

# Interoperable and reproducible biomolecular simulations workflows using BioExcel building blocks (BioBB)

**Exploring Biomolecular Modeling & Simulations 9-10/04/2025**

**EuroCC4 & BioExcel training workshop**

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# Agenda



THURSDAY, 10 APRIL

10:00 → 11:00	<b>Interoperable and reproducible biomolecular simulation workflows using BioExcel Building Blocks (BioBB)</b>	⌚ 1h
Speaker: Dr Adam Hospital (Institute for Research in Biomedicine in Barcelona (IRB-Barcelona) and Spanish National Institute of Bioinformatics (INB, ELIXIR-ES))		
11:00 → 11:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>	⌚ 30m
11:30 → 13:00	<b>Hands on - Interoperable and reproducible biomolecular simulation workflows using BioExcel Building Blocks (BioBB)</b>	⌚ 1h 30m
Speaker: Dr Adam Hospital (Institute for Research in Biomedicine in Barcelona (IRB-Barcelona) and Spanish National Institute of Bioinformatics (INB, ELIXIR-ES))		
13:00 → 14:00	<b>Lunch Break</b>	⌚ 1h
14:00 → 15:00	<b>Fundamentals and practical use cases of free energy calculations with PMX</b>	⌚ 1h
Speaker: Dr Sudarshan Behera (Max Planck Institute for Multidisciplinary Sciences, Goettingen)		
15:00 → 15:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>	⌚ 30m
15:30 → 17:00	<b>Hands on - Fundamentals and practical use cases of free energy calculations with PMX</b>	⌚ 1h 30m
Speaker: Dr Sudarshan Behera (Max Planck Institute for Multidisciplinary Sciences, Goettingen)		

## Session 1 (lecture):

Interoperable and reproducible biomolecular simulation workflows using BioBB

- Workflows & Biomolecular workflows
- BioBB library
- BioBB workflows
  - Demonstration workflows (JN)
  - Pre-exascale workflows (HPC)

## Session 2 (hands-on):



Hands-on session on BioBB workflows:

- BioBB demonstration workflow tutorial: GROMACS Protein-ligand complex MD setup
- Quick view on BioBB workflow collection
  - Jupyter Notebooks
  - Pure Python (High Throughput)





# Molecular Modeling and Bioinformatics

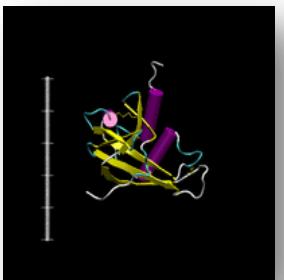
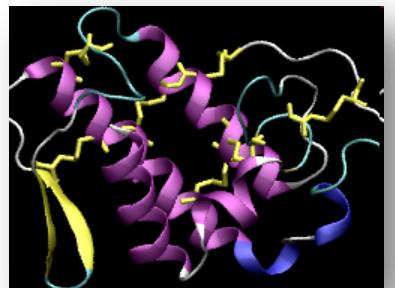
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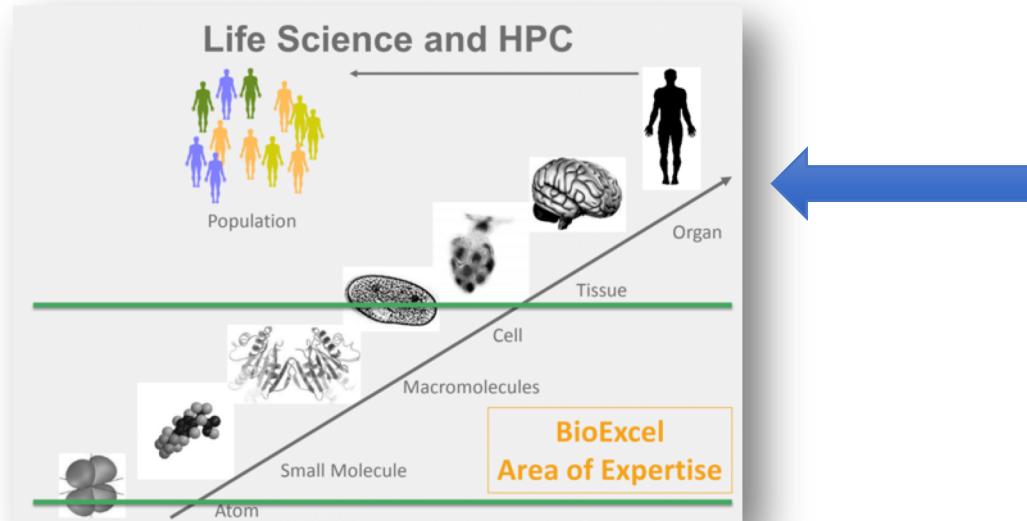
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## Enabling better science by:

- Improving the performance and functionality of key applications
- Providing support to non-experts and advanced users
- Developing user-friendly computational workflows



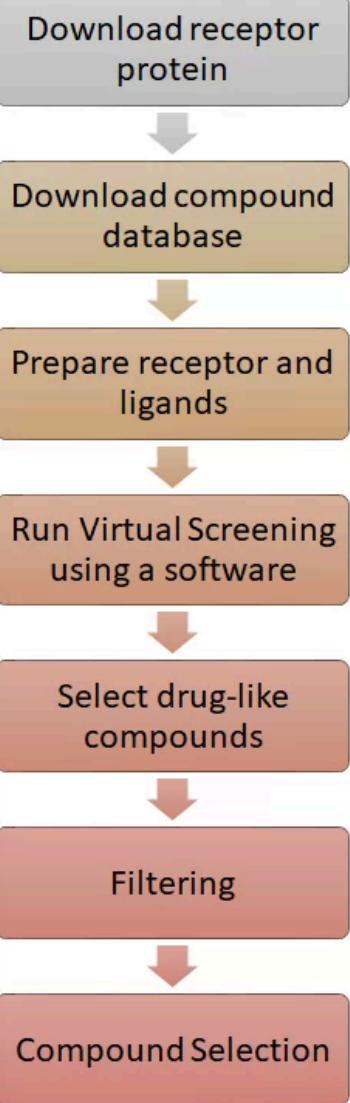
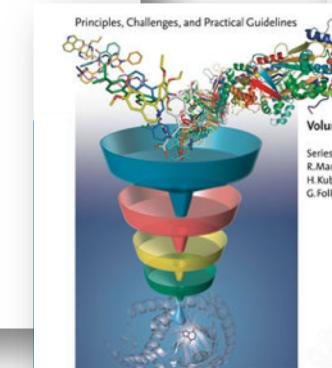
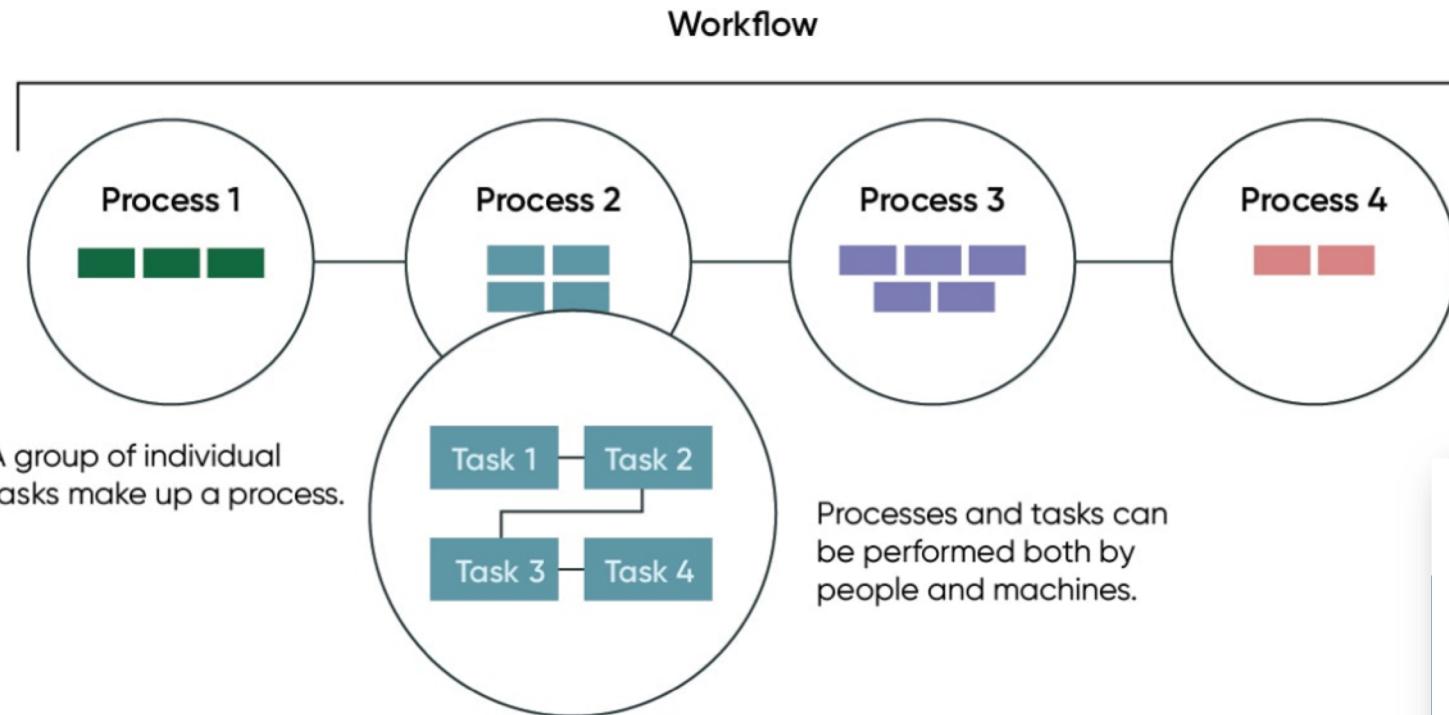
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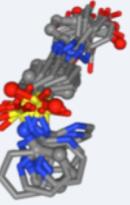
# What is a workflow

