.
<i>WorkflowException</i>	An exception which was raised while executing a workflow protocol.
<i>WorkflowGraph</i>	A hierarchical structure for storing and submitting the workflows which will estimate a set of physical properties..
<i>WorkflowResult</i>	The result of executing a <i>Workflow</i> as part of a <i>WorkflowGraph</i> .
<i>Protocol</i>	The base class for a protocol which would form one step of a larger property calculation workflow.
<i>ProtocolGraph</i>	A graph of connected protocols which may be executed together.
<i>ProtocolGroup</i>	A group of workflow protocols to be executed in one batch.
<i>workflow_protocol</i>	A decorator which registers a class as being a protocol which may be included in workflows.
<i>register_workflow_protocol</i>	Registers a class as being a protocol which may be included in workflows.

## Workflow

**class** `openff.evaluator.workflow.Workflow` (*global\_metadata*, *unique\_id=None*)

Encapsulates and prepares a workflow which is able to estimate a physical property.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*global\_metadata*, *unique\_id=None*)

Constructs a new Workflow object.

### Parameters

- **global\_metadata** (*dict of str and Any*) – A dictionary of the metadata which will be made available to each of the workflow protocols through the pseudo “global” scope.
- **unique\_id** (*str, optional*) – A unique identifier to assign to this workflow. This id will be appended to the ids of the protocols of this workflow. If none is provided, one will be chosen at random.

## Methods

<code>__init__(global_metadata[, unique_id])</code>	Constructs a new Workflow object.
<code>execute([root_directory, ...])</code>	Executes the workflow.
<code>from_schema(schema, metadata[, unique_id])</code>	Creates a workflow from its schema blueprint, and the associated metadata.
<code>generate_default_metadata(physical_property, ...)</code>	Generates the default global metadata dictionary.
<code>replace_protocol(old_protocol, new_protocol)</code>	Replaces an existing protocol with a new one, while updating all input and local references to point to the new protocol.
<code>to_graph()</code>	Converts this workflow to an executable <i>Workflow-Graph</i> .

## Attributes

<code>final_value_source</code>	The path to the protocol output which corresponds to the estimated value of the property being estimated.
<code>gradients_sources</code>	A list of paths to the protocol outputs which correspond to the gradients of the estimated property with respect to specified force field parameters.
<code>outputs_to_store</code>	A collection of data classes to populate ready to be stored by a <i>StorageBackend</i> .
<code>protocols</code>	The protocols in this workflow.
<code>schema</code>	

### property protocols

The protocols in this workflow.

**Type** tuple of Protocol

### property final\_value\_source

The path to the protocol output which corresponds to the estimated value of the property being estimated.

**Type** *ProtocolPath*

### property gradients\_sources

A list of paths to the protocol outputs which correspond to the gradients of the estimated property with respect to specified force field parameters.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

### property outputs\_to\_store

A collection of data classes to populate ready to be stored by a *StorageBackend*.

**Type** dict of str and StorageBackend

### replace\_protocol (old\_protocol, new\_protocol, update\_paths\_only=False)

Replaces an existing protocol with a new one, while updating all input and local references to point to the new protocol.

The main use of this method is when merging multiple protocols into one.

**Parameters**



- **old\_protocol** (*Protocol or ProtocolPath*) – The protocol (or its id) to replace.
- **new\_protocol** (*Protocol or ProtocolPath*) – The new protocol (or its id) to use.
- **update\_paths\_only** (*bool*) – Whether only update the *final\_value\_source*, *gradients\_sources* and *outputs\_to\_store* attributes, or to also update all of the protocols in *protocols*.

**static generate\_default\_metadata** (*physical\_property, force\_field\_path, parameter\_gradient\_keys=None, target\_uncertainty=None*)

Generates the default global metadata dictionary.

#### Parameters

- **physical\_property** (*PhysicalProperty*) – The physical property whose arguments are available in the global scope.
- **force\_field\_path** (*str*) – The path to the force field parameters to use in the workflow.
- **parameter\_gradient\_keys** (*list of ParameterGradientKey*) – A list of references to all of the parameters which all observables should be differentiated with respect to.
- **target\_uncertainty** (*pint.Quantity, optional*) – The uncertainty which the property should be estimated to within.

#### Returns

The metadata dictionary, with the following keys / types:

- **thermodynamic\_state**: *ThermodynamicState* - The state (T,p) at which the property is being computed
- **substance**: *Substance* - The composition of the system of interest.
- **components**: list of *Substance* - The components present in the system for which the property is being estimated.
- **target\_uncertainty**: *pint.Quantity* - The target uncertainty with which properties should be estimated.
- **per\_component\_uncertainty**: *pint.Quantity* - The target uncertainty divided by the sqrt of the number of components in the system + 1
- **force\_field\_path**: *str* - A path to the force field parameters with which the property should be evaluated with.
- **parameter\_gradient\_keys**: list of *ParameterGradientKey* - A list of references to all of the parameters which all observables should be differentiated with respect to.

**Return type** dict of str, Any

**to\_graph()**

Converts this workflow to an executable *WorkflowGraph*.

**Returns** The graph representation of this workflow.

**Return type** *WorkflowGraph*

**classmethod from\_schema** (*schema, metadata, unique\_id=None*)

Creates a workflow from its schema blueprint, and the associated metadata.

#### Parameters

- **schema** (*WorkflowSchema*) – The schema blueprint for this workflow.
- **metadata** (*dict of str and Any*) – The metadata to make available to the workflow.
- **unique\_id** (*str, optional*) – A unique identifier to assign to this workflow. This id will be appended to the ids of the protocols of this workflow. If none is provided one will be chosen at random.

**Returns** The created workflow.

**Return type** `cls`

**execute** (*root\_directory=""*, *calculation\_backend=None*, *compute\_resources=None*)

Executes the workflow.

**Parameters**

- **root\_directory** (*str*) – The directory to execute the graph in.
- **calculation\_backend** (*CalculationBackend, optional.*) – The backend to execute the graph on. This parameter is mutually exclusive with *compute\_resources*.
- **compute\_resources** (*CalculationBackend, optional.*) – The compute resources to run using. If None and no *calculation\_backend* is specified, the workflow will be executed on a single CPU thread. This parameter is mutually exclusive with *calculation\_backend*.

**Returns** The result of executing this workflow. If executed on a *calculation\_backend*, the result will be wrapped in a *Future* object.

**Return type** *WorkflowResult* or Future of *WorkflowResult*

## WorkflowException

**class** `openff.evaluator.workflow.WorkflowException` (*message=None*, *protocol\_id=None*) *proto-*

An exception which was raised while executing a workflow protocol.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*message=None*, *protocol\_id=None*)  
Constructs a new *EvaluatorException* object.

**Parameters**

- **message** (*str or list of str*) – Information about the raised exception.
- **protocol\_id** (*str*) – The id of the protocol which was the exception.

## Methods

<code>__init__</code> ([ <i>message</i> , <i>protocol_id</i> ])	Constructs a new <i>EvaluatorException</i> object.
<code>from_exception</code> ( <i>exception</i> )	Initialize this class from an existing exception.
<code>from_json</code> ( <i>file_path</i> )	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>json</code> ([ <i>file_path</i> , <i>format</i> ])	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json</code> ( <i>string_contents</i> [, <i>encoding</i> ])	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**classmethod** `from_exception` (*exception*)  
Initialize this class from an existing exception.

**Parameters** `exception` (*Exception*) – The existing exception

**Returns** The initialized exception object.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod** `from_json` (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** `file_path` (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- `file_path` (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- `format` (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**classmethod** `parse_json` (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- `string_contents` (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- `encoding` (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

## WorkflowGraph

**class** `openff.evaluator.workflow.WorkflowGraph`

A hierarchical structure for storing and submitting the workflows which will estimate a set of physical properties..

`__init__` ()

Initialize self. See `help(type(self))` for accurate signature.

## Methods

<code>__init__</code> ()	Initialize self.
<code>add_workflows</code> (*workflows)	Insert a set of workflows into the workflow graph.
<code>execute</code> ([root_directory, ...])	Executes the workflow graph.

## Attributes

<code>protocols</code>	The protocols in this graph.
<code>root_protocols</code>	The ids of the protocols in the group which do not take input from the other grouped protocols.

### **property protocols**

The protocols in this graph.

**Type** dict of str and Protocol

### **property root\_protocols**

The ids of the protocols in the group which do not take input from the other grouped protocols.

**Type** list of str

### **add\_workflows** (\*workflows)

Insert a set of workflows into the workflow graph.

**Parameters** **workflow** (Workflow) – The workflow to insert.

### **execute** (root\_directory="", calculation\_backend=None, compute\_resources=None)

Executes the workflow graph.

#### **Parameters**

- **root\_directory** (*str*) – The directory to execute the graph in.
- **calculation\_backend** (CalculationBackend, *optional.*) – The backend to execute the graph on. This parameter is mutually exclusive with *compute\_resources*.
- **compute\_resources** (CalculationBackend, *optional.*) – The compute resources to run using. If None and no *calculation\_backend* is specified, the workflow will be executed on a single CPU thread. This parameter is mutually exclusive with *calculation\_backend*.

**Returns** The results of executing the graph. If a *calculation\_backend* is specified, these results will be wrapped in a *Future*.

**Return type** list of WorkflowResult or list of Future of WorkflowResult

## WorkflowResult

### **class** openff.evaluator.workflow.WorkflowResult

The result of executing a *Workflow* as part of a *WorkflowGraph*.

#### **\_\_init\_\_** ()

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

## Methods

<code>__init__</code>	Initialize self.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<code>data_to_store</code>	Paths to the data objects to store.
<code>exceptions</code>	Any exceptions raised by the layer while estimating the property.
<code>gradients</code>	The gradients of the estimated value with respect to the specified force field parameters.
<code>value</code>	The estimated value of the property and the uncertainty in that value.
<code>workflow_id</code>	The id of the workflow associated with this result.

### **workflow\_id**

The id of the workflow associated with this result. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

### **value**

The estimated value of the property and the uncertainty in that value. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** `Measurement`

### **gradients**

The gradients of the estimated value with respect to the specified force field parameters. The default value of this attribute is `[]`.

**Type** `list`

### **exceptions**

Any exceptions raised by the layer while estimating the property. The default value of this attribute is `[]`.

**Type** `list`

### **data\_to\_store**

Paths to the data objects to store. The default value of this attribute is `[]`.

**Type** `list`

### **validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** `attribute_type` (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** `ValueError` or `AssertionError` –

**classmethod** `from_json(file_path)`

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** `file_path` (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod** `get_attributes(attribute_type=None)`

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** `attribute_type` (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** `list of str`

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- `file_path` (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- `format` (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**classmethod** `parse_json(string_contents, encoding='utf8')`

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- `string_contents` (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- `encoding` (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `Any`

## Protocol

**class** `openff.evaluator.workflow.Protocol(protocol_id)`

The base class for a protocol which would form one step of a larger property calculation workflow.

A protocol may for example:

- create the coordinates of a mixed simulation box
- set up a bound ligand-protein system
- build the simulation topology
- perform an energy minimisation

An individual protocol may require a set of inputs, which may either be set as constants

```
>>> from openff.evaluator.protocols.openmm import OpenMMSimulation
>>>
>>> npt_equilibration = OpenMMSimulation('npt_equilibration')
>>> npt_equilibration.ensemble = OpenMMSimulation.Ensemble.NPT
```

or from the output of another protocol, pointed to by a ProtocolPath

```
>>> npt_production = OpenMMSimulation('npt_production')
>>> # Use the coordinate file output by the npt_equilibration protocol
>>> # as the input to the npt_production protocol
>>> npt_production.input_coordinate_file = ProtocolPath('output_coordinate_file',
>>>                                                    npt_equilibration.id)
```

In this way protocols may be chained together, thus defining a larger property calculation workflow from simple, reusable building blocks.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*protocol\_id*)  
Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

## Methods

<code>__init__(protocol_id)</code>	Initialize self.
<code>apply_replicator(replicator, tem-plate_values)</code>	Applies a <i>ProtocolReplicator</i> to this protocol.
<code>can_merge(other[, path_replacements])</code>	Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.
<code>execute([directory, available_resources])</code>	Execute the protocol.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>from_schema(schema)</code>	Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>get_class_attribute(reference_path)</code>	Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).
<code>get_value(reference_path)</code>	Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.
<code>get_value_references(input_path)</code>	Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by <i>input_path</i> ) takes its value from.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>merge(other)</code>	Merges another Protocol with this one.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>replace_protocol(old_id, new_id)</code>	Finds each input which came from a given protocol
<code>set_uuid(value)</code>	Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id.
<code>set_value(reference_path, value)</code>	Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<code>allow_merging</code>	<b>Input</b> - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols.
<code>dependencies</code>	A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.
<code>id</code>	The unique id of this protocol.
<code>outputs</code>	A dictionary of the outputs of this property.
<code>required_inputs</code>	The inputs which must be set on this protocol.

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<i>schema</i>	A serializable schema for this object.
<b>allow_merging</b>	
<b>Input</b>	- Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols. The default value of this attribute is <code>True</code> .
<b>Type</b>	<code>bool</code>
<b>property schema</b>	
	A serializable schema for this object.
<b>Type</b>	<code>ProtocolSchema</code>
<b>property required_inputs</b>	
	The inputs which must be set on this protocol.
<b>Type</b>	list of <code>ProtocolPath</code>
<b>property outputs</b>	
	A dictionary of the outputs of this property.
<b>Type</b>	dict of <code>ProtocolPath</code> and <code>Any</code>
<b>property dependencies</b>	
	A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.
<b>Type</b>	list of <code>ProtocolPath</code>
<b>id</b>	
	The unique id of this protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..
<b>Type</b>	<code>str</code>
<b>classmethod from_schema</b> ( <i>schema</i> )	
	Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.
<b>Parameters</b>	<b>schema</b> ( <code>ProtocolSchema</code> ) – The schema to initialize the protocol using.
<b>Returns</b>	The initialized protocol.
<b>Return type</b>	<code>cls</code>
<b>set_uuid</b> ( <i>value</i> )	
	Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id. If the id already has a prepended uuid, it will be overwritten by this value.
<b>Parameters</b>	<b>value</b> ( <code>str</code> ) – The uuid to prepend.
<b>replace_protocol</b> ( <i>old_id</i> , <i>new_id</i> )	
	Finds each input which came from a given protocol and redirects it to instead take input from a new one.



## Notes

This method is mainly intended to be used only when merging multiple protocols into one.

### Parameters

- **old\_id** (*str*) – The id of the old input protocol.
- **new\_id** (*str*) – The id of the new input protocol.

**can\_merge** (*other*, *path\_replacements=None*)

Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.

### Parameters

- **other** (*Protocol*) – The protocol to compare against.
- **path\_replacements** (*list of tuple of str, optional*) – Replacements to make in any value reference protocol paths before comparing for equality.

**Returns** True if the two protocols are safe to merge.

**Return type** `bool`

**merge** (*other*)

Merges another Protocol with this one. The id of this protocol will remain unchanged.

**Parameters** **other** (*Protocol*) – The protocol to merge into this one.

**Returns** A map between any original protocol ids and their new merged values.

**Return type** `Dict[str, str]`

**get\_value\_references** (*input\_path*)

Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by *input\_path*) takes its value from.

## Notes

Currently this method only functions correctly for an input value which is either currently a `ProtocolPath`, or a *list / dict* which contains at least one `ProtocolPath`.

**Parameters** **input\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The input value to check.

**Returns** A dictionary of the protocol paths that the input targeted by *input\_path* depends upon.

**Return type** dict of `ProtocolPath` and `ProtocolPath`

**get\_class\_attribute** (*reference\_path*)

Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the attribute to return.

**Returns** The class attribute.

**Return type** `object`

**get\_value** (*reference\_path*)

Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.

**Returns** The value of the input / output

**Return type** Any

**set\_value** (*reference\_path*, *value*)

Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.

**Parameters**

- **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.
- **value** (*Any*) – The value to set.

**apply\_replicator** (*replicator*, *template\_values*, *template\_index=-1*, *template\_value=None*, *update\_input\_references=False*)

Applies a *ProtocolReplicator* to this protocol. This method should clone any protocols whose id contains the id of the replicator (in the format *\$(replicator.id)*).

**Parameters**

- **replicator** (*ProtocolReplicator*) – The replicator to apply.
- **template\_values** (*list of Any*) – A list of the values which will be inserted into the newly replicated protocols.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_index* and *template\_value*

- **template\_index** (*int*, *optional*) – A specific value which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_value*.

- **template\_value** (*Any*, *optional*) – A specific index which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_index*.

- **update\_input\_references** (*bool*) – If true, any protocols which take their input from a protocol which was flagged for replication will be updated to take input from the actually replicated protocol. This should only be set to true if this protocol is not nested within a workflow or a protocol group.

This option cannot be used when a specific *template\_index* or *template\_value* is provided.

**Returns** A dictionary of references to all of the protocols which have been replicated, with keys of original protocol ids. Each value is comprised of a list of the replicated protocol ids, and their index into the *template\_values* array.

**Return type** dict of ProtocolPath and list of tuple of ProtocolPath and int

**execute** (*directory=""*, *available\_resources=None*)

Execute the protocol.

**Parameters**

- **directory** (*str*) – The directory to store output data in.
- **available\_resources** (*ComputeResources*) – The resources available to execute on. If *None*, the protocol will be executed on a single CPU.

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** cls

**classmethod** `get_attributes` (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** `attribute_type` (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of str

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** str

**classmethod** `parse_json` (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** `attribute_type` (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** `ValueError` or `AssertionError` –

## ProtocolGraph

**class** `openff.evaluator.workflow.ProtocolGraph`

A graph of connected protocols which may be executed together.

**\_\_init\_\_** ()

Initialize self. See `help(type(self))` for accurate signature.

## Methods

<code>__init__()</code>	Initialize self.
<code>add_protocols(*protocols[, ...])</code>	Adds a set of protocols to the graph.
<code>execute([root_directory, ...])</code>	Execute the protocol graph in the specified directory, and either using a <i>CalculationBackend</i> , or using a specified set of compute resources.

## Attributes

<code>protocols</code>	The protocols in this graph.
<code>root_protocols</code>	The ids of the protocols in the group which do not take input from the other grouped protocols.

### property protocols

The protocols in this graph.

**Type** dict of str and Protocol

### property root\_protocols

The ids of the protocols in the group which do not take input from the other grouped protocols.

**Type** list of str

### add\_protocols (\*protocols, allow\_external\_dependencies=False)

Adds a set of protocols to the graph.

#### Parameters

- **protocols** (*tuple of Protocol*) – The protocols to add.
- **allow\_external\_dependencies** (*bool*) – If *False*, an exception will be raised if a protocol has a dependency outside of this graph.

**Returns** A mapping between the original protocols and protocols which were merged over the course of adding the new protocols.

**Return type** dict of str and str

### execute (root\_directory="", calculation\_backend=None, compute\_resources=None, enable\_checkpointing=True, safe\_exceptions=True)

Execute the protocol graph in the specified directory, and either using a *CalculationBackend*, or using a specified set of compute resources.

#### Parameters

- **root\_directory** (*str*) – The directory to execute the graph in.
- **calculation\_backend** (*CalculationBackend, optional.*) – The backend to execute the graph on. This parameter is mutually exclusive with *compute\_resources*.
- **compute\_resources** (*CalculationBackend, optional.*) – The compute resources to run using. This parameter is mutually exclusive with *calculation\_backend*.
- **enable\_checkpointing** (*bool*) – If enabled, protocols will not be executed more than once if the output from their previous execution is found.
- **safe\_exceptions** (*bool*) – If true, exceptions will be serialized into the results file rather than directly raised, otherwise, the exception will be raised as normal.

**Returns** The paths to the JSON serialized outputs of the executed protocols. If executed using a calculation backend, these will be *Future* objects which will return the output paths on calling *future.result()*.

**Return type** dict of str and str or Future

## ProtocolGroup

**class** openff.evaluator.workflow.**ProtocolGroup**(*protocol\_id*)

A group of workflow protocols to be executed in one batch.

This may be used for example to cluster together multiple protocols that will execute in a linear chain so that multiple scheduler execution calls are reduced into a single one.

Additionally, a group may provide enhanced behaviour, for example running all protocols within the group self consistently until a given condition is met (e.g run a simulation until a given observable has converged).

**\_\_init\_\_**(*protocol\_id*)

Constructs a new ProtocolGroup.

## Methods

<code>__init__(protocol_id)</code>	Constructs a new ProtocolGroup.
<code>add_protocols(*protocols)</code>	Add protocols to this group.
<code>apply_replicator(replicator, plate_values)</code>	Applies a <i>ProtocolReplicator</i> to this protocol.
<code>can_merge(other[, path_replacements])</code>	Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.
<code>execute([directory, available_resources])</code>	Execute the protocol.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>from_schema(schema)</code>	Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>get_class_attribute(reference_path)</code>	Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).
<code>get_value(reference_path)</code>	Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.
<code>get_value_references(input_path)</code>	Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by <i>input_path</i> ) takes its value from.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>merge(other)</code>	Merges another Protocol with this one.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>replace_protocol(old_id, new_id)</code>	Finds each input which came from a given protocol
<code>set_uuid(value)</code>	Store the uuid of the calculation this protocol belongs to
<code>set_value(reference_path, value)</code>	Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<i>allow_merging</i>	<b>Input</b> - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols.
<i>dependencies</i>	A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.
<i>id</i>	The unique id of this protocol.
<i>outputs</i>	A dictionary of the outputs of this property.
<i>protocols</i>	A dictionary of the protocols in this groups, where the dictionary key is the protocol id, and the value is the protocol itself.
<i>required_inputs</i>	The inputs which must be set on this protocol.
<i>schema</i>	A serializable schema for this object.

**property required\_inputs**

The inputs which must be set on this protocol.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**property dependencies**

A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**property outputs**

A dictionary of the outputs of this property.

**Type** dict of ProtocolPath and Any

**property protocols**

A dictionary of the protocols in this groups, where the dictionary key is the protocol id, and the value is the protocol itself.

## Notes

This property should *not* be altered. Use *add\_protocols* to add new protocols to the group.

**Type** dict of str and Protocol

**add\_protocols** (\*protocols)

Add protocols to this group.

**Parameters** **protocols** (Protocol) – The protocols to add.

**set\_uuid** (value)

Store the uuid of the calculation this protocol belongs to

**Parameters** **value** (str) – The uuid of the parent calculation.

**replace\_protocol** (old\_id, new\_id)

**Finds each input which came from a given protocol** and redirects it to instead take input from a different one.

**Parameters**

- **old\_id** (str) – The id of the old input protocol.
- **new\_id** (str) – The id of the new input protocol.

**can\_merge** (*other*, *path\_replacements=None*)

Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.

**Parameters**

- **other** (*Protocol*) – The protocol to compare against.
- **path\_replacements** (*list of tuple of str, optional*) – Replacements to make in any value reference protocol paths before comparing for equality.

**Returns** True if the two protocols are safe to merge.

**Return type** `bool`

**merge** (*other*)

Merges another Protocol with this one. The id of this protocol will remain unchanged.

**Parameters** **other** (*Protocol*) – The protocol to merge into this one.

**Returns** A map between any original protocol ids and their new merged values.

**Return type** `Dict[str, str]`

**get\_value\_references** (*input\_path*)

Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by *input\_path*) takes its value from.

## Notes

Currently this method only functions correctly for an input value which is either currently a `ProtocolPath`, or a *list / dict* which contains at least one `ProtocolPath`.

**Parameters** **input\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The input value to check.

**Returns** A dictionary of the protocol paths that the input targeted by *input\_path* depends upon.

**Return type** dict of `ProtocolPath` and `ProtocolPath`

**get\_class\_attribute** (*reference\_path*)

Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the attribute to return.

**Returns** The class attribute.

**Return type** `object`

**get\_value** (*reference\_path*)

Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.

**Returns** The value of the input / output

**Return type** Any

**allow\_merging**

**Input** - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols. The default value of this attribute is `True`.

**Type** `bool`

**execute** (*directory="", available\_resources=None*)

Execute the protocol.

**Parameters**

- **directory** (*str*) – The directory to store output data in.
- **available\_resources** (*ComputeResources*) – The resources available to execute on. If *None*, the protocol will be executed on a single CPU.

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** *cls*

**classmethod from\_schema** (*schema*)

Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.

**Parameters** **schema** (*ProtocolSchema*) – The schema to initialize the protocol using.

**Returns** The initialized protocol.

**Return type** *cls*

**classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** *list of str*

**id**

The unique id of this protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *str*

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** *str*

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** *Any*

**property schema**

A serializable schema for this object.



Type *ProtocolSchema*

**set\_value** (*reference\_path*, *value*)

Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.

**Parameters**

- **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.
- **value** (*Any*) – The value to set.

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** *ValueError* or *AssertionError* –

**apply\_replicator** (*replicator, template\_values, template\_index=-1, template\_value=None, update\_input\_references=False*)

Applies a *ProtocolReplicator* to this protocol. This method should clone any protocols whose id contains the id of the replicator (in the format *\$(replicator.id)*).

**Parameters**

- **replicator** (*ProtocolReplicator*) – The replicator to apply.
- **template\_values** (*list of Any*) – A list of the values which will be inserted into the newly replicated protocols.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_index* and *template\_value*

- **template\_index** (*int, optional*) – A specific value which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_value*.

- **template\_value** (*Any, optional*) – A specific index which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_index*.

- **update\_input\_references** (*bool*) – If true, any protocols which take their input from a protocol which was flagged for replication will be updated to take input from the actually replicated protocol. This should only be set to true if this protocol is not nested within a workflow or a protocol group.

This option cannot be used when a specific *template\_index* or *template\_value* is provided.

**Returns** A dictionary of references to all of the protocols which have been replicated, with keys of original protocol ids. Each value is comprised of a list of the replicated protocol ids, and their index into the *template\_values* array.

**Return type** dict of ProtocolPath and list of tuple of ProtocolPath and int

## workflow\_protocol

`openff.evaluator.workflow.workflow_protocol()`

A decorator which registers a class as being a protocol which may be included in workflows.

## register\_workflow\_protocol

`openff.evaluator.workflow.register_workflow_protocol(protocol_class)`

Registers a class as being a protocol which may be included in workflows.

## Schemas

<i>ProtocolSchema</i>	A json serializable representation of a workflow protocol.
<i>ProtocolGroupSchema</i>	A json serializable representation of a workflow protocol group.
<i>ProtocolReplicator</i>	A protocol replicator contains the information necessary to replicate parts of a property estimation workflow.
<i>WorkflowSchema</i>	The schematic for a property estimation workflow.

## ProtocolSchema

**class** `openff.evaluator.workflow.schemas.ProtocolSchema` (*unique\_id=None*, *protocol\_type=None*, *inputs=None*)

A json serializable representation of a workflow protocol.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*unique\_id=None*, *protocol\_type=None*, *inputs=None*)  
Initialize self. See `help(type(self))` for accurate signature.

## Methods

<code>__init__([unique_id, protocol_type, inputs])</code>	Initialize self.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>to_protocol()</code>	Creates a new protocol object from this schema.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<i>id</i>	The unique id associated with the protocol.
<i>inputs</i>	The inputs to the protocol.
<i>type</i>	The type of protocol associated with this schema.

### **id**

The unique id associated with the protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

### **type**

The type of protocol associated with this schema. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user.. This attribute is *read-only*.

**Type** `str`

### **inputs**

The inputs to the protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user.. This attribute is *read-only*.

**Type** `dict`

### **to\_protocol()**

Creates a new protocol object from this schema.

**Returns** The protocol created from this schema.

**Return type** *Protocol*

### **classmethod from\_json(file\_path)**

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

### **classmethod get\_attributes(attribute\_type=None)**

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** `list of str`

### **json(file\_path=None, format=False)**

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

#### **Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**classmethod** `parse_json` (*string\_contents*, *encoding*='utf8')

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str* or *bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**validate** (*attribute\_type*=None)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** **ValueError** or **AssertionError** –

## ProtocolGroupSchema

**class** `openff.evaluator.workflow.schemas.ProtocolGroupSchema` (*unique\_id*=None,  
*protocol\_type*=None,  
*inputs*=None, *protocol\_schemas*=None)

A json serializable representation of a workflow protocol group.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*unique\_id*=None, *protocol\_type*=None, *inputs*=None, *protocol\_schemas*=None)

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

## Methods

<code>__init__</code> ( <i>unique_id</i> , <i>protocol_type</i> , <i>inputs</i> , ...)	Initialize self.
<code>from_json</code> ( <i>file_path</i> )	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>get_attributes</code> ( <i>[attribute_type]</i> )	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>json</code> ( <i>[file_path, format]</i> )	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json</code> ( <i>string_contents</i> [, <i>encoding</i> ])	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>to_protocol</code> ()	Creates a new protocol object from this schema.
<code>validate</code> ( <i>[attribute_type]</i> )	Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<i>id</i>	The unique id associated with the protocol.
<i>inputs</i>	The inputs to the protocol.
<i>protocol_schemas</i>	The schemas of the protocols within this group.
<i>type</i>	The type of protocol associated with this schema.

## `protocol_schemas`

The schemas of the protocols within this group. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user.. This attribute is *read-only*.

Type `dict`

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** *attribute\_type* (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** `ValueError` or `AssertionError` –

**classmethod** **from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** *file\_path* (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod** **get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** *attribute\_type* (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of `str`

**id**

The unique id associated with the protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `str`

**inputs**

The inputs to the protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user.. This attribute is *read-only*.

Type `dict`

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**classmethod** **parse\_json** (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**to\_protocol()**

Creates a new protocol object from this schema.

**Returns** The protocol created from this schema.

**Return type** *Protocol*

**type**

The type of protocol associated with this schema. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user.. This attribute is *read-only*.

**Type** *str*

## ProtocolReplicator

**class** `openff.evaluator.workflow.schemas.ProtocolReplicator` (*replicator\_id=""*)

A protocol replicator contains the information necessary to replicate parts of a property estimation workflow.

Any protocol whose id includes *\$(replicator.id)* (where *replicator.id* is the id of a replicator) will be cloned for each value present in *template\_values*. Protocols that are being replicated will also have any ReplicatorValue inputs replaced with the actual value taken from *template\_values*.

When the protocol is replicated, the *\$(replicator.id)* placeholder in the protocol id will be replaced an integer which corresponds to the index of a value in the *template\_values* array.

Any protocols which take input from a replicated protocol will be updated to instead take a list of value, populated by the outputs of the replicated protocols.

### Notes

- The *template\_values* property must be a list of either constant values, or *ProtocolPath* objects which take their value from the *global* scope.
- If children of replicated protocols are also flagged as to be replicated, they will only have their ids changed to match the index of the parent protocol, as opposed to being fully replicated.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*replicator\_id=""*)

Constructs a new ProtocolReplicator object.

**Parameters** **replicator\_id** (*str*) – The id of this replicator.

### Methods

<code>__init__([replicator_id])</code>	Constructs a new ProtocolReplicator object.
<code>apply(protocols[, template_values, ...])</code>	Applies this replicator to the provided set of protocols and any of their children.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>update_references(protocols, ...)</code>	Redirects the input references of protocols to the replicated versions.

## Attributes

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<i>placeholder_id</i>	The string which protocols to be replicated should include in their ids.
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### **property placeholder\_id**

The string which protocols to be replicated should include in their ids.

**apply** (*protocols*, *template\_values*=None, *template\_index*=-1, *template\_value*=None)

Applies this replicator to the provided set of protocols and any of their children.

This protocol should be followed by a call to *update\_references* to ensure that all protocols which take their input from a replicated protocol get correctly updated.

### Parameters

- **protocols** (*dict of str and Protocol*) – The protocols to apply the replicator to.
- **template\_values** (*list of Any*) – A list of the values which will be inserted into the newly replicated protocols.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_index* and *template\_value*

- **template\_index** (*int, optional*) – A specific value which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by this replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_value*.

- **template\_value** (*Any, optional*) – A specific index which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by this replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_index*.

### Returns

- *dict of str and Protocol* – The replicated protocols.
- *dict of ProtocolPath and list of tuple of ProtocolPath and int* – A dictionary of references to all of the protocols which have been replicated, with keys of original protocol ids. Each value is comprised of a list of the replicated protocol ids, and their index into the *template\_values* array.

**update\_references** (*protocols*, *replication\_map*, *template\_values*)

Redirects the input references of protocols to the replicated versions.

### Parameters

- **protocols** (*dict of str and Protocol*) – The protocols which have had this replicator applied to them.
- **replication\_map** (*dict of ProtocolPath and list of tuple of ProtocolPath and int*) – A dictionary of references to all of the protocols which have been replicated, with keys of original protocol ids. Each value is comprised of a list of the replicated protocol ids, and their index into the *template\_values* array.
- **template\_values** (*List of Any*) – A list of the values which will be inserted into the newly replicated protocols.

**classmethod** `from_json(file_path)`

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** `file_path` (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**classmethod** `parse_json(string_contents, encoding='utf8')`

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

## WorkflowSchema

**class** `openff.evaluator.workflow.schemas.WorkflowSchema`

The schematic for a property estimation workflow.

**\_\_init\_\_** ()

Initialize self. See `help(type(self))` for accurate signature.

## Methods

<code>__init__</code>	Initialize self.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>replace_protocol_types(protocol_replacements)</code>	Replaces protocols with given types with other protocols of specified replacements.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.



## Attributes

<code>final_value_source</code>	A reference to which protocol output corresponds to the estimated value of the property.
<code>gradients_sources</code>	A list of references the protocol outputs which correspond to the gradients of the estimated property with respect to specified force field parameters.
<code>outputs_to_store</code>	A collection of data classes to populate ready to be stored by a <i>StorageBackend</i> .
<code>protocol_replicators</code>	A set of replicators which will replicate parts of the workflow.
<code>protocol_schemas</code>	The schemas for the protocols which will make up the workflow.

### **protocol\_schemas**

The schemas for the protocols which will make up the workflow. The default value of this attribute is `[]`.

Type `list`

### **protocol\_replicators**

A set of replicators which will replicate parts of the workflow. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

Type `list`

### **final\_value\_source**

A reference to which protocol output corresponds to the estimated value of the property. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

Type `ProtocolPath`

### **gradients\_sources**

A list of references the protocol outputs which correspond to the gradients of the estimated property with respect to specified force field parameters. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

Type `list`

### **outputs\_to\_store**

A collection of data classes to populate ready to be stored by a *StorageBackend*. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

Type `dict`

### **replace\_protocol\_types** (*protocol\_replacements*, *protocol\_group\_schema=None*)

Replaces protocols with given types with other protocols of specified replacements. This is useful when replacing the default protocols with custom ones, or swapping out base protocols with actual implementations

**Warning:** This method is NOT fully implemented and is likely to fail in all but a few specific cases. This method should be used with extreme caution.

## Parameters

- **protocol\_replacements** (*dict of str and str, None*) – A dictionary with keys of the types of protocols which should be replaced with those protocols named by the values.

- **protocol\_group\_schema** (`ProtocolGroupSchema`) – The protocol group to apply the replacements to. This is mainly used when applying this method recursively.

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** `ValueError` or `AssertionError` –

**classmethod** **from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod** **get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of str

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**classmethod** **parse\_json** (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

## Attributes

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*BaseMergeBehaviour*

A base class for enums which will describes how attributes should be handled when attempting to merge similar protocols.

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*MergeBehaviour*

A enum which describes how attributes should be handled when attempting to merge similar protocols.

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<i>InequalityMergeBehaviour</i>	A enum which describes how attributes which can be compared with inequalities should be merged.
<i>InputAttribute</i>	A descriptor used to mark an attribute of an object as an input to that object.
<i>OutputAttribute</i>	A descriptor used to mark an attribute of an as an output of that object.

## BaseMergeBehaviour

**class** openff.evaluator.workflow.attributes.**BaseMergeBehaviour**

A base class for enums which will describes how attributes should be handled when attempting to merge similar protocols.

**\_\_init\_\_()**  
Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

## MergeBehaviour

**class** openff.evaluator.workflow.attributes.**MergeBehaviour**

A enum which describes how attributes should be handled when attempting to merge similar protocols.

This enum may take values of

- ExactlyEqual: This attribute must be exactly equal between two protocols for them to be able to merge.
- Custom: This attribute will be ignored by the built-in merging code such that user specified behavior can be implemented.

**\_\_init\_\_()**  
Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

## Attributes

Custom
ExactlyEqual

## InequalityMergeBehaviour

**class** openff.evaluator.workflow.attributes.**InequalityMergeBehaviour**

A enum which describes how attributes which can be compared with inequalities should be merged.

This enum may take values of

- SmallestValue: When two protocols are merged, the smallest value of this attribute from either protocol is retained.
- LargestValue: When two protocols are merged, the largest value of this attribute from either protocol is retained.

**\_\_init\_\_()**  
Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

## Attributes

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LargestValue
SmallestValue

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## InputAttribute

```
class openff.evaluator.workflow.attributes.InputAttribute(docstring,    type_hint,
                                                         default_value,
                                                         optional=False,
                                                         merge_behavior=<MergeBehaviour.ExactlyEqual>
                                                         'ExactlyEqual')

```

A descriptor used to mark an attribute of an object as an input to that object.

An attribute can either be set with a value directly, or it can also be set to a *ProtocolPath* to be set by the workflow manager.

## Examples

To mark an attribute as an input:

```
>>> from openff.evaluator.attributes import AttributeClass
>>> from openff.evaluator.workflow.attributes import InputAttribute
>>>
>>> class MyObject (AttributeClass):
>>>
>>>     my_input = InputAttribute(
>>>         docstring='An input will be used.',
>>>         type_hint=float,
>>>         default_value=0.1
>>>     )

```

```
__init__(docstring, type_hint, default_value, optional=False, merge_behavior=<MergeBehaviour.ExactlyEqual>
        'ExactlyEqual')

```

Initializes a new InputAttribute object.

**Parameters** **merge\_behavior** (*BaseMergeBehaviour*) – An enum describing how this input should be handled when considering whether to, and actually merging two different objects.

## Methods

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<code>__init__(docstring, type_hint, default_value)</code>	Initializes a new InputAttribute object.
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## OutputAttribute

**class** openff.evaluator.workflow.attributes.**OutputAttribute** (*docstring, type\_hint*)

A descriptor used to mark an attribute of an as an output of that object. This attribute is expected to be populated by the object itself, rather than be set externally.

### Examples

To mark an attribute as an output:

```
>>> from openff.evaluator.attributes import AttributeClass
>>> from openff.evaluator.workflow.attributes import OutputAttribute
>>>
>>> class MyObject (AttributeClass) :
>>>
>>>     my_output = OutputAttribute(
>>>         docstring='An output that will be filled.',
>>>         type_hint=float
>>>     )
```

**\_\_init\_\_** (*docstring, type\_hint*)

Initializes a new OutputAttribute object.

### Methods

<code>__init__</code> ( <i>docstring, type_hint</i> )	Initializes a new OutputAttribute object.
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### Placeholder Values

<code>ReplicatorValue</code>	A placeholder value which will be set by a protocol replicator with the specified id.
<code>ProtocolPath</code>	Represents a pointer to the output of another protocol.

## ReplicatorValue

**class** openff.evaluator.workflow.utils.**ReplicatorValue** (*replicator\_id=""*)

A placeholder value which will be set by a protocol replicator with the specified id.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*replicator\_id=""*)

Constructs a new ReplicatorValue object

**Parameters** `replicator_id` (*str*) – The id of the replicator which will set this value.

## Methods

<code>__init__([replicator_id])</code>	Constructs a new ReplicatorValue object
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## ProtocolPath

**class** `openff.evaluator.workflow.utils.ProtocolPath` (*property\_name*="", *\*protocol\_ids*)  
Represents a pointer to the output of another protocol.

`__init__` (*property\_name*="", *\*protocol\_ids*)  
Constructs a new ProtocolPath object.

### Parameters

- **property\_name** (*str*) – The property name referenced by the path.
- **protocol\_ids** (*str*) – An args list of protocol ids in the order in which they will appear in the path.

## Methods

<code>__init__([property_name])</code>	Constructs a new ProtocolPath object.
<code>append_uuid(uuid)</code>	Appends a uuid to each of the protocol id's in the path
<code>copy()</code>	Returns a copy of this path.
<code>from_string(existing_path_string)</code>	
<code>pop_next_in_path()</code>	Pops and then returns the leading protocol id from the path.
<code>prepend_protocol_id(id_to_prepend)</code>	Prepend a new protocol id onto the front of the path.
<code>replace_protocol(old_id, new_id)</code>	Redirect the input to point at a new protocol.

## Attributes

<code>full_path</code>	The full path referenced by this object.
<code>is_global</code>	
<code>last_protocol</code>	The end protocol id of the path.
<code>path_separator</code>	
<code>property_name</code>	The property name pointed to by the path.
<code>property_separator</code>	
<code>protocol_ids</code>	The ids of the protocols referenced by this object.
<code>protocol_path</code>	The full path referenced by this object excluding the property name.
<code>start_protocol</code>	The leading protocol id of the path.

**property property\_name**  
The property name pointed to by the path.

**Type** `str`

**property protocol\_ids**  
The ids of the protocols referenced by this object.

**Type** tuple of str

**property start\_protocol**

The leading protocol id of the path.

**Type** str

**property last\_protocol**

The end protocol id of the path.

**Type** str

**property protocol\_path**

The full path referenced by this object excluding the property name.

**Type** str

**property full\_path**

The full path referenced by this object.

**Type** str

**prepend\_protocol\_id** (*id\_to\_prepend*)

Prepend a new protocol id onto the front of the path.

**Parameters** *id\_to\_prepend* (str) – The protocol id to prepend to the path

**pop\_next\_in\_path** ()

Pops and then returns the leading protocol id from the path.

**Returns** The previously leading protocol id.

**Return type** str

**append\_uuid** (*uuid*)

Appends a uuid to each of the protocol id's in the path

**Parameters** *uuid* (str) – The uuid to append.

**replace\_protocol** (*old\_id*, *new\_id*)

Redirect the input to point at a new protocol.

The main use of this method is when merging multiple protocols into one.

**Parameters**

- *old\_id* (str) – The id of the protocol to replace.
- *new\_id* (str) – The id of the new protocol to use.

**copy** ()

Returns a copy of this path.

## 2.26.10 Built-in Workflow Protocols

### Analysis

<i>AveragePropertyProtocol</i>	An abstract base class for protocols which will calculate the average of a property and its uncertainty via bootstrapping.
<i>AverageTrajectoryProperty</i>	An abstract base class for protocols which will calculate the average of a property from a simulation trajectory.

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<i>ExtractAverageStatistic</i>	Extracts the average value from a statistics file which was generated during a simulation.
<i>ExtractUncorrelatedData</i>	An abstract base class for protocols which will subsample a data set, yielding only equilibrated, uncorrelated data.
<i>ExtractUncorrelatedTrajectoryData</i>	A protocol which will subsample frames from a trajectory, yielding only uncorrelated frames as determined from a provided statistical inefficiency and equilibration time.
<i>ExtractUncorrelatedStatisticsData</i>	A protocol which will subsample entries from a statistics array, yielding only uncorrelated entries as determined from a provided statistical inefficiency and equilibration time.

## AveragePropertyProtocol

**class** openff.evaluator.protocols.analysis.**AveragePropertyProtocol** (*protocol\_id*)

An abstract base class for protocols which will calculate the average of a property and its uncertainty via bootstrapping.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*protocol\_id*)

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

### Methods

<b>__init__</b> ( <i>protocol_id</i> )	Initialize self.
<b>apply_replicator</b> ( <i>replicator</i> , <i>template_values</i> )	Applies a <i>ProtocolReplicator</i> to this protocol.
<b>can_merge</b> ( <i>other</i> [, <i>path_replacements</i> ])	Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.
<b>execute</b> ([ <i>directory</i> , <i>available_resources</i> ])	Execute the protocol.
<b>from_json</b> ( <i>file_path</i> )	Create this object from a JSON file.
<b>from_schema</b> ( <i>schema</i> )	Initializes a protocol from its schema definition.
<b>get_attributes</b> ([ <i>attribute_type</i> ])	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<b>get_class_attribute</b> ( <i>reference_path</i> )	Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).
<b>get_value</b> ( <i>reference_path</i> )	Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.
<b>get_value_references</b> ( <i>input_path</i> )	Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by <i>input_path</i> ) takes its value from.
<b>json</b> ([ <i>file_path</i> , <i>format</i> ])	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<b>merge</b> ( <i>other</i> )	Merges another Protocol with this one.
<b>parse_json</b> ( <i>string_contents</i> [, <i>encoding</i> ])	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<b>replace_protocol</b> ( <i>old_id</i> , <i>new_id</i> )	Finds each input which came from a given protocol
<b>set_uuid</b> ( <i>value</i> )	Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id.
<b>set_value</b> ( <i>reference_path</i> , <i>value</i> )	Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.
<b>validate</b> ([ <i>attribute_type</i> ])	Validate the values of the attributes.



