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- `biobb_analysis`: Tools to analyse Molecular Dynamics trajectories.

Software requirements:

- Python3
 - Anaconda
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1.1.2 Tutorial

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1.2 Command-line workflows with BioExcel Building Blocks

1.2.1 Based on the Protein MD Setup tutorial using BioExcel Building Blocks (biobb)

This tutorial aims to illustrate the process of **building up a command-line workflow** using the **BioExcel Building Blocks library (biobb)**. The tutorial is based on the **Protein Gromacs MD Setup** [Jupyter Notebook tutorial](#).

Biobb modules used:

- [biobb_io](#): Tools to fetch biomolecular data from public databases.
- [biobb_model](#): Tools to model macromolecular structures.

- **biobb_md**: Tools to setup and run Molecular Dynamics simulations.
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1.2.3 Introduction

Biomolecular workflows built using **BioExcel building blocks** (biobb) can be launched in **command line** (without Jupyter or iPython interactivity) with a combination of a **Python script** and a separated **yaml formatted file** containing the **input parameters**. This approximation combines the power of the **scripting in Python** with the **interoperability** of **biomolecular simulation workflows** provided by the **BioExcel building blocks**, and is the one used in **production** runs.

The example used to illustrate the process of building a **command line biomolecular simulation workflow** with the **BioExcel building blocks** will be the **Protein MD Setup** presented in the [Jupyter Notebook tutorial](#). In the **first steps**

section, the **main points** to take into account when building a **command line workflow** will be introduced, using as example the first 2 steps of the **Protein MD Setup**. In the **Protein MD Setup command-line workflow** section, the complete workflow presented in the [Jupyter Notebook tutorial](#) will be translated to a **Python script + yaml-formatted file** to launch it in a **command-line interface**.

1.2.4 IMPORTANT NOTE

Please note that this Jupyter Notebook is **NOT executable**, it is just used to **illustrate the process**. Cells containing source code are used to **show information** in a graphical way, but they are **NOT designed to be executed**.

1.2.5 Why command line

Jupyter Notebooks are fantastic tools to explore and play with software, and in particular, with the **BioExcel building blocks** library. But when a workflow is ready to start with **production**, or it needs to be expanded with more complex **loop/conditional** structures, the best option is to move from a **GUI** to a **command line** execution. In **command line** is where the **real power** of the **BioExcel building blocks** unleashes.

Going from a **Jupyter Notebook** to a **command line python script** is as easy as **exporting** the notebook to a **Python script** (Menu → File → Download as → Python (.py)). The **downloaded Python script** will be executable just typing *python name_of_the_notebook.py* (in our case, *python biobb_MDsetup_tutorial.py*). Remember that for the script to properly work, the library modules should have been **previously installed** in your **conda environment**, following the **Protein MD tutorial** installation steps (*Conda Installation and Launch*).

Moving from the **Jupyter environment** to a **command line**, we are going to miss the **interactivity** and the possibility to use **graphical support** such as 3D structure viewers or plot representation. But it will offer us a jump to the **High Throughput** (HT) regime. Many different instances of the workflow can be launched at the same time with different inputs. Command line executions are offering us **automation and repetition**. However, when a particular **input file** or **step parameter** needs to be changed, the main **Python script** should be changed. That's why the **BioExcel building blocks workflows** are divided in **two files**:

- **Workflow Python code**: Main code of the workflow, with the different steps and flowchart.
- **Configuration file (YAML)**: Input files (paths) and parameters for all the different steps of the workflow.

With this, there's no need for the **main Python code** to be modified for every different execution. Just changing the **input configuration file** is enough. The next steps of the tutorial are introducing the **basic concepts** of both **workflow** and **configuration input** files.

1.2.6 Essential points / Before Starting

Before starting with the **tutorial**, a set of **important terms** that will appear during the building of **BioExcel building blocks workflows** need to be introduced. These **terms** are divided in the **workflow** ones, applied in the **Python script** describing the **workflow**, and the **configuration input file** ones, applied in the separated **YAML configuration file**.

Workflow general concepts (Python):

BioExcel building blocks workflows Python scripts always start with the **initialization of 3 main variables**:

- **Configuration info** (conf), loaded from the input configuration file.
- **Properties and parameters** (global_prop, global_paths) for all the different steps of the workflow, parsed from the configuration info.
- **Configuration Info**: Loading the configuration information from the input configuration YAML file. It is done using the *ConfReader* tool from the biobb_common configuration library:

`conf = settings.ConfReader(config)`, where `config` is:

```
- config (str): Path to the configuration YAML file.
```

Example:

```
conf = settings.ConfReader("input_config_file")
```

Configuration information read from the file "input_config_file".

- **Global properties**: Collection of properties (tool parameters) for every step of the workflow extracted from the **Configuration Info**. It is generated using the *get_prop_dic* tool from the biobb_common configuration library:

`global_prop = conf.get_prop_dic(params)`, where `params` could be:

```
- prefix (str): Prefix if provided. Prefix is used to add levels of hierarchy in the_  
↪ workflow structure.  
- global_log (Logger object): Log from the main workflow.
```

Example:

```
global_prop = conf.get_prop_dic(global_log=global_log) *global_prop variable contains all the prop-  
erties for all the workflow steps, parsed from the input configuration file. As the global_log is passed as  
input, local logs from all the steps will be appended to the global log.
```

- **Global paths**: Collection of paths (tool inputs & outputs) for every step of the workflow extracted from the **Configuration Info**. It is generated using the *get_paths_dic* tool from the biobb_common configuration library:

`global_paths = conf.get_paths_dic(params)`, where `params` could be:

```
- prefix (str): Prefix if provided. Prefix is used to add levels of hierarchy in the_  
↪ workflow structure.
```

Example:

```
global_paths = conf.get_paths_dic()
```

Optionally, a **Global Log** could be initialized, capturing **log information** for the **whole workflow**.

- **Global log files** (output log and error log).
- **Global Log**: Name of the file that will contain the **global log of the workflow** execution. Usually **created only once** at the beginning of the workflow. It is generated using the *get_logs* tool from the biobb_common file_utils library:

`global_log_out, global_log_err = file_utils.get_logs(params)`, where `params` could be:

```
- path (str): Path to the log file directory. By default assigned to the current_  
↪ working directory.  
- prefix (str): Prefix added to the name of the log file. By default log.out and log.  
↪ err.
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```
- step (str): String added between the prefix and the name of the log file.
- can_write_console (bool): If True, show log in the execution terminal. False by default.
- level (str): Set Logging level. ['CRITICAL', 'ERROR', 'WARNING', 'INFO', 'DEBUG', 'NOTSET']. INFO by default.
- light_format (bool): Minimalist log format. False by default.
```

Example:

```
log_out, log_err = file_utils.get_logs(path='/home/biobb/wf_example/', prefix='tutorial',
level='WARNING')
```

Log file directory written to the `'/home/biobb/wf_example/'` working dir path (path), with level of logging set to `'WARNING'` (level). The names of the log files will be `tutorial_log.out` and `tutorial_log.err` (prefix).