A workflow is a group of interdependent processes and tasks that achieve a specific business outcome.



Input Ligand  
3-letter Code  
SMILES  
PDB File

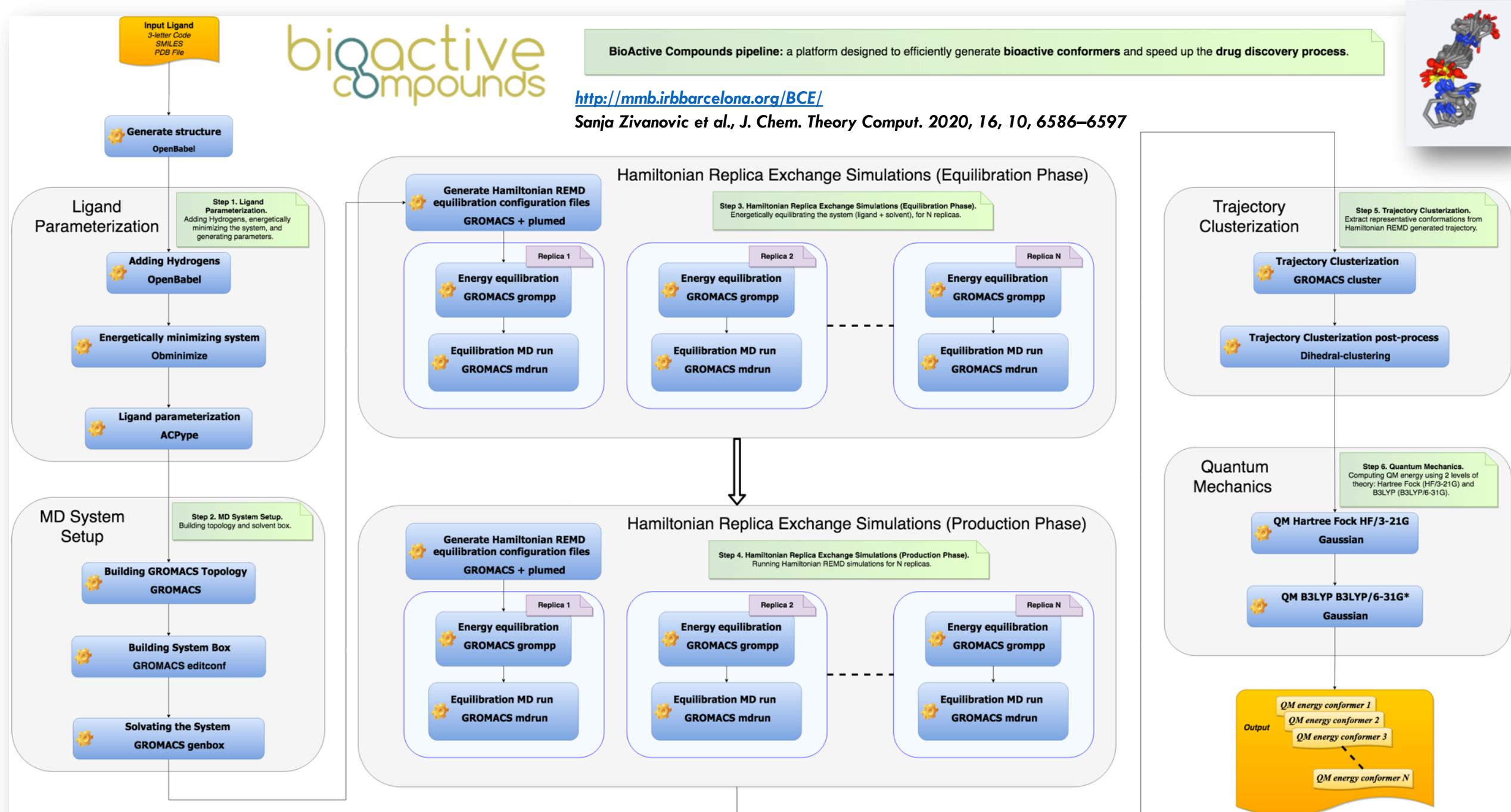
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compounds



BioActive Compounds pipeline: a platform designed to efficiently generate bioactive conformers and speed up the drug discovery process.

<http://mmbrbarcelona.org/BCE/>

Sanja Zivanovic et al., J. Chem. Theory Comput. 2020, 16, 10, 6586–6597



**Biomolecular simulation workflows** are usually built from a number of **tools** performing different **tasks**.



- **Molecular Structure File format conversions**
- **Structure Modelling**
- **Molecular Dynamics**
- **Quantum Mechanics**
- **QM / MM**
- **Trajectory analyses**
- **Docking**
- **Free energy**
- **Ligand parameterization**
- **Cheminformatics**
- **Data analytics**

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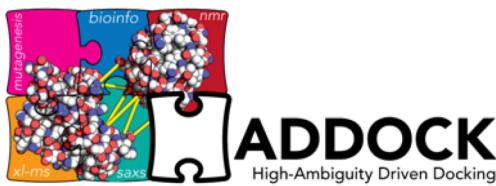
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Tasks performed by ...



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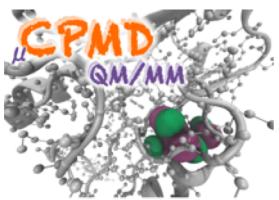
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High-Ambiguity Driven Docking



**AmberTools19**



**OpenMM**



**CPK**

**ACPYPE**



**pmx**



**MD ANALYSIS**



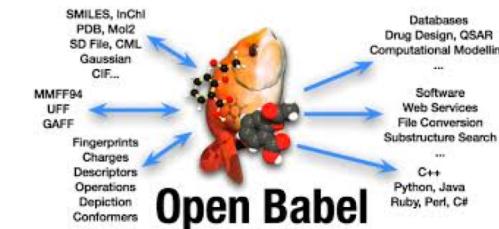
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**NAMD**  
Scalable Molecular Dynamics



**VMD**  
Visual Molecular Dynamics



**Open Babel**

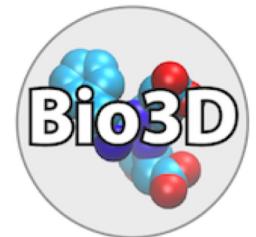
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**MDTRAJ**

**Modeller**

Program for Comparative Protein  
Structure Modelling by Satisfaction  
of Spatial Restraints