## Attributes

<i>allow_merging</i>	<b>Input</b> - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols.
<i>bootstrap_iterations</i>	<b>Input</b> - The number of bootstrap iterations to perform.
<i>bootstrap_sample_size</i>	<b>Input</b> - The relative sample size to use for bootstrapping.
<i>dependencies</i>	A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.
<i>equilibration_index</i>	<b>Output</b> - The index in the data set after which the data is stationary.
<i>id</i>	The unique id of this protocol.
<i>outputs</i>	A dictionary of the outputs of this property.
<i>required_inputs</i>	The inputs which must be set on this protocol.
<i>schema</i>	A serializable schema for this object.
<i>statistical_inefficiency</i>	<b>Output</b> - The statistical inefficiency in the data set.
<i>uncorrelated_values</i>	<b>Output</b> - The uncorrelated values which the average was calculated from.
<i>value</i>	<b>Output</b> - The average value and its uncertainty.

### **bootstrap\_iterations**

**Input** - The number of bootstrap iterations to perform. The default value of this attribute is 250.

**Type** `int`

### **bootstrap\_sample\_size**

**Input** - The relative sample size to use for bootstrapping. The default value of this attribute is 1 . 0.

**Type** `float`

### **equilibration\_index**

**Output** - The index in the data set after which the data is stationary. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `int`

### **statistical\_inefficiency**

**Output** - The statistical inefficiency in the data set. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `float`

### **value**

**Output** - The average value and its uncertainty. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `Measurement`

### **uncorrelated\_values**

**Output** - The uncorrelated values which the average was calculated from. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `Quantity`

### **allow\_merging**

**Input** - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols. The default value of this attribute is `True`.

Type `bool`

**apply\_replicator** (*replicator*, *template\_values*, *template\_index*=- 1, *template\_value*=None, *update\_input\_references*=False)

Applies a *ProtocolReplicator* to this protocol. This method should clone any protocols whose id contains the id of the replicator (in the format *\$(replicator.id)*).

#### Parameters

- **replicator** (*ProtocolReplicator*) – The replicator to apply.
- **template\_values** (*list of Any*) – A list of the values which will be inserted into the newly replicated protocols.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_index* and *template\_value*

- **template\_index** (*int, optional*) – A specific value which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_value*.

- **template\_value** (*Any, optional*) – A specific index which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_index*.

- **update\_input\_references** (*bool*) – If true, any protocols which take their input from a protocol which was flagged for replication will be updated to take input from the actually replicated protocol. This should only be set to true if this protocol is not nested within a workflow or a protocol group.

This option cannot be used when a specific *template\_index* or *template\_value* is provided.

**Returns** A dictionary of references to all of the protocols which have been replicated, with keys of original protocol ids. Each value is comprised of a list of the replicated protocol ids, and their index into the *template\_values* array.

**Return type** dict of ProtocolPath and list of tuple of ProtocolPath and int

**can\_merge** (*other*, *path\_replacements*=None)

Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.

#### Parameters

- **other** (*Protocol*) – The protocol to compare against.
- **path\_replacements** (*list of tuple of str, optional*) – Replacements to make in any value reference protocol paths before comparing for equality.

**Returns** True if the two protocols are safe to merge.

**Return type** `bool`

#### property dependencies

A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**execute** (*directory*="", *available\_resources*=None)

Execute the protocol.

#### Parameters

- **directory** (*str*) – The directory to store output data in.
- **available\_resources** (*ComputeResources*) – The resources available to execute on. If *None*, the protocol will be executed on a single CPU.

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** *cls*

**classmethod from\_schema** (*schema*)

Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.

**Parameters** **schema** (*ProtocolSchema*) – The schema to initialize the protocol using.

**Returns** The initialized protocol.

**Return type** *cls*

**classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of *str*

**get\_class\_attribute** (*reference\_path*)

Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the attribute to return.

**Returns** The class attribute.

**Return type** *object*

**get\_value** (*reference\_path*)

Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.

**Returns** The value of the input / output

**Return type** Any

**get\_value\_references** (*input\_path*)

Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by *input\_path*) takes its value from.

## Notes

Currently this method only functions correctly for an input value which is either currently a `ProtocolPath`, or a *list / dict* which contains at least one `ProtocolPath`.

**Parameters** `input_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The input value to check.

**Returns** A dictionary of the protocol paths that the input targeted by *input\_path* depends upon.

**Return type** dict of `ProtocolPath` and `ProtocolPath`

**id**

The unique id of this protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**merge** (*other*)

Merges another Protocol with this one. The id of this protocol will remain unchanged.

**Parameters** **other** (`Protocol`) – The protocol to merge into this one.

**Returns** A map between any original protocol ids and their new merged values.

**Return type** Dict[`str`, `str`]

**property outputs**

A dictionary of the outputs of this property.

**Type** dict of `ProtocolPath` and Any

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**replace\_protocol** (*old\_id, new\_id*)

**Finds each input which came from a given protocol** and redirects it to instead take input from a new one.

## Notes

This method is mainly intended to be used only when merging multiple protocols into one.

### Parameters

- **old\_id** (*str*) – The id of the old input protocol.
- **new\_id** (*str*) – The id of the new input protocol.

### property required\_inputs

The inputs which must be set on this protocol.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

### property schema

A serializable schema for this object.

**Type** *ProtocolSchema*

### set\_uuid (value)

Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id. If the id already has a prepended uuid, it will be overwritten by this value.

**Parameters** **value** (*str*) – The uuid to prepend.

### set\_value (reference\_path, value)

Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.

### Parameters

- **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.
- **value** (*Any*) – The value to set.

### validate (attribute\_type=None)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** **ValueError** or **AssertionError** –

## AverageTrajectoryProperty

**class** openff.evaluator.protocols.analysis.**AverageTrajectoryProperty** (*protocol\_id*)

An abstract base class for protocols which will calculate the average of a property from a simulation trajectory.

### \_\_init\_\_ (protocol\_id)

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

## Methods

<code>__init__(protocol_id)</code>	Initialize self.
<code>apply_replicator(replicator, template_values)</code>	Applies a <i>ProtocolReplicator</i> to this protocol.
<code>can_merge(other[, path_replacements])</code>	Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.
<code>execute([directory, available_resources])</code>	Execute the protocol.

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<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>from_schema(schema)</code>	Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>get_class_attribute(reference_path)</code>	Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).
<code>get_value(reference_path)</code>	Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.
<code>get_value_references(input_path)</code>	Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by <i>input_path</i> ) takes its value from.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>merge(other)</code>	Merges another Protocol with this one.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>replace_protocol(old_id, new_id)</code>	Finds each input which came from a given protocol
<code>set_uuid(value)</code>	Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id.
<code>set_value(reference_path, value)</code>	Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

### Attributes

<code>allow_merging</code>	<b>Input</b> - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols.
<code>bootstrap_iterations</code>	<b>Input</b> - The number of bootstrap iterations to perform.
<code>bootstrap_sample_size</code>	<b>Input</b> - The relative sample size to use for bootstrapping.
<code>dependencies</code>	A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.
<code>equilibration_index</code>	<b>Output</b> - The index in the data set after which the data is stationary.
<code>id</code>	The unique id of this protocol.
<code>input_coordinate_file</code>	<b>Input</b> - The file path to the starting coordinates of a trajectory.
<code>outputs</code>	A dictionary of the outputs of this property.
<code>required_inputs</code>	The inputs which must be set on this protocol.
<code>schema</code>	A serializable schema for this object.
<code>statistical_inefficiency</code>	<b>Output</b> - The statistical inefficiency in the data set.
<code>trajectory_path</code>	<b>Input</b> - The file path to the trajectory to average over.
<code>uncorrelated_values</code>	<b>Output</b> - The uncorrelated values which the average was calculated from.
<code>value</code>	<b>Output</b> - The average value and its uncertainty.

#### **input\_coordinate\_file**

**Input** - The file path to the starting coordinates of a trajectory. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

#### **trajectory\_path**

**Input** - The file path to the trajectory to average over. The default value of this attribute is not set and must

be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

#### **allow\_merging**

**Input** - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols. The default value of this attribute is `True`.

**Type** `bool`

#### **apply\_replicator** (*replicator, template\_values, template\_index=- 1, template\_value=None, update\_input\_references=False*)

Applies a *ProtocolReplicator* to this protocol. This method should clone any protocols whose id contains the id of the replicator (in the format *\$(replicator.id)*).

##### **Parameters**

- **replicator** (*ProtocolReplicator*) – The replicator to apply.
- **template\_values** (*list of Any*) – A list of the values which will be inserted into the newly replicated protocols.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_index* and *template\_value*

- **template\_index** (*int, optional*) – A specific value which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_value*.

- **template\_value** (*Any, optional*) – A specific index which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_index*.

- **update\_input\_references** (*bool*) – If true, any protocols which take their input from a protocol which was flagged for replication will be updated to take input from the actually replicated protocol. This should only be set to true if this protocol is not nested within a workflow or a protocol group.

This option cannot be used when a specific *template\_index* or *template\_value* is provided.

**Returns** A dictionary of references to all of the protocols which have been replicated, with keys of original protocol ids. Each value is comprised of a list of the replicated protocol ids, and their index into the *template\_values* array.

**Return type** dict of ProtocolPath and list of tuple of ProtocolPath and int

#### **bootstrap\_iterations**

**Input** - The number of bootstrap iterations to perform. The default value of this attribute is 250.

**Type** `int`

#### **bootstrap\_sample\_size**

**Input** - The relative sample size to use for bootstrapping. The default value of this attribute is 1 . 0.

**Type** `float`

#### **can\_merge** (*other, path\_replacements=None*)

Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.

##### **Parameters**

- **other** (*Protocol*) – The protocol to compare against.
- **path\_replacements** (*list of tuple of str, optional*) – Replacements to make in any value reference protocol paths before comparing for equality.

**Returns** True if the two protocols are safe to merge.

**Return type** `bool`

#### **property dependencies**

A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.

**Type** list of `ProtocolPath`

#### **equilibration\_index**

**Output** - The index in the data set after which the data is stationary. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `int`

**execute** (*directory="*, *available\_resources=None*)

Execute the protocol.

#### **Parameters**

- **directory** (*str*) – The directory to store output data in.
- **available\_resources** (*ComputeResources*) – The resources available to execute on. If *None*, the protocol will be executed on a single CPU.

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod from\_schema** (*schema*)

Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.

**Parameters** **schema** (*ProtocolSchema*) – The schema to initialize the protocol using.

**Returns** The initialized protocol.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of `str`

**get\_class\_attribute** (*reference\_path*)

Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the attribute to return.

**Returns** The class attribute.

**Return type** `object`



**get\_value** (*reference\_path*)

Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.

**Returns** The value of the input / output

**Return type** Any

**get\_value\_references** (*input\_path*)

Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by *input\_path*) takes its value from.

## Notes

Currently this method only functions correctly for an input value which is either currently a *ProtocolPath*, or a *list* / *dict* which contains at least one *ProtocolPath*.

**Parameters** **input\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The input value to check.

**Returns** A dictionary of the protocol paths that the input targeted by *input\_path* depends upon.

**Return type** dict of *ProtocolPath* and *ProtocolPath*

**id**

The unique id of this protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *str*

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** *str*

**merge** (*other*)

Merges another Protocol with this one. The id of this protocol will remain unchanged.

**Parameters** **other** (*Protocol*) – The protocol to merge into this one.

**Returns** A map between any original protocol ids and their new merged values.

**Return type** Dict[*str*, *str*]

**property outputs**

A dictionary of the outputs of this property.

**Type** dict of *ProtocolPath* and Any

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**replace\_protocol** (*old\_id*, *new\_id*)

Finds each input which came from a given protocol and redirects it to instead take input from a new one.

### Notes

This method is mainly intended to be used only when merging multiple protocols into one.

#### Parameters

- **old\_id** (*str*) – The id of the old input protocol.
- **new\_id** (*str*) – The id of the new input protocol.

**property required\_inputs**

The inputs which must be set on this protocol.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**property schema**

A serializable schema for this object.

**Type** ProtocolSchema

**set\_uuid** (*value*)

Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id. If the id already has a prepended uuid, it will be overwritten by this value.

**Parameters** **value** (*str*) – The uuid to prepend.

**set\_value** (*reference\_path*, *value*)

Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.

#### Parameters

- **reference\_path** (ProtocolPath) – The path pointing to the value to return.
- **value** (Any) – The value to set.

**statistical\_inefficiency**

**Output** - The statistical inefficiency in the data set. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** float

**uncorrelated\_values**

**Output** - The uncorrelated values which the average was calculated from. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** Quantity

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** ValueError or AssertionError –

**value**

**Output** - The average value and its uncertainty. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

## Type Measurement

## ExtractAverageStatistic

**class** openff.evaluator.protocols.analysis.**ExtractAverageStatistic** (*protocol\_id*)  
 Extracts the average value from a statistics file which was generated during a simulation.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*protocol\_id*)  
 Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

## Methods

<code>__init__(protocol_id)</code>	Initialize self.
<code>apply_replicator(replicator, plate_values)</code>	Applies a <i>ProtocolReplicator</i> to this protocol.
<code>can_merge(other[, path_replacements])</code>	Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.
<code>execute([directory, available_resources])</code>	Execute the protocol.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>from_schema(schema)</code>	Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>get_class_attribute(reference_path)</code>	Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).
<code>get_value(reference_path)</code>	Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.
<code>get_value_references(input_path)</code>	Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by <i>input_path</i> ) takes its value from.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>merge(other)</code>	Merges another Protocol with this one.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>replace_protocol(old_id, new_id)</code>	Finds each input which came from a given protocol
<code>set_uuid(value)</code>	Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id.
<code>set_value(reference_path, value)</code>	Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<code>allow_merging</code>	<b>Input</b> - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols.
<code>bootstrap_iterations</code>	<b>Input</b> - The number of bootstrap iterations to perform.
<code>bootstrap_sample_size</code>	<b>Input</b> - The relative sample size to use for bootstrapping.
<code>dependencies</code>	A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.
<code>divisor</code>	<b>Input</b> - A value to divide the statistic by.

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<code>equilibration_index</code>	<b>Output</b> - The index in the data set after which the data is stationary.
<code>id</code>	The unique id of this protocol.
<code>outputs</code>	A dictionary of the outputs of this property.
<code>required_inputs</code>	The inputs which must be set on this protocol.
<code>schema</code>	A serializable schema for this object.
<code>statistical_inefficiency</code>	<b>Output</b> - The statistical inefficiency in the data set.
<code>statistics_path</code>	<b>Input</b> - The file path to the statistics to average over.
<code>statistics_type</code>	<b>Input</b> - The type of statistic to average over.
<code>uncorrelated_values</code>	<b>Output</b> - The uncorrelated values which the average was calculated from.
<code>value</code>	<b>Output</b> - The average value and its uncertainty.

**statistics\_path**

**Input** - The file path to the statistics to average over. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**statistics\_type**

**Input** - The type of statistic to average over. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `ObservableType`

**divisor**

**Input** - A value to divide the statistic by. This is useful if a statistic (such as enthalpy) needs to be normalised by the number of molecules. The default value of this attribute is `1.0`.

**Type** `typing.Union[int, float, pint.quantity.Quantity]`

**allow\_merging**

**Input** - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols. The default value of this attribute is `True`.

**Type** `bool`

**apply\_replicator** (*replicator*, *template\_values*, *template\_index=-1*, *template\_value=None*, *update\_input\_references=False*)

Applies a *ProtocolReplicator* to this protocol. This method should clone any protocols whose id contains the id of the replicator (in the format `$(replicator.id)`).

**Parameters**

- **replicator** (`ProtocolReplicator`) – The replicator to apply.
- **template\_values** (*list of Any*) – A list of the values which will be inserted into the newly replicated protocols.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_index* and *template\_value*

- **template\_index** (*int, optional*) – A specific value which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_value*.

- **template\_value** (*Any, optional*) – A specific index which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_index*.

- **update\_input\_references** (*bool*) – If true, any protocols which take their input from a protocol which was flagged for replication will be updated to take input from the actually replicated protocol. This should only be set to true if this protocol is not nested within a workflow or a protocol group.

This option cannot be used when a specific *template\_index* or *template\_value* is provided.

**Returns** A dictionary of references to all of the protocols which have been replicated, with keys of original protocol ids. Each value is comprised of a list of the replicated protocol ids, and their index into the *template\_values* array.

**Return type** dict of ProtocolPath and list of tuple of ProtocolPath and int

#### **bootstrap\_iterations**

**Input** - The number of bootstrap iterations to perform. The default value of this attribute is 250.

**Type** int

#### **bootstrap\_sample\_size**

**Input** - The relative sample size to use for bootstrapping. The default value of this attribute is 1.0.

**Type** float

#### **can\_merge** (*other, path\_replacements=None*)

Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.

##### **Parameters**

- **other** (*Protocol*) – The protocol to compare against.
- **path\_replacements** (*list of tuple of str, optional*) – Replacements to make in any value reference protocol paths before comparing for equality.

**Returns** True if the two protocols are safe to merge.

**Return type** bool

#### **property\_dependencies**

A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

#### **equilibration\_index**

**Output** - The index in the data set after which the data is stationary. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** int

#### **execute** (*directory=", available\_resources=None*)

Execute the protocol.

##### **Parameters**

- **directory** (*str*) – The directory to store output data in.
- **available\_resources** (*ComputeResources*) – The resources available to execute on. If *None*, the protocol will be executed on a single CPU.

**classmethod** `from_json(file_path)`

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** `file_path` (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod** `from_schema(schema)`

Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.

**Parameters** `schema` (`ProtocolSchema`) – The schema to initialize the protocol using.

**Returns** The initialized protocol.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod** `get_attributes(attribute_type=None)`

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** `attribute_type` (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** `list of str`

**get\_class\_attribute** (*reference\_path*)

Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).

**Parameters** `reference_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The path pointing to the attribute to return.

**Returns** The class attribute.

**Return type** `object`

**get\_value** (*reference\_path*)

Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.

**Parameters** `reference_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The path pointing to the value to return.

**Returns** The value of the input / output

**Return type** `Any`

**get\_value\_references** (*input\_path*)

Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by *input\_path*) takes its value from.

## Notes

Currently this method only functions correctly for an input value which is either currently a `ProtocolPath`, or a *list / dict* which contains at least one `ProtocolPath`.

**Parameters** `input_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The input value to check.

**Returns** A dictionary of the protocol paths that the input targeted by *input\_path* depends upon.

**Return type** `dict of ProtocolPath and ProtocolPath`

**id**

The unique id of this protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** *str*

**merge** (*other*)

Merges another Protocol with this one. The id of this protocol will remain unchanged.

**Parameters** **other** (*Protocol*) – The protocol to merge into this one.

**Returns** A map between any original protocol ids and their new merged values.

**Return type** *Dict[str, str]*

**property outputs**

A dictionary of the outputs of this property.

**Type** *dict of ProtocolPath and Any*

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** *Any*

**replace\_protocol** (*old\_id, new\_id*)

**Finds each input which came from a given protocol** and redirects it to instead take input from a new one.

## Notes

This method is mainly intended to be used only when merging multiple protocols into one.

**Parameters**

- **old\_id** (*str*) – The id of the old input protocol.
- **new\_id** (*str*) – The id of the new input protocol.

**property required\_inputs**

The inputs which must be set on this protocol.

**Type** *list of ProtocolPath*

**property schema**

A serializable schema for this object.

**Type** *ProtocolSchema*

**set\_uuid** (*value*)

Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id. If the id already has a prepended uuid, it will be overwritten by this value.

**Parameters** **value** (*str*) – The uuid to prepend.

**set\_value** (*reference\_path*, *value*)

Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.

**Parameters**

- **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.
- **value** (*Any*) – The value to set.

**statistical\_inefficiency**

**Output** - The statistical inefficiency in the data set. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *float*

**uncorrelated\_values**

**Output** - The uncorrelated values which the average was calculated from. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *Quantity*

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** *ValueError* or *AssertionError* –

**value**

**Output** - The average value and its uncertainty. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *Measurement*

## ExtractUncorrelatedData

**class** `openff.evaluator.protocols.analysis.ExtractUncorrelatedData` (*protocol\_id*)

An abstract base class for protocols which will subsample a data set, yielding only equilibrated, uncorrelated data.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*protocol\_id*)

Initialize self. See `help(type(self))` for accurate signature.

## Methods

<code>__init__</code> ( <i>protocol_id</i> )	Initialize self.
<code>apply_replicator</code> ( <i>replicator</i> , <i>temperature</i> , <i>plate_values</i> )	Applies a <i>ProtocolReplicator</i> to this protocol.
<code>can_merge</code> ( <i>other</i> [, <i>path_replacements</i> ])	Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.
<code>execute</code> ([ <i>directory</i> , <i>available_resources</i> ])	Execute the protocol.

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<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>from_schema(schema)</code>	Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>get_class_attribute(reference_path)</code>	Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).
<code>get_value(reference_path)</code>	Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.
<code>get_value_references(input_path)</code>	Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by <i>input_path</i> ) takes its value from.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>merge(other)</code>	Merges another Protocol with this one.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>replace_protocol(old_id, new_id)</code>	Finds each input which came from a given protocol
<code>set_uuid(value)</code>	Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id.
<code>set_value(reference_path, value)</code>	Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<code>allow_merging</code>	<b>Input</b> - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols.
<code>dependencies</code>	A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.
<code>equilibration_index</code>	<b>Input</b> - The index in the data set after which the data is stationary.
<code>id</code>	The unique id of this protocol.
<code>number_of_uncorrelated_samples</code>	<b>Output</b> - The number of uncorrelated samples.
<code>outputs</code>	A dictionary of the outputs of this property.
<code>required_inputs</code>	The inputs which must be set on this protocol.
<code>schema</code>	A serializable schema for this object.
<code>statistical_inefficiency</code>	<b>Input</b> - The statistical inefficiency in the data set.

### `equilibration_index`

**Input** - The index in the data set after which the data is stationary. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `int`

### `statistical_inefficiency`

**Input** - The statistical inefficiency in the data set. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `float`

### `number_of_uncorrelated_samples`

**Output** - The number of uncorrelated samples. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `int`

### `allow_merging`

**Input** - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols. The default value of this attribute is `True`.

**Type** `bool`

**apply\_replicator** (*replicator*, *template\_values*, *template\_index*=- 1, *template\_value*=None, *update\_input\_references*=False)

Applies a *ProtocolReplicator* to this protocol. This method should clone any protocols whose id contains the id of the replicator (in the format *\$(replicator.id)*).

**Parameters**

- **replicator** (*ProtocolReplicator*) – The replicator to apply.
- **template\_values** (*list of Any*) – A list of the values which will be inserted into the newly replicated protocols.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_index* and *template\_value*

- **template\_index** (*int*, *optional*) – A specific value which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_value*.

- **template\_value** (*Any*, *optional*) – A specific index which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_index*.

- **update\_input\_references** (*bool*) – If true, any protocols which take their input from a protocol which was flagged for replication will be updated to take input from the actually replicated protocol. This should only be set to true if this protocol is not nested within a workflow or a protocol group.

This option cannot be used when a specific *template\_index* or *template\_value* is provided.

**Returns** A dictionary of references to all of the protocols which have been replicated, with keys of original protocol ids. Each value is comprised of a list of the replicated protocol ids, and their index into the *template\_values* array.

**Return type** dict of ProtocolPath and list of tuple of ProtocolPath and int

**can\_merge** (*other*, *path\_replacements*=None)

Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.

**Parameters**

- **other** (*Protocol*) – The protocol to compare against.
- **path\_replacements** (*list of tuple of str*, *optional*) – Replacements to make in any value reference protocol paths before comparing for equality.

**Returns** True if the two protocols are safe to merge.

**Return type** `bool`

**property\_dependencies**

A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**execute** (*directory*="", *available\_resources*=None)

Execute the protocol.

**Parameters**

- **directory** (*str*) – The directory to store output data in.
- **available\_resources** (*ComputeResources*) – The resources available to execute on. If *None*, the protocol will be executed on a single CPU.

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** *cls*

**classmethod from\_schema** (*schema*)

Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.

**Parameters** **schema** (*ProtocolSchema*) – The schema to initialize the protocol using.

**Returns** The initialized protocol.

**Return type** *cls*

**classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type*=None)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** *list of str*

**get\_class\_attribute** (*reference\_path*)

Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the attribute to return.

**Returns** The class attribute.

**Return type** *object*

**get\_value** (*reference\_path*)

Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.

**Returns** The value of the input / output

**Return type** *Any*

**get\_value\_references** (*input\_path*)

Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by *input\_path*) takes its value from.

## Notes

Currently this method only functions correctly for an input value which is either currently a `ProtocolPath`, or a *list / dict* which contains at least one `ProtocolPath`.

**Parameters** `input_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The input value to check.

**Returns** A dictionary of the protocol paths that the input targeted by *input\_path* depends upon.

**Return type** dict of `ProtocolPath` and `ProtocolPath`

**id**

The unique id of this protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**merge** (*other*)

Merges another Protocol with this one. The id of this protocol will remain unchanged.

**Parameters** **other** (`Protocol`) – The protocol to merge into this one.

**Returns** A map between any original protocol ids and their new merged values.

**Return type** Dict[`str`, `str`]

**property outputs**

A dictionary of the outputs of this property.

**Type** dict of `ProtocolPath` and Any

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**replace\_protocol** (*old\_id, new\_id*)

**Finds each input which came from a given protocol** and redirects it to instead take input from a new one.

## Notes

This method is mainly intended to be used only when merging multiple protocols into one.

### Parameters

- **old\_id** (*str*) – The id of the old input protocol.
- **new\_id** (*str*) – The id of the new input protocol.

### property required\_inputs

The inputs which must be set on this protocol.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

### property schema

A serializable schema for this object.

**Type** *ProtocolSchema*

### set\_uuid (value)

Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id. If the id already has a prepended uuid, it will be overwritten by this value.

**Parameters** **value** (*str*) – The uuid to prepend.

### set\_value (reference\_path, value)

Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.

### Parameters

- **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.
- **value** (*Any*) – The value to set.

### validate (attribute\_type=None)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** **ValueError** or **AssertionError** –

## ExtractUncorrelatedTrajectoryData

**class** openff.evaluator.protocols.analysis.**ExtractUncorrelatedTrajectoryData** (*protocol\_id*)

A protocol which will subsample frames from a trajectory, yielding only uncorrelated frames as determined from a provided statistical inefficiency and equilibration time.

### \_\_init\_\_ (protocol\_id)

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

## Methods

<code>__init__(protocol_id)</code>		Initialize self.
<code>apply_replicator(replicator, plate_values)</code>	tem-	Applies a <i>ProtocolReplicator</i> to this protocol.
<code>can_merge(other[, path_replacements])</code>		Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.
<code>execute([directory, available_resources])</code>		Execute the protocol.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>		Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>from_schema(schema)</code>		Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>		Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>get_class_attribute(reference_path)</code>		Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).
<code>get_value(reference_path)</code>		Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.
<code>get_value_references(input_path)</code>		Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by <i>input_path</i> ) takes its value from.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>		Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>merge(other)</code>		Merges another Protocol with this one.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>		Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>replace_protocol(old_id, new_id)</code>		Finds each input which came from a given protocol
<code>set_uuid(value)</code>		Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id.
<code>set_value(reference_path, value)</code>		Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>		Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<code>allow_merging</code>	<b>Input</b> - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols.
<code>dependencies</code>	A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.
<code>equilibration_index</code>	<b>Input</b> - The index in the data set after which the data is stationary.
<code>id</code>	The unique id of this protocol.
<code>input_coordinate_file</code>	<b>Input</b> - The file path to the starting coordinates of a trajectory.
<code>input_trajectory_path</code>	<b>Input</b> - The file path to the trajectory to subsample.
<code>number_of_uncorrelated_samples</code>	<b>Output</b> - The number of uncorrelated samples.
<code>output_trajectory_path</code>	<b>Output</b> - The file path to the subsampled trajectory.
<code>outputs</code>	A dictionary of the outputs of this property.
<code>required_inputs</code>	The inputs which must be set on this protocol.
<code>schema</code>	A serializable schema for this object.
<code>statistical_inefficiency</code>	<b>Input</b> - The statistical inefficiency in the data set.

### `input_coordinate_file`

**Input** - The file path to the starting coordinates of a trajectory. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `str`

**input\_trajectory\_path**

**Input** - The file path to the trajectory to subsample. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `str`

**output\_trajectory\_path**

**Output** - The file path to the subsampled trajectory. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `str`

**allow\_merging**

**Input** - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols. The default value of this attribute is `True`.

Type `bool`

**apply\_replicator** (*replicator, template\_values, template\_index=-1, template\_value=None, update\_input\_references=False*)

Applies a *ProtocolReplicator* to this protocol. This method should clone any protocols whose id contains the id of the replicator (in the format *\$(replicator.id)*).

**Parameters**

- **replicator** (*ProtocolReplicator*) – The replicator to apply.
- **template\_values** (*list of Any*) – A list of the values which will be inserted into the newly replicated protocols.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_index* and *template\_value*

- **template\_index** (*int, optional*) – A specific value which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_value*.

- **template\_value** (*Any, optional*) – A specific index which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_index*.

- **update\_input\_references** (*bool*) – If true, any protocols which take their input from a protocol which was flagged for replication will be updated to take input from the actually replicated protocol. This should only be set to true if this protocol is not nested within a workflow or a protocol group.

This option cannot be used when a specific *template\_index* or *template\_value* is provided.

**Returns** A dictionary of references to all of the protocols which have been replicated, with keys of original protocol ids. Each value is comprised of a list of the replicated protocol ids, and their index into the *template\_values* array.

**Return type** dict of ProtocolPath and list of tuple of ProtocolPath and int

**can\_merge** (*other, path\_replacements=None*)

Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.

**Parameters**

- **other** (*Protocol*) – The protocol to compare against.

- **path\_replacements** (*list of tuple of str, optional*) – Replacements to make in any value reference protocol paths before comparing for equality.

**Returns** True if the two protocols are safe to merge.

**Return type** `bool`

**property dependencies**

A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**equilibration\_index**

**Input** - The index in the data set after which the data is stationary. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `int`

**execute** (*directory="", available\_resources=None*)

Execute the protocol.

**Parameters**

- **directory** (*str*) – The directory to store output data in.
- **available\_resources** (*ComputeResources*) – The resources available to execute on. If *None*, the protocol will be executed on a single CPU.

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod from\_schema** (*schema*)

Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.

**Parameters** **schema** (*ProtocolSchema*) – The schema to initialize the protocol using.

**Returns** The initialized protocol.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of str

**get\_class\_attribute** (*reference\_path*)

Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the attribute to return.

**Returns** The class attribute.

**Return type** `object`



**get\_value** (*reference\_path*)

Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.

**Returns** The value of the input / output

**Return type** Any

**get\_value\_references** (*input\_path*)

Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by *input\_path*) takes its value from.

## Notes

Currently this method only functions correctly for an input value which is either currently a *ProtocolPath*, or a *list* / *dict* which contains at least one *ProtocolPath*.

**Parameters** **input\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The input value to check.

**Returns** A dictionary of the protocol paths that the input targeted by *input\_path* depends upon.

**Return type** dict of *ProtocolPath* and *ProtocolPath*

**id**

The unique id of this protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** str

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** str

**merge** (*other*)

Merges another Protocol with this one. The id of this protocol will remain unchanged.

**Parameters** **other** (*Protocol*) – The protocol to merge into this one.

**Returns** A map between any original protocol ids and their new merged values.

**Return type** Dict[str, str]

**number\_of\_uncorrelated\_samples**

**Output** - The number of uncorrelated samples. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** int

**property outputs**

A dictionary of the outputs of this property.

**Type** dict of *ProtocolPath* and Any

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**replace\_protocol** (*old\_id, new\_id*)

**Finds each input which came from a given protocol** and redirects it to instead take input from a new one.

## Notes

This method is mainly intended to be used only when merging multiple protocols into one.

### Parameters

- **old\_id** (*str*) – The id of the old input protocol.
- **new\_id** (*str*) – The id of the new input protocol.

**property required\_inputs**

The inputs which must be set on this protocol.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**property schema**

A serializable schema for this object.

**Type** *ProtocolSchema*

**set\_uuid** (*value*)

Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id. If the id already has a prepended uuid, it will be overwritten by this value.

**Parameters value** (*str*) – The uuid to prepend.

**set\_value** (*reference\_path, value*)

Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.

### Parameters

- **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.
- **value** (*Any*) – The value to set.

**statistical\_inefficiency**

**Input** - The statistical inefficiency in the data set. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** float

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** *ValueError* or *AssertionError* –

## ExtractUncorrelatedStatisticsData

**class** openff.evaluator.protocols.analysis.**ExtractUncorrelatedStatisticsData** (*protocol\_id*)

A protocol which will subsample entries from a statistics array, yielding only uncorrelated entries as determined from a provided statistical inefficiency and equilibration time.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*protocol\_id*)

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

### Methods

<code>__init__(protocol_id)</code>	Initialize self.
<code>apply_replicator(replicator, plate_values)</code>	Applies a <i>ProtocolReplicator</i> to this protocol.
<code>can_merge(other[, path_replacements])</code>	Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.
<code>execute([directory, available_resources])</code>	Execute the protocol.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>from_schema(schema)</code>	Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>get_class_attribute(reference_path)</code>	Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).
<code>get_value(reference_path)</code>	Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.
<code>get_value_references(input_path)</code>	Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by <i>input_path</i> ) takes its value from.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>merge(other)</code>	Merges another Protocol with this one.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>replace_protocol(old_id, new_id)</code>	Finds each input which came from a given protocol
<code>set_uuid(value)</code>	Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id.
<code>set_value(reference_path, value)</code>	Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

### Attributes

<code>allow_merging</code>	<b>Input</b> - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols.
<code>dependencies</code>	A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.
<code>equilibration_index</code>	<b>Input</b> - The index in the data set after which the data is stationary.
<code>id</code>	The unique id of this protocol.
<code>input_statistics_path</code>	<b>Input</b> - The file path to the statistics to subsample.
<code>number_of_uncorrelated_samples</code>	<b>Output</b> - The number of uncorrelated samples.
<code>output_statistics_path</code>	<b>Output</b> - The file path to the subsampled statistics.
<code>outputs</code>	A dictionary of the outputs of this property.

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<code>required_inputs</code>	The inputs which must be set on this protocol.
<code>schema</code>	A serializable schema for this object.
<code>statistical_inefficiency</code>	<b>Input</b> - The statistical inefficiency in the data set.

**input\_statistics\_path**

**Input** - The file path to the statistics to subsample. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**output\_statistics\_path**

**Output** - The file path to the subsampled statistics. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**allow\_merging**

**Input** - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols. The default value of this attribute is `True`.

**Type** `bool`

**apply\_replicator** (*replicator*, *template\_values*, *template\_index=-1*, *template\_value=None*, *update\_input\_references=False*)

Applies a *ProtocolReplicator* to this protocol. This method should clone any protocols whose id contains the id of the replicator (in the format *\$(replicator.id)*).

**Parameters**

- **replicator** (*ProtocolReplicator*) – The replicator to apply.
- **template\_values** (*list of Any*) – A list of the values which will be inserted into the newly replicated protocols.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_index* and *template\_value*

- **template\_index** (*int*, *optional*) – A specific value which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_value*.

- **template\_value** (*Any*, *optional*) – A specific index which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_index*.

- **update\_input\_references** (*bool*) – If true, any protocols which take their input from a protocol which was flagged for replication will be updated to take input from the actually replicated protocol. This should only be set to true if this protocol is not nested within a workflow or a protocol group.

This option cannot be used when a specific *template\_index* or *template\_value* is provided.

**Returns** A dictionary of references to all of the protocols which have been replicated, with keys of original protocol ids. Each value is comprised of a list of the replicated protocol ids, and their index into the *template\_values* array.

**Return type** dict of ProtocolPath and list of tuple of ProtocolPath and int

**can\_merge** (*other*, *path\_replacements=None*)

Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.

**Parameters**

- **other** (*Protocol*) – The protocol to compare against.
- **path\_replacements** (*list of tuple of str, optional*) – Replacements to make in any value reference protocol paths before comparing for equality.

**Returns** True if the two protocols are safe to merge.

**Return type** `bool`

**property dependencies**

A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.

**Type** list of `ProtocolPath`

**equilibration\_index**

**Input** - The index in the data set after which the data is stationary. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `int`

**execute** (*directory="*, *available\_resources=None*)

Execute the protocol.

**Parameters**

- **directory** (*str*) – The directory to store output data in.
- **available\_resources** (*ComputeResources*) – The resources available to execute on. If *None*, the protocol will be executed on a single CPU.

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod from\_schema** (*schema*)

Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.

**Parameters** **schema** (*ProtocolSchema*) – The schema to initialize the protocol using.

**Returns** The initialized protocol.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of `str`

**get\_class\_attribute** (*reference\_path*)

Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).

**Parameters** `reference_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The path pointing to the attribute to return.

**Returns** The class attribute.

**Return type** `object`

**get\_value** (*reference\_path*)

Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.

**Parameters** `reference_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The path pointing to the value to return.

**Returns** The value of the input / output

**Return type** Any

**get\_value\_references** (*input\_path*)

Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by *input\_path*) takes its value from.

## Notes

Currently this method only functions correctly for an input value which is either currently a `ProtocolPath`, or a *list / dict* which contains at least one `ProtocolPath`.

**Parameters** `input_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The input value to check.

**Returns** A dictionary of the protocol paths that the input targeted by *input\_path* depends upon.

**Return type** dict of `ProtocolPath` and `ProtocolPath`

**id**

The unique id of this protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**merge** (*other*)

Merges another Protocol with this one. The id of this protocol will remain unchanged.

**Parameters** `other` (`Protocol`) – The protocol to merge into this one.

**Returns** A map between any original protocol ids and their new merged values.

**Return type** `Dict[str, str]`

**number\_of\_uncorrelated\_samples**

**Output** - The number of uncorrelated samples. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `int`

**property outputs**

A dictionary of the outputs of this property.

**Type** dict of ProtocolPath and Any

**classmethod** `parse_json` (*string\_contents*, *encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str* or *bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**replace\_protocol** (*old\_id*, *new\_id*)

Finds each input which came from a given protocol and redirects it to instead take input from a new one.

## Notes

This method is mainly intended to be used only when merging multiple protocols into one.

**Parameters**

- **old\_id** (*str*) – The id of the old input protocol.
- **new\_id** (*str*) – The id of the new input protocol.

**property** `required_inputs`

The inputs which must be set on this protocol.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**property** `schema`

A serializable schema for this object.

**Type** *ProtocolSchema*

**set\_uuid** (*value*)

Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id. If the id already has a prepended uuid, it will be overwritten by this value.

**Parameters** **value** (*str*) – The uuid to prepend.

**set\_value** (*reference\_path*, *value*)

Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.

**Parameters**

- **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.
- **value** (*Any*) – The value to set.

**statistical\_inefficiency**

**Input** - The statistical inefficiency in the data set. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** float

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

Raises `ValueError` or `AssertionError` –

## Coordinate Generation

<i>BuildCoordinatesPackmol</i>	Creates a set of 3D coordinates with a specified composition using the PACKMOL package.
<i>SolvateExistingStructure</i>	Solvates a set of 3D coordinates with a specified solvent using the PACKMOL package.
<i>BuildDockedCoordinates</i>	Creates a set of coordinates for a ligand bound to some receptor.

## BuildCoordinatesPackmol

**class** `openff.evaluator.protocols.coordinates.BuildCoordinatesPackmol` (*protocol\_id*)

Creates a set of 3D coordinates with a specified composition using the PACKMOL package.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*protocol\_id*)

Initialize self. See `help(type(self))` for accurate signature.

## Methods

<i>__init__</i> ( <i>protocol_id</i> )	Initialize self.
<i>apply_replicator</i> ( <i>replicator</i> , <i>tem-</i> <i>plate_values</i> )	Applies a <i>ProtocolReplicator</i> to this protocol.
<i>can_merge</i> ( <i>other</i> [, <i>path_replacements</i> ])	Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.
<i>execute</i> ([ <i>directory</i> , <i>available_resources</i> ])	Execute the protocol.
<i>from_json</i> ( <i>file_path</i> )	Create this object from a JSON file.
<i>from_schema</i> ( <i>schema</i> )	Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.
<i>get_attributes</i> ([ <i>attribute_type</i> ])	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<i>get_class_attribute</i> ( <i>reference_path</i> )	Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).
<i>get_value</i> ( <i>reference_path</i> )	Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.
<i>get_value_references</i> ( <i>input_path</i> )	Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by <i>input_path</i> ) takes its value from.
<i>json</i> ([ <i>file_path</i> , <i>format</i> ])	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<i>merge</i> ( <i>other</i> )	Merges another Protocol with this one.
<i>parse_json</i> ( <i>string_contents</i> [, <i>encoding</i> ])	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<i>replace_protocol</i> ( <i>old_id</i> , <i>new_id</i> )	Finds each input which came from a given protocol
<i>set_uuid</i> ( <i>value</i> )	Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id.
<i>set_value</i> ( <i>reference_path</i> , <i>value</i> )	Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.
<i>validate</i> ([ <i>attribute_type</i> ])	Validate the values of the attributes.



## Attributes

<i>allow_merging</i>	<b>Input</b> - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols.
<i>assigned_residue_names</i>	<b>Output</b> - The residue names which were assigned to each of the components.
<i>box_aspect_ratio</i>	<b>Input</b> - The aspect ratio of the simulation box.
<i>coordinate_file_path</i>	<b>Output</b> - The file path to the created PDB coordinate file.
<i>dependencies</i>	A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.
<i>id</i>	The unique id of this protocol.
<i>mass_density</i>	<b>Input</b> - The target density of the created system.
<i>max_molecules</i>	<b>Input</b> - The maximum number of molecules to be added to the system.
<i>output_number_of_molecules</i>	<b>Output</b> - The number of molecules in the created system.
<i>output_substance</i>	<b>Output</b> - The substance which was built by packmol.
<i>outputs</i>	A dictionary of the outputs of this property.
<i>required_inputs</i>	The inputs which must be set on this protocol.
<i>retain_packmol_files</i>	<b>Input</b> - If True, packmol will not delete all of the temporary files it creates while building the coordinates.
<i>schema</i>	A serializable schema for this object.
<i>substance</i>	<b>Input</b> - The composition of the system to build.
<i>tolerance</i>	<b>Input</b> - The packmol distance tolerance in units compatible with angstroms.
<i>verbose_packmol</i>	<b>Input</b> - If True, packmol will print verbose information to the logger The default value of this attribute is False.

### **max\_molecules**

**Input** - The maximum number of molecules to be added to the system. The default value of this attribute is 1000.

**Type** `int`

### **mass\_density**

**Input** - The target density of the created system. The default value of this attribute is 0.95 g / mL.

**Type** `Quantity`

### **box\_aspect\_ratio**

**Input** - The aspect ratio of the simulation box. The default value of this attribute is [1.0, 1.0, 1.0].

**Type** `list`

### **substance**

**Input** - The composition of the system to build. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `Substance`

### **tolerance**

**Input** - The packmol distance tolerance in units compatible with angstroms. The default value of this attribute is 2.0 Å.

Type `Quantity`

**verbose\_packmol**

**Input** - If True, packmol will print verbose information to the logger. The default value of this attribute is `False`.

Type `bool`

**retain\_packmol\_files**

**Input** - If True, packmol will not delete all of the temporary files it creates while building the coordinates. The default value of this attribute is `False`.

Type `bool`

**output\_number\_of\_molecules**

**Output** - The number of molecules in the created system. This may be less than maximum requested due to rounding of mole fractions. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `int`

**output\_substance**

**Output** - The substance which was built by packmol. This may differ from the input substance for system containing two or more components due to rounding of mole fractions. The mole fractions provided by this output should always be used when weighting values by a mole fraction. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `Substance`

**assigned\_residue\_names**

**Output** - The residue names which were assigned to each of the components. Each key corresponds to a component identifier. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `dict`

**coordinate\_file\_path**

**Output** - The file path to the created PDB coordinate file. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `str`

**allow\_merging**

**Input** - Defines whether this protocol is allowed to merge with other protocols. The default value of this attribute is `True`.

Type `bool`

**apply\_replicator** (*replicator*, *template\_values*, *template\_index=-1*, *template\_value=None*, *update\_input\_references=False*)

Applies a *ProtocolReplicator* to this protocol. This method should clone any protocols whose id contains the id of the replicator (in the format `$(replicator.id)`).

**Parameters**

- **replicator** (*ProtocolReplicator*) – The replicator to apply.
- **template\_values** (*list of Any*) – A list of the values which will be inserted into the newly replicated protocols.  
This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_index* and *template\_value*
- **template\_index** (*int, optional*) – A specific value which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_value*.

- **template\_value** (*Any, optional*) – A specific index which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_index*.

- **update\_input\_references** (*bool*) – If true, any protocols which take their input from a protocol which was flagged for replication will be updated to take input from the actually replicated protocol. This should only be set to true if this protocol is not nested within a workflow or a protocol group.

This option cannot be used when a specific *template\_index* or *template\_value* is provided.

**Returns** A dictionary of references to all of the protocols which have been replicated, with keys of original protocol ids. Each value is comprised of a list of the replicated protocol ids, and their index into the *template\_values* array.