The next cell shows an example of the typically first lines of a **BioExcel building blocks** workflow, initializing the **Configuration Info** (conf), the **tools parameters** (global_prop), the **tools inputs & outputs** (global_paths) and the **global log** (global_log):

```
# Workflow concepts: Configuration Info, global paths & global properties
from biobb_common.configuration import settings

conf = settings.ConfReader(config_yaml_file)
global_prop = conf.get_prop_dic()
global_paths = conf.get_paths_dic()

# Workflow concepts: Global Log
from biobb_common.tools import file_utils

global_log, _ = file_utils.get_logs(path="/home/biobb/wf_example", level='WARNING')
```

Configuration input file concepts (YAML):

The **YAML configuration file** that contains all the **workflow input parameters** has a well-defined structure, divided in **2 main sections**: the **Global Workflow Properties**, which are properties applied to the whole workflow, and the different **Workflow Steps**, with properties for all the different steps of the workflow, one by one.

1. **Global Workflow Properties**: Define global workflow properties and are typically stated at the beginning of the YAML file. Available global properties are:
 - `working_dir_path`: Workflow output directory, where all results are going to be written.
 - `can_write_console_log`: Enable the automatic output of the information log to the console.
 - `remove_tmp`: Remove temporary files after execution.
 - `restart`: Skip already computed steps. Automatically detects already computed steps checking existence of output files. Useful in long executions that didn't reach the end for whatever reason.

Example of **Global Workflow Properties**:

```
# YAML configuration input file concepts: Global Workflow Properties

working_dir_path: md_tutorial      # Folder to write i/o files of the workflow
                                   ↳ steps
can_write_console_log: False      # Verbose writing of log information
remove_tmp: True                  # Remove temporary files after execution
restart: True                     # Skip steps already performed
```

2. **Workflow Steps:** Independent **properties** applied to **each single step** of the workflow, defined **one by one**. Usually, there should be at least as many steps definitions as steps defined in the **Python workflow**. The name of the step is used in the Python workflow script to **identify input/output files and properties** for the corresponding workflow step. **Workflow Steps** definitions are divided in **two fields**:

- **Paths:** **Inputs** and **Outputs** of the **building blocks**. Defined as **file names** with relative or absolute paths, or as **dependencies** from output files coming from **previous steps of the workflow**. If a step needs (as input) an output from a previous step, a dependency should be specified. Dependencies syntax is defined as: *dependency/previous_step_name/previous_step_output_name* (see example below).
- **Properties:** **Configuration parameter** (properties) of the **building blocks**. Specific input parameters for the particular building block, always defined inside a *properties* field.

Example of **Workflow Steps**:

```
# Configuration input file concepts: Workflow Steps

# Step 1: Downloading PDB 1AKI and saving it to the "structure.pdb" file
step1_pdb:
  paths:
    output_pdb_path: structure.pdb
  properties:
    pdb_code: laki

# Step 2: Fixing side chains of the structure and saving it to the "fixsidechain.
↳pdb" file
# Input structure (input_pdb_path) is defined as a dependency from the
# output_pdb_path of the previous step1_pdb step (dependency/step1_pdb/output_pdb_
↳path)
step2_fixsidechain:
  paths:
    input_pdb_path: dependency/step1_pdb/output_pdb_path
    output_pdb_path: fixsidechain.pdb
```

Paths and properties for each of the **building blocks** available in the **biobb library** can be found in the corresponding **module documentation pages**. Please visit <https://mmb.irbbarcelona.org/biobb/availability/source> to quickly find links to the desired **module documentation**.

Each **building block** has its own set of specific properties (parameters). However, there is a list of properties that are **common** to most of the **building blocks**. Those are the **Common Step Properties** that can be added to any of the **BioExcel building blocks**:

- *can_write_console_log*: Overwrite can_write_console_log workflow property on this step.
- *remove_tmp*: Overwrite remove_tmp workflow property on this step.
- *restart*: Overwrite restart workflow property on this step.

There is also a list of **common properties** for all the **container-compatible building blocks** (those able to wrap tools embedded in **Docker** or **Singularity** containers). The list of these **common properties** are:

- *container_path*: Path to the binary executable of your container.
- *container_image*: Container Image identifier.
- *container_volume_path*: Path to an internal directory in the container.
- *container_working_dir*: Path to the internal CWD in the container.
- *container_user_id*: User number id to be mapped inside the container.
- *container_shell_path*: Path to the binary executable of the container shell.

Example of **Workflow Steps** with **container Common Properties**, taken from the [Mutation free energy calculations tutorial](#):

```
# Configuration input file concepts: Common Step Properties

# Step 1: Modelling mutated structure with the desired new residue (Isoleucine 10 to
↳ Alanine) using pmx package.
step1_pmx_mutate:
  paths:
    output_structure_path: mut.gro
  properties:
    mutation_list : Ile10Ala
    force_field: amber99sb-star-ildn-mut
    container_path: singularity
    container_image: /home/group/user/singularities/pmx_standalone.sif
```

1.2.7 First Example

The first two steps of the **Protein MD Setup** workflow are responsible for downloading a **protein structure** from the **PDB database**, and **fixing the structure**, adding any **missing side chain atoms**. The building blocks used for this are the **Pdb** building block, from the **biobb_io** package, including tools to **fetch biomolecular data from public databases**, and the **FixSideChain** building block, from the **biobb_model** package, including **tools to check and model 3d structures, create mutations or reconstruct missing atoms**.