**TensorFlow**



**scikit-learn**

**bioexcel**

*And many many more...*

# Biomolecular workflows: challenges

## Shell script:

- **Step 1**
- **Step 2**



- **Step n**



```
44 # MD SIMULATION (part 1, of 50 ns)
45 cp /gpfs/scratch/bsc23/bsc23513/EGFR/Gromacs/mdp/md.mdp .
46 gmx_mpi grompp -f md.mdp -c ../EQ/npt6/WT_apo_npt6.gro -p ../topology/WT_apo.top -r ../EQ/npt6/WT_apo_npt6.gro -t ../EQ/npt6/WT_apo_npt6.tpr
47 gmx_mpi convert-tpr -s WT_apo_md_1_raw.tpr -extend 49000 -o WT_apo_md_1.tpr -nobackup &> md_1_convert-tpr.log
48 srun gmx_mpi mdrun -v -deffnm WT_apo_md_1 -nobackup &> mdrun.log
49 echo "0" | gmx_mpi trjconv -f WT_apo_md_1.gro -s WT_apo_md_1.tpr -o WT_apo_md_1.pdb -ur compact -pbc atom -nobackup &> md_1_trjconv.log
50 echo "System" | gmx_mpi trjconv -s WT_apo_md_1.tpr -f WT_apo_md_1.xtc -o WT_apo_md_1_whole.xtc -pbc whole -nobackup &> md_1_trjconv.log
51 echo "System" | gmx_mpi trjconv -s WT_apo_md_1.tpr -f WT_apo_md_1.gro -o WT_apo_md_1_whole.gro -pbc whole -nobackup &> md_1_trjconv.log
52 echo "Protein System" | gmx_mpi trjconv -s WT_apo_md_1.tpr -f WT_apo_md_1_whole.gro -o WT_apo_md_1_cluster.gro -pbc cluster -nobackup
53 echo "System" | gmx_mpi trjconv -s WT_apo_md_1_cluster.gro -f WT_apo_md_1_whole.xtc -o WT_apo_md_1_nojump.xtc -pbc nojump -nobackup &> md_1_trjconv.log
54 rm WT_apo_md_1_whole.xtc WT_apo_md_1_whole.gro WT_apo_md_1_cluster.gro
55 echo "Protein System" | gmx_mpi trjconv -s WT_apo_md_1_nojump.tpr -f WT_apo_md_1_nojump.xtc -o WT_apo_md_1_imaged.xtc -pbc mol -center -ur compact
56 rm WT_apo_md_1_nojump.xtc
57 echo "Backbone System" | gmx_mpi trjconv -s WT_apo_md_1.tpr -f WT_apo_md_1_imaged.xtc -o WT_apo_md_1_imagedFit.xtc -fit rot+trans -nobackup
58 rm WT_apo_md_1_imaged.xtc
59 gmx_mpi check -f WT_apo_md_1_imagedFit.xtc -nobackup &> md_1_check.log
60 FIRST_FRAME=$(grep "Reading frame" md_1_check.log | head -1 | sed 's/time/_/ | cut -d '_' -f 2 | sed 's/ //g')
61 LAST_FRAME=$(grep "Last frame" md_1_check.log | sed 's/Last/_/ | cut -d '_' -f 2 | sed 's/time/_/ | cut -d '_' -f 2 | sed 's/ //g')
62 echo "System" | gmx_mpi trjconv -s WT_apo_md_1.tpr -f WT_apo_md_1_imagedFit.xtc -o WT_apo_md_1_imagedFit_first.gro -e $FIRST_FRAME -nobackup
63 echo "System" | gmx_mpi trjconv -s WT_apo_md_1.tpr -f WT_apo_md_1_imagedFit.xtc -o WT_apo_md_1_imagedFit_last.gro -e $LAST_FRAME -nobackup
64 echo "Protein" | gmx_mpi trjconv -s WT_apo_md_1.tpr -f WT_apo_md_1_imagedFit.xtc -o WT_apo_md_1_DRY_imagedFit.xtc -nobackup
65 echo "Protein" | gmx_mpi trjconv -s WT_apo_md_1.tpr -f WT_apo_md_1_imagedFit_first.gro -o WT_apo_md_1_DRY_imagedFit_first.gro -nobackup
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Usability

Interoperability  
Portability  
Reproducibility  
Scalability

# Biomolecular workflows: BioExcel

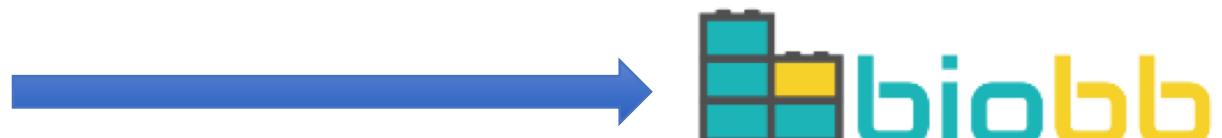


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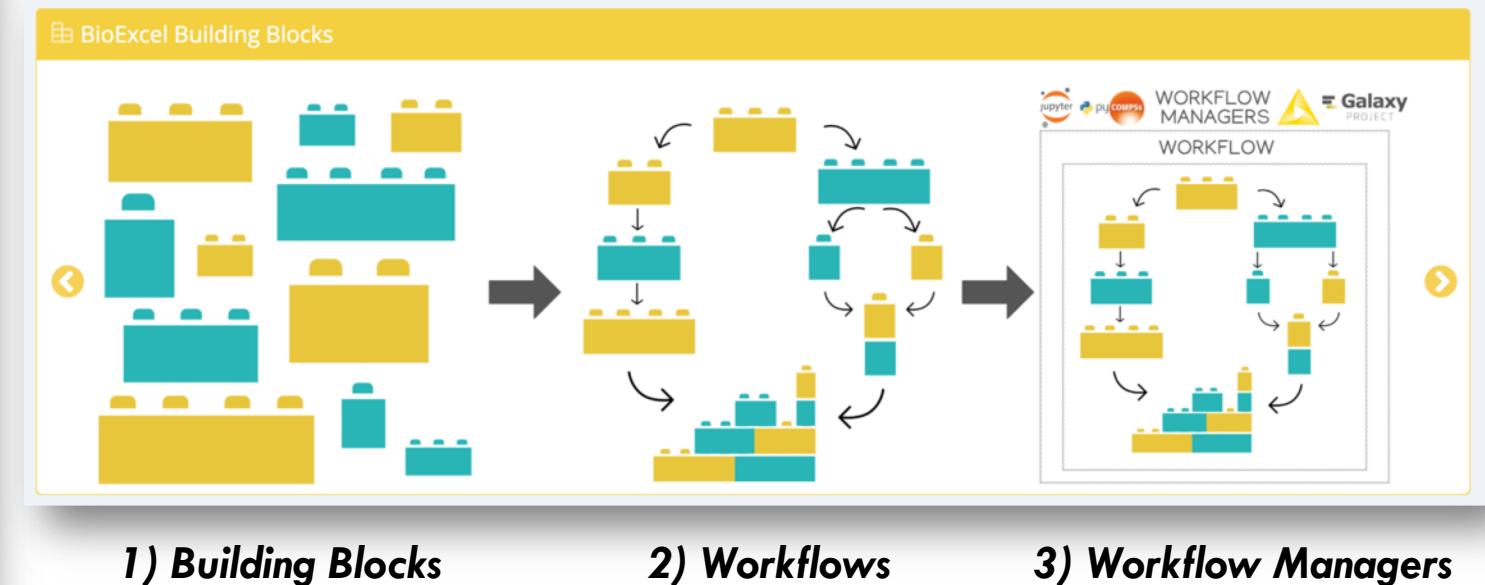
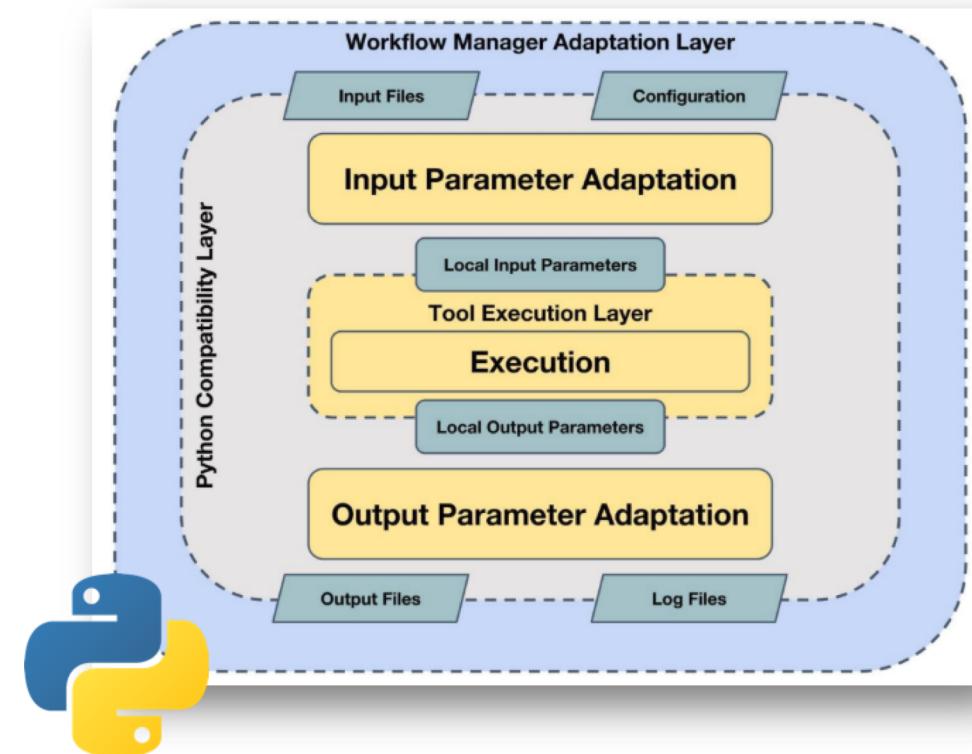


**Best practices in research software/workflows development**



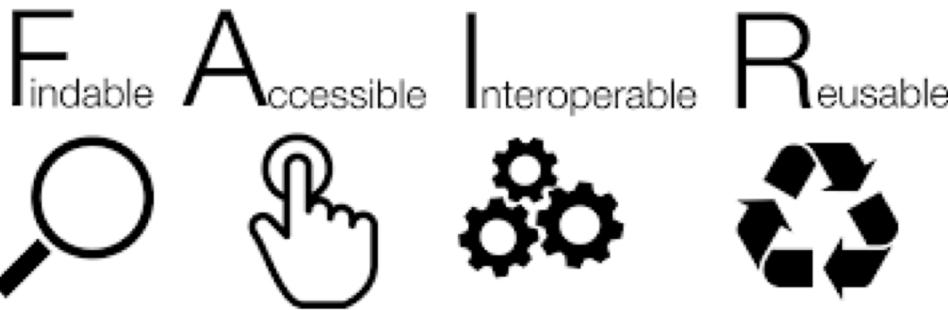
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# BioExcel Building Blocks: BioBB

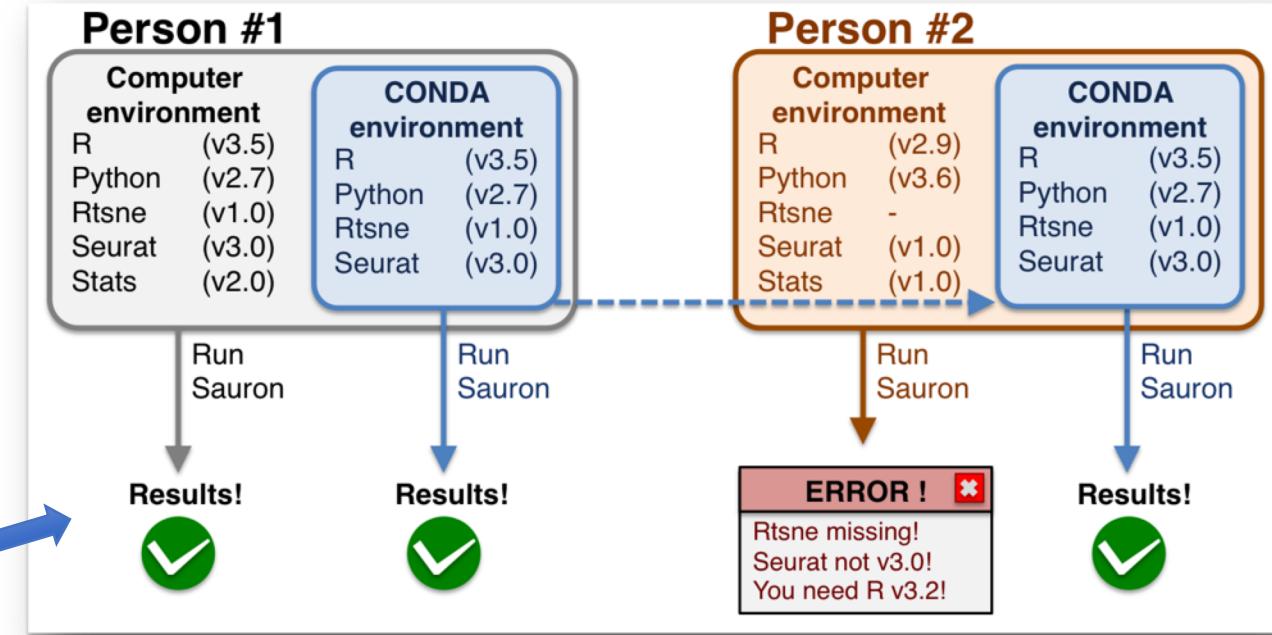