**Return type** dict of ProtocolPath and list of tuple of ProtocolPath and int

**can\_merge** (*other, path\_replacements=None*)

Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.

**Parameters**

- **other** (*Protocol*) – The protocol to compare against.
- **path\_replacements** (*list of tuple of str, optional*) – Replacements to make in any value reference protocol paths before comparing for equality.

**Returns** True if the two protocols are safe to merge.

**Return type** *bool*

**property dependencies**

A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**execute** (*directory="", available\_resources=None*)

Execute the protocol.

**Parameters**

- **directory** (*str*) – The directory to store output data in.
- **available\_resources** (*ComputeResources*) – The resources available to execute on. If *None*, the protocol will be executed on a single CPU.

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** *cls*

**classmethod from\_schema** (*schema*)

Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.

**Parameters** **schema** (*ProtocolSchema*) – The schema to initialize the protocol using.

**Returns** The initialized protocol.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod** `get_attributes` (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** `attribute_type` (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** `list of str`

**get\_class\_attribute** (*reference\_path*)

Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).

**Parameters** `reference_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The path pointing to the attribute to return.

**Returns** The class attribute.

**Return type** `object`

**get\_value** (*reference\_path*)

Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.

**Parameters** `reference_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The path pointing to the value to return.

**Returns** The value of the input / output

**Return type** `Any`

**get\_value\_references** (*input\_path*)

Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by *input\_path*) takes its value from.

## Notes

Currently this method only functions correctly for an input value which is either currently a `ProtocolPath`, or a *list / dict* which contains at least one `ProtocolPath`.

**Parameters** `input_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The input value to check.

**Returns** A dictionary of the protocol paths that the input targeted by *input\_path* depends upon.

**Return type** `dict of ProtocolPath and ProtocolPath`

**id**

The unique id of this protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**merge** (*other*)

Merges another Protocol with this one. The id of this protocol will remain unchanged.

**Parameters** *other* (`Protocol`) – The protocol to merge into this one.

**Returns** A map between any original protocol ids and their new merged values.

**Return type** `Dict[str, str]`

**property outputs**

A dictionary of the outputs of this property.

**Type** `dict of ProtocolPath and Any`

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents*, *encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str* or *bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `Any`

**replace\_protocol** (*old\_id*, *new\_id*)

Finds each input which came from a given protocol and redirects it to instead take input from a new one.

**Notes**

This method is mainly intended to be used only when merging multiple protocols into one.

**Parameters**

- **old\_id** (*str*) – The id of the old input protocol.
- **new\_id** (*str*) – The id of the new input protocol.

**property required\_inputs**

The inputs which must be set on this protocol.

**Type** `list of ProtocolPath`

**property schema**

A serializable schema for this object.

**Type** `ProtocolSchema`

**set\_uuid** (*value*)

Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id. If the id already has a prepended uuid, it will be overwritten by this value.

**Parameters** **value** (*str*) – The uuid to prepend.

**set\_value** (*reference\_path*, *value*)

Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.

**Parameters**

- **reference\_path** (`ProtocolPath`) – The path pointing to the value to return.
- **value** (*Any*) – The value to set.

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** *attribute\_type* (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** `ValueError` or `AssertionError` –

## SolvateExistingStructure

**class** `openff.evaluator.protocols.coordinates.SolvateExistingStructure` (*protocol\_id*)  
Solvates a set of 3D coordinates with a specified solvent using the PACKMOL package.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*protocol\_id*)

Initialize self. See `help(type(self))` for accurate signature.

### Methods

<code>__init__(protocol_id)</code>	Initialize self.
<code>apply_replicator(replicator, tem-plate_values)</code>	Applies a <i>ProtocolReplicator</i> to this protocol.
<code>can_merge(other[, path_replacements])</code>	Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.
<code>execute([directory, available_resources])</code>	Execute the protocol.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>from_schema(schema)</code>	Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>get_class_attribute(reference_path)</code>	Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).
<code>get_value(reference_path)</code>	Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.
<code>get_value_references(input_path)</code>	Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by <i>input_path</i> ) takes its value from.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>merge(other)</code>	Merges another Protocol with this one.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>replace_protocol(old_id, new_id)</code>	Finds each input which came from a given protocol
<code>set_uuid(value)</code>	Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id.
<code>set_value(reference_path, value)</code>	Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<code>allow_merging</code>	<b>Input</b> - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols.
<code>assigned_residue_names</code>	<b>Output</b> - The residue names which were assigned to each of the components.
<code>box_aspect_ratio</code>	<b>Input</b> - The aspect ratio of the simulation box.
<code>center_solute_in_box</code>	<b>Input</b> - If <i>True</i> , the solute to solvate will be centered in the simulation box.
<code>coordinate_file_path</code>	<b>Output</b> - The file path to the created PDB coordinate file.
<code>dependencies</code>	A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.
<code>id</code>	The unique id of this protocol.
<code>mass_density</code>	<b>Input</b> - The target density of the created system.
<code>max_molecules</code>	<b>Input</b> - The maximum number of molecules to be added to the system.
<code>output_number_of_molecules</code>	<b>Output</b> - The number of molecules in the created system.
<code>output_substance</code>	<b>Output</b> - The substance which was built by packmol.
<code>outputs</code>	A dictionary of the outputs of this property.
<code>required_inputs</code>	The inputs which must be set on this protocol.
<code>retain_packmol_files</code>	<b>Input</b> - If <i>True</i> , packmol will not delete all of the temporary files it creates while building the coordinates.
<code>schema</code>	A serializable schema for this object.
<code>solute_coordinate_file</code>	<b>Input</b> - A file path to the solute to solvate.
<code>substance</code>	<b>Input</b> - The composition of the system to build.
<code>tolerance</code>	<b>Input</b> - The packmol distance tolerance in units compatible with angstroms.
<code>verbose_packmol</code>	<b>Input</b> - If <i>True</i> , packmol will print verbose information to the logger The default value of this attribute is <i>False</i> .

### **solute\_coordinate\_file**

**Input** - A file path to the solute to solvate. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

### **center\_solute\_in\_box**

**Input** - If *True*, the solute to solvate will be centered in the simulation box. The default value of this attribute is *True*.

**Type** `bool`

### **allow\_merging**

**Input** - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols. The default value of this attribute is *True*.

**Type** `bool`

**apply\_replicator** (*replicator*, *template\_values*, *template\_index=- 1*, *template\_value=None*, *update\_input\_references=False*)

Applies a *ProtocolReplicator* to this protocol. This method should clone any protocols whose id contains

the id of the replicator (in the format  $\$(replicator.id)$ ).

#### Parameters

- **replicator** (`ProtocolReplicator`) – The replicator to apply.
- **template\_values** (*list of Any*) – A list of the values which will be inserted into the newly replicated protocols.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_index* and *template\_value*

- **template\_index** (*int, optional*) – A specific value which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_value*.

- **template\_value** (*Any, optional*) – A specific index which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_index*.

- **update\_input\_references** (*bool*) – If true, any protocols which take their input from a protocol which was flagged for replication will be updated to take input from the actually replicated protocol. This should only be set to true if this protocol is not nested within a workflow or a protocol group.

This option cannot be used when a specific *template\_index* or *template\_value* is provided.

**Returns** A dictionary of references to all of the protocols which have been replicated, with keys of original protocol ids. Each value is comprised of a list of the replicated protocol ids, and their index into the *template\_values* array.

**Return type** dict of ProtocolPath and list of tuple of ProtocolPath and int

#### **assigned\_residue\_names**

**Output** - The residue names which were assigned to each of the components. Each key corresponds to a component identifier. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** dict

#### **box\_aspect\_ratio**

**Input** - The aspect ratio of the simulation box. The default value of this attribute is [1.0, 1.0, 1.0].

**Type** list

#### **can\_merge** (*other, path\_replacements=None*)

Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.

#### Parameters

- **other** (`Protocol`) – The protocol to compare against.
- **path\_replacements** (*list of tuple of str, optional*) – Replacements to make in any value reference protocol paths before comparing for equality.

**Returns** True if the two protocols are safe to merge.

**Return type** bool



**coordinate\_file\_path**

**Output** - The file path to the created PDB coordinate file. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**property dependencies**

A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**execute** (*directory*="", *available\_resources*=None)

Execute the protocol.

**Parameters**

- **directory** (*str*) – The directory to store output data in.
- **available\_resources** (*ComputeResources*) – The resources available to execute on. If *None*, the protocol will be executed on a single CPU.

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod from\_schema** (*schema*)

Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.

**Parameters** **schema** (*ProtocolSchema*) – The schema to initialize the protocol using.

**Returns** The initialized protocol.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type*=None)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of `str`

**get\_class\_attribute** (*reference\_path*)

Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the attribute to return.

**Returns** The class attribute.

**Return type** `object`

**get\_value** (*reference\_path*)

Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.

**Returns** The value of the input / output

**Return type** Any

**get\_value\_references** (*input\_path*)

Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by *input\_path*) takes its value from.

**Notes**

Currently this method only functions correctly for an input value which is either currently a `ProtocolPath`, or a *list / dict* which contains at least one `ProtocolPath`.

**Parameters** *input\_path* (`ProtocolPath`) – The input value to check.

**Returns** A dictionary of the protocol paths that the input targeted by *input\_path* depends upon.

**Return type** dict of `ProtocolPath` and `ProtocolPath`

**id**

The unique id of this protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**mass\_density**

**Input** - The target density of the created system. The default value of this attribute is 0.95 g / mL.

**Type** Quantity

**max\_molecules**

**Input** - The maximum number of molecules to be added to the system. The default value of this attribute is 1000.

**Type** `int`

**merge** (*other*)

Merges another Protocol with this one. The id of this protocol will remain unchanged.

**Parameters** *other* (`Protocol`) – The protocol to merge into this one.

**Returns** A map between any original protocol ids and their new merged values.

**Return type** Dict[`str`, `str`]

**output\_number\_of\_molecules**

**Output** - The number of molecules in the created system. This may be less than maximum requested due to rounding of mole fractions The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `int`

**output\_substance**

**Output** - The substance which was built by packmol. This may differ from the input substance for system containing two or more components due to rounding of mole fractions. The mole fractions provided by this output should always be used when weighting values by a mole fraction. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type *Substance*

**property outputs**

A dictionary of the outputs of this property.

Type dict of ProtocolPath and Any

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents*, *encoding*='utf8')

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str* or *bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**replace\_protocol** (*old\_id*, *new\_id*)

Finds each input which came from a given protocol and redirects it to instead take input from a new one.

**Notes**

This method is mainly intended to be used only when merging multiple protocols into one.

**Parameters**

- **old\_id** (*str*) – The id of the old input protocol.
- **new\_id** (*str*) – The id of the new input protocol.

**property required\_inputs**

The inputs which must be set on this protocol.

Type list of ProtocolPath

**retain\_packmol\_files**

**Input** - If True, packmol will not delete all of the temporary files it creates while building the coordinates. The default value of this attribute is False.

Type bool

**property schema**

A serializable schema for this object.

Type *ProtocolSchema*

**set\_uuid** (*value*)

Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id. If the id already has a prepended uuid, it will be overwritten by this value.

**Parameters** **value** (*str*) – The uuid to prepend.

**set\_value** (*reference\_path*, *value*)

Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.

**Parameters**

- **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.
- **value** (*Any*) – The value to set.

**substance**

**Input** - The composition of the system to build. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *Substance*

**tolerance**

**Input** - The packmol distance tolerance in units compatible with angstroms. The default value of this attribute is 2.0 Å.

**Type** Quantity

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** **ValueError** or **AssertionError** –

**verbose\_packmol**

**Input** - If True, packmol will print verbose information to the logger The default value of this attribute is False.

**Type** bool

**BuildDockedCoordinates**

**class** openff.evaluator.protocols.coordinates.**BuildDockedCoordinates** (*protocol\_id*)

Creates a set of coordinates for a ligand bound to some receptor.

**Notes**

This protocol currently only supports docking with the OpenEye OEDocking framework.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*protocol\_id*)

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

**Methods**

<code>__init__(protocol_id)</code>	Initialize self.
<code>apply_replicator(replicator, plate_values)</code>	Applies a <i>ProtocolReplicator</i> to this protocol.
<code>can_merge(other[, path_replacements])</code>	Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.
<code>execute([directory, available_resources])</code>	Execute the protocol.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>from_schema(schema)</code>	Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>get_class_attribute(reference_path)</code>	Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).
<code>get_value(reference_path)</code>	Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.

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<code>get_value_references(input_path)</code>	Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by <i>input_path</i> ) takes its value from.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>merge(other)</code>	Merges another Protocol with this one.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>replace_protocol(old_id, new_id)</code>	Finds each input which came from a given protocol
<code>set_uuid(value)</code>	Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id.
<code>set_value(reference_path, value)</code>	Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

### Attributes

<code>activate_site_location</code>	<b>Input</b> - Defines the method by which the activate site is identified.
<code>allow_merging</code>	<b>Input</b> - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols.
<code>dependencies</code>	A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.
<code>docked_complex_coordinate_path</code>	<b>Output</b> - The file path to the docked ligand-receptor complex.
<code>docked_ligand_coordinate_path</code>	<b>Output</b> - The file path to the coordinates of the ligand in it's docked pose, aligned with the initial <i>receptor_coordinate_file</i> .
<code>id</code>	The unique id of this protocol.
<code>ligand_residue_name</code>	<b>Output</b> - The residue name assigned to the docked ligand.
<code>ligand_substance</code>	<b>Input</b> - A substance containing only the ligand to dock.
<code>number_of_ligand_conformers</code>	<b>Input</b> - The number of conformers to try and dock into the receptor structure.
<code>outputs</code>	A dictionary of the outputs of this property.
<code>receptor_coordinate_file</code>	<b>Input</b> - The file path to the MOL2 coordinates of the receptor molecule.
<code>receptor_residue_name</code>	<b>Output</b> - The residue name assigned to the receptor.
<code>required_inputs</code>	The inputs which must be set on this protocol.
<code>schema</code>	A serializable schema for this object.

### class ActivateSiteLocation

An enum which describes the methods by which a receptors activate site(s) is located.

### ligand\_substance

**Input** - A substance containing only the ligand to dock. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type *Substance*

### number\_of\_ligand\_conformers

**Input** - The number of conformers to try and dock into the receptor structure. The default value of this attribute is 100.

Type `int`

**receptor\_coordinate\_file**

**Input** - The file path to the MOL2 coordinates of the receptor molecule. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `str`

**activate\_site\_location**

**Input** - Defines the method by which the activate site is identified. The default value of this attribute is `ActivateSiteLocation.ReceptorCenterOfMass`.

Type `BuildDockedCoordinates.ActivateSiteLocation`

**docked\_ligand\_coordinate\_path**

**Output** - The file path to the coordinates of the ligand in it's docked pose, aligned with the initial *receptor\_coordinate\_file*. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `str`

**docked\_complex\_coordinate\_path**

**Output** - The file path to the docked ligand-receptor complex. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `str`

**ligand\_residue\_name**

**Output** - The residue name assigned to the docked ligand. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `str`

**receptor\_residue\_name**

**Output** - The residue name assigned to the receptor. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `str`

**allow\_merging**

**Input** - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols. The default value of this attribute is `True`.

Type `bool`

**apply\_replicator** (*replicator*, *template\_values*, *template\_index=- 1*, *template\_value=None*, *update\_input\_references=False*)

Applies a *ProtocolReplicator* to this protocol. This method should clone any protocols whose id contains the id of the replicator (in the format *\$(replicator.id)*).

**Parameters**

- **replicator** (*ProtocolReplicator*) – The replicator to apply.
- **template\_values** (*list of Any*) – A list of the values which will be inserted into the newly replicated protocols.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_index* and *template\_value*

- **template\_index** (*int*, *optional*) – A specific value which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_value*.

- **template\_value** (*Any, optional*) – A specific index which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_index*.

- **update\_input\_references** (*bool*) – If true, any protocols which take their input from a protocol which was flagged for replication will be updated to take input from the actually replicated protocol. This should only be set to true if this protocol is not nested within a workflow or a protocol group.

This option cannot be used when a specific *template\_index* or *template\_value* is provided.

**Returns** A dictionary of references to all of the protocols which have been replicated, with keys of original protocol ids. Each value is comprised of a list of the replicated protocol ids, and their index into the *template\_values* array.

**Return type** dict of ProtocolPath and list of tuple of ProtocolPath and int

**can\_merge** (*other, path\_replacements=None*)

Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.

**Parameters**

- **other** (*Protocol*) – The protocol to compare against.
- **path\_replacements** (*list of tuple of str, optional*) – Replacements to make in any value reference protocol paths before comparing for equality.

**Returns** True if the two protocols are safe to merge.

**Return type** bool

**property dependencies**

A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**execute** (*directory=", available\_resources=None*)

Execute the protocol.

**Parameters**

- **directory** (*str*) – The directory to store output data in.
- **available\_resources** (*ComputeResources*) – The resources available to execute on. If *None*, the protocol will be executed on a single CPU.

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** cls

**classmethod from\_schema** (*schema*)

Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.

**Parameters** **schema** (*ProtocolSchema*) – The schema to initialize the protocol using.

**Returns** The initialized protocol.

**Return type** cls

**classmethod** `get_attributes` (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** `attribute_type` (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of str

**get\_class\_attribute** (*reference\_path*)

Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).

**Parameters** `reference_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The path pointing to the attribute to return.

**Returns** The class attribute.

**Return type** `object`

**get\_value** (*reference\_path*)

Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.

**Parameters** `reference_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The path pointing to the value to return.

**Returns** The value of the input / output

**Return type** Any

**get\_value\_references** (*input\_path*)

Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by *input\_path*) takes its value from.

## Notes

Currently this method only functions correctly for an input value which is either currently a `ProtocolPath`, or a *list / dict* which contains at least one `ProtocolPath`.

**Parameters** `input_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The input value to check.

**Returns** A dictionary of the protocol paths that the input targeted by *input\_path* depends upon.

**Return type** dict of `ProtocolPath` and `ProtocolPath`

**id**

The unique id of this protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**merge** (*other*)

Merges another Protocol with this one. The id of this protocol will remain unchanged.

**Parameters** `other` (`Protocol`) – The protocol to merge into this one.



**Returns** A map between any original protocol ids and their new merged values.

**Return type** Dict[str, str]

#### property outputs

A dictionary of the outputs of this property.

**Type** dict of ProtocolPath and Any

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents*, *encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

#### Parameters

- **string\_contents** (*str* or *bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**replace\_protocol** (*old\_id*, *new\_id*)

**Finds each input which came from a given protocol** and redirects it to instead take input from a new one.

## Notes

This method is mainly intended to be used only when merging multiple protocols into one.

#### Parameters

- **old\_id** (*str*) – The id of the old input protocol.
- **new\_id** (*str*) – The id of the new input protocol.

**property required\_inputs**

The inputs which must be set on this protocol.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**property schema**

A serializable schema for this object.

**Type** *ProtocolSchema*

**set\_uuid** (*value*)

Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id. If the id already has a prepended uuid, it will be overwritten by this value.

**Parameters value** (*str*) – The uuid to prepend.

**set\_value** (*reference\_path*, *value*)

Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.

#### Parameters

- **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.
- **value** (*Any*) – The value to set.

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

Parameters **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

Raises **ValueError** or **AssertionError** –

## Force Field Assignment

<i>BaseBuildSystem</i>	The base class for any protocol whose role is to apply a set of force field parameters to a given system.
<i>BuildSmirnoffSystem</i>	Parametrise a set of molecules with a given smirnoff force field using the <a href="#">OpenFF toolkit</a> .
<i>BuildLigParGenSystem</i>	Parametrise a set of molecules with the OPLS-AA/M force field.
<i>BuildTLeapSystem</i>	Parametrise a set of molecules with an Amber based force field.

## BaseBuildSystem

**class** `openff.evaluator.protocols.forcefield.BaseBuildSystem(protocol_id)`

The base class for any protocol whose role is to apply a set of force field parameters to a given system.

**\_\_init\_\_**(*protocol\_id*)

Initialize self. See `help(type(self))` for accurate signature.

### Methods

<i>__init__</i> ( <i>protocol_id</i> )	Initialize self.
<i>apply_replicator</i> ( <i>replicator</i> , <i>template_values</i> )	Applies a <i>ProtocolReplicator</i> to this protocol.
<i>can_merge</i> ( <i>other</i> [, <i>path_replacements</i> ])	Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.
<i>execute</i> ([ <i>directory</i> , <i>available_resources</i> ])	Execute the protocol.
<i>from_json</i> ( <i>file_path</i> )	Create this object from a JSON file.
<i>from_schema</i> ( <i>schema</i> )	Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.
<i>get_attributes</i> ([ <i>attribute_type</i> ])	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<i>get_class_attribute</i> ( <i>reference_path</i> )	Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).
<i>get_value</i> ( <i>reference_path</i> )	Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.
<i>get_value_references</i> ( <i>input_path</i> )	Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by <i>input_path</i> ) takes its value from.
<i>json</i> ([ <i>file_path</i> , <i>format</i> ])	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<i>merge</i> ( <i>other</i> )	Merges another Protocol with this one.
<i>parse_json</i> ( <i>string_contents</i> [, <i>encoding</i> ])	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<i>replace_protocol</i> ( <i>old_id</i> , <i>new_id</i> )	Finds each input which came from a given protocol
<i>set_uuid</i> ( <i>value</i> )	Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id.
<i>set_value</i> ( <i>reference_path</i> , <i>value</i> )	Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.
<i>validate</i> ([ <i>attribute_type</i> ])	Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<code>allow_merging</code>	<b>Input</b> - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols.
<code>coordinate_file_path</code>	<b>Input</b> - The file path to the PDB coordinate file which defines the topology of the system to which the force field parameters will be assigned.
<code>dependencies</code>	A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.
<code>force_field_path</code>	<b>Input</b> - The file path to the force field parameters to assign to the system.
<code>id</code>	The unique id of this protocol.
<code>outputs</code>	A dictionary of the outputs of this property.
<code>required_inputs</code>	The inputs which must be set on this protocol.
<code>schema</code>	A serializable schema for this object.
<code>substance</code>	<b>Input</b> - The composition of the system.
<code>system_path</code>	<b>Output</b> - The path to the assigned system object.
<code>water_model</code>	<b>Input</b> - The water model to apply, if any water molecules are present.

### class WaterModel

An enum which describes which water model is being used, so that correct charges can be applied.

**Warning:** This is only a temporary addition until full water model support is introduced.

### force\_field\_path

**Input** - The file path to the force field parameters to assign to the system. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

### coordinate\_file\_path

**Input** - The file path to the PDB coordinate file which defines the topology of the system to which the force field parameters will be assigned. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

### substance

**Input** - The composition of the system. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `Substance`

### water\_model

**Input** - The water model to apply, if any water molecules are present. The default value of this attribute is `WaterModel.TIP3P`.

**Type** `BaseBuildSystem.WaterModel`

### system\_path

**Output** - The path to the assigned system object. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**allow\_merging**

**Input** - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols. The default value of this attribute is `True`.

**Type** `bool`

**apply\_replicator** (*replicator, template\_values, template\_index=- 1, template\_value=None, update\_input\_references=False*)

Applies a *ProtocolReplicator* to this protocol. This method should clone any protocols whose id contains the id of the replicator (in the format *\$(replicator.id)*).

**Parameters**

- **replicator** (*ProtocolReplicator*) – The replicator to apply.
- **template\_values** (*list of Any*) – A list of the values which will be inserted into the newly replicated protocols.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_index* and *template\_value*

- **template\_index** (*int, optional*) – A specific value which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_value*.

- **template\_value** (*Any, optional*) – A specific index which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_index*.

- **update\_input\_references** (*bool*) – If true, any protocols which take their input from a protocol which was flagged for replication will be updated to take input from the actually replicated protocol. This should only be set to true if this protocol is not nested within a workflow or a protocol group.

This option cannot be used when a specific *template\_index* or *template\_value* is provided.

**Returns** A dictionary of references to all of the protocols which have been replicated, with keys of original protocol ids. Each value is comprised of a list of the replicated protocol ids, and their index into the *template\_values* array.

**Return type** dict of ProtocolPath and list of tuple of ProtocolPath and int

**can\_merge** (*other, path\_replacements=None*)

Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.

**Parameters**

- **other** (*Protocol*) – The protocol to compare against.
- **path\_replacements** (*list of tuple of str, optional*) – Replacements to make in any value reference protocol paths before comparing for equality.

**Returns** True if the two protocols are safe to merge.

**Return type** `bool`

**property\_dependencies**

A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**execute** (*directory*="", *available\_resources*=None)

Execute the protocol.

**Parameters**

- **directory** (*str*) – The directory to store output data in.
- **available\_resources** (*ComputeResources*) – The resources available to execute on. If *None*, the protocol will be executed on a single CPU.

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** *cls*

**classmethod from\_schema** (*schema*)

Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.

**Parameters** **schema** (*ProtocolSchema*) – The schema to initialize the protocol using.

**Returns** The initialized protocol.

**Return type** *cls*

**classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type*=None)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** *list of str*

**get\_class\_attribute** (*reference\_path*)

Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the attribute to return.

**Returns** The class attribute.

**Return type** *object*

**get\_value** (*reference\_path*)

Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.

**Returns** The value of the input / output

**Return type** *Any*

**get\_value\_references** (*input\_path*)

Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by *input\_path*) takes its value from.

## Notes

Currently this method only functions correctly for an input value which is either currently a `ProtocolPath`, or a *list / dict* which contains at least one `ProtocolPath`.

**Parameters** `input_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The input value to check.

**Returns** A dictionary of the protocol paths that the input targeted by *input\_path* depends upon.

**Return type** dict of `ProtocolPath` and `ProtocolPath`

**id**

The unique id of this protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**merge** (*other*)

Merges another Protocol with this one. The id of this protocol will remain unchanged.

**Parameters** **other** (`Protocol`) – The protocol to merge into this one.

**Returns** A map between any original protocol ids and their new merged values.

**Return type** Dict[`str`, `str`]

**property outputs**

A dictionary of the outputs of this property.

**Type** dict of `ProtocolPath` and Any

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**replace\_protocol** (*old\_id, new\_id*)

**Finds each input which came from a given protocol** and redirects it to instead take input from a new one.

## Notes

This method is mainly intended to be used only when merging multiple protocols into one.

### Parameters

- **old\_id** (*str*) – The id of the old input protocol.
- **new\_id** (*str*) – The id of the new input protocol.

### property required\_inputs

The inputs which must be set on this protocol.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

### property schema

A serializable schema for this object.

**Type** *ProtocolSchema*

### set\_uuid (value)

Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id. If the id already has a prepended uuid, it will be overwritten by this value.

**Parameters** **value** (*str*) – The uuid to prepend.

### set\_value (reference\_path, value)

Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.

### Parameters

- **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.
- **value** (*Any*) – The value to set.

### validate (attribute\_type=None)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** **ValueError** or **AssertionError** –

## BuildSmirnoffSystem

**class** openff.evaluator.protocols.forcefield.**BuildSmirnoffSystem** (*protocol\_id*)

Parametrise a set of molecules with a given smirnoff force field using the [OpenFF toolkit](#).

### **\_\_init\_\_** (*protocol\_id*)

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

## Methods

<code>__init__(protocol_id)</code>	Initialize self.
<code>apply_replicator(replicator, template_values)</code>	Applies a <i>ProtocolReplicator</i> to this protocol.
<code>can_merge(other[, path_replacements])</code>	Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.
<code>execute([directory, available_resources])</code>	Execute the protocol.

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<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>from_schema(schema)</code>	Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>get_class_attribute(reference_path)</code>	Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).
<code>get_value(reference_path)</code>	Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.
<code>get_value_references(input_path)</code>	Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by <i>input_path</i> ) takes its value from.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>merge(other)</code>	Merges another Protocol with this one.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>replace_protocol(old_id, new_id)</code>	Finds each input which came from a given protocol
<code>set_uuid(value)</code>	Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id.
<code>set_value(reference_path, value)</code>	Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

### Attributes

<code>allow_merging</code>	<b>Input</b> - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols.
<code>apply_known_charges</code>	<b>Input</b> - If true, the formal charges of ions and the partial charges of the selected water model will be automatically applied to any matching molecules in the system.
<code>charged_molecule_paths</code>	<b>Input</b> - File paths to mol2 files which contain the charges assigned to molecules in the system.
<code>coordinate_file_path</code>	<b>Input</b> - The file path to the PDB coordinate file which defines the topology of the system to which the force field parameters will be assigned.
<code>dependencies</code>	A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.
<code>force_field_path</code>	<b>Input</b> - The file path to the force field parameters to assign to the system.
<code>id</code>	The unique id of this protocol.
<code>outputs</code>	A dictionary of the outputs of this property.
<code>required_inputs</code>	The inputs which must be set on this protocol.
<code>schema</code>	A serializable schema for this object.
<code>substance</code>	<b>Input</b> - The composition of the system.
<code>system_path</code>	<b>Output</b> - The path to the assigned system object.
<code>water_model</code>	<b>Input</b> - The water model to apply, if any water molecules are present.

### charged\_molecule\_paths

**Input** - File paths to mol2 files which contain the charges assigned to molecules in the system. This input is helpful when dealing with large molecules (such as hosts in host-guest binding calculations) whose charges may be needed in multiple places, and hence should only be calculated once. The default value of this attribute is [].



Type `list`

#### **apply\_known\_charges**

**Input** - If true, the formal charges of ions and the partial charges of the selected water model will be automatically applied to any matching molecules in the system. The default value of this attribute is `True`.

Type `bool`

#### **class WaterModel**

An enum which describes which water model is being used, so that correct charges can be applied.

**Warning:** This is only a temporary addition until full water model support is introduced.

#### **allow\_merging**

**Input** - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols. The default value of this attribute is `True`.

Type `bool`

#### **apply\_replicator** (*replicator*, *template\_values*, *template\_index*=- 1, *template\_value*=None, *update\_input\_references*=False)

Applies a *ProtocolReplicator* to this protocol. This method should clone any protocols whose id contains the id of the replicator (in the format *\$(replicator.id)*).

##### **Parameters**

- **replicator** (*ProtocolReplicator*) – The replicator to apply.
- **template\_values** (*list of Any*) – A list of the values which will be inserted into the newly replicated protocols.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_index* and *template\_value*

- **template\_index** (*int, optional*) – A specific value which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_value*.

- **template\_value** (*Any, optional*) – A specific index which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_index*.

- **update\_input\_references** (*bool*) – If true, any protocols which take their input from a protocol which was flagged for replication will be updated to take input from the actually replicated protocol. This should only be set to true if this protocol is not nested within a workflow or a protocol group.

This option cannot be used when a specific *template\_index* or *template\_value* is provided.

**Returns** A dictionary of references to all of the protocols which have been replicated, with keys of original protocol ids. Each value is comprised of a list of the replicated protocol ids, and their index into the *template\_values* array.

**Return type** dict of ProtocolPath and list of tuple of ProtocolPath and int

**can\_merge** (*other*, *path\_replacements=None*)

Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.

**Parameters**

- **other** (`Protocol`) – The protocol to compare against.
- **path\_replacements** (*list of tuple of str, optional*) – Replacements to make in any value reference protocol paths before comparing for equality.

**Returns** True if the two protocols are safe to merge.

**Return type** `bool`

**coordinate\_file\_path**

**Input** - The file path to the PDB coordinate file which defines the topology of the system to which the force field parameters will be assigned. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**property dependencies**

A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.

**Type** list of `ProtocolPath`

**execute** (*directory="*, *available\_resources=None*)

Execute the protocol.

**Parameters**

- **directory** (*str*) – The directory to store output data in.
- **available\_resources** (`ComputeResources`) – The resources available to execute on. If *None*, the protocol will be executed on a single CPU.

**force\_field\_path**

**Input** - The file path to the force field parameters to assign to the system. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod from\_schema** (*schema*)

Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.

**Parameters** **schema** (`ProtocolSchema`) – The schema to initialize the protocol using.

**Returns** The initialized protocol.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of str

**get\_class\_attribute** (*reference\_path*)

Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the attribute to return.

**Returns** The class attribute.

**Return type** object

**get\_value** (*reference\_path*)

Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.

**Returns** The value of the input / output

**Return type** Any

**get\_value\_references** (*input\_path*)

Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by *input\_path*) takes its value from.

## Notes

Currently this method only functions correctly for an input value which is either currently a *ProtocolPath*, or a *list / dict* which contains at least one *ProtocolPath*.

**Parameters** **input\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The input value to check.

**Returns** A dictionary of the protocol paths that the input targeted by *input\_path* depends upon.

**Return type** dict of *ProtocolPath* and *ProtocolPath*

**id**

The unique id of this protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** str

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** str

**merge** (*other*)

Merges another Protocol with this one. The id of this protocol will remain unchanged.

**Parameters** **other** (*Protocol*) – The protocol to merge into this one.

**Returns** A map between any original protocol ids and their new merged values.

**Return type** Dict[str, str]

**property outputs**

A dictionary of the outputs of this property.

**Type** dict of ProtocolPath and Any

**classmethod** `parse_json` (*string\_contents*, *encoding*='utf8')

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str* or *bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**replace\_protocol** (*old\_id*, *new\_id*)

Finds each input which came from a given protocol and redirects it to instead take input from a new one.

## Notes

This method is mainly intended to be used only when merging multiple protocols into one.

**Parameters**

- **old\_id** (*str*) – The id of the old input protocol.
- **new\_id** (*str*) – The id of the new input protocol.

**property** `required_inputs`

The inputs which must be set on this protocol.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**property** `schema`

A serializable schema for this object.

**Type** *ProtocolSchema*

**set\_uuid** (*value*)

Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id. If the id already has a prepended uuid, it will be overwritten by this value.

**Parameters** **value** (*str*) – The uuid to prepend.

**set\_value** (*reference\_path*, *value*)

Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.

**Parameters**

- **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.
- **value** (*Any*) – The value to set.

**substance**

**Input** - The composition of the system. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *Substance*

**system\_path**

**Output** - The path to the assigned system object. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *str*

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** *attribute\_type* (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** **ValueError** or **AssertionError** –

**water\_model**

**Input** - The water model to apply, if any water molecules are present. The default value of this attribute is `WaterModel.TIP3P`.

**Type** *BaseBuildSystem.WaterModel*

## BuildLigParGenSystem

**class** `openff.evaluator.protocols.forcefield.BuildLigParGenSystem(protocol_id)`

Parametrise a set of molecules with the OPLS-AA/M force field. using a [LigParGen server](#).

### Notes

This protocol is currently a work in progress and as such has limited functionality compared to the more established *BuildSmirnoffSystem* protocol.

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**\_\_init\_\_** (*protocol\_id*)

Initialize self. See `help(type(self))` for accurate signature.

### Methods

<code>__init__(protocol_id)</code>	Initialize self.
<code>apply_replicator(replicator, template_values)</code>	Applies a <i>ProtocolReplicator</i> to this protocol.
<code>can_merge(other[, path_replacements])</code>	Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.
<code>execute([directory, available_resources])</code>	Execute the protocol.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>from_schema(schema)</code>	Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .

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<code>get_class_attribute(reference_path)</code>	Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).
<code>get_value(reference_path)</code>	Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.
<code>get_value_references(input_path)</code>	Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by <i>input_path</i> ) takes its value from.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>merge(other)</code>	Merges another Protocol with this one.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>replace_protocol(old_id, new_id)</code>	Finds each input which came from a given protocol
<code>set_uuid(value)</code>	Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id.
<code>set_value(reference_path, value)</code>	Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

### Attributes

<code>allow_merging</code>	<b>Input</b> - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols.
<code>coordinate_file_path</code>	<b>Input</b> - The file path to the PDB coordinate file which defines the topology of the system to which the force field parameters will be assigned.
<code>dependencies</code>	A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.
<code>force_field_path</code>	<b>Input</b> - The file path to the force field parameters to assign to the system.
<code>id</code>	The unique id of this protocol.
<code>outputs</code>	A dictionary of the outputs of this property.
<code>required_inputs</code>	The inputs which must be set on this protocol.
<code>schema</code>	A serializable schema for this object.
<code>substance</code>	<b>Input</b> - The composition of the system.
<code>system_path</code>	<b>Output</b> - The path to the assigned system object.
<code>water_model</code>	<b>Input</b> - The water model to apply, if any water molecules are present.

### class WaterModel

An enum which describes which water model is being used, so that correct charges can be applied.

**Warning:** This is only a temporary addition until full water model support is introduced.

### allow\_merging

**Input** - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols. The default value of this attribute is `True`.

Type `bool`

### apply\_replicator(replicator, template\_values, template\_index=- 1, template\_value=None, update\_input\_references=False)

Applies a *ProtocolReplicator* to this protocol. This method should clone any protocols whose id contains

the id of the replicator (in the format  $\$(replicator.id)$ ).

#### Parameters

- **replicator** (`ProtocolReplicator`) – The replicator to apply.
- **template\_values** (*list of Any*) – A list of the values which will be inserted into the newly replicated protocols.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_index* and *template\_value*

- **template\_index** (*int, optional*) – A specific value which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_value*.

- **template\_value** (*Any, optional*) – A specific index which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_index*.

- **update\_input\_references** (*bool*) – If true, any protocols which take their input from a protocol which was flagged for replication will be updated to take input from the actually replicated protocol. This should only be set to true if this protocol is not nested within a workflow or a protocol group.

This option cannot be used when a specific *template\_index* or *template\_value* is provided.

**Returns** A dictionary of references to all of the protocols which have been replicated, with keys of original protocol ids. Each value is comprised of a list of the replicated protocol ids, and their index into the *template\_values* array.

**Return type** dict of ProtocolPath and list of tuple of ProtocolPath and int

**can\_merge** (*other, path\_replacements=None*)

Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.

#### Parameters

- **other** (`Protocol`) – The protocol to compare against.
- **path\_replacements** (*list of tuple of str, optional*) – Replacements to make in any value reference protocol paths before comparing for equality.

**Returns** True if the two protocols are safe to merge.

**Return type** `bool`

**coordinate\_file\_path**

**Input** - The file path to the PDB coordinate file which defines the topology of the system to which the force field parameters will be assigned. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**property dependencies**

A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**execute** (*directory=""*, *available\_resources=None*)

Execute the protocol.

**Parameters**

- **directory** (*str*) – The directory to store output data in.
- **available\_resources** (*ComputeResources*) – The resources available to execute on. If *None*, the protocol will be executed on a single CPU.

**force\_field\_path**

**Input** - The file path to the force field parameters to assign to the system. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *str*

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** *cls*

**classmethod from\_schema** (*schema*)

Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.

**Parameters** **schema** (*ProtocolSchema*) – The schema to initialize the protocol using.

**Returns** The initialized protocol.

**Return type** *cls*

**classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** *list of str*

**get\_class\_attribute** (*reference\_path*)

Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the attribute to return.

**Returns** The class attribute.

**Return type** *object*

**get\_value** (*reference\_path*)

Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.

**Returns** The value of the input / output

**Return type** *Any*

**get\_value\_references** (*input\_path*)

Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by *input\_path*) takes its value from.



## Notes

Currently this method only functions correctly for an input value which is either currently a `ProtocolPath`, or a *list / dict* which contains at least one `ProtocolPath`.

**Parameters** `input_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The input value to check.

**Returns** A dictionary of the protocol paths that the input targeted by *input\_path* depends upon.

**Return type** dict of `ProtocolPath` and `ProtocolPath`

**id**

The unique id of this protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**merge** (*other*)

Merges another Protocol with this one. The id of this protocol will remain unchanged.

**Parameters** **other** (`Protocol`) – The protocol to merge into this one.

**Returns** A map between any original protocol ids and their new merged values.

**Return type** `Dict[str, str]`

**property outputs**

A dictionary of the outputs of this property.

**Type** dict of `ProtocolPath` and `Any`

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `Any`

**replace\_protocol** (*old\_id, new\_id*)

**Finds each input which came from a given protocol** and redirects it to instead take input from a new one.

## Notes

This method is mainly intended to be used only when merging multiple protocols into one.

### Parameters

- **old\_id** (*str*) – The id of the old input protocol.
- **new\_id** (*str*) – The id of the new input protocol.

### property required\_inputs

The inputs which must be set on this protocol.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

### property schema

A serializable schema for this object.

**Type** *ProtocolSchema*

### set\_uuid (value)

Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id. If the id already has a prepended uuid, it will be overwritten by this value.

**Parameters** **value** (*str*) – The uuid to prepend.

### set\_value (reference\_path, value)

Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.

### Parameters

- **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.
- **value** (*Any*) – The value to set.

### substance

**Input** - The composition of the system. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *Substance*

### system\_path

**Output** - The path to the assigned system object. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *str*

### validate (attribute\_type=None)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** *ValueError* or *AssertionError* –

### water\_model

**Input** - The water model to apply, if any water molecules are present. The default value of this attribute is *WaterModel.TIP3P*.

**Type** *BaseBuildSystem.WaterModel*

## BuildTLeapSystem

**class** openff.evaluator.protocols.forcefield.**BuildTLeapSystem**(*protocol\_id*)  
 Parametrise a set of molecules with an Amber based force field. using the [tleap package](#).

### Notes

- This protocol is currently a work in progress and as such has limited functionality compared to the more established *BuildSmirnoffSystem* protocol.
- This protocol requires the optional *ambertools*  $\geq 19.0$  dependency to be installed.

**\_\_init\_\_**(*protocol\_id*)  
 Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

### Methods

<code>__init__(protocol_id)</code>	Initialize self.
<code>apply_replicator(replicator, plate_values)</code>	Applies a <i>ProtocolReplicator</i> to this protocol.
<code>can_merge(other[, path_replacements])</code>	Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.
<code>execute([directory, available_resources])</code>	Execute the protocol.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>from_schema(schema)</code>	Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>get_class_attribute(reference_path)</code>	Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).
<code>get_value(reference_path)</code>	Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.
<code>get_value_references(input_path)</code>	Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by <i>input_path</i> ) takes its value from.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>merge(other)</code>	Merges another Protocol with this one.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>replace_protocol(old_id, new_id)</code>	Finds each input which came from a given protocol
<code>set_uuid(value)</code>	Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id.
<code>set_value(reference_path, value)</code>	Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<code>allow_merging</code>	<b>Input</b> - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols.
<code>charge_backend</code>	<b>Input</b> - The backend framework to use to assign partial charges.
<code>coordinate_file_path</code>	<b>Input</b> - The file path to the PDB coordinate file which defines the topology of the system to which the force field parameters will be assigned.
<code>dependencies</code>	A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.
<code>force_field_path</code>	<b>Input</b> - The file path to the force field parameters to assign to the system.
<code>id</code>	The unique id of this protocol.
<code>outputs</code>	A dictionary of the outputs of this property.
<code>required_inputs</code>	The inputs which must be set on this protocol.
<code>schema</code>	A serializable schema for this object.
<code>substance</code>	<b>Input</b> - The composition of the system.
<code>system_path</code>	<b>Output</b> - The path to the assigned system object.
<code>water_model</code>	<b>Input</b> - The water model to apply, if any water molecules are present.

### class ChargeBackend

The framework to use to assign partial charges.

### charge\_backend

**Input** - The backend framework to use to assign partial charges.

**Type** `BuildTLeapSystem.ChargeBackend`

### class WaterModel

An enum which describes which water model is being used, so that correct charges can be applied.

**Warning:** This is only a temporary addition until full water model support is introduced.

### allow\_merging

**Input** - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols. The default value of this attribute is `True`.

**Type** `bool`

**apply\_replicator** (*replicator*, *template\_values*, *template\_index=-1*, *template\_value=None*, *update\_input\_references=False*)

Applies a `ProtocolReplicator` to this protocol. This method should clone any protocols whose id contains the id of the replicator (in the format `$(replicator.id)`).

### Parameters

- **replicator** (`ProtocolReplicator`) – The replicator to apply.
- **template\_values** (*list of Any*) – A list of the values which will be inserted into the newly replicated protocols.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with `template_index` and `template_value`

- **template\_index** (*int, optional*) – A specific value which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_value*.

- **template\_value** (*Any, optional*) – A specific index which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_index*.

- **update\_input\_references** (*bool*) – If true, any protocols which take their input from a protocol which was flagged for replication will be updated to take input from the actually replicated protocol. This should only be set to true if this protocol is not nested within a workflow or a protocol group.

This option cannot be used when a specific *template\_index* or *template\_value* is provided.

**Returns** A dictionary of references to all of the protocols which have been replicated, with keys of original protocol ids. Each value is comprised of a list of the replicated protocol ids, and their index into the *template\_values* array.

**Return type** dict of ProtocolPath and list of tuple of ProtocolPath and int

**can\_merge** (*other, path\_replacements=None*)

Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.

#### Parameters

- **other** (Protocol) – The protocol to compare against.
- **path\_replacements** (*list of tuple of str, optional*) – Replacements to make in any value reference protocol paths before comparing for equality.

**Returns** True if the two protocols are safe to merge.

**Return type** bool

**coordinate\_file\_path**

**Input** - The file path to the PDB coordinate file which defines the topology of the system to which the force field parameters will be assigned. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** str

**property dependencies**

A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**execute** (*directory=", available\_resources=None*)

Execute the protocol.

