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Resource Information

URL: <http://neuralensemble.org/PyNN/>

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Description: Software Python package for simulator-independent specification of neuronal network models. In other words, you can write the code for a model once, using the PyNN API, and then run it without modification on any simulator that PyNN supports (currently NEURON, NEST and PCSIM). The API has two parts, a low-level, procedural API (functions `create()`, `connect()`, `set()`, `record()`, `record_v()`), and a high-level, object-oriented API (classes `Population` and `Projection`, which have methods like `set()`, `record()`, `setWeights()`, etc.). The low-level API is good for small networks, and perhaps gives more flexibility. The high-level API is good for hiding the details and the book-keeping, and is intended to have a one-to-one mapping with FacetsML. The other thing that is required to write a model once and run it on multiple simulators is standard cell models. PyNN translates standard cell-model names and parameter names into simulator-specific names, e.g. standard model `IF_curr_alpha` is `iaf_neuron` in NEST and `StandardIF` in NEURON, while `SpikeSourcePoisson` is a `poisson_generator` in NEST and a `NetStim` in NEURON. Only a small number of cell models have been implemented so far.

Abbreviations: PyNN

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Ratings and Alerts

No rating or validation information has been found for PyNN.

No alerts have been found for PyNN.

Data and Source Information

Source: [SciCrunch Registry](#)

Usage and Citation Metrics

We found 54 mentions in open access literature.

Listed below are recent publications. The full list is available at [RRID](#).

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