The first 2 steps of the **Protein MD Setup** workflow [Jupyter Notebook tutorial](#) look like this:

```
# Extract from the Protein MD Setup workflow Jupyter Notebook tutorial
# https://github.com/bioexcel/biobb_wf_md_setup

#### Input Vars ####

pdbCode = "1AKI"

#### Step 1 ####

# Downloading desired PDB file
# Import module
from biobb_io.api.pdb import Pdb

# Create properties dict and inputs/outputs
downloaded_pdb = pdbCode+'.pdb'
prop = {
    'pdb_code': pdbCode
}

# Create and launch bb
Pdb(output_pdb_path=downloaded_pdb,
    properties=prop).launch()

#### Step 2 ####

# Check & Fix PDB
# Import module
from biobb_model.model.fix_side_chain import FixSideChain
```

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```
# Create prop dict and inputs/outputs
fixed_pdb = pdbCode + '_fixed.pdb'

# Create and launch bb
FixSideChain(input_pdb_path=downloaded_pdb,
              output_pdb_path=fixed_pdb).launch()
```

Converting these 2 steps into a **command-line workflow** requires to split the code in two:

- The **workflow** (Python script)
- The **input parameters** (YAML file)

Python Script

The **Python script** is build taking just the calls to the **BioExcel building blocks**.

Step by step, first we need to import all the required modules:

- **sys**, to be able to retrieve the **input parameters** of the **Python script** (argv).
- **settings**, from **biobb_common** module, to be able to retrieve the **workflow input parameters** from the separated **YAML file**.
- **Pdb**, from **biobb_io** module, to retrieve a **PDB structure** from the RCSB PDB database.
- **FixSideChain**, from **biobb_model**, to **add any missing atom** in the side chains of the protein.

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3

import sys
from biobb_common.configuration import settings
from biobb_io.api.pdb import Pdb
from biobb_model.model.fix_side_chain import FixSideChain
```

Then, retrieve the **YAML configuration** file from the **command-line arguments** passed to the **Python script** (argv), and load them using the **settings ConfReader** function. This function is able to split the input data included in the **configuration file** in two: **paths** (inputs/outputs) and **properties** (parameters) for each of the defined **steps of the workflow**. This is done using the corresponding class functions **get_paths_dic** and **get_prop_dic**.

```
#### Input Vars ####

# Loading the biobb configuration reader
conf = settings.ConfReader(sys.argv[1])

# Reading the inputs and properties from the separated YAML file
conf_properties = conf.get_prop_dic()
conf_inputs = conf.get_paths_dic()
```

Finally, we need to call the **building blocks** using its common class function **launch**. As input parameters all the **building blocks** are prepared to receive the **paths** (inputs and outputs) and the **properties** (input parameters). As we already have previously read all this data and stored it in the **conf_inputs** and **conf_properties** variables, we can now use them to extract the corresponding **step inputs**, using the **name (id)** of each **step** as a **key**. To be compatible with the format accepted by the **building blocks**, the **input paths** should be **expanded** (using the Python **prefix operator to unpack dictionaries**). Thus, the **paths** for the **step1** are passed as an argument using its expanded version: **conf_inputs["step1_pdb"]**. Oppositely, the **properties** of each step are passed directly: **properties=conf_properties["step1_pdb"]**. This syntax is repeated for **all of the steps** in the workflow.

```
#### Step 1 ####
Pdb(**conf_inputs["step1_pdb"], properties=conf_properties["step1_pdb"]).launch()

#### Step 2 ####
FixSideChain(**conf_inputs["step2_fixsidechain"], properties=conf_properties["step2_
↳fixsidechain"]).launch()
```

The information placed in the **paths** and **properties** terms of the **YAML separated files** is explained in the next section.

The **complete example** of the **Python script** for the first two steps of the **Protein MD Setup** workflow looks like this:

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3

import sys
from biobb_common.configuration import settings
from biobb_io.api.pdb import Pdb
from biobb_model.model.fix_side_chain import FixSideChain

#### Input Vars ####

# Loading the biobb configuration reader
conf = settings.ConfReader(sys.argv[1])

# Reading the inputs and properties from the separated YAML file
conf_properties = conf.get_prop_dic()
conf_inputs = conf.get_paths_dic()

#### Step 1 ####
Pdb(**conf_inputs["step1_pdb"], properties=conf_properties["step1_pdb"]).launch()

#### Step 2 ####
FixSideChain(**conf_inputs["step2_fixsidechain"], properties=conf_properties["step2_
↳fixsidechain"]).launch()
```

YAML configuration file

The **YAML configuration file** containing the **input parameters** for this example includes the **paths** and **properties** of the two first steps of the **Protein MD Setup** workflow:

```
# Step 1: Downloading PDB 1AKI and saving it to the "structure.pdb" file
step1_pdb:
  paths:
    output_pdb_path: structure.pdb
  properties:
    pdb_code: 1aki

# Step 2: Fixing side chains of the structure and saving it to the "fixsidechain.pdb"
↳file
# Input structure (input_pdb_path) is defined as a dependency from the
# output_pdb_path of the previous step1_pdb step (dependency/step1_pdb/output_pdb_
↳path)
step2_fixsidechain:
  paths:
    input_pdb_path: dependency/step1_pdb/output_pdb_path
    output_pdb_path: fixsidechain.pdb
```


Run example workflow

The **final step** of the process is running the **command-line workflow**. For that, the **Python script** and the **YAML configuration file** presented in the previous cells should be written to disk (e.g. biobb_MDsetup_tutorial-lite.py and biobb_MDsetup_tutorial-lite.yaml), and finally both files should be used to run the workflow.

It is important to note that in order to properly run the workflow, all the **BioExcel building blocks modules** used should be **previously installed** following the **Protein MD tutorial** installation steps (*Conda Installation and Launch*).

The **command line** is shown in the cell below:

```
python biobb_MDsetup_tutorial-lite.py biobb_MDsetup_tutorial-lite.yaml
```

Workflow output

The **execution of the workflow** will write information to the **standard output** such as the **tools** being executed, the **command lines**, **inputs and outputs** used, and **state** of each step (exit codes). The next cell contains a **real output** for the execution of our first example:

```
2020-05-20 18:32:14,229 [INFO ] Downloading: laki from: https://files.rcsb.org/
↳download/laki.pdb
2020-05-20 18:32:14,229 [INFO ] Downloading: laki from: https://files.rcsb.org/
↳download/laki.pdb
2020-05-20 18:32:15,192 [INFO ] Writting pdb to: /Users/biobb_tutorials/VT/cli/Yaml/
↳md_tutorial-lite/step1_pdb/structure.pdb
2020-05-20 18:32:15,192 [INFO ] Writting pdb to: /Users/biobb_tutorials/VT/cli/
↳Yaml/md_tutorial-lite/step1_pdb/structure.pdb
2020-05-20 18:32:15,192 [INFO ] Filtering lines NOT starting with one of these_
↳words: ['ATOM', 'MODEL', 'ENDMDL']
2020-05-20 18:32:15,192 [INFO ] Filtering lines NOT starting with one of these_
↳words: ['ATOM', 'MODEL', 'ENDMDL']