#### Parameters

- **directory** (*str*) – The directory to store output data in.
- **available\_resources** (ComputeResources) – The resources available to execute on. If *None*, the protocol will be executed on a single CPU.

**force\_field\_path**

**Input** - The file path to the force field parameters to assign to the system. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod from\_schema** (*schema*)

Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.

**Parameters** **schema** (`ProtocolSchema`) – The schema to initialize the protocol using.

**Returns** The initialized protocol.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** `list of str`

**get\_class\_attribute** (*reference\_path*)

Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (`ProtocolPath`) – The path pointing to the attribute to return.

**Returns** The class attribute.

**Return type** `object`

**get\_value** (*reference\_path*)

Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (`ProtocolPath`) – The path pointing to the value to return.

**Returns** The value of the input / output

**Return type** `Any`

**get\_value\_references** (*input\_path*)

Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by *input\_path*) takes its value from.

## Notes

Currently this method only functions correctly for an input value which is either currently a `ProtocolPath`, or a *list / dict* which contains at least one `ProtocolPath`.

**Parameters** `input_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The input value to check.

**Returns** A dictionary of the protocol paths that the input targeted by *input\_path* depends upon.

**Return type** dict of `ProtocolPath` and `ProtocolPath`

**id**

The unique id of this protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**merge** (*other*)

Merges another Protocol with this one. The id of this protocol will remain unchanged.

**Parameters** **other** (`Protocol`) – The protocol to merge into this one.

**Returns** A map between any original protocol ids and their new merged values.

**Return type** `Dict[str, str]`

**property outputs**

A dictionary of the outputs of this property.

**Type** dict of `ProtocolPath` and `Any`

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `Any`

**replace\_protocol** (*old\_id, new\_id*)

**Finds each input which came from a given protocol** and redirects it to instead take input from a new one.

## Notes

This method is mainly intended to be used only when merging multiple protocols into one.

### Parameters

- **old\_id** (*str*) – The id of the old input protocol.
- **new\_id** (*str*) – The id of the new input protocol.

### property required\_inputs

The inputs which must be set on this protocol.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

### property schema

A serializable schema for this object.

**Type** *ProtocolSchema*

### set\_uuid (value)

Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id. If the id already has a prepended uuid, it will be overwritten by this value.

**Parameters** **value** (*str*) – The uuid to prepend.

### set\_value (reference\_path, value)

Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.

### Parameters

- **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.
- **value** (*Any*) – The value to set.

### substance

**Input** - The composition of the system. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *Substance*

### system\_path

**Output** - The path to the assigned system object. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *str*

### validate (attribute\_type=None)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** *ValueError* or *AssertionError* –

### water\_model

**Input** - The water model to apply, if any water molecules are present. The default value of this attribute is *WaterModel.TIP3P*.

**Type** *BaseBuildSystem.WaterModel*

## Gradients



<i>BaseGradientPotentials</i>	A base class for protocols which will evaluate the reduced potentials of a series of configurations using a set of force field parameters which have been slightly increased and slightly decreased.
<i>CentralDifferenceGradient</i>	A protocol which employs the central difference method to estimate the gradient of an observable A, such that

## BaseGradientPotentials

**class** openff.evaluator.protocols.gradients.**BaseGradientPotentials** (*protocol\_id*)

A base class for protocols which will evaluate the reduced potentials of a series of configurations using a set of force field parameters which have been slightly increased and slightly decreased. These are mainly useful when estimating gradients with respect to force field parameters using the central difference method.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*protocol\_id*)

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

## Methods

<i>__init__</i> ( <i>protocol_id</i> )	Initialize self.
<i>apply_replicator</i> ( <i>replicator</i> , <i>tem-</i> <i>plate_values</i> )	Applies a <i>ProtocolReplicator</i> to this protocol.
<i>can_merge</i> ( <i>other</i> [, <i>path_replacements</i> ])	Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.
<i>execute</i> ([ <i>directory</i> , <i>available_resources</i> ])	Execute the protocol.
<i>from_json</i> ( <i>file_path</i> )	Create this object from a JSON file.
<i>from_schema</i> ( <i>schema</i> )	Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.
<i>get_attributes</i> ([ <i>attribute_type</i> ])	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<i>get_class_attribute</i> ( <i>reference_path</i> )	Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).
<i>get_value</i> ( <i>reference_path</i> )	Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.
<i>get_value_references</i> ( <i>input_path</i> )	Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by <i>input_path</i> ) takes its value from.
<i>json</i> ([ <i>file_path</i> , <i>format</i> ])	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<i>merge</i> ( <i>other</i> )	Merges another Protocol with this one.
<i>parse_json</i> ( <i>string_contents</i> [, <i>encoding</i> ])	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<i>replace_protocol</i> ( <i>old_id</i> , <i>new_id</i> )	Finds each input which came from a given protocol
<i>set_uuid</i> ( <i>value</i> )	Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id.
<i>set_value</i> ( <i>reference_path</i> , <i>value</i> )	Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.
<i>validate</i> ([ <i>attribute_type</i> ])	Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<i>allow_merging</i>	<b>Input</b> - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols.
<i>coordinate_file_path</i>	<b>Input</b> - A path to a PDB coordinate file which describes the topology of the system.
<i>dependencies</i>	A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.
<i>effective_sample_indices</i>	<b>Input</b> - This a placeholder input which is not currently implemented.
<i>enable_pbc</i>	<b>Input</b> - If true, periodic boundary conditions will be enabled when re-evaluating the reduced potentials.
<i>force_field_path</i>	<b>Input</b> - The path to the force field which contains the parameters to differentiate the observable with respect to.
<i>forward_parameter_value</i>	<b>Output</b> - The value of the parameter perturbed in the forward direction.
<i>forward_potentials_path</i>	<b>Output</b> - A file path to the energies evaluated using the parameters perturbed in the forward direction.
<i>id</i>	The unique id of this protocol.
<i>outputs</i>	A dictionary of the outputs of this property.
<i>parameter_key</i>	<b>Input</b> - The key of the parameter to differentiate with respect to.
<i>perturbation_scale</i>	<b>Input</b> - The amount to perturb the parameter by, such that $p_{\text{new}} = p_{\text{old}} * (1 \pm \text{perturbation\_scale})$ The default value of this attribute is 0.0001.
<i>required_inputs</i>	The inputs which must be set on this protocol.
<i>reverse_parameter_value</i>	<b>Output</b> - The value of the parameter perturbed in the reverse direction.
<i>reverse_potentials_path</i>	<b>Output</b> - A file path to the energies evaluated using the parameters perturbed in the reverse direction.
<i>schema</i>	A serializable schema for this object.
<i>statistics_path</i>	<b>Input</b> - The path to a statistics array containing potentials evaluated at each frame of the trajectory using the input <i>force_field_path</i> and at the input <i>thermodynamic_state</i> .
<i>substance</i>	<b>Input</b> - The substance which describes the composition of the system.
<i>thermodynamic_state</i>	<b>Input</b> - The thermodynamic state to estimate the gradients at.
<i>trajectory_file_path</i>	<b>Input</b> - A path to the trajectory of configurations The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..
<i>use_subset_of_force_field</i>	<b>Input</b> - If true, the reduced potentials will be estimated using a system which only contains the parameters of interest, e.g.

### **force\_field\_path**

**Input** - The path to the force field which contains the parameters to differentiate the observable with respect to. When reweighting observables, this should be the *target* force field. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** str

**statistics\_path**

**Input** - The path to a statistics array containing potentials evaluated at each frame of the trajectory using the input *force\_field\_path* and at the input *thermodynamic\_state*. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**thermodynamic\_state**

**Input** - The thermodynamic state to estimate the gradients at. When reweighting observables, this should be the *target* state. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *ThermodynamicState*

**substance**

**Input** - The substance which describes the composition of the system. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *Substance*

**coordinate\_file\_path**

**Input** - A path to a PDB coordinate file which describes the topology of the system. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**trajectory\_file\_path**

**Input** - A path to the trajectory of configurations. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**enable\_pbc**

**Input** - If true, periodic boundary conditions will be enabled when re-evaluating the reduced potentials. The default value of this attribute is `True`.

**Type** `bool`

**parameter\_key**

**Input** - The key of the parameter to differentiate with respect to. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *ParameterGradientKey*

**perturbation\_scale**

**Input** - The amount to perturb the parameter by, such that  $p_{\text{new}} = p_{\text{old}} * (1 \pm \text{perturbation\_scale})$ . The default value of this attribute is `0.0001`.

**Type** `float`

**use\_subset\_of\_force\_field**

**Input** - If true, the reduced potentials will be estimated using a system which only contains the parameters of interest, e.g. if the gradient of interest is with respect to the VdW epsilon parameter, then all valence / electrostatic terms will be ignored. The default value of this attribute is `True`.

**Type** `bool`

**effective\_sample\_indices**

**Input** - This is a placeholder input which is not currently implemented. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** `list`

**reverse\_potentials\_path**

**Output** - A file path to the energies evaluated using the parameters perturbed in the reverse direction. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `str`

**forward\_potentials\_path**

**Output** - A file path to the energies evaluated using the parameters perturbed in the forward direction. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `str`

**reverse\_parameter\_value**

**Output** - The value of the parameter perturbed in the reverse direction. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `Quantity`

**forward\_parameter\_value**

**Output** - The value of the parameter perturbed in the forward direction. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `Quantity`

**allow\_merging**

**Input** - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols. The default value of this attribute is `True`.

Type `bool`

**apply\_replicator** (*replicator*, *template\_values*, *template\_index*=- 1, *template\_value*=None, *update\_input\_references*=False)

Applies a *ProtocolReplicator* to this protocol. This method should clone any protocols whose id contains the id of the replicator (in the format *\$(replicator.id)*).

**Parameters**

- **replicator** (*ProtocolReplicator*) – The replicator to apply.
- **template\_values** (*list of Any*) – A list of the values which will be inserted into the newly replicated protocols.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_index* and *template\_value*

- **template\_index** (*int*, *optional*) – A specific value which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_value*.

- **template\_value** (*Any*, *optional*) – A specific index which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_index*.

- **update\_input\_references** (*bool*) – If true, any protocols which take their input from a protocol which was flagged for replication will be updated to take input from the actually replicated protocol. This should only be set to true if this protocol is not nested within a workflow or a protocol group.

This option cannot be used when a specific *template\_index* or *template\_value* is provided.

**Returns** A dictionary of references to all of the protocols which have been replicated, with keys of original protocol ids. Each value is comprised of a list of the replicated protocol ids, and their index into the *template\_values* array.

**Return type** dict of ProtocolPath and list of tuple of ProtocolPath and int

**can\_merge** (*other*, *path\_replacements*=None)

Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.

**Parameters**

- **other** (Protocol) – The protocol to compare against.
- **path\_replacements** (list of tuple of str, optional) – Replacements to make in any value reference protocol paths before comparing for equality.

**Returns** True if the two protocols are safe to merge.

**Return type** bool

**property dependencies**

A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**execute** (*directory*="", *available\_resources*=None)

Execute the protocol.

**Parameters**

- **directory** (str) – The directory to store output data in.
- **available\_resources** (ComputeResources) – The resources available to execute on. If *None*, the protocol will be executed on a single CPU.

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (str) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** cls

**classmethod from\_schema** (*schema*)

Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.

**Parameters** **schema** (ProtocolSchema) – The schema to initialize the protocol using.

**Returns** The initialized protocol.

**Return type** cls

**classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type*=None)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (type of Attribute, optional) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of str

**get\_class\_attribute** (*reference\_path*)

Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).

**Parameters** `reference_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The path pointing to the attribute to return.

**Returns** The class attribute.

**Return type** `object`

**get\_value** (*reference\_path*)

Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.

**Parameters** `reference_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The path pointing to the value to return.

**Returns** The value of the input / output

**Return type** Any

**get\_value\_references** (*input\_path*)

Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by *input\_path*) takes its value from.

## Notes

Currently this method only functions correctly for an input value which is either currently a `ProtocolPath`, or a *list / dict* which contains at least one `ProtocolPath`.

**Parameters** `input_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The input value to check.

**Returns** A dictionary of the protocol paths that the input targeted by *input\_path* depends upon.

**Return type** dict of `ProtocolPath` and `ProtocolPath`

**id**

The unique id of this protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**merge** (*other*)

Merges another Protocol with this one. The id of this protocol will remain unchanged.

**Parameters** `other` (`Protocol`) – The protocol to merge into this one.

**Returns** A map between any original protocol ids and their new merged values.

**Return type** `Dict[str, str]`

**property outputs**

A dictionary of the outputs of this property.

**Type** dict of `ProtocolPath` and Any

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**replace\_protocol** (*old\_id, new\_id*)

Finds each input which came from a given protocol and redirects it to instead take input from a new one.

**Notes**

This method is mainly intended to be used only when merging multiple protocols into one.

**Parameters**

- **old\_id** (*str*) – The id of the old input protocol.
- **new\_id** (*str*) – The id of the new input protocol.

**property required\_inputs**

The inputs which must be set on this protocol.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**property schema**

A serializable schema for this object.

**Type** ProtocolSchema

**set\_uuid** (*value*)

Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id. If the id already has a prepended uuid, it will be overwritten by this value.

**Parameters value** (*str*) – The uuid to prepend.

**set\_value** (*reference\_path, value*)

Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.

**Parameters**

- **reference\_path** (ProtocolPath) – The path pointing to the value to return.
- **value** (Any) – The value to set.

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** ValueError or AssertionError –

## CentralDifferenceGradient

**class** openff.evaluator.protocols.gradients.**CentralDifferenceGradient** (*protocol\_id*)  
A protocol which employs the central difference method to estimate the gradient of an observable A, such that  
$$\text{grad} = (A(x-h) - A(x+h)) / (2h)$$

### Notes

The *values* input must either be a list of pint.Quantity, a ProtocolPath to a list of pint.Quantity, or a list of ProtocolPath which each point to a pint.Quantity.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*protocol\_id*)  
Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

### Methods

<code>__init__(protocol_id)</code>	Initialize self.
<code>apply_replicator(replicator, plate_values)</code>	Applies a <i>ProtocolReplicator</i> to this protocol.
<code>can_merge(other[, path_replacements])</code>	Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.
<code>execute([directory, available_resources])</code>	Execute the protocol.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>from_schema(schema)</code>	Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>get_class_attribute(reference_path)</code>	Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).
<code>get_value(reference_path)</code>	Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.
<code>get_value_references(input_path)</code>	Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by <i>input_path</i> ) takes its value from.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>merge(other)</code>	Merges another Protocol with this one.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>replace_protocol(old_id, new_id)</code>	Finds each input which came from a given protocol
<code>set_uuid(value)</code>	Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id.
<code>set_value(reference_path, value)</code>	Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.



## Attributes

<i>allow_merging</i>	<b>Input</b> - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols.
<i>dependencies</i>	A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.
<i>forward_observable_value</i>	<b>Input</b> - The value of the observable evaluated using the parametersperturbed in the forward direction.
<i>forward_parameter_value</i>	<b>Input</b> - The value of the parameter perturbed in the forward direction.
<i>gradient</i>	<b>Output</b> - The estimated gradient The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..
<i>id</i>	The unique id of this protocol.
<i>outputs</i>	A dictionary of the outputs of this property.
<i>parameter_key</i>	<b>Input</b> - The key of the parameter to differentiate with respect to.
<i>required_inputs</i>	The inputs which must be set on this protocol.
<i>reverse_observable_value</i>	<b>Input</b> - The value of the observable evaluated using the parametersperturbed in the reverse direction.
<i>reverse_parameter_value</i>	<b>Input</b> - The value of the parameter perturbed in the reverse direction.
<i>schema</i>	A serializable schema for this object.

### **parameter\_key**

**Input** - The key of the parameter to differentiate with respect to. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *ParameterGradientKey*

### **reverse\_observable\_value**

**Input** - The value of the observable evaluated using the parametersperturbed in the reverse direction. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** typing.Union[pint.quantity.Quantity, pint.measurement.Measurement]

### **forward\_observable\_value**

**Input** - The value of the observable evaluated using the parametersperturbed in the forward direction. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** typing.Union[pint.quantity.Quantity, pint.measurement.Measurement]

### **reverse\_parameter\_value**

**Input** - The value of the parameter perturbed in the reverse direction. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** Quantity

### **forward\_parameter\_value**

**Input** - The value of the parameter perturbed in the forward direction. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** Quantity

### **gradient**

**Output** - The estimated gradient The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *ParameterGradient*

**allow\_merging**

**Input** - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols. The default value of this attribute is `True`.

**Type** `bool`

**apply\_replicator** (*replicator, template\_values, template\_index=- 1, template\_value=None, update\_input\_references=False*)

Applies a *ProtocolReplicator* to this protocol. This method should clone any protocols whose id contains the id of the replicator (in the format *\$(replicator.id)*).

**Parameters**

- **replicator** (*ProtocolReplicator*) – The replicator to apply.
- **template\_values** (*list of Any*) – A list of the values which will be inserted into the newly replicated protocols.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_index* and *template\_value*

- **template\_index** (*int, optional*) – A specific value which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_value*.

- **template\_value** (*Any, optional*) – A specific index which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_index*.

- **update\_input\_references** (*bool*) – If true, any protocols which take their input from a protocol which was flagged for replication will be updated to take input from the actually replicated protocol. This should only be set to true if this protocol is not nested within a workflow or a protocol group.

This option cannot be used when a specific *template\_index* or *template\_value* is provided.

**Returns** A dictionary of references to all of the protocols which have been replicated, with keys of original protocol ids. Each value is comprised of a list of the replicated protocol ids, and their index into the *template\_values* array.

**Return type** dict of ProtocolPath and list of tuple of ProtocolPath and int

**can\_merge** (*other, path\_replacements=None*)

Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.

**Parameters**

- **other** (*Protocol*) – The protocol to compare against.
- **path\_replacements** (*list of tuple of str, optional*) – Replacements to make in any value reference protocol paths before comparing for equality.

**Returns** True if the two protocols are safe to merge.

**Return type** `bool`

**property\_dependencies**

A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**execute** (*directory*="", *available\_resources*=None)

Execute the protocol.

**Parameters**

- **directory** (*str*) – The directory to store output data in.
- **available\_resources** (*ComputeResources*) – The resources available to execute on. If *None*, the protocol will be executed on a single CPU.

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** *cls*

**classmethod from\_schema** (*schema*)

Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.

**Parameters** **schema** (*ProtocolSchema*) – The schema to initialize the protocol using.

**Returns** The initialized protocol.

**Return type** *cls*

**classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type*=None)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of *str*

**get\_class\_attribute** (*reference\_path*)

Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the attribute to return.

**Returns** The class attribute.

**Return type** *object*

**get\_value** (*reference\_path*)

Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.

**Returns** The value of the input / output

**Return type** Any

**get\_value\_references** (*input\_path*)

Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by *input\_path*) takes its value from.

## Notes

Currently this method only functions correctly for an input value which is either currently a `ProtocolPath`, or a *list / dict* which contains at least one `ProtocolPath`.

**Parameters** `input_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The input value to check.

**Returns** A dictionary of the protocol paths that the input targeted by *input\_path* depends upon.

**Return type** dict of `ProtocolPath` and `ProtocolPath`

**id**

The unique id of this protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**merge** (*other*)

Merges another Protocol with this one. The id of this protocol will remain unchanged.

**Parameters** **other** (`Protocol`) – The protocol to merge into this one.

**Returns** A map between any original protocol ids and their new merged values.

**Return type** Dict[`str`, `str`]

**property outputs**

A dictionary of the outputs of this property.

**Type** dict of `ProtocolPath` and Any

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**replace\_protocol** (*old\_id, new\_id*)

**Finds each input which came from a given protocol** and redirects it to instead take input from a new one.

## Notes

This method is mainly intended to be used only when merging multiple protocols into one.

### Parameters

- **old\_id** (*str*) – The id of the old input protocol.
- **new\_id** (*str*) – The id of the new input protocol.

### property required\_inputs

The inputs which must be set on this protocol.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

### property schema

A serializable schema for this object.

**Type** *ProtocolSchema*

### set\_uuid (value)

Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id. If the id already has a prepended uuid, it will be overwritten by this value.

**Parameters** **value** (*str*) – The uuid to prepend.

### set\_value (reference\_path, value)

Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.

### Parameters

- **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.
- **value** (*Any*) – The value to set.

### validate (attribute\_type=None)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** **ValueError** or **AssertionError** –

## Groups

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### *ConditionalGroup*

A collection of protocols which are to execute until a given condition is met.

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## ConditionalGroup

**class** openff.evaluator.protocols.groups.**ConditionalGroup** (*protocol\_id*)

A collection of protocols which are to execute until a given condition is met.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*protocol\_id*)

Constructs a new ProtocolGroup.

## Methods

<code>__init__(protocol_id)</code>		Constructs a new ProtocolGroup.
<code>add_condition(condition_to_add)</code>		Adds a condition to this groups list of conditions if it not already in the condition list.
<code>add_protocols(*protocols)</code>		Add protocols to this group.
<code>apply_replicator(replicator, plate_values)</code>	tem-	Applies a <i>ProtocolReplicator</i> to this protocol.
<code>can_merge(other[, path_replacements])</code>		Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.
<code>execute([directory, available_resources])</code>		Execute the protocol.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>		Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>from_schema(schema)</code>		Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>		Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>get_class_attribute(reference_path)</code>		Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).
<code>get_value(reference_path)</code>		Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.
<code>get_value_references(input_path)</code>		Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by <i>input_path</i> ) takes its value from.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>		Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>merge(other)</code>		Merges another ProtocolGroup with this one.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>		Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>replace_protocol(old_id, new_id)</code>		Finds each input which came from a given protocol
<code>set_uuid(value)</code>		Store the uuid of the calculation this protocol belongs to
<code>set_value(reference_path, value)</code>		Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>		Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<code>allow_merging</code>	<b>Input</b> - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols.
<code>conditions</code>	<b>Input</b> - The conditions which must be satisfied before the group will cleanly exit.
<code>current_iteration</code>	<b>Output</b> - The current number of iterations this group has performed while attempting to satisfy the specified conditions.
<code>dependencies</code>	A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.
<code>id</code>	The unique id of this protocol.
<code>max_iterations</code>	<b>Input</b> - The maximum number of iterations to run for to try and satisfy the groups conditions.
<code>outputs</code>	A dictionary of the outputs of this property.
<code>protocols</code>	A dictionary of the protocols in this groups, where the dictionary key is the protocol id, and the value is the protocol itself.

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<code>required_inputs</code>	The inputs which must be set on this protocol.
<code>schema</code>	A serializable schema for this object.

**class Condition**

Defines a specific condition which must be met of the form *left\_hand\_value* [TYPE] *right\_hand\_value*, where [TYPE] may be less than or greater than.

**class Type**

The available condition types.

**left\_hand\_value**

The left-hand value to compare. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** typing.Union[int, float, pint.quantity.Quantity]

**right\_hand\_value**

The right-hand value to compare. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** typing.Union[int, float, pint.quantity.Quantity]

**type**

The right-hand value to compare. The default value of this attribute is `Type.LessThan`.

**Type** `ConditionalGroup.Condition.Type`

**classmethod from\_json(file\_path)**

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** `file_path` (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod get\_attributes(attribute\_type=None)**

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** `attribute_type` (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of str

**json(file\_path=None, format=False)**

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

• `file_path` (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.

• `format` (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**classmethod parse\_json(string\_contents, encoding='utf8')**

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

• `string_contents` (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.

• `encoding` (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**validate(attribute\_type=None)**

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** `attribute_type` (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** `ValueError` or `AssertionError` –

#### **conditions**

**Input** - The conditions which must be satisfied before the group will cleanly exit. The default value of this attribute is `[]`.

**Type** `list`

#### **current\_iteration**

**Output** - The current number of iterations this group has performed while attempting to satisfy the specified conditions. This value starts from one. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user.

**Type** `int`

#### **max\_iterations**

**Input** - The maximum number of iterations to run for to try and satisfy the groups conditions. The default value of this attribute is 100.

**Type** `int`

#### **merge** (*other*)

Merges another ProtocolGroup with this one. The id of this protocol will remain unchanged.

It is assumed that `can_merge` has already returned that these protocol groups are compatible to be merged together.

**Parameters** `other` (`ConditionalGroup`) – The protocol to merge into this one.

#### **add\_condition** (*condition\_to\_add*)

Adds a condition to this groups list of conditions if it not already in the condition list.

**Parameters** `condition_to_add` (`ConditionalGroup.Condition`) – The condition to add.

#### **get\_value\_references** (*input\_path*)

Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by *input\_path*) takes its value from.

### **Notes**

Currently this method only functions correctly for an input value which is either currently a `ProtocolPath`, or a *list / dict* which contains at least one `ProtocolPath`.

**Parameters** `input_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The input value to check.

**Returns** A dictionary of the protocol paths that the input targeted by *input\_path* depends upon.

**Return type** dict of `ProtocolPath` and `ProtocolPath`

#### **add\_protocols** (*\*protocols*)

Add protocols to this group.

**Parameters** `protocols` (`Protocol`) – The protocols to add.

#### **allow\_merging**

**Input** - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols. The default value of this attribute is `True`.

**Type** `bool`



**apply\_replicator** (*replicator*, *template\_values*, *template\_index*=- 1, *template\_value*=None, *update\_input\_references*=False)

Applies a *ProtocolReplicator* to this protocol. This method should clone any protocols whose id contains the id of the replicator (in the format *\$(replicator.id)*).

#### Parameters

- **replicator** (*ProtocolReplicator*) – The replicator to apply.
- **template\_values** (*list of Any*) – A list of the values which will be inserted into the newly replicated protocols.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_index* and *template\_value*

- **template\_index** (*int*, *optional*) – A specific value which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_value*.

- **template\_value** (*Any*, *optional*) – A specific index which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_index*.

- **update\_input\_references** (*bool*) – If true, any protocols which take their input from a protocol which was flagged for replication will be updated to take input from the actually replicated protocol. This should only be set to true if this protocol is not nested within a workflow or a protocol group.

This option cannot be used when a specific *template\_index* or *template\_value* is provided.

**Returns** A dictionary of references to all of the protocols which have been replicated, with keys of original protocol ids. Each value is comprised of a list of the replicated protocol ids, and their index into the *template\_values* array.

**Return type** dict of ProtocolPath and list of tuple of ProtocolPath and int

**can\_merge** (*other*, *path\_replacements*=None)

Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.

#### Parameters

- **other** (*Protocol*) – The protocol to compare against.
- **path\_replacements** (*list of tuple of str*, *optional*) – Replacements to make in any value reference protocol paths before comparing for equality.

**Returns** True if the two protocols are safe to merge.

**Return type** bool

#### property dependencies

A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**execute** (*directory*="", *available\_resources*=None)

Execute the protocol.

#### Parameters

- **directory** (*str*) – The directory to store output data in.

- **available\_resources** (`ComputeResources`) – The resources available to execute on. If *None*, the protocol will be executed on a single CPU.

**classmethod** `from_json` (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** `file_path` (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod** `from_schema` (*schema*)

Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.

**Parameters** `schema` (`ProtocolSchema`) – The schema to initialize the protocol using.

**Returns** The initialized protocol.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod** `get_attributes` (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** `attribute_type` (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** `list of str`

**get\_class\_attribute** (*reference\_path*)

Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).

**Parameters** `reference_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The path pointing to the attribute to return.

**Returns** The class attribute.

**Return type** `object`

**get\_value** (*reference\_path*)

Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.

**Parameters** `reference_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The path pointing to the value to return.

**Returns** The value of the input / output

**Return type** `Any`

**id**

The unique id of this protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**property outputs**

A dictionary of the outputs of this property.

**Type** dict of ProtocolPath and Any

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents*, *encoding*='utf8')

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str* or *bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**property protocols**

A dictionary of the protocols in this groups, where the dictionary key is the protocol id, and the value is the protocol itself.

**Notes**

This property should *not* be altered. Use *add\_protocols* to add new protocols to the group.

**Type** dict of str and Protocol

**replace\_protocol** (*old\_id*, *new\_id*)

**Finds each input which came from a given protocol** and redirects it to instead take input from a different one.

**Parameters**

- **old\_id** (*str*) – The id of the old input protocol.
- **new\_id** (*str*) – The id of the new input protocol.

**property required\_inputs**

The inputs which must be set on this protocol.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**property schema**

A serializable schema for this object.

**Type** *ProtocolSchema*

**set\_uuid** (*value*)

Store the uuid of the calculation this protocol belongs to

**Parameters** **value** (*str*) – The uuid of the parent calculation.

**set\_value** (*reference\_path*, *value*)

Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.

**Parameters**

- **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.
- **value** (*Any*) – The value to set.

**validate** (*attribute\_type*=None)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

Parameters **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

Raises **ValueError** or **AssertionError** –

### Miscellaneous

<i>AddValues</i>	A protocol to add together a list of values.
<i>SubtractValues</i>	A protocol to subtract one value from another such that:
<i>MultiplyValue</i>	A protocol which multiplies a value by a specified scalar
<i>DivideValue</i>	A protocol which divides a value by a specified scalar
<i>WeightByMoleFraction</i>	Multiplies a value by the mole fraction of a component in a <i>Substance</i> .
<i>FilterSubstanceByRole</i>	A protocol which takes a substance as input, and returns a substance which only contains components whose role match a given criteria.

### AddValues

**class** openff.evaluator.protocols.miscellaneous.**AddValues** (*protocol\_id*)  
A protocol to add together a list of values.

### Notes

The *values* input must either be a list of pint.Quantity, a ProtocolPath to a list of pint.Quantity, or a list of ProtocolPath which each point to a pint.Quantity.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*protocol\_id*)  
Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

### Methods

<b>__init__</b> ( <i>protocol_id</i> )	Initialize self.
<i>apply_replicator</i> ( <i>replicator</i> , <i>tem-plate_values</i> )	Applies a <i>ProtocolReplicator</i> to this protocol.
<i>can_merge</i> ( <i>other</i> [, <i>path_replacements</i> ])	Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.
<i>execute</i> ([ <i>directory</i> , <i>available_resources</i> ])	Execute the protocol.
<i>from_json</i> ( <i>file_path</i> )	Create this object from a JSON file.
<i>from_schema</i> ( <i>schema</i> )	Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.
<i>get_attributes</i> ([ <i>attribute_type</i> ])	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<i>get_class_attribute</i> ( <i>reference_path</i> )	Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).
<i>get_value</i> ( <i>reference_path</i> )	Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.
<i>get_value_references</i> ( <i>input_path</i> )	Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by <i>input_path</i> ) takes its value from.
<i>json</i> ([ <i>file_path</i> , <i>format</i> ])	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<i>merge</i> ( <i>other</i> )	Merges another Protocol with this one.

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<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>replace_protocol(old_id, new_id)</code>	Finds each input which came from a given protocol
<code>set_uuid(value)</code>	Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id.
<code>set_value(reference_path, value)</code>	Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

### Attributes

<code>allow_merging</code>	<b>Input</b> - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols.
<code>dependencies</code>	A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.
<code>id</code>	The unique id of this protocol.
<code>outputs</code>	A dictionary of the outputs of this property.
<code>required_inputs</code>	The inputs which must be set on this protocol.
<code>result</code>	<b>Output</b> - The sum of the values.
<code>schema</code>	A serializable schema for this object.
<code>values</code>	<b>Input</b> - The values to add together.

#### values

**Input** - The values to add together. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `list`

#### result

**Output** - The sum of the values. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `typing.Union[int, float, pint.measurement.Measurement, pint.quantity.Quantity, openff.evaluator.forcefield.gradients.ParameterGradient]`

#### allow\_merging

**Input** - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols. The default value of this attribute is `True`.

Type `bool`

**apply\_replicator** (*replicator*, *template\_values*, *template\_index*=- 1, *template\_value*=None, *update\_input\_references*=False)

Applies a *ProtocolReplicator* to this protocol. This method should clone any protocols whose id contains the id of the replicator (in the format *\$(replicator.id)*).

#### Parameters

- **replicator** (`ProtocolReplicator`) – The replicator to apply.
- **template\_values** (*list of Any*) – A list of the values which will be inserted into the newly replicated protocols.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_index* and *template\_value*

- **template\_index** (*int*, *optional*) – A specific value which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_value*.

- **template\_value** (*Any, optional*) – A specific index which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_index*.

- **update\_input\_references** (*bool*) – If true, any protocols which take their input from a protocol which was flagged for replication will be updated to take input from the actually replicated protocol. This should only be set to true if this protocol is not nested within a workflow or a protocol group.

This option cannot be used when a specific *template\_index* or *template\_value* is provided.

**Returns** A dictionary of references to all of the protocols which have been replicated, with keys of original protocol ids. Each value is comprised of a list of the replicated protocol ids, and their index into the *template\_values* array.

**Return type** dict of ProtocolPath and list of tuple of ProtocolPath and int

**can\_merge** (*other, path\_replacements=None*)

Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.

**Parameters**

- **other** (*Protocol*) – The protocol to compare against.
- **path\_replacements** (*list of tuple of str, optional*) – Replacements to make in any value reference protocol paths before comparing for equality.

**Returns** True if the two protocols are safe to merge.

**Return type** `bool`

**property dependencies**

A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**execute** (*directory="", available\_resources=None*)

Execute the protocol.

**Parameters**

- **directory** (*str*) – The directory to store output data in.
- **available\_resources** (*ComputeResources*) – The resources available to execute on. If *None*, the protocol will be executed on a single CPU.

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod from\_schema** (*schema*)

Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.

**Parameters** **schema** (*ProtocolSchema*) – The schema to initialize the protocol using.

**Returns** The initialized protocol.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod** `get_attributes` (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** `attribute_type` (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of str

**get\_class\_attribute** (*reference\_path*)

Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).

**Parameters** `reference_path` (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the attribute to return.

**Returns** The class attribute.

**Return type** object

**get\_value** (*reference\_path*)

Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.

**Parameters** `reference_path` (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.

**Returns** The value of the input / output

**Return type** Any

**get\_value\_references** (*input\_path*)

Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by *input\_path*) takes its value from.

## Notes

Currently this method only functions correctly for an input value which is either currently a *ProtocolPath*, or a *list / dict* which contains at least one *ProtocolPath*.

**Parameters** `input_path` (*ProtocolPath*) – The input value to check.

**Returns** A dictionary of the protocol paths that the input targeted by *input\_path* depends upon.

**Return type** dict of *ProtocolPath* and *ProtocolPath*

**id**

The unique id of this protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** str

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** str

**merge** (*other*)

Merges another Protocol with this one. The id of this protocol will remain unchanged.

**Parameters** `other` (*Protocol*) – The protocol to merge into this one.

**Returns** A map between any original protocol ids and their new merged values.

**Return type** Dict[str, str]

**property outputs**

A dictionary of the outputs of this property.

**Type** dict of ProtocolPath and Any

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents*, *encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str* or *bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**replace\_protocol** (*old\_id*, *new\_id*)

**Finds each input which came from a given protocol** and redirects it to instead take input from a new one.

## Notes

This method is mainly intended to be used only when merging multiple protocols into one.

**Parameters**

- **old\_id** (*str*) – The id of the old input protocol.
- **new\_id** (*str*) – The id of the new input protocol.

**property required\_inputs**

The inputs which must be set on this protocol.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**property schema**

A serializable schema for this object.

**Type** *ProtocolSchema*

**set\_uuid** (*value*)

Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id. If the id already has a prepended uuid, it will be overwritten by this value.

**Parameters** **value** (*str*) – The uuid to prepend.

**set\_value** (*reference\_path*, *value*)

Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.

**Parameters**

- **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.
- **value** (*Any*) – The value to set.

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.



Parameters **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

Raises **ValueError** or **AssertionError** –

## SubtractValues

**class** openff.evaluator.protocols.miscellaneous.**SubtractValues** (*protocol\_id*)

A protocol to subtract one value from another such that:

$result = value_b - value_a$

**\_\_init\_\_** (*protocol\_id*)

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

## Methods

<code>__init__(protocol_id)</code>	Initialize self.
<code>apply_replicator(replicator, plate_values)</code>	Applies a <i>ProtocolReplicator</i> to this protocol.
<code>can_merge(other[, path_replacements])</code>	Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.
<code>execute([directory, available_resources])</code>	Execute the protocol.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>from_schema(schema)</code>	Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>get_class_attribute(reference_path)</code>	Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).
<code>get_value(reference_path)</code>	Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.
<code>get_value_references(input_path)</code>	Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by <i>input_path</i> ) takes its value from.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>merge(other)</code>	Merges another Protocol with this one.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>replace_protocol(old_id, new_id)</code>	Finds each input which came from a given protocol
<code>set_uuid(value)</code>	Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id.
<code>set_value(reference_path, value)</code>	Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<code>allow_merging</code>	<b>Input</b> - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols.
<code>dependencies</code>	A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.
<code>id</code>	The unique id of this protocol.
<code>outputs</code>	A dictionary of the outputs of this property.
<code>required_inputs</code>	The inputs which must be set on this protocol.
<code>result</code>	<b>Output</b> - The results of $value_b - value_a$ .
<code>schema</code>	A serializable schema for this object.
<code>value_a</code>	<b>Input</b> - $value_a$ in the formula $result = value_b - value_a$ .
<code>value_b</code>	<b>Input</b> - $value_b$ in the formula $result = value_b - value_a$ .

### value\_a

**Input** -  $value_a$  in the formula  $result = value_b - value_a$ . The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** typing.Union[int, float, pint.quantity.Quantity, pint.measurement.Measurement, openff.evaluator.forcefield.gradients.ParameterGradient]

### value\_b

**Input** -  $value_b$  in the formula  $result = value_b - value_a$ . The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** typing.Union[int, float, pint.quantity.Quantity, pint.measurement.Measurement, openff.evaluator.forcefield.gradients.ParameterGradient]

### result

**Output** - The results of  $value_b - value_a$ . The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** typing.Union[int, float, pint.measurement.Measurement, pint.quantity.Quantity, openff.evaluator.forcefield.gradients.ParameterGradient]

### allow\_merging

**Input** - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols. The default value of this attribute is True.

**Type** bool

**apply\_replicator** (*replicator*, *template\_values*, *template\_index*=- 1, *template\_value*=None, *update\_input\_references*=False)

Applies a *ProtocolReplicator* to this protocol. This method should clone any protocols whose id contains the id of the replicator (in the format \$(*replicator*.id)).

### Parameters

- **replicator** (*ProtocolReplicator*) – The replicator to apply.
- **template\_values** (*list of Any*) – A list of the values which will be inserted into the newly replicated protocols.  
This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_index* and *template\_value*
- **template\_index** (*int*, *optional*) – A specific value which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used

when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_value*.

- **template\_value** (*Any, optional*) – A specific index which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_index*.

- **update\_input\_references** (*bool*) – If true, any protocols which take their input from a protocol which was flagged for replication will be updated to take input from the actually replicated protocol. This should only be set to true if this protocol is not nested within a workflow or a protocol group.

This option cannot be used when a specific *template\_index* or *template\_value* is provided.

**Returns** A dictionary of references to all of the protocols which have been replicated, with keys of original protocol ids. Each value is comprised of a list of the replicated protocol ids, and their index into the *template\_values* array.

**Return type** dict of ProtocolPath and list of tuple of ProtocolPath and int

**can\_merge** (*other, path\_replacements=None*)

Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.

**Parameters**

- **other** (*Protocol*) – The protocol to compare against.
- **path\_replacements** (*list of tuple of str, optional*) – Replacements to make in any value reference protocol paths before comparing for equality.

**Returns** True if the two protocols are safe to merge.

**Return type** bool

**property dependencies**

A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**execute** (*directory="", available\_resources=None*)

Execute the protocol.

**Parameters**

- **directory** (*str*) – The directory to store output data in.
- **available\_resources** (*ComputeResources*) – The resources available to execute on. If *None*, the protocol will be executed on a single CPU.

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** cls

**classmethod from\_schema** (*schema*)

Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.

**Parameters** `schema` (`ProtocolSchema`) – The schema to initialize the protocol using.

**Returns** The initialized protocol.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod** `get_attributes` (`attribute_type=None`)

Returns all attributes of a specific `attribute_type`.

**Parameters** `attribute_type` (`type of Attribute, optional`) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of str

**get\_class\_attribute** (`reference_path`)

Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).

**Parameters** `reference_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The path pointing to the attribute to return.

**Returns** The class attribute.

**Return type** object

**get\_value** (`reference_path`)

Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.

**Parameters** `reference_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The path pointing to the value to return.

**Returns** The value of the input / output

**Return type** Any

**get\_value\_references** (`input_path`)

Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by `input_path`) takes its value from.

## Notes

Currently this method only functions correctly for an input value which is either currently a `ProtocolPath`, or a `list / dict` which contains at least one `ProtocolPath`.

**Parameters** `input_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The input value to check.

**Returns** A dictionary of the protocol paths that the input targeted by `input_path` depends upon.

**Return type** dict of `ProtocolPath` and `ProtocolPath`

**id**

The unique id of this protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** str

**json** (`file_path=None, format=False`)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (`str, optional`) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (`bool`) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**merge** (*other*)

Merges another Protocol with this one. The id of this protocol will remain unchanged.

**Parameters** *other* (`Protocol`) – The protocol to merge into this one.

**Returns** A map between any original protocol ids and their new merged values.

**Return type** `Dict[str, str]`

**property outputs**

A dictionary of the outputs of this property.

**Type** `dict` of `ProtocolPath` and `Any`

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents*, *encoding*='utf8')

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str* or *bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `Any`

**replace\_protocol** (*old\_id*, *new\_id*)

**Finds each input which came from a given protocol** and redirects it to instead take input from a new one.

## Notes

This method is mainly intended to be used only when merging multiple protocols into one.

**Parameters**

- **old\_id** (*str*) – The id of the old input protocol.
- **new\_id** (*str*) – The id of the new input protocol.

**property required\_inputs**

The inputs which must be set on this protocol.

**Type** `list` of `ProtocolPath`

**property schema**

A serializable schema for this object.

**Type** `ProtocolSchema`

**set\_uuid** (*value*)

Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id. If the id already has a prepended uuid, it will be overwritten by this value.

**Parameters** *value* (*str*) – The uuid to prepend.

**set\_value** (*reference\_path*, *value*)

Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.

**Parameters**

- **reference\_path** (`ProtocolPath`) – The path pointing to the value to return.

- **value** (*Any*) – The value to set.

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** *attribute\_type* (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** **ValueError** or **AssertionError** –

## MultiplyValue

**class** openff.evaluator.protocols.miscellaneous.**MultiplyValue** (*protocol\_id*)

A protocol which multiplies a value by a specified scalar

**\_\_init\_\_** (*protocol\_id*)

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

## Methods

<code>__init__(protocol_id)</code>	Initialize self.
<code>apply_replicator(replicator, plate_values)</code>	Applies a <i>ProtocolReplicator</i> to this protocol.
<code>can_merge(other[, path_replacements])</code>	Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.
<code>execute([directory, available_resources])</code>	Execute the protocol.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>from_schema(schema)</code>	Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>get_class_attribute(reference_path)</code>	Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).
<code>get_value(reference_path)</code>	Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.
<code>get_value_references(input_path)</code>	Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by <i>input_path</i> ) takes its value from.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>merge(other)</code>	Merges another Protocol with this one.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>replace_protocol(old_id, new_id)</code>	Finds each input which came from a given protocol
<code>set_uuid(value)</code>	Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id.
<code>set_value(reference_path, value)</code>	Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<code>allow_merging</code>	<b>Input</b> - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols.
<code>dependencies</code>	A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.
<code>id</code>	The unique id of this protocol.
<code>multiplier</code>	<b>Input</b> - The scalar to multiply by.
<code>outputs</code>	A dictionary of the outputs of this property.
<code>required_inputs</code>	The inputs which must be set on this protocol.
<code>result</code>	<b>Output</b> - The result of the multiplication.
<code>schema</code>	A serializable schema for this object.
<code>value</code>	<b>Input</b> - The value to multiply.

### value

**Input** - The value to multiply. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** typing.Union[int, float, pint.quantity.Quantity, pint.measurement.Measurement, openff.evaluator.forcefield.gradients.ParameterGradient]

### multiplier

**Input** - The scalar to multiply by. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** typing.Union[int, float, pint.quantity.Quantity]

### result

**Output** - The result of the multiplication. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** typing.Union[int, float, pint.measurement.Measurement, pint.quantity.Quantity, openff.evaluator.forcefield.gradients.ParameterGradient]

### allow\_merging

**Input** - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols. The default value of this attribute is True.

**Type** bool

**apply\_replicator** (*replicator*, *template\_values*, *template\_index*=- 1, *template\_value*=None, *update\_input\_references*=False)

Applies a *ProtocolReplicator* to this protocol. This method should clone any protocols whose id contains the id of the replicator (in the format \$(*replicator.id*)).

### Parameters

- **replicator** (*ProtocolReplicator*) – The replicator to apply.
- **template\_values** (*list of Any*) – A list of the values which will be inserted into the newly replicated protocols.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_index* and *template\_value*

- **template\_index** (*int*, *optional*) – A specific value which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_value*.

- **template\_value** (*Any, optional*) – A specific index which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_index*.