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# BioBB & software best practices



<https://nbisweden.github.io/>

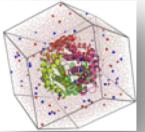
**CONDA** → **Reproducibility**

# BioBB Modules (20, Release 2024.2)



## biobb\_common

Common auxiliar functions



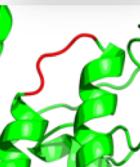
## biobb\_gromacs

Molecular Dynamics GROMACS



## biobb\_amber

Molecular Dynamics AMBER



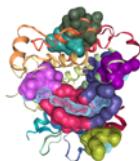
## biobb\_model

Molecular Modelling



## biobb\_ml

Machine learning



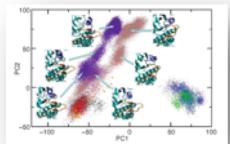
## biobb\_vs

Virtual Screening



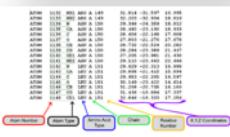
## biobb\_io

Biological databases



## biobb\_analysis

MD trajectories analysis



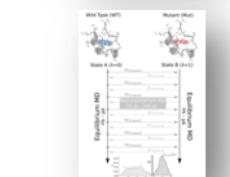
## biobb\_structure\_utils

Modify or extract information from PDB



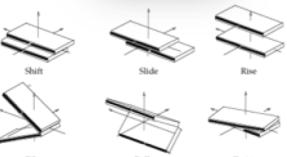
## biobb\_chemistry

Cheminformatics functionalities



## biobb\_pmx

Free energy calculations



## biobb\_dna

Nucleic Acids MD Trajectory analyses



## biobb\_cmip

Molecular Interaction Potentials



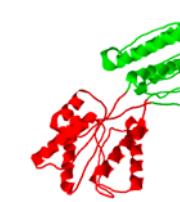
## biobb\_cp2k

Quantum Mechanics



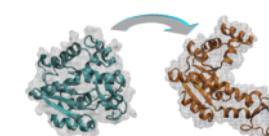
## biobb\_flexdyn

NMA-based conformational ensemble generation



## biobb\_flexserv

Coarse-Grained conformational ensemble generation and flexibility analysis



## biobb\_godmd

Coarse-Grained conformational transitions

# BioBB Packaging / Containerization

## ■ SOURCE AND DOCS FOR BIOEXCEL BUILDING BLOCKS

Search by text		Search by keywords						
Package	Description	Python	ReadTheDocs	Bioconda	Docker	Singularity	Version	
 biobb_amber	biobb_amber is a BioBB category for AMBER MD package, allowing setup and simulation of atomistic MD simulations using AMBER MD package and its associated AMBER tools						4.0.1	
 biobb_analysis	Biobb_analysis is the Biobb module collection to perform analysis of molecular dynamics simulations						4.0.2	
Building block								
Building block	Wrapped tool	Description						
GMXCluster	gmx cluster	Wrapper of the GROMACS cluster module for clustering structures from a given GROMACS compatible trajectory.						
GMXRms	gmx rms	Wrapper of the GROMACS module for calculating the Root Mean Square deviation (RMSd) of a given GROMACS compatible trajectory.						
GMXRgyr	gmx gyrate	Wrapper of the GROMACS gyrate module for computing the radius of gyration (Rgyr) of a molecule about the x-, y- and z-axes, as a function of time, from a given GROMACS compatible trajectory.						
GMXEnergy	gmx energy	Wrapper of the GROMACS energy module for extracting energy components from a given GROMACS energy file.						



<https://mmb.irbbarcelona.org/biobb/documentation/source>

**conda install biobb\_analysis**

**AmberTools19**

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**GROMACS** 

**conda install biobb\_vs**

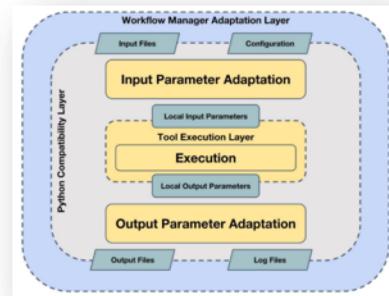


Autodock  
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**f p o c k e t**  
scalable high performance pocket detection

# BioBB Syntax

- **Import Module**
- **Define:**
  - **inputs & output paths**
  - **properties** dictionary
- **Launch** building block