2020-05-20 18:32:15,750 [INFO ] check_structure -i /Users/biobb_tutorials/VT/cli/
↳Yaml/md_tutorial-lite/step1_pdb/structure.pdb
-o /Users/biobb_tutorials/VT/cli/Yaml/md_tutorial-lite/step2_fixsidechain/
↳fixsidechain.pdb --force_save fixside --fix ALL

2020-05-20 18:32:15,750 [INFO ] Exit code 0

2020-05-20 18:32:15,750 [INFO ]
=====
= MDWeb structure checking utility =
= A. Hospital, P. Andrio, J.L. Gelpi 2018 =
=====

Structure /Users/biobb_tutorials/VT/cli/Yaml/md_tutorial-lite/step1_pdb/structure.pdb_
↳loaded
Title:
Experimental method: unknown
Resolution: 0.0 A

Num. models: 1
Num. chains: 1 (A: Protein)
Num. residues: 129
Num. residues with ins. codes: 0
Num. HETATM residues: 0
```

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```
Num. ligands or modified residues: 0
Num. water mol.: 0
Num. atoms: 1001

Running fixside. Options: --fix ALL
No residues with missing side chain atoms found
Structure not modified, saving due to --force_save option
Final Num. models: 1
Final Num. chains: 1 (A: Protein)
Final Num. residues: 129
Final Num. residues with ins. codes: 0
Final Num. HETATM residues: 0
Final Num. ligands or modified residues: 0
Final Num. water mol.: 0
Final Num. atoms: 1001
Structure saved on /Users/biobb_tutorials/VT/cli/Yaml/md_tutorial-lite/step2_
↪fixsidechain/fixsidechain.pdb

2020-05-20 18:32:15,751 [INFO ]      Executing: check_structure -i /Users/biobb_
↪tutorials/VT/cli/Yaml/md_tutorial-lite/...
2020-05-20 18:32:15,751 [INFO ]      Exit code 0
```

1.2.8 Protein MD-Setup workflow

The **last step** of this tutorial illustrates the building of a **complex workflow** using the **BioExcel building blocks** library in **command line**. The example used is taken from the **Protein MD Setup Jupyter Notebook** tutorial. It is **strongly recommended** to take a look at this notebook before moving on to the next sections of this tutorial, as it contains information for all the **building blocks** used. The aim of this tutorial is to illustrate how to build a **command line workflow** using the **BioExcel building blocks**. For information about the science behind every step of the workflow, please refer to the **Protein MD Setup Jupyter Notebook** tutorial. The workflow presented in the next cells is a translation of the very same workflow to **Python + YAML files**, including the same number of steps (23) and **building blocks**.

Steps:

First of all, let's define the **steps of the workflow**.

- **Fetching PDB Structure:** step 1
- **Fix Protein Structure:** step 2
- **Create Protein System Topology:** step 3
- **Create Solvent Box:** step 4
- **Fill the Box with Water Molecules:** step 5
- **Adding Ions:** steps 6 and 7
- **Energetically Minimize the System:** steps 8, 9 and 10
- **Equilibrate the System (NVT):** steps 11, 12 and 13
- **Equilibrate the System (NPT):** steps 14, 15 and 16
- **Free Molecular Dynamics Simulation:** steps 17 and 18

- **Post-processing Resulting 3D Trajectory:** steps 19 to 23

Mandatory and optional **inputs** and **outputs** of every **building block** can be consulted in the appropriate **documentation** pages from the corresponding **BioExcel building block category** (see updated table [here](#)).

As explained in the previous sections, the workflow should be **split in two different files**: a **Python script** including the **workflow pipeline**, and a **YAML file** containing all the **required inputs**.

Python Script:

The steps to convert the **Protein MD Setup Jupyter Notebook tutorial** to a **command line workflow** are simple:

1. **Importing** all the needed **libraries**: **system libraries** (sys, os, argparse) and **BioExcel building block libraries** (biobb_*).
2. Parsing the **input configuration file (YAML)** (see previous steps of this tutorial), and dividing the information in **global paths** and **global properties**. Optionally **initializing a global log file**.
3. Declaring the **steps of the workflow**, one by one, using as inputs the **global paths** and **global properties**, identified by the corresponding step name.

NOTE: Remember that going from a **Jupyter Notebook** to a **command line python script** is as easy as **exporting** the notebook to a **Python script** (Menu → File → Download as → Python (.py)). However, splitting the workflow in two files allows changing **input parameters** without the need of any modification to the main **Python script**, really convenient if **many executions** are planned.

The final **Protein MD Setup Jupyter Notebook tutorial** converted to an independent **Python script** follows:

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3

# Conversion of the BioExcel building blocks Protein MD Setup Jupyter Notebook_
↳tutorial
# to a command line workflow with two files: Python Script and YAML input_
↳configuration file
# Example of Python Script (should be accompanied by a YAML input configuration file)

# Importing all the needed libraries
import sys
import os
import time
import argparse
from biobb_common.configuration import settings
from biobb_common.tools import file_utils as fu
from biobb_io.api.pdb import Pdb
from biobb_model.model.fix_side_chain import FixSideChain
from biobb_model.model.mutate import Mutate
from biobb_md.gromacs.pdb2gmx import Pdb2gmx
from biobb_md.gromacs.editconf import Editconf
from biobb_md.gromacs.solvate import Solvate
from biobb_md.gromacs.grompp import Grompp
from biobb_md.gromacs.genion import Genion
from biobb_md.gromacs.mdrun import Mdrun
from biobb_analysis.gromacs.gmx_rms import GMXRms
from biobb_analysis.gromacs.gmx_rgyr import GMXRgyr
from biobb_analysis.gromacs.gmx_energy import GMXEnergy
from biobb_analysis.gromacs.gmx_image import GMXImage
from biobb_analysis.gromacs.gmx_trjconv_str import GMXTrjConvStr

# Receiving the input configuration file (YAML)
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conf = settings.ConfReader(sys.argv[1])

# Initializing a global log file
global_log, _ = fu.get_logs(path=conf.get_working_dir_path(), light_format=True)

# Parsing the input configuration file (YAML);
# Dividing it in global paths and global properties
global_prop = conf.get_prop_dic(global_log=global_log)
global_paths = conf.get_paths_dic()

