

# **Scripting Manual**

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# CHAPTER

# **GETTING STARTED**

To conveniently use the scripting tools of the Amsterdam Modeling Suite you need to set some shell environment variables and add the AMSBIN folder to your PATH. This can be done by sourcing file amsbashrc.sh, which is located in the Amsterdam Modeling Suite installation directory.

# 1.1 Linux

Note: if you followed the Linux Quickstart installation Guide, the amsbashrc.sh should be automatically sourced when you start up a new terminal, and you can ignore the following steps.

- Start up a terminal
- Source the amsbashrc.sh with the following command (note: you should replace path\_to\_installation\_directory with the actual path to your AMS installation directory:

```
. path_to_installation_directory/amsbashrc.sh
```

• To test that you properly sourced the amsbashrc.sh file you can type the following command, which should yeld the help message for the *amsprep* (page 3) command line tool:

amsprep -h

# 1.2 MacOS

• From the AMSjobs GUI module, click on the **Help** dropdown menu and select **Terminal**. This will open a new terminal with all necessary environment variables already set and the AMSBIN folder already added to the PATH.

Alternatively, you can follow the Linux steps.

# 1.3 Windows

Every Windows installation of AMS2019 and newer, as well as older ADF versions, come with a pre-configured command line. The easiest way to access the command line is via the Help menu of the graphical user interface:

#### Go to **Help** → **Command-line**

Inside the command line window, type bash and hit ENTER (alternative: type sh)

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ADFinput 2018.105 SCM File Edit Select Atoms Bonds View Help	-	
Tutorial Documentation Examples	ADF Main Model Properties Details MultiLevel	QC:\ADF_DATA>set ADFHOME_=C:\ADF2018.185\
How To Rotate How To Select Shortcuts	Task: Single Point +	C:\ADF_DATA>set ADF8IN=C:\ADF2018.105//bin C:\ADF_DATA>set ADFRESOURCES=C:\ADF2018.105//atomicdata
Version Info Check For Update (Re)Install Quantum ESPRESSO	Total charge: 0 Spin polarization: 0 Unrestricted: Yes	C:\ADF_DATA>set PATH=C:\ADF2018.105\\msys\usr\bin;C:\ADF2018.105\\msys\bin;C:\ADF2018.105\\msys\bin;C:\ADF2018.105\\bin\C:\bin\C:\ADF2018.105\\bin\C:\bin\C:\ADF2018.105\\bin\C:\bin\C:\ADF2018.105\\bin\C:\bin\C:\ADF2018.105\\bin\C:\bin\C:\ADF2018.105\\bin\C:\bin\C:\ADF2018.105\\bin\C:\bin\C:\bin\C:\bin\C:\ADF2018.105\\bin\C:\bin\C:\ADF2018.105\\bin\C:\bin\C:\bin\C:\bin\C:\ADF2018.105\\bin\C:\b
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Command-line  Balloon Help	Relativity: None v	ystem32;C:\WINDOWS;C:\WINDOWS;System32\Whem;C:\WINDOWS\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\;C:\Program Files (x86) \Inte\\Intel(R) Management Engine Components\DBi\Program Files\Intel\Yntel\Yntel\Yntel(R) Management Engine Components\DBi\Program Files (x86) DAi,C:\Program Files (x86) Intel\Intel(R) Mana
	Basis set: DZ • Frozen core: Large •	agement Engine Components\IPT;C:\WINDOWS\Syste Type bash, hit ENTER cal/Microsoft/Win
	kumerical quality: Normal 💌	C:\ADF_DATA>cmd Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0 + 1734,345] (c) 2018 Microsoft Corporation, All rights reserved.
	Help → Command-	d-line C: \ADF_DATA>bash
		DIE Carstensen@DESKTOP-147Q8KG /c/ADF_DATA \$
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The advantage of calling the command line from the GUI is that you will find yourself in the current working directory right away. In situations in which the GUI is not available, it is also possible to use the pre-configured command line directly:

Double click the file ams\_command\_line.bat in your AMS installation directory (e.g. C:/AMS2021.101)

# 1.4 Notes on Python

Python scripts should be executed using the python3 interpreter shipped with Amsterdam Modeling Suite:

\$AMSBIN/amspython scriptname.py

Further information can be found here: Python Stack in Amsterdam Modeling Suite (page 23).

### CHAPTER

# **COMMAND LINE TOOLS**

- amsprep: prepare an ADF job from a script (or command line).
- **amsreport**: get information (including images) from an ADF result file (for use in your script, or to generate an HTML or tab-separated report).
- pkf, cpkf, dmpkf, udmpkf: the KF utilities, which are command-line utilities to process KF files.

# 2.1 AMSprep: generate (multiple) ADF jobs

AMSprep allows one to generate input files for the different programs of the Amsterdam Modeling Suite by means of console commands. As such AMSprep can be used to run the same type of calculation on a series of different chemical systems. Another important example are automatic checks of the convergence of the results with respect to the computational parameters e.g. by varying input settings such as basis set choice or numerical integration accuracy while recomputing the same system.

AMSprepare (\$AMSBIN/amsprep) generates a job script from a template .ams file. Such a template file can either be produced by AMSinput or simply be found among the default templates included. These default templates are identical to those present in AMSinput.

Two examples are presented here to demonstrate the capabilities of AMSprep:

- In BakersetSP you will see how to use amsprep to run a particular job for a test set of molecules. The individual molecular structures are provided as xyz-files which contain no ADF specific information. AMSreport is used to collect the values of the bonding energies resulting from these calculations.
- In ConvergenceTestCH4 you will see how to use AMSprep to test convergence of the bonding energy with respect to the basis set and the numerical integration grid.

The options of AMSprep are listed when running the module without further command line arguments, or with the -h flag:

```
% amsprep -h
AMSprepare (amsprep) generates a job script from a .ams file (the template),
with user specified changes to input options / method / system.
Usage: amsprep -t template.ams [-m molecule.(ams|adf|xyz|mol|t21)] [-z charge] [-s_
→spin]
[-runtype SinglePoint|GeometryOptimization|Frequencies]
[-gradientsonly]
[-gradientsonly]
[-q quality] [-zlmfit quality] [-kspace quality]
[-lattice v1.x v1.y v1.z ...]
[-i integration] [-b basis] [-c core] [-r relativity]
[-basiscacheid id]
```

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```
[-x xcpotential] [-e xcenergy] [-bondsonly]
                               [-dftbmodel DFTB|SCC-DFTB|DFTB3] [-dftbparameters dir]
                               [-dftbdispersion None|Default|D3-BJ|D2|ULG|UFF]
                               [-logfile logfile] [-j jobname] [-a amsfile]
                               [-dist "atom1 atom2 distance ..."]
                               [-angle "atom1 atom2 atom3 angle ..."]
                               [-dihed "atom1 atom2 atom3 atom4 angle ..."]
                               [-atomtype "atom type ..."]
                               [-structure "atom structure ..."]
                               [-pointcharges file]
                               [-efield "Ex Ey Ez"]
                               [-rxforcefield fname] [-rxniter n] [-rxnrstep n] [-
\rightarrowrxtstep T]
                               [-rxmethod method] [-rxmdtemp T] [-rxmdpres p]
                               [-region "name at1 at2... "]
                               [-fragments prefix] [-onejob]
                               [-g "key value"]
Start with a job template, adjust it for this particular job, and write the resulting.
⇔job
to standard output. Values specified should match exactly the values as you would
⇔specify
using AMSinput, also for menu choices.
TEMPLATE
-t: the .ams file (saved by AMSinput) to be used as template, defining the whole job
   All other options override values from this job
   Instead of a .ams file, you may also specify the name of one of the standard.
→templates
   as defined in AMSinput: "Single Point", Frequencies, "Geometry Optimization", etc
   A special option for energy and gradients
    for the current geometry: EG (see also -gradientsonly)
   Some shortcuts: SP, EG, GO, FREQ, optionally prefixed by_
→ (ADF | BAND | DFTB | UFF | MOPAC) -
   For example: ADF-FREQ, BAND-SP, DFTB-GO, MOPAC-EG
   Some ReaxFF shortcuts: REAXFF-EG for a single ReaxFF iteration
CHANGES TO TEMPLATE
-m: the molecule to use, element types and coordinates
    This can be taken from anything that AMSinput can import,
    for example .ams, .mol, xyz or .t21 files
   The -m flag may be repeated, each molecule added will be in its own region
   This may be used for fragment calculations, but it does not work with .ams files
    If you specify an .sdf file, you can select which frames to import:
        conformers.sdf#1-10
                                   loop over the first 10 frames
        conformers.sdf#e2.0
                                   loop over all frames with energy below 2.0
           (units as in the file, wrt the lowest energy of all frames in the file,
           energies from comment lines)
        conformers.sdf#1-10e2.0
                                   loop over the first 10 frames,
                                    and use only those with energy below 2.0
                                    use the first frame of the sdf file
        conformers.sdf
```

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```
If you specify a .t21 file, you can select which frames or range of frames to-
\rightarrow import:
        ajob.t21#ircf3
                                     3rd frame in the IRC forward path
        ajob.t21#ircb2
                                     2nd frame in the IRC backward path
        ajob.t21#h7
                                     7th frame in the history
        ajob.t21#lt8
                                     8th frame in the LT path
        ajob.t21#ircf3-10
                                     IRCForward frame 3, 4, ... 10
        ajob.t21#ircf
                                     IRCForward all frames, starting at 1
        ajob.t21#ircf0-
                                     IRCForward all frames, starting at 0
                                     (original geometry, before first step)
   If you specify a .cry file, the compound to import may be specified:
        $AMSHOME/atomicdata/Molecules/Crystals/Cubic/CsCl.cry#MqTl
   When looping, all resulting jobs will be joined together, the jobname and ams_
→files
    get the frame sequence number appended after an _
   When looping only one -m flag may be specified
-xyz: use xyz coordinates from specified file, not touching anything else
      it is applied after -t and -m
      the elements and number of atoms should match
      currently works with KF and xyz files
-smiles: use smiles to describe the molecule
-irc: when using IRC frames in the -m flag, revert the backwards order
-dist: change the distance between atom1 and atom2 to the specified distance
      the arguments must be enclosed in quotes, and may be repeated for multiple_
⇔distances
-angle: change the angle (atom1, atom2, atom3) to the specified angle
      the arguments must be enclosed in quotes, and may be repeated for multiple_
→angles
-dihed: change the dihedral (atom1, atom2, atom3, atom4) to the specified angle
      the arguments must be enclosed in quotes, and may be repeated for multiple_
\rightarrowangles
-atomtype: set the type (element) of atom to type
      the arguments must be enclosed in quotes, and may be repeated for multiple.
⇔tvpes
-structure: add a structure just as if using the structure tool in AMSinput
       atom is the selected atom, structure is the name of the structure file
       the arguments must be enclosed in quotes, and may be repeated for multiple_
\rightarrow changes
-liststructures: list available structure files for use with -structure, and exit
-runtype: run type (SinglePoint, GeometryOptimization, Frequencies)
-gradientsonly: after calculating the gradients, stop
                works also for excited state gradients if requested in your template
-z: charge (real number)
-s: spin (integer), if not zero this implies an unrestricted calculation
-q: quality (Basic, Normal, Good, VeryGood or Excellent), default for Becke/ZlmFit
-i: integration (integer)
-i: Becke integration (Basic, Normal, Good, VeryGood or Excellent)
-i: teVelde integration (integer)
-zlmfit: ZlmFit quality (Basic, Normal, Good, VeryGood or Excellent)
-kspace: KSpace quality (GammaOnly, Basic, Normal, Good, VeryGood or Excellent)
```

```
-lattice: lattice vectors first three numbers for the first vector, next for the_
⇔second etc
          The dimension follows from the number of vectors
-b: basis type (SZ, DZ, DZP, TZ, TCP, TZ2P, QZ4P)
-c: core type (None, Small, Medium, Large)
-basiscacheid id: refer to t21 files from previous runs prefixed with this id
-r: relativistic level (None, Scalar, Spin-Orbit), using ZORA
-x: XC potential during SCF, one from the options available in AMSinput:
        LDA,
        GGA:BP, GGA:BLYP, GGA:PW91, GGA:mPW, GGA:PBE, GGA:RPBE, GGA:revPBE, GGA:mPBE,
        GGA:OLYP, GGA:OPBE,
       Model:SAOP, Model:LB94,
       Hartree-Fock,
       Hybrid:B3LYP, Hybrid:B3LYP*, Hybrid:B1LYP, Hybrid:KMLYP, Hybrid:O3LYP,
→Hybrid:X3LYP,
        Hybrid:BHandH, Hybrid:BHandHLYP, Hybrid:B1PW91, Hybrid:MPW1PW, Hybrid:MPW1K,
        Hybrid:PBE0, Hybrid:OPBE0
-e: XC energy after SCF (Default, LDA+GGA_METAGGA, LDA+GGA+METAGGA+HYBRIDS)
-pointcharges: file, file with point charges, one point charge per line (ADF only)
               x y z charge, xyz in Angstrom, charge in elementary units (+1 for a
⇔proton)
-efield: Ex Ey Ez the electric field vector (in Hartree/(e Bohr))
-k: replace any key, the single argument will be broken into:
    the key, the replacement value, and END for a block key
    all separated by spaces. To insert a return, add a |
    When the key is not found, it is added just before the ATOMS key
    The -k key may be repeated, and is applied at the end, replacing even earlier.
⇔changes
-dftbmodel DFTB|SCC-DFTB|DFTB3: select the DFTB model
-dftbparameters dir: select the directory with DFTB parameters
-dftbdispersion [None|Default|D3-BJ|D2|ULG|UFF]: dispersion option to use, default is_
→None
-rxforcefield fname: the ReaxFF force field file
-rxniter n: number of ReaxFF iterations
-rxnrstep n: number of non-reactive iterations (out of the total number of iterations)
-rxtstep T: the time step used in the MD simulation
-rxmethod string: the simulation type: Velocity Verlet + Berendsen | NPT | NVE
-rxmdtemp T: the thermostat temperature
-rxmdpres p: the required pressure
-region name at1 at2 ...: make a region with specified name and atoms, may be repeated
    The atom numbers at1 at2 refer to input order, after geometry modifications,
\hookrightarrow start at 1
    Use at1-at2 to refer to all atoms between at1 and including at2
     If the region key is present all regions already present are deleted
-fragments prefix: set up a fragment calculation, prefix fragment run/job scripts_
→with prefix
                   if this key is present fragment run/job scripts will be saved.
\rightarrow (unless -onejob)
                   if a job script is requested, the fragment job names will be-
→prefix.fraqname.job
-onejob: for fragment jobs, concatenate the fragment jobs and final job into one on-
⇔stdout
-g "key value": set any key to the specified value (note key value within quotes)
        key: internal name in AMSinput for some option, see bin/amsinput.tcl/tpl/
                                                                          (continues on next page)
→Defaults.tpl
```

```
value: set gin(key) to the specified value
-nochain: unset chain option (used internally by chain jobs)
OUTPUT
-bondsonly: only the bonds as generated by the GUI will be exported (the GUIBONDS_
→block)
-logfile: force the specified logfile to be used in the run script
-j: produce a fully runnable job (as the .job files from AMSjobs),
   using the specified jobname.
   The job script produces files like jobname.out, jobname.t21 etc. Several job_
⇔scripts can simply
   be concatenated, the results will be stored in different files using th jobname.
⇔parameter
   the default is a simple run script (the .run file from AMSinput, files are left_
\rightarrow as they are)
-a: save a .ams file that matches the run script, except for the -k arguments
    (they are listed in the user input field)
    amsfile is the name of the AMSinput, including the .ams extension (required)
Example: calculate gradients for a molecule in file mymol.xyz
         amsprep -t GO -m mymol.xyz -k "stopafter ggrads"
Example: calculate gradients for a molecule in file mymol.xyz, using good quality_
→integration and fit:
         amsprep -t GO -q Good -m mymol.xyz -k "stopafter ggrads"
Example: calculate DFTB frequencies for a molecule in file mymol.xyz
         amsprep -t DFTB-FREQ -m mymol.xyz
```

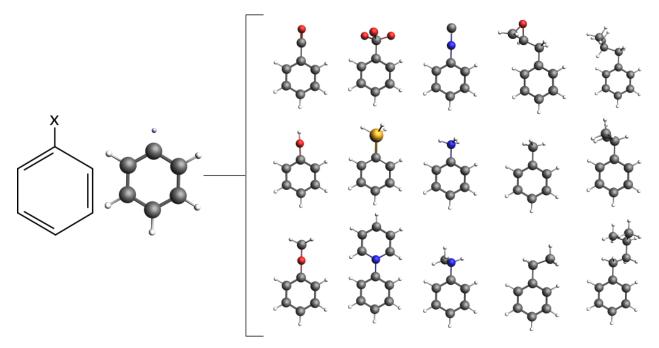
### 2.1.1 Additional Notes

CRSprep represents a scripting solution which is exclusively oriented towards generating input files for the COSMO-RS program.

# 2.2 Tutorial: Generate structures for substituent effects screening

### Overview

Screening substituent patterns of a base compound is a common task in computer aided materials design. In the following short tutorial we demonstrate how you can use amsprep to automatize the replacement of substituents with just a few lines of simple shell scripting.

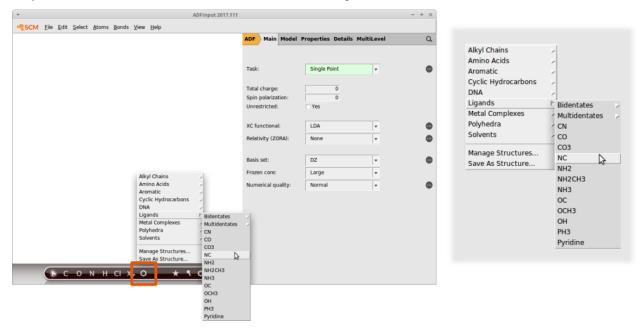


Contents:

- The library of substituents in AMSinput
- Exchanging substituents with AMSprep
- Combining AMSprep and AMSreport in shell script

### The substituent library in AMSinput

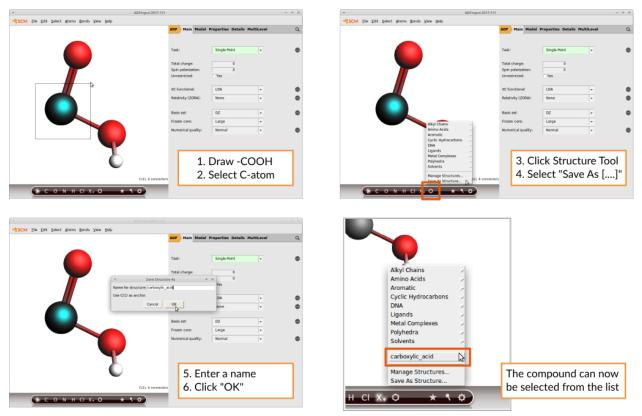
AMSinput comes with a customizable library of common substituents that we can use for our screening purposes right away. It can be accessed via the structure builder tool in AMSinput:



Note how the entries are organized. For example the isocyanide functional group ("NC") can be found in "Ligands". Its also possible to add your own compounds: Simply draw the structure of interest and select the atom which will serve

### as an anchor.

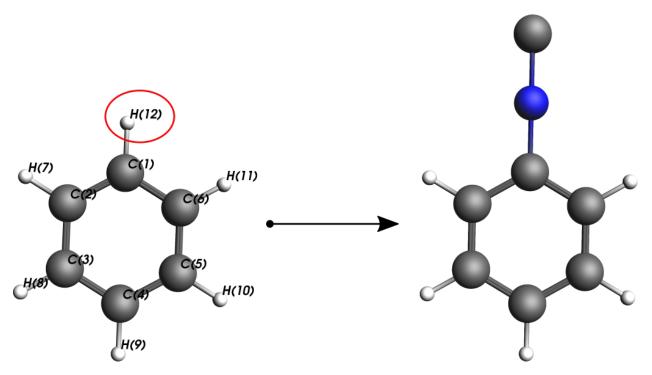
This is how you would add a carboxylic acid group:



AMSinput will always consider the atom that lies in the origin of the coordinate system to be the anchor. If you use the Save As Structure command this will be done for you. More information, including another example, can be found in the Building Molecules GUI tutorial.