- **update\_input\_references** (*bool*) – If true, any protocols which take their input from a protocol which was flagged for replication will be updated to take input from the actually replicated protocol. This should only be set to true if this protocol is not nested within a workflow or a protocol group.

This option cannot be used when a specific *template\_index* or *template\_value* is provided.

**Returns** A dictionary of references to all of the protocols which have been replicated, with keys of original protocol ids. Each value is comprised of a list of the replicated protocol ids, and their index into the *template\_values* array.

**Return type** dict of ProtocolPath and list of tuple of ProtocolPath and int

**can\_merge** (*other, path\_replacements=None*)

Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.

**Parameters**

- **other** (*Protocol*) – The protocol to compare against.
- **path\_replacements** (*list of tuple of str, optional*) – Replacements to make in any value reference protocol paths before comparing for equality.

**Returns** True if the two protocols are safe to merge.

**Return type** bool

**property dependencies**

A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**execute** (*directory="", available\_resources=None*)

Execute the protocol.

**Parameters**

- **directory** (*str*) – The directory to store output data in.
- **available\_resources** (*ComputeResources*) – The resources available to execute on. If *None*, the protocol will be executed on a single CPU.

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** cls

**classmethod from\_schema** (*schema*)

Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.

**Parameters** **schema** (*ProtocolSchema*) – The schema to initialize the protocol using.

**Returns** The initialized protocol.

**Return type** cls



**classmethod** `get_attributes` (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** `attribute_type` (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of str

**get\_class\_attribute** (*reference\_path*)

Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).

**Parameters** `reference_path` (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the attribute to return.

**Returns** The class attribute.

**Return type** object

**get\_value** (*reference\_path*)

Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.

**Parameters** `reference_path` (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.

**Returns** The value of the input / output

**Return type** Any

**get\_value\_references** (*input\_path*)

Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by *input\_path*) takes its value from.

## Notes

Currently this method only functions correctly for an input value which is either currently a *ProtocolPath*, or a *list / dict* which contains at least one *ProtocolPath*.

**Parameters** `input_path` (*ProtocolPath*) – The input value to check.

**Returns** A dictionary of the protocol paths that the input targeted by *input\_path* depends upon.

**Return type** dict of *ProtocolPath* and *ProtocolPath*

**id**

The unique id of this protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** str

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** str

**merge** (*other*)

Merges another Protocol with this one. The id of this protocol will remain unchanged.

**Parameters** `other` (*Protocol*) – The protocol to merge into this one.

**Returns** A map between any original protocol ids and their new merged values.

**Return type** Dict[str, str]

**property outputs**

A dictionary of the outputs of this property.

**Type** dict of ProtocolPath and Any

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents*, *encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str* or *bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**replace\_protocol** (*old\_id*, *new\_id*)

**Finds each input which came from a given protocol** and redirects it to instead take input from a new one.

## Notes

This method is mainly intended to be used only when merging multiple protocols into one.

**Parameters**

- **old\_id** (*str*) – The id of the old input protocol.
- **new\_id** (*str*) – The id of the new input protocol.

**property required\_inputs**

The inputs which must be set on this protocol.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**property schema**

A serializable schema for this object.

**Type** ProtocolSchema

**set\_uuid** (*value*)

Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id. If the id already has a prepended uuid, it will be overwritten by this value.

**Parameters value** (*str*) – The uuid to prepend.

**set\_value** (*reference\_path*, *value*)

Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.

**Parameters**

- **reference\_path** (ProtocolPath) – The path pointing to the value to return.
- **value** (Any) – The value to set.

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

Parameters **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

Raises **ValueError** or **AssertionError** –

## DivideValue

**class** openff.evaluator.protocols.miscellaneous.**DivideValue** (*protocol\_id*)

A protocol which divides a value by a specified scalar

**\_\_init\_\_** (*protocol\_id*)

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

## Methods

<code>__init__(protocol_id)</code>	Initialize self.
<code>apply_replicator(replicator, plate_values)</code>	Applies a <i>ProtocolReplicator</i> to this protocol.
<code>can_merge(other[, path_replacements])</code>	Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.
<code>execute([directory, available_resources])</code>	Execute the protocol.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>from_schema(schema)</code>	Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>get_class_attribute(reference_path)</code>	Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).
<code>get_value(reference_path)</code>	Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.
<code>get_value_references(input_path)</code>	Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by <i>input_path</i> ) takes its value from.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>merge(other)</code>	Merges another Protocol with this one.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>replace_protocol(old_id, new_id)</code>	Finds each input which came from a given protocol
<code>set_uuid(value)</code>	Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id.
<code>set_value(reference_path, value)</code>	Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<code>allow_merging</code>	<b>Input</b> - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols.
<code>dependencies</code>	A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.
<code>divisor</code>	<b>Input</b> - The scalar to divide by.
<code>id</code>	The unique id of this protocol.
<code>outputs</code>	A dictionary of the outputs of this property.

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<code>required_inputs</code>	The inputs which must be set on this protocol.
<code>result</code>	<b>Output</b> - The result of the division.
<code>schema</code>	A serializable schema for this object.
<code>value</code>	<b>Input</b> - The value to divide.

**value**

**Input** - The value to divide. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** typing.Union[int, float, pint.quantity.Quantity, pint.measurement.Measurement, openff.evaluator.forcefield.gradients.ParameterGradient]

**divisor**

**Input** - The scalar to divide by. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** typing.Union[int, float, pint.quantity.Quantity]

**result**

**Output** - The result of the division. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** typing.Union[int, float, pint.measurement.Measurement, pint.quantity.Quantity, openff.evaluator.forcefield.gradients.ParameterGradient]

**allow\_merging**

**Input** - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols. The default value of this attribute is True.

**Type** bool

**apply\_replicator** (*replicator*, *template\_values*, *template\_index*=- 1, *template\_value*=None, *update\_input\_references*=False)

Applies a *ProtocolReplicator* to this protocol. This method should clone any protocols whose id contains the id of the replicator (in the format *\$(replicator.id)*).

**Parameters**

- **replicator** (*ProtocolReplicator*) – The replicator to apply.
- **template\_values** (*list of Any*) – A list of the values which will be inserted into the newly replicated protocols.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_index* and *template\_value*

- **template\_index** (*int*, *optional*) – A specific value which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_value*.

- **template\_value** (*Any*, *optional*) – A specific index which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_index*.

- **update\_input\_references** (*bool*) – If true, any protocols which take their input from a protocol which was flagged for replication will be updated to take input from the actually replicated protocol. This should only be set to true if this protocol is not nested within a workflow or a protocol group.

This option cannot be used when a specific *template\_index* or *template\_value* is provided.

**Returns** A dictionary of references to all of the protocols which have been replicated, with keys of original protocol ids. Each value is comprised of a list of the replicated protocol ids, and their index into the *template\_values* array.

**Return type** dict of ProtocolPath and list of tuple of ProtocolPath and int

**can\_merge** (*other*, *path\_replacements*=None)

Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.

**Parameters**

- **other** (Protocol) – The protocol to compare against.
- **path\_replacements** (list of tuple of str, optional) – Replacements to make in any value reference protocol paths before comparing for equality.

**Returns** True if the two protocols are safe to merge.

**Return type** bool

**property dependencies**

A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**execute** (*directory*="", *available\_resources*=None)

Execute the protocol.

**Parameters**

- **directory** (str) – The directory to store output data in.
- **available\_resources** (ComputeResources) – The resources available to execute on. If *None*, the protocol will be executed on a single CPU.

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (str) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** cls

**classmethod from\_schema** (*schema*)

Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.

**Parameters** **schema** (ProtocolSchema) – The schema to initialize the protocol using.

**Returns** The initialized protocol.

**Return type** cls

**classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type*=None)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (type of Attribute, optional) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of str

**get\_class\_attribute** (*reference\_path*)

Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).

**Parameters** `reference_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The path pointing to the attribute to return.

**Returns** The class attribute.

**Return type** `object`

**get\_value** (*reference\_path*)

Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.

**Parameters** `reference_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The path pointing to the value to return.

**Returns** The value of the input / output

**Return type** Any

**get\_value\_references** (*input\_path*)

Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by *input\_path*) takes its value from.

## Notes

Currently this method only functions correctly for an input value which is either currently a `ProtocolPath`, or a *list / dict* which contains at least one `ProtocolPath`.

**Parameters** `input_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The input value to check.

**Returns** A dictionary of the protocol paths that the input targeted by *input\_path* depends upon.

**Return type** dict of `ProtocolPath` and `ProtocolPath`

**id**

The unique id of this protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**merge** (*other*)

Merges another Protocol with this one. The id of this protocol will remain unchanged.

**Parameters** `other` (`Protocol`) – The protocol to merge into this one.

**Returns** A map between any original protocol ids and their new merged values.

**Return type** `Dict[str, str]`

**property outputs**

A dictionary of the outputs of this property.

**Type** dict of `ProtocolPath` and Any

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**replace\_protocol** (*old\_id, new\_id*)

Finds each input which came from a given protocol and redirects it to instead take input from a new one.

**Notes**

This method is mainly intended to be used only when merging multiple protocols into one.

**Parameters**

- **old\_id** (*str*) – The id of the old input protocol.
- **new\_id** (*str*) – The id of the new input protocol.

**property required\_inputs**

The inputs which must be set on this protocol.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**property schema**

A serializable schema for this object.

**Type** ProtocolSchema

**set\_uuid** (*value*)

Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id. If the id already has a prepended uuid, it will be overwritten by this value.

**Parameters value** (*str*) – The uuid to prepend.

**set\_value** (*reference\_path, value*)

Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.

**Parameters**

- **reference\_path** (ProtocolPath) – The path pointing to the value to return.
- **value** (Any) – The value to set.

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** ValueError or AssertionError –

## WeightByMoleFraction

**class** openff.evaluator.protocols.miscellaneous.**WeightByMoleFraction**(*protocol\_id*)  
Multiplies a value by the mole fraction of a component in a *Substance*.

**\_\_init\_\_**(*protocol\_id*)  
Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

### Methods

<code>__init__(protocol_id)</code>	Initialize self.
<code>apply_replicator(replicator, plate_values)</code>	Applies a <i>ProtocolReplicator</i> to this protocol.
<code>can_merge(other[, path_replacements])</code>	Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.
<code>execute([directory, available_resources])</code>	Execute the protocol.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>from_schema(schema)</code>	Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>get_class_attribute(reference_path)</code>	Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).
<code>get_value(reference_path)</code>	Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.
<code>get_value_references(input_path)</code>	Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by <i>input_path</i> ) takes its value from.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>merge(other)</code>	Merges another Protocol with this one.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>replace_protocol(old_id, new_id)</code>	Finds each input which came from a given protocol
<code>set_uuid(value)</code>	Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id.
<code>set_value(reference_path, value)</code>	Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

### Attributes

<code>allow_merging</code>	<b>Input</b> - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols.
<code>component</code>	<b>Input</b> - The component whose mole fraction to weight by.
<code>dependencies</code>	A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.
<code>full_substance</code>	<b>Input</b> - The full substance which describes the mole fraction of the component.
<code>id</code>	The unique id of this protocol.
<code>outputs</code>	A dictionary of the outputs of this property.
<code>required_inputs</code>	The inputs which must be set on this protocol.
<code>schema</code>	A serializable schema for this object.

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<code>value</code>	<b>Input</b> - The value to be weighted.
<code>weighted_value</code>	<b>Output</b> - The value weighted by the <i>component's mole fraction as determined from the full_substance</i> .

**value**

**Input** - The value to be weighted. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** typing.Union[float, int, pint.measurement.Measurement, pint.quantity.Quantity, openff.evaluator.forcefield.gradients.ParameterGradient]

**component**

**Input** - The component whose mole fraction to weight by. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *Substance*

**full\_substance**

**Input** - The full substance which describes the mole fraction of the component. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *Substance*

**weighted\_value**

**Output** - The value weighted by the *component's mole fraction as determined from the full\_substance*. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** typing.Union[float, int, pint.measurement.Measurement, pint.quantity.Quantity, openff.evaluator.forcefield.gradients.ParameterGradient]

**allow\_merging**

**Input** - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols. The default value of this attribute is True.

**Type** bool

**apply\_replicator** (*replicator*, *template\_values*, *template\_index*=- 1, *template\_value*=None, *update\_input\_references*=False)

Applies a *ProtocolReplicator* to this protocol. This method should clone any protocols whose id contains the id of the replicator (in the format *\$(replicator.id)*).

**Parameters**

- **replicator** (*ProtocolReplicator*) – The replicator to apply.
- **template\_values** (*list of Any*) – A list of the values which will be inserted into the newly replicated protocols.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_index* and *template\_value*

- **template\_index** (*int*, *optional*) – A specific value which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_value*.

- **template\_value** (*Any*, *optional*) – A specific index which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_index*.

- **update\_input\_references** (*bool*) – If true, any protocols which take their input from a protocol which was flagged for replication will be updated to take input from the actually replicated protocol. This should only be set to true if this protocol is not nested within a workflow or a protocol group.

This option cannot be used when a specific *template\_index* or *template\_value* is provided.

**Returns** A dictionary of references to all of the protocols which have been replicated, with keys of original protocol ids. Each value is comprised of a list of the replicated protocol ids, and their index into the *template\_values* array.

**Return type** dict of ProtocolPath and list of tuple of ProtocolPath and int

**can\_merge** (*other*, *path\_replacements*=None)

Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.

**Parameters**

- **other** (*Protocol*) – The protocol to compare against.
- **path\_replacements** (*list of tuple of str, optional*) – Replacements to make in any value reference protocol paths before comparing for equality.

**Returns** True if the two protocols are safe to merge.

**Return type** *bool*

**property dependencies**

A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**execute** (*directory*="", *available\_resources*=None)

Execute the protocol.

**Parameters**

- **directory** (*str*) – The directory to store output data in.
- **available\_resources** (*ComputeResources*) – The resources available to execute on. If *None*, the protocol will be executed on a single CPU.

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** cls

**classmethod from\_schema** (*schema*)

Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.

**Parameters** **schema** (*ProtocolSchema*) – The schema to initialize the protocol using.

**Returns** The initialized protocol.

**Return type** cls

**classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type*=None)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** `attribute_type` (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of str

**get\_class\_attribute** (*reference\_path*)

Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).

**Parameters** `reference_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The path pointing to the attribute to return.

**Returns** The class attribute.

**Return type** object

**get\_value** (*reference\_path*)

Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.

**Parameters** `reference_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The path pointing to the value to return.

**Returns** The value of the input / output

**Return type** Any

**get\_value\_references** (*input\_path*)

Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by *input\_path*) takes its value from.

## Notes

Currently this method only functions correctly for an input value which is either currently a `ProtocolPath`, or a *list / dict* which contains at least one `ProtocolPath`.

**Parameters** `input_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The input value to check.

**Returns** A dictionary of the protocol paths that the input targeted by *input\_path* depends upon.

**Return type** dict of `ProtocolPath` and `ProtocolPath`

**id**

The unique id of this protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** str

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** str

**merge** (*other*)

Merges another Protocol with this one. The id of this protocol will remain unchanged.

**Parameters** `other` (`Protocol`) – The protocol to merge into this one.

**Returns** A map between any original protocol ids and their new merged values.

**Return type** Dict[str, str]

**property outputs**

A dictionary of the outputs of this property.

**Type** dict of ProtocolPath and Any

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents*, *encoding*='utf8')

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str* or *bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**replace\_protocol** (*old\_id*, *new\_id*)

Finds each input which came from a given protocol and redirects it to instead take input from a new one.

**Notes**

This method is mainly intended to be used only when merging multiple protocols into one.

**Parameters**

- **old\_id** (*str*) – The id of the old input protocol.
- **new\_id** (*str*) – The id of the new input protocol.

**property required\_inputs**

The inputs which must be set on this protocol.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**property schema**

A serializable schema for this object.

**Type** ProtocolSchema

**set\_uuid** (*value*)

Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id. If the id already has a prepended uuid, it will be overwritten by this value.

**Parameters value** (*str*) – The uuid to prepend.

**set\_value** (*reference\_path*, *value*)

Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.

**Parameters**

- **reference\_path** (ProtocolPath) – The path pointing to the value to return.
- **value** (Any) – The value to set.

**validate** (*attribute\_type*=None)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute*, *optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

Raises `ValueError` or `AssertionError` –

## FilterSubstanceByRole

**class** `openff.evaluator.protocols.miscellaneous.FilterSubstanceByRole` (*protocol\_id*)

A protocol which takes a substance as input, and returns a substance which only contains components whose role match a given criteria.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*protocol\_id*)

Initialize self. See `help(type(self))` for accurate signature.

## Methods

<code>__init__(protocol_id)</code>	Initialize self.
<code>apply_replicator(replicator, plate_values)</code>	Applies a <i>ProtocolReplicator</i> to this protocol.
<code>can_merge(other[, path_replacements])</code>	Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.
<code>execute([directory, available_resources])</code>	Execute the protocol.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>from_schema(schema)</code>	Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>get_class_attribute(reference_path)</code>	Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).
<code>get_value(reference_path)</code>	Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.
<code>get_value_references(input_path)</code>	Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by <i>input_path</i> ) takes its value from.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>merge(other)</code>	Merges another Protocol with this one.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>replace_protocol(old_id, new_id)</code>	Finds each input which came from a given protocol
<code>set_uuid(value)</code>	Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id.
<code>set_value(reference_path, value)</code>	Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<code>allow_merging</code>	<b>Input</b> - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols.
<code>component_roles</code>	<b>Input</b> - The roles to filter substance components against.
<code>dependencies</code>	A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.
<code>expected_components</code>	<b>Input</b> - The number of components expected to remain after filtering.
<code>filtered_substance</code>	<b>Output</b> - The filtered substance.

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<i>id</i>	The unique id of this protocol.
<i>input_substance</i>	<b>Input</b> - The substance to filter.
<i>outputs</i>	A dictionary of the outputs of this property.
<i>required_inputs</i>	The inputs which must be set on this protocol.
<i>schema</i>	A serializable schema for this object.

**input\_substance**

**Input** - The substance to filter. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type *Substance*

**component\_roles**

**Input** - The roles to filter substance components against. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type *list*

**expected\_components**

**Input** - The number of components expected to remain after filtering. An exception is raised if this number is not matched. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

Type *int*

**filtered\_substance**

**Output** - The filtered substance. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type *Substance*

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** *attribute\_type* (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** *ValueError* or *AssertionError* –

**allow\_merging**

**Input** - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols. The default value of this attribute is *True*.

Type *bool*

**apply\_replicator** (*replicator, template\_values, template\_index=- 1, template\_value=None, update\_input\_references=False*)

Applies a *ProtocolReplicator* to this protocol. This method should clone any protocols whose id contains the id of the replicator (in the format *\$(replicator.id)*).

**Parameters**

- **replicator** (*ProtocolReplicator*) – The replicator to apply.
- **template\_values** (*list of Any*) – A list of the values which will be inserted into the newly replicated protocols.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_index* and *template\_value*

- **template\_index** (*int, optional*) – A specific value which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_value*.

- **template\_value** (*Any, optional*) – A specific index which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_index*.

- **update\_input\_references** (*bool*) – If true, any protocols which take their input from a protocol which was flagged for replication will be updated to take input from the actually replicated protocol. This should only be set to true if this protocol is not nested within a workflow or a protocol group.

This option cannot be used when a specific *template\_index* or *template\_value* is provided.

**Returns** A dictionary of references to all of the protocols which have been replicated, with keys of original protocol ids. Each value is comprised of a list of the replicated protocol ids, and their index into the *template\_values* array.

**Return type** dict of ProtocolPath and list of tuple of ProtocolPath and int

**can\_merge** (*other, path\_replacements=None*)

Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.

**Parameters**

- **other** (*Protocol*) – The protocol to compare against.
- **path\_replacements** (*list of tuple of str, optional*) – Replacements to make in any value reference protocol paths before comparing for equality.

**Returns** True if the two protocols are safe to merge.

**Return type** bool

**property dependencies**

A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**execute** (*directory=", available\_resources=None*)

Execute the protocol.

**Parameters**

- **directory** (*str*) – The directory to store output data in.
- **available\_resources** (*ComputeResources*) – The resources available to execute on. If *None*, the protocol will be executed on a single CPU.

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** cls

**classmethod from\_schema** (*schema*)

Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.

**Parameters** **schema** (*ProtocolSchema*) – The schema to initialize the protocol using.

**Returns** The initialized protocol.

**Return type** cls

**classmethod** `get_attributes` (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** `attribute_type` (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of str

**get\_class\_attribute** (*reference\_path*)

Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).

**Parameters** `reference_path` (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the attribute to return.

**Returns** The class attribute.

**Return type** object

**get\_value** (*reference\_path*)

Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.

**Parameters** `reference_path` (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.

**Returns** The value of the input / output

**Return type** Any

**get\_value\_references** (*input\_path*)

Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by *input\_path*) takes its value from.

## Notes

Currently this method only functions correctly for an input value which is either currently a *ProtocolPath*, or a *list* / *dict* which contains at least one *ProtocolPath*.

**Parameters** `input_path` (*ProtocolPath*) – The input value to check.

**Returns** A dictionary of the protocol paths that the input targeted by *input\_path* depends upon.

**Return type** dict of *ProtocolPath* and *ProtocolPath*

**id**

The unique id of this protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** str

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** str

**merge** (*other*)

Merges another Protocol with this one. The id of this protocol will remain unchanged.

**Parameters** `other` (*Protocol*) – The protocol to merge into this one.



**Returns** A map between any original protocol ids and their new merged values.

**Return type** Dict[str, str]

**property outputs**

A dictionary of the outputs of this property.

**Type** dict of ProtocolPath and Any

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents*, *encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str* or *bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**replace\_protocol** (*old\_id*, *new\_id*)

**Finds each input which came from a given protocol** and redirects it to instead take input from a new one.

## Notes

This method is mainly intended to be used only when merging multiple protocols into one.

**Parameters**

- **old\_id** (*str*) – The id of the old input protocol.
- **new\_id** (*str*) – The id of the new input protocol.

**property required\_inputs**

The inputs which must be set on this protocol.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**property schema**

A serializable schema for this object.

**Type** ProtocolSchema

**set\_uuid** (*value*)

Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id. If the id already has a prepended uuid, it will be overwritten by this value.

**Parameters value** (*str*) – The uuid to prepend.

**set\_value** (*reference\_path*, *value*)

Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.

**Parameters**

- **reference\_path** (ProtocolPath) – The path pointing to the value to return.
- **value** (Any) – The value to set.

## OpenMM

<i>OpenMMEnergyMinimisation</i>	A protocol to minimise the potential energy of a system using OpenMM.
<i>OpenMMSimulation</i>	Performs a molecular dynamics simulation in a given ensemble using an OpenMM backend.
<i>OpenMMReducedPotentials</i>	Calculates the reduced potential for a given set of configurations using OpenMM.
<i>OpenMMGradientPotentials</i>	A protocol to estimates the the reduced potential of the configurations of a trajectory using reverse and forward perturbed simulation parameters for use with estimating reweighted gradients using the central difference method.

## OpenMMEnergyMinimisation

**class** openff.evaluator.protocols.openmm.**OpenMMEnergyMinimisation** (*protocol\_id*)

A protocol to minimise the potential energy of a system using OpenMM.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*protocol\_id*)

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

### Methods

<i>__init__</i> ( <i>protocol_id</i> )	Initialize self.
<i>apply_replicator</i> ( <i>replicator</i> , <i>tem-</i> <i>plate_values</i> )	Applies a <i>ProtocolReplicator</i> to this protocol.
<i>can_merge</i> ( <i>other</i> [, <i>path_replacements</i> ])	Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.
<i>execute</i> ([ <i>directory</i> , <i>available_resources</i> ])	Execute the protocol.
<i>from_json</i> ( <i>file_path</i> )	Create this object from a JSON file.
<i>from_schema</i> ( <i>schema</i> )	Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.
<i>get_attributes</i> ([ <i>attribute_type</i> ])	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<i>get_class_attribute</i> ( <i>reference_path</i> )	Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).
<i>get_value</i> ( <i>reference_path</i> )	Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.
<i>get_value_references</i> ( <i>input_path</i> )	Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by <i>input_path</i> ) takes its value from.
<i>json</i> ([ <i>file_path</i> , <i>format</i> ])	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<i>merge</i> ( <i>other</i> )	Merges another Protocol with this one.
<i>parse_json</i> ( <i>string_contents</i> [, <i>encoding</i> ])	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<i>replace_protocol</i> ( <i>old_id</i> , <i>new_id</i> )	Finds each input which came from a given protocol
<i>set_uuid</i> ( <i>value</i> )	Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id.
<i>set_value</i> ( <i>reference_path</i> , <i>value</i> )	Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.
<i>validate</i> ([ <i>attribute_type</i> ])	Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<code>allow_merging</code>	<b>Input</b> - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols.
<code>dependencies</code>	A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.
<code>enable_pbc</code>	<b>Input</b> - If true, periodic boundary conditions will be enabled.
<code>id</code>	The unique id of this protocol.
<code>input_coordinate_file</code>	<b>Input</b> - The coordinates to minimise.
<code>max_iterations</code>	<b>Input</b> - The maximum number of iterations to perform.
<code>output_coordinate_file</code>	<b>Output</b> - The file path to the minimised coordinates.
<code>outputs</code>	A dictionary of the outputs of this property.
<code>required_inputs</code>	The inputs which must be set on this protocol.
<code>schema</code>	A serializable schema for this object.
<code>system_path</code>	<b>Input</b> - The path to the XML system object which defines the forces present in the system.
<code>tolerance</code>	<b>Input</b> - The energy tolerance to which the system should be minimized.

### `allow_merging`

**Input** - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols. The default value of this attribute is `True`.

Type `bool`

**`apply_replicator`** (*replicator*, *template\_values*, *template\_index=-1*, *template\_value=None*, *update\_input\_references=False*)

Applies a *ProtocolReplicator* to this protocol. This method should clone any protocols whose id contains the id of the replicator (in the format `$(replicator.id)`).

### Parameters

- **`replicator`** (*ProtocolReplicator*) – The replicator to apply.
- **`template_values`** (*list of Any*) – A list of the values which will be inserted into the newly replicated protocols.  
This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_index* and *template\_value*
- **`template_index`** (*int*, *optional*) – A specific value which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.  
This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_value*.
- **`template_value`** (*Any*, *optional*) – A specific index which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.  
This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_index*.
- **`update_input_references`** (*bool*) – If true, any protocols which take their input from a protocol which was flagged for replication will be updated to take input from the

actually replicated protocol. This should only be set to true if this protocol is not nested within a workflow or a protocol group.

This option cannot be used when a specific *template\_index* or *template\_value* is provided.

**Returns** A dictionary of references to all of the protocols which have been replicated, with keys of original protocol ids. Each value is comprised of a list of the replicated protocol ids, and their index into the *template\_values* array.

**Return type** dict of ProtocolPath and list of tuple of ProtocolPath and int

**can\_merge** (*other*, *path\_replacements*=None)

Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.

**Parameters**

- **other** (Protocol) – The protocol to compare against.
- **path\_replacements** (list of tuple of str, optional) – Replacements to make in any value reference protocol paths before comparing for equality.

**Returns** True if the two protocols are safe to merge.

**Return type** bool

**property dependencies**

A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**enable\_pbc**

**Input** - If true, periodic boundary conditions will be enabled. The default value of this attribute is True.

**Type** bool

**execute** (*directory*="", *available\_resources*=None)

Execute the protocol.

**Parameters**

- **directory** (str) – The directory to store output data in.
- **available\_resources** (ComputeResources) – The resources available to execute on. If None, the protocol will be executed on a single CPU.

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (str) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** cls

**classmethod from\_schema** (*schema*)

Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.

**Parameters** **schema** (ProtocolSchema) – The schema to initialize the protocol using.

**Returns** The initialized protocol.

**Return type** cls

**classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type*=None)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** `attribute_type` (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of str

**get\_class\_attribute** (*reference\_path*)

Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).

**Parameters** `reference_path` (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the attribute to return.

**Returns** The class attribute.

**Return type** object

**get\_value** (*reference\_path*)

Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.

**Parameters** `reference_path` (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.

**Returns** The value of the input / output

**Return type** Any

**get\_value\_references** (*input\_path*)

Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by *input\_path*) takes its value from.

## Notes

Currently this method only functions correctly for an input value which is either currently a *ProtocolPath*, or a *list / dict* which contains at least one *ProtocolPath*.

**Parameters** `input_path` (*ProtocolPath*) – The input value to check.

**Returns** A dictionary of the protocol paths that the input targeted by *input\_path* depends upon.

**Return type** dict of *ProtocolPath* and *ProtocolPath*

**id**

The unique id of this protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** str

**input\_coordinate\_file**

**Input** - The coordinates to minimise. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** str

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** str

**max\_iterations**

**Input** - The maximum number of iterations to perform. If this is 0, minimization is continued until the results converge without regard to how many iterations it takes. The default value of this attribute is 0.

**Type** `int`

**merge** (*other*)

Merges another Protocol with this one. The id of this protocol will remain unchanged.

**Parameters** **other** (`Protocol`) – The protocol to merge into this one.

**Returns** A map between any original protocol ids and their new merged values.

**Return type** `Dict[str, str]`

**output\_coordinate\_file**

**Output** - The file path to the minimised coordinates. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**property outputs**

A dictionary of the outputs of this property.

**Type** `dict of ProtocolPath and Any`

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents*, *encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `Any`

**replace\_protocol** (*old\_id*, *new\_id*)

**Finds each input which came from a given protocol** and redirects it to instead take input from a new one.

**Notes**

This method is mainly intended to be used only when merging multiple protocols into one.

**Parameters**

- **old\_id** (*str*) – The id of the old input protocol.
- **new\_id** (*str*) – The id of the new input protocol.

**property required\_inputs**

The inputs which must be set on this protocol.

**Type** `list of ProtocolPath`

**property schema**

A serializable schema for this object.

**Type** `ProtocolSchema`

**set\_uuid** (*value*)

Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id. If the id already has a prepended uuid, it will be overwritten by this value.

**Parameters** **value** (*str*) – The uuid to prepend.

**set\_value** (*reference\_path*, *value*)

Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.

**Parameters**

- **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.
- **value** (*Any*) – The value to set.

**system\_path**

**Input** - The path to the XML system object which defines the forces present in the system. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *str*

**tolerance**

**Input** - The energy tolerance to which the system should be minimized. The default value of this attribute is 10.0 kJ / mol.

**Type** *Quantity*

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** *ValueError* or *AssertionError* –

## OpenMMSimulation

**class** `openff.evaluator.protocols.openmm.OpenMMSimulation` (*protocol\_id*)

Performs a molecular dynamics simulation in a given ensemble using an OpenMM backend.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*protocol\_id*)

Initialize self. See `help(type(self))` for accurate signature.

## Methods

<code>__init__(protocol_id)</code>	Initialize self.
<code>apply_replicator(replicator, tem-plate_values)</code>	Applies a <i>ProtocolReplicator</i> to this protocol.
<code>can_merge(other[, path_replacements])</code>	Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.
<code>execute([directory, available_resources])</code>	Execute the protocol.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>from_schema(schema)</code>	Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>get_class_attribute(reference_path)</code>	Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).

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<code>get_value(reference_path)</code>	Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.
<code>get_value_references(input_path)</code>	Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by <i>input_path</i> ) takes its value from.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>merge(other)</code>	Merges another Protocol with this one.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>replace_protocol(old_id, new_id)</code>	Finds each input which came from a given protocol
<code>set_uuid(value)</code>	Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id.
<code>set_value(reference_path, value)</code>	Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

### Attributes

<code>allow_gpu_platforms</code>	<b>Input</b> - If true, the simulation will be performed using a GPU if available, otherwise it will be constrained to only using CPUs.
<code>allow_merging</code>	<b>Input</b> - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols.
<code>checkpoint_frequency</code>	<b>Input</b> - The frequency (in multiples of <i>output_frequency</i> ) with which to write to a checkpoint file, e.g.
<code>dependencies</code>	A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.
<code>enable_pbc</code>	<b>Input</b> - If true, periodic boundary conditions will be enabled.
<code>ensemble</code>	<b>Input</b> - The thermodynamic ensemble to simulate in.
<code>high_precision</code>	<b>Input</b> - If true, the simulation will be run using double precision.
<code>id</code>	The unique id of this protocol.
<code>input_coordinate_file</code>	<b>Input</b> - The file path to the starting coordinates.
<code>output_coordinate_file</code>	<b>Output</b> - The file path to the coordinates of the final system configuration.
<code>output_frequency</code>	<b>Input</b> - The frequency (in number of steps) with which to write to the output statistics and trajectory files.
<code>outputs</code>	A dictionary of the outputs of this property.
<code>required_inputs</code>	The inputs which must be set on this protocol.
<code>schema</code>	A serializable schema for this object.
<code>statistics_file_path</code>	<b>Output</b> - The file path to the statistics sampled during the simulation.
<code>steps_per_iteration</code>	<b>Input</b> - The number of steps to propagate the system by at each iteration.
<code>system_path</code>	<b>Input</b> - A path to the XML system object which defines the forces present in the system.

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<code>thermodynamic_state</code>	<b>Input</b> - The thermodynamic conditions to simulate under. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..
<code>thermostat_friction</code>	<b>Input</b> - The thermostat friction coefficient.
<code>timestep</code>	<b>Input</b> - The timestep to evolve the system by at each step.
<code>total_number_of_iterations</code>	<b>Input</b> - The number of times to propagate the system forward by the <code>steps_per_iteration</code> number of steps.
<code>trajectory_file_path</code>	<b>Output</b> - The file path to the trajectory sampled during the simulation.

**allow\_gpu\_platforms**

**Input** - If true, the simulation will be performed using a GPU if available, otherwise it will be constrained to only using CPUs. The default value of this attribute is `True`.

Type `bool`

**allow\_merging**

**Input** - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols. The default value of this attribute is `True`.

Type `bool`

**apply\_replicator** (*replicator*, *template\_values*, *template\_index*=- 1, *template\_value*=None, *update\_input\_references*=False)

Applies a *ProtocolReplicator* to this protocol. This method should clone any protocols whose id contains the id of the replicator (in the format `$(replicator.id)`).

**Parameters**

- **replicator** (*ProtocolReplicator*) – The replicator to apply.
- **template\_values** (*list of Any*) – A list of the values which will be inserted into the newly replicated protocols.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_index* and *template\_value*

- **template\_index** (*int*, *optional*) – A specific value which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_value*.

- **template\_value** (*Any*, *optional*) – A specific index which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_index*.

- **update\_input\_references** (*bool*) – If true, any protocols which take their input from a protocol which was flagged for replication will be updated to take input from the actually replicated protocol. This should only be set to true if this protocol is not nested within a workflow or a protocol group.

This option cannot be used when a specific *template\_index* or *template\_value* is provided.

**Returns** A dictionary of references to all of the protocols which have been replicated, with keys of original protocol ids. Each value is comprised of a list of the replicated protocol ids, and their index into the *template\_values* array.

**Return type** dict of ProtocolPath and list of tuple of ProtocolPath and int

**can\_merge** (*other*, *path\_replacements*=None)

Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.

**Parameters**

- **other** (Protocol) – The protocol to compare against.
- **path\_replacements** (list of tuple of str, optional) – Replacements to make in any value reference protocol paths before comparing for equality.

**Returns** True if the two protocols are safe to merge.

**Return type** bool

**checkpoint\_frequency**

**Input** - The frequency (in multiples of *output\_frequency*) with which to write to a checkpoint file, e.g. if *output\_frequency*=100 and *checkpoint\_frequency*=2, a checkpoint file would be saved every 200 steps. When two protocols are merged, the largest value of this attribute from either protocol is retained. The default value of this attribute is 10. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** int

**property dependencies**

A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**enable\_pbc**

**Input** - If true, periodic boundary conditions will be enabled. The default value of this attribute is True.

**Type** bool

**ensemble**

**Input** - The thermodynamic ensemble to simulate in. The default value of this attribute is Ensemble.NPT.

**Type** Ensemble

**execute** (*directory*="", *available\_resources*=None)

Execute the protocol.

**Parameters**

- **directory** (str) – The directory to store output data in.
- **available\_resources** (ComputeResources) – The resources available to execute on. If None, the protocol will be executed on a single CPU.

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (str) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** cls

**classmethod from\_schema** (*schema*)

Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.

**Parameters** `schema` (`ProtocolSchema`) – The schema to initialize the protocol using.

**Returns** The initialized protocol.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod** `get_attributes` (`attribute_type=None`)

Returns all attributes of a specific `attribute_type`.

**Parameters** `attribute_type` (`type of Attribute, optional`) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** `list of str`

**get\_class\_attribute** (`reference_path`)

Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).

**Parameters** `reference_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The path pointing to the attribute to return.

**Returns** The class attribute.

**Return type** `object`

**get\_value** (`reference_path`)

Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.

**Parameters** `reference_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The path pointing to the value to return.

**Returns** The value of the input / output

**Return type** `Any`

**get\_value\_references** (`input_path`)

Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by `input_path`) takes its value from.

## Notes

Currently this method only functions correctly for an input value which is either currently a `ProtocolPath`, or a `list / dict` which contains at least one `ProtocolPath`.

**Parameters** `input_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The input value to check.

**Returns** A dictionary of the protocol paths that the input targeted by `input_path` depends upon.

**Return type** `dict of ProtocolPath and ProtocolPath`

**high\_precision**

**Input** - If true, the simulation will be run using double precision. The default value of this attribute is `False`.

**Type** `bool`

**id**

The unique id of this protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**input\_coordinate\_file**

**Input** - The file path to the starting coordinates. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**merge** (*other*)

Merges another Protocol with this one. The id of this protocol will remain unchanged.

**Parameters** **other** (`Protocol`) – The protocol to merge into this one.

**Returns** A map between any original protocol ids and their new merged values.

**Return type** `Dict[str, str]`

**output\_coordinate\_file**

**Output** - The file path to the coordinates of the final system configuration. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**output\_frequency**

**Input** - The frequency (in number of steps) with which to write to the output statistics and trajectory files. When two protocols are merged, the largest value of this attribute from either protocol is retained. The default value of this attribute is 3000.

**Type** `int`

**property outputs**

A dictionary of the outputs of this property.

**Type** dict of ProtocolPath and Any

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**replace\_protocol** (*old\_id, new\_id*)

**Finds each input which came from a given protocol** and redirects it to instead take input from a new one.

## Notes

This method is mainly intended to be used only when merging multiple protocols into one.

### Parameters

- **old\_id** (*str*) – The id of the old input protocol.
- **new\_id** (*str*) – The id of the new input protocol.

### property required\_inputs

The inputs which must be set on this protocol.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

### property schema

A serializable schema for this object.

**Type** *ProtocolSchema*

### set\_uuid (value)

Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id. If the id already has a prepended uuid, it will be overwritten by this value.

**Parameters** **value** (*str*) – The uuid to prepend.

### set\_value (reference\_path, value)

Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.

### Parameters

- **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.
- **value** (*Any*) – The value to set.

### statistics\_file\_path

**Output** - The file path to the statistics sampled during the simulation. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *str*

### steps\_per\_iteration

**Input** - The number of steps to propagate the system by at each iteration. The total number of steps performed by this protocol will be *total\_number\_of\_iterations* \* *steps\_per\_iteration*. The default value of this attribute is 1000000.

**Type** *int*

### system\_path

**Input** - A path to the XML system object which defines the forces present in the system. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *str*

### thermodynamic\_state

**Input** - The thermodynamic conditions to simulate under The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *ThermodynamicState*

### thermostat\_friction

**Input** - The thermostat friction coefficient. When two protocols are merged, the largest value of this attribute from either protocol is retained. The default value of this attribute is 1.0 / ps.

**Type** Quantity

**timestep**

**Input** - The timestep to evolve the system by at each step. When two protocols are merged, the largest value of this attribute from either protocol is retained. The default value of this attribute is 2.0 fs.

**Type** Quantity

**total\_number\_of\_iterations**

**Input** - The number of times to propagate the system forward by the *steps\_per\_iteration* number of steps. The total number of steps performed by this protocol will be *total\_number\_of\_iterations* \* *steps\_per\_iteration*. The default value of this attribute is 1.

**Type** int

**trajectory\_file\_path**

**Output** - The file path to the trajectory sampled during the simulation. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** str

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** **ValueError** or **AssertionError** –

**OpenMMReducedPotentials**

**class** openff.evaluator.protocols.openmm.**OpenMMReducedPotentials** (*protocol\_id*)

Calculates the reduced potential for a given set of configurations using OpenMM.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*protocol\_id*)

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

**Methods**

<code>__init__(protocol_id)</code>	Initialize self.
<code>apply_replicator(replicator, tem-plate_values)</code>	Applies a <i>ProtocolReplicator</i> to this protocol.
<code>can_merge(other[, path_replacements])</code>	Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.
<code>execute([directory, available_resources])</code>	Execute the protocol.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>from_schema(schema)</code>	Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>get_class_attribute(reference_path)</code>	Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).
<code>get_value(reference_path)</code>	Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.
<code>get_value_references(input_path)</code>	Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by <i>input_path</i> ) takes its value from.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>merge(other)</code>	Merges another Protocol with this one.

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<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>replace_protocol(old_id, new_id)</code>	Finds each input which came from a given protocol
<code>set_uuid(value)</code>	Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id.
<code>set_value(reference_path, value)</code>	Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

### Attributes

<code>allow_merging</code>	<b>Input</b> - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols.
<code>coordinate_file_path</code>	<b>Input</b> - The path to the coordinate file which contains topology information about the system.
<code>dependencies</code>	A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.
<code>enable_pbc</code>	<b>Input</b> - If true, periodic boundary conditions will be enabled.
<code>high_precision</code>	<b>Input</b> - If true, the reduced potentials will be calculated using double precision operations.
<code>id</code>	The unique id of this protocol.
<code>kinetic_energies_path</code>	<b>Input</b> - The file path to a statistics array which contain the kinetic energies of each frame in the trajectory.
<code>outputs</code>	A dictionary of the outputs of this property.
<code>required_inputs</code>	The inputs which must be set on this protocol.
<code>schema</code>	A serializable schema for this object.
<code>statistics_file_path</code>	<b>Output</b> - A file path to the statistics file which contains the reduced potentials, and the potential, kinetic and total energies and enthalpies evaluated at the specified state and using the specified system object.
<code>system_path</code>	<b>Input</b> - The path to the system object which describes the systems potential energy function.
<code>thermodynamic_state</code>	<b>Input</b> - The state to calculate the reduced potentials at.
<code>trajectory_file_path</code>	<b>Input</b> - The path to the trajectory file which contains the configurations to calculate the energies of.
<code>use_internal_energy</code>	<b>Input</b> - If true the internal energy, rather than the potential energy will be used when calculating the reduced potential.

#### `allow_merging`

**Input** - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols. The default value of this attribute is True.

**Type** bool

#### `apply_replicator(replicator, template_values, template_index=-1, template_value=None, update_input_references=False)`

Applies a *ProtocolReplicator* to this protocol. This method should clone any protocols whose id contains the id of the replicator (in the format *\$(replicator.id)*).

**Parameters**

- **replicator** (`ProtocolReplicator`) – The replicator to apply.
- **template\_values** (*list of Any*) – A list of the values which will be inserted into the newly replicated protocols.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_index* and *template\_value*

- **template\_index** (*int, optional*) – A specific value which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_value*.

- **template\_value** (*Any, optional*) – A specific index which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_index*.

- **update\_input\_references** (*bool*) – If true, any protocols which take their input from a protocol which was flagged for replication will be updated to take input from the actually replicated protocol. This should only be set to true if this protocol is not nested within a workflow or a protocol group.

This option cannot be used when a specific *template\_index* or *template\_value* is provided.

**Returns** A dictionary of references to all of the protocols which have been replicated, with keys of original protocol ids. Each value is comprised of a list of the replicated protocol ids, and their index into the *template\_values* array.

**Return type** dict of ProtocolPath and list of tuple of ProtocolPath and int

**can\_merge** (*other, path\_replacements=None*)

Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.

**Parameters**

- **other** (`Protocol`) – The protocol to compare against.
- **path\_replacements** (*list of tuple of str, optional*) – Replacements to make in any value reference protocol paths before comparing for equality.

**Returns** True if the two protocols are safe to merge.

**Return type** `bool`

**coordinate\_file\_path**

**Input** - The path to the coordinate file which contains topology information about the system. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**property\_dependencies**

A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**enable\_pbc**

**Input** - If true, periodic boundary conditions will be enabled. The default value of this attribute is True.

**Type** `bool`



**execute** (*directory*="", *available\_resources*=None)

Execute the protocol.

**Parameters**

- **directory** (*str*) – The directory to store output data in.
- **available\_resources** (*ComputeResources*) – The resources available to execute on. If *None*, the protocol will be executed on a single CPU.

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** *cls*

**classmethod from\_schema** (*schema*)

Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.

**Parameters** **schema** (*ProtocolSchema*) – The schema to initialize the protocol using.

**Returns** The initialized protocol.

**Return type** *cls*

**classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type*=None)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** *list of str*

**get\_class\_attribute** (*reference\_path*)

Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the attribute to return.