# Declaring the steps of the workflow, one by one
# Using as inputs the global paths and global properties
# identified by the corresponding step name
# Writing information about each step to the global log
global_log.info("step1_pdb: Download the initial Structure")
Pdb(**global_paths["step1_pdb"], properties=global_prop["step1_pdb"]).launch()

global_log.info("step2_fixsidechain: Modeling the missing heavy atoms in the_
↳structure side chains")
FixSideChain(**global_paths["step2_fixsidechain"], properties=global_prop["step2_
↳fixsidechain"]).launch()

global_log.info("step3_pdb2gmx: Generate the topology")
Pdb2gmx(**global_paths["step3_pdb2gmx"], properties=global_prop["step3_pdb2gmx"]).
↳launch()

global_log.info("step4_editconf: Create the solvent box")
Editconf(**global_paths["step4_editconf"], properties=global_prop["step4_editconf"]).
↳launch()

global_log.info("step5_solvate: Fill the solvent box with water molecules")
Solvate(**global_paths["step5_solvate"], properties=global_prop["step5_solvate"]).
↳launch()

global_log.info("step6_grompp_genion: Preprocess ion generation")
Grompp(**global_paths["step6_grompp_genion"], properties=global_prop["step6_grompp_
↳genion"]).launch()

global_log.info("step7_genion: Ion generation")
Genion(**global_paths["step7_genion"], properties=global_prop["step7_genion"]).
↳launch()

global_log.info("step8_grompp_min: Preprocess energy minimization")
Grompp(**global_paths["step8_grompp_min"], properties=global_prop["step8_grompp_min
↳"]).launch()

global_log.info("step9_mdrun_min: Execute energy minimization")
Mdrun(**global_paths["step9_mdrun_min"], properties=global_prop["step9_mdrun_min"]).
↳launch()

global_log.info("step10_energy_min: Compute potential energy during minimization")
GMXEnergy(**global_paths["step10_energy_min"], properties=global_prop["step10_energy_
↳min"]).launch()

global_log.info("step11_grompp_nvt: Preprocess system temperature equilibration")
Grompp(**global_paths["step11_grompp_nvt"], properties=global_prop["step11_grompp_nvt
↳"]).launch()

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global_log.info("step12_mdrun_nvt: Execute system temperature equilibration")
Mdrun(**global_paths["step12_mdrun_nvt"], properties=global_prop["step12_mdrun_nvt"]).
↳launch()

global_log.info("step13_energy_nvt: Compute temperature during NVT equilibration")
GMXEnergy(**global_paths["step13_energy_nvt"], properties=global_prop["step13_energy_
↳nvt"]).launch()

global_log.info("step14_grompp_npt: Preprocess system pressure equilibration")
Grompp(**global_paths["step14_grompp_npt"], properties=global_prop["step14_grompp_npt
↳"]).launch()

global_log.info("step15_mdrun_npt: Execute system pressure equilibration")
Mdrun(**global_paths["step15_mdrun_npt"], properties=global_prop["step15_mdrun_npt"]).
↳launch()

global_log.info("step16_energy_npt: Compute Density & Pressure during NPT_
↳equilibration")
GMXEnergy(**global_paths["step16_energy_npt"], properties=global_prop["step16_energy_
↳npt"]).launch()

global_log.info("step17_grompp_md: Preprocess free dynamics")
Grompp(**global_paths["step17_grompp_md"], properties=global_prop["step17_grompp_md
↳"]).launch()

global_log.info("step18_mdrun_md: Execute free molecular dynamics simulation")
Mdrun(**global_paths["step18_mdrun_md"], properties=global_prop["step18_mdrun_md"]).
↳launch()

global_log.info("step19_rmsfirst: Compute Root Mean Square deviation against_
↳equilibrated structure (first)")
GMXRms(**global_paths["step19_rmsfirst"], properties=global_prop["step19_rmsfirst"]).
↳launch()

global_log.info("step20_rmsexp: Compute Root Mean Square deviation against minimized_
↳structure (exp)")
GMXRms(**global_paths["step20_rmsexp"], properties=global_prop["step20_rmsexp"]).
↳launch()

global_log.info("step21_rgyr: Compute Radius of Gyration to measure the protein_
↳compactness during the free MD simulation")
GMXRgyr(**global_paths["step21_rgyr"], properties=global_prop["step21_rgyr"]).launch()

global_log.info("step22_image: Imaging the resulting trajectory")
GMXImage(**global_paths["step22_image"], properties=global_prop["step22_image"]).
↳launch()

global_log.info("step23_dry: Removing water molecules and ions from the resulting_
↳structure")
GMXTrjConvStr(**global_paths["step23_dry"], properties=global_prop["step23_dry"]).
↳launch()

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Input YAML Configuration File:

The **YAML configuration file** containing the **input parameters** for the **Protein MD Setup** workflow includes the **workflow global properties** and the specific **paths** and **properties** of the previously introduced **23 steps**.

The **workflow global properties** are typically stated at the beginning of the YAML file (e.g. `working_dir_path: md_tutorial`).

The **name of the steps** should **match** the one written in the **Python Script**: step name is the **link** of the two files (e.g. `step2_fixsidechain`).

For **each step**, the **paths** section contains the list of **input and/or output files**, either with **file names** (with relative or absolute system paths) or with **dependencies** from previous steps of the workflow (see previous sections of the tutorial).

For **each step**, the **properties** section contains the list of **building block-specific input parameters**, if needed (properties are optional). The list of specific properties for each of the **BioExcel building blocks** can be found in the appropriate documentation sites (see updated table [here](#)).