### Exchanging substituents with amsprep

Let us consider a simple benzene ring as the base compound:



The amsprep command to exchange Hydrogen atom #12 with an isocyanide group ("NC") and create a runfile for a UFF geometry optimization is:

Remember that the "CN" group was located in the "Ligands" menu hence "Ligands/NC.ams". In case the path contains whitespace, you need to escape the whitespace as in this example

When using custom substituents, e.g. the hydroxylic\_acid in the above example, a full path need to be provided to amsprep. The path is displayed when clicking on the Structure Tool in AMSinput and selecting "Manage your structures". On an ubuntu linux system the path is "/home/[your\_username]/.scm\_gui/Structures" and the command to use your own structures becomes:

#### Bringing it all together

The following few lines of shell script demonstrate how to automatically exchange the substituents on a benzene ring, run a UFF optimization on the new structure and extract the optimized geometry with amsreport.

```
#! /bin/sh
#
# copy the file benzene.xyz from the ADF compounds database
#
cp "$AMSHOME/atomicdata/Molecules/ADF/Benzene.xyz" .
#
# loop through different substituents
#
```

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```
for ligand in CN CO CO3 NC NH2 NH2CH3 NH3 OC OCH3 OH PH3 Pyridine; do
    #
    # prepare the coordinates and the UFF calculation
    #
    "$AMSBIN/amsprep" -t UFF-GO -m Benzene.xyz -structure "12 Ligands/$ligand.ams" >
    "benzene_$ligand.run"
    #
    # run UFF GeoOpt
    #
    sh "./benzene_$ligand.run"
    #
    extract the optimized geometry via amsreport
    #
    "$AMSBIN/amsreport" uff.rkf SDF > "benzene_$ligand.mol"
    #
    rename the generic UFF output file
    #
    mv uff.rkf "benzene_$ligand.rkf"
done
```

#### Running the script

Linux and Mac: Copy and paste the above into a file called substituents\_script and execute it in the command line

sh substituents\_script

Windows: Just use the pre-configured shell ams\_command\_line.bat shipped with ADF to run the same command as the Linux and Mac users.

# 2.3 AMSreport: generate reports

The utility AMSreport (\$AMSBIN/amsreport) allows to retrieve the results (including images) computed from the binary output files of either ADF, BAND, ReaxFF, DFTB, UFF, or MOPAC. For ADF this is the .t21 file (TAPE21). It can also be the .runkf file from BAND, the .rxkf file from ReaxFF or the .rkf file from DFTB, MOPAC or UFF.

The selected results are printed out via standard output or, alternatively, either written to a tab separated file or an HTML file. When creating a new output file AMSreport will also generate a line with headers identifying the information. Images are generated using the ADF-GUI.

Also individual KF variables can be retrieved from the file as shown by the following example, which illustrates how to obtain the bonding energy from a .t21 file.

amsreport job.t21 BondingEnergy

Also high-quality pictures of orbitals can be obtained as shown below.

```
amsreport job.t21 HOMO LUMO+1 -v "-grid Fine" -v "-antialias" -v "-bgcolor #ffffff"
```

The options of AMSreport are listed when running the module without further command line arguments. At present the following command line options are available

-h prints the help screen.

**Hint:** If used with the name of a valid KF file in the command line the -h option lists the names of all data blocks present in that file. It is strongly encouraged to use this option to retrieve the names of the options available in a given situation.

amsreport -h job.t21

- -i specifies the input file (.t21 etc). If the specified input file is not present ADF tries to find a valid input file based on the information in the matching .ams file or the most recent available binary output file.
- **-usefile** specifies the input file like -i but without attempting to find a matching file if the specified input file does not exist. Typically -usefile is used to avoid reading data from the result file.
- -I <pattern> glob files, and run over all matching result files
- -o the name of the html file in which the output of AMSreport will be stored. The output will be printed to standard output if this option is absent.
- -plain print only output data from AMSreport without any labels and/or units. The same can be achieved by setting the environment variable SCM\_AMSREPORT\_PLAIN to yes.
- **-noplain** print output data with tab separators, labels, and units. Used to override the aforementioned variable SCM\_AMSREPORT\_PLAIN.
- -v command line to pass to amsview (without filenames) to generate images. The image will be generated by AMSview stored in a directory with a name based on the result file, and with extension .jpgs. The result file will contain a path to the image file (directly, or in an IMG tag) After the -v the arguments must be listed, with proper quoting. Repeat the -v flag for multiple arguments. The individual -scmgeometry, -bgcolor, -zoom, -viewplane, -antialias and -grid options will be collected and applied to all view options.

Some shortcuts are predefined (HOMO, HOMO+1, LUMO, Molecule, Density, Potential) and some additional useful flags include

-scmgeometry (default 200x200) -bgcolor (default #220000), -zoom (default 1.0) -viewplane (default {1 2 5}) - antialias (off when not present, especially useful with light bgcolors) -grid (Coarse when not present, Medium when specified, or value after flag if a value is present)

examples HOMO-1 LUMO+1 -v "-viewplane {0 0 1}" -v "-grid Fine" -v "-antialias"

-r Specifies the result to be retrieved by AMSreport from the binary output file. If this command is omitted all unspecified command line arguments but the first (denotes input file name) will be considered as arguments for this flag.

If -r is present, the desired result is specified as a string either in form of its preset name (see below) or via a section%variable pair (see the KF utilities documentation). The -r flag (or arguments without flag) may be repeated for multiple results. Additional details can be specified after the variable name, separated by "#". For example

range "variable#index" or "variable#firstindex:lastindex", index starts at 1

format TclTk format string, e.g. 8.3f or 12.6g

examples prints a formatted table of the coordinates

-r "Geometry%xyz#12.4f##3"

prints a formatted table for the first two atoms only

-r "Geometry%xyz#1:9#12.4f##3"

coordinates of the first two atoms in one line

```
-r "Geometry%xyz#12.4f#1:9"
```

print just the first coordinate

-r "Geometry%xyz#1"

print the bond energy

-r "Energys%Bond Energy"

While any proper KF variable can be accessed via a "section%variable" construct, the following predefined keys are available for the KF files resulting from the various programs of the Amsterdam Modeling Suite.

#### ADF-specific ``-r`` presets for .t21 files

orient\* affine transform (3x4) from input to internal ADF orientation, format after #

iorient\* affine transform (3x4) from internal ADF to input orientation, format after #

title title of the calculation

type calculation type (single point, geometry optimization, ...)

weight molecular weight

symmetry molecular symmetry

**natoms** number of atoms

integration integration accuracy

integration-min minimum integration accuracy

integration-max maximum integration accuracy

**scfstatus** SCF convergence status

**charge** the requested charge

charges shorthand for Voronoi, Hirshfeld and Mulliken charges

voronoi Voronoi deformation charges

hirshfeld Hirshfeld fragment charges, atomic fragment definition required

mdc All available MDC atom charges

mdc-m MDC-M charges

mdc-d MDC-D charges

mdc-q MDC-Q charges

mulliken Mulliken charges

bondorders Mayer bond orders

nmr NMR shieldings

nmr-shieldings NMR shieldings

nmr-shielding-tensor NMR shielding tensor

nmr-j-coupling-tensor NMR j coupling tensor

nmr-k-coupling-tensor NMR k coupling tensor

nmr-j-coupling-constant NMR j coupling constant

nmr-k-coupling-constant NMR k coupling constant

dipolev\* dipole vector

dipole dipole moment (length of dipole vector)

quadrupole quadrupole tensor

orbital-info orbital info (energy, occupation and label), format for energy after #, range after # with HOMO or LUMO for example:

orbital-info#HOMO, orbital-info#HOMO-1, orbital-info#HOMO-2:LUMO+2, orbital-info#HOMO#12.8f

orbital-e\* orbital energies, format and range after # as in orbital-info

orbital-o\* orbital occupations, format and range after # as in orbital-info

orbital-1\* orbital labels, format and range after # as in orbital-info

homo-lumo-gap\* HOMO-LUMO gap, format after #

atomlabels name of atoms with sequence number, starting at 0

atomlabels-from0 name of atoms with sequence number, starting at 0

atomlabels-from1 name of atoms with sequence number, starting at 1

**nstep** number of steps in history / LT / IRC data, type (h,lt,ircf,ircb) after #

spin the requested spin polarization

step use coordinates from history / LT / IRC data, step number after # with h for history, lt for LT, ircf/ircb for forward/backward IRC if no letter after #, history data will be used (if not, last step will be used) for example:

step#23 (or step#h23), step#lt4, step#ircf3

sdf geometry in SDF format

- **bgf** geometry in BGF format
- distance distance between two atoms, in angstrom. Input separated by #

labels (optional): include atom labels in output

format (optional): format field

atom numbers, starting at 1, in input order

examples

distance#2#3, distance#labels#2#3, distance#-8.3f#5#8, distance#labels#8.4f#1#2, distance#2#3#4#5, distance#labels#1#2#3#4

angle angle between three atoms, in degrees. Input see distance, but with three atoms per angle

dihedral dihedral between four atoms, in degrees. Input see distance, but with our atoms per dihedral

hessian\* Hessian matrix (from GeoOpt%Hessian\_CART), fmt and nperline options after #

energies\* all available energies (bonding up to xc, with labels), fmt option after #

**bonding** total bonding energy

pauli total pauli repulsion **steric** total steric interaction orbital total orbital interaction electrostatic electrostatic energy **kinetic** kinetic energy **coulomb** electrostatic (steric and orbital interaction) energy **xc** exchange-correlation energy dispersion dispersion energy frequencies\* IR Frequencies, format, nperline and range (n, or n:n, start at 1) after # **freqint**\* IR Intensities, format, nperline and range (n, or n:n, start at 1) after # freqlabel\* IR Frequencies label (symmetry), format, nperline and range (n, or n:n, start at 1) after # **normalmode**\* normal modes (mass weighted), format, nperline and range (n, or n:n, start at 1) after # zeropoint\* zero-point energy **excitation**\* Excitation energies, format, nperline and range (n, or n:n, start at 1) after # oscillatorstrength\* Oscillator strengths for the excitation energies format, nperline and range (n, or n:n, start at 1) after # **excitlabel\*** Excitation labels (symmetry), format, nperline and range (n, or n:n, start at 1) after # BAND specific ``-r`` presets for .runkf files natoms number of atoms geometry, geometry-a\*, geometry-b\* geometry (element type and coordinates), in input order, in

**geometry**, **geometry**-**a**\*, **geometry**-**b**\* geometry (element type and coordinates), in input order, angstrom or bohr (default)

**sdf** geometry in SDF format

**bgf** geometry in BGF format

distance distance between two atoms, in angstrom. Input separated by #

labels (optional): include atom labels in output

format (optional): format field

atom numbers, starting at 1, in input order

examples

distance#2#3, distance#labels#2#3, distance#-8.3f#5#8, distance#labels#8.4f#1#2, distance#2#3#4#5, distance#labels#1#2#3#4

angle angle between three atoms, in degrees. #4 Input see distance, but with three atoms per angle

dihedral dihedral between four atoms, in degrees. Input see distance, but with our atoms per dihedral

atomlabel, atomlabel-from0 name of atoms with sequence number, starting at 0

atomlabel-from1 name of atoms with sequence number, starting at 1

**ReaxFF** specific presets for .rxkf files

natoms number of atoms

distance distance between two atoms, in angstrom. Input separated by #

labels (optional): include atom labels in output

format (optional): format field

atom numbers, starting at 1, in input order

examples

```
distance#2#3, distance#labels#2#3, distance#-8.3f#5#8,
distance#labels#8.4f#1#2, distance#2#3#4#5, distance#labels#1#2#3#4
```

angle angle between three atoms, in degrees. #4 Input see distance, but with three atoms per angle

dihedral dihedral between four atoms, in degrees. Input see distance, but with our atoms per dihedral

atomlabel, atomlabel-from0 name of atoms with sequence number, starting at 0

atomlabel-from1 name of atoms with sequence number, starting at 1

**rx-frame n** options information for a particular reaxff frame. Note the spaces, you will need to quote this key.

```
n: frame number 0, 1, 2, ... (is not the ReaxFF step number)
options: combination of the following (if omitted, all will be reported)
nframes: total number of frames
step: the ReaxFF step number for the specified frame
nats: number of atoms
xyz: the xyz coordinates
names: element names (C, H etc) for each atom in the same order as the.
coordinates
neighbors: bond information
cell: cell information
```

example

amsreport water.rxkf "rx-frame 20 step xyz cell"

**pdbtrajectory** the trajectory information (including molecule details) as a sequence of PDB models due to limitations of the PDB format to less than 100000 atoms and it will not be a standard conforming PDB file

pdbtrajectory-(nobonds|usepdbinfo)

```
nobonds: as pdbtrajectory, but no bond info (CONECT records)
usepdbinfo: as pdbtrajectory, but use pdb residue info from first step instead of
rightarrow reaxff mol info
xmol: the trajectory information (only element, xyz) in xmol format
```

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```
gro: trajectory as .gro file (xyz and velocities) options after a - sign:
    m : print list of molecule names and formulas only
    x : allow xyz only frames (missing velocities)
    f : add forces if available
    tf : add the time step, f is a floating point number that is the time per step in_
    .ps
examples: gro-x, gro-f, gro-xf, gro-ft0.0001, gro-xt0.001, etc.
Special features for ReaxFF parameter optimization: a geo file in biograph format can_
    .be converted from a DFT result file using the bfg option above.
```

#### **example** Input file: geo (biograph format)

-rxtrainset: run over frames in the input file (should be a bgf BIOGRAPH file), put all charges, bonds and angles in the trainset.in (on stdout).

Input file: ffield (reaxff force field file). The source ffield file determines which atoms, bonds etc are present.

-ffield-min: generate ffield file with all values replaced by min values

-ffield-max: generate ffield file with all values replaced by max values

-ffield-bool: generate ffield file with all values replaced by bool values

-minmax filename: use data from filename for min and max values,

format: see RxParRange.txt in atomicdata/ForceFields/ReaxFF

#### General presets for .rkf files

natoms number of atoms

**sdf** geometry in SDF format

**bgf** geometry in BGF format

distance distance between two atoms, in angstrom. Input separated by #

labels (optional): include atom labels in output

format (optional): format field

atom numbers, starting at 1, in input order

examples

```
distance#2#3, distance#labels#2#3, distance#-8.3f#5#8, distance#labels#8.4f#1#2, distance#2#3#4#5, distance#labels#1#2#3#4
```

angle angle between three atoms, in degrees. #4 Input see distance, but with three atoms per angle

dihedral dihedral between four atoms, in degrees. Input see distance, but with our atoms per dihedral

hessian\* Hessian matrix (from GeoOpt%Hessian\_CART), fmt and nperline options after #

energies all available energies (bonding up to xc, with labels), fmt option after #

# 2.3.1 Additional notes

- SDF and BGF records can be produced from from ANY file that can be read by AMSinput.
- KFreader is a free (LGPL) alternative to AMSreport. The C sources are available in our download section (http://www.scm.com/Downloads/KFReader-20140106.zip) and can be modified for more specific needs.

# 2.4 KF command line utilities

There are four utility programs for manipulating files in the so-called Keyed File (KF) format from the command shell. Two of them convert KF files from binary to ASCII and vice versa. See the pkf and dmpkf utilities for a description of the ASCII format of a kf file. Such a readable version of a KF file can be useful to inspect its contents in detail.

All programs from the package will convert a KF file to the binary format native to this platform if necessary. In such a case, the original file will be renamed to a file with tilde "~" appended to its name and a message will printed on the standard output.

The KF software was developed at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam as a general-purpose package for storing data and re-accessing it via keyword-driven procedures.

#### pkf

pkf file1 { file2 ... filen }

pkf prints a summary of the contents of the kf files file1... filen.

All variables are listed by name, type (integer, real, character, logical), and size (number of array elements) and bundled into named sections.

To put the results in an ASCII file for later inspection:

```
pkf file > ascii_result
```

Each section on the file contains an index of its variables and their associated values. All data are organized in blocks. Each section may have any number of index blocks and any number of data blocks (this depends simply on the amount of data to be stored in such a block). In addition there is one special section, the SuperIndex, which is an index of all sections on the file.

The output of pkf consists of:

- General information about the file (name of the file, internally used unit numbers during processing the file...)
- A summary of the SuperIndex, hence an index of blocks in the file and the associated sections.
- A summary: total numbers of blocks associated with the different types of blocks.
- · For each section a list of its variables. For each variable in the list the following is displayed
  - The variable name.
  - Its length, i.e. the storage requirements of the variable within the file.
  - Its 'used' size, hence the file storage associated with the variable (in units off 8 Bytes for double precision real numbers, 4 for integers, etc.).

- The number of actual elements within the variable (for real, integer, and logical data types) or the number of characters in a string.
- The (logical) index of the data block it is stored in.
- The off-set of the data within its data block.
- Its value or the first element of an array variable, respectively.

#### cpkf

cpkf file1 file2 {key1 .. keyn}

cpkf copies the sections and/or variables key1 .. keyn from file1 to file2.

If a referenced section or variable already exists on file2 it is overwritten, else it is created. Sections and variables which are already present on file2 but which are not referenced in the command are not affected.

If no sections and/or variables are explicitly mentioned at all the copying is carried out for all sections and variables on file1.

As a side effect of this operation any 'holes' eventually present in the original due to the formal deletion of obsolete sections and variables are not copied. Note that the KF file is not rearranged upon deletion of data. Rather only the corresponding entries in the index tables are removed in this case. During the copying process the data is however rearranged for optimum storage efficiency and the resulting file copy may therefore be smaller than the corresponding original.

Skipping specific sections during the copying process can be manually controlled as follows:

```
cpkf file1 file2 -rm section1 ...
```

In this form, all sections will be copied except for the ones specified on the command line, thus effectively removing them from the file.

To copy and rename a section:

cpkf file1 file2 "section\_name --rename new\_section\_name"

#### dmpkf

A utility to extract information from a KF file and make it available in ASCII format:

dmpkf file {key1 .. keyn}

dmpkf prints the sections and/or variables from the file file indicated by key1 .. keyn on standard output. The complete file is printed if no sections or variables are specified.

The format to be used for the individual keys:

Sec%Var

where Var the variable of interest present in section Sec. The complete section is dumped if no variable name is specified.

By redirecting the result to another file a human readable output is obtained:

dmpkf file > ascii\_result

The output contains for each printed variable:

- One line with the name of the section it belongs to;
- One line with the name of the variable itself;
- One line with three integers:

- The amount of space reserved for the variable on the file which is, however, relevant for programs operating with KF files only;
- The amount of data associated with the variable: for reals, integers, logicals: the number of such elements; for strings: the number of characters;
- An integer code for the data type of the variable: 1=integer, 2=real, 3=character, 4=logical;
- The values of the variable (on as many lines as necessary): for scalar variables only one value, for arrays as many values as the array contains.

### udmpkf

A utility to put information read from standard input into a KF file:

udmpkf file

udmpkf reads an ASCII file in the format created by dmpkf from standard input and creates the binary KF file therefrom. If such a KF file is already present the sections and variables in the input file are appended to the existing KF file. Whenever a section or variable already exists in target file it will be overwritten. Other data on the target file are not affected.

The combination of dmpkf and udmpkf makes it easy to modify KF files with a normal text editor:

```
dmpkf TAPE21 > t21_ASCII
```

After the desired modifications within t21\_ASCII this file may be reconverted into a binary KF file:

```
udmpkf < t21_ASCII TAPE21_new
```

Also note that dmpkf and udmpkf only require a single argument here, respectively, as "< t21\_ASCII" passes the content of the edited file via the standard input.

