



LightDock

LightDock 2UUY example

1. Quick and dirty Protein-protein docking

The simplest way to perform a protein-protein docking in LightDock is to use default parameters and to only provide two [PDB](#) files for both receptor and ligand proteins.

1.1. Simplest example

You will find in the [examples](#) a folder [2UUY](#) with a PDB file for the receptor [2UUY_rec.pdb](#) and the ligand [2UUY_lig.pdb](#).

In previous versions of LightDock, a setup step was not required. This has changed from **version 0.5.0** and now a simulation setup is required. Follow the next steps in order to perform your first protein-protein docking with LightDock:

1.1.1. Copying data

Create a directory and copy the sample data provided:

```
cd $LIGHTDOCK_HOME
cd examples
mkdir test
cd test
cp ../2UUY/2UUY*.pdb .
```

1.1.2. LightDock setup

Execute `lightdock_setup` script in order to prepare your LightDock simulation:

```
lightdock_setup 2UUY_rec.pdb 2UUY_lig.pdb 1 10
```

The previous command executes LightDock with the default parameters and only calculating 1 swarm containing 10 glowworms.

Here it is the output:

```
@> ProDy is configured: verbosity='info'
[lightdock_setup] INFO: Reading structure from 2UUY_rec.pdb PDB file...
[lightdock_setup] INFO: 1628 atoms, 223 residues read.
[lightdock_setup] INFO: Reading structure from 2UUY_lig.pdb PDB file...
[lightdock_setup] INFO: 415 atoms, 55 residues read.
[lightdock_setup] INFO: Calculating reference points for receptor 2UUY_rec.pdb...
[lightdock_setup] INFO: Done.
[lightdock_setup] INFO: Calculating reference points for ligand 2UUY_lig.pdb...
[lightdock_setup] INFO: Done.
[lightdock_setup] INFO: Saving processed structure to PDB file...
[lightdock_setup] INFO: Done.
[lightdock_setup] INFO: Saving processed structure to PDB file...
[lightdock_setup] INFO: Done.
[lightdock_setup] INFO: Calculating starting positions...
[lightdock_setup] INFO: Generated 1 positions files
[lightdock_setup] INFO: Done.
[lightdock_setup] INFO: Preparing environment
[lightdock_setup] INFO: Done.
[lightdock_setup] INFO: LightDock setup OK
```

A new file called `setup.json` has been generated with the simulation information .

If you execute `lightdock_setup` without arguments a little help is displayed:

```
usage: lightdock_setup [-h] [--seed_points STARTING_POINTS_SEED]
                        [-ft ftdock_file] [--noxt] [-anm] [--seed_anm ANM_SEED]
                        [-anm_rec ANM_REC] [-anm_lig ANM_LIG] [-rst restraints]
                        [-membrane]
                        receptor_pdb_file ligand_pdb_file swarms glowworms
lightdock_setup: error: too few arguments
```

1.1.3. LightDock run

Execute `lightdock` script in order to run your first LightDock simulation:

```
lightdock setup.json 10
```

You will see an output like this:

```

@> ProDy is configured: verbosity='info'
[lightdock] INFO: simulation parameters saved to ./lightdock.info
[lightdock_setup] INFO: Reading structure from 2UUY_rec.pdb PDB file...
[lightdock_setup] INFO: 1628 atoms, 223 residues read.
[lightdock_setup] INFO: Reading structure from 2UUY_lig.pdb PDB file...
[lightdock_setup] INFO: 415 atoms, 55 residues read.
[lightdock] INFO: Loading scoring function...
[lightdock] INFO: Using DFIRE scoring function
[lightdock] INFO: Done.
[kraken] WARNING: Number of cores has not been specified or is incorrect. Using av
ailable cores.
[kraken] INFO: Kraken has 4 tentacles (cpu cores)
[kraken] INFO: Tentacle ready with 1 tasks
[kraken] INFO: Tentacle ready with 0 tasks
[kraken] INFO: Tentacle ready with 0 tasks
[kraken] INFO: Tentacle ready with 0 tasks
[kraken] INFO: 1 ships ready to be smashed
[lightdock] INFO: Monster spotted
[kraken] INFO: Release the Kraken!
[kraken] INFO: folding tentacle Tentacle-2
[0] step 1
[kraken] INFO: folding tentacle Tentacle-4
[kraken] INFO: folding tentacle Tentacle-3
[0] step 2
[0] step 3
[0] step 4
[0] step 5
[0] step 6
[0] step 7
[0] step 8
[0] step 9
[0] step 10
[kraken] INFO: folding tentacle Tentacle-1
[kraken] INFO: 1 ships destroyed
[lightdock] INFO: Finished.

```

By default, LightDock makes use of the DFIRE scoring function. There is a warning on the number of CPU cores used. By default, LightDock will look for the total number of cores. If you want to specify a different number, use the flag `-c NUMBER_CORES`. **Note that MPI is also supported using the `-mpi` flag.**

For each of the swarms, there is a folder called `swarmX`. *In our example, we use only one swarm so there is only a folder `swarm 0`.* Inside, we can find the file containing the result of the simulation `gso_10.out`. See an example of this file from the *2UUY* example: [gso_5.out](#).

In this file, every line corresponds to a glowworm agent in the algorithm:

```
#Coordinates  RecID  LigID  Luciferin  Neighbor's number  Vision Range  Scoring  
(31.4171143,  1.8570079, -6.3956223, -0.1058407, -0.4849369,  0.5997430, -0.627648  
2)    0    0  10.79432165  0 2.200   7.52191884
```

Finally, to generate the final docked PDB structures, we will use the script **lgdgenerateconformations.py**:

```
cd swarm_0  
lgd_generate_conformations.py ../2UUY_rec.pdb ../2UUY_lig.pdb gso_10.out 10
```

Output is:

```
@> ProDy is configured: verbosity='info'  
[generate_conformations] INFO: Reading ../lightdock_2UUY_rec.pdb receptor PDB file  
...  
[generate_conformations] INFO: 1628 atoms, 223 residues read.  
[generate_conformations] INFO: Reading ../lightdock_2UUY_lig.pdb ligand PDB file..  
.  
[generate_conformations] INFO: 415 atoms, 55 residues read.  
[generate_conformations] INFO: Read 10 coordinate lines  
[generate_conformations] INFO: Generated 10 conformations
```

Inside the `swarm_0` folder 10 new PDB structures corresponding to the 10 glowworm agents used in the example have been generated.