PyVista Visualizing CAE Results with Python

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PyVista - Introduction

- >>> from pyvista import demos
- >>> demos.plot_logo(

...)

```
window_size=(1920, 1080), off_screen=False,
```



PyVista allows you to rapidly load meshes and handles much of the "grunt work" of setting up plots, connecting classes and pipelines, and cleaning up plotting windows.

PyVista allows you to:

- · Easily load a wide variety of datasets and file types.
- Leverage powerful VTK filters and perform complex data operations.
- · Quickly set up simple or complex plots.



PyVista - Popularity and Growth

- Already the most popular 3d visualization library on PyPI.
- Designed not just for visualization, but for scientific visualization focused on data post-processing, file IO, and interoperability with other libraries.

Name	Stars	Contributors	Downloads		License	Docs	PyPI	Conda
VTK	🖸 2k	C) 249	pypi 137k/month	conda 70k/month	BSD	up	v9.2.2	conda-forge v9.2.2
vispy	O 3k	O 147	pypi 52k/month	conda 12k/month	(new) BSD	up	v0.11.0	conda-forge v0.11.0
ipyvolume	Q 1.8k	C 40	pypi 61k/month	conda 6k/month	MIT	-	v0.5.2	conda-forge v0.6.0a8
pyvista	Q 1.5k	O 109	pypi 63k/month	conda 11k/month	MIT	up	v0.37.0	conda-forge v0.37.0
mayavi	Q 1k	O 57	pypi 9k/month	conda 9k/month	BSD	up	v4.8.1	anaconda v4.7.2
itkwidgets	Q 468	O 5	pypi 9.7k/month	conda 5k/month	Apache-2.0		v0.32.3	conda-forge v0.32.0
vedo	Q 1.4k	() 22	pypi 6.8k/month	conda 927/month	MIT	up	v2022.4.1	conda-forge v2022.4.1
polyscope	Q 1.2k	() 15	pypi 1.8k/month	-	MIT	up	v1.3.1	
glumpy	Q 1.1k	(7) 48	pypi 1.3k/month	-	BSD License	docs passing	v1.2.0	





PyVista - Current Usage

PyVista is already being used by:

ACE & Partners

```
p = pv.Plotter()
p.add_mesh(
    copygrid,
    scalars='ux',
    n_colors=9
)
p.camera_position='xy'
p.show()
```



PyAnsys

```
result.animate_nodal_displacement(
    36,
    displacement_factor=2e-4,
    loop=False,
    add_text=False,
    show_scalar_bar=False,
    cmap="jet",
}
```



OnScale

import pyvista

```
# read and plot a result
result = read('result.vtu')
result.plot(
    scalars='strain',
    cmap='jet',
```





Quick Example - Path Operation

```
# same thing in pyvista
rst = mapdl.result
nnum, stress = rst.nodal_stress(0)
stress_yz = stress[:, 5]
```

Create a line and sample over it

```
line = pv.Line(pl_start, pl_end, resolution=100)
out = line.sample(rst.grid)
```

```
# Note: We could have used a spline (or any dataset) (
# interpolated over it instead of a simple line.
```

```
# plot the interpolated stress from VTK and MAPDL
plt.plot(out.points[:, 1], out["Stress YZ"], "x")
plt.plot(table[:, 0], table[:, 6], label="Stress MAPDI
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```





Quick Example - Path Operation vs PyMAPDL





Comparison - VTK vs. PyVista

import vtk

```
reader = vtk.vtkSTLReader()
reader.SetFileName("bunny.stl")
mapper = vtk.vtkPolyDataMapper()
output_port = reader.GetOutputPort()
mapper.SetInputConnection(output_port)
actor = vtk.vtkActor()
actor.SetMapper(mapper)
ren = vtk vtkRenderer()
renWin = vtk.vtkRenderWindow()
renWin.AddRenderer(ren)
iren = vtk.vtkBenderWindowInteractor()
iren.SetRenderWindow(renWin)
ren.AddActor(actor)
iren Initialize()
renWin_Render()
iren.Start()
```

from pyvista import examples
mesh = examples.download_bunny()
mesh.plot(cpos='xy')





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pip

pip install pyvista

conda

conda install -c conda-forge pyvista



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Examples - Basic Plot

- >>> from pyvista import examples
- >>> dataset = examples.download_saddle_surface()
- >>> dataset

PolyData (0x7f4d81806c40)

Ν	Cells:	5131	
N	Points:	2669	
N	Strips:	0	
Х	Bounds:	-2.001e+01,	2.000e+01
Y	Bounds:	-6.480e-01,	4.024e+01
Ζ	Bounds:	-6.093e-01,	1.513e+01
N	Arrays:	0	

>>> dataset.plot(color='tan')





Examples - Basic Volumetric Plot

```
>>> from pyvista import examples
>>> dataset = examples.download_frog()
>>> dataset
UniformGrid (0x7f4d81806700)
 N Cells:
               31594185
 N Points:
                 31960000
 X Bounds:
                 0.000e+00, 4.990e+02
 Y Bounds:
                 0.000e+00.4.690e+02
 Z Bounds:
                 0.000e+00.2.025e+02
 Dimensions:
                   500, 470, 136
 Spacing:
                 1.000e+00, 1.000e+00, 1.500e+0
 N Arrays:
>>> dataset.plot(volume=True)
```







```
import pyvista as pv
from pyvista import examples
```

```
dataset = examples.load_uniform()
outline = dataset.outline()
threshed = dataset.threshold([100, 500])
contours = dataset.contour()
slices = dataset.slice_orthogonal()
glyphs = dataset.glyph(
    factor=1e-3, geom=pv.Sphere()
)
```

```
pl = pv.Plotter(shape=(2, 2))
pl.add_mesh(outline, color="k")
pl.add_mesh(threshed, show_scalar_bar=False)
```





Examples - Widgets

```
p = pv.Plotter()
p.add_mesh(starting_mesh, show_edges=True)
p.add_slider_widget(
    callback=callback, # callable
    rng=[3, 60],
    value=30,
    title="Phi Resolution",
    pointa=(0.025, 0.1),
    pointb=(0.31, 0.1),
    style='modern',
```





Examples - PyInstaller and PyQT

- Use PyInstaller and PyQT or PySide to create a standalone application.
- Multi-platform. Build on the OS you intend to deploy.
- Compatible with GitHub Actions and can be automated.
- Deploy as using an installer like NSIS.

```
pip install -r requirements_build.txt
pyinstaller \
```

```
--add-data=Library;Library \
--additional-hooks-dir=Hooks \
--icon library\icons\icon.ico \
--windowed VesselVio.py
```





Examples - Documentation with Sphinx

- PyVista supports the Sphinx documentation generator.
- Allows you to generate static and interactive documentation.
- Place code snippets directly in the documentation as examples.
- .. jupyter-execute::

```
from pyvista import examples
mesh = examples.download_st_helens()
warped = mesh.warp_by_scalar('Elevation')
surf = warped.extract_surface().triangulate()
surf = surf.decimate_pro(0.75)
surf.plot(cmap='gist_earth')
```









The PyVista Tutorial contains a variety of lessons to help you get started with PyVista. The first lessons include:

- Introduction Using PyVista for 3D Visualization within Python.
- Reading and plotting 3D data using the PyVista module and external files.
- Learn the basics of the PyVista data types and how to open common 3D file formats to visualize the data in 3D.
- Demonstrate many features of the PyVista plotting API to create compelling 3D visualizations and touch on animations.
- Demonstrate the PyVista filters API to perform mesh analysis and alteration.