#### akf

The akf utility is the command line version of the AKFReader python library described here: AKFReader (page 85).

For more information, refer to the help function of the akf tool:

akf --help

which we display below for convenience:

```
usage: -c [-h] [-c] [-cc] [-v] [-a] [-pa] [-ps] [-j] [-pv PRINT_VARIABLE [PRINT_
↔VARIABLE ...]] [-n] file [file ...]
A utility tool for Annotated KF files (akf).
positional arguments:
 file
                     Path to a kf file of a folder (if a folder is specified, the_
optional arguments:
 -h, --help
                     show this help message and exit
 -c, --check
                    Check (i.e. validate) a kf file
 -cc, --check-conditional
                     Check (i.e. validate) a kf file, but only if the calculation.
→ended with 'normal termination' status
 -v, --verbose verbose printing to stdout
                    include the kf definitions to the file
 -a, --augment
 -pa, --print-all Print all the values in the kf file
```

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```
-ps, --print-skeleton
                         print skeleton
  -j, --check-json
                        Check a JSON definition file for validity instead of checking_
{ \rightarrowtail}{ a} KF file against a JSON definition. This can be used to check {\it for} obvious errors.
\hookrightarrow when writing the JSON definition
                         files for KF contents.
  -pv PRINT_VARIABLE [PRINT_VARIABLE ...], --print-variable PRINT_VARIABLE [PRINT_
→VARIABLE ...]
                         Print a variable. Note: you cannot have additional optional.
\rightarrowarguments after this. If you want to have multiple optional arguments, specify them.
→before --print-variable
 -n, --no-metadata
                       Do not print metadata information, such as comments, shapes,
→etc... (only relevant for print commands)
Example usage:
  akf path_to_file.rkf --check --augment
  akf path_to_file.rkf --print-skeleton
  akf path_to_file.rkf --no-metadata --print-variable Molecule%Coords
```

### CHAPTER

## THREE

# PYTHON STACK IN AMSTERDAM MODELING SUITE

# 3.1 General

The Amsterdam Modeling Suite includes a python stack based on the Enthought Python Distribution (https://www.enthought.com/products/epd/).

AMS version	Python version
AMS2024	3.8.12
AMS2023	3.8.12
AMS2022	3.6.9
AMS2021	3.6.9
AMS2020	3.6.9

This python stack is completely separate from any other python installations on the system.

All programs within the Amsterdam Modeling Suite launch python via a special command, amspython.

# 3.2 Included modules

Some of the included modules are:

- numpy (1.21.2) and scipy (1.8.0): Big modules with a lot of functionality for math and science, more information on the SciPy website (https://www.scipy.org/).
- IPython (7.22.0): An improved interactive python shell, more information can be found on the iPython website (https://ipython.org/). Can be started with:

\$AMSBIN/amsipython

- ase (3.22.1): ASE (Atomic Simulation Environment) is a python module for atomistic simulations, more information in the *ASE documentation* (page 65).
- matplotlib (3.5.1): A library for plotting data in 2D, more information on the Matplotlib website (https://matplotlib.org/). We do not ship an interactive backend for matplotlib, so make sure to set a non-interactive backend (https://matplotlib.org/faq/howto\_faq.html#generate-images-without-having-a-window-appear) when using it. For example the Agg backend for PNGs:

```
import matplotlib
matplotlib.use('Agg')
```

• pip (21.3.1): The recommended tool for installing packages from the Python Package Index (PyPI). The pip documentation (https://pip.pypa.io/en/stable/) explains in detail how to use this tool, but for the Python stack shipped with the Amsterdam Modeling Suite all **pip** commands need to be prefixed with **\$AMSBIN/amspython -m**:

\$AMSBIN/amspython -m pip list \$AMSBIN/amspython -m pip show scipy \$AMSBIN/amspython -m pip search rotate-backups \$AMSBIN/amspython -m pip install rotate-backups

- flexmd: A module for running MD simulations with adaptive QM/MM regions. Details can be found in the *FlexMD documentation* (page 67).
- plams: PLAMS (Python Library for Automating Molecular Simulation) is a collection of tools that aim at providing
  powerful, flexible and easily extendable Python interface to molecular modeling programs. It takes care of input
  preparation, job execution, file management and output processing as well as helps with building more advanced
  data workflows. See the PLAMS tutorials and PLAMS documentation for more information.
- autografs: AuToGraFS stands for Automatic Topological Generator for Framework Structures. Information and examples can be found in the *AuToGraFS documentation* (page 79).

# 3.3 Using other modules with the AMS Python Stack

You can extend the the AMS Python Stack with other modules. You can use **pip** (see above) to install additional modules if they are available on the Python Package Index (PyPI (https://pypi.python.org/pypi)). This is the recommended way of installing packages:

\$AMSBIN/amspython -m pip install name\_of\_package

You can also do this for your own packages that you develop, for example:

\$AMSBIN/amspython -m pip install -e .

Alternatively, you can add the location of the source to the SCM\_PYTHONPATH variable to make the module available in the AMS Python Stack. To avoid collisions with other python installations on the system, we unload PYTHONPATH and PYTHONHOME from the environment when launching the ADF Python Stack and put the content of SCM\_PYTHONPATH into PYTHONPATH.

**Hint:** If you for some reason have to use the PYTHONPATH variable and are unable to use SCM\_PYTHONPATH, you can modify \$AMSBIN/amspython and \$AMSBIN/amsipython to not have it cleared when starting python.

# 3.4 Install and run Jupyter Lab (Jupyter Notebooks)

# 3.4.1 Install Jupyter Lab

AMS2023 or later: Install Jupyter lab in the Package Manager (GUI: SCM  $\rightarrow$  Packages, Command-line: AMSBIN/amspackages -h).

# 3.4.2 Run Jupyter Lab

In a command-line, run:

```
"$AMSBIN/amspython" -m jupyterlab
```

This will open up Jupyter Lab in your web browser.

To create a new notebook, click the **blue plus** (+) **button** at the top left and select **Notebook**  $\rightarrow$  **Python 3** (ipykernel).

### 3.4.3 Execute a notebook from the command-line

If you want to run a Jupyter notebook from the command-line, for example when submitting to a cluster, you can do something like the following

```
cat > template.tpl <<EOF
{%- block body %}
{{ nb | json_dumps }}
{% endblock body %}
EOF
"$AMSBIN/amspython" \
    -m nbconvert \
    --to custom \
    --template template.tpl \
    --RegexRemovePreprocessor.patterns='^!' \
    --execute \
    --output output.ipynb \
    notebook.ipynb</pre>
```

Above, the purpose of template.tpl is to allow the use of the RegexRemovePreprocessor. It will exclude cells starting with an exclamation mark !, for example commands used to launch GUI modules like AMSmovie or AMSspectra.

# 3.5 Python virtual environment

### 3.5.1 Default python virtual environment

Starting with AMS2020, the amspython command by default checks for a python virtual environment inside the user's home directory. If it does not find a virtual environment, it will create one in the following location (these are the default values for the SCM\_PYTHONDIR environment variable):

- Windows: \$USERPROFILE/.scm/python
- Mac: \$HOME/Library/Application Support/SCM/python
- Linux: \$HOME/.scm/python

amspython then launches the python binary located inside the virtual environment.

If you install additional packages via pip (see above), they will be installed into the virtual environment's site-packages.

### 3.5.2 Virtual environments for different AMS versions

The virtual environment is tied to the major release version of AMS, which is reflected in the name of the virtual environment directory (e.g. AMS2020.1.venv).

Thus, upgrading from AMS2020.101 to AMS2020.102 will automatically let you use all python packages that you installed into the AMS2020.101 virtual environment.

To use previously installed python packages when upgrading from AMS2020.101 to e.g. AMS2020.301 or AMS2021.101, simply copy or rename AMS2020.1.venv to AMS2020.3.venv or AMS2021.1.venv in the same directory.

If you have several installations of different major releases of the Amsterdam Modeling Suite on the same computer, multiple virtual environments will also be created, one for each installation.

## 3.5.3 Changing the location of the python virtual environment

Set the SCM\_PYTHONDIR environment variable to a directory in which the virtual environment will be installed. If you use the graphical user interface (GUI), this environment variable can be changed in the GUI preferences. If you use the command line, set it in your amsbashrc.sh. If you use both the GUI and the command line, you should change it in both places.

### 3.5.4 Disabling the virtual environment

Follow the steps for changing the location of the python virtual environment, but set SCM\_PYTHONDIR to be empty.

### 3.5.5 Uninstalling the virtual environment

Just delete the directory containing the virtual environment. This will also delete any packages that you have installed into it.

### 3.5.6 Reinstalling the virtual environment

To force a reinstallation of the virtual environment, even if it already exists, run <code>\$AMSBIN/amspython -- install\_venv</code>. This will not remove any packages inside the virtual environment.

# 3.6 Useful commands

• Start a python shell:

\$AMSBIN/amspython

• Install new packages via pip:

\$AMSBIN/amspython -m pip install name\_of\_package

• Find out the location of an installed package (e.g. numpy):

\$AMSBIN/amspython -c 'import numpy; print(numpy.\_\_file\_\_)'

• Find out which python binary is launched by amspython:

```
$AMSBIN/amspython -c 'import sys; print(sys.executable)'
```

### • Disable the virtual environment (one-time):

SCM\_PYTHONDIR='' \$AMSBIN/amspython

### CHAPTER

# FOUR

# SCM LIBBASE

The module scm.libbase

# 4.1 Chemical System

### 4.1.1 Overview

The ChemicalSystem class serves as a versatile representation of a chemical system. It's designed to handle various types of chemical structures, such as molecules, surfaces, or crystals.

Here's how you can initialize a ChemicalSystem object using a System Block string:

```
from scm.libbase import UnifiedChemicalSystem as ChemicalSystem
# Initialize a Chemical System from a 'System Block' string
mol = ChemicalSystem(
.....
System
    Atoms
          0 0.0 0.0 0.0
          Н 1.0 0.0 0.0
          Н 0.0 1.0 0.0
     End
End
""")
# Guess the bonds in the molecule based on the atomic coordinates
mol.guess_bonds()
# Translate the molecule so that the origin coincide with it's center of mass
mol.translate(-mol.center_of_mass())
# Print the molecule in 'System Block' format
print (mol)
```

## 4.1.2 Reading and writing

You can create or serialize a ChemicalSystem object using various file formats. Among these, **System Block** is one of the most significant, offering a versatile text-based way to describe your chemical system. For more information on the syntax and options for the System Block, see the AMS System Block documentation.

When you convert a ChemicalSystem object into a string (either by explicitly calling str (my\_chemical\_system) or by using a print statement) the output will be in the System Block format

#### Note on Serialization

When you read or write a ChemicalSystem using either the System Block format or a *kf file* (page 60), the object is perfectly serialized. In other words, writing the object to a kf file and reading it back will result in an identical ChemicalSystem.

However, be cautious when using the xyz format as it doesn't offer lossless serialization. Writing and reading back using this format may result in the loss of certain information, such as bonds between atoms.

### **Available Methods for Serialization**

Below are the methods you can use for reading and writing (also known as serializing and deserializing) a ChemicalSystem:

#### class UnifiedChemicalSystem

```
class UnifiedChemicalSystem(system_block: str)
A class representing a chemical system in the Amsterdam Modeling Suite.
classmethod from_in(filename: str, name: str = ") → UnifiedChemicalSystem
Constructs and returns a new ChemicalSystem from a (possibly named) System block in an AMS input file.
classmethod from_kf(filename: str, section: str = 'Molecule') → UnifiedChemicalSystem
classmethod from_kf(kf: libbase.KFFile (page 60), section: str = 'Molecule') → UnifiedChemical-
System
Constructs and returns a new ChemicalSystem from a section on a KF file.
classmethod from_xyz (filename: str) → UnifiedChemicalSystem
Constructs and returns a new ChemicalSystem from an extended XYZ file.
classmethod from_input (input_file: libbase.InputFile (page 58), prefix: str) → UnifiedChemical-
System
Constructs and returns a new ChemicalSystem from an InputFile instance, given a prefix, e.g. 'System[1]%'.
write_in(filename: str) → None
Writes a ChemicalSystem to file as an AMS System block.
```

- write\_kf (filename: str, section: str = 'Molecule', omode: libbase.KFFile.OpenMode (page 60) = KF-File.OpenMode.Any)  $\rightarrow$  None
- write\_kf (kf: libbase.KFFile (page 60), section:  $str = 'Molecule') \rightarrow$  None Writes a ChemicalSystem to a section on a KF file.
- write\_xyz (*filename: str, extended\_xyz\_format: bool* = True)  $\rightarrow$  None Writes a ChemicalSystem to an XYZ file.

By default the file is written in the AMS extended XYZ file format, which includes lattice vectors, atomic properties, regions and some system properties such as the total charge. In order to write a plain standard XYZ files without any of these extensions, set extended\_xyz\_format to False.

### 4.1.3 Atoms

The ChemicalSystem class maintains an array of instances of the Atom class (UnifiedAtom) to represent the atoms in the system.

#### **Adding and Modifying Atoms**

The following code provides examples for adding atoms to a ChemicalSystem and modifying their properties.

```
from scm.libbase import UnifiedChemicalSystem as ChemicalSystem
from scm.libbase import UnifiedAtom as Atom
mol = ChemicalSystem()
# Three different ways of adding atoms
mol.add_atom("O", coords=[0, 0, 0])
mol.add_atom(Atom("H"), coords=[2, 0, 0])
mol.add_atom(1, coords=[0, 2, 0], unit="Angstrom")
# Change the coordinates of the Oxygen atom (units: Bohr)
mol.atoms[0].coords = [1, 2, 3]
# This is equivalent to the line above:
mol.coords[:, 0] = [1, 2, 3]
# Change the first hydrogen atom to deuterium by adjusting the mass (units: Dalton):
mol.atoms[1].mass = 2.014
```

#### **Available Methods**

Here are methods to interact with the atoms in your ChemicalSystem:

### 

#### property atoms

A list of all Atom instances that are part of this ChemicalSystem.

```
property coords
```

The coordinates of the atoms in bohr.

**contains\_atom** (*atom: libbase.UnifiedAtom*)  $\rightarrow$  bool Checks if an Atom instance is part of a ChemicalSystem.

**atom\_index** (*atom: libbase.UnifiedAtom*)  $\rightarrow$  int Given an Atom instance, returns its index in ChemicalSystem.atoms.  $\begin{array}{l} \texttt{add\_atom}\ (atom:\ libbase.\ Unified\ Atom)\ \rightarrow\ \mathsf{None}\\ \texttt{add\_atom}\ (atom:\ libbase.\ Unified\ Atom,\ coords:\ ArrayLike,\ unit:\ str\ =\ 'bohr')\ \rightarrow\ \mathsf{None}\\ \texttt{add\_atom}\ (Z:\ int,\ coords:\ ArrayLike,\ unit:\ str\ =\ 'bohr')\ \rightarrow\ \mathsf{None}\\ \texttt{add\_atom}\ (element:\ libbase.\ Unified\ Element,\ coords:\ ArrayLike,\ unit:\ str\ =\ 'bohr')\ \rightarrow\ \mathsf{None}\\ \texttt{add\_atom}\ (symbol:\ Unified\ Atom.\ T\_\ Atom\ Symbol,\ coords:\ ArrayLike,\ unit:\ str\ =\ 'bohr')\ \rightarrow\ \mathsf{None}\\ \texttt{add\_atom}\ (symbol:\ Unified\ Atom.\ T\_\ Atom\ Symbol,\ coords:\ ArrayLike,\ unit:\ str\ =\ 'bohr')\ \rightarrow\ \mathsf{None}\\ \texttt{add\_atom}\ (symbol:\ Unified\ Atom.\ T\_\ Atom\ Symbol,\ coords:\ ArrayLike,\ unit:\ str\ =\ 'bohr')\ \rightarrow\ \mathsf{None}\\ \texttt{Add}\ a\ new\ Atom\ to\ the\ Chemical System. \end{array}$ 

**remove\_atom** (*atom\_index: int*)  $\rightarrow$  None Removes a single atom from the system, given its index.

**remove\_atoms** (*atom\_indices: ArrayLike*)  $\rightarrow$  None Removes multiple atoms from the system, given their atom indices.

set\_atom (*atom\_index: int, atom: libbase.UnifiedAtom*)  $\rightarrow$  None Safe assignment of an Atom instance to atoms[atom\_index].

Is essentially the same as self.atoms[atom\_index] = atom, but makes sure that all the atomic properties carried by the Atom instance are enabled on the target ChemicalSystem: the direct assignment will throw a ChemicalSystemError if the needed atomic properties are not enabled, while calling this method will enable them automatically and will not throw.

If Atom is part of a ChemicalSystem, its will overwrite whatever coordinates atoms[atom\_index] had before. If Atom is not part of a ChemicalSystem, the coordinates of atoms[atom\_index] will remain unchanged.

Methods for combining two ChemicalSystems into one:

### class UnifiedChemicalSystem

class UnifiedChemicalSystem(system\_block: str)

A class representing a chemical system in the Amsterdam Modeling Suite.

```
add_other (other: UnifiedChemicalSystem) \rightarrow None
```

Merges another ChemicalSystem into this one.

The number of atoms of self increases by the number of atoms of other. All atomic coordinates, properties and bonds between atoms will be kept. The total charge of other will be added to the total charge of self.

The regions of each atom do not change in the process. Regions with the same name in self and other are merged.

Systems with a lattice can only be merged with systems having the same lattice or no lattice at all. If only one side has a lattice, that side determines the lattice of the result.

If both sides have a compatible lattice and bonds, merging them is only supported if either both or none of the two have the lattice displacements of the bonds set. If one side has lattice displacements, and the other does not, a ChemicalSystemError is raised.

**\_\_iadd**\_\_(*arg0: UnifiedChemicalSystem*)  $\rightarrow$  UnifiedChemicalSystem Merges another ChemicalSystem into this one.

Note that lhs += rhs is just the operator version of lhs.add\_other(rhs). See ChemicalSystem.add\_other for details about merging systems.

```
___add__ (arg0: UnifiedChemicalSystem) \rightarrow UnifiedChemicalSystem
Creates a new ChemicalSystem by merging two others.
```

Note that C = A + B is equivalent to C = copy(A); C.add\_other(B). See ChemicalSystem.add\_other for details about merging systems.

Splitting of ChemicalSystems into parts:

#### class UnifiedChemicalSystem

#### class UnifiedChemicalSystem(system\_block: str)

A class representing a chemical system in the Amsterdam Modeling Suite.

**extract\_atoms** (*atom\_indices:* ArrayLike)  $\rightarrow$  UnifiedChemicalSystem Returns a new system build from a subset of atoms.

Bonds within the subset will be preserved, but bonds to atoms not extracted will disappear. The returned system will have the same lattice as the original and a total charge of zero. Atomic properties and regions of the extracted atoms are preserved, but the returned system does not have any selected atoms.

**split** (*part\_indices: Sequence[numpy.int64]*)  $\rightarrow$  List[UnifiedChemicalSystem] Splits the system into parts and returns a list of these parts as separate systems.

Accepts a num\_atoms long sequence, assigning the atoms of the system to the parts. The length of the

returned list of parts is max (part\_indices) +1.

Example: for a 6 atom system and a part\_indices of [0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1] a list of two systems will be returned. The system will contain the first three atoms of the original, and the second system the other three atoms.

The returned systems will have the same lattice as the original and a total charge of zero. Atomic properties and regions are preserved, but the returned systems do not have any selected atoms.

#### The UnifiedAtom class

The UnifiedAtom class contains all the relevant data for an individual atom:

```
class UnifiedAtom
class UnifiedAtom (Z: int)
class UnifiedAtom (element: UnifiedElement)
class UnifiedAtom (symbol: T_AtomSymbol)
        Class representing a single atom and its properties.
```

**property Z** The atomic number of the atom.

## property coords

The coordinates of the atom in bohr.

#### property symbol

The element symbol, e.g. 'C' or 'Au'.