```
# Editconf: Create solvent box
# Import module
from biobb_gromacs.gromacs.editconf import editconf

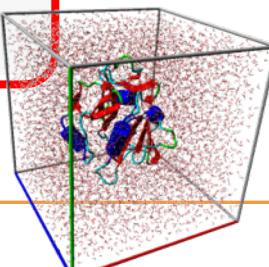
# Create prop dict and inputs/outputs
input_pdb2gmx_gro = '1AKI_pdb2gmx.gro'
output_editconf_gro = '1AKI_editconf.gro'

prop = {
    'box_type': 'cubic',
    'distance_to_molecule': 1.0
}

# Create and launch bb
editconf(input_gro_path=input_pdb2gmx_gro,
         output_gro_path=output_editconf_gro,
         properties=prop)
```



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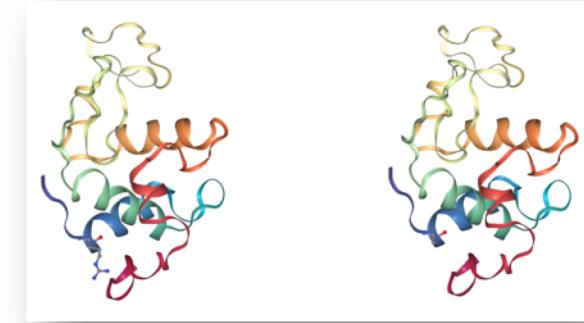


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# Import module
from biobb_model.model.mutate import mutate

# Create properties dict and inputs/outputs
input_pdb = "1AKI.pdb"
output_pdb = "1AKI_V2A.pdb"

prop = {
    'mutation_list': 'A:Val2Ala',
    'use_modeller' : True
}

# Create and launch bb
mutate(input_pdb_path=input_pdb,
        output_pdb_path=output_pdb,
        properties=prop)
```



```
# Import module
from biobb_vs.fpocket.fpocket_run import fpocket_run

# Define input/output and properties
pdb_protein = "pdb_protein.pdb"
fpocket_all_pockets = "fpocket_all_pockets.zip"
fpocket_summary = "fpocket_summary.json"

prop = {
    "min_radius": 3,
    "max_radius": 6,
    "num_spheres": 35
}

# Launch bb
fpocket_run(input_pdb_path=pdb_protein,
            output_pockets_zip = fpocket_all_pockets,
            output_summary=fpocket_summary,
            properties=prop)
```



**fpocket**  
Program for fast protein docking

```

[2]: # Ligand: Download ligand structure from MMB PDB mirror REST API (https://mmb.ircbarcelona.org/api/)
# Import module
from biobb_io.api.ligand import ligand

# Create prop dict and inputs/outputs
input_structure = ligandCode + '.pdb'

prop = {
    'ligand_code' : ligandCode
}

#Create and launch bb
ligand(output_pdb_path=input_structure,
       properties=prop)

[4]: # Babel_add_hydrogens: add Hydrogen atoms to a small molecule
# Import module
from biobb_chemistry.babelm.babel_add_hydrogens import babel_add_hydrogens

# Create prop dict and inputs/outputs
output_babel_h = ligandCode + '.H.mol2'

prop = {
    'ph' : pH,
    'input_format' : 'pdb',
    'output_format' : 'mol2'
}

#Create and launch bb
babel_add_hydrogens(input_path=input_structure,
                     output_path=output_babel_h,
                     properties=prop)

[6]: # Babel_minimize: Structure energy minimization of a small molecule after being modified adding hydrogen atom:
# Import module
from biobb_chemistry.babelm.babel_minimize import babel_minimize

# Create prop dict and inputs/outputs
output_babel_min = ligandCode + '.H.min.pdb'
prop = {
    'method' : 'sd',
    'criteria' : '1e-10',
    'force_field' : 'GAFF'
}

#Create and launch bb
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                output_path=output_babel_min,
                properties=prop)

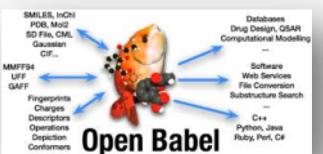
[9]: # Acptype_params_gmx: Generation of topologies for GROMACS with ACType
# Import module
from biobb_chemistry.acptype.acptype_params_gmx import acptype_params_gmx

# Create prop dict and inputs/outputs
output_acptype_gro = ligandCode + 'params.gro'
output_acptype_itp = ligandCode + 'params.itp'
output_acptype_top = ligandCode + 'params.top'
output_acptype = ligandCode + 'params'

prop = {
    'basename' : output_acptype,
    'charge' : mol_charge
}

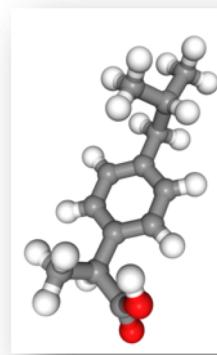
#Create and launch bb
acptype_params_gmx(input_path=output_babel_min,
                    output_path_gro=output_acptype_gro,
                    output_path_itp=output_acptype_itp,
                    output_path_top=output_acptype_top,
                    properties=prop)

```



## Ligand parameterization workflow:

1. Download Ligand Structure
2. Add hydrogen atoms
3. Energetically minimize H atoms
4. Generate parameters



```

1  name: biobb_wf_ligand_parameterization
2  channels:
3      - conda-forge
4      - bioconda
5  dependencies:
6      - biobb_io==4.2.0
7      - biobb_chemistry==4.2.0
8      - jupyter
9      - nglview

```



# BioBB Documentation



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Search docs

Introduction & installation

API Documentation

- acpype package
  - Submodules
    - acpype.acpype\_params\_ac module
    - acpype.acpype\_params\_cns module
    - acpype.acpype\_params\_gmx module
    - acpype.acpype\_params\_gmx\_opls module
  - babelm package
  - ambertools package

Command Line Documentation

Changelog

## acpype.acpype\_params\_gmx module

Module containing the Acpype class and the command line interface.

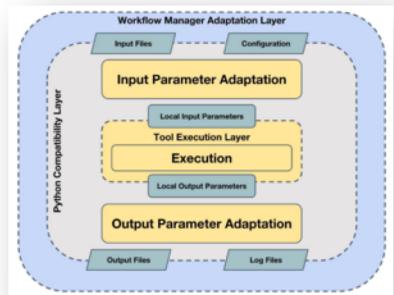
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class acpype.acpype_params_gmx.AcpypeParamsGMX(input_path, output_path_gro, output_path_itp, output_path_top, properties=None, **kwargs) [source]
```

Bases: `object`

Small molecule parameterization for GROMACS MD package. Wrapper for the Acpype module. Generation of topologies for GROMACS. Acpype is a tool based in Python to use Antechamber to generate topologies for chemical compounds and to interface with others python applications like CCPN or ARIA. [Visit the official page.](#)

- Parameters:**
- `input_path (str)` – Path to the input file. File type: input. [Sample file](#). Accepted formats: pdb, mdl, mol2.
  - `output_path_gro (str)` – Path to the GRO output file. File type: output. [Sample file](#). Accepted formats: gro.
  - `output_path_itp (str)` – Path to the ITP output file. File type: output. [Sample file](#). Accepted formats: itp.
  - `output_path_top (str)` – Path to the TOP output file. File type: output. [Sample file](#). Accepted formats: top.
  - `properties (dic)` –
    - `basename (str)` - ("BBB") A basename for the project (folder and output files).
    - `charge (int)` - (0) Net molecular charge, for gas default is 0.
    - `acpype_path (str)` - ("acpype") Path to the acpype executable binary.
    - `remove_tmp (bool)` - (True) [WF property] Remove temporal files.
    - `restart (bool)` - (False) [WF property] Do not execute if output files exist.
    - `container_path (str)` - (None) Container path definition.
    - `container_image (str)` - ('mmbirb/acpype:latest') Container image definition.
    - `container_volume_path (str)` - ('/tmp') Container volume path definition.
    - `container_working_dir (str)` - (None) Container working directory definition.
    - `container_user_id (str)` - (None) Container user\_id definition.
    - `container_shell_path (str)` - ('/bin/bash') Path to default shell inside the container.

- **Import Module**
- **Define:**
  - **inputs & output paths**
  - **properties dictionary**
- **Launch building block**



## Examples:

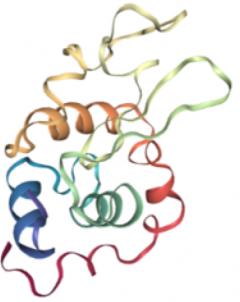
This is a use example of how to use the building block from Python:

```
from biobb_chemistry.acpype.acpype_params_gmx import acpype_params_gmx
prop = {
    'basename': 'BBB',
    'charge': 0
}
acpype_params_gmx(input_path='/path/to/myStructure.mol2',
                  output_path_gro='/path/to/newGRO.gro',
                  output_path_itp='/path/to/newITP.itp',
                  output_path_top='/path/to/newTOP.top',
                  properties=prop)
```



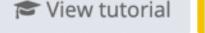
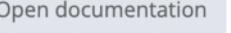
# BioBB Demonstration Workflows

 **GROMACS PROTEIN MD SETUP** 2024.1



This tutorial aims to illustrate the process of setting up a simulation system containing a protein, step by step, using the BioExcel Building Blocks library (biobb). The particular example used is the Lysozyme protein (PDB code 1AKI).

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<https://mmb.irbbarcelona.org/biobb/workflows>

- ***MD setup (Protein / DNA) (AMBER / GROMACS)***
- ***Ligand parameterization***
- ***Protein-Ligand Docking***
- ***Free energy calculations***
- ***DNA helical parameters***
- ***Conformational Ensemble generation***

# More about BioBB & BioExcel



- **BioExcel Website:**  
<https://bioexcel.eu/>

- **BioBB Website:**  
<https://mmb.irbbarcelona.org/biobb/>

- **BioBB Webinars:**

- <https://bioexcel.eu/webinar-computational-biomolecular-simulation-workflows-with-bioexcel-building-blocks-2020-09-10/>
- <https://bioexcel.eu/webinar-biobb-wfs-and-biobb-api-integrated-web-based-platform-and-programmatic-interface-for-biomolecular-simulations-workflows-using-the-bioexcel-building-blocks-library-2023-05-23/>
- <https://bioexcel.eu/webinar-using-interactive-jupyter-notebooks-and-bioconda-for-fair-and-reproducible-biomolecular-simulation-workflows-2024-05-28/>

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### BioExcel Building Blocks, a software library for interoperable biomolecular simulation workflows

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### Using interactive Jupyter Notebooks and BioConda for FAIR and reproducible biomolecular simulation workflows

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#### Abstract

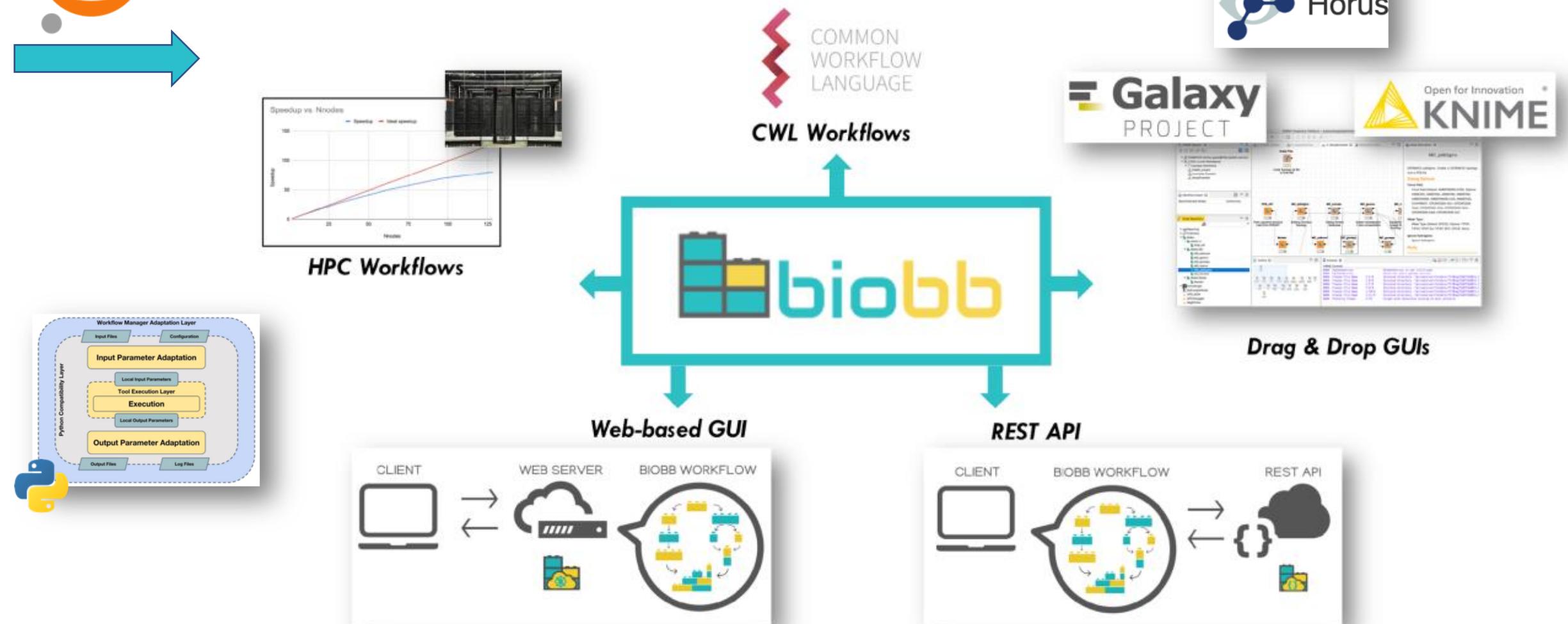
Interactive Jupyter Notebooks in combination with Conda environments can be used to generate FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Reusable/Reproducible) biomolecular simulation workflows. The interactive programming code accompanied by documentation and the possibility to inspect intermediate results with versatile graphical charts and data visualization is very helpful, especially in iterative processes, where parameters might be adjusted to a particular system of interest. This work presents a collection of FAIR notebooks covering various areas of the biomolecular simulation field, such as molecular dynamics (MD), protein–ligand docking, molecular checking/modeling, molecular interactions, and free energy perturbations. Workflows can be launched with myBinder or easily installed in a local system. The collection of notebooks aims to provide a compilation of demonstration workflows, and it is continuously updated and expanded with examples using new methodologies and tools.

# Questions?





# BioBB Library Versatility



<https://mmb.irbbarcelona.org/biobb-wfs>

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# BioBB Library Versatility - Examples

## 1) Demonstration Workflows (Jupyter Notebooks)



```
In [2]: # Downloading desired PDB file
# Import module
from biobb_io.api.pdb import Pdb

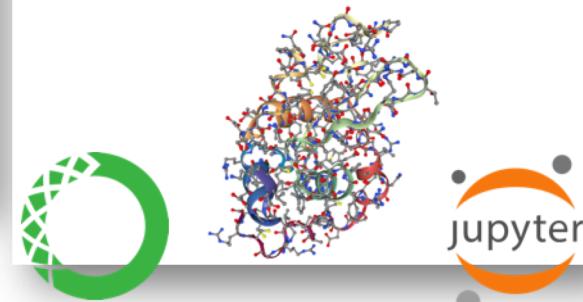
# Create properties dict and input/output
# biobb_jdb.json = pdbcode.json
prop = {
    'pdb_code': pdbCode
}