The **input paths** and **parameters** for the **Protein MD Setup Jupyter Notebook tutorial** converted to an independent **Input YAML Configuration file** follows:

```
# Example of a YAML configuration file for a BioExcel building blocks workflow

working_dir_path: md_tutorial      # Folder to write i/o files of the workflow steps
can_write_console_log: False      # Verbose writing of log information
restart: True                      # Skip steps already performed

step1_pdb:
  paths:
    output_pdb_path: structure.pdb
  properties:
    pdb_code: laki

step2_fixsidechain:
  paths:
    input_pdb_path: dependency/step1_pdb/output_pdb_path
    output_pdb_path: fixsidechain.pdb

step3_pdb2gmx:
  paths:
    input_pdb_path: dependency/step2_fixsidechain/output_pdb_path
    output_gro_path: pdb2gmx.gro
    output_top_zip_path: pdb2gmx_top.zip

step4_editconf:
  paths:
    input_gro_path: dependency/step3_pdb2gmx/output_gro_path
    output_gro_path: editconf.gro

step5_solvate:
  paths:
    input_solute_gro_path: dependency/step4_editconf/output_gro_path
    output_gro_path: solvate.gro
    input_top_zip_path: dependency/step3_pdb2gmx/output_top_zip_path
    output_top_zip_path: solvate_top.zip

step6_grompp_genion:
  paths:
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    input_gro_path: dependency/step5_solvate/output_gro_path
    input_top_zip_path: dependency/step5_solvate/output_top_zip_path
    output_tpr_path: gppion.tpr
  properties:
    mdp:
      nsteps: 5000
    simulation_type: minimization

step7_genion:
  paths:
    input_tpr_path: dependency/step6_grompp_genion/output_tpr_path
    output_gro_path: genion.gro
    input_top_zip_path: dependency/step5_solvate/output_top_zip_path
    output_top_zip_path: genion_top.zip
  properties:
    neutral: True
    concentration: 0.05

step8_grompp_min:
  paths:
    input_gro_path: dependency/step7_genion/output_gro_path
    input_top_zip_path: dependency/step7_genion/output_top_zip_path
    output_tpr_path: gppmin.tpr
  properties:
    mdp:
      nsteps: 5000
      emtol: 500
    simulation_type: minimization

step9_mdrun_min:
  paths:
    input_tpr_path: dependency/step8_grompp_min/output_tpr_path
    output_trr_path: min.trr
    output_gro_path: min.gro
    output_edr_path: min.edr
    output_log_path: min.log

step10_energy_min:
  paths:
    input_energy_path: dependency/step9_mdrun_min/output_edr_path
    output_xvg_path: min_ene.xvg
  properties:
    terms: ["Potential"]

step11_grompp_nvt:
  paths:
    input_gro_path: dependency/step9_mdrun_min/output_gro_path
    input_top_zip_path: dependency/step7_genion/output_top_zip_path
    output_tpr_path: gppnvt.tpr
  properties:
    mdp:
      nsteps: 5000
    simulation_type: nvt

step12_mdrun_nvt:
  paths:
    input_tpr_path: dependency/step11_grompp_nvt/output_tpr_path

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output_trr_path: nvt.trr
output_gro_path: nvt.gro
output_edr_path: nvt.edr
output_log_path: nvt.log
output_cpt_path: nvt.cpt

step13_energy_nvt:
  paths:
    input_energy_path: dependency/step12_mdrun_nvt/output_edr_path
    output_xvg_path: nvt_temp.xvg
  properties:
    terms: ["Temperature"]

step14_grompp_npt:
  paths:
    input_gro_path: dependency/step12_mdrun_nvt/output_gro_path
    input_top_zip_path: dependency/step7_genion/output_top_zip_path
    output_tpr_path: gppnpt.tpr
    input_cpt_path: dependency/step12_mdrun_nvt/output_cpt_path
  properties:
    mdp:
      nsteps: 5000
    simulation_type: npt

step15_mdrun_npt:
  paths:
    input_tpr_path: dependency/step14_grompp_npt/output_tpr_path
    output_trr_path: npt.trr
    output_gro_path: npt.gro
    output_edr_path: npt.edr
    output_log_path: npt.log
    output_cpt_path: npt.cpt

step16_energy_npt:
  paths:
    input_energy_path: dependency/step15_mdrun_npt/output_edr_path
    output_xvg_path: npt_den_press.xvg
  properties:
    terms: ["Pressure", "Density"]

step17_grompp_md:
  paths:
    input_gro_path: dependency/step15_mdrun_npt/output_gro_path
    input_top_zip_path: dependency/step7_genion/output_top_zip_path
    output_tpr_path: gppmd.tpr
    input_cpt_path: dependency/step15_mdrun_npt/output_cpt_path
  properties:
    mdp:
      nsteps: 50000
    simulation_type: free

step18_mdrun_md:
  paths:
    input_tpr_path: dependency/step17_grompp_md/output_tpr_path
    output_trr_path: md.trr
    output_gro_path: md.gro
    output_edr_path: md.edr
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    output_log_path: md.log
    output_cpt_path: md.cpt

step19_rmsfirst:
  paths:
    input_structure_path: dependency/step17_grompp_md/output_tpr_path
    input_traj_path: dependency/step18_mdrun_md/output_trr_path
    output_xvg_path: md_rmsdfirst.xvg
  properties:
    selection: Backbone

step20_rmsexp:
  paths:
    input_structure_path: dependency/step8_grompp_min/output_tpr_path
    input_traj_path: dependency/step18_mdrun_md/output_trr_path
    output_xvg_path: md_rmsdexp.xvg
  properties:
    selection: Backbone

step21_rgyr:
  paths:
    input_structure_path: dependency/step17_grompp_md/output_tpr_path
    input_traj_path: dependency/step18_mdrun_md/output_trr_path
    output_xvg_path: md_rgyr.xvg
  properties:
    selection: Backbone

step22_image:
  paths:
    input_traj_path: dependency/step18_mdrun_md/output_trr_path
    input_top_path: dependency/step17_grompp_md/output_tpr_path
    output_traj_path: imaged_traj.trr
  properties:
    center_selection: Protein
    output_selection: Protein
    pbc: mol
    center : True

step23_dry:
  paths:
    input_structure_path: dependency/step18_mdrun_md/output_gro_path
    input_top_path: dependency/step17_grompp_md/output_tpr_path
    output_str_path: imaged_structure.gro
  properties:
    selection: Protein

```

Running the workflow:

The **final step of the process** is **running the workflow**. For that, the complete workflow **Python Script** should be written to a file (e.g. `biobb_MDsetup_tutorial.py`), the **YAML configuration input file** should be written to a separate file (e.g. `biobb_MDsetup_tutorial.yaml`) and finally both files should be used for the **command line execution**.

As in the previous example, it is important to note that in order to **properly run the workflow**, all the **software dependencies** should have been previously **installed in the system**, following the **Protein MD tutorial** installation steps (*Conda Installation and Launch*).