```
in_chemicalsystem() \rightarrow bool
```

Check if this Atom instance is part of a ChemicalSystem.

## 4.1.4 Molecular properties

These are properties of the Chemical System:

#### class UnifiedChemicalSystem

class UnifiedChemicalSystem(system\_block: str)

A class representing a chemical system in the Amsterdam Modeling Suite.

#### property charge

The total charge of the system in atomic units (i.e. in units of elementary charge).

```
total_mass() \rightarrow float
```

Total mass in atomic mass units (dalton).

```
\texttt{formula()} \rightarrow str
```

Chemical formula in Hill notation (e.g. H2O, CH4):

- If Carbon is present, the order is: C, H, alphabetical.
- If Carbon is not present all the elements (including Hydrogen) are listed alphabetically.
- Single-letter elements come before 2-letters elements (e.g. 'K' comes before 'Kr', 'B' before 'Be')

## 4.1.5 Geometry and manipulation

The Chemical System provides a range of methods for manipulating the geometry and retrieving geometrical properties of your molecular system.

Here is a simple example showcasing some of the methods:

```
from scm.libbase import UnifiedChemicalSystem as ChemicalSystem
# Initialize a Chemical System from an XYZ file
mol = ChemicalSystem.from_xyz("some_mol.xyz")
print("Original system:")
print(mol)
# Translate the system to center its geometric center at the origin
mol.translate(-mol.geometric_center())
# Define a rotation matrix for a 90-degree rotation around the z-axis
rot_mat = [[0,-1, 0],
        [1, 0, 0],
        [0, 0, 1]]
# Apply the rotation
mol.rotate(rot_mat)
print("Roto-tranlsated system:")
print(mol)
```

#### This will output:

```
Original system:
System
 Atoms
 F
   End
End
Roto-tranlsated system:
System
 Atoms
  Н
   F
 End
End
```

#### **Available Methods**

#### class UnifiedChemicalSystem

```
class UnifiedChemicalSystem(system_block: str)
```

A class representing a chemical system in the Amsterdam Modeling Suite.

```
translate (shift: ArrayLike) \rightarrow None
```

Translates all atoms in the ChemicalSystem by a vector.

**rotate** (*rot\_mat: ArrayLike*)  $\rightarrow$  None

Rotate the system according to the rotation matrix.

```
align_to (other: UnifiedChemicalSystem) \rightarrow None
```

Translate and rotate the system to maximally align it with 'other'. It will first translate the system to the center of mass of 'other', then it will use the Kabsch algorithm (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kabsch\_algorithm) to rotate the system in order to minimize the RMSD.

Notes:

- The two UnifiedChemicalSystems must have the same number of atoms.
- The atoms in the two chemical system must be in the same order.

classmethod rotation_matrix_minimizing_rms	<b>d</b> ( <i>a</i> :		UnifiedChemicalSys-
	tem,	<i>b:</i>	UnifiedChemicalSys-
	tem)	$\rightarrow$	numpy.ndarray[Any,
	numpy	.dtype[nu	mpy.float64]]
Given two chemical systems, returns the rotation matrix the	at minimiz	zes the RN	ASD.

**classmethod rmsd** (a: UnifiedChemicalSystem, b: UnifiedChemicalSystem, align: bool)  $\rightarrow$  float Computes the RMSD between two systems. 'align': whether or not the systems should be roto-translated as to minimize the RMSD.

Notes:

- The two UnifiedChemicalSystems must have the same number of atoms.
- The atoms in the two chemical system must be in the same order.
- $\label{eq:geometric_center()} \begin{array}{l} \textbf{geometric\_center()} \rightarrow numpy.ndarray[Any, numpy.dtype[numpy.float64]]} \\ Position of the geometric center in bohr. \end{array}$
- $\begin{array}{l} \texttt{center_of}\_mass() \rightarrow \texttt{numpy.ndarray}[\texttt{Any, numpy.dtype}[\texttt{numpy.float64}]] \\ \texttt{Position of the center of mass in bohr.} \end{array}$
- **inertia\_tensor** ()  $\rightarrow$  numpy.ndarray[Any, numpy.dtype[numpy.float64]] Returns the system's inertia tensor as a 3x3 matrix in atomic units (amu\*bohr^2).

The inertia tensor is not defined for periodic systems. Calling this method on a periodic systems throws a ChemicalSystemError.

 $\begin{array}{ll} \texttt{moments_of_inertia()} & \rightarrow & \text{Tuple[numpy.ndarray[Any, numpy.dtype[numpy.float64]],} \\ & & \text{numpy.ndarray[Any, numpy.dtype[numpy.float64]]]} \end{array}$ 

Calculates the system's moments of inertia and the corresponding principal axes.

#### **Returns a tuple:**

- a 3 component np.array of the inertial moments in atomic units (amu\*bohr^2) sorted by magnitude
- a 3x3 np.array with with the corresponding axes as the column vectors

The moments of inertia and the principal axes are not defined for periodic systems. Calling this method on a periodic systems throws a ChemicalSystemError.

```
\texttt{is\_linear()} \rightarrow bool
```

Checks if a ChemicalSystem is linear.

A molecule is considered linear if all of its atoms are located on a line. A 1D periodic system is considered linear if all atoms are located on a line parallel to the only lattice vector. Slab and bulk periodic systems can never be linear.

#### **perturb\_coordinates** (*noise\_level: float, unit: str* = 'bohr') $\rightarrow$ None

Perturb the atomic coordinates by adding random numbers between [-noise\_level,noise\_level] to each Cartesian component. This can be useful if you want to break the symmetry of your system (e.g. for a geometry optimization).

## 4.1.6 Bonds

The Chemical System contains a bonds property, which is an instance of the UnifiedBonds class. This contains the (possibly empty) bonding information on the system.

#### Creating and adding bonds

There are several ways of getting bonds into your chemical system. The following snippet will show some of the most common approaches:

```
from scm.libbase import UnifiedChemicalSystem as ChemicalSystem
from scm.libbase import UnifiedBond as Bond
# Here we initialize a Chemical System from an XYZ file.
# The chemical system will not have any bonds at the moment, because
# bonds are not defined in the .xyz file.
water = ChemicalSystem.from_xyz("water.xyz")
# You can let the bond quessing algorithm simply guess the bonds:
water.guess_bonds()
# Or you can add them manually.
# First we clear the bonds we just guessed:
water.bonds.clear_bonds()
# and add bonds manually:
water.bonds.add_bond(0, 1, Bond(1.0)) # From the oxygen to the first Hydrogen
water.bonds.add_bond(0, 2, Bond(1.0)) # From the oxygen to the second Hydrogen
# You can also explicitely define the bonds in the System Block...
system_block = """
System
   Atoms
       0 0.0000000000000 0.0000000000000 0.3695041700000000
       Н 0.0000000000000 0.7838367199999999 -0.184752090000000
          0.00000000000000 -0.7838367199999999 -0.184752090000000
       Н
   End
   BondOrders
       1 2 1.00
       1 3 1.00
    End
End
.....
# ...and then load the system:
water = ChemicalSystem(system_block)
# This is how you can iterate over the bonds and get the indices of the bonded atoms:
for i, j, bond in water.bonds:
   print(f"Atoms: {i}-{j} Bond order: {bond.order}")
```

Note on atom indexing: as you can also see from the example above, atom indexing from within python and in the System Block differ: In python the first atom has index 0, while in the System Block the first atom has index 1.

#### The Bond Class

This contains the properties of a single bond.

#### class UnifiedBond

class UnifiedBond(order: float)
class UnifiedBond(order: float, lattice\_displacements: ArrayLike)

A class representing a bond between two atoms.

#### property lattice\_displacements

Lattice displacements for the second atom that is part of the bond.

If atom A and B are bonded with lattice displacements [1, 0, 0], this means that atom A is bonded to the image of atom B that is displaced along the first lattice vector. Note that A > B in terms of atom indices.

#### property order

The order of the bond: 1 = single bond, 1.5 = aromatic bond, 2 = double bond, 3 = triple bond.

#### The Bonds Class

This contains the information all the bonds, and methods to retrieve and manipulate bonds:

#### class UnifiedBonds

A class representing a set of bonds between atoms in a ChemicalSystem.

- add\_bond (*from\_atom: int, to\_atom: int, bond:* libbase.UnifiedBond (*page 37*))  $\rightarrow$  None Adds a bond between two atoms, given their indices.
- add\_bonds (from\_atoms: ArrayLike, to\_atoms: ArrayLike, bonds: List[libbase.UnifiedBond (page 37)])

 $\rightarrow$  None add\_bonds (*from\_atoms: ArrayLike*, *to\_atoms: ArrayLike*, *orders: ArrayLike*)  $\rightarrow$  None

Adds bonds between multiple atom pairs at the same time. All arguments should have the same length.

#### **num\_bonds**() $\rightarrow$ int

num\_bonds (*atom: int*)  $\rightarrow$  int

If called with an atom index, returns the number of bonds of that atom. If called without an atom index, returns the total number of bonds between all atoms.

- atoms\_are\_bonded (*from\_atom: int, to\_atom: int*)  $\rightarrow$  bool Checks whether two atoms are bonded or not.
- get\_bonds\_for\_atom (from\_atom: int)  $\rightarrow$  Iterator[Tuple[int, int, libbase.UnifiedBond (page 37)]] Returns an iterator over all bonds from a particular atom given by its index.

Unpacking the iterator yields a 3-tuple of two atom indices A and B, and a Bond instance. Note that A <= B.

- **remove\_bond** (*bidx: Union[int*, libbase.UnifiedBond (*page 37*)])  $\rightarrow$  None Removes a bond, given either its index in the .bonds attribute or an instance of a Bond.
- **remove\_bonds\_between\_atoms** (*from\_atom: int, to\_atom: int*)  $\rightarrow$  None Removes the bonds between two atoms, gived their indices.
- **remove\_bonds\_to\_atom** (*atom: int*)  $\rightarrow$  None Removes all bonds to a particular atom, given its index.
- **remove\_bonds\_to\_atoms** (*remove\_atoms: ArrayLike*)  $\rightarrow$  None Removes all bonds for a list of atoms given by their indices.

#### Methods in the Chemical System

#### class UnifiedChemicalSystem

class UnifiedChemicalSystem(system\_block: str)

A class representing a chemical system in the Amsterdam Modeling Suite.

#### property bonds

The bonds of the system.

#### <code>guess\_bonds()</code> $\rightarrow$ None

Guesses bonds based on the atomic elements and the geometry. Keeps existing bonds.

#### $\texttt{num_molecules()} \to \text{int}$

Counts the number of connected molecules that are part of this system.

What is considered a molecule is based on the bonds of the system: anything connected by any bonds is considered to be a molecule. For a fully connected system, this method returns 1. If the system has no bonding information, each atom is its own molecule and this method returns the total number of atoms in the system.

#### **molecule\_indices**() $\rightarrow$ numpy.ndarray[Any, numpy.dtype[numpy.int64]]

Returns a num\_atoms sized array mapping the atoms to connected molecules of the system.

What is considered a molecule is based on the bonds of the system: anything connected by any bonds is considered to be a molecule. For a system consisting of two water molecules (where the first three atoms make up one of the molecules), this method returns [0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1]. If the system has no bonding information, each atoms is considered its own molecule and this method returns  $[0, 1, 2, ..., num\_atoms]$ .

#### $\texttt{split\_into\_molecules()} \rightarrow List[UnifiedChemicalSystem]$

Splits the system into individual molecules based on the connectivity between atoms.

The length of the returned list is num\_molecules. Which set of atoms ends up in which element of the list is determined by the indices returned by the molecule\_indices method.

The returned systems will have the same lattice as the original and a total charge of zero. Atomic properties and regions are preserved, but the returned systems do not have any selected atoms.

This method is just a shortcut for: cs.split(cs.molecule\_indices()).

#### $\texttt{bond\_cuts\_molecule} (\textit{from\_atom: int, to\_atom: int}) \rightarrow \texttt{bool}$

**bond\_cuts\_molecule** (*from\_atom: libbase.UnifiedAtom, to\_atom: libbase.UnifiedAtom*)  $\rightarrow$  bool Checks if removing the bonds between two atoms would cut the graph into two disjoint subgraphs.

#### **atom\_is\_in\_ring** (*atom: Union[int, libbase.UnifiedAtom]*) → bool

Checks if an atom is part of any ring.

An atom is in a ring, if removing the bond to (at least) one of its neighbors does not cut the graph into two disjoint subgraphs.

#### property molgraph\_edgeweight\_func\_t

A method (Callable[[int, int, UnifiedBond], float]) taking two atom indices and a Bond instance between the two atoms. It shall return the non-negative distance measurement between the two atoms. This is an (often optional) input to methods that determine the shortest path between atoms in the molecular graph.

### molgraph\_dijkstra (from\_atidx: int, dist\_func: molgraph\_edgeweight\_func\_t (page 38), to\_atidx: int

= -1)  $\rightarrow$  Tuple[List[float], List[int], List[bool]]

General method implementing the Dijkstra algorithm on the molecular graph. The Dijktra algorithm solves the single-source shortest path problem in weighted graphs with non-negative weights.

- from\_atidx is the index of source atom, i.e. the atom from which we start searching for paths.
- dist\_func is a method (of type molgraph\_edgeweight\_func\_t = Callable[[int, int, UnifiedBond], float]) taking two atomic indices and a Bond instance as input. It returns the weight of the graph edge, aka the distance between the two atoms. The returned distance may not be negative, but you can return float("inf") to ignore a particular edge in the search.

• to\_atidx marks an optional target atom and can be used to solve the single-pair shortest path problem by prematurely terminating the Dijkstra algorithm as soon as the shortest path to the target atom has been found.

Returns a 3-tuple consisting of:

- 1. path\_lengths is a list of length num\_atoms that upon return of the method will be populated with the lengths of the shortest paths from the source atom. Unreachable atoms, aka atoms in other molecules, will have an infinite path length.
- 2. path\_through is a list of length num\_atoms that upon return will for each atom contain the preceding atoms index in the shortest path from source atom. By stepping backwards through this array all shortest paths from the source atom can be recovered. If no path has been found to a particular atom, the corresponding list element will be set to -1.
- 3. visited is a list of length num\_atoms marking which atoms have been visited by the Dijkstra algorithm prior to its termination. An atom counts as visited if it has been popped of the top of the priority queue to have its neighbors added to the queue. Note that in case of premature termination of the algorithm due to using the to\_atidx argument, shortest paths have only been determined for all visited atoms. (Other atoms may still have a path length set, but it is not guaranteed to be the shortest path from the source.)

```
\label{eq:shortest_path_lengths_from} (\textit{from\_atom: Union[int, libbase.UnifiedAtom]}) \rightarrow \mbox{List[float]} \\ \mbox{shortest\_path\_lengths\_from} (\textit{from\_atom: Union[int, libbase.UnifiedAtom]}, \textit{dist\_func: mol-graph\_edgeweight\_func\_t} (page 38)) \rightarrow \mbox{List[float]} \\ \mbox{shortest\_path\_lengths\_from} (from\_atom: Union[int, libbase.UnifiedAtom], \textit{dist\_func: mol-graph\_edgeweight\_func\_t} (page 38)) \rightarrow \mbox{List[float]} \\ \mbox{shortest\_path\_lengths\_from} (from\_atom: Union[int, libbase.UnifiedAtom], \textit{dist\_func: mol-graph\_edgeweight\_func\_t} (page 38)) \rightarrow \mbox{List[float]} \\ \mbox{shortest\_path\_lengths\_from} (from\_atom: Union[int, libbase.UnifiedAtom], \textit{dist\_func: mol-graph\_edgeweight\_func\_t} (page 38)) \rightarrow \mbox{List[float]} \\ \mbox{shortest\_from} (from\_atom: Union[int, libbase.UnifiedAtom], \textit{dist\_func: mol-graph\_edgeweight\_func\_t} (page 38)) \rightarrow \mbox{List[float]} \\ \mbox{shortest\_from} (from\_atom: Union[int, libbase.UnifiedAtom], \textit{dist\_func: mol-graph\_edgeweight\_func\_t} (page 38)) \rightarrow \mbox{List[float]} \\ \mbox{shortest\_from} (from\_atom: union[int, libbase.UnifiedAtom], \textit{dist\_func: mol-graph\_edgeweight\_func\_t} (page 38)) \rightarrow \mbox{List[float]} \\ \mbox{shortest\_from} (from\_atom: union[int, libbase.UnifiedAtom], \textit{dist\_func: mol-graph\_edgeweight\_func\_t} (page 38)) \rightarrow \mbox{List[float]} \\ \mbox{shortest\_from} (from\_atom: union[int, libbase.UnifiedAtom], \textit{dist\_func: mol-graph\_func\_t} (page 38)) \rightarrow \mbox{List[float]} \\ \mbox{shortest\_from} (from\_atom: union[int, libbase.UnifiedAtom], \textit{dist\_func: mol-graph\_func\_t} (page 38)) \rightarrow \mbox{List[float]} \\ \mbox{shortest\_from} (from\_atom: union[int, libbase.UnifiedAtom], \textit{dist\_func: mol-graph\_func\_t} (page 38)) \rightarrow \mbox{figurest\_from} (from\_atom: union[int, libbase.UnifiedAtom], \textit{dist\_func: mol-graph\_func\_t} (page 38)) \rightarrow \mbox{figurest\_from} (from\_atom: union[int, libbase.UnifiedAtom], \textit{dist\_func: mol-graph\_func\_t} (page 38)) \rightarrow \mbox{figurest\_from} (page 38) \ (page 38) \
```

Returns the lengths of all shortest paths from from\_atom to all other atoms.

**shortest\_path\_between** (*from\_atom: int, to\_atom: int*)  $\rightarrow$  Optional[List[int]]

```
shortest_path_between (from_atom: libbase.UnifiedAtom, to_atom: libbase.UnifiedAtom, dist_func: molgraph_edgeweight_func_t (page 38)) \rightarrow Optional[List[int]]
```

**shortest\_path\_between** (*from\_atom: libbase.UnifiedAtom, to\_atom: libbase.UnifiedAtom*)  $\rightarrow$  Optional[List[int]]

Returns the shortest path between two atoms as a list of atom indices.

Note that the list contains both from\_atom and to\_atom as the first and last element. The length of the path (measured in number of hops) is therefore equal to the length of the returned list minus one.

shortest\_path\_length\_between (from\_atom: to\_atom: dist\_func: molint, int, graph\_edgeweight\_func\_t (page 38))  $\rightarrow$  float  $shortest_path_length_between(from_atom: int, to_atom: int) \rightarrow float$ shortest\_path\_length\_between (from\_atom: libbase.UnifiedAtom, libto atom: base.UnifiedAtom, dist func: molgraph edgeweight func t (page 38))  $\rightarrow$  float shortest\_path\_length\_between (from\_atom: libbase.UnifiedAtom, to\_atom: lib*base.UnifiedAtom*)  $\rightarrow$  float

Returns the length of the shortest path between two atoms.

## 4.1.7 Lattice and Periodic Systems

The Chemical System can handle periodic system with arbitrary numbers of Periodic Boundaries Conditions (i.e. 0,1,2,3).

The lattice property of the Chemical System contains the lattice vectors information.

#### class UnifiedChemicalSystem

```
class UnifiedChemicalSystem(system_block: str)
```

A class representing a chemical system in the Amsterdam Modeling Suite.