**Returns** The class attribute.

**Return type** *object*

**get\_value** (*reference\_path*)

Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.

**Returns** The value of the input / output

**Return type** *Any*

**get\_value\_references** (*input\_path*)

Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by *input\_path*) takes its value from.

## Notes

Currently this method only functions correctly for an input value which is either currently a `ProtocolPath`, or a *list / dict* which contains at least one `ProtocolPath`.

**Parameters** `input_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The input value to check.

**Returns** A dictionary of the protocol paths that the input targeted by *input\_path* depends upon.

**Return type** dict of `ProtocolPath` and `ProtocolPath`

### `high_precision`

**Input** - If true, the reduced potentials will be calculated using double precision operations. The default value of this attribute is `False`.

**Type** `bool`

### `id`

The unique id of this protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

### `json` (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

#### **Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

### `kinetic_energies_path`

**Input** - The file path to a statistics array which contain the kinetic energies of each frame in the trajectory. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

### `merge` (*other*)

Merges another Protocol with this one. The id of this protocol will remain unchanged.

**Parameters** **other** (`Protocol`) – The protocol to merge into this one.

**Returns** A map between any original protocol ids and their new merged values.

**Return type** `Dict[str, str]`

### `property outputs`

A dictionary of the outputs of this property.

**Type** dict of `ProtocolPath` and `Any`

### `classmethod parse_json` (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

#### **Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `Any`

**replace\_protocol** (*old\_id*, *new\_id*)

Finds each input which came from a given protocol and redirects it to instead take input from a new one.

### Notes

This method is mainly intended to be used only when merging multiple protocols into one.

#### Parameters

- **old\_id** (*str*) – The id of the old input protocol.
- **new\_id** (*str*) – The id of the new input protocol.

**property required\_inputs**

The inputs which must be set on this protocol.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**property schema**

A serializable schema for this object.

**Type** ProtocolSchema

**set\_uuid** (*value*)

Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id. If the id already has a prepended uuid, it will be overwritten by this value.

**Parameters value** (*str*) – The uuid to prepend.

**set\_value** (*reference\_path*, *value*)

Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.

#### Parameters

- **reference\_path** (ProtocolPath) – The path pointing to the value to return.
- **value** (*Any*) – The value to set.

**statistics\_file\_path**

**Output** - A file path to the statistics file which contains the reduced potentials, and the potential, kinetic and total energies and enthalpies evaluated at the specified state and using the specified system object. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** str

**system\_path**

**Input** - The path to the system object which describes the systems potential energy function. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** str

**thermodynamic\_state**

**Input** - The state to calculate the reduced potentials at. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** ThermodynamicState

**trajectory\_file\_path**

**Input** - The path to the trajectory file which contains the configurations to calculate the energies of. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** str

**use\_internal\_energy**

**Input** - If true the internal energy, rather than the potential energy will be used when calculating the reduced potential. This is required when reweighting properties which depend on the total energy, such as enthalpy. The default value of this attribute is `False`.

**Type** `bool`

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** *attribute\_type* (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** `ValueError` or `AssertionError` –

## OpenMMGradientPotentials

**class** `openff.evaluator.protocols.openmm.OpenMMGradientPotentials` (*protocol\_id*)

A protocol to estimates the the reduced potential of the configurations of a trajectory using reverse and forward perturbed simulation parameters for use with estimating reweighted gradients using the central difference method.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*protocol\_id*)

Initialize self. See `help(type(self))` for accurate signature.

### Methods

<code>__init__(protocol_id)</code>	Initialize self.
<code>apply_replicator(replicator, template_values)</code>	Applies a <i>ProtocolReplicator</i> to this protocol.
<code>can_merge(other[, path_replacements])</code>	Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.
<code>execute([directory, available_resources])</code>	Execute the protocol.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>from_schema(schema)</code>	Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>get_class_attribute(reference_path)</code>	Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).
<code>get_value(reference_path)</code>	Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.
<code>get_value_references(input_path)</code>	Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by <i>input_path</i> ) takes its value from.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>merge(other)</code>	Merges another Protocol with this one.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>replace_protocol(old_id, new_id)</code>	Finds each input which came from a given protocol
<code>set_uuid(value)</code>	Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id.
<code>set_value(reference_path, value)</code>	Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<i>allow_merging</i>	<b>Input</b> - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols.
<i>coordinate_file_path</i>	<b>Input</b> - A path to a PDB coordinate file which describes the topology of the system.
<i>dependencies</i>	A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.
<i>effective_sample_indices</i>	<b>Input</b> - This a placeholder input which is not currently implemented.
<i>enable_pbc</i>	<b>Input</b> - If true, periodic boundary conditions will be enabled when re-evaluating the reduced potentials.
<i>force_field_path</i>	<b>Input</b> - The path to the force field which contains the parameters to differentiate the observable with respect to.
<i>forward_parameter_value</i>	<b>Output</b> - The value of the parameter perturbed in the forward direction.
<i>forward_potentials_path</i>	<b>Output</b> - A file path to the energies evaluated using the parameters perturbed in the forward direction.
<i>id</i>	The unique id of this protocol.
<i>outputs</i>	A dictionary of the outputs of this property.
<i>parameter_key</i>	<b>Input</b> - The key of the parameter to differentiate with respect to.
<i>perturbation_scale</i>	<b>Input</b> - The amount to perturb the parameter by, such that $p_{\text{new}} = p_{\text{old}} * (1 \pm \text{perturbation\_scale})$ The default value of this attribute is 0.0001.
<i>required_inputs</i>	The inputs which must be set on this protocol.
<i>reverse_parameter_value</i>	<b>Output</b> - The value of the parameter perturbed in the reverse direction.
<i>reverse_potentials_path</i>	<b>Output</b> - A file path to the energies evaluated using the parameters perturbed in the reverse direction.
<i>schema</i>	A serializable schema for this object.
<i>statistics_path</i>	<b>Input</b> - The path to a statistics array containing potentials evaluated at each frame of the trajectory using the input <i>force_field_path</i> and at the input <i>thermodynamic_state</i> .
<i>substance</i>	<b>Input</b> - The substance which describes the composition of the system.
<i>thermodynamic_state</i>	<b>Input</b> - The thermodynamic state to estimate the gradients at.
<i>trajectory_file_path</i>	<b>Input</b> - A path to the trajectory of configurations The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..
<i>use_subset_of_force_field</i>	<b>Input</b> - If true, the reduced potentials will be estimated using a system which only contains the parameters of interest, e.g.

### **allow\_merging**

**Input** - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols. The default value of this attribute is True.

**Type** bool

**apply\_replicator** (*replicator*, *template\_values*, *template\_index*=- 1, *template\_value*=None, *update\_input\_references*=False)

Applies a *ProtocolReplicator* to this protocol. This method should clone any protocols whose id contains the id of the replicator (in the format *\$(replicator.id)*).

#### Parameters

- **replicator** (*ProtocolReplicator*) – The replicator to apply.
- **template\_values** (*list of Any*) – A list of the values which will be inserted into the newly replicated protocols.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_index* and *template\_value*

- **template\_index** (*int*, *optional*) – A specific value which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_value*.

- **template\_value** (*Any*, *optional*) – A specific index which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_index*.

- **update\_input\_references** (*bool*) – If true, any protocols which take their input from a protocol which was flagged for replication will be updated to take input from the actually replicated protocol. This should only be set to true if this protocol is not nested within a workflow or a protocol group.

This option cannot be used when a specific *template\_index* or *template\_value* is provided.

**Returns** A dictionary of references to all of the protocols which have been replicated, with keys of original protocol ids. Each value is comprised of a list of the replicated protocol ids, and their index into the *template\_values* array.

**Return type** dict of ProtocolPath and list of tuple of ProtocolPath and int

**can\_merge** (*other*, *path\_replacements*=None)

Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.

#### Parameters

- **other** (*Protocol*) – The protocol to compare against.
- **path\_replacements** (*list of tuple of str*, *optional*) – Replacements to make in any value reference protocol paths before comparing for equality.

**Returns** True if the two protocols are safe to merge.

**Return type** bool

**coordinate\_file\_path**

**Input** - A path to a PDB coordinate file which describes the topology of the system. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** str

**property dependencies**

A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**effective\_sample\_indices**

**Input** - This a placeholder input which is not currently implemented. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** `list`

**enable\_pbc**

**Input** - If true, periodic boundary conditions will be enabled when re-evaluating the reduced potentials. The default value of this attribute is `True`.

**Type** `bool`

**execute** (*directory=""*, *available\_resources=None*)

Execute the protocol.

**Parameters**

- **directory** (*str*) – The directory to store output data in.
- **available\_resources** (`ComputeResources`) – The resources available to execute on. If *None*, the protocol will be executed on a single CPU.

**force\_field\_path**

**Input** - The path to the force field which contains the parameters to differentiate the observable with respect to. When reweighting observables, this should be the *target* force field. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**forward\_parameter\_value**

**Output** - The value of the parameter perturbed in the forward direction. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `Quantity`

**forward\_potentials\_path**

**Output** - A file path to the energies evaluated using the parameters perturbed in the forward direction. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod from\_schema** (*schema*)

Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.

**Parameters** **schema** (`ProtocolSchema`) – The schema to initialize the protocol using.

**Returns** The initialized protocol.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of str

**get\_class\_attribute** (*reference\_path*)

Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (`ProtocolPath`) – The path pointing to the attribute to return.

**Returns** The class attribute.

**Return type** object

**get\_value** (*reference\_path*)

Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (`ProtocolPath`) – The path pointing to the value to return.

**Returns** The value of the input / output

**Return type** Any

**get\_value\_references** (*input\_path*)

Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by *input\_path*) takes its value from.

## Notes

Currently this method only functions correctly for an input value which is either currently a `ProtocolPath`, or a *list / dict* which contains at least one `ProtocolPath`.

**Parameters** **input\_path** (`ProtocolPath`) – The input value to check.

**Returns** A dictionary of the protocol paths that the input targeted by *input\_path* depends upon.

**Return type** dict of `ProtocolPath` and `ProtocolPath`

**id**

The unique id of this protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** str

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** str

**merge** (*other*)

Merges another Protocol with this one. The id of this protocol will remain unchanged.

**Parameters** **other** (`Protocol`) – The protocol to merge into this one.

**Returns** A map between any original protocol ids and their new merged values.

**Return type** Dict[str, str]

**property outputs**

A dictionary of the outputs of this property.



**Type** dict of ProtocolPath and Any

**parameter\_key**

**Input** - The key of the parameter to differentiate with respect to. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *ParameterGradientKey*

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents*, *encoding*='utf8')

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str* or *bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**perturbation\_scale**

**Input** - The amount to perturb the parameter by, such that  $p_{\text{new}} = p_{\text{old}} * (1 \pm \text{perturbation\_scale})$  The default value of this attribute is 0.0001.

**Type** float

**replace\_protocol** (*old\_id*, *new\_id*)

**Finds each input which came from a given protocol** and redirects it to instead take input from a new one.

## Notes

This method is mainly intended to be used only when merging multiple protocols into one.

**Parameters**

- **old\_id** (*str*) – The id of the old input protocol.
- **new\_id** (*str*) – The id of the new input protocol.

**property required\_inputs**

The inputs which must be set on this protocol.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**reverse\_parameter\_value**

**Output** - The value of the parameter perturbed in the reverse direction. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** Quantity

**reverse\_potentials\_path**

**Output** - A file path to the energies evaluated using the parameters perturbed in the reverse direction. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** str

**property schema**

A serializable schema for this object.

**Type** *ProtocolSchema*

**set\_uuid** (*value*)

Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id. If the id already has a prepended uuid, it will be overwritten by this value.

**Parameters** **value** (*str*) – The uuid to prepend.

**set\_value** (*reference\_path*, *value*)

Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.

**Parameters**

- **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.
- **value** (*Any*) – The value to set.

**statistics\_path**

**Input** - The path to a statistics array containing potentials evaluated at each frame of the trajectory using the input *force\_field\_path* and at the input *thermodynamic\_state*. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *str*

**substance**

**Input** - The substance which describes the composition of the system. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *Substance*

**thermodynamic\_state**

**Input** - The thermodynamic state to estimate the gradients at. When reweighting observables, this should be the *target* state. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *ThermodynamicState*

**trajectory\_file\_path**

**Input** - A path to the trajectory of configurations The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *str*

**use\_subset\_of\_force\_field**

**Input** - If true, the reduced potentials will be estimated using a system which only contains the parameters of interest, e.g. if the gradient of interest is with respect to the VdW epsilon parameter, then all valence / electrostatic terms will be ignored. The default value of this attribute is *True*.

**Type** *bool*

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** *ValueError* or *AssertionError* –

## Reweighting

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<i>ConcatenateTrajectories</i>	A protocol which concatenates multiple trajectories into a single one.
<i>ConcatenateStatistics</i>	A protocol which concatenates multiple trajectories into a single one.

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<i>BaseReducedPotentials</i>	A base class for protocols which will re-evaluate the reduced potential of a series of configurations for a given set of force field parameters.
<i>BaseMBARProtocol</i>	Reweights a set of observables using MBAR to calculate the average value of the observables at a different state than they were originally measured.
<i>ReweightStatistics</i>	Reweights a set of observables from a <i>StatisticsArray</i> using MBAR.

## ConcatenateTrajectories

**class** openff.evaluator.protocols.reweighting.**ConcatenateTrajectories** (*protocol\_id*)  
A protocol which concatenates multiple trajectories into a single one.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*protocol\_id*)  
Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

### Methods

<b>__init__</b> ( <i>protocol_id</i> )	Initialize self.
<b>apply_replicator</b> ( <i>replicator</i> , <i>tem-</i> <i>plate_values</i> )	Applies a <i>ProtocolReplicator</i> to this protocol.
<b>can_merge</b> ( <i>other</i> [, <i>path_replacements</i> ])	Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.
<b>execute</b> ([ <i>directory</i> , <i>available_resources</i> ])	Execute the protocol.
<b>from_json</b> ( <i>file_path</i> )	Create this object from a JSON file.
<b>from_schema</b> ( <i>schema</i> )	Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.
<b>get_attributes</b> ([ <i>attribute_type</i> ])	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<b>get_class_attribute</b> ( <i>reference_path</i> )	Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).
<b>get_value</b> ( <i>reference_path</i> )	Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.
<b>get_value_references</b> ( <i>input_path</i> )	Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by <i>input_path</i> ) takes its value from.
<b>json</b> ([ <i>file_path</i> , <i>format</i> ])	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<b>merge</b> ( <i>other</i> )	Merges another Protocol with this one.
<b>parse_json</b> ( <i>string_contents</i> [, <i>encoding</i> ])	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<b>replace_protocol</b> ( <i>old_id</i> , <i>new_id</i> )	Finds each input which came from a given protocol
<b>set_uuid</b> ( <i>value</i> )	Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id.
<b>set_value</b> ( <i>reference_path</i> , <i>value</i> )	Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.
<b>validate</b> ([ <i>attribute_type</i> ])	Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<i>allow_merging</i>	<b>Input</b> - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols.
<i>dependencies</i>	A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.
<i>id</i>	The unique id of this protocol.
<i>input_coordinate_paths</i>	<b>Input</b> - A list of paths to the starting PDB coordinates for each of the trajectories.
<i>input_trajectory_paths</i>	<b>Input</b> - A list of paths to the trajectories to concatenate.
<i>output_coordinate_path</i>	<b>Output</b> - The path the PDB coordinate file which contains the topology of the concatenated trajectory.
<i>output_trajectory_path</i>	<b>Output</b> - The path to the concatenated trajectory.
<i>outputs</i>	A dictionary of the outputs of this property.
<i>required_inputs</i>	The inputs which must be set on this protocol.
<i>schema</i>	A serializable schema for this object.

### **input\_coordinate\_paths**

**Input** - A list of paths to the starting PDB coordinates for each of the trajectories. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `list`

### **input\_trajectory\_paths**

**Input** - A list of paths to the trajectories to concatenate. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `list`

### **output\_coordinate\_path**

**Output** - The path the PDB coordinate file which contains the topology of the concatenated trajectory. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `str`

### **output\_trajectory\_path**

**Output** - The path to the concatenated trajectory. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `str`

### **allow\_merging**

**Input** - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols. The default value of this attribute is `True`.

Type `bool`

**apply\_replicator** (*replicator*, *template\_values*, *template\_index=- 1*, *template\_value=None*, *update\_input\_references=False*)

Applies a *ProtocolReplicator* to this protocol. This method should clone any protocols whose id contains the id of the replicator (in the format *\$(replicator.id)*).

### Parameters

- **replicator** (*ProtocolReplicator*) – The replicator to apply.
- **template\_values** (*list of Any*) – A list of the values which will be inserted into the newly replicated protocols.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_index* and *template\_value*

- **template\_index** (*int*, *optional*) – A specific value which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_value*.

- **template\_value** (*Any*, *optional*) – A specific index which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_index*.

- **update\_input\_references** (*bool*) – If true, any protocols which take their input from a protocol which was flagged for replication will be updated to take input from the actually replicated protocol. This should only be set to true if this protocol is not nested within a workflow or a protocol group.

This option cannot be used when a specific *template\_index* or *template\_value* is provided.

**Returns** A dictionary of references to all of the protocols which have been replicated, with keys of original protocol ids. Each value is comprised of a list of the replicated protocol ids, and their index into the *template\_values* array.

**Return type** dict of ProtocolPath and list of tuple of ProtocolPath and int

**can\_merge** (*other*, *path\_replacements=None*)

Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.

**Parameters**

- **other** (*Protocol*) – The protocol to compare against.
- **path\_replacements** (*list of tuple of str*, *optional*) – Replacements to make in any value reference protocol paths before comparing for equality.

**Returns** True if the two protocols are safe to merge.

**Return type** *bool*

**property dependencies**

A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**execute** (*directory="*, *available\_resources=None*)

Execute the protocol.

**Parameters**

- **directory** (*str*) – The directory to store output data in.
- **available\_resources** (*ComputeResources*) – The resources available to execute on. If *None*, the protocol will be executed on a single CPU.

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** *cls*

**classmethod** `from_schema` (*schema*)

Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.

**Parameters** `schema` (`ProtocolSchema`) – The schema to initialize the protocol using.

**Returns** The initialized protocol.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod** `get_attributes` (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** `attribute_type` (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** `list of str`

**get\_class\_attribute** (*reference\_path*)

Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).

**Parameters** `reference_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The path pointing to the attribute to return.

**Returns** The class attribute.

**Return type** `object`

**get\_value** (*reference\_path*)

Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.

**Parameters** `reference_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The path pointing to the value to return.

**Returns** The value of the input / output

**Return type** `Any`

**get\_value\_references** (*input\_path*)

Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by *input\_path*) takes its value from.

## Notes

Currently this method only functions correctly for an input value which is either currently a `ProtocolPath`, or a *list / dict* which contains at least one `ProtocolPath`.

**Parameters** `input_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The input value to check.

**Returns** A dictionary of the protocol paths that the input targeted by *input\_path* depends upon.

**Return type** `dict of ProtocolPath and ProtocolPath`

**id**

The unique id of this protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**merge** (*other*)

Merges another Protocol with this one. The id of this protocol will remain unchanged.

**Parameters** **other** (`Protocol`) – The protocol to merge into this one.

**Returns** A map between any original protocol ids and their new merged values.

**Return type** `Dict[str, str]`

**property outputs**

A dictionary of the outputs of this property.

**Type** `dict` of `ProtocolPath` and `Any`

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents*, *encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str* or *bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `Any`

**replace\_protocol** (*old\_id*, *new\_id*)

Finds each input which came from a given protocol and redirects it to instead take input from a new one.

## Notes

This method is mainly intended to be used only when merging multiple protocols into one.

**Parameters**

- **old\_id** (*str*) – The id of the old input protocol.
- **new\_id** (*str*) – The id of the new input protocol.

**property required\_inputs**

The inputs which must be set on this protocol.

**Type** `list` of `ProtocolPath`

**property schema**

A serializable schema for this object.

**Type** `ProtocolSchema`

**set\_uuid** (*value*)

Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id. If the id already has a prepended uuid, it will be overwritten by this value.

**Parameters** **value** (*str*) – The uuid to prepend.

**set\_value** (*reference\_path*, *value*)

Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.

**Parameters**

- **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.
- **value** (*Any*) – The value to set.

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** *attribute\_type* (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** *ValueError* or *AssertionError* –

## ConcatenateStatistics

**class** `openff.evaluator.protocols.reweighting.ConcatenateStatistics` (*protocol\_id*)

A protocol which concatenates multiple trajectories into a single one.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*protocol\_id*)

Initialize self. See `help(type(self))` for accurate signature.

## Methods

<code>__init__(protocol_id)</code>	Initialize self.
<code>apply_replicator(replicator, template_values)</code>	Applies a <i>ProtocolReplicator</i> to this protocol.
<code>can_merge(other[, path_replacements])</code>	Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.
<code>execute([directory, available_resources])</code>	Execute the protocol.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>from_schema(schema)</code>	Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>get_class_attribute(reference_path)</code>	Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).
<code>get_value(reference_path)</code>	Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.
<code>get_value_references(input_path)</code>	Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by <i>input_path</i> ) takes its value from.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>merge(other)</code>	Merges another Protocol with this one.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>replace_protocol(old_id, new_id)</code>	Finds each input which came from a given protocol
<code>set_uuid(value)</code>	Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id.
<code>set_value(reference_path, value)</code>	Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.



## Attributes

<code>allow_merging</code>	<b>Input</b> - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols.
<code>dependencies</code>	A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.
<code>id</code>	The unique id of this protocol.
<code>input_statistics_paths</code>	<b>Input</b> - A list of paths to statistics arrays to concatenate.
<code>output_statistics_path</code>	<b>Output</b> - The path the csv file which contains the concatenated statistics.
<code>outputs</code>	A dictionary of the outputs of this property.
<code>required_inputs</code>	The inputs which must be set on this protocol.
<code>schema</code>	A serializable schema for this object.

### `input_statistics_paths`

**Input** - A list of paths to statistics arrays to concatenate. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `list`

### `output_statistics_path`

**Output** - The path the csv file which contains the concatenated statistics. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `str`

### `allow_merging`

**Input** - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols. The default value of this attribute is `True`.

Type `bool`

### `apply_replicator` (*replicator*, *template\_values*, *template\_index*=- 1, *template\_value*=None, *update\_input\_references*=False)

Applies a *ProtocolReplicator* to this protocol. This method should clone any protocols whose id contains the id of the replicator (in the format *\$(replicator.id)*).

#### Parameters

- **replicator** (*ProtocolReplicator*) – The replicator to apply.
- **template\_values** (*list of Any*) – A list of the values which will be inserted into the newly replicated protocols.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_index* and *template\_value*

- **template\_index** (*int*, *optional*) – A specific value which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_value*.

- **template\_value** (*Any*, *optional*) – A specific index which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_index*.

- **update\_input\_references** (*bool*) – If true, any protocols which take their input from a protocol which was flagged for replication will be updated to take input from the actually replicated protocol. This should only be set to true if this protocol is not nested within a workflow or a protocol group.

This option cannot be used when a specific *template\_index* or *template\_value* is provided.

**Returns** A dictionary of references to all of the protocols which have been replicated, with keys of original protocol ids. Each value is comprised of a list of the replicated protocol ids, and their index into the *template\_values* array.

**Return type** dict of ProtocolPath and list of tuple of ProtocolPath and int

**can\_merge** (*other*, *path\_replacements=None*)

Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.

**Parameters**

- **other** (*Protocol*) – The protocol to compare against.
- **path\_replacements** (*list of tuple of str, optional*) – Replacements to make in any value reference protocol paths before comparing for equality.

**Returns** True if the two protocols are safe to merge.

**Return type** *bool*

**property dependencies**

A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**execute** (*directory="*, *available\_resources=None*)

Execute the protocol.

**Parameters**

- **directory** (*str*) – The directory to store output data in.
- **available\_resources** (*ComputeResources*) – The resources available to execute on. If *None*, the protocol will be executed on a single CPU.

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** *cls*

**classmethod from\_schema** (*schema*)

Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.

**Parameters** **schema** (*ProtocolSchema*) – The schema to initialize the protocol using.

**Returns** The initialized protocol.

**Return type** *cls*

**classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of str

**get\_class\_attribute** (*reference\_path*)

Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the attribute to return.

**Returns** The class attribute.

**Return type** object

**get\_value** (*reference\_path*)

Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.

**Returns** The value of the input / output

**Return type** Any

**get\_value\_references** (*input\_path*)

Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by *input\_path*) takes its value from.

## Notes

Currently this method only functions correctly for an input value which is either currently a *ProtocolPath*, or a *list / dict* which contains at least one *ProtocolPath*.

**Parameters** **input\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The input value to check.

**Returns** A dictionary of the protocol paths that the input targeted by *input\_path* depends upon.

**Return type** dict of *ProtocolPath* and *ProtocolPath*

**id**

The unique id of this protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** str

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** str

**merge** (*other*)

Merges another Protocol with this one. The id of this protocol will remain unchanged.

**Parameters** **other** (*Protocol*) – The protocol to merge into this one.

**Returns** A map between any original protocol ids and their new merged values.

**Return type** Dict[str, str]

**property outputs**

A dictionary of the outputs of this property.

**Type** dict of ProtocolPath and Any

**classmethod** `parse_json` (*string\_contents*, *encoding*='utf8')

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str* or *bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**replace\_protocol** (*old\_id*, *new\_id*)

Finds each input which came from a given protocol and redirects it to instead take input from a new one.

## Notes

This method is mainly intended to be used only when merging multiple protocols into one.

**Parameters**

- **old\_id** (*str*) – The id of the old input protocol.
- **new\_id** (*str*) – The id of the new input protocol.

**property** `required_inputs`

The inputs which must be set on this protocol.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**property** `schema`

A serializable schema for this object.

**Type** *ProtocolSchema*

**set\_uuid** (*value*)

Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id. If the id already has a prepended uuid, it will be overwritten by this value.

**Parameters** **value** (*str*) – The uuid to prepend.

**set\_value** (*reference\_path*, *value*)

Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.

**Parameters**

- **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.
- **value** (*Any*) – The value to set.

**validate** (*attribute\_type*=None)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute*, *optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** *ValueError* or *AssertionError* –

## BaseReducedPotentials

**class** openff.evaluator.protocols.reweighting.**BaseReducedPotentials** (*protocol\_id*)

A base class for protocols which will re-evaluate the reduced potential of a series of configurations for a given set of force field parameters.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*protocol\_id*)

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

## Methods

<code>__init__(protocol_id)</code>	Initialize self.
<code>apply_replicator(replicator, plate_values)</code>	Applies a <i>ProtocolReplicator</i> to this protocol.
<code>can_merge(other[, path_replacements])</code>	Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.
<code>execute([directory, available_resources])</code>	Execute the protocol.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>from_schema(schema)</code>	Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>get_class_attribute(reference_path)</code>	Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).
<code>get_value(reference_path)</code>	Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.
<code>get_value_references(input_path)</code>	Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by <i>input_path</i> ) takes its value from.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>merge(other)</code>	Merges another Protocol with this one.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>replace_protocol(old_id, new_id)</code>	Finds each input which came from a given protocol
<code>set_uuid(value)</code>	Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id.
<code>set_value(reference_path, value)</code>	Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<code>allow_merging</code>	<b>Input</b> - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols.
<code>coordinate_file_path</code>	<b>Input</b> - The path to the coordinate file which contains topology information about the system.
<code>dependencies</code>	A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.
<code>enable_pbc</code>	<b>Input</b> - If true, periodic boundary conditions will be enabled.
<code>high_precision</code>	<b>Input</b> - If true, the reduced potentials will be calculated using double precision operations.
<code>id</code>	The unique id of this protocol.

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<i>kinetic_energies_path</i>	<b>Input</b> - The file path to a statistics array which contain the kinetic energies of each frame in the trajectory.
<i>outputs</i>	A dictionary of the outputs of this property.
<i>required_inputs</i>	The inputs which must be set on this protocol.
<i>schema</i>	A serializable schema for this object.
<i>statistics_file_path</i>	<b>Output</b> - A file path to the statistics file which contains the reduced potentials, and the potential, kinetic and total energies and enthalpies evaluated at the specified state and using the specified system object.
<i>system_path</i>	<b>Input</b> - The path to the system object which describes the systems potential energy function.
<i>thermodynamic_state</i>	<b>Input</b> - The state to calculate the reduced potentials at.
<i>trajectory_file_path</i>	<b>Input</b> - The path to the trajectory file which contains the configurations to calculate the energies of.
<i>use_internal_energy</i>	<b>Input</b> - If true the internal energy, rather than the potential energy will be used when calculating the reduced potential.

**thermodynamic\_state**

**Input** - The state to calculate the reduced potentials at. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *ThermodynamicState*

**system\_path**

**Input** - The path to the system object which describes the systems potential energy function. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *str*

**enable\_pbc**

**Input** - If true, periodic boundary conditions will be enabled. The default value of this attribute is *True*.

**Type** *bool*

**coordinate\_file\_path**

**Input** - The path to the coordinate file which contains topology information about the system. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *str*

**trajectory\_file\_path**

**Input** - The path to the trajectory file which contains the configurations to calculate the energies of. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *str*

**kinetic\_energies\_path**

**Input** - The file path to a statistics array which contain the kinetic energies of each frame in the trajectory. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *str*

**high\_precision**

**Input** - If true, the reduced potentials will be calculated using double precision operations. The default value of this attribute is *False*.

Type `bool`

#### `use_internal_energy`

**Input** - If true the internal energy, rather than the potential energy will be used when calculating the reduced potential. This is required when reweighting properties which depend on the total energy, such as enthalpy. The default value of this attribute is `False`.

Type `bool`

#### `statistics_file_path`

**Output** - A file path to the statistics file which contains the reduced potentials, and the potential, kinetic and total energies and enthalpies evaluated at the specified state and using the specified system object. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `str`

#### `allow_merging`

**Input** - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols. The default value of this attribute is `True`.

Type `bool`

#### `apply_replicator` (*replicator*, *template\_values*, *template\_index*=- 1, *template\_value*=None, *update\_input\_references*=False)

Applies a *ProtocolReplicator* to this protocol. This method should clone any protocols whose id contains the id of the replicator (in the format *\$(replicator.id)*).

#### Parameters

- **replicator** (*ProtocolReplicator*) – The replicator to apply.
- **template\_values** (*list of Any*) – A list of the values which will be inserted into the newly replicated protocols.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_index* and *template\_value*

- **template\_index** (*int*, *optional*) – A specific value which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_value*.

- **template\_value** (*Any*, *optional*) – A specific index which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_index*.

- **update\_input\_references** (*bool*) – If true, any protocols which take their input from a protocol which was flagged for replication will be updated to take input from the actually replicated protocol. This should only be set to true if this protocol is not nested within a workflow or a protocol group.

This option cannot be used when a specific *template\_index* or *template\_value* is provided.

**Returns** A dictionary of references to all of the protocols which have been replicated, with keys of original protocol ids. Each value is comprised of a list of the replicated protocol ids, and their index into the *template\_values* array.

**Return type** dict of ProtocolPath and list of tuple of ProtocolPath and int

**can\_merge** (*other*, *path\_replacements=None*)

Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.

**Parameters**

- **other** (`Protocol`) – The protocol to compare against.
- **path\_replacements** (*list of tuple of str, optional*) – Replacements to make in any value reference protocol paths before comparing for equality.

**Returns** True if the two protocols are safe to merge.

**Return type** `bool`

**property dependencies**

A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.

**Type** list of `ProtocolPath`

**execute** (*directory="*, *available\_resources=None*)

Execute the protocol.

**Parameters**

- **directory** (*str*) – The directory to store output data in.
- **available\_resources** (`ComputeResources`) – The resources available to execute on. If *None*, the protocol will be executed on a single CPU.

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod from\_schema** (*schema*)

Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.

**Parameters** **schema** (`ProtocolSchema`) – The schema to initialize the protocol using.

**Returns** The initialized protocol.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of `str`

**get\_class\_attribute** (*reference\_path*)

Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (`ProtocolPath`) – The path pointing to the attribute to return.

**Returns** The class attribute.

**Return type** `object`



**get\_value** (*reference\_path*)

Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (`ProtocolPath`) – The path pointing to the value to return.

**Returns** The value of the input / output

**Return type** Any

**get\_value\_references** (*input\_path*)

Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by *input\_path*) takes its value from.

## Notes

Currently this method only functions correctly for an input value which is either currently a `ProtocolPath`, or a *list / dict* which contains at least one `ProtocolPath`.

**Parameters** **input\_path** (`ProtocolPath`) – The input value to check.

**Returns** A dictionary of the protocol paths that the input targeted by *input\_path* depends upon.

**Return type** dict of `ProtocolPath` and `ProtocolPath`

**id**

The unique id of this protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**merge** (*other*)

Merges another Protocol with this one. The id of this protocol will remain unchanged.

**Parameters** **other** (`Protocol`) – The protocol to merge into this one.

**Returns** A map between any original protocol ids and their new merged values.

**Return type** `Dict[str, str]`

**property outputs**

A dictionary of the outputs of this property.

**Type** dict of `ProtocolPath` and Any

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**replace\_protocol** (*old\_id*, *new\_id*)

Finds each input which came from a given protocol and redirects it to instead take input from a new one.

### Notes

This method is mainly intended to be used only when merging multiple protocols into one.

#### Parameters

- **old\_id** (*str*) – The id of the old input protocol.
- **new\_id** (*str*) – The id of the new input protocol.

**property required\_inputs**

The inputs which must be set on this protocol.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**property schema**

A serializable schema for this object.

**Type** ProtocolSchema

**set\_uuid** (*value*)

Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id. If the id already has a prepended uuid, it will be overwritten by this value.

**Parameters** **value** (*str*) – The uuid to prepend.

**set\_value** (*reference\_path*, *value*)

Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.

#### Parameters

- **reference\_path** (ProtocolPath) – The path pointing to the value to return.
- **value** (Any) – The value to set.

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** ValueError or AssertionError –

## BaseMBARProtocol

**class** openff.evaluator.protocols.reweighting.BaseMBARProtocol (*protocol\_id*)

Reweights a set of observables using MBAR to calculate the average value of the observables at a different state than they were originally measured.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*protocol\_id*)

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

## Methods

<code>__init__(protocol_id)</code>		Initialize self.
<code>apply_replicator(replicator, plate_values)</code>	tem-	Applies a <i>ProtocolReplicator</i> to this protocol.
<code>can_merge(other[, path_replacements])</code>		Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.
<code>execute([directory, available_resources])</code>		Execute the protocol.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>		Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>from_schema(schema)</code>		Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>		Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>get_class_attribute(reference_path)</code>		Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).
<code>get_value(reference_path)</code>		Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.
<code>get_value_references(input_path)</code>		Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by <i>input_path</i> ) takes its value from.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>		Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>merge(other)</code>		Merges another Protocol with this one.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>		Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>replace_protocol(old_id, new_id)</code>		Finds each input which came from a given protocol
<code>set_uuid(value)</code>		Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id.
<code>set_value(reference_path, value)</code>		Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>		Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<code>allow_merging</code>	<b>Input</b> - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols.
<code>bootstrap_iterations</code>	<b>Input</b> - The number of bootstrap iterations to perform if bootstrapped uncertainties have been requested The default value of this attribute is 1.
<code>bootstrap_sample_size</code>	<b>Input</b> - The relative bootstrap sample size to use if bootstrapped uncertainties have been requested The default value of this attribute is 1 . 0.
<code>bootstrap_uncertainties</code>	<b>Input</b> - If true, bootstrapping will be used to estimated the total uncertainty The default value of this attribute is <code>False</code> .
<code>dependencies</code>	A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.
<code>effective_sample_indices</code>	<b>Output</b> - The indices of those samples which have a non-zero weight.
<code>effective_samples</code>	<b>Output</b> - The number of effective samples which were reweighted.
<code>id</code>	The unique id of this protocol.
<code>outputs</code>	A dictionary of the outputs of this property.

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<i>reference_reduced_potentials</i>	<b>Input</b> - A list of paths to the reduced potentials of each reference state.
<i>required_effective_samples</i>	<b>Input</b> - The minimum number of MBAR effective samples for the reweighted value to be trusted.
<i>required_inputs</i>	The inputs which must be set on this protocol.
<i>schema</i>	A serializable schema for this object.
<i>target_reduced_potentials</i>	<b>Input</b> - A list of paths to the reduced potentials of the target state.
<i>value</i>	<b>Output</b> - The reweighted average value of the observable at the target state.

**reference\_reduced\_potentials**

**Input** - A list of paths to the reduced potentials of each reference state. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `typing.Union[str, list]`

**target\_reduced\_potentials**

**Input** - A list of paths to the reduced potentials of the target state. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `typing.Union[str, list]`

**bootstrap\_uncertainties**

**Input** - If true, bootstrapping will be used to estimated the total uncertainty The default value of this attribute is `False`.

**Type** `bool`

**bootstrap\_iterations**

**Input** - The number of bootstrap iterations to perform if bootstrapped uncertainties have been requested The default value of this attribute is 1.

**Type** `int`

**bootstrap\_sample\_size**

**Input** - The relative bootstrap sample size to use if bootstrapped uncertainties have been requested The default value of this attribute is 1.0.

**Type** `float`

**required\_effective\_samples**

**Input** - The minimum number of MBAR effective samples for the reweighted value to be trusted. If this minimum is not met then the uncertainty will be set to `sys.float_info.max` The default value of this attribute is 50.

**Type** `int`

**value**

**Output** - The reweighted average value of the observable at the target state. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `Measurement`

**effective\_samples**

**Output** - The number of effective samples which were reweighted. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `float`

**effective\_sample\_indices**

**Output** - The indices of those samples which have a non-zero weight. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `list`

**allow\_merging**

**Input** - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols. The default value of this attribute is `True`.

**Type** `bool`

**apply\_replicator** (*replicator, template\_values, template\_index=- 1, template\_value=None, update\_input\_references=False*)

Applies a *ProtocolReplicator* to this protocol. This method should clone any protocols whose id contains the id of the replicator (in the format *\$(replicator.id)*).

**Parameters**

- **replicator** (*ProtocolReplicator*) – The replicator to apply.
- **template\_values** (*list of Any*) – A list of the values which will be inserted into the newly replicated protocols.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_index* and *template\_value*

- **template\_index** (*int, optional*) – A specific value which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_value*.

- **template\_value** (*Any, optional*) – A specific index which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_index*.

- **update\_input\_references** (*bool*) – If true, any protocols which take their input from a protocol which was flagged for replication will be updated to take input from the actually replicated protocol. This should only be set to true if this protocol is not nested within a workflow or a protocol group.

This option cannot be used when a specific *template\_index* or *template\_value* is provided.

**Returns** A dictionary of references to all of the protocols which have been replicated, with keys of original protocol ids. Each value is comprised of a list of the replicated protocol ids, and their index into the *template\_values* array.

**Return type** dict of ProtocolPath and list of tuple of ProtocolPath and int

**can\_merge** (*other, path\_replacements=None*)

Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.

**Parameters**

- **other** (*Protocol*) – The protocol to compare against.
- **path\_replacements** (*list of tuple of str, optional*) – Replacements to make in any value reference protocol paths before comparing for equality.

**Returns** True if the two protocols are safe to merge.

**Return type** `bool`

**property dependencies**

A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.

**Type** list of `ProtocolPath`

**execute** (*directory*="", *available\_resources*=None)

Execute the protocol.

**Parameters**

- **directory** (*str*) – The directory to store output data in.
- **available\_resources** (`ComputeResources`) – The resources available to execute on. If *None*, the protocol will be executed on a single CPU.

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod from\_schema** (*schema*)

Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.

**Parameters** **schema** (`ProtocolSchema`) – The schema to initialize the protocol using.

**Returns** The initialized protocol.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type*=None)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of `str`

**get\_class\_attribute** (*reference\_path*)

Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (`ProtocolPath`) – The path pointing to the attribute to return.

**Returns** The class attribute.

**Return type** `object`

**get\_value** (*reference\_path*)

Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (`ProtocolPath`) – The path pointing to the value to return.

**Returns** The value of the input / output

**Return type** Any

**get\_value\_references** (*input\_path*)

Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by *input\_path*) takes its value from.

## Notes

Currently this method only functions correctly for an input value which is either currently a `ProtocolPath`, or a *list / dict* which contains at least one `ProtocolPath`.

**Parameters** `input_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The input value to check.

**Returns** A dictionary of the protocol paths that the input targeted by *input\_path* depends upon.

**Return type** dict of `ProtocolPath` and `ProtocolPath`

**id**

The unique id of this protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**merge** (*other*)

Merges another Protocol with this one. The id of this protocol will remain unchanged.

**Parameters** **other** (`Protocol`) – The protocol to merge into this one.

**Returns** A map between any original protocol ids and their new merged values.

**Return type** Dict[`str`, `str`]

**property outputs**

A dictionary of the outputs of this property.

**Type** dict of `ProtocolPath` and Any

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**replace\_protocol** (*old\_id, new\_id*)

Finds each input which came from a given protocol and redirects it to instead take input from a new one.

## Notes

This method is mainly intended to be used only when merging multiple protocols into one.

### Parameters

- **old\_id** (*str*) – The id of the old input protocol.
- **new\_id** (*str*) – The id of the new input protocol.

### property required\_inputs

The inputs which must be set on this protocol.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

### property schema

A serializable schema for this object.

**Type** *ProtocolSchema*

### set\_uuid (value)

Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id. If the id already has a prepended uuid, it will be overwritten by this value.

**Parameters** **value** (*str*) – The uuid to prepend.

### set\_value (reference\_path, value)

Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.

### Parameters

- **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.
- **value** (*Any*) – The value to set.

### validate (attribute\_type=None)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** **ValueError** or **AssertionError** –

## ReweightStatistics

**class** openff.evaluator.protocols.reweighting.**ReweightStatistics** (*protocol\_id*)

Reweights a set of observables from a *StatisticsArray* using MBAR.

### \_\_init\_\_ (protocol\_id)

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

## Methods

<code>__init__(protocol_id)</code>	Initialize self.
<code>apply_replicator(replicator, temperature_values)</code>	Applies a <i>ProtocolReplicator</i> to this protocol.
<code>can_merge(other[, path_replacements])</code>	Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.
<code>execute([directory, available_resources])</code>	Execute the protocol.

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<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>from_schema(schema)</code>	Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>get_class_attribute(reference_path)</code>	Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).
<code>get_value(reference_path)</code>	Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.
<code>get_value_references(input_path)</code>	Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by <i>input_path</i> ) takes its value from.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>merge(other)</code>	Merges another Protocol with this one.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>replace_protocol(old_id, new_id)</code>	Finds each input which came from a given protocol
<code>set_uuid(value)</code>	Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id.
<code>set_value(reference_path, value)</code>	Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

### Attributes

<code>allow_merging</code>	<b>Input</b> - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols.
<code>bootstrap_iterations</code>	<b>Input</b> - The number of bootstrap iterations to perform if bootstrapped uncertainties have been requested The default value of this attribute is 1.
<code>bootstrap_sample_size</code>	<b>Input</b> - The relative bootstrap sample size to use if bootstrapped uncertainties have been requested The default value of this attribute is 1.0.
<code>bootstrap_uncertainties</code>	<b>Input</b> - If true, bootstrapping will be used to estimate the total uncertainty The default value of this attribute is False.
<code>dependencies</code>	A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.
<code>effective_sample_indices</code>	<b>Output</b> - The indices of those samples which have a non-zero weight.
<code>effective_samples</code>	<b>Output</b> - The number of effective samples which were reweighted.
<code>frame_counts</code>	<b>Input</b> - A list which describes how many of the statistics in the array belong to each reference state.
<code>id</code>	The unique id of this protocol.
<code>outputs</code>	A dictionary of the outputs of this property.
<code>reference_reduced_potentials</code>	<b>Input</b> - A list of paths to the reduced potentials of each reference state.
<code>required_effective_samples</code>	<b>Input</b> - The minimum number of MBAR effective samples for the reweighted value to be trusted.
<code>required_inputs</code>	The inputs which must be set on this protocol.
<code>schema</code>	A serializable schema for this object.

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<i>statistics_paths</i>	<b>Input</b> - The file paths to the statistics array which contains the observables of interest from each state.
<i>statistics_type</i>	<b>Input</b> - The type of observable to reweight.
<i>target_reduced_potentials</i>	<b>Input</b> - A list of paths to the reduced potentials of the target state.
<i>value</i>	<b>Output</b> - The reweighted average value of the observable at the target state.

**statistics\_paths**

**Input** - The file paths to the statistics array which contains the observables of interest from each state. If the observable of interest is dependant on the changing variable (e.g. the potential energy) then this must be a path to the observable re-evaluated at the new state. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `typing.Union[list, str]`

**statistics\_type**

**Input** - The type of observable to reweight. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `ObservableType`

**frame\_counts**

**Input** - A list which describes how many of the statistics in the array belong to each reference state. If this input is used, only a single file path should be passed to the *statistics\_paths* input. The default value of this attribute is `[]`. This attribute is *optional*.