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

2020-06-01 14:51:59,254 [MainThread ] [INFO ] Downloading: laki from: https://files.rcsb.org/download/laki.pdb
2020-06-01 14:51:59,302 [MainThread ] [INFO ] Writing pdb to: /home/jovyan/biobb_wf_md_setup/notebooks/laki.pdb
2020-06-01 14:51:59,304 [MainThread ] [INFO ] Filtering lines NOT starting with one of these words: ATOM, MODE
L, ENDMDL

Visualizing 3D structure
```

```
In [3]: # Show protein
view = eglview.show_structure_file(downloaded_pdb)
view.add_representation(repr_type="ball_stick", selection="all")
view._remove_all_widgets(target="Widget", arg1="r400px")
view
```



## 2) Pre-exascale Workflows (Python + PyCOMPSs)



# Biomolecular workflows using BioBB

## Demonstration Workflows (Jupyter Notebooks)



```
In [2]: # 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
}

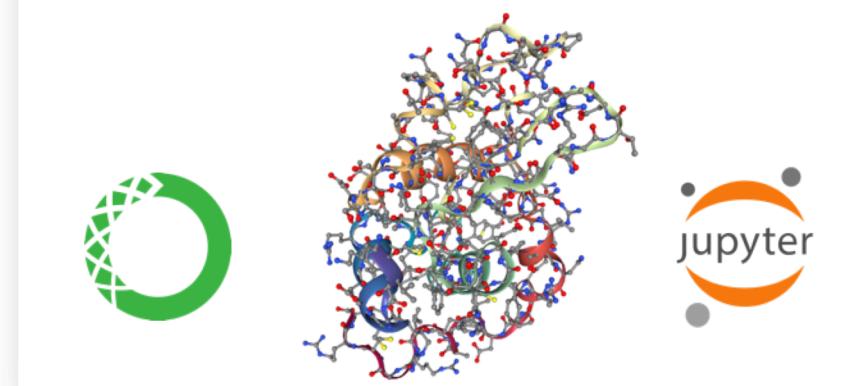
#Create and launch bb
Pdb(output_pdb_path=downloaded_pdb,
    properties=prop).launch()

2020-06-01 14:51:58,256 [MainThread ] [INFO ] Downloading: laki from: https://files.rcsb.org/download/laki.pdb
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L', 'ENDMDL']
```

Visualizing 3D structure

Visualizing the downloaded/given PDB structure using NGL:

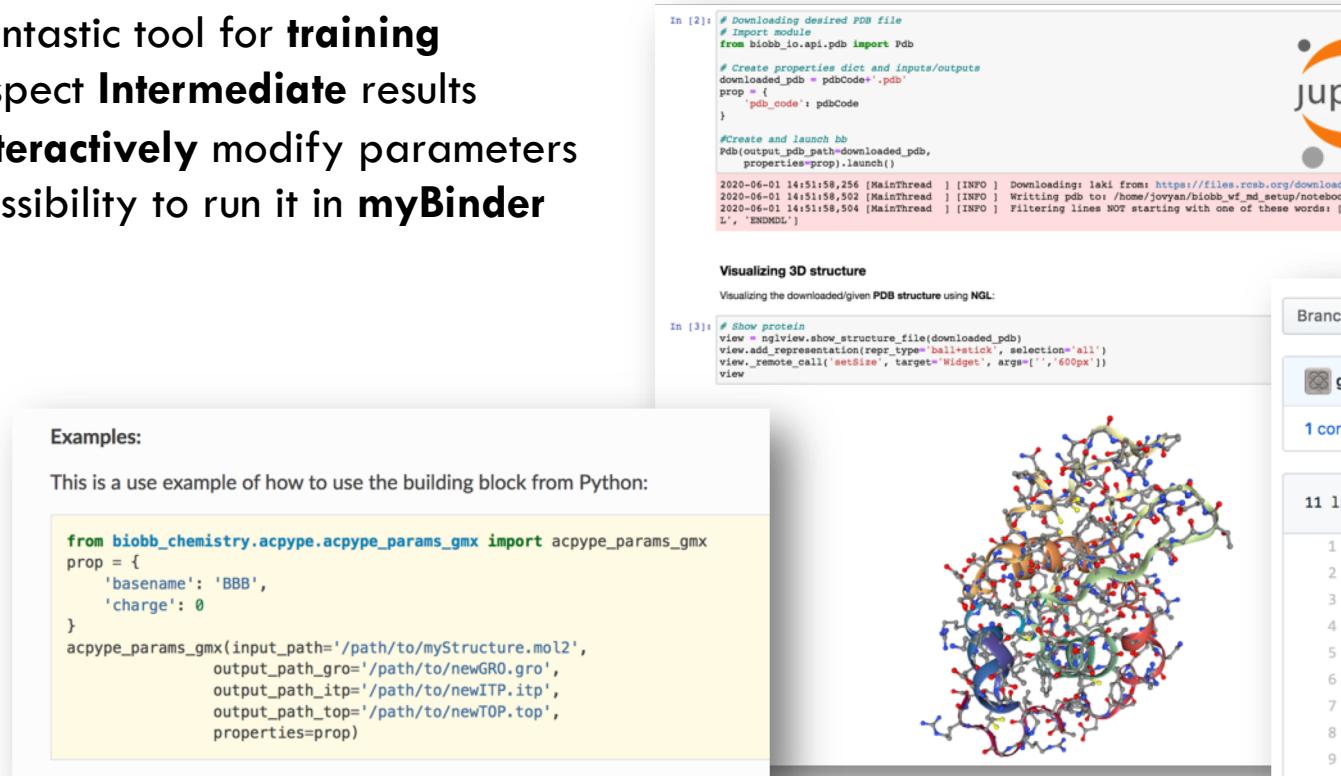
```
In [3]: # Show protein
view = nglview.show_structure_file(downloaded_pdb)
view.add_representation(repr_type='ball+stick', selection='all')
view._remote_call('setSize', target='Widget', args=['','600px'])
view
```



# Jupyter Notebooks & BioBBs

## In general:

- Fantastic tool for **training**
- Inspect **Intermediate** results
- **Interactively** modify parameters
- Possibility to run it in **myBinder**



In [2]:

```
# 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
}

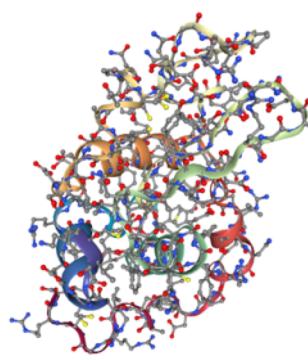
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view
```



### Examples:

This is a use example of how to use the building block from Python:

```
from biobb_chemistry.acpype.acpype_params_gmx import acpype_params_gmx
prop = {
    'basename': 'BBB',
    'charge': 0
}
acpype_params_gmx(input_path='/path/to/myStructure.mol2',
                   output_path_gro='/path/to/newGRO.gro',
                   output_path_itp='/path/to/newITP.itp',
                   output_path_top='/path/to/newTOP.top',
                   properties=prop)
```

## In particular (BioBBs):

- Be familiar with **BioBB syntax**
- Learn how to build workflows (**tutorials**)
- **Package** workflow (**Conda**)



Branch: master | biobb\_wf\_ligand\_parameterization / conda\_env / environment.yml

gbayarri Removing python as a environment dependency

1 contributor

11 lines (11 sloc) | 211 Bytes