```
property lattice
The lattice of the system.
```

```
has_lattice() \rightarrow bool
```

Checks if the system has a lattice.

Note that the lattice attribute of a ChemicalSystem is never None. A system is considered to not have a lattice if the number of lattice vectors is 0. Using this method is the same a checking lattice.  $num\_vectors = 0$ .

Here are some examples:

```
from scm.libbase import UnifiedChemicalSystem as ChemicalSystem
from scm.libbase import UnifiedLattice as Lattice
# Create an empty chemical system
chain = ChemicalSystem()
# Add an Helium atom in the origin
chain.add_atom("He", [0, 0, 0])
# Make it a 1D periodic chain by adding a lattice vector along X (units: Bohr)
chain.lattice = Lattice([[2],
                     [0],
                     [0]])
print (chain)
# You can also initialize it from a System Block:
graphene = ChemicalSystem("""
System
    Atoms
           С
            1.23000000000000 0.7101408311032394 0.0000000000000000
        С
    End
    Lattice
        -1.23000000000000 2.1304224933097191 0.0000000000000000
    End
End
""")
print (graphene)
```

These are the methods in the UnifiedLattice class.

```
class UnifiedLattice
class UnifiedLattice (vectors: ArrayLike)
A class representing the lattice of a ChemicalSystem.
```

**cartesian\_to\_fractional** (*cartesian\_coord: numpy.ndarray*[*Any, numpy.dtype*[*numpy.float64*]])  $\rightarrow$  numpy.ndarray[Any, numpy.dtype[numpy.float64]] Convert Cartesian coordinates to fractional coordinates for a single point. cartesians\_to\_fractionals(cartesian\_coords: numpy.ndarray[Any, numpy.dtype[numpy.float64]]) numpy.ndarray[Any, numpy.dtype[numpy.float64]] Convert Cartesian coordinates to fractional coordinates for a set of points. fractional\_to\_cartesian (fractional\_coord: numpy.ndarray[Any, numpy.dtype[numpy.float64]])  $\rightarrow$  numpy.ndarray[Any, numpy.dtype[numpy.float64]] Convert fractional coordinates to Cartesian coordinates for a single point. fractionals\_to\_cartesians(fractional\_coords: numpy.ndarray[Any, numpy.dtype[numpy.float64]]) numpy.ndarray[Any,  $\rightarrow$ numpy.dtype[numpy.float64]] Convert fractional coordinates to Cartesian coordinates for a set of points. **get\_angles**()  $\rightarrow$  numpy.ndarray[Any, numpy.dtype[numpy.float64]] Get the angles between the lattice vectors (note: always returns 3 numbers). get\_lengths ()  $\rightarrow$  numpy.ndarray[Any, numpy.dtype[numpy.float64]] Get the length of the lattice vectors (note: always returns 3 numbers). get vector with index (i: int)  $\rightarrow$  numpy.ndarray[Any, numpy.dtype[numpy.float64]] Get the lattice vector of a given index. get\_volume()  $\rightarrow$  float Get the volume of the unit cell (for 2D: area, for 1D length) is orthogonal()  $\rightarrow$  bool Is the lattice orthogonal? property num\_vectors Returns the number of lattice vectors (i.e. the number of PBC). property vectors The lattice vectors in bohr. Here are methods from the ChemicalSystem that relate to periodic systems: class UnifiedChemicalSystem class UnifiedChemicalSystem(system\_block: str) A class representing a chemical system in the Amsterdam Modeling Suite. set\_fractional\_coordinates (*frac\_coords: ArrayLike*)  $\rightarrow$  None Sets the fractional coordinates of all atoms. In non-periodic directions the plain coordinates should be passed in bohr. get\_fractional\_coordinates() → numpy.ndarray[Any, numpy.dtype[numpy.float64]] Returns the fractional coordinates of all atoms with respect to the cell. In non-periodic directions the plain coordinates are returned in bohr. map atoms (start range: Union[float, ArrayLike]) Tuple[bool, numpy.ndarray[Any, numpy.dtype[numpy.int64]]]

Maps all atoms into a unit cell from [start\_range:start\_range+1] in fractional coordinates.

No mapping will take place in non-periodic directions. The returned tuple signifies if any mapping has taken place and the shifts in units of the lattice vectors that was applied to map the atoms into the cell.

#### **apply\_strain** (*strain\_matrix: ArrayLike*) $\rightarrow$ None

Apply a strain deformation to a periodic system.

The atoms in the unit cell will be strained accordingly, keeping the fractional atomic coordinates constant.

The strain\_matrix argument should be (or be convertable to) an NxN numpy array, where N is the number of lattice vectors of the system.

```
apply_strain_voigt (strain_voigt: Sequence[float]) \rightarrow None
```

Apply a strain deformation to a periodic system.

The atoms in the unit cell will be strained accordingly, keeping the fractional atomic coordinates constant.

#### The strain\_voigt argument should be passed in Voigt form:

- for 3D periodic systems: [e\_xx, e\_yy, e\_zz, gamma\_yz, gamma\_xz, gamma\_xy]
- for 2D periodic systems: [e\_xx, e\_yy, gamma\_xy]
- for 1D periodic systems: [e\_xx]

with e.g.  $e_xy = gamma_xy/2$ .

#### **perturb\_lattice** (*noise\_level: float*) $\rightarrow$ None

Perturb the lattice vectors by applying random strain with matrix elements between [-noise\_level,noise\_level].

This can be useful if you want to deviate from an ideal symmetric geometry, for example if you look for a phase change due to high pressure.

```
supercell (supercell: ArrayLike) \rightarrow None
```

Create a supercell by scaling the lattice vectors.

Copies of atoms will have the same properties as in the initial unit cell. Bonds are replicated between copies and across the new unit cell boundary.

```
supercell_trafo (supercell: ArrayLike) \rightarrow None
```

Create a supercell by creating the matrix product of the lattice vectors and the supercell matrix.

Copies of atoms will have the same properties as in the initial unit cell. Bonds are replicated between copies and across the new unit cell boundary.

- **density** (*unit: str* = '*dalton/bohr3*')  $\rightarrow$  float Returns the density of the system in the specified unit. Only valid for 3D periodic systems.
- **set\_density** (*target\_density: float, unit: str* = '*dalton/bohr3*')  $\rightarrow$  None Applies a uniform strain to match the specified target density. Only valid for 3D periodic systems.

## 4.1.8 Regions

Regions are 'groups' of atoms within a ChemicalSystem. Regions are used for some of the AMS driver and its engines features, but they can also be useful tools for bookkeeping and manipulations (see also the AMS documentation on Regions).

Here is a simple example showing how to create and use regions:

```
from scm.libbase import UnifiedChemicalSystem as ChemicalSystem
import numpy as np
# Create a ChemicalSystem and define two regions (one for each water molecule)
mol = ChemicalSystem(
"""
System
    Atoms
        0 -2.676678 0.759085 0.370636 region=water_1
        H -3.468900 0.415690 0.814339 region=water_1
        H -3.005004 1.433129 -0.246320 region=water_1
```

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```
0 0.039085 0.303872 1.265871 region=water_2
H -0.874303 0.483757 0.975166 region=water_2
H 0.293563 -0.534617 0.849654 region=water_2
End
End
""""
)
# Translate all the atoms in the region "water_2"
for i_atom in mol.get_atoms_in_region("water_2"):
mol.atoms[i_atom].coords += np.array([1, 0, 0])
```

Region names are not case sensitive and may not include certain characters. If a string is a valid name for a region can be checked with the is\_valid\_region\_name method:

#### class UnifiedChemicalSystem

```
class UnifiedChemicalSystem(system_block: str)
```

A class representing a chemical system in the Amsterdam Modeling Suite.

```
classmethod is_valid_region_name(name: str) \rightarrow bool
```

Checks if a string is a valid region name.

Valid region names do not contain any of the following characters:

, + - \* / \ | \$ & ^ < > ( ) [ ] { } " '

Valid region names do not have leading or trailing whitespace. Note that region names are case-insensitive, so "A" and "a" correspond to the same region.

There are various methods for querying region information:

#### class UnifiedChemicalSystem

#### class UnifiedChemicalSystem(system\_block: str)

A class representing a chemical system in the Amsterdam Modeling Suite.

#### property num\_regions

Returns the number of regions used in the system.

Note that there is no such thing as an empty region. Every region contains at least one atom.

#### property region\_names

Returns a list of the names of all regions in the system.

Note that there is no such thing as an empty region. Every region contains at least one atom.

#### **has\_region** (*region: str*) $\rightarrow$ bool

Checks if a region exists in the system, given its region name.

Note that region should be a valid region name, not a region expression. If you want to check if a region expression contains any atoms, use  $num_atoms_in_region(...) > 0$  instead.

#### do\_regions\_intersect (regionA: str, regionB: str) $\rightarrow$ bool

Checks if two regions or region expressions intersect, i.e. have at least one atom in common.

#### $num\_atoms\_in\_region(region: str) \rightarrow int$

Returns the number of atoms in a region or region expression.

Returns zero if the region does not exist at all, or if the region expression evaluates to an empty set.

#### $\texttt{num\_atoms\_outside\_region} (\textit{region: str}) \rightarrow int$

Returns the number of atoms outside of a region or region expression.

Returns the total number of atoms in the system if the region does not exist at all, or if the region expression evaluates to an empty set.

- get\_atoms\_in\_region (*region: str*)  $\rightarrow$  numpy.ndarray[Any, numpy.dtype[numpy.int64]] Returns a sorted array of atom indices of all atoms in a region or region expression.
- get\_atoms\_outside\_region (*region: str*)  $\rightarrow$  numpy.ndarray[Any, numpy.dtype[numpy.int64]] Returns a sorted array of atom indices of all atoms outside of a region or region expression.
- **is\_atom\_in\_region** (*atom: Union[int, libbase.UnifiedAtom], region: str*)  $\rightarrow$  bool Checks if an atom is in a region or region expression.
- is\_atom\_outside\_region (*atom: Union[int, libbase.UnifiedAtom], region: str*)  $\rightarrow$  bool Checks if an atom is outside of a region or region expression.
- get\_regions\_of\_atom (*atom: Union[int, libbase.UnifiedAtom]*)  $\rightarrow$  List[str] Returns an alphabetically sorted list of the names of all regions an atom is part of.

Almost all methods for querying region information also support so called region expressions in addition to plain region names. Region expressions may include region names, the parentheses (), as well as the operators + for union, – for set difference and & for set intersection. Additionally the wildcard \* means all atoms, while \$ stands for the set of selected atoms.

```
# number of atoms that are either in region A or B (or both)
num_at_AB = mol.num_atoms_in_region("A + B")
# loop over all atoms that are not in the intersection of region A and B
for atidx in mol.get_atoms_in_region("* - (A & B)"):
....
```

The following methods can be used to change the assignment of atoms to regions:

#### class UnifiedChemicalSystem

class UnifiedChemicalSystem(system\_block: str)

A class representing a chemical system in the Amsterdam Modeling Suite.

**set\_atoms\_in\_region** (*atom\_indices: ArrayLike, region: str*)  $\rightarrow$  None Creates or sets an entire region given the indices of the atoms to be part of the region.

If atom\_indices is empty and the region previously existed, it will effectively be deleted.

- add\_atoms\_to\_region (*atom\_indices: ArrayLike, region: str*)  $\rightarrow$  None Adds multiple atoms to a region, given their atom indices.
- **remove\_atoms\_from\_region** (*atom\_indices: ArrayLike, region: str*)  $\rightarrow$  None Removes multiple atoms from a region, given their atom indices.

No error is raised if any of the atoms is not part of the region.

- **remove\_region** (*region: str*)  $\rightarrow$  None Removes a region. Atoms in that region will keep existing, but will not longer be part of that region.
- add\_atom\_to\_region (atom: Union[int, libbase.UnifiedAtom], region: str)  $\rightarrow$  None Adds an atom to a region.
- **remove\_atom\_from\_region** (*atom: Union[int, libbase.UnifiedAtom], region: str*)  $\rightarrow$  None Removes an atom from a region.

Throws a ChemicalSystemError if the atom was not part of the region it should be removed from.

**remove\_atom\_from\_all\_regions** (*atom: Union[int, libbase.UnifiedAtom]*)  $\rightarrow$  None Removes an atom from all regions.

## 4.1.9 Atom selection

The ChemicalSystem keeps track of a set of selected atoms. In the GUI an atom is selected by simply clicking on it, and the current selection is highlighted by a cyan outline and shading.

The following methods allow inspecting the current selection:

## class UnifiedChemicalSystem

```
class UnifiedChemicalSystem(system_block: str)
```

A class representing a chemical system in the Amsterdam Modeling Suite.

```
num_selected_atoms () \rightarrow int
The number of currently selected atoms.
```

- is\_atom\_selected (*atom: Union[int, libbase.UnifiedAtom]*)  $\rightarrow$  bool Checks if an atom is currently selected.
- get\_selected\_atoms () → numpy.ndarray[Any, numpy.dtype[numpy.int64]] Returns an array of indices of all selected atoms.

You can also use the \$ symbol to refer to the set of currently selected atoms in region expressions. The following bit of code loops over all selected atoms in the region named myregion:

for atidx in mol.get\_atoms\_in\_region("\$ & myregion"):

There are many methods to change the current selection. Almost all of them work by adding or removing atoms from the current selection, e.g. the select\_atom method adds an atom to the current selection and is equivalent to clicking it in the GUI. The exception to this is the set\_selected\_atoms method, which completely replaces the current selection.

Note that the order in which atoms are selected is tracked for small selections. Small selections of up to 4 atoms are used in the GUI for interative manipulation in internal coordinates using the sliders at the bottom of the molecule view. The selection order is relevant for manipulations of e.g. dihedral angles, as the dihedral angle between atoms (3, 1, 2, 4) is different than between atoms (1, 2, 3, 4). For large selections >10 atoms there are no use cases in which the selection order is relevant and for performance reasons get\_selected\_atoms always returns the indices of the selected atoms in ascending order.

Basic methods to change the current selection:

#### class UnifiedChemicalSystem

```
class UnifiedChemicalSystem(system_block: str)
```

A class representing a chemical system in the Amsterdam Modeling Suite.

```
select_atom (atom: Union[int, libbase.UnifiedAtom]) \rightarrow None Selects an atom, i.e. adds it to the current selection.
```

- **deselect\_atom** (*atom: Union[int, libbase.UnifiedAtom]*)  $\rightarrow$  None Deselects an atom, i.e. removes it from the current selection.
- select\_atoms (*atom\_indices: ArrayLike*)  $\rightarrow$  None Selects multiple atoms at once, given their atom indices.
- deselect\_atoms (*atom\_indices: ArrayLike*)  $\rightarrow$  None Deselects multiple atoms at once, given their atom indices.
- **set\_selected\_atoms** (*atom\_indices: ArrayLike*)  $\rightarrow$  None Sets the selection to the given atom indices. Any previous selection is cleared.

GUI style methods from AMSinput:

#### class UnifiedChemicalSystem

```
class UnifiedChemicalSystem(system_block: str)
```

A class representing a chemical system in the Amsterdam Modeling Suite.

- select\_all ()  $\rightarrow$  None Selects all atoms.
- deselect\_all ()  $\rightarrow$  None Deselects all atoms, or in other words: clears the current selection.
- $\texttt{invert\_selection()} \rightarrow None$

Inverts the set of selected atoms.

All previously unselected atoms will become selected. All previously selected atoms will become unselected.

 $\texttt{select\_connected()} \rightarrow None$ 

Selects all atoms bonded to the currently selected atoms.

 $\texttt{select\_molecule()} \rightarrow None$ 

Using the bonds, selects entire molecules that include any currently selected atom.

This is equivalent to repeatedly calling select\_connected until the selection stops growing.

 $select\_region(region: str) \rightarrow None$ 

Selects atoms in a region or region expression.

 $\texttt{select\_atom\_close\_to\_origin()} \rightarrow None$ 

Selects the atom that is closest to the origin of the coordinate system.

**select\_within\_radius** (*radius: float, unit: str* = 'bohr')  $\rightarrow$  None

Selects all atoms within a given radius of any of the currently selected atoms.

#### $\texttt{make\_selection\_cappable()} \rightarrow None$

Extends the current selection but does not cross single bonds, unless they are to hydrogen atoms.

The intended use of this method is to select a suitable QM region for QM/MM calculations where one wants the QM region to be separated by single bonds from the rest of the molecule.

#### $\texttt{select\_atoms\_of\_same\_type()} \rightarrow None$

Selects all atoms whose element is the same as of a currently selected atom.

Methods taking predicate functions:

#### class UnifiedChemicalSystem

class UnifiedChemicalSystem(system\_block: str)

A class representing a chemical system in the Amsterdam Modeling Suite.

- $select_atoms_if(pred: Callable[[libbase.UnifiedAtom], bool]) \rightarrow None Selects atoms based on a predicate function.$
- **deselect\_atoms\_if** (*pred: Callable[[libbase.UnifiedAtom], bool]*)  $\rightarrow$  None Deselects atoms based on a predicate function.

The predicate function is called on a pair of atoms and their connecting bond. The unselected atom attached to the bond only becomes selected of the predicate function returns True.

select\_molecule\_if (pred: Callable[[libbase.UnifiedAtom, libbase.UnifiedAtom, libbase.UnifiedBond (page 37)], bool])  $\rightarrow$  None

Using the bonds and a predicate function, selects all molecules that include a currently selected atom.

This is equivalent to repeatedly calling select\_connected\_if with the same predicate until the selection stops growing.

## 4.1.10 Atomic Properties

Atomic properties provide additional, customizable information for each atom. They are organized into categories, each relevant to different computation engines or modules.

- Generic Properties: These are common to all atoms, like mass.
- Engine/Module-Specific Properties: Specific to certain computation engines or modules. For example, properties relevant only to the ADF engine would be in the adfprops group and prefixed with 'adf' in the System Block.

You can toggle these property groups on or off. Here's an example, where we initialize some atomic properties in the System Block:

```
from scm.libbase import UnifiedChemicalSystem as ChemicalSystem
mol = ChemicalSystem(
.....
System
    Atoms
         0 0.0 0.0 0.0 forcefield.type=O_water
          H 1.0 0.0 0.0 forcefield.type=H_water mass=2.014
          H 0.0 1.0 0.0 forcefield.type=H_water
     End
End
.....
)
# The Generic Properties are always available (and have default values if not_
⇔specified)
print(mol.atoms[1].mass) # Outputs 2.014
print(mol.atoms[2].mass) # Outputs 1.00798
# The forcefield properties are enabled because there were defined in the system block
print(mol.atomic_properties_enabled('forcefield')) # Outputs True
# Accessing the forcefield atomic properties
print(mol.atoms[0].forcefield.type) # Outputs O_water
# The adf properties are not enabled
print(mol.atomic_properties_enabled('adf')) # Outputs False
# Enable the 'adf' property group before using it:
mol.enable_atomic_properties("adf")
mol.atoms[0].adf.f = "fragment_1"
```

#### List of properties and utility methods in the ChemicalSystem:

#### class UnifiedChemicalSystem

```
class UnifiedChemicalSystem (system_block: str)
A class representing a chemical system in the Amsterdam Modeling Suite.
```

#### property adfprops

An optional list of all ADFProperties for all atoms.

#### property forcefieldprops

An optional list of all ForcefieldProperties for all atoms.

#### property guiprops

An optional list of all GUIProperties for all atoms.

- enable\_atomic\_properties (group\_prefix: Union[Literal[gui], Literal[adf], Literal[forcefield]]))  $\rightarrow$  None Enables the use of a group of atomic properties.
- disable\_atomic\_properties (group\_prefix: Union[Literal[gui], Literal[adf], Literal[forcefield]])  $\rightarrow$  None

Disables the use of a group of atomic properties. Any set properties within the group will be discarded.

atomic\_properties\_enabled (group\_prefix: Union[Literal[gui], Literal[adf], Literal[forcefield]])  $\rightarrow$  bool Checks if a group of atomic properties is enabled or not.

has\_ghost\_atoms ()  $\rightarrow$  bool Checks whether the ChemicalSystem contains any Ghost atoms.