The final **command line** is shown in the cell below:

```
python biobb_MDsetup_tutorial.py biobb_MDsetup_tutorial.yaml
```

Workflow output

The **execution of the workflow** will write information to the **standard output** such as the **tools** being executed, the **command lines**, **inputs and outputs** used, and **state** of each step (exit codes). Thanks to the additional information added in the **Python Script**, the **log file** contains a line for **each of the steps** being executed. The next cell contains a **real output** for the execution of the **Protein MD Setup command line workflow**:

```
2020-05-21 08:51:15,517 [MainThread ] [INFO ] step1_pdb: Download the initial_
↳ Structure
2020-05-21 08:51:15,518 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Downloading: 1aki from: https://
↳ files.rcsb.org/download/1aki.pdb
2020-05-21 08:51:16,545 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Writting pdb to: /Users/biobb_
↳ tutorials/VT/cli/Yaml/md_tutorial/step1_pdb/structure.pdb
2020-05-21 08:51:16,545 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Filtering lines NOT starting with_
↳ one of these words: ['ATOM', 'MODEL', 'ENDMDL']
2020-05-21 08:51:16,547 [MainThread ] [INFO ] step2_fixsidechain: Modeling the_
↳ missing heavy atoms in the structure side chains
2020-05-21 08:51:17,087 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Executing: check_structure -i /
↳ Users/biobb_tutorials/VT/cli/Yaml/md_tutorial/step1...
2020-05-21 08:51:17,088 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Exit code 0
2020-05-21 08:51:17,088 [MainThread ] [INFO ] step3_pdb2gmx: Generate the topology
2020-05-21 08:51:17,605 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Executing: gmx pdb2gmx -f /Users/
↳ biobb_tutorials/VT/cli/Yaml/md_tutorial/step2_fix...
2020-05-21 08:51:17,606 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Exit code 0
2020-05-21 08:51:17,606 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Compressing topology to: /Users/
↳ biobb_tutorials/VT/cli/Yaml/md_tutorial/step3_pdb2gmx/pdb2gmx_top.zip
2020-05-21 08:51:17,621 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Removed: ['step3_pdb2gmx_p2g.top',
↳ 'step3_pdb2gmx_p2g.itp']
2020-05-21 08:51:17,621 [MainThread ] [INFO ] step4_editconf: Create the solvent box
2020-05-21 08:51:17,645 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Centering molecule in the box.
2020-05-21 08:51:17,645 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Distance of the box to molecule: _
↳ 1.00
2020-05-21 08:51:17,645 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Box type: cubic
2020-05-21 08:51:17,680 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Executing: gmx editconf -f /Users/
↳ biobb_tutorials/VT/cli/Yaml/md_tutorial/step3_pd...
2020-05-21 08:51:17,681 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Exit code 0
2020-05-21 08:51:17,681 [MainThread ] [INFO ] step5_solvate: Fill the solvent box_
↳ with water molecules
2020-05-21 08:51:18,031 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Executing: gmx solvate -cp /Users/
↳ biobb_tutorials/VT/cli/Yaml/md_tutorial/step4_ed...
2020-05-21 08:51:18,031 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Exit code 0
2020-05-21 08:51:18,046 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Removed: ['0fd87786-2e54-429b-
↳ 9c0f-4861286178d9']
2020-05-21 08:51:18,046 [MainThread ] [INFO ] step6_grompp_genion: Preprocess ion_
↳ generation
2020-05-21 08:51:18,073 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Will run a minimization md of_
↳ 5000 steps
2020-05-21 08:51:18,478 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Executing: gmx grompp -f step6_
↳ grompp_genion_grompp.mdp -c /Users/biobb_tutorials/...
2020-05-21 08:51:18,478 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Exit code 0
2020-05-21 08:51:18,479 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Removed: ['3e68b0e0-75f8-4696-
↳ 9991-d56cc6eb18ee', 'mdout.mdp', 'step6_grompp_genion_grompp.mdp']
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2020-05-21 08:51:18,479 [MainThread ] [INFO ] step7_genion: Ion generation
2020-05-21 08:51:18,498 [MainThread ] [INFO ] To reach up 0.05 mol/litre_
↳concentration
2020-05-21 08:51:18,638 [MainThread ] [INFO ] Executing: echo "SOL" | gmx_
↳genion -s /Users/biobb_tutorials/VT/cli/Yaml/md_tutori...
2020-05-21 08:51:18,638 [MainThread ] [INFO ] Exit code 0
2020-05-21 08:51:18,653 [MainThread ] [INFO ] Removed: ['5f216174-ac78-4592-
↳bd88-742c4d8fcf67']
2020-05-21 08:51:18,653 [MainThread ] [INFO ] step8_grompp_min: Preprocess energy_
↳minimization
2020-05-21 08:51:18,678 [MainThread ] [INFO ] Will run a minimization md of_
↳5000 steps
2020-05-21 08:51:19,083 [MainThread ] [INFO ] Executing: gmx grompp -f step8_
↳grompp_min_grompp.mdp -c /Users/biobb_tutorials/VT/...
2020-05-21 08:51:19,084 [MainThread ] [INFO ] Exit code 0
2020-05-21 08:51:19,085 [MainThread ] [INFO ] Removed: ['8bc12f7e-5df6-4b86-
↳b19e-93363d9ed2b4', 'mdout.mdp', 'step8_grompp_min_grompp.mdp']
2020-05-21 08:51:19,085 [MainThread ] [INFO ] step9_mdrun_min: Execute energy_
↳minimization
2020-05-21 08:53:13,890 [MainThread ] [INFO ] Executing: gmx mdrun -s /Users/
↳biobb_tutorials/VT/cli/Yaml/md_tutorial/step8_gromp...
2020-05-21 08:53:13,891 [MainThread ] [INFO ] Exit code 0
2020-05-21 08:53:13,892 [MainThread ] [INFO ] Removed: []
2020-05-21 08:53:13,892 [MainThread ] [INFO ] step10_energy_min: Compute potential_
↳energy during minimization
2020-05-21 08:53:13,932 [MainThread ] [INFO ] Executing: gmx energy -f /Users/
↳biobb_tutorials/VT/cli/Yaml/md_tutorial/step9_mdru...
2020-05-21 08:53:13,932 [MainThread ] [INFO ] Exit code 0
2020-05-21 08:53:13,934 [MainThread ] [INFO ] step11_grompp_nvt: Preprocess system_
↳temperature equilibration
2020-05-21 08:53:13,956 [MainThread ] [INFO ] Will run a nvt md of 5000 steps
2020-05-21 08:53:14,490 [MainThread ] [INFO ] Executing: gmx grompp -f step11_
↳grompp_nvt_grompp.mdp -c /Users/biobb_tutorials/VT...
2020-05-21 08:53:14,490 [MainThread ] [INFO ] Exit code 0
2020-05-21 08:53:14,491 [MainThread ] [INFO ] Removed: ['fcc69355-9536-44b5-
↳9b26-bda7f6ec9bf6', 'mdout.mdp', 'step11_grompp_nvt_grompp.mdp']
2020-05-21 08:53:14,491 [MainThread ] [INFO ] step12_mdrun_nvt: Execute system_