**Type** `list`

**allow\_merging**

**Input** - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols. The default value of this attribute is `True`.

**Type** `bool`

**apply\_replicator** (*replicator*, *template\_values*, *template\_index*=- 1, *template\_value*=None, *update\_input\_references*=False)

Applies a *ProtocolReplicator* to this protocol. This method should clone any protocols whose id contains the id of the replicator (in the format *\$(replicator.id)*).

**Parameters**

- **replicator** (`ProtocolReplicator`) – The replicator to apply.
- **template\_values** (*list of Any*) – A list of the values which will be inserted into the newly replicated protocols.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_index* and *template\_value*

- **template\_index** (*int*, *optional*) – A specific value which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_value*.

- **template\_value** (*Any*, *optional*) – A specific index which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_index*.

- **update\_input\_references** (*bool*) – If true, any protocols which take their input from a protocol which was flagged for replication will be updated to take input from the actually replicated protocol. This should only be set to true if this protocol is not nested within a workflow or a protocol group.

This option cannot be used when a specific *template\_index* or *template\_value* is provided.

**Returns** A dictionary of references to all of the protocols which have been replicated, with keys of original protocol ids. Each value is comprised of a list of the replicated protocol ids, and their index into the *template\_values* array.

**Return type** dict of ProtocolPath and list of tuple of ProtocolPath and int

#### **bootstrap\_iterations**

**Input** - The number of bootstrap iterations to perform if bootstrapped uncertainties have been requested The default value of this attribute is 1.

**Type** int

#### **bootstrap\_sample\_size**

**Input** - The relative bootstrap sample size to use if bootstrapped uncertainties have been requested The default value of this attribute is 1.0.

**Type** float

#### **bootstrap\_uncertainties**

**Input** - If true, bootstrapping will be used to estimated the total uncertainty The default value of this attribute is False.

**Type** bool

#### **can\_merge** (*other, path\_replacements=None*)

Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.

##### **Parameters**

- **other** (Protocol) – The protocol to compare against.
- **path\_replacements** (*list of tuple of str, optional*) – Replacements to make in any value reference protocol paths before comparing for equality.

**Returns** True if the two protocols are safe to merge.

**Return type** bool

#### **property\_dependencies**

A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

#### **effective\_sample\_indices**

**Output** - The indices of those samples which have a non-zero weight. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** list

#### **effective\_samples**

**Output** - The number of effective samples which were reweighted. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** float

**execute** (*directory*="", *available\_resources*=None)

Execute the protocol.

**Parameters**

- **directory** (*str*) – The directory to store output data in.
- **available\_resources** (*ComputeResources*) – The resources available to execute on. If *None*, the protocol will be executed on a single CPU.

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** *cls*

**classmethod from\_schema** (*schema*)

Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.

**Parameters** **schema** (*ProtocolSchema*) – The schema to initialize the protocol using.

**Returns** The initialized protocol.

**Return type** *cls*

**classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type*=None)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** *list of str*

**get\_class\_attribute** (*reference\_path*)

Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the attribute to return.

**Returns** The class attribute.

**Return type** *object*

**get\_value** (*reference\_path*)

Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.

**Returns** The value of the input / output

**Return type** *Any*

**get\_value\_references** (*input\_path*)

Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by *input\_path*) takes its value from.

## Notes

Currently this method only functions correctly for an input value which is either currently a `ProtocolPath`, or a *list / dict* which contains at least one `ProtocolPath`.

**Parameters** `input_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The input value to check.

**Returns** A dictionary of the protocol paths that the input targeted by *input\_path* depends upon.

**Return type** dict of `ProtocolPath` and `ProtocolPath`

**id**

The unique id of this protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**merge** (*other*)

Merges another Protocol with this one. The id of this protocol will remain unchanged.

**Parameters** **other** (`Protocol`) – The protocol to merge into this one.

**Returns** A map between any original protocol ids and their new merged values.

**Return type** Dict[`str`, `str`]

**property outputs**

A dictionary of the outputs of this property.

**Type** dict of `ProtocolPath` and Any

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**reference\_reduced\_potentials**

**Input** - A list of paths to the reduced potentials of each reference state. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** typing.Union[`str`, `list`]

**replace\_protocol** (*old\_id, new\_id*)

**Finds each input which came from a given protocol** and redirects it to instead take input from a new one.

## Notes

This method is mainly intended to be used only when merging multiple protocols into one.

### Parameters

- **old\_id** (*str*) – The id of the old input protocol.
- **new\_id** (*str*) – The id of the new input protocol.

### **required\_effective\_samples**

**Input** - The minimum number of MBAR effective samples for the reweighted value to be trusted. If this minimum is not met then the uncertainty will be set to `sys.float_info.max`. The default value of this attribute is 50.

**Type** `int`

### **property required\_inputs**

The inputs which must be set on this protocol.

**Type** list of `ProtocolPath`

### **property schema**

A serializable schema for this object.

**Type** `ProtocolSchema`

### **set\_uuid** (*value*)

Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id. If the id already has a prepended uuid, it will be overwritten by this value.

**Parameters** **value** (*str*) – The uuid to prepend.

### **set\_value** (*reference\_path*, *value*)

Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.

### Parameters

- **reference\_path** (`ProtocolPath`) – The path pointing to the value to return.
- **value** (*Any*) – The value to set.

### **target\_reduced\_potentials**

**Input** - A list of paths to the reduced potentials of the target state. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `typing.Union[str, list]`

### **validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** `ValueError` or `AssertionError` –

### **value**

**Output** - The reweighted average value of the observable at the target state. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `Measurement`

## Simulation

<i>BaseEnergyMinimisation</i>	A base class for protocols which will minimise the potential energy of a given system.
<i>BaseSimulation</i>	A base class for protocols which will perform a molecular simulation in a given ensemble and at a specified state.

## BaseEnergyMinimisation

**class** openff.evaluator.protocols.simulation.**BaseEnergyMinimisation** (*protocol\_id*)

A base class for protocols which will minimise the potential energy of a given system.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*protocol\_id*)

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

### Methods

<i>__init__</i> ( <i>protocol_id</i> )	Initialize self.
<i>apply_replicator</i> ( <i>replicator</i> , <i>tem-</i> <i>plate_values</i> )	Applies a <i>ProtocolReplicator</i> to this protocol.
<i>can_merge</i> ( <i>other</i> [, <i>path_replacements</i> ])	Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.
<i>execute</i> ([ <i>directory</i> , <i>available_resources</i> ])	Execute the protocol.
<i>from_json</i> ( <i>file_path</i> )	Create this object from a JSON file.
<i>from_schema</i> ( <i>schema</i> )	Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.
<i>get_attributes</i> ([ <i>attribute_type</i> ])	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<i>get_class_attribute</i> ( <i>reference_path</i> )	Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).
<i>get_value</i> ( <i>reference_path</i> )	Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.
<i>get_value_references</i> ( <i>input_path</i> )	Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by <i>input_path</i> ) takes its value from.
<i>json</i> ([ <i>file_path</i> , <i>format</i> ])	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<i>merge</i> ( <i>other</i> )	Merges another Protocol with this one.
<i>parse_json</i> ( <i>string_contents</i> [, <i>encoding</i> ])	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<i>replace_protocol</i> ( <i>old_id</i> , <i>new_id</i> )	Finds each input which came from a given protocol
<i>set_uuid</i> ( <i>value</i> )	Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id.
<i>set_value</i> ( <i>reference_path</i> , <i>value</i> )	Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.
<i>validate</i> ([ <i>attribute_type</i> ])	Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<i>allow_merging</i>	<b>Input</b> - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols.
<i>dependencies</i>	A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.
<i>enable_pbc</i>	<b>Input</b> - If true, periodic boundary conditions will be enabled.
<i>id</i>	The unique id of this protocol.
<i>input_coordinate_file</i>	<b>Input</b> - The coordinates to minimise.
<i>max_iterations</i>	<b>Input</b> - The maximum number of iterations to perform.
<i>output_coordinate_file</i>	<b>Output</b> - The file path to the minimised coordinates.
<i>outputs</i>	A dictionary of the outputs of this property.
<i>required_inputs</i>	The inputs which must be set on this protocol.
<i>schema</i>	A serializable schema for this object.
<i>system_path</i>	<b>Input</b> - The path to the XML system object which defines the forces present in the system.
<i>tolerance</i>	<b>Input</b> - The energy tolerance to which the system should be minimized.

### **input\_coordinate\_file**

**Input** - The coordinates to minimise. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

### **system\_path**

**Input** - The path to the XML system object which defines the forces present in the system. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

### **tolerance**

**Input** - The energy tolerance to which the system should be minimized. The default value of this attribute is 10.0 kJ / mol.

**Type** Quantity

### **max\_iterations**

**Input** - The maximum number of iterations to perform. If this is 0, minimization is continued until the results converge without regard to how many iterations it takes. The default value of this attribute is 0.

**Type** `int`

### **enable\_pbc**

**Input** - If true, periodic boundary conditions will be enabled. The default value of this attribute is `True`.

**Type** `bool`

### **output\_coordinate\_file**

**Output** - The file path to the minimised coordinates. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

### **allow\_merging**

**Input** - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols. The default value of this attribute is `True`.



Type `bool`

**apply\_replicator** (*replicator*, *template\_values*, *template\_index*=- 1, *template\_value*=None, *update\_input\_references*=False)

Applies a *ProtocolReplicator* to this protocol. This method should clone any protocols whose id contains the id of the replicator (in the format *\$(replicator.id)*).

#### Parameters

- **replicator** (*ProtocolReplicator*) – The replicator to apply.
- **template\_values** (*list of Any*) – A list of the values which will be inserted into the newly replicated protocols.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_index* and *template\_value*

- **template\_index** (*int, optional*) – A specific value which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_value*.

- **template\_value** (*Any, optional*) – A specific index which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_index*.

- **update\_input\_references** (*bool*) – If true, any protocols which take their input from a protocol which was flagged for replication will be updated to take input from the actually replicated protocol. This should only be set to true if this protocol is not nested within a workflow or a protocol group.

This option cannot be used when a specific *template\_index* or *template\_value* is provided.

**Returns** A dictionary of references to all of the protocols which have been replicated, with keys of original protocol ids. Each value is comprised of a list of the replicated protocol ids, and their index into the *template\_values* array.

**Return type** dict of ProtocolPath and list of tuple of ProtocolPath and int

**can\_merge** (*other*, *path\_replacements*=None)

Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.

#### Parameters

- **other** (*Protocol*) – The protocol to compare against.
- **path\_replacements** (*list of tuple of str, optional*) – Replacements to make in any value reference protocol paths before comparing for equality.

**Returns** True if the two protocols are safe to merge.

**Return type** `bool`

#### property dependencies

A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**execute** (*directory*="", *available\_resources*=None)

Execute the protocol.

#### Parameters

- **directory** (*str*) – The directory to store output data in.
- **available\_resources** (*ComputeResources*) – The resources available to execute on. If *None*, the protocol will be executed on a single CPU.

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** *cls*

**classmethod from\_schema** (*schema*)

Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.

**Parameters** **schema** (*ProtocolSchema*) – The schema to initialize the protocol using.

**Returns** The initialized protocol.

**Return type** *cls*

**classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of *str*

**get\_class\_attribute** (*reference\_path*)

Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the attribute to return.

**Returns** The class attribute.

**Return type** *object*

**get\_value** (*reference\_path*)

Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.

**Returns** The value of the input / output

**Return type** Any

**get\_value\_references** (*input\_path*)

Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by *input\_path*) takes its value from.

## Notes

Currently this method only functions correctly for an input value which is either currently a `ProtocolPath`, or a *list / dict* which contains at least one `ProtocolPath`.

**Parameters** `input_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The input value to check.

**Returns** A dictionary of the protocol paths that the input targeted by *input\_path* depends upon.

**Return type** dict of `ProtocolPath` and `ProtocolPath`

**id**

The unique id of this protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**merge** (*other*)

Merges another Protocol with this one. The id of this protocol will remain unchanged.

**Parameters** **other** (`Protocol`) – The protocol to merge into this one.

**Returns** A map between any original protocol ids and their new merged values.

**Return type** Dict[`str`, `str`]

**property outputs**

A dictionary of the outputs of this property.

**Type** dict of `ProtocolPath` and Any

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**replace\_protocol** (*old\_id, new\_id*)

**Finds each input which came from a given protocol** and redirects it to instead take input from a new one.

## Notes

This method is mainly intended to be used only when merging multiple protocols into one.

### Parameters

- **old\_id** (*str*) – The id of the old input protocol.
- **new\_id** (*str*) – The id of the new input protocol.

### property required\_inputs

The inputs which must be set on this protocol.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

### property schema

A serializable schema for this object.

**Type** *ProtocolSchema*

### set\_uuid (value)

Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id. If the id already has a prepended uuid, it will be overwritten by this value.

**Parameters** **value** (*str*) – The uuid to prepend.

### set\_value (reference\_path, value)

Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.

### Parameters

- **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.
- **value** (*Any*) – The value to set.

### validate (attribute\_type=None)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** **ValueError** or **AssertionError** –

## BaseSimulation

### class openff.evaluator.protocols.simulation.BaseSimulation (protocol\_id)

A base class for protocols which will perform a molecular simulation in a given ensemble and at a specified state.

### \_\_init\_\_ (protocol\_id)

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

## Methods

<code>__init__(protocol_id)</code>		Initialize self.
<code>apply_replicator(replicator, plate_values)</code>	tem-	Applies a <i>ProtocolReplicator</i> to this protocol.
<code>can_merge(other[, path_replacements])</code>		Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.
<code>execute([directory, available_resources])</code>		Execute the protocol.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>		Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>from_schema(schema)</code>		Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>		Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>get_class_attribute(reference_path)</code>		Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).
<code>get_value(reference_path)</code>		Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.
<code>get_value_references(input_path)</code>		Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by <i>input_path</i> ) takes its value from.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>		Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>merge(other)</code>		Merges another Protocol with this one.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>		Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>replace_protocol(old_id, new_id)</code>		Finds each input which came from a given protocol
<code>set_uuid(value)</code>		Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id.
<code>set_value(reference_path, value)</code>		Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>		Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<code>allow_gpu_platforms</code>	<b>Input</b> - If true, the simulation will be performed using a GPU if available, otherwise it will be constrained to only using CPUs.
<code>allow_merging</code>	<b>Input</b> - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols.
<code>checkpoint_frequency</code>	<b>Input</b> - The frequency (in multiples of <i>output_frequency</i> ) with which to write to a checkpoint file, e.g.
<code>dependencies</code>	A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.
<code>enable_pbc</code>	<b>Input</b> - If true, periodic boundary conditions will be enabled.
<code>ensemble</code>	<b>Input</b> - The thermodynamic ensemble to simulate in.
<code>high_precision</code>	<b>Input</b> - If true, the simulation will be run using double precision.
<code>id</code>	The unique id of this protocol.
<code>input_coordinate_file</code>	<b>Input</b> - The file path to the starting coordinates.
<code>output_coordinate_file</code>	<b>Output</b> - The file path to the coordinates of the final system configuration.

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<i>output_frequency</i>	<b>Input</b> - The frequency (in number of steps) with which to write to the output statistics and trajectory files.
<i>outputs</i>	A dictionary of the outputs of this property.
<i>required_inputs</i>	The inputs which must be set on this protocol.
<i>schema</i>	A serializable schema for this object.
<i>statistics_file_path</i>	<b>Output</b> - The file path to the statistics sampled during the simulation.
<i>steps_per_iteration</i>	<b>Input</b> - The number of steps to propagate the system by at each iteration.
<i>system_path</i>	<b>Input</b> - A path to the XML system object which defines the forces present in the system.
<i>thermodynamic_state</i>	<b>Input</b> - The thermodynamic conditions to simulate under. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..
<i>thermostat_friction</i>	<b>Input</b> - The thermostat friction coefficient.
<i>timestep</i>	<b>Input</b> - The timestep to evolve the system by at each step.
<i>total_number_of_iterations</i>	<b>Input</b> - The number of times to propagate the system forward by the <i>steps_per_iteration</i> number of steps.
<i>trajectory_file_path</i>	<b>Output</b> - The file path to the trajectory sampled during the simulation.

**steps\_per\_iteration**

**Input** - The number of steps to propagate the system by at each iteration. The total number of steps performed by this protocol will be *total\_number\_of\_iterations* \* *steps\_per\_iteration*. The default value of this attribute is 1000000.

Type `int`

**total\_number\_of\_iterations**

**Input** - The number of times to propagate the system forward by the *steps\_per\_iteration* number of steps. The total number of steps performed by this protocol will be *total\_number\_of\_iterations* \* *steps\_per\_iteration*. The default value of this attribute is 1.

Type `int`

**output\_frequency**

**Input** - The frequency (in number of steps) with which to write to the output statistics and trajectory files. When two protocols are merged, the largest value of this attribute from either protocol is retained. The default value of this attribute is 3000.

Type `int`

**checkpoint\_frequency**

**Input** - The frequency (in multiples of *output\_frequency*) with which to write to a checkpoint file, e.g. if *output\_frequency*=100 and *checkpoint\_frequency*=2, a checkpoint file would be saved every 200 steps. When two protocols are merged, the largest value of this attribute from either protocol is retained. The default value of this attribute is 10. This attribute is *optional*.

Type `int`

**timestep**

**Input** - The timestep to evolve the system by at each step. When two protocols are merged, the largest value of this attribute from either protocol is retained. The default value of this attribute is 2.0 fs.

Type `Quantity`

**thermodynamic\_state**

**Input** - The thermodynamic conditions to simulate under. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *ThermodynamicState*

**ensemble**

**Input** - The thermodynamic ensemble to simulate in. The default value of this attribute is `Ensemble.NPT`.

**Type** `Ensemble`

**thermostat\_friction**

**Input** - The thermostat friction coefficient. When two protocols are merged, the largest value of this attribute from either protocol is retained. The default value of this attribute is `1.0 / ps`.

**Type** `Quantity`

**input\_coordinate\_file**

**Input** - The file path to the starting coordinates. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**system\_path**

**Input** - A path to the XML system object which defines the forces present in the system. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**enable\_pbc**

**Input** - If true, periodic boundary conditions will be enabled. The default value of this attribute is `True`.

**Type** `bool`

**allow\_gpu\_platforms**

**Input** - If true, the simulation will be performed using a GPU if available, otherwise it will be constrained to only using CPUs. The default value of this attribute is `True`.

**Type** `bool`

**high\_precision**

**Input** - If true, the simulation will be run using double precision. The default value of this attribute is `False`.

**Type** `bool`

**output\_coordinate\_file**

**Output** - The file path to the coordinates of the final system configuration. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**trajectory\_file\_path**

**Output** - The file path to the trajectory sampled during the simulation. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**statistics\_file\_path**

**Output** - The file path to the statistics sampled during the simulation. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**allow\_merging**

**Input** - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols. The default value of this attribute is `True`.

**Type** `bool`

**apply\_replicator** (*replicator, template\_values, template\_index=- 1, template\_value=None, update\_input\_references=False*)

Applies a *ProtocolReplicator* to this protocol. This method should clone any protocols whose id contains the id of the replicator (in the format *\$(replicator.id)*).

**Parameters**

- **replicator** (*ProtocolReplicator*) – The replicator to apply.
- **template\_values** (*list of Any*) – A list of the values which will be inserted into the newly replicated protocols.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_index* and *template\_value*

- **template\_index** (*int, optional*) – A specific value which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_value*.

- **template\_value** (*Any, optional*) – A specific index which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_index*.

- **update\_input\_references** (*bool*) – If true, any protocols which take their input from a protocol which was flagged for replication will be updated to take input from the actually replicated protocol. This should only be set to true if this protocol is not nested within a workflow or a protocol group.

This option cannot be used when a specific *template\_index* or *template\_value* is provided.

**Returns** A dictionary of references to all of the protocols which have been replicated, with keys of original protocol ids. Each value is comprised of a list of the replicated protocol ids, and their index into the *template\_values* array.

**Return type** dict of ProtocolPath and list of tuple of ProtocolPath and int

**can\_merge** (*other, path\_replacements=None*)

Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.

**Parameters**

- **other** (*Protocol*) – The protocol to compare against.
- **path\_replacements** (*list of tuple of str, optional*) – Replacements to make in any value reference protocol paths before comparing for equality.

**Returns** True if the two protocols are safe to merge.

**Return type** `bool`

**property\_dependencies**

A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath



**execute** (*directory*="", *available\_resources*=None)

Execute the protocol.

**Parameters**

- **directory** (*str*) – The directory to store output data in.
- **available\_resources** (*ComputeResources*) – The resources available to execute on. If *None*, the protocol will be executed on a single CPU.

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** *cls*

**classmethod from\_schema** (*schema*)

Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.

**Parameters** **schema** (*ProtocolSchema*) – The schema to initialize the protocol using.

**Returns** The initialized protocol.

**Return type** *cls*

**classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type*=None)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** *list of str*

**get\_class\_attribute** (*reference\_path*)

Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the attribute to return.

**Returns** The class attribute.

**Return type** *object*

**get\_value** (*reference\_path*)

Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.

**Returns** The value of the input / output

**Return type** *Any*

**get\_value\_references** (*input\_path*)

Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by *input\_path*) takes its value from.

## Notes

Currently this method only functions correctly for an input value which is either currently a `ProtocolPath`, or a *list / dict* which contains at least one `ProtocolPath`.

**Parameters** `input_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The input value to check.

**Returns** A dictionary of the protocol paths that the input targeted by *input\_path* depends upon.

**Return type** dict of `ProtocolPath` and `ProtocolPath`

**id**

The unique id of this protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**merge** (*other*)

Merges another Protocol with this one. The id of this protocol will remain unchanged.

**Parameters** **other** (`Protocol`) – The protocol to merge into this one.

**Returns** A map between any original protocol ids and their new merged values.

**Return type** Dict[`str`, `str`]

**property outputs**

A dictionary of the outputs of this property.

**Type** dict of `ProtocolPath` and Any

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**replace\_protocol** (*old\_id, new\_id*)

**Finds each input which came from a given protocol** and redirects it to instead take input from a new one.

## Notes

This method is mainly intended to be used only when merging multiple protocols into one.

### Parameters

- **old\_id** (*str*) – The id of the old input protocol.
- **new\_id** (*str*) – The id of the new input protocol.

### property required\_inputs

The inputs which must be set on this protocol.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

### property schema

A serializable schema for this object.

**Type** *ProtocolSchema*

### set\_uuid (value)

Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id. If the id already has a prepended uuid, it will be overwritten by this value.

**Parameters** **value** (*str*) – The uuid to prepend.

### set\_value (reference\_path, value)

Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.

### Parameters

- **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.
- **value** (*Any*) – The value to set.

### validate (attribute\_type=None)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** **ValueError** or **AssertionError** –

## Storage

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*UnpackStoredSimulationData*

Loads a *StoredSimulationData* object from disk, and makes its attributes easily accessible to other protocols.

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## UnpackStoredSimulationData

**class** openff.evaluator.protocols.storage.**UnpackStoredSimulationData** (*protocol\_id*)

Loads a *StoredSimulationData* object from disk, and makes its attributes easily accessible to other protocols.

### **\_\_init\_\_** (*protocol\_id*)

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

## Methods

<code>__init__(protocol_id)</code>		Initialize self.
<code>apply_replicator(replicator, plate_values)</code>	tem-	Applies a <i>ProtocolReplicator</i> to this protocol.
<code>can_merge(other[, path_replacements])</code>		Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.
<code>execute([directory, available_resources])</code>		Execute the protocol.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>		Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>from_schema(schema)</code>		Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>		Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>get_class_attribute(reference_path)</code>		Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).
<code>get_value(reference_path)</code>		Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.
<code>get_value_references(input_path)</code>		Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by <i>input_path</i> ) takes its value from.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>		Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>merge(other)</code>		Merges another Protocol with this one.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>		Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>replace_protocol(old_id, new_id)</code>		Finds each input which came from a given protocol
<code>set_uuid(value)</code>		Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id.
<code>set_value(reference_path, value)</code>		Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>		Validate the values of the attributes.

## Attributes

<code>allow_merging</code>	<b>Input</b> - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols.
<code>coordinate_file_path</code>	<b>Output</b> - A path to the stored simulation output coordinates.
<code>dependencies</code>	A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.
<code>force_field_path</code>	<b>Output</b> - A path to the force field parameters used to generate the stored data.
<code>id</code>	The unique id of this protocol.
<code>outputs</code>	A dictionary of the outputs of this property.
<code>required_inputs</code>	The inputs which must be set on this protocol.
<code>schema</code>	A serializable schema for this object.
<code>simulation_data_path</code>	<b>Input</b> - A list / tuple which contains both the path to the simulation data object, it's ancillary data directory, and the force field which was used to generate the stored data.
<code>statistical_inefficiency</code>	<b>Output</b> - The statistical inefficiency of the stored data.
<code>statistics_file_path</code>	<b>Output</b> - A path to the stored simulation statistics array.

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<i>substance</i>	<b>Output</b> - The substance which was stored.
<i>thermodynamic_state</i>	<b>Output</b> - The thermodynamic state which was stored.
<i>total_number_of_molecules</i>	<b>Output</b> - The total number of molecules in the stored system.
<i>trajectory_file_path</i>	<b>Output</b> - A path to the stored simulation trajectory.

**simulation\_data\_path**

**Input** - A list / tuple which contains both the path to the simulation data object, it's ancillary data directory, and the force field which was used to generate the stored data. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** typing.Union[list, tuple]

**substance**

**Output** - The substance which was stored. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *Substance*

**total\_number\_of\_molecules**

**Output** - The total number of molecules in the stored system. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** int

**thermodynamic\_state**

**Output** - The thermodynamic state which was stored. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *ThermodynamicState*

**statistical\_inefficiency**

**Output** - The statistical inefficiency of the stored data. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** float

**coordinate\_file\_path**

**Output** - A path to the stored simulation output coordinates. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** str

**trajectory\_file\_path**

**Output** - A path to the stored simulation trajectory. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** str

**statistics\_file\_path**

**Output** - A path to the stored simulation statistics array. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** str

**force\_field\_path**

**Output** - A path to the force field parameters used to generate the stored data. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** str

**allow\_merging**

**Input** - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols. The default value of this attribute is `True`.

**Type** `bool`

**apply\_replicator** (*replicator, template\_values, template\_index=- 1, template\_value=None, update\_input\_references=False*)

Applies a *ProtocolReplicator* to this protocol. This method should clone any protocols whose id contains the id of the replicator (in the format *\$(replicator.id)*).

**Parameters**

- **replicator** (*ProtocolReplicator*) – The replicator to apply.
- **template\_values** (*list of Any*) – A list of the values which will be inserted into the newly replicated protocols.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_index* and *template\_value*

- **template\_index** (*int, optional*) – A specific value which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_value*.

- **template\_value** (*Any, optional*) – A specific index which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_index*.

- **update\_input\_references** (*bool*) – If true, any protocols which take their input from a protocol which was flagged for replication will be updated to take input from the actually replicated protocol. This should only be set to true if this protocol is not nested within a workflow or a protocol group.

This option cannot be used when a specific *template\_index* or *template\_value* is provided.

**Returns** A dictionary of references to all of the protocols which have been replicated, with keys of original protocol ids. Each value is comprised of a list of the replicated protocol ids, and their index into the *template\_values* array.

**Return type** dict of ProtocolPath and list of tuple of ProtocolPath and int

**can\_merge** (*other, path\_replacements=None*)

Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.

**Parameters**

- **other** (*Protocol*) – The protocol to compare against.
- **path\_replacements** (*list of tuple of str, optional*) – Replacements to make in any value reference protocol paths before comparing for equality.

**Returns** True if the two protocols are safe to merge.

**Return type** `bool`

**property\_dependencies**

A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**execute** (*directory*="", *available\_resources*=None)

Execute the protocol.

**Parameters**

- **directory** (*str*) – The directory to store output data in.
- **available\_resources** (*ComputeResources*) – The resources available to execute on. If *None*, the protocol will be executed on a single CPU.

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** *cls*

**classmethod from\_schema** (*schema*)

Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.

**Parameters** **schema** (*ProtocolSchema*) – The schema to initialize the protocol using.

**Returns** The initialized protocol.

**Return type** *cls*

**classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type*=None)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** *list of str*

**get\_class\_attribute** (*reference\_path*)

Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the attribute to return.

**Returns** The class attribute.

**Return type** *object*

**get\_value** (*reference\_path*)

Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.

**Returns** The value of the input / output

**Return type** *Any*

**get\_value\_references** (*input\_path*)

Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by *input\_path*) takes its value from.

## Notes

Currently this method only functions correctly for an input value which is either currently a `ProtocolPath`, or a *list / dict* which contains at least one `ProtocolPath`.

**Parameters** `input_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The input value to check.

**Returns** A dictionary of the protocol paths that the input targeted by *input\_path* depends upon.

**Return type** dict of `ProtocolPath` and `ProtocolPath`

**id**

The unique id of this protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**merge** (*other*)

Merges another Protocol with this one. The id of this protocol will remain unchanged.

**Parameters** **other** (`Protocol`) – The protocol to merge into this one.

**Returns** A map between any original protocol ids and their new merged values.

**Return type** Dict[`str`, `str`]

**property outputs**

A dictionary of the outputs of this property.

**Type** dict of `ProtocolPath` and Any

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**replace\_protocol** (*old\_id, new\_id*)

**Finds each input which came from a given protocol** and redirects it to instead take input from a new one.



## Notes

This method is mainly intended to be used only when merging multiple protocols into one.

### Parameters

- **old\_id** (*str*) – The id of the old input protocol.
- **new\_id** (*str*) – The id of the new input protocol.

### property required\_inputs

The inputs which must be set on this protocol.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

### property schema

A serializable schema for this object.

**Type** *ProtocolSchema*

### set\_uuid (value)

Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id. If the id already has a prepended uuid, it will be overwritten by this value.

**Parameters** **value** (*str*) – The uuid to prepend.

### set\_value (reference\_path, value)

Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.

### Parameters

- **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.
- **value** (*Any*) – The value to set.

### validate (attribute\_type=None)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** **ValueError** or **AssertionError** –

## YANK Free Energies

<i>BaseYankProtocol</i>	An abstract base class for protocols which will performs a set of alchemical free energy simulations using the YANK framework.
<i>LigandReceptorYankProtocol</i>	A protocol for performing ligand-receptor alchemical free energy calculations using the YANK framework.
<i>SolvationYankProtocol</i>	A protocol for performing solvation alchemical free energy calculations using the YANK framework.

## BaseYankProtocol

**class** openff.evaluator.protocols.yank.**BaseYankProtocol** (*protocol\_id*)

An abstract base class for protocols which will performs a set of alchemical free energy simulations using the YANK framework.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*protocol\_id*)

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

### Methods

<code>__init__(protocol_id)</code>	Initialize self.
<code>apply_replicator(replicator, temperature, plate_values)</code>	Applies a <i>ProtocolReplicator</i> to this protocol.
<code>can_merge(other[, path_replacements])</code>	Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.
<code>execute([directory, available_resources])</code>	Execute the protocol.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>from_schema(schema)</code>	Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>get_class_attribute(reference_path)</code>	Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).
<code>get_value(reference_path)</code>	Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.
<code>get_value_references(input_path)</code>	Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by <i>input_path</i> ) takes its value from.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>merge(other)</code>	Merges another Protocol with this one.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>replace_protocol(old_id, new_id)</code>	Finds each input which came from a given protocol
<code>set_uuid(value)</code>	Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id.
<code>set_value(reference_path, value)</code>	Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

### Attributes

<code>allow_merging</code>	<b>Input</b> - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols.
<code>checkpoint_interval</code>	<b>Input</b> - The number of iterations between saving YANK checkpoint files.
<code>dependencies</code>	A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.
<code>estimated_free_energy</code>	<b>Output</b> - The estimated free energy value and its uncertainty returned by YANK.
<code>id</code>	The unique id of this protocol.
<code>number_of_equilibration_iterations</code>	<b>Input</b> - The number of iterations used for equilibration before production run.

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<code>number_of_iterations</code>	<b>Input</b> - The number of YANK iterations to perform.
<code>outputs</code>	A dictionary of the outputs of this property.
<code>required_inputs</code>	The inputs which must be set on this protocol.
<code>schema</code>	A serializable schema for this object.
<code>setup_only</code>	<b>Input</b> - If true, YANK will only create and validate the setup files, but not actually run any simulations.
<code>steps_per_iteration</code>	<b>Input</b> - The number of steps per YANK iteration to perform.
<code>thermodynamic_state</code>	<b>Input</b> - The state at which to run the calculations.
<code>timestep</code>	<b>Input</b> - The length of the timestep to take.
<code>verbose</code>	<b>Input</b> - Controls whether or not to run YANK at high verbosity.

**thermodynamic\_state**

**Input** - The state at which to run the calculations. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *ThermodynamicState*

**number\_of\_equilibration\_iterations**

**Input** - The number of iterations used for equilibration before production run. Only post-equilibration iterations are written to file. The default value of this attribute is 1.

**Type** `int`

**number\_of\_iterations**

**Input** - The number of YANK iterations to perform. The default value of this attribute is 5000.

**Type** `int`

**steps\_per\_iteration**

**Input** - The number of steps per YANK iteration to perform. The default value of this attribute is 500.

**Type** `int`

**checkpoint\_interval**

**Input** - The number of iterations between saving YANK checkpoint files. When two protocols are merged, the largest value of this attribute from either protocol is retained. The default value of this attribute is 50.

**Type** `int`

**timestep**

**Input** - The length of the timestep to take. When two protocols are merged, the largest value of this attribute from either protocol is retained. The default value of this attribute is 2 fs.

**Type** Quantity

**verbose**

**Input** - Controls whether or not to run YANK at high verbosity. The default value of this attribute is `False`.

**Type** `bool`

**setup\_only**

**Input** - If true, YANK will only create and validate the setup files, but not actually run any simulations. This argument is mainly only to be used for testing purposes. The default value of this attribute is `False`.

**Type** `bool`

**estimated\_free\_energy**

**Output** - The estimated free energy value and its uncertainty returned by YANK. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** Measurement

**allow\_merging**

**Input** - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols. The default value of this attribute is `True`.

**Type** `bool`

**apply\_replicator** (*replicator, template\_values, template\_index=- 1, template\_value=None, update\_input\_references=False*)

Applies a *ProtocolReplicator* to this protocol. This method should clone any protocols whose id contains the id of the replicator (in the format *\$(replicator.id)*).

**Parameters**

- **replicator** (*ProtocolReplicator*) – The replicator to apply.
- **template\_values** (*list of Any*) – A list of the values which will be inserted into the newly replicated protocols.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_index* and *template\_value*

- **template\_index** (*int, optional*) – A specific value which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_value*.

- **template\_value** (*Any, optional*) – A specific index which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_index*.

- **update\_input\_references** (*bool*) – If true, any protocols which take their input from a protocol which was flagged for replication will be updated to take input from the actually replicated protocol. This should only be set to true if this protocol is not nested within a workflow or a protocol group.

This option cannot be used when a specific *template\_index* or *template\_value* is provided.

**Returns** A dictionary of references to all of the protocols which have been replicated, with keys of original protocol ids. Each value is comprised of a list of the replicated protocol ids, and their index into the *template\_values* array.

**Return type** dict of ProtocolPath and list of tuple of ProtocolPath and int

**can\_merge** (*other, path\_replacements=None*)

Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.

**Parameters**

- **other** (*Protocol*) – The protocol to compare against.
- **path\_replacements** (*list of tuple of str, optional*) – Replacements to make in any value reference protocol paths before comparing for equality.

**Returns** True if the two protocols are safe to merge.

**Return type** `bool`

**property dependencies**

A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.

**Type** list of `ProtocolPath`

**execute** (*directory*="", *available\_resources*=None)

Execute the protocol.

**Parameters**

- **directory** (*str*) – The directory to store output data in.
- **available\_resources** (`ComputeResources`) – The resources available to execute on. If *None*, the protocol will be executed on a single CPU.

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod from\_schema** (*schema*)

Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.

**Parameters** **schema** (`ProtocolSchema`) – The schema to initialize the protocol using.

**Returns** The initialized protocol.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type*=None)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of `str`

**get\_class\_attribute** (*reference\_path*)

Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (`ProtocolPath`) – The path pointing to the attribute to return.

**Returns** The class attribute.

**Return type** `object`

**get\_value** (*reference\_path*)

Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (`ProtocolPath`) – The path pointing to the value to return.

**Returns** The value of the input / output

**Return type** Any

**get\_value\_references** (*input\_path*)

Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by *input\_path*) takes its value from.

## Notes

Currently this method only functions correctly for an input value which is either currently a `ProtocolPath`, or a *list / dict* which contains at least one `ProtocolPath`.

**Parameters** `input_path` (`ProtocolPath`) – The input value to check.

**Returns** A dictionary of the protocol paths that the input targeted by *input\_path* depends upon.

**Return type** dict of `ProtocolPath` and `ProtocolPath`

**id**

The unique id of this protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**merge** (*other*)

Merges another Protocol with this one. The id of this protocol will remain unchanged.

**Parameters** **other** (`Protocol`) – The protocol to merge into this one.

**Returns** A map between any original protocol ids and their new merged values.

**Return type** Dict[`str`, `str`]

**property outputs**

A dictionary of the outputs of this property.

**Type** dict of `ProtocolPath` and Any

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**replace\_protocol** (*old\_id, new\_id*)

**Finds each input which came from a given protocol** and redirects it to instead take input from a new one.

Notes

This method is mainly intended to be used only when merging multiple protocols into one.

Parameters

- `old_id (str)` – The id of the old input protocol.
- `new_id (str)` – The id of the new input protocol.

**property required\_inputs**

The inputs which must be set on this protocol.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**property schema**

A serializable schema for this object.

**Type** ProtocolSchema

**set\_uuid (value)**

Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id. If the id already has a prepended uuid, it will be overwritten by this value.

**Parameters value (str)** – The uuid to prepend.

**set\_value (reference\_path, value)**

Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.

Parameters

- **reference\_path (ProtocolPath)** – The path pointing to the value to return.
- **value (Any)** – The value to set.

**validate (attribute\_type=None)**

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters attribute\_type (type of Attribute, optional)** – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises ValueError or AssertionError** –

LigandReceptorYankProtocol

**class** openff.evaluator.protocols.yank.LigandReceptorYankProtocol (protocol\_id)

A protocol for performing ligand-receptor alchemical free energy calculations using the YANK framework.

**\_\_init\_\_ (protocol\_id)**

Constructs a new LigandReceptorYankProtocol object.

Methods

<code>__init__(protocol_id)</code>		Constructs a new LigandReceptorYankProtocol object.
<code>apply_replicator(replicator,</code>	tem-	Applies a <i>ProtocolReplicator</i> to this protocol.
<code>plate_values)</code>		
<code>can_merge(other[, path_replacements])</code>		Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.

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<code>execute([directory, available_resources])</code>	Execute the protocol.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>from_schema(schema)</code>	Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>get_class_attribute(reference_path)</code>	Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).
<code>get_value(reference_path)</code>	Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.
<code>get_value_references(input_path)</code>	Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by <i>input_path</i> ) takes its value from.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>merge(other)</code>	Merges another Protocol with this one.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>replace_protocol(old_id, new_id)</code>	Finds each input which came from a given protocol
<code>set_uuid(value)</code>	Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id.
<code>set_value(reference_path, value)</code>	Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

### Attributes

<code>allow_merging</code>	<b>Input</b> - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols.
<code>apply_restraints</code>	<b>Input</b> - Determines whether the ligand should be explicitly restrained to the receptor in order to stop the ligand from temporarily unbinding.
<code>checkpoint_interval</code>	<b>Input</b> - The number of iterations between saving YANK checkpoint files.
<code>complex_electrostatic_lambdas</code>	<b>Input</b> - The list of electrostatic alchemical states that YANK should sample at when calculating the free energy of the ligand in complex with the receptor.
<code>complex_steric_lambdas</code>	<b>Input</b> - The list of steric alchemical states that YANK should sample at when calculating the free energy of the ligand in complex with the receptor.
<code>dependencies</code>	A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.
<code>estimated_free_energy</code>	<b>Output</b> - The estimated free energy value and its uncertainty returned by YANK.
<code>force_field_path</code>	<b>Input</b> - The path to the force field which defines the charge method to use for the calculation.
<code>id</code>	The unique id of this protocol.
<code>ligand_electrostatic_lambdas</code>	<b>Input</b> - The list of electrostatic alchemical states that YANK should sample at when calculating the free energy of the solvated ligand.
<code>ligand_residue_name</code>	<b>Input</b> - The residue name of the ligand.
<code>ligand_steric_lambdas</code>	<b>Input</b> - The list of steric alchemical states that YANK should sample at when calculating the free energy of the solvated ligand.

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<code>number_of_equilibration_iterations</code>	<b>Input</b> - The number of iterations used for equilibration before production run.
<code>number_of_iterations</code>	<b>Input</b> - The number of YANK iterations to perform.
<code>outputs</code>	A dictionary of the outputs of this property.
<code>receptor_residue_name</code>	<b>Input</b> - The residue name of the receptor.
<code>required_inputs</code>	The inputs which must be set on this protocol.
<code>restraint_type</code>	<b>Input</b> - The type of ligand restraint applied, provided that <code>apply_restraints</code> is <code>True</code> . The default value of this attribute is <code>RestraintType.Harmonic</code> .
<code>schema</code>	A serializable schema for this object.
<code>setup_only</code>	<b>Input</b> - If true, YANK will only create and validate the setup files, but not actually run any simulations.
<code>solvated_complex_coordinates</code>	<b>Input</b> - The file path to the solvated complex coordinates.
<code>solvated_complex_system</code>	<b>Input</b> - The file path to the solvated complex system object.
<code>solvated_complex_trajectory_path</code>	<b>Output</b> - The file path to the generated ligand trajectory.
<code>solvated_ligand_coordinates</code>	<b>Input</b> - The file path to the solvated ligand coordinates.
<code>solvated_ligand_system</code>	<b>Input</b> - The file path to the solvated ligand system object.
<code>solvated_ligand_trajectory_path</code>	<b>Output</b> - The file path to the generated ligand trajectory.
<code>steps_per_iteration</code>	<b>Input</b> - The number of steps per YANK iteration to perform.
<code>thermodynamic_state</code>	<b>Input</b> - The state at which to run the calculations.
<code>timestep</code>	<b>Input</b> - The length of the timestep to take.
<code>verbose</code>	<b>Input</b> - Controls whether or not to run YANK at high verbosity.

**class RestraintType**

The types of ligand restraints available within yank.

**ligand\_residue\_name**

**Input** - The residue name of the ligand. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `str`

**receptor\_residue\_name**

**Input** - The residue name of the receptor. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `str`

**solvated\_ligand\_coordinates**

**Input** - The file path to the solvated ligand coordinates. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `str`

**solvated\_ligand\_system**

**Input** - The file path to the solvated ligand system object. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `str`

**solvated\_complex\_coordinates**

**Input** - The file path to the solvated complex coordinates. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `str`

**solvated\_complex\_system**

**Input** - The file path to the solvated complex system object. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `str`

**force\_field\_path**

**Input** - The path to the force field which defines the charge method to use for the calculation. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `str`

**apply\_restraints**

**Input** - Determines whether the ligand should be explicitly restrained to the receptor in order to stop the ligand from temporarily unbinding. The default value of this attribute is `True`.

Type `bool`

**restraint\_type**

**Input** - The type of ligand restraint applied, provided that *apply\_restraints* is *True* The default value of this attribute is `RestraintType.Harmonic`.

Type `LigandReceptorYankProtocol.RestraintType`

**ligand\_electrostatic\_lambdas**

**Input** - The list of electrostatic alchemical states that YANK should sample at when calculating the free energy of the solvated ligand. If no option is set, YANK will use *trailblaze* algorithm to determine this option automatically. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

Type `list`

**ligand\_steric\_lambdas**

**Input** - The list of steric alchemical states that YANK should sample at when calculating the free energy of the solvated ligand. If no option is set, YANK will use *trailblaze* algorithm to determine this option automatically. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

Type `list`

**complex\_electrostatic\_lambdas**

**Input** - The list of electrostatic alchemical states that YANK should sample at when calculating the free energy of the ligand in complex with the receptor. If no option is set, YANK will use *trailblaze* algorithm to determine this option automatically. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

Type `list`

**complex\_steric\_lambdas**

**Input** - The list of steric alchemical states that YANK should sample at when calculating the free energy of the ligand in complex with the receptor. If no option is set, YANK will use *trailblaze* algorithm to determine this option automatically. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

Type `list`

**solvated\_ligand\_trajectory\_path**

**Output** - The file path to the generated ligand trajectory. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `str`

#### **solvated\_complex\_trajectory\_path**

**Output** - The file path to the generated ligand trajectory. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `str`

#### **allow\_merging**

**Input** - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols. The default value of this attribute is `True`.

Type `bool`

#### **apply\_replicator** (*replicator, template\_values, template\_index=-1, template\_value=None, update\_input\_references=False*)

Applies a *ProtocolReplicator* to this protocol. This method should clone any protocols whose id contains the id of the replicator (in the format *\$(replicator.id)*).

##### **Parameters**

- **replicator** (*ProtocolReplicator*) – The replicator to apply.
- **template\_values** (*list of Any*) – A list of the values which will be inserted into the newly replicated protocols.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_index* and *template\_value*

- **template\_index** (*int, optional*) – A specific value which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_value*.