#### **Properties with in the atom class:**

```
class UnifiedAtom
```

class UnifiedAtom (Z: int)
class UnifiedAtom (element: UnifiedElement)
class UnifiedAtom (symbol: T\_AtomSymbol)
 Class representing a single atom and its properties.

#### property mass

The mass of the atom in dalton.

property is\_ghost Whether the atom is a Ghost atom.

- Atomic properties used by the ADF engine.
- property forcefield

Atomic properties used by the AMS Forcefield engine.

#### property gui

Atomic properties used for visualization in the GUI.

#### **Classes for the Engine/Module-Specific Properties:**

#### class UnifiedGUIProperties

Atomic properties used for visualization in the GUI.

 $\texttt{clear}() \rightarrow \text{None}$ 

Unsets any GUI atomic properties.

property color

The color of an atom.

#### $\texttt{empty}\,(\,)\,\rightarrow \text{bool}$

Returns whether any of the GUI atomic properties is set.

#### property radius

The radius of an atom for visualization purposes.

#### class UnifiedADFProperties

Atomic properties used by the ADF engine.

#### property ChgU

Optional atom centered point charge for ADF's 3D-RISM method.

#### property EpsU

Lennard-Jones parameter for ADF's 3D-RISM method.

```
property SigU
           Lennard-Jones parameter for ADF's 3D-RISM method.
      clear() \rightarrow None
           Unsets any ADF atomic properties.
      empty() \rightarrow bool
           Returns whether any of the ADF atomic properties is set.
      property f
           Specifies which fragment an atom belongs to; see the Fragments block in the ADF engine input.
class UnifiedForcefieldProperties
      Atomic properties used by the AMS Forcefield engine.
      property charge
           The charge of an atom used for electrostatics by the Forcefield engine.
      clear() \rightarrow None
           Unsets any Forcefield atomic properties.
      empty() \rightarrow bool
           Returns whether any of the Forcefield atomic properties is set.
      property type
           The atom type to be used by the Forcefield engine.
```

## 4.1.11 Converting to and from PLAMS Molecules

ChemicalSystems can PLAMS' molecules can be converted into each other using the following conversion functions: scm.utils.conversions.plams\_molecule\_to\_chemsys and scm.utils.conversions. chemsys\_to\_plams\_molecule.

Example:

```
from scm.libbase import UnifiedChemicalSystem as ChemicalSystem
from scm.plams import *
from scm.utils.conversions import plams_molecule_to_chemsys, chemsys_to_plams_molecule
# Create a PLAMS molecule from a SMILES string:
plams_molecule = from_smiles('C-C')
# Convert from a PLAMS molecule to a ChemicalSystem:
chemical_system = plams_molecule_to_chemsys(plams_molecule)
# Convert back from ChemicalSystem to a PLAMS molecule:
plams_molecule = chemsys_to_plams_molecule(chemical_system)
```

## 4.2 Units

#### class Units

A utility class containing methods for units conversions.

Simple example usage:

```
from scm.libbase import Units
energies_in_hartree = [1,2,3]
energies_in_ev = Units.convert("Hartree", "eV", energies_in_hartree)
pressure_in_atm = 1.0
pressure_in_kpascal = pressure_in_atm * Units.get_factor('atm', 'kPascal')
```

```
classmethod convert (from_unit: str, to_unit: str, value: int) \rightarrow float
classmethod convert (from_unit: str, to_unit: str, value: float) \rightarrow float
classmethod convert (from_unit: str, to_unit: str, value: numpy.number) \rightarrow numpy.number
classmethod convert (from_unit: str, to_unit: str, value: List[int]) \rightarrow List[float]
classmethod convert (from_unit: str, to_unit: str, value: List[float]) \rightarrow List[float]
classmethod convert (from unit:
                                             str, to unit:
                                                               str, value:
                                                                               List[numpy.number]) \rightarrow
                              List[numpy.number]
classmethod convert (from_unit: str, to_unit: str, value: List[Any]) \rightarrow List[Any]
classmethod convert (from_unit: str, to_unit: str, value: Tuple[int, ...]) \rightarrow Tuple[float, ...]
classmethod convert (from_unit: str, to_unit: str, value: Tuple[float, ...]) \rightarrow Tuple[float, ...]
classmethod convert (from unit: str, to unit: str, value: Tuple[numpy.number, ...]) \rightarrow Tu-
                              ple[numpy.number, ...]
classmethod convert (from_unit: str, to_unit: str, value: Tuple[Any, ...]) \rightarrow Tuple[Any, ...]
classmethod convert (from_unit:
                                              str,
                                                     to unit:
                                                                  str.
                                                                         value:
                                                                                      numpy.ndarray[Any,
                              numpy.dtype[ScalarType]])
                                                                                      numpy.ndarray[Any,
                                                                       \rightarrow
                              numpy.dtype[ScalarType]]
```

Converts a value from one unit to another.

#### **Parameters:**

- from\_unit (str): The unit of the input value. Must be a recognized unit.
- to\_unit (str): The unit to convert the value to. Must be a recognized unit.
- value: The value to convert.

#### **Returns:**

• The value converted to the target unit. The type of the returned value will match the type of the input value.

#### **Raises:**

• UnitsError: If either *from\_unit* or *to\_unit* are not supported or if you are trying to perform a conversion between incompatible units.

#### Examples:

```
>>> from scm.libbase import Units
>>> Units.convert("m", "km", 1000)
1.0
>>> Units.convert("km", "m", [1,2,3])
[1000.0, 2000.0, 3000.0]
```

```
classmethod get_factor (from_unit: str, to_unit: str) \rightarrow float Returns the conversion factor between two units.
```

#### **Parameters:**

- from\_unit (str): The unit you want to convert from. Must be a recognized unit.
- to\_unit (str): The unit you want to convert to. Must be a recognized unit.

#### **Returns:**

• float: The conversion factor for converting *from\_unit* to *to\_unit*.

#### **Raises:**

• UnitsError: If either *from\_unit* or *to\_unit* is not supported or if you are trying to perform a conversion between incompatible units.

#### Examples:

```
>>> from scm.libbase import Units
>>> Units.get_factor("m", "km")
0.001
```

#### classmethod get\_quantities() $\rightarrow$ List[str]

Returns all defined quantities. Quantities are things like 'LENGTH', 'ENERGY' or 'MASS'.

```
classmethod get_unit (alt: str) \rightarrow str
```

Returns the unit for the given alternative representation.

Will throw on ambiguous result if there is no exact match.

```
classmethod get_units (quantity: str) \rightarrow List[str]
Returns all units associated with a quantity. This will be in a nice unicode format.
```

classmethod units\_summary\_string()  $\rightarrow$  str Returns a string containing a nicely formatted table of all the units available.

#### class UnitsError

Error thrown for unrecognized units or illegal conversions.

## 4.2.1 List of available units

To see the list available units, you can use the *units\_summary\_string()* (page 51). Here is the output of print(Units.units\_summary\_string()):

```
Quantity: ACCELERATION

unit name label

angstrom/fs2 Å/fs<sup>2</sup>

Quantity: ANGLE
```

unit name	label	
degree	0	
rad	rad	
grad	grad	
turn	tr	
Quantity: CURRENT		
unit name	label	
ehartree/hbar	[]Ha/ħ	
ampere mampere	A mA	
uampere	μΑ	
Quantity: DENSITY		
unit name	label	
dalton/bohr3	Da/Bohr <sup>3</sup>	
kg/m3	kg/m <sup>3</sup>	
g/cm3	g/cm³	
kgl	kg/L	
Quantity: DIPOLE		
unit name	label	
	<u>ମି</u> ନ - ଜ	
ebohr coulombmeter	[]Bohr Cm	
debye	D	
-		
Quantity: ELECTRICFIELD		
unit name	label	
/	·····	
hartree/ebohr	Ha/@Bohr V/Å	
volt/angstrom volt/meter	V/A V/m	
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Quantity: ELECTRICPOTENT	=== IAL ===
unit name	label
volt	V
Quantity: ENERGY	
unit name	label
h e ut us e	
hartree rydberg	Ha Ry
joule	J
kjoule	kJ
ev	eV
kcalmol	kcal/mol
kjmol	kJ/mol
cm-1	Cm <sup>-1</sup>
mhz	MHz
thz	THz
=============	
Quantity: FORCES	
unit name	label
hartree/angstrom	Ha/Å
hartree/meter	Ha/m
hartree/bohr	Ha/Bohr
rydberg/angstrom	Ry/Å Bu/m
rydberg/meter rydberg/bohr	Ry/m Ry/Bohr
joule/angstrom	J/Å
joule/m	N
joule/bohr	J/Bohr
kjoule/angstrom	kJ/Å
kjoule/meter	kJ/m
kjoule/bohr	kJ/Bohr
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kbar	kbar	
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torr	Torr	
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rydberg/angstrom2	Ry/Ų	
rydberg/meter2	Ry/m²	
rydberg/bohr2	Ry/Bohr <sup>2</sup>	
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kcalmol/meter2	kcal/mol/m <sup>2</sup>	
kcalmol/bohr2	kcal/mol/Bohr <sup>2</sup>	
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angstrom3	Å <sup>3</sup>	
m3	m <sup>3</sup>	

## 4.3 Input File

```
class InputFile (program: str, text_input: str = ", string_leafs: bool = False)
```

Class representing a key and block based text input file as used in the Amsterdam Modeling Suite.

#### class EntryCategory(value)

Enum representing the category of an entry in an InputFile.

Values:

- · Block: the entry is a block containing keys and other blocks
- Key: the entry is a key with a value

#### class EntryType (value)

Enum representing the type of an entry in an InputFile.

#### Values:

- · FixedBlock: the entry is a block containing defined keys and other blocks
- · FreeBlock: the entry is a free block that is read as a list of strings representing the lines
- EngineBlock: the entry is a free block that ends with "EndEngine"
- InputBlock: the entry is a free block that ends with "EndInput"
- StringKey: the entry is a key of type string
- MultipleChoiceKey: the entry is a multiple-choice key
- LogicalKey: the entry is a key of type logical
- IntegerKey: the entry is a key of type integer
- IntegerListKey: the entry is a key of type integer\_list
- RealKey: the entry is a key of type float
- RealListKey: the entry is a key of type float\_list
- get (query: str)  $\rightarrow$  Union[int, float, bool, str, List[int], List[float], List[str]] Returns the value of a key or free block. The return type depends on the type of the accessed key.
- get\_category (query: str)  $\rightarrow$  EntryCategory (page 58) Returns the category of an entry as defined in the JSON definition for the program.
- **get\_entries\_in\_order** (*query: str*)  $\rightarrow$  List[str] Returns the entries of an ordered fixed block in the order they occurred in the input.
- **get\_freeblock** (*query: str*)  $\rightarrow$  List[str] Returns the contents of a free block as a list of lines.
- get\_header (query: str)  $\rightarrow$  str

Returns the header of a block as a string. If a block does not have a header, an empty string is returned.

- **get\_int** (query: str)  $\rightarrow$  int Returns the value of an integer key.
- get\_int\_list (query: str)  $\rightarrow$  List[int] Returns the value of an integer\_list key.
- $get_json() \rightarrow str$ Returns the JSON representation of the input file as a string.

```
\begin{array}{l} \texttt{get\_logical} (\textit{query: str}) \rightarrow \texttt{bool} \\ \texttt{Returns the value of a logical key.} \end{array}
```

- **get\_real** (*query: str*)  $\rightarrow$  float Returns the value of a float key.
- **get\_real\_list** (*query: str*)  $\rightarrow$  List[float] Returns the value of a float\_list key.
- **get\_string** (*query: str*)  $\rightarrow$  str Returns the value of a string or multiple choice key.
- $get_system_blocks_as_mols() \rightarrow Dict[str, scm.plams.mol.molecule.Molecule]$ Returns a dictionary of mapping the System blocks in the input to plams.Molecule instances.

The keys in the dictionary are the names of the systems from the headers of the blocks, e.g.:

```
System initial
...
End
```

would be returned as dict["initial"]. The main system without a name in the header will have the empty string as key.

```
get_type (query: str) \rightarrow EntryType (page 58)
```

Returns the type of an entry as defined in the JSON definition for the program.

```
is_defined (query: str) \rightarrow bool
```

Checks if an entry is defined in the JSON definition for the program.

**is\_ordered** (query: str)  $\rightarrow$  bool

Checks if a fixed block is declared order sensitive in the JSON definition for the program.

- **is\_present** (query: str)  $\rightarrow$  bool Checks if an entry is present in the input.
- is\_unique (query: str)  $\rightarrow$  bool Check whether an entry is declared unique or recurring in the keywords definition file.

**number\_of\_entries** (query: str)  $\rightarrow$  int Returns the number of occurrances of a non-unique entry.

#### property program

The name of the program that this instance is reading input for.

**read** (*text\_input: str, string\_leafs: bool* = *False*)  $\rightarrow$  None

Read more text input for the program. This is faster than constructing a new InputFile from scratch, as it will not reread the JSON definitions.

#### class InputError

Error thrown for issues with the input reading, e.g. reading non-existing keywords.

## 4.4 KFFile

#### See also:

The AKFReader (page 85) Python class provides a convenient alternative for reading data from KF files.

**class KFFile** (filename: str, omode: OpenMode = <OpenMode.Any: 0>)

A class representing a file in KF format. Allows inspecting, reading and writing KF files.

#### class OpenMode (value)

Enum representing the mode in which a file should be opened.

Values:

- Any: Open an existing file or create a new file.
- New: Creates a new file. If the file already exists, a KFError exception may be thrown.
- Old: Open an existing file. If the file does not exist, a KFError exception may be thrown.

#### class StringSep(value)

Enum representing the separator used to delimit elements in arrays of strings:

#### Values:

- NullChar: The strings are separated with the C-style \0 character.
- NewLine: The strings are separated with the \n newline character.
- LCHARS: When writing each string is padded or truncated to a width of LCHARS=160 characters. The total length of the variable is thus a multiple of 160. When reading, the variable is split into sections of 160 characters again, representing the individual elements of the array.

#### class VarType(value)

Enum representing type of a variable on a KF file.

#### Values:

- Empty: indicates an empty index slot
- Int: a variable of integer type
- Real: a variable of real type
- Char: a variable of string type
- Logical: a variable of logical type

#### $\texttt{close()} \rightarrow None$

Closes the file. No further methods should be called on a file that has been closed.

#### $\texttt{close\_var()} \rightarrow None$

Closes a variable.

**copy\_section** (*from\_kf*: KFFile (*page 60*), *to\_kf*: KFFile (*page 60*), *section*: *str*)  $\rightarrow$  None

**copy\_section** (*from\_kf:* KFFile (*page 60*), *to\_kf:* KFFile (*page 60*), *from\_section: str*, *to\_section: str*)  $\rightarrow$  None

Helper for @overload to raise when called.

# **create\_section** (*section: str*) $\rightarrow$ None Creates a new section on the KF file.

**create\_var** (*section: str, variable: str, n: int, type:* VarType (*page 60*))  $\rightarrow$  None Creates a new variable on the file of a given length and type.

```
classmethod delete_file (filename: str) \rightarrow None
Deletes a KF file from disk after checking that no other KFFile instances reference that file.
```

```
\texttt{delete\_section} (section: str) \rightarrow None
```

Deletes a section and all of the contained variables from the file.

```
delete_var (section: str, variable: str) \rightarrow None Deletes a variable from the KF file.
```

#### property filename

The filename of the file managed by this KFFile instance.

 $\texttt{get\_skeleton()} \rightarrow Dict[str, Set[str]]$ 

Return a dictionary reflecting the structure of this KF file.

Each key in that dictionary corresponds to a section name of the KF file with the value being a set of variable names.

```
classmethod is_kffile(filename: str) \rightarrow bool
```

Checks if a file has the KF format, aka it is a properly formatted KF file.

```
\texttt{num\_sections}() \rightarrow \text{int}
```

Returns the number of sections existing on the file.

 $num\_variables(section: str) \rightarrow int$ 

Returns the number of variables in a section.

**open\_var** (*section: str, variable: str*)  $\rightarrow$  None

Opens a variable for reading and writing. Mostly useful if you incrementally want to read/write data from/to it.

#### property path

The absolute path to the file managed by this KFFile instance.

read (section: str = ", variable: str = ", return\_as\_list: bool = False, string\_separator: Optional[StringSep
 (page 60)] = None) → Union[bool, int, float, str, List[bool], List[int], List[float], List[str]]
 Extract and return data for a variable located in a section.

By default, for single-value numerical or boolean variables returned value is a single number or bool. For longer variables this method returns a list of values. This behavior can be changed by setting return\_as\_list parameter to True. In that case the returned value is always a list of numbers (possibly of length 1).

For string variables this works a bit differently: the return\_as\_list argument is ignored. Instead an optional KFFile.StringSep can be given as a separator. If any separator is give, the return value will always be a list of strings (possibly of length 1 if there is nothing to be separated). If no separator is given, the return value is always a single string.

This method exists primarily for backwards compatibility with the plams.KFFile. For new code we recommend using the strongly typed read\_\*() methods instead, e.g. read\_int().

**read\_int** (*section: str, variable: str*)  $\rightarrow$  int

Reads a single integer from a specific section and variable.

- **read\_ints** (*section: str, variable: str*)  $\rightarrow$  List[int] Reads a list of integers from a specific section and variable.
- **read\_ints\_np** (*section: str, variable: str*)  $\rightarrow$  numpy.ndarray[Any, numpy.dtype[numpy.int64]] Reads integers from a specific section and variable into a numpy array.
- **read\_logical** (*section: str, variable: str*)  $\rightarrow$  bool Reads a single logical value from a specific section and variable.
- **read\_logicals** (*section: str, variable: str*)  $\rightarrow$  List[bool] Reads a list of logical values from a specific section and variable.

- **read\_logicals\_np** (*section: str, variable: str*)  $\rightarrow$  numpy.ndarray[Any, numpy.dtype[numpy.bool\_]] Reads logical values from a specific section and variable into a numpy array.
- **read\_real** (*section: str, variable: str*)  $\rightarrow$  float Reads a single real number from a specific section and variable.
- **read\_reals** (*section: str, variable: str*)  $\rightarrow$  List[float] Reads a list of real numbers from a specific section and variable.
- **read\_reals\_np** (*section: str, variable: str*)  $\rightarrow$  numpy.ndarray[Any, numpy.dtype[numpy.float64]] Reads real numbers from a specific section and variable into a numpy array.
- read\_section (section: str) → Dict[str, Union[bool, int, float, str, List[bool], List[int], List[float], List[str]]] Return a dictionary with all variables from a given section.
  - **Note: Some sections can contain very large amount of data.** Turning them into dictionaries can cause memory shortage or performance issues. Use this method carefully ...
- **read\_string** (*section: str, variable: str*)  $\rightarrow$  str Reads a single string from a specific section and variable.
- **read\_strings** (*section: str, variable: str, sep: StringSep* =  $\langle StringSep.LCHARS: 2 \rangle \rightarrow List[str]$ Reads a list of strings from a specific section and variable.
- $\texttt{rewind\_var()} \rightarrow None$

Rewinds a variable. Incremental reading and writing will then start from the beginning of the variable again.

 $\textbf{save} \text{ () } \to None$ 

Write all internal buffers to disk (or at least the OS cache). It's basically a flush ...

- **section\_exists** (*section: str*)  $\rightarrow$  bool Check if a section exists on the file.
- $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{sections} \ (\ ) \ \rightarrow \ List[str] \\ Returns \ a \ list \ of \ all \ sections \ on \ the \ file. \end{array}$
- **skip\_var**  $(n: int) \rightarrow$  None Skip forward over a number of elements in the variable.
- **var\_exists** (*section: str, variable: str*)  $\rightarrow$  bool Check if a variable exists on the file.
- **var\_length** (section: str, variable: str)  $\rightarrow$  int

Returns the allocated length of variable on file. This is the maximum number of elements that can be written to it without reallocation.