↳temperature equilibration
2020-05-21 08:55:26,785 [MainThread ] [INFO ] Executing: gmx mdrun -s /Users/
↳biobb_tutorials/VT/cli/Yaml/md_tutorial/step11_grom...
2020-05-21 08:55:26,785 [MainThread ] [INFO ] Exit code 0
2020-05-21 08:55:26,787 [MainThread ] [INFO ] Removed: ['traj_comp.xtc']
2020-05-21 08:55:26,787 [MainThread ] [INFO ] step13_energy_nvt: Compute_
↳temperature during NVT equilibration
2020-05-21 08:55:26,825 [MainThread ] [INFO ] Executing: gmx energy -f /Users/
↳biobb_tutorials/VT/cli/Yaml/md_tutorial/step12_mdr...
2020-05-21 08:55:26,825 [MainThread ] [INFO ] Exit code 0
2020-05-21 08:55:26,826 [MainThread ] [INFO ] step14_grompp_npt: Preprocess system_
↳pressure equilibration
2020-05-21 08:55:26,846 [MainThread ] [INFO ] Will run a npt md of 5000 steps
2020-05-21 08:55:27,422 [MainThread ] [INFO ] Executing: gmx grompp -f step14_
↳grompp_npt_grompp.mdp -c /Users/biobb_tutorials/VT...
2020-05-21 08:55:27,422 [MainThread ] [INFO ] Exit code 0
2020-05-21 08:55:27,424 [MainThread ] [INFO ] Removed: ['b8b9a946-8614-4930-
↳9dcf-2de71cbd1d58', 'mdout.mdp', 'step14_grompp_npt_grompp.mdp']
2020-05-21 08:55:27,424 [MainThread ] [INFO ] step15_mdrun_npt: Execute system_
↳pressure equilibration

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2020-05-21 08:57:41,425 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Executing: gmx mdrun -s /Users/
↳biobb_tutorials/VT/cli/Yaml/md_tutorial/step14_grom...
2020-05-21 08:57:41,425 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Exit code 0
2020-05-21 08:57:41,427 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Removed: ['traj_comp.xtc']
2020-05-21 08:57:41,427 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      step16_energy_npt: Compute Density &
↳Pressure during NPT equilibration
2020-05-21 08:57:41,466 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Executing: gmx energy -f /Users/
↳biobb_tutorials/VT/cli/Yaml/md_tutorial/step15_mdr...
2020-05-21 08:57:41,466 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Exit code 0
2020-05-21 08:57:41,466 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      step17_grompp_md: Preprocess free
↳dynamics
2020-05-21 08:57:41,487 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Will run a free md of 100.0 pico
↳seconds
2020-05-21 08:57:41,895 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Executing: gmx grompp -f step17_
↳grompp_md_grompp.mdp -c /Users/biobb_tutorials/VT/...
2020-05-21 08:57:41,895 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Exit code 0
2020-05-21 08:57:41,896 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Removed: ['le93ee86-7a67-47d7-
↳a877-aa7e3ce5e0fb', 'mdout.mdp', 'step17_grompp_md_grompp.mdp']
2020-05-21 08:57:41,896 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      step18_mdrun_md: Execute free
↳molecular dynamics simulation
2020-05-21 09:19:08,588 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Executing: gmx mdrun -s /Users/
↳biobb_tutorials/VT/cli/Yaml/md_tutorial/step17_grom...
2020-05-21 09:19:08,589 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Exit code 0
2020-05-21 09:19:08,591 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Removed: ['traj_comp.xtc']
2020-05-21 09:19:08,591 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      step19_rmsfirst: Compute Root Mean
↳Square deviation against equilibrated structure (first)
2020-05-21 09:19:08,903 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Executing: echo "Backbone Backbone
↳" | gmx rms -s /Users/biobb_tutorials/VT/cli/Yam...
2020-05-21 09:19:08,903 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Exit code 0
2020-05-21 09:19:08,903 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      step20_rmsexp: Compute Root Mean
↳Square deviation against minimized structure (exp)
2020-05-21 09:19:09,182 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Executing: echo "Backbone Backbone
↳" | gmx rms -s /Users/biobb_tutorials/VT/cli/Yam...
2020-05-21 09:19:09,182 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Exit code 0
2020-05-21 09:19:09,182 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      step21_rgyr: Compute Radius of
↳Gyration to measure the protein compactness during the free MD simulation
2020-05-21 09:19:09,425 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Executing: echo "Backbone" | gmx
↳gyrate -s /Users/biobb_tutorials/VT/cli/Yaml/md_t...
2020-05-21 09:19:09,425 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Exit code 0
2020-05-21 09:19:09,425 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      step22_image: Imaging the resulting
↳trajectory
2020-05-21 09:19:09,740 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Executing: echo "Protein" "Protein
↳" | gmx trjconv -f /Users/biobb_tutorials/VT/cli/...
2020-05-21 09:19:09,740 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Exit code 0
2020-05-21 09:19:09,741 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      step23_dry: Removing water molecules
↳and ions from the resulting structure
2020-05-21 09:19:09,913 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Executing: echo "Protein" | gmx
↳trjconv -f /Users/biobb_tutorials/VT/cli/Yaml/md_t...
2020-05-21 09:19:09,913 [MainThread ] [INFO ]      Exit code 0

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Next steps

Now that you have the **Protein MD Setup** command line workflow ready, try to play with it doing **simple exercises**:

- Change input PDB code.
- Make equilibration phases long.

- Remove / add new steps into the workflow.
- Introduce a loop of 2 different PDB codes.
- Introduce a mutation.
- Program an Alanine-Scanning.

Some of these exercises (and more) can be found in the [Virtual Training section \(examples link\)](#) of the [BioExcel building blocks website](#).

If you have found the tutorial interesting, please take a look at the [BioExcel events](#), where new **Webinars** and **Virtual Trainings** about the **BioExcel building blocks** are being planned.

1.2.9 Questions & Comments

Questions, issues, suggestions and comments are really welcome!

- GitHub issues:
 - <https://github.com/bioexcel/biobb>
- BioExcel forum:
 - <https://ask.bioexcel.eu/c/BioExcel-Building-Blocks-library>

CHAPTER 2

Github repository.