- **template\_value** (*Any, optional*) – A specific index which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_index*.

- **update\_input\_references** (*bool*) – If true, any protocols which take their input from a protocol which was flagged for replication will be updated to take input from the actually replicated protocol. This should only be set to true if this protocol is not nested within a workflow or a protocol group.

This option cannot be used when a specific *template\_index* or *template\_value* is provided.

**Returns** A dictionary of references to all of the protocols which have been replicated, with keys of original protocol ids. Each value is comprised of a list of the replicated protocol ids, and their index into the *template\_values* array.

**Return type** dict of ProtocolPath and list of tuple of ProtocolPath and int

#### **can\_merge** (*other, path\_replacements=None*)

Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.

##### **Parameters**

- **other** (*Protocol*) – The protocol to compare against.
- **path\_replacements** (*list of tuple of str, optional*) – Replacements to make in any value reference protocol paths before comparing for equality.

**Returns** True if the two protocols are safe to merge.

**Return type** `bool`

**checkpoint\_interval**

**Input** - The number of iterations between saving YANK checkpoint files. When two protocols are merged, the largest value of this attribute from either protocol is retained. The default value of this attribute is 50.

**Type** `int`

**property\_dependencies**

A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.

**Type** list of `ProtocolPath`

**estimated\_free\_energy**

**Output** - The estimated free energy value and its uncertainty returned by YANK. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `Measurement`

**execute** (*directory=""*, *available\_resources=None*)

Execute the protocol.

**Parameters**

- **directory** (*str*) – The directory to store output data in.
- **available\_resources** (`ComputeResources`) – The resources available to execute on. If *None*, the protocol will be executed on a single CPU.

**classmethod from\_json** (*file\_path*)

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** **file\_path** (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod from\_schema** (*schema*)

Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.

**Parameters** **schema** (`ProtocolSchema`) – The schema to initialize the protocol using.

**Returns** The initialized protocol.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of `str`

**get\_class\_attribute** (*reference\_path*)

Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (`ProtocolPath`) – The path pointing to the attribute to return.

**Returns** The class attribute.

**Return type** `object`

**get\_value** (*reference\_path*)

Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.

**Parameters** **reference\_path** (`ProtocolPath`) – The path pointing to the value to return.

**Returns** The value of the input / output

**Return type** Any

**get\_value\_references** (*input\_path*)

Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by *input\_path*) takes its value from.

## Notes

Currently this method only functions correctly for an input value which is either currently a `ProtocolPath`, or a *list / dict* which contains at least one `ProtocolPath`.

**Parameters** **input\_path** (`ProtocolPath`) – The input value to check.

**Returns** A dictionary of the protocol paths that the input targeted by *input\_path* depends upon.

**Return type** dict of `ProtocolPath` and `ProtocolPath`

**id**

The unique id of this protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** `str`

**merge** (*other*)

Merges another Protocol with this one. The id of this protocol will remain unchanged.

**Parameters** **other** (`Protocol`) – The protocol to merge into this one.

**Returns** A map between any original protocol ids and their new merged values.

**Return type** `Dict[str, str]`

**number\_of\_equilibration\_iterations**

**Input** - The number of iterations used for equilibration before production run. Only post-equilibration iterations are written to file. The default value of this attribute is 1.

**Type** `int`

**number\_of\_iterations**

**Input** - The number of YANK iterations to perform. The default value of this attribute is 5000.

**Type** `int`

**property outputs**

A dictionary of the outputs of this property.

**Type** dict of ProtocolPath and Any

**classmethod** `parse_json` (*string\_contents*, *encoding*='utf8')

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str* or *bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**replace\_protocol** (*old\_id*, *new\_id*)

Finds each input which came from a given protocol and redirects it to instead take input from a new one.

## Notes

This method is mainly intended to be used only when merging multiple protocols into one.

**Parameters**

- **old\_id** (*str*) – The id of the old input protocol.
- **new\_id** (*str*) – The id of the new input protocol.

**property** `required_inputs`

The inputs which must be set on this protocol.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**property** `schema`

A serializable schema for this object.

**Type** *ProtocolSchema*

**set\_uuid** (*value*)

Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id. If the id already has a prepended uuid, it will be overwritten by this value.

**Parameters** **value** (*str*) – The uuid to prepend.

**set\_value** (*reference\_path*, *value*)

Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.

**Parameters**

- **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.
- **value** (*Any*) – The value to set.

**setup\_only**

**Input** - If true, YANK will only create and validate the setup files, but not actually run any simulations. This argument is mainly only to be used for testing purposes. The default value of this attribute is `False`.

**Type** *bool*

**steps\_per\_iteration**

**Input** - The number of steps per YANK iteration to perform. The default value of this attribute is 500.

**Type** *int*

**thermodynamic\_state**

**Input** - The state at which to run the calculations. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *ThermodynamicState*

**timestep**

**Input** - The length of the timestep to take. When two protocols are merged, the largest value of this attribute from either protocol is retained. The default value of this attribute is 2 fs.

**Type** Quantity

**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** *attribute\_type* (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** *ValueError* or *AssertionError* –

**verbose**

**Input** - Controls whether or not to run YANK at high verbosity. The default value of this attribute is False.

**Type** bool

**SolvationYankProtocol**

**class** openff.evaluator.protocols.yank.**SolvationYankProtocol** (*protocol\_id*)

A protocol for performing solvation alchemical free energy calculations using the YANK framework.

This protocol can be used for box solvation free energies (setting the *solvent\_1* input to the solvent of interest and setting *solvent\_2* as an empty *Substance*) or transfer free energies (setting both the *solvent\_1* and *solvent\_2* inputs to different solvents).

**\_\_init\_\_** (*protocol\_id*)

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

**Methods**

<code>__init__(protocol_id)</code>	Initialize self.
<code>apply_replicator(replicator, temperature, plate_values)</code>	Applies a <i>ProtocolReplicator</i> to this protocol.
<code>can_merge(other[, path_replacements])</code>	Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.
<code>execute([directory, available_resources])</code>	Execute the protocol.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>from_schema(schema)</code>	Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>get_class_attribute(reference_path)</code>	Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).
<code>get_value(reference_path)</code>	Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.

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<code>get_value_references(input_path)</code>	Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by <i>input_path</i> ) takes its value from.
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>merge(other)</code>	Merges another Protocol with this one.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>replace_protocol(old_id, new_id)</code>	Finds each input which came from a given protocol
<code>set_uuid(value)</code>	Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id.
<code>set_value(reference_path, value)</code>	Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

### Attributes

<code>allow_merging</code>	<b>Input</b> - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols.
<code>checkpoint_interval</code>	<b>Input</b> - The number of iterations between saving YANK checkpoint files.
<code>dependencies</code>	A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.
<code>electrostatic_lambdas_1</code>	<b>Input</b> - The list of electrostatic alchemical states that YANK should sample at.
<code>electrostatic_lambdas_2</code>	<b>Input</b> - The list of electrostatic alchemical states that YANK should sample at.
<code>estimated_free_energy</code>	<b>Output</b> - The estimated free energy value and its uncertainty returned by YANK.
<code>id</code>	The unique id of this protocol.
<code>number_of_equilibration_iterations</code>	<b>Input</b> - The number of iterations used for equilibration before production run.
<code>number_of_iterations</code>	<b>Input</b> - The number of YANK iterations to perform.
<code>outputs</code>	A dictionary of the outputs of this property.
<code>required_inputs</code>	The inputs which must be set on this protocol.
<code>schema</code>	A serializable schema for this object.
<code>setup_only</code>	<b>Input</b> - If true, YANK will only create and validate the setup files, but not actually run any simulations.
<code>solute</code>	<b>Input</b> - The substance describing the composition of the solute.
<code>solvent_1</code>	<b>Input</b> - The substance describing the composition of the first solvent.
<code>solvent_1_coordinates</code>	<b>Input</b> - The file path to the coordinates of the solute embedded in the first solvent.
<code>solvent_1_system</code>	<b>Input</b> - The file path to the system object of the solute embedded in the first solvent.
<code>solvent_1_trajectory_path</code>	<b>Output</b> - The file path to the trajectory of the solute in the first solvent.
<code>solvent_2</code>	<b>Input</b> - The substance describing the composition of the second solvent.
<code>solvent_2_coordinates</code>	<b>Input</b> - The file path to the coordinates of the solute embedded in the second solvent.

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<i>solvent_2_system</i>	<b>Input</b> - The file path to the system object of the solute embedded in the second solvent.
<i>solvent_2_trajectory_path</i>	<b>Output</b> - The file path to the trajectory of the solute in the second solvent.
<i>steps_per_iteration</i>	<b>Input</b> - The number of steps per YANK iteration to perform.
<i>steric_lambdas_1</i>	<b>Input</b> - The list of steric alchemical states that YANK should sample at.
<i>steric_lambdas_2</i>	<b>Input</b> - The list of steric alchemical states that YANK should sample at.
<i>thermodynamic_state</i>	<b>Input</b> - The state at which to run the calculations.
<i>timestep</i>	<b>Input</b> - The length of the timestep to take.
<i>verbose</i>	<b>Input</b> - Controls whether or not to run YANK at high verbosity.

**solute**

**Input** - The substance describing the composition of the solute. This should include the solute molecule as well as any counter ions. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type *Substance*

**solvent\_1**

**Input** - The substance describing the composition of the first solvent. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type *Substance*

**solvent\_2**

**Input** - The substance describing the composition of the second solvent. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type *Substance*

**solvent\_1\_coordinates**

**Input** - The file path to the coordinates of the solute embedded in the first solvent. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type *str*

**solvent\_1\_system**

**Input** - The file path to the system object of the solute embedded in the first solvent. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type *str*

**solvent\_2\_coordinates**

**Input** - The file path to the coordinates of the solute embedded in the second solvent. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type *str*

**solvent\_2\_system**

**Input** - The file path to the system object of the solute embedded in the second solvent. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type *str*

**electrostatic\_lambdas\_1**

**Input** - The list of electrostatic alchemical states that YANK should sample at. These values will be

passed to the YANK *lambda\_electrostatics* option. If no option is set, YANK will use *trailblaze* algorithm to determine this option automatically. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

Type `list`

#### **steric\_lambdas\_1**

**Input** - The list of steric alchemical states that YANK should sample at. These values will be passed to the YANK *lambda\_sterics* option. If no option is set, YANK will use *trailblaze* algorithm to determine this option automatically. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

Type `list`

#### **electrostatic\_lambdas\_2**

**Input** - The list of electrostatic alchemical states that YANK should sample at. These values will be passed to the YANK *lambda\_electrostatics* option. If no option is set, YANK will use *trailblaze* algorithm to determine this option automatically. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

Type `list`

#### **steric\_lambdas\_2**

**Input** - The list of steric alchemical states that YANK should sample at. These values will be passed to the YANK *lambda\_sterics* option. If no option is set, YANK will use *trailblaze* algorithm to determine this option automatically. The default value of this attribute is not set. This attribute is *optional*.

Type `list`

#### **solvent\_1\_trajectory\_path**

**Output** - The file path to the trajectory of the solute in the first solvent. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `str`

#### **solvent\_2\_trajectory\_path**

**Output** - The file path to the trajectory of the solute in the second solvent. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

Type `str`

#### **allow\_merging**

**Input** - Defines whether this protocols is allowed to merge with other protocols. The default value of this attribute is `True`.

Type `bool`

#### **apply\_replicator** (*replicator*, *template\_values*, *template\_index*=- 1, *template\_value*=None, *update\_input\_references*=False)

Applies a *ProtocolReplicator* to this protocol. This method should clone any protocols whose id contains the id of the replicator (in the format *\$(replicator.id)*).

##### **Parameters**

- **replicator** (*ProtocolReplicator*) – The replicator to apply.
- **template\_values** (*list of Any*) – A list of the values which will be inserted into the newly replicated protocols.  
  
This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_index* and *template\_value*
- **template\_index** (*int*, *optional*) – A specific value which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_value*.

- **template\_value** (*Any, optional*) – A specific index which should be used for any protocols flagged as to be replicated by the replicator. This option is mainly used when replicating children of an already replicated protocol.

This parameter is mutually exclusive with *template\_values* and must be set along with a *template\_index*.

- **update\_input\_references** (*bool*) – If true, any protocols which take their input from a protocol which was flagged for replication will be updated to take input from the actually replicated protocol. This should only be set to true if this protocol is not nested within a workflow or a protocol group.

This option cannot be used when a specific *template\_index* or *template\_value* is provided.

**Returns** A dictionary of references to all of the protocols which have been replicated, with keys of original protocol ids. Each value is comprised of a list of the replicated protocol ids, and their index into the *template\_values* array.

**Return type** dict of ProtocolPath and list of tuple of ProtocolPath and int

**can\_merge** (*other, path\_replacements=None*)

Determines whether this protocol can be merged with another.

**Parameters**

- **other** (*Protocol*) – The protocol to compare against.
- **path\_replacements** (*list of tuple of str, optional*) – Replacements to make in any value reference protocol paths before comparing for equality.

**Returns** True if the two protocols are safe to merge.

**Return type** *bool*

**checkpoint\_interval**

**Input** - The number of iterations between saving YANK checkpoint files. When two protocols are merged, the largest value of this attribute from either protocol is retained. The default value of this attribute is 50.

**Type** *int*

**property dependencies**

A list of pointers to the protocols which this protocol takes input from.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

**estimated\_free\_energy**

**Output** - The estimated free energy value and its uncertainty returned by YANK. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** Measurement

**execute** (*directory="", available\_resources=None*)

Execute the protocol.

**Parameters**

- **directory** (*str*) – The directory to store output data in.
- **available\_resources** (*ComputeResources*) – The resources available to execute on. If *None*, the protocol will be executed on a single CPU.

**classmethod** `from_json(file_path)`

Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** `file_path` (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod** `from_schema(schema)`

Initializes a protocol from it's schema definition.

**Parameters** `schema` (*ProtocolSchema*) – The schema to initialize the protocol using.

**Returns** The initialized protocol.

**Return type** `cls`

**classmethod** `get_attributes(attribute_type=None)`

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** `attribute_type` (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** `list of str`

**get\_class\_attribute** (*reference\_path*)

Returns one of this protocols, or any of its children's, attributes directly (rather than its value).

**Parameters** `reference_path` (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the attribute to return.

**Returns** The class attribute.

**Return type** `object`

**get\_value** (*reference\_path*)

Returns the value of one of this protocols inputs / outputs.

**Parameters** `reference_path` (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.

**Returns** The value of the input / output

**Return type** `Any`

**get\_value\_references** (*input\_path*)

Returns a dictionary of references to the protocols which one of this protocols inputs (specified by *input\_path*) takes its value from.

## Notes

Currently this method only functions correctly for an input value which is either currently a *ProtocolPath*, or a *list / dict* which contains at least one *ProtocolPath*.

**Parameters** `input_path` (*ProtocolPath*) – The input value to check.

**Returns** A dictionary of the protocol paths that the input targeted by *input\_path* depends upon.

**Return type** `dict of ProtocolPath and ProtocolPath`

**id**

The unique id of this protocol. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** `str`

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)

Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** *str*

**merge** (*other*)

Merges another Protocol with this one. The id of this protocol will remain unchanged.

**Parameters** **other** (*Protocol*) – The protocol to merge into this one.

**Returns** A map between any original protocol ids and their new merged values.

**Return type** *Dict[str, str]*

**number\_of\_equilibration\_iterations**

**Input** - The number of iterations used for equilibration before production run. Only post-equilibration iterations are written to file. The default value of this attribute is 1.

**Type** *int*

**number\_of\_iterations**

**Input** - The number of YANK iterations to perform. The default value of this attribute is 5000.

**Type** *int*

**property outputs**

A dictionary of the outputs of this property.

**Type** *dict of ProtocolPath and Any*

**classmethod parse\_json** (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** *Any*

**replace\_protocol** (*old\_id, new\_id*)

**Finds each input which came from a given protocol** and redirects it to instead take input from a new one.

## Notes

This method is mainly intended to be used only when merging multiple protocols into one.

### Parameters

- **old\_id** (*str*) – The id of the old input protocol.
- **new\_id** (*str*) – The id of the new input protocol.

### property required\_inputs

The inputs which must be set on this protocol.

**Type** list of ProtocolPath

### property schema

A serializable schema for this object.

**Type** *ProtocolSchema*

### set\_uuid (value)

Prepend a unique identifier to this protocols id. If the id already has a prepended uuid, it will be overwritten by this value.

**Parameters** **value** (*str*) – The uuid to prepend.

### set\_value (reference\_path, value)

Sets the value of one of this protocols inputs.

### Parameters

- **reference\_path** (*ProtocolPath*) – The path pointing to the value to return.
- **value** (*Any*) – The value to set.

### setup\_only

**Input** - If true, YANK will only create and validate the setup files, but not actually run any simulations. This argument is mainly only to be used for testing purposes. The default value of this attribute is `False`.

**Type** `bool`

### steps\_per\_iteration

**Input** - The number of steps per YANK iteration to perform. The default value of this attribute is 500.

**Type** `int`

### thermodynamic\_state

**Input** - The state at which to run the calculations. The default value of this attribute is not set and must be set by the user..

**Type** *ThermodynamicState*

### timestep

**Input** - The length of the timestep to take. When two protocols are merged, the largest value of this attribute from either protocol is retained. The default value of this attribute is 2 fs.

**Type** Quantity

### validate (attribute\_type=None)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** `ValueError` or `AssertionError` –

**verbose**

**Input** - Controls whether or not to run YANK at high verbosity. The default value of this attribute is False.

**Type** bool

2.26.11 Workflow Construction Utilities

<i>BaseReweightingProtocols</i>	
<i>BaseSimulationProtocols</i>	
<i>generate_base_reweighting_protocols</i>	Constructs a set of protocols which, when combined in a workflow schema, may be executed to reweight a set of existing data to estimate a particular property.
<i>generate_base_simulation_protocols</i>	Constructs a set of protocols which, when combined in a workflow schema, may be executed to run a single simulation to estimate a particular property.
<i>generate_gradient_protocol_group</i>	Constructs a set of protocols which, when combined in a workflow schema, may be executed to reweight a set of existing data to estimate a particular property.

BaseReweightingProtocols

```
class openff.evaluator.protocols.utils.BaseReweightingProtocols (unpack_stored_data,
                                                                    analy-
                                                                    sis_protocol,
                                                                    decorre-
                                                                    late_statistics,
                                                                    decorre-
                                                                    late_trajectory,
                                                                    concate-
                                                                    nate_trajectories,
                                                                    concate-
                                                                    nate_statistics,
                                                                    build_reference_system,
                                                                    re-
                                                                    duced_reference_potential,
                                                                    build_target_system,
                                                                    re-
                                                                    duced_target_potential,
                                                                    mbar_protocol)

    __init__ ()
        Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.
```

## Methods

<code>__init__</code>	Initialize self.
<code>count</code>	Return number of occurrences of value.
<code>index</code>	Return first index of value.

## Attributes

<code>analysis_protocol</code>	Alias for field number 1
<code>build_reference_system</code>	Alias for field number 6
<code>build_target_system</code>	Alias for field number 8
<code>concatenate_statistics</code>	Alias for field number 5
<code>concatenate_trajectories</code>	Alias for field number 4
<code>decorrelate_statistics</code>	Alias for field number 2
<code>decorrelate_trajectory</code>	Alias for field number 3
<code>mbar_protocol</code>	Alias for field number 10
<code>reduced_reference_potential</code>	Alias for field number 7
<code>reduced_target_potential</code>	Alias for field number 9
<code>unpack_stored_data</code>	Alias for field number 0

**property analysis\_protocol**

Alias for field number 1

**property build\_reference\_system**

Alias for field number 6

**property build\_target\_system**

Alias for field number 8

**property concatenate\_statistics**

Alias for field number 5

**property concatenate\_trajectories**

Alias for field number 4

**count ()**

Return number of occurrences of value.

**property decorrelate\_statistics**

Alias for field number 2

**property decorrelate\_trajectory**

Alias for field number 3

**index ()**

Return first index of value.

Raises ValueError if the value is not present.

**property mbar\_protocol**

Alias for field number 10

**property reduced\_reference\_potential**

Alias for field number 7

**property reduced\_target\_potential**

Alias for field number 9



**property** `unpack_stored_data`

Alias for field number 0

## BaseSimulationProtocols

```
class openff.evaluator.protocols.utils.BaseSimulationProtocols (build_coordinates,  
as-  
sign_parameters,  
en-  
ergy_minimisation,  
equilibra-  
tion_simulation,  
produc-  
tion_simulation,  
analy-  
sis_protocol,  
con-  
verge_uncertainty,  
ex-  
tract_uncorrelated_trajectory,  
ex-  
tract_uncorrelated_statistics)
```

**\_\_init\_\_** ()

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

## Methods

<code>__init__</code>	Initialize self.
<code>count</code>	Return number of occurrences of value.
<code>index</code>	Return first index of value.

## Attributes

<code>analysis_protocol</code>	Alias for field number 5
<code>assign_parameters</code>	Alias for field number 1
<code>build_coordinates</code>	Alias for field number 0
<code>converge_uncertainty</code>	Alias for field number 6
<code>energy_minimisation</code>	Alias for field number 2
<code>equilibration_simulation</code>	Alias for field number 3
<code>extract_uncorrelated_statistics</code>	Alias for field number 8
<code>extract_uncorrelated_trajectory</code>	Alias for field number 7
<code>production_simulation</code>	Alias for field number 4

**property** `analysis_protocol`

Alias for field number 5

**property** `assign_parameters`

Alias for field number 1

**property** `build_coordinates`

Alias for field number 0

**property converge\_uncertainty**

Alias for field number 6

**count()**

Return number of occurrences of value.

**property energy\_minimisation**

Alias for field number 2

**property equilibration\_simulation**

Alias for field number 3

**property extract\_uncorrelated\_statistics**

Alias for field number 8

**property extract\_uncorrelated\_trajectory**

Alias for field number 7

**index()**

Return first index of value.

Raises ValueError if the value is not present.

**property production\_simulation**

Alias for field number 4

## generate\_base\_reweighting\_protocols

`openff.evaluator.protocols.utils.generate_base_reweighting_protocols` (*analysis\_protocol*,  
*mbar\_protocol*,  
*repli-*  
*ca-*  
*tor\_id='data\_repl'*,  
*id\_suffix=''*)

Constructs a set of protocols which, when combined in a workflow schema, may be executed to reweight a set of existing data to estimate a particular property. The reweighted observable of interest will be calculated by following the passed in *analysis\_protocol*.

### Parameters

- **analysis\_protocol** (*AveragePropertyProtocol*) – The protocol which will take input from the stored data, and generate a set of observables to reweight.
- **mbar\_protocol** (*BaseReweightingProtocol*) – A template mbar reweighting protocol, which has it's reference observables already set. This method will automatically set the reduced potentials on this object.
- **replicator\_id** (*str*) – The id to use for the data replicator.
- **id\_suffix** (*str*) – A string suffix to append to each of the protocol ids.

### Returns

- *BaseReweightingProtocols* – A named tuple of the protocol which should form the bulk of a property estimation workflow.
- *ProtocolReplicator* – A replicator which will clone the workflow for each piece of stored data.

## generate\_base\_simulation\_protocols

```
openff.evaluator.protocols.utils.generate_base_simulation_protocols(analysis_protocol,
                                                                    use_target_uncertainty,
                                                                    id_suffix="",
                                                                    conditional_group=None,
                                                                    n_molecules=1000)
```

Constructs a set of protocols which, when combined in a workflow schema, may be executed to run a single simulation to estimate a particular property. The observable of interest to extract from the simulation is determined by the passed in *analysis\_protocol*.

The protocols returned will:

- 1) Build a set of liquid coordinates for the property substance using packmol.
- 2) Assign a set of smirnoff force field parameters to the system.
- 3) Perform an energy minimisation on the system.
- 4) Run a short NPT equilibration simulation for 100000 steps using a timestep of 2fs.
- 5) Within a conditional group (up to a maximum of 100 times):
  - 5a) Run a longer NPT production simulation for 1000000 steps using a timestep of 2fs
  - 5b) Extract the average value of an observable and it's uncertainty.
  - 5c) If a convergence mode is set by the options, check if the target uncertainty has been met.**  
If not, repeat steps 5a), 5b) and 5c).
- 6) Extract uncorrelated configurations from a generated production simulation.
- 7) Extract uncorrelated statistics from a generated production simulation.

### Parameters

- **analysis\_protocol** (*AveragePropertyProtocol*) – The protocol which will extract the observable of interest from the generated simulation data.
- **use\_target\_uncertainty** (*bool*) – Whether to run the simulation until the observable is estimated to within the target uncertainty.
- **id\_suffix** (*str*) – A string suffix to append to each of the protocol ids.
- **conditional\_group** (*ProtocolGroup*, *optional*) – A custom group to wrap the main simulation / extraction protocols within. It is up to the caller of this method to manually add the convergence conditions to this group. If *None*, a default group with uncertainty convergence conditions is automatically constructed.
- **n\_molecules** (*int*) – The number of molecules to use in the workflow.

### Returns

- *BaseSimulationProtocols* – A named tuple of the generated protocols.
- *ProtocolPath* – A reference to the final value of the estimated observable and its uncertainty (a *pint.Measurement*).
- *StoredSimulationData* – An object which describes the default data from a simulation to store, such as the uncorrelated statistics and configurations.

## generate\_gradient\_protocol\_group

```
openff.evaluator.protocols.utils.generate_gradient_protocol_group(template_reweighting_protocol,
                                                                    force_field_path,
                                                                    coordi-
                                                                    nate_file_path,
                                                                    trajec-
                                                                    tory_file_path,
                                                                    statis-
                                                                    tics_file_path,
                                                                    replica-
                                                                    tor_id='repl',
                                                                    sub-
                                                                    stance_source=None,
                                                                    id_suffix="",
                                                                    en-
                                                                    able_pbc=True,
                                                                    effec-
                                                                    tive_sample_indices=None)
```

Constructs a set of protocols which, when combined in a workflow schema, may be executed to reweight a set of existing data to estimate a particular property. The reweighted observable of interest will be calculated by following the passed in *analysis\_protocol*.

### Parameters

- **template\_reweighting\_protocol** (`BaseMBARProtocol`) – A template protocol which will be used to reweight the observable of interest to small perturbations to the parameter of interest. These will then be used to calculate the finite difference gradient.

The template *must* have its *reference\_reduced\_potentials* input set. The *target\_reduced\_potentials* input will be set automatically by this function.

In the case that the template is of type *ReweightStatistics* and the observable is an energy, the statistics path will automatically be pointed to the energies evaluated using the perturbed parameter as opposed to the energy measured during the reference simulation.

- **force\_field\_path** (`ProtocolPath`) –  
The path to the force field parameters which the observables are being estimated at.
- **coordinate\_file\_path** (`ProtocolPath`) – A path to the initial coordinates of the simulation trajectory which was used to estimate the observable of interest.
- **trajectory\_file\_path** (`ProtocolPath`) – A path to the simulation trajectory which was used to estimate the observable of interest.
- **statistics\_file\_path** (`ProtocolPath`, *optional*) – A path to the statistics which were generated alongside the trajectory passed to the *trajectory\_file\_path*. These should have been generated using the passed *force\_field\_path*.
- **replicator\_id** (*str*) – A unique id which will be used for the protocol replicator which will replicate this group for every parameter of interest.
- **substance\_source** (`PlaceholderValue`, *optional*) – An optional protocol path to the substance whose gradient is being estimated. If *None*, the global property substance is used.
- **id\_suffix** (*str*) – An optional string to append to the end of each of the protocol ids.
- **enable\_pbc** (*bool*) – If true, periodic boundary conditions are employed when recalculating the reduced potentials.

- **effective\_sample\_indices** (*ProtocolPath*, *optional*) – A placeholder variable which in future will ensure that only samples with a non-zero weight are included in the gradient calculation.

#### Returns

- *ProtocolGroup* – The protocol group which will estimate the gradient of an observable with respect to one parameter.
- *ProtocolReplicator* – The replicator which will copy the gradient group for every parameter of interest.
- *ProtocolPath* – A protocol path which points to the final gradient value.

## 2.26.12 Attribute Utilities

<i>Attribute</i>	A custom descriptor used to add useful metadata to class attributes.
<i>AttributeClass</i>	A base class for objects which require well defined attributes with additional metadata.
<i>UNDEFINED</i>	A custom type used to differentiate between None values, and an undeclared optional value.
<i>PlaceholderValue</i>	A class to act as a place holder for an attribute whose value is not known a priori, but will be set later by some specialised code.

### Attribute

```
class openff.evaluator.attributes.Attribute (docstring, type_hint, de-
                                         fault_value=<openff.evaluator.attributes.attributes.UndefinedAttribute
                                         object>, optional=False, read_only=False)
```

A custom descriptor used to add useful metadata to class attributes.

This decorator expects the object to have a matching private field in addition to the public attribute. For example if an object has an attribute *substance*, the object must also have a *\_substance* field.

### Notes

The attribute class will automatically create this private attribute on the object and populate it with the default value.

```
__init__ (docstring, type_hint, default_value=<openff.evaluator.attributes.attributes.UndefinedAttribute
object>, optional=False, read_only=False)
Initializes a new Attribute object.
```

#### Parameters

- **docstring** (*str*) – A docstring describing the attributes purpose. This will automatically be decorated with additional information such as type hints, default values, etc.
- **type\_hint** (*type*, *typing.Union*) – The expected type of this attribute. This will be used to help the workflow engine ensure that expected input types match corresponding output values.
- **default\_value** (*Any*) – The default value for this attribute.

- **optional** (*bool*) – Defines whether this is an optional input of a class. If true, the *default\_value* should be set to *UNDEFINED*.
- **read\_only** (*bool*) – Defines whether this attribute is read-only.

## Methods

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<code>__init__(docstring, type_hint[, ...])</code>	Initializes a new Attribute object.
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## AttributeClass

**class** `openff.evaluator.attributes.AttributeClass`

A base class for objects which require well defined attributes with additional metadata.

`__init__()`  
Initialize self. See `help(type(self))` for accurate signature.

## Methods

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<code>__init__</code>	Initialize self.
<code>from_json(file_path)</code>	Create this object from a JSON file.
<code>get_attributes([attribute_type])</code>	Returns all attributes of a specific <i>attribute_type</i> .
<code>json([file_path, format])</code>	Creates a JSON representation of this class.
<code>parse_json(string_contents[, encoding])</code>	Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.
<code>validate([attribute_type])</code>	Validate the values of the attributes.

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**validate** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Validate the values of the attributes. If *attribute\_type* is set, only attributes of that type will be validated.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to validate.

**Raises** **ValueError** or **AssertionError** –

**classmethod** **get\_attributes** (*attribute\_type=None*)

Returns all attributes of a specific *attribute\_type*.

**Parameters** **attribute\_type** (*type of Attribute, optional*) – The type of attribute to search for.

**Returns** The names of the attributes of the specified type.

**Return type** list of str

**classmethod** **parse\_json** (*string\_contents, encoding='utf8'*)

Parses a typed json string into the corresponding class structure.

**Parameters**

- **string\_contents** (*str or bytes*) – The typed json string.
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding of the *string\_contents*.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** Any

**classmethod** `from_json(file_path)`  
Create this object from a JSON file.

**Parameters** `file_path` (*str*) – The path to load the JSON from.

**Returns** The parsed class.

**Return type** cls

**json** (*file\_path=None, format=False*)  
Creates a JSON representation of this class.

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** (*str, optional*) – The (optional) file path to save the JSON file to.
- **format** (*bool*) – Whether to format the JSON or not.

**Returns** The JSON representation of this class.

**Return type** str

UNDEFINED

`openff.evaluator.attributes.UNDEFINED = <openff.evaluator.attributes.attributes.UndefinedAttribute>`  
A custom type used to differentiate between None values, and an undeclared optional value.

PlaceholderValue

**class** `openff.evaluator.attributes.PlaceholderValue`  
A class to act as a place holder for an attribute whose value is not known a priori, but will be set later by some specialised code. This may include the input to a protocol which will be set by a workflow as the output of an executed protocol.

`__init__()`  
Initialize self. See `help(type(self))` for accurate signature.

Methods

<code>__init__</code>	Initialize self.
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2.26.13 Plug-in Utilities

Plug-ins

<code>register_default_plugins</code>	Registers the built-in workflow protocols, calculation layers and physical properties with the plugin system.
<code>register_external_plugins</code>	Registers any supported plugins found in external packages with the plugin system.

### register\_default\_plugins

```
openff.evaluator.plugins.register_default_plugins()
```

Registers the built-in workflow protocols, calculation layers and physical properties with the plugin system.

### register\_external\_plugins

```
openff.evaluator.plugins.register_external_plugins()
```

Registers any supported plugins found in external packages with the plugin system.

## 2.27 Release History

Releases follow the `major.minor.micro` scheme recommended by [PEP440](#), where

- `major` increments denote a change that may break API compatibility with previous `major` releases
- `minor` increments add features but do not break API compatibility
- `micro` increments represent bugfix releases or improvements in documentation

### 2.27.1 0.1.0 - OpenFF Evaluator

Introducing the OpenFF Evaluator! The release marks a significant milestone in the development of this project, and constitutes an almost full redesign of the framework with a focus on stability and ease of use.

**Note:** *because of the extensive changes made throughout the entire framework, this release should almost be considered as an entirely new package. No files produced by previous versions of this will work with this new release.*

#### Clearer Branding

First and foremost, this release marks the complete rebranding from the previously named *propertyestimator* to the new *openff-evaluator* package. This change is accompanied by the introduction of a new `openff` namespace for the package, signifying it's position in the larger Open Force Field infrastructure and pipelines.

What was previously:

```
import propertyestimator
```

now becomes:

```
import openff.evaluator
```

The rebranded package is now shipped on conda under the new name of `openff-evaluator`:

```
conda install -c conda-forge -c omnia openff-evaluator
```



## Markedly Improved Documentation

In addition, the release includes for the first time a significant amount of documentation for using the ``framework and it's features`_` as well as a collection of user focused tutorials which can be ran directly in the browser.

## Support for RDKit

This release almost entirely removes the dependence on OpenEye thanks to support for RDKit almost universally across the framework.

The only remaining instance where OpenEye is still required is for host-guest binding affinity calculations where it is used to perform docking.

## Model Validation

Starting with this release almost all models, range from `PhysicalProperty` entries to `ProtocolSchema` objects, are now heavily validated to help catch any typos or errors early on.

## Batching of Similar Properties

The `EvaluatorServer` now more intelligently attempts to batch properties which may be computed using the same simulations into a single batch to be estimated. While the behaviour was already supported for pure properties in previous, this has now been significantly expanded to work well with mixture properties.

### 2.27.2 0.0.9 - Multi-state Reweighting Fix

This release implements a fix for calculating the gradients of properties being estimated by reweighting data cached from multiple independant simulations.

## Bugfixes

- PR #143: Fix for multi-state gradient calculations.

### 2.27.3 0.0.8 - ThermoML Improvements

This release is centered around cleaning up the ThermoML data set utilities. The main change is that ThermoML archive files can now be loaded even if they don't contain measurement uncertainties.

## New Features

- PR #142: ThermoML archives without uncertainties can now be loaded.

### Breaking Changes

- PR #142: All *ThermoMLXXX* classes other than *ThermoMLDataSet* are now private.

### 2.27.4 0.0.7 - Bug Quick Fixes

This release aims to fix a number of minor bugs.

#### Bugfixes

- PR #136: Fix for comparing thermodynamic states with unset pressures.
- PR #138: Fix for a typo in the maximum number of minimization iterations.

### 2.27.5 0.0.6 - Solvation Free Energies

This release centers around two key changes -

- i) a general refactoring of the protocol classes to be much cleaner and extensible through the removal of the old stub functions and the addition of cleaner descriptors.
- ii) the addition of workflows to estimate solvation free energies via the new *SolvationYankProtocol* and *SolvationFreeEnergy* classes.

The implemented free energy workflow is still rather basic, and does not yet support calculating parameter gradients or estimation from cached simulation data through reweighting.

A new table has been added to the documentation to make clear which built-in properties support which features.

#### New Features

- PR #110: Cleanup and refactor of protocol classes.
- PR #125: Support for PBS based HPC clusters.
- PR #127: Adds a basic workflow for estimating solvation free energies with *YANK*.
- PR #130: Adds a cleaner mechanism for restarting simulations from checkpoints.
- PR #134: Update to a more stable dask version.

#### Bugfixes

- PR #128: Removed the defunct dask backend *processes* kwarg.
- PR #133: Fix for tests failing on MacOS due to *travis* issues.

## Breaking Changes

- PR #130: The `RunOpenMMSimulation.steps` input has now been split into the `steps_per_iteration` and `total_number_of_iterations` inputs.

## Migration Guide

This release contained several public API breaking changes. For the most part, these can be remedied by the follow steps:

- Replace all instances of `run_openmm_simulation_protocol.steps` to `run_openmm_simulation_protocol.steps_per_iteration`

### 2.27.6 0.0.5 - Fix For Merging of Estimation Requests

This release implements a fix for a major bug which caused incorrect results to be returned when submitting multiple estimation requests at the same time - namely, the returned results became jumbled between the different requests. As an example, if a request was made to estimate a data set using the *smirnoff99frosst* force field, and then straight after with the *gaff 1.81* force field, the results of the *smirnoff99frosst* request may contain some properties estimated with *gaff 1.81* and vice versa.

This issue does not affect cases where only a single request was made and completed at a time (i.e the results of the previous request completed before the next estimation request was made).

## Bugfixes

- PR #119: Fixes gather task merging.
- PR #121: Update to distributed 2.5.1.

### 2.27.7 0.0.4 - Initial Support for Non-SMIRNOFF FFs

This release adds initial support for estimating property data sets using force fields not based on the SMIRNOFF specification. In particular, initial AMBER force field support has been added, along with a protocol which applies said force fields using `tleap`.

## New Features

- PR #96: Adds a mechanism for specifying force fields not in the SMIRNOFF spec.
- PR #99: Adds support for applying AMBER force field parameters through `tleap`
- PR #111: Protocols now stream trajectories from disk, rather than pre-load the whole thing.
- PR #112: Specific types of protocols can now be easily be replaced using `WorkflowOptions`.
- PR #117: Adds support for converting `PhysicalPropertyDataSet` objects to `pandas.DataFrame`.

### Bugfixes

- PR #115: Fixes caching data for substances whose smiles contain forward slashes.
- PR #116: Fixes inconsistent mole fraction rounding.

### Breaking Changes

- PR #96: The `PropertyEstimatorClient.request_estimate(force_field=...)` argument has been renamed to `force_field_source`.

### Migration Guide

This release contained several public API breaking changes. For the most part, these can be remedied by the follow steps:

- Change all instances of `PropertyEstimatorClient.request_estimate(force_field=...)` to `PropertyEstimatorClient.request_estimate(force_field_source=...)`

## 2.27.8 0.0.3 - ExcessMolarVolume and Typing Improvements

This release implements a number of bug fixes and adds two key new features, namely built in support for estimating excess molar volume measurements, and improved type checking for protocol inputs and outputs.

### New Features

- PR #98: Substance objects may now have components with multiple amount types.
- PR #101: Added support for estimating `ExcessMolarVolume` measurements from simulations.
- PR #104: `typing.Union` is now a valid type arguement to `protocol_output` and `protocol_input`.

### Bugfixes

- PR #94: Fixes exception when testing equality of `ProtocolPath` objects.
- PR #100: Fixes precision issues when ensuring mole fractions are  $\leq 1.0$ .
- PR #102: Fixes replicated input for children of replicated protocols.
- PR #105: Fixes excess properties weighting by the wrong mole fractions.
- PR #107: Fixes excess properties being converged to the wrong uncertainty.
- PR #108: Fixes calculating MBAR gradients of reweighted properties.

## Breaking Changes

- PR #98: `Substance.get_amount` renamed to `Substance.get_amounts` and now returns an immutable frozenset of `Amount` objects, rather than a single `Amount`.
- PR #104: The `DivideGradientByScalar`, `MultiplyGradientByScalar`, `AddGradients`, `SubtractGradients` and `WeightGradientByMoleFraction` protocols have been removed. The `WeightQuantityByMoleFraction` protocol has been renamed to `WeightByMoleFraction`.

## Migration Guide

This release contained several public API breaking changes. For the most part, these can be remedied by the follow steps:

- Change all instances of `Substance.get_amount` to `Substance.get_amounts` and handle the newly returned frozenset of amounts, rather than the previously returned single amount.
- Replace the now removed protocols as follows:
  - `DivideGradientByScalar` -> `DivideValue`
  - `MultiplyGradientByScalar` -> `MultiplyValue`
  - `AddGradients` -> `AddValues`
  - `SubtractGradients` -> `SubtractValues`
  - `WeightGradientByMoleFraction` -> `WeightByMoleFraction`
  - `WeightQuantityByMoleFraction` -> `WeightByMoleFraction`

### 2.27.9 0.0.2 - Replicator Quick Fixes

A minor release to fix a number of minor bugs related to replicating protocols.

#### Bugfixes

- PR #90: Fixes merging gradient protocols with the same id.
- PR #92: Fixes replicating protocols for more than 10 template values.
- PR #93: Fixes `ConditionalGroup` objects losing their conditions input.

### 2.27.10 0.0.1 - Initial Release

The initial pre-alpha release of the framework.

## 2.28 Release Process

This document aims to outline the steps needed to release the `openff-evaluator` on `omnia`. This should only be done with the approval of the core maintainers.

### 2.28.1 1. Update the Release History

If no PR has been submitted, create a new one to keep track of changes to the release notes *only*. Only the `releasehistory.rst` file may be edited in this PR.

Ensure that the release history file is up to date, and conforms to the below template:

[illegible]

## 2.28.2 2: Cut the Release on GitHub

To cut a new release on GitHub:

- 1) Go to the Releases tab on the front page of the repo and choose Create a new release.
- 2) Set the release tag using the form: X.Y.Z
- 3) Added a descriptive title using the form: X.Y.Z [Descriptive Title]
- 4) Ensure the This is a pre-release checkbox is ticked.
- 5) Reformat the release notes from part 1) into markdown and paste into the description box.
  - a) Append the following extra message above the *New Features* title:

A richer version of these release notes **with** live links to API documentation **is** [↪available on \[our ReadTheDocs page\]](https://property-estimator.readthedocs.io/en/latest/releasehistory.html) ([https://property-estimator.readthedocs.io/en/latest/↪releasehistory.html](https://property-estimator.readthedocs.io/en/latest/releasehistory.html))

See our [\[installation instructions\]](https://property-estimator.readthedocs.io/en/latest/install.html) ([https://property-estimator.readthedocs.io/en/↪latest/install.html](https://property-estimator.readthedocs.io/en/latest/install.html)).

Please report bugs, request features, **or** ask questions through our [\[issue tracker\]](https://github.com/openforcefield/openff-evaluator/issues) (<https://github.com/openforcefield/openff-evaluator/issues>).

**\*\*Please note that this **is** a pre-alpha release **and** there will still be major changes** [↪to the API](#) prior to a stable 1.0.0 release.\*\*

*Note - You do not need to upload any files. The source code will automatically be added as a `.tar.gz`` file.*

### 2.28.3 3: Trigger a New Build on Omnia

To trigger the build in omnia:

1) Create branch or fork of omnia-md/conda-recipes with the following changes to openff-evaluator in [meta.yaml](#):

- a) Set `git_tag` to match the git release tag
- b) Update the `version` to match the release (this will go into the conda package name)
- c) Set `build` to 0
- d) Update any dependencies in the `requirements` section
- e) If we want to push to special `rc` label use `extra.upload`

2) Open PR to merge branch or fork into omnia-md master:

- a) The PR title should have the format `[openff-evaluator] X.Y.Z (label: rc)`
- b) No PR body text is needed
- c) Travis will run on this PR (~30 minutes) and attempt to build the package. Under no conditions will the package be uploaded before the PR is merged. This step is just to ensure that building doesn't crash.
- d) If the build is successful the PR should be reviewed and merged by the omnia maintainers
- e) **Once merged into master** the package is built again on travis, and pushed to the channel set in `meta.yaml` (`main`, `beta`, or `rc`)

3) Test the omnia package:

- a) `conda install -c omnia openff-evaluator`

*Note: Omnia builds take about 30 minutes to run. When you open a PR the build will run, and you can check the bottom of the travis logs for "package failed to build" listings. Some packages always fail (protons, assaytools), but ``openff-evaluator`` shouldn't be there. Ctrl-F for ``openff-evaluator`` to ensure that it did build at all though.*

## 2.28.4 4: Update the ReadTheDocs Build Versions

To ensure that the read the docs pages are updated:

- 1) Trigger a RTD build of `latest`.
- 2) Under the `Versions` tab add the new release version to the list of built versions and **save**.
- 3) Verify the new version docs have been built and pushed correctly
- 4) Under `Admin | Advanced Settings`: Set the new release version as Default version to display and **save**.



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