- **var\_type** (*section: str, variable: str*)  $\rightarrow$  *VarType* (page 60) Returns the type of the elements of a variable.
- **var\_used** (*section: str, variable: str*)  $\rightarrow$  int Returns the number of elements written to a variable.
- **variables** (*section: str*)  $\rightarrow$  List[str] Returns a list of all variables in a section.

write (value: bool)  $\rightarrow$  None write (value: int)  $\rightarrow$  None write (value: float)  $\rightarrow$  None write (value: str)  $\rightarrow$  None write (value: List[bool])  $\rightarrow$  None write (value: List[float])  $\rightarrow$  None write (value: List[float])  $\rightarrow$  None **write** (*value: List[str]*)  $\rightarrow$  None

**write** (*section: str, variable: str, value: bool*)  $\rightarrow$  None

**write** (*section: str, variable: str, value: int*)  $\rightarrow$  None

**write** (*section: str, variable: str, value: float*)  $\rightarrow$  None

**write** (*section: str, variable: str, value: str*)  $\rightarrow$  None

**write** (*section: str, variable: str, value: List[bool]*)  $\rightarrow$  None

**write** (*section: str, variable: str, value: List[int]*)  $\rightarrow$  None

**write** (*section: str, variable: str, value: List[float]*)  $\rightarrow$  None

write (section: str, variable: str, value: List[str], sep: StringSep (page 60) = StringSep.LCHARS)  $\rightarrow$  None Helper for @overload to raise when called.

### class KFError

Error thrown for all KF issues, e.g. reading of non-existing variables or reading as wrong datatypes.

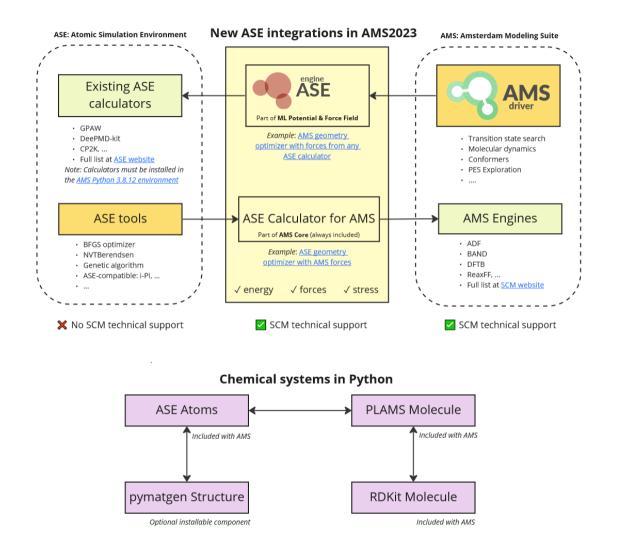
## CHAPTER

## ASE

The Atomic Simulation Environment (ASE) (https://wiki.fysik.dtu.dk/ase/) tool collection suite was designed as a flexible, easy-to-use, and customizable approach for the manipulation of quantum chemical models as well as for setting up and running the calculations required and for the analysis of the final results.

The development of ASE was originally started at the Technical University of Denmark but received also significant contributions from a large, international community. While ASE is available (https://gitlab.com/ase/ase/tree/3.13.0/) under a GNU LGPL license, a modified version of this library is shipped together with the Amsterdam Modeling Suite.

PLAMS provides an interface to use AMS as an ASE Calculator, while Engine ASE allows ASE Calculators (https://wiki.fysik.dtu.dk/ase/ase/calculators/calculators.html#supported-calculators) to be used within the AMS driver.



**Note:** On Windows machines the developers of the ASE library provide only a partial support, see the ASE website (https://wiki.fysik.dtu.dk/ase/download.html#installation-on-windows) for further details.

## CHAPTER

# FLEXMD

FlexMD is a python library for Flexible multi-scale Molecular Dynamics simulation, developed by Rosa E. Bulo, Christoph Jacob, Stefano Borini, Tao Jiang, Jelle Boereboom, Stanislav Simko and Hans van Schoot.

# 6.1 Basic philosophy and intended usage

We present a flexible python library for molecular dynamics, specialized in multi-scale simulations in a broad sense. At its core, the library interfaces the *Atomistic Simulation Environment (ASE)* (page 65) [1 (page 74)] molecular dynamics modules with a wide range of molecular mechanics and electronic structure codes. As such, it allows simple dynamics using forces computed with any energy/gradient evaluator provided by the ADF package.

Additionally, FlexMD allows the partitioning of a system into regions described at different resolution, with the aim of running multi-scale (hybrid) force calculations. Besides the traditional, rigid, multi-scale partitioning, FlexMD includes different schemes for Adaptive Multi-scale Molecular Dynamics. Such simulations allow the resolution of a particle to change according to its distance from a predefined active site, which is a necessity for successful multi-scale description of diffusive systems such as chemical reactions in solution.

Finally, the library couples the dynamics to rare events techniques, either implemented in FlexMD itself, or accessible through an interface with the PLUMED library for free energy calculations [7 (page 75)], opening the possibility for evaluation on time-scales beyond the reach of standard molecular dynamics simulations.

The FlexMD package is designed to make simulation options possible that are not available natively in the ADF package. Its flexible nature makes it very versatile, but comes at a cost. This cost might be completely negligible in most simulations, but it can be very high in some cases (usually when combining only cheap methods such as forcefields).

The intended users for the FlexMD package are those with some Unix/Linux experience and a basic understanding of the Python Programming Language (http://python.org/). The user is also supposed to have a basic understanding of the various methods he wishes to combine. For example, if metadynamics is supposed to be combined with ADF, FlexMD expects the user to have knowledge about DFT calculations and the usage of Collective Variables. Finally, as with every computational method, the user should monitor the FlexMD performance, both in accuracy and speed.

# 6.2 FlexMD functionality summary

## Molecule

Input/output

- Reads and writes PDB and XYZ files
- Reads and writes topology data (in CHARMM format)
- Reads and writes force field data (on CHARMM format)

#### Analysis

· Extracts geometry data

#### Drawing functionality

- · Adds atoms and bonds
- Changes bond-lengths, angles and torsions
- Cuts fragments
- Cuts solvent boxes and droplets
- Performs rotations and translations, to fit bonds to axes and planes

#### Periodic functionality

- Adds periodic images
- Wraps molecules into periodic box

#### Water specific

- Finds hydrogen bonds
- Finds shortest water bridge connecting H-donor and acceptor

## **Energy and force calculations**

Standard

- ADF
- DFTB
- REAXFF
- UFF
- MOPAC
- NAMD
- Lennard-Jones force fields

#### Multi-scale

- QM/MM, mechanical embedding: Combines all the codes above
- Hybrid: More flexible than QM/MM. Combines different force calculations by summing or subtracting the energies and forces. The standard calculations (above) can therefore be combined with:
  - Metadynamics
  - Plumed (external code that computes free energy data)
  - Constraints
- Adaptive QM/MM (for chemistry in solution)
  - Difference-based Adaptive Solvation (DAS)
  - Sorted Adaptive Partitioning (SAP)
  - Buffered-Core (BC)
  - Flexible Inner Region Ensemble Separator (FIRES)

#### **Molecular Dynamics**

- Uses ASE as the molecular dynamics driver for all above methods
- · Analyses trajectories

## 6.3 Introduction

FlexMD is a python package providing molecular dynamics (MD) simulations using the energy evaluation methods made available by the ADF suite. A set of example scripts can be found in the examples/scmlib directory of a standard ADF installation.

FlexMD can be accessed interactively by running amspython, followed by a standard python import command for the package scm.flexmd. The python help function can be used to obtain detailed documentation about all FlexMD classes. In the following example, an inquiry of one class (the MDMolecule class) can be performed.

```
$ amspython
from scm import flexmd
help(flexmd.MDMolecule)
```

To leave the interactive help, press q. The help function can also be used to list the contents of the FlexMD package:

```
$ amspython
from scm import flexmd
help(flexmd)
```

Python can also give the help documentation as plain text:

```
$ amspython
from scm import flexmd
import pydoc
print pydoc.render_doc(flexmd.ForceJob, "Help on %s")
```

## 6.4 Molecular Dynamics

FlexMD defines the molecular system under study through the **MDMolecule** class: an instantiation of this class holds all information about the molecular system to be simulated, such as coordinates, topology, and force field parameters (if needed). An **MDMolecule** object can be initialized from a PDB or XYZ file, by specifying its path at object creation.

An interface to energy evaluators is provided by specialized **ForceJob** classes, acting as wrappers around the ADF suite of programs. A **ForceJob** requires an **MDMolecule** object to be specified at creation. The resulting **ForceJob** object can either be used directly by the Atomistic Simulation Environment (ASE) [1 (page 74)] library as a calculator object (see examples/scmlib/ASE\_emt\_h2o) or with the **ASEMDPropagator** class, which provides methods for running an MD time step using ASE classes. Internally, the propagator sets up the required ASE objects, passes the **ForceJob** object to them, and retrieves the new positions and velocities. An additional protagonist, an **MDManager** class instance, coordinates the MD simulation by running the MD steps with the **ASEMDPropagator** object and writing trajectory information to file.

During creation of an **MDManager** object, a directory 'QMMD' is created, which contains a file TRAJEC00.DCD holding the geometries along the trajectory, a file FTRAJEC00.DCD holding the forces along the trajectory, and finally a file ENERGY00.dat holding the potential and kinetic energy, as well as the temperature throughout the evaluation. To extract the geometries from the trajectory file, the **DCDFile** class is available, providing methods to read and write geometries to and from a trajectory file in DCD format. The **MDManager** is also responsible for handling restart of a previous MD evaluation: if a 'QMMD' directory is already present at script invocation, the new output files will be assigned the number subsequent to the highest numbered files in that directory. In addition, provided the previous run terminated normally, the restart will continue from the final geometry and velocity of the previous run.

The ADF package contains different electronic structure methods of varying degrees of accuracy and speed. The bestknown methods are the ADF Density Functional Theory (DFT) code itself, and the BAND DFT code for periodic systems. FlexMD provides an interface toward both programs. For the interface with ADF, FlexMD makes use of classes from PyADF [2 (page 74)], a scripting framework for efficient quantum chemistry calculations. In addition to ADF and BAND, several semi-empirical methods are included in the ADF suite, such as DFTB and the NDDO type schemes available in the MOPAC package [3 (page 74)]. The ADF suite also provides classical mechanics methods, such as the reactive force field ReaxFF and the simple force field UFF. Interfaces to all of these methods are available in FlexMD. A simple example of a python script for MD using the **UFFForceJob** class for UFF calculations can be found in the examples directory, under examples/scmlib/flexmd\_uff\_h2o.

To increase the flexibility of FlexMD, an interface towards force calculations using the NAMD2.8 classical molecular dynamics package is provided (examples/scmlib/namd\_h2o). NAMD2.8 is not distributed with the ADF suite, but it is available from a third party to be downloaded and installed ( http://www.ks.uiuc.edu/Development/Download/download. cgi).

## 6.5 Multi-scale Molecular Dynamics

The design of the **ForceJob** class allows for flexible extension of its behavior, while at the same time keeping the client code unaware of its nature: it can either act as a simple wrapper for ADF programs, or it can be a more complex orchestrating class, combining simpler **ForceJob** classes to implement multi-scale strategies. One application of this extensible design can be found in the **QMMMForceJob** object, which combines a QM and an MM method in an IMOMM-type scheme (mechanical embedding). The **QMMMForceJob** object is assigned two other **ForceJob** objects, the first representing the high-resolution calculation (QM), while the other represents the low resolution (MM). Both **ForceJob** objects contain an **MDMolecule** object for the full molecular system. The selection of the QM-region is handled by the **QMMMForceJob**, which contains the information about the part of the molecule that constitutes the QM region. When forces are requested from the **QMMMForceJob**, the following behavior is orchestrated: first, a MM force calculation is performed on the full system; then, the QM-region is selected, a QM calculation. Finally, an MM calculation is computed for the small QM-region, and the energy and forces are subtracted, yielding the final result, returned to the invoker. In symbols:

#### EQM/MM(Full) = EMM(Full) + EQM(QMRegion) - EMM(QMRegion)

The **QMMMForceJob** handles periodic boundary conditions if the low-level (MM) method supports this feature (i.e. NAMD). Whether the periodic interaction of the QM region with itself is handled at high or low resolution depends on the method used for the QM calculation. An example of QM/MM MD calculations can be found in the examples directory examples/scmlib/qmmm\_dftbUFF\_2h2o. The **QMMMIForceJob** allows the use of link atoms when the QM boundary cuts through covalent bonds. However, this feature comes at the price of an increased script complexity. An example of a QMMM link-atom MD simulation is provided in the examples directory, under examples/scmlib/qmmm\_linkatom\_dftbNAMD\_glutamate.

For more complex multi-scale calculations the **HybridForceJob** class can be used. This class allows the combination of a large set of different **ForceJob**s, each of them describing either the same, or different molecular systems. Each **ForceJob** can either involve a calculation on the full **MDMolecule** object it contains, or restricted to a specified region of the corresponding molecule. The forces from each contributing **ForceJob** can either be added or subtracted from the total force according to user preference, as specified at construction of the **HybridForceJob** object.

In order to perform QM/MM simulations on chemical reactivity in solution, it is important that the description of the solvent molecules can change on the fly, as the molecules move towards or away from the reactive region. To facilitate this, an **AdaptiveQMMMForceJob** class is available to provide adaptive QM/MM simulations using several available schemes, as described by Bulo et al.[4 (page 74)] and P. Fleurat-Lessard et al.[8 (page 75)] In these schemes, the description of the diffusing molecules changes gradually from QM to MM and vice versa, based on the distance of those molecules to a predefined reactive site. Various schemes are available for assigning the QM and MM character of the molecules. The class contains a **QMMMForceJob** object, as well as a partitioning object that assigns the partial QM and MM character to the molecules. An examples python script for such an adaptive QM/MM simulation, using the DAS [4 (page 74)] method, is provided in the examples directory, examples/scmlib/adqmmm\_mopacscmUFF\_h2o.

## 6.6 Biased Molecular Dynamics

Constraints can be added to a simulation using the derived **ForceJob** class **WallJob**. The constraint is in the form of a large one-dimensional Gaussian on the potential energy surface, along a predefined Collective Variable (CV). Examples of CV's are the distance between two atoms, the coordination number of two atoms, but also more complex quantities such as the minimum distance between two sets of atoms, or the distance of an atom to a hydroxide ion. The Collective Variables can be specified through the **CollectiveVariable** class. Derived **CollectiveVariable** classes are available to specify sums or multiples of other **CollectiveVariable** objects.

Regular MD calculations are limited in the time-scales achievable with current hardware. The order of such time-scales is much smaller than what is required for chemical reactions. To overcome this problem, two rare-events methods have been implemented directly into the library: metadynamics [5 (page 74)] and umbrella sampling [6 (page 75)]. Both these methods involve biasing the simulations along a CV. An example of a metadynamics input can be found in the examples directory in examples/scmlib/metadynamics\_emt\_h2o.

For a wider range of rare-events methods, FlexMD also offers an interface with the PLUMED library for free energy calculations [7 (page 75)]. To use this, a PLUMED input file is required, and for this we refer to the PLUMED manual. An example of a FlexMD input script using PLUMED can be found in the examples directory in examples/scmlib/plumed\_emt\_h2o.

## 6.7 Working with FlexMD

It is recommended to read the sections *Introduction* (page 69) and *Molecular Dynamics* (page 69) before working with FlexMD. Basic understanding of the Python Programming Language (http://python.org/) is also required. The Python website hosts documentation and a tutorial (http://docs.python.org/2/tutorial/) that can be used to learn Python.

The performance of the FlexMD package is difficult to predict because it depends on system size, the type of ForceJobs used and how these ForceJobs are combined. It is advised to first test the overhead of the FlexMD package for your system before running large simulations. When ab initio forces are involved, the overhead should not give a significant performance penalty. However, it may become a bottleneck when your system only uses cheap forcefields.

#### 6.7.1 Creating a molecule object

FlexMD can be run trough the interactive python interpreter in the ADF package. To start it, run: \$AMSBIN/amspython in a terminal, followed by:

from scm import flexmd

Note that it is also possible, and usually more convenient, to write your FlexMD code in a file and then to execute this file. To do this, type all the commands you would use in the interactive interpreter in a file, and then enter \$AMS-BIN/amspython myFlexMDjob.py in a terminal (after changing to the directory where the file was stored of course).

Most FlexMD jobs will start with importing FlexMD and creating an MDMolecule object. This can be done by starting from a geometry in xyz or pdb format, or by manually adding the atoms in the FlexMDjob.py file. Geometries can be generated in the ADF GUI, and then be exported to xyz file. For more details on the MDMolecule object, run \$AMSBIN/amspython, import flexmd and call help(flexmd.mdmolecule).

```
from scm import flexmd
myMol = flexmd.MDMolecule('myGeometryFile.xyz')
```

Some ForceJobs require the system to be periodic. If we create an MDMolecule object from a pdb file that includes periodic information, the periodic boundary conditions are automatically imported. If the information is not there, we can add it to the MDMolecule object:

myMol = flexmd.pdb.set\_box([50.0,25.0,100.0])

Info on set\_box (and other functions, such as set\_cellvectors, and write\_pdb) can be found using help(flexmd.pdbmolecule).

It is also possible to write the info in the MDMolecule object to a pdb file. to do so, call pdb.write\_pdb('mypdbfile.pdb') on the myMol object:

myMol.pdb.write\_pdb('mypdbfile.pdb', box=True)

#### 6.7.2 Creating a ForceJob

To specify what type of forces we want to use in the MD simulation, a ForceJob must be created. FlexMD has a number of ForceJobs (see PACKAGE CONTENTS in help(flexmd)), most of them with examples in \$AMSHOME/examples/scmlib. The ForceJobs can be combined into a single ForceJob using flexmd.hybrid\_ForceJob. As an example, we combine a reaxff\_ForceJob with a metadynamicsjob and a walljob:

```
from scm import flexmd
myMol = flexmd.MDMolecule('myGeometryFile.xyz')
myMol = flexmd.pdb.set_box([50.0,25.0,100.0])
   # setup our reaxff ForceJob and attach the forcefield file
   # (place the ff file in the same dir as the script and the xyz!)
myReaxffForceJob = flexmd.ReaxffForceJob(molecule=myMol)
myReaxffForceJob.settings.set_ff_filename('reax_forcefield_file.ff')
   \# next we define the collective variable: the distance between atom 1 and 2
myCvs = [flexmd.DistCV([1,2])]
   # create a set of metadynamics properties, using the CV
mtdSettings = flexmd.MetadynamicsSettings(cvs=myCvs, widths=[0.30], height=0.25)
   # create the metadynamics job by combining the molecule, settings (with CV)
   # and the number of md steps between depositing metadynamics hills.
myMetadynamicsjob = flexmd.MetadynamicsJob( myMol, settings=mtdSettings, nstep=150 )
   # add a wall to prevent the two atoms from drifting more than 10 Angstrom away.
myWalljob = flexmd.WallJob(molecule=myMol, cvs=myCvs, cntrs=[10.0], widths=[1.0], ...
\rightarrow heights=[500.0])
   # combine the forces into a hybrid job that will be used for the MD
myForceJob = flexmd.HybridForceJob( [[myReaxffForceJob, '+'], [theMetadynamicsjob, '+'],
→ [theWalljob, '+']], myMol )
```

Note that all the ForceJobs require some special input and settings, and that these settings can be applied both before and after defining the ForceJob. For the reaxffForceJob, we first define the ForceJob, and add the forcefield parameters file afterwards. For the metadynamics job we reverse this, and first create a metadynamicsJobSettings object, which is then used in the creation of the metadynamics job. For more detailed info on the different ForceJobs and their inputs, see the help function by calling help on a ForceJob, for example: help(flexmd.ReaxffForceJob) or help(flexmd.WallJob). Also remember that other examples of ForceJobs can be found in \$AMSHOME/examples/scmlib.