```
1 name: biobb_ligand_parameterization_tutorial
2 channels:
3   - conda-forge
4   - bioconda
5 dependencies:
6   - biobb_common==3.0.0
7   - biobb_io==3.0.0
8   - biobb_chemistry==3.0.1
9   - nb_conda_kernels
10  - nglview
11  - conda
```



# BioBB Demonstration Workflows

<https://mmb.irbbarcelona.org/biobb/workflows>



- **Showing the power of the BioBB library**
- **Transversal, generic**
- **Educational purposes (not for production usage)**



### GROMACS PROTEIN MD SETUP

This tutorial aims to illustrate the process of setting up a simulation system using the BioExcel Building Blocks library (biobb). The particular example used is the Lysozyme protein.

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### AMBER CONSTANT PH MD SETUP

This tutorial aims to illustrate the process of setting up a simulation system using the BioExcel Building Blocks library (biobb). The particular example used is the Bovine Pancreatic Trypsin Inhibitor (BPTI).

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### PROTEIN CONFORMATIONAL ENSEMBLES GENERATION

This tutorial aims to illustrate the process of generating protein conformational ensembles, step by step, using the BioExcel Building Blocks library (biobb). WorkflowHub | Launch | Download | View tutorial | Open Github repository | Open documentation

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### AUTOMATIC LIGAND PARAMETERIZATION

This tutorial aims to illustrate the process of ligand parameterization for a simulation system using the BioExcel Building Blocks library (biobb). The particular example used is the ibuprofen small compound, an anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) derived from propionic acid and it is co

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### ABC MD SETUP

This BioExcel Building Blocks library (BioBB) workflow provides a pipeline for setting up an ABC (Adaptive Biasing Force) simulation. It follows the work started with the NAFlex tool to offer a single workflow for reproducibility and coherence between all the members of the consortium.

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### MACROMOLECULAR COARSE-GRAINED FLEXIBILITY

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### GROMACS PROTEIN-LIGAND COMPLEX MD SETUP

This tutorial aims to illustrate the process of setting up a simulation system using the BioExcel Building Blocks library (biobb). The particular example used is the 2-propylphenol small molecule (3-letter Code J24).

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### STRUCTURAL DNA HELICAL PARAMETERS

This tutorial aims to illustrate the process of extracting structural and dynamical parameters for a DNA molecule, step by step, using the BioExcel Building Blocks library (biobb). The part of the DNA sequence used is CGCGAATTCTCGCG (PDB code 1BNA). The trajectory used is a 500ns-long entry.

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### PROTEIN CONFORMATIONAL TRANSITIONS CALCULATIONS

This tutorial aims to illustrate the process of computing a conformational transition for a protein, step by step.

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### MUTATION FREE ENERGY CALCULATIONS

This tutorial aims to illustrate how to compute a fast-growth mutation free energy calculations using the BioExcel Building Blocks library (biobb). The particular example used is the Staphylococcus aureus protein (3-letter Code J24).

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### MOLECULAR STRUCTURE CHECKING

This tutorial aims to illustrate the process of checking a molecular structure for errors and consistency.

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### AMBER PROTEIN MD SETUP

This tutorial aims to illustrate the process of setting up a simulation system containing a protein using the BioExcel Building Blocks library (biobb) wrapping the AmberTools utility from the AMBER package. The particular example used is the 1AKI protein.

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# BioBB Workflows: Tutorials

## Uniform header for all BioBB tutorials:

- 1) Title and description
- 2) BioBB modules used
- 3) Auxiliary libraries used
- 4) Command lines required to install and launch
- 5) Pipeline steps

1)

2)

3)

4)

5)

## Protein MD Setup tutorial using BioExcel Building Blocks (biobb)

Based on the official GROMACS tutorial: <http://www.mdtutorials.com/gmx/lysozyme/index.html>

This tutorial aims to illustrate the process of **setting up a simulation system** containing a **protein**, step by step, using the **BioExcel Building Blocks library (biobb)**. The particular example used is the **Lysozyme** protein (PDB code 1AKI, <https://doi.org/10.2210/pdb1AKI/pdb>).

### Settings

#### Biobb modules used

- **biobb\_io**: Tools to fetch biomolecular data from public databases.
- **biobb\_model**: Tools to model macromolecular structures.
- **biobb\_gromacs**: Tools to setup and run Molecular Dynamics simulations.
- **biobb\_analysis**: Tools to analyse Molecular Dynamics trajectories.

#### Auxiliary libraries used

- **jupyter**: Free software, open standards, and web services for interactive computing across all programming languages.
- **nglview**: Jupyter/IPython widget to interactively view molecular structures and trajectories in notebooks.
- **plotly**: Python interactive graphing library integrated in Jupyter notebooks.
- **simpletraj**: Lightweight coordinate-only trajectory reader based on code from GROMACS, MDAnalysis and VMD.

#### Conda Installation and Launch

```
git clone https://github.com/bioexcel/biobb_wf_md_setup.git
cd biobb_wf_md_setup
conda env create -f conda_env/environment.yml
conda activate biobb_GMX_MDsetup_tutorial
jupyter-notebook biobb_wf_md_setup/notebooks/biobb_MDsetup_tutorial.ipynb
```

#### Pipeline steps

1. Input Parameters
2. Fetching PDB Structure
3. Fix Protein Structure
4. Create Protein System Topology
5. Create Solvent Box
6. Fill the Box with Water Molecules
7. Adding Ions
8. Energetically Minimize the System
9. Equilibrate the System (NVT)
10. Equilibrate the System (NPT)
11. Free Molecular Dynamics Simulation
12. Post-processing and Visualizing Resulting 3D Trajectory
13. Output Files
14. Questions & Comments

**Fetching PDB structure**

Downloading PDB structure with the protein molecule from the RCSB PDB database.  
Alternatively, a PDB file can be used as starting structure.

**Building Blocks used:**

- `Pdb` from `biobb_io.api.pdb`

```
In [8]: # 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
}

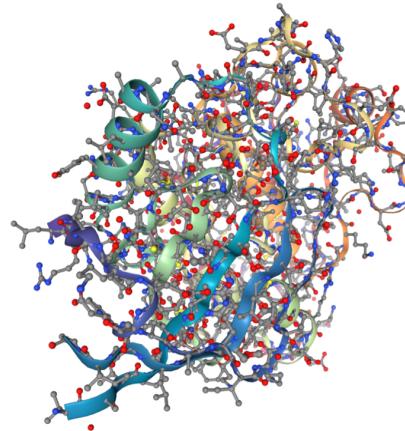
#Create and launch bb
pdb(output_pdb_path=downloaded_pdb,
    properties=prop)

2023-08-27 10:36:35,865 [MainThread] [INFO] Executing biobb_io.api.pdb Version: 4.0.0
2023-08-27 10:36:35,865 [MainThread] [INFO] Downloading laki from: https://www.ebi.ac.uk/pdbe/entry-files/download/laki.ent
2023-08-27 10:36:36,106 [MainThread] [INFO] Writing pdb to: laki.pdb
2023-08-27 10:36:36,108 [MainThread] [INFO] Filtering lines NOT starting with one of these words: ['ATOM', 'MODEL', 'ENDMDL']
```

**Visualizing 3D structure**

Visualizing the downloaded/given PDB structure using NGL:

```
In [83]: # Show protein
view = nglview.show_structure_file(downloaded_pdb)
view.add_representation(repr_type='ball+stick', selection='all')
view._remote_call('setSize', target='Widget', args=['','600px'])
view
```

**Documentation****Execution****Inspection****1. Import BioBB module**

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

**2. Define inputs/outputs and properties**

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

**3. Launch the building block execution**

```
#Create and launch bb
pdb(output_pdb_path=downloaded_pdb,
    properties=prop)
```

## Documentation

### Create protein system topology

Building **GROMACS** topology corresponding to the protein structure.

Force field used in this tutorial is **amber99sb-ildn**: AMBER **parm99** force field with **corrections on backbone (sb)** and **side-chain torsion potentials (ildn)**.

Water molecules type used in this tutorial is **spc/e**.

Adding **hydrogen atoms** if missing. Automatically identifying **disulfide bridges**.

Generating two output files:

- **GROMACS structure (gro file)**
- **GROMACS topology ZIP compressed file containing:**
  - *GROMACS topology top file* (top file)
  - *GROMACS position restraint file/s* (itp file/s)

**Building Blocks** used:

- [Pdb2gmx](#) from **biobb\_gromacs.gromacs.pdb2gmx**

## Execution

```
In [36]: # Create system topology
# Import module
from biobb_gromacs.gromacs.pdb2gmx import pdb2gmx

# Create inputs/outputs
output_pdb2gmx_gro = pdbCode+'_pdb2gmx.gro'
output_pdb2gmx_top_zip = pdbCode+'_pdb2gmx_top.zip'

prop = {
    'water_type' : 'spce',
    'force_field' : 'amber99sb-ildn'
}

# Create and launch bb
pdb2gmx(input_pdb_path=fixed_pdb,
        output_gro_path=output_pdb2gmx_gro,
        output_top_zip_path=output_pdb2gmx_top_zip,
        properties=prop
    )

2023-09-04 15:33:40,575 [MainThread ] [INFO ] Executing biobb_gromacs.gromacs