#### 6.7.3 Creating and running the MD job

Before the simulation can be set in motion, a propagator is needed. The propagatorJob controls simulation settings such as temperature and timestep size. FlexMD uses the Atomistic Simulation Environment (ASE) [1 (page 74)] for this. The MDPropagatorJob object is created just like the other objects in FlexMD:

```
# do this after importing flexmd and creating a ForceJob.
# it creates the MDPropagator job, with some settings
myMDJob = flexmd.ASEMDPropagatorJob(ForceJob=myForceJob)
myMDJob.settings.set_tempcontrol(True, nhfreq=2, maxdef=50.0)
myMDJob.settings.set_temperature(300.0)
myMDJob.settings.set_timestep(0.02)
```

For more details on the ASEMDPropagatorJob, view it's help page: help(flexmd.ASEMDPropagatorJob), or take a look at the MDSettings object: help(flexmd.MDSettings).

The propagatorJob can be used to create an MDManager object:

```
# create an MD manager
myManager = flexmd.MDManager( mdjob=myMDJob)
```

The manager object is now in control of the MD simulation, and we can use it to run the simulation for a number of steps:

```
\# tell the MD manager to run the simulation myManager.run( <code>ncycles = 2500</code> )
```

Note that the number of steps here should be increased a lot if metadynamics effects are to be observed, but it is always wise to first run a small number of steps to check if everything works. Some information will be printed during the simulation, depending on the settings of the components used. The manager will also create some folders in the working directory, and store the data produced by the simulation in there.

The full flexmd jobfile should now look something like this:

```
from scm import flexmd
myMol = flexmd.MDMolecule('myGeometryFile.xyz')
myMol = flexmd.pdb.set_box([50.0,25.0,100.0])
   # setup our reaxff ForceJob and attach the forcefield file
   # (place the ff file in the same dir as the script and the xyz!)
myReaxffForceJob = flexmd.ReaxffForceJob(molecule=myMol)
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   \# next we define the collective variable: the distance between atom 1 and 2
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   # create a set of metadynamics properties, using the CV
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   # add a wall to prevent the two atoms from drifting more than 10 Angstrom away.
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\rightarrow heights=[500.0])
   # combine the forces into a hybrid job that will be used for the MD
myForceJob = flexmd.HybridForceJob( [[myReaxffForceJob, '+'], [theMetadynamicsjob, '+'],
→ [theWalljob, '+']], myMol )
```

# do this after importing flexmd and creating a ForceJob.

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# it creates the MDPropagator job, with some settings
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myMDJob.settings.set_tempcontrol(True, nhfreq=2, maxdef=50.0)
myMDJob.settings.set_temperature(300.0)
myMDJob.settings.set_timestep(0.02)

# create an MD manager
myManager = flexmd.MDManager(mdjob=myMDJob)
# tell the MD manager to run the simulation
myManager.run(ncycles = 2500)
```

This job can be resumed by just running the script again, FlexMD should pick up on the coordinates and velocities from the QMMD folder. To do this, simply run the job again, and a new set of trajectory and energy files should appear in the QMMD folder. If you wish to specify which files FlexMD restarts from, you can use the set\_restartnum() function on myMDJob.settings:

```
# add this below the "myMDJob.settings.set_timestep( 0.02 )" line
    # FlexMD will restart from the files with index numbers 1 lower than you pass to_
    set_restartnum
    # This will cause FlexMD to restart from QMMD/TRAJEC00.dcd and QMMD/TRAJEC00.dcd
myMDJob.settings.set_restartnum(1)
```

## 6.8 Required Citations

When you publish results in the scientific literature that were obtained with programs of the ADF package, you are required to include references to the program package with the appropriate release number, and a few key publications.

**For calculations with FlexMD:** 1. FlexMD 2017, SCM, T. Jiang, H. van Schoot, S. Simko, C. R. Jacob, S. Borini, R. E. Bulo, *A python library for flexible multi-scale molecular dynamics simulations*. http://www.scm.com

#### 6.8.1 External programs and Libraries

Click here for the list of programs and/or libraries used in the ADF package. On some platforms optimized libraries have been used and/or vendor specific MPI implementations.

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#### CHAPTER

### SEVEN

### PLAMS

PLAMS (Python Library for Automating Molecular Simulation) is a collection of tools that aim at providing powerful, flexible and easily extendable Python interface to molecular modeling programs. It takes care of input preparation, job execution, file management and output processing as well as helps with building more advanced data workflows.

- PLAMS tutorials
- PLAMS documentation

# 7.1 Required Citations

When you publish results in the scientific literature that were obtained with programs of the ADF package, you are required to include references to the program package with the appropriate release number, and a few key publications.

For calculations with PLAMS: PLAMS, written by Michał Handzlik, http://www.scm.com

### 7.1.1 External programs and Libraries

Click here for the list of programs and/or libraries used in the ADF package. On some platforms optimized libraries have been used and/or vendor specific MPI implementations.

#### CHAPTER

# AUTOGRAFS

The Automatic Topological Generator for Framework Structures (http://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/jp507643v) is a software for the design ang high throughput generation of framework structures such as Metal-Organic Frameworks (MOFs), Zeolites, Covalent-Organic Frameworks (COFs), or any product of reticular chemistry. The underlying library for chemical objects makes extensive use of the *ASE* (page 65) environment shipped with the Amsterdam Modeling Suite.

AuToGraFS was developed in the group of Prof. Dr. Heine at Jacobs University Bremen by Dr. M. Addicoat and D. Coupry. While a console application is available (https://github.com/maddicoat/AuToGraFS) under a GNU LGPL license, the version shipped together with the Amsterdam Modeling Suite was heavily modified into a fully importable python library for easy scripting capabilities. The software was also fully integrated into the GUI, and some native functions were developed for added functionality in this particular environment. A database of building units often used in existing MOFs is also provided, to cover basic needs.

The rest of this section is dedicated to a documentation and a demonstration of the usage of both the scripting capabilities and GUI tools from the Automatic Topological Generator for Framework Structures.

# 8.1 General AuToGraFS Scripting concepts

AuToGraFS relies on the concept of underlying nets common to many structures. These nets, or topologies can be found in the RCSR (http://rcsr.anu.edu.au/) and EPINET (http://epinet.anu.edu.au/) databases. Once implemented, AuToGraFS will follow these blueprints to generate a framework from building units of compatible geometries. Since these geometries are ideal objects, and most chemical structures are distorted, an optimization step using UFF is necessary for the building units to "snap into place". Correct handling of bonding information and UFF atom types are crucial to the generation of correct structures.

## 8.1.1 Components of AuToGraFS

### The Fragment class

This is a slightly modified version of the native ASE Atoms object, designed to hold essential data for UFF postprocessing. This englobes the uff atom types, and the bonding information.

Where mmtypes is a list of the UFF atom types symbols, ordered as the corresponding atoms in the structure, and bonds is a symmetric numpy array (https://docs.scipy.org/doc/numpy-1.10.0/reference/generated/numpy.array.html) of size equal to the number of atoms. The i, j elements in the bonds array are the bond order between atom i and atom j of the structure. These bond orders should follow the UFF conventions (1.5 for aromatic, 0.5 for coordination bonds, 0.001 for hydrogen bonds...). The shape holds information for AuToGraFS about the connectivity of the fragment. Each dummy atom, with symbol "X" in ASE, represents a point of connection between a fragment and a given topology. The unit of a fragment is set internally by AuToGraFS and is of no interest here. The name of a fragment is used only for logging purposes. Individual building blocks of a framework are manipulated through the Fragment class. It is possible to export a fragment from the GUI using edit -> framework -> export fragment. If the UFF atom types are not specified, an automatic typing script will take care of it.

#### The Model class

This is a container class that holds in one place the topology of a framework and the correctly positioned fragments. Most of the postprocessing methods found in AuToGraFS are Model methods.

```
from scm.autografs import *
model = autografs.Model(...)
# view the framework in adfinput. set clean to False to keep dummy atoms.
model.view(clean=True, verbose=True)
# write the name.ams and name.run files
model.write(name="framework", clean=True, verbose=True)
# returns a Fragment, with correct bonding information and mmtypes
# if indices is True, it also returns the index of the corresponding fragment in the_
→model for each atom
atoms = model.get_atoms(self, clean=False, indices=False)
# returns a supercell of the framework as a Fragment
supercell = model * (2, 2, 2)
# deletes a fragment in the framework. if no index is given, the fragment will be_
\hookrightarrow chosen at random.
# the defects will cap with hydrogen the empty spaces. returns a Fragment
# here, a linker at random will be deleted
model.insert_defect(indices=None, centers=0, linkers=1)
# flip a linear object
model.flip_fragment(index=the_fragment_index)
# rotates a linear object around its axis by angle in degrees
model.rotate_fragment(index=the_fragment_index, angle=85.0)
# Will add a functional group to the selected fragment on a random hydrogen
# if and only if the hydogen is connected to a carbon.
# for more precise handling, use the GUI for now.
model.functionalize_fragment(functional_group="NH2", index=the_fragment_index)
```

#### The Autografs class

This class is the builder in itself. Given a path to a database of building units in .inp format (exportable via the GUI), it will generate any valid framework from a topology name, a center and linker name or objects, and optionally a pillar name or object. The linkers, centers and pillars objects have to be passed as Fragment.

```
from scm.autografs import *
from random import choice
# create the generator and update the database of building units
mofgen = autografs.Autografs(refresh_database=True, verbose=True, path="path/to/my/
 \rightarrow fragments/")
# choose a topology from the available one given no center or linkers
topologies = mofgen.get_available_topologies(center=None, linker=None)
topology = choice(topologies)
# choose a center in the list of available centers for the topology
centers = mofgen.get_available_centers(topology=topology, linker=None)
center = choice(centers)
# choose a linker in the list of available linkers for the topology and center
linkers = mofgen.get_available_linkers(topology=topology, center=center)
linker = choice(linkers)
# modify the linker by changing all hydrogens to fluorine
linker_structure = mofgen.database[linker]
linker_symbols = linker_structure.get_chemical_symbols()
linker_structure.set_chemical_symbols(["F" if l=="H" else l for l in linker_symbols])
# generate the framework using multiprocessing tools and automatic scaling of unit_
 \rightarrow cell
framework = mofgen.make(lable="my_framework", topology=topology, center=center,...

which a parallel = True)
which a parallel = True
 # visualize in adfinput
framework.view()
```

do not forget to run a quick UFF optimization after generation to optimize lattice and fragment into an optimal configuration.

#### 8.1.2 About the databases of building units

AuToGraFS uses both a binary database format, and structures in the DemonNano file format from which the binary is compiled. To ask AuToGraFS to use a custom directory containing .inp files, simply pass the directory to the path argument when initializing the constructor. The ".inp" file format should be formatted like the following example.

```
Data: SBUtype = linker
Data: shape = linear
Data: name = benzene
GEOMETRY CARTESIAN
                                         0.00000000
С
       0.00000000
                       -1.39103633
                                                        MMTYPE=C R
                                                                      OMMM=MM BOND=2/1.
⇔5:6/1.5:12/1.0
С
      -1.20606758
                                         0.00000000
                       -0.69440959
                                                        MMTYPE=C_R
                                                                      QMMM=MM BOND=1/1.
↔5:3/1.5:8/1.0
                                        -0.0000000
С
      -1.20606758
                        0.69440959
                                                        MMTYPE=C_R
                                                                      QMMM=MM BOND=2/1.
  5:4/1.5:10/1.0
                                                                           (continues on next page)
```

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-0.00000000	1.39103633	0.00000000	MMTYPE=C_R	QMMM=MM BOND=3/1.
5/1.5:11/1.0				
1.20606758	0.69440959	0.0000000	MMTYPE=C_R	QMMM=MM BOND=4/1.
6/1.5:7/1.0				
1.20606758	-0.69440959	-0.0000000	MMTYPE=C_R	QMMM=MM BOND=1/1.
5/1.5:9/1.0				
2.02806392	1.16933783	0.0000000	MMTYPE=H_	QMMM=MM BOND=5/1.0
-2.02806392	-1.16933783	0.0000000	MMTYPE=H_	QMMM=MM BOND=2/1.0
2.02806392	-1.16933783	0.0000000	MMTYPE=H_	QMMM=MM BOND=6/1.0
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### 8.1.3 Using the overhauled Atom Typer

Both AuToGraFS and the GUI now use a new python library for the assignment of UFF types to atoms and generation of the bonding matrix. The process goes as follows:

```
from scm.autografs import atomtyper
# instantiate the typer on a readable molecule file (e.g: "mol.cif")
typer = atomtyper.MolTyper("path/of/fileToType")
# choose the UFF library. options are uff and uff4mof
library = read_db("uff4mof")
# actual typing is done here
typer.type_mol(library)
# prints the bond matrix as a numpy array
# item i, j of matrix is the bond order between atoms i and j
print typer.get_guibonds()
# print a list of UFF types in order
print typer.get_mmtypes()
# write a SCM-UFF input file with correct info
typer.structure.write(name="mytypedmol")
```

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## 8.2 AuToGraFS Examples

the following examples work with all calculators of the Amsterdam Modeling Suite. Any python script using these libraries should be launched using the "\$AMSBIN/amspython" binary.

#### 8.2.1 Generation of all available pillared SURMOF

```
# Required imports
    from scm.autografs import *
from itertools import combinations_with_replacement
    # create the generator object
   mofgen = autografs.Autografs(path="./my_database/")
    # the SURMOF family of frameworks is
   topology = "pcu"
    # get all available linkers, center, pillars for the pcu topology
    centers = mofgen.get_available_centers(topology=topology)
    for center in centers:
            # the pcu topology accepts up to three different linkers.
            # here, we'll use two and a pillar
        linkers = mofgen.get_available_linkers(topology=topology, center=center)
        for linker in combination_with_replacement(linkers, 2):
            pillars = mofgen.get_available_pillars(topology=topology, center=center)
            for pillar in pillars:
                    label = [0] - [1] - [2], format (center, linker, pillar)
                # generate this particular framework
                framework = mofgen.make(label=label,
                                                             topology=topology,
                                                             center=center,
                                                             linker=linker,
                                                             pillar=pillar)
                # write the UFF inpufile under "label.run" and "label.ams"
                framework.write()
```

#### 8.2.2 Generation of a defectuous UIO-66 MOF from custom files

```
# Required imports
from scm.autografs import *
from random import gauss
# get the building units as Fragment objects
center = utils.read_inp("UIO66_center.inp")
linker = utils.read_inp("UIO66_linker.inp")
# instantiate the generator
mofgen = autografs.Autografs()
# generate the MOF
mof = mofgen.make(label="UIO66", topology="bcu", center=center, linker=linker)
# get the 3*3*3 supercell
```

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supercell = mof \* (3, 3, 3)

```
# introduce 10 defects in a gaussian distribution around the center of the_
supercell
# the connections are capped with hydrogen.
indices = []
mu = len(supercell)/2
sigma = len(supercell)/4
number_of_defects = 10
while len(indices) < number_of defects:
    index = int(abs(gauss(mu, sigma)))
    if (index not in indices) and index < len(supercell):
        indices.append(index)
supercell.insert_defect(indices = indices))
# view resulting framework in adfinput
supercell.view()</pre>
```

#### 8.2.3 Generation of conformers in the IRMOF-5

```
# Required imports
from scm.autografs import *
from itertools import combinations_with_replacement
# instantiate the generator
mofgen = autografs.Autografs()
# generate the MOF
mof = mofgen.make(label="IRMOF-5", topology="pcu", center="mof5", linker="benzene")
# get the indices of the benzenes in the mof
benzenes = mof.get_linkers()
choice_angles = [0.0, 45.0, 90.0]
# generate all possible combinations
iteration = 0
for angles in combinations_with_replacement(choice_angles, 3):
    conformer = mof.copy()
   for benzene, angle in zip(benzenes, angles):
        conformer.rotate_fragment(index=benzene, angle=angle)
   conformer.write(name="conformer-{0}".format(iteration))
    iteration += 1
```

#### CHAPTER

### NINE

## AKFREADER

The AKFReader Python class provides a convenient way to read annotated data from the binary KF files generated by AMS.

Below is an example demonstrating some of the AKFReader class's functionality

```
from scm.akfreader import AKFReader
# ===== Load a kf file.
akf = AKFReader('test.results/dftb.rkf')
# ===== Print all content in the kf file:
akf.print_all_variables()
# ===== Read a specific variable from file.
coordinates = akf.read('Molecule%Coords')
print("Coordinates:")
print(coordinates)
# Coordinates:
# [[-1.65367945e+00 4.59827802e+00 -9.59515212e-09]
  [ 5.88355572e-01 2.78581237e+00 1.09863437e-08]
#
#
  . . .
# [-3.26489723e+00 3.74833282e+00 9.66428930e-01]
# [-2.21256221e+00 5.05007997e+00 -1.93285786e+00]]
# ====== Retrieve the description, units, and additional information for a variable:
description_dict = akf.description('Molecule%Coords')
print("'Molecule%Coords' description:")
print(description_dict)
# 'Molecule%Coords' description:
# {'_type': 'float_array',
    _shape': [3, 'nAtoms'],
#
# '_comment': 'Coordinates of the nuclei (x,y,z)',
# '_unit': 'bohr'}
# ===== Read another variable, and do a unit conversion:
energy_in_eV = akf.read('AMSResults%Energy', units="eV")
print(f"Energy: {energy_in_eV} [eV]")
```

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```
# Energy: -203.21954672148195 [eV]
# ====== Read all variables matching the pattern:
history_energies = akf.read('History%Energy(#)')
print(history_energies)
# [('History%Energy(1)', -5.758015498298242),
# ('History%Energy(2)', -5.765039556660788),
# ('History%Energy(3)', -5.766261662994689),
# ('History%Energy(4)', -5.766288141072665)]
```

**Note:** The *KFFile* (page 60) Python class can also be used to read KF files. Key differences between the AKFReader and the KFFile:

- The AKFReader can provide 'extra information' on the content of the KF files: it can give descriptions of sections, variables, units, and automatically reshapes matrices to the proper size/shape.
- The KFFile can also be used to write KF files (while the AKFReader can only read).

#### See also:

A command line utility \$AMSBIN/akf (described *here* (page 20)) offers an alternative way of using the AKFReader tool.

#### See also:

The list of possible variables for the various kf files can be found in the respective user manuals: ams.rkf, adf.rkf, band.rkf, dftb.rkf

#### API documentation:

```
class AKFReader (path: str, kf_def_path=None, strict=False, verbose=False) A class to read AMS binary output files in KF format.
```

**description** (*name: str*)  $\rightarrow$  Dict[str, Any] Return the description of the key as a dictionary.

find (*name: str*)  $\rightarrow$  list

Given the name of a variable with patterns, return the list of actual variables that match the query.

E.g. if name='History%Energy(#)', this might return: ['History%Energy(1)','History%Energy(2)']

- print\_all\_variables (include\_hidden=False, print\_metadata=True)
  Print the whole content of the akf file
- print\_variable (name, print\_metadata=True)
  Print the content and description of a variable

#### read (name: str, units=None)

Read and return the value of a variable.

- In case that the name is a pattern like 'foo(#)' the result is a list of tuples for all vars matching the pattern: 'foo(#)' -> [('foo(1)', value1), ('foo(3)', value3)]
- Partial patterns are not yet supported, but the idea would be the same: 'bar(#,#)' -> [('bar(1,1)', value11), ('bar(1,2)',value12), ('bar(2,1)',value21)] 'bar(1,#)' -> [('bar(1,1)', value11), ('bar(1,2)',value12)]

**variables** (*include\_hidden=False*)  $\rightarrow$  List[str]

Returns a list of all available variables on the file in the form "section%variable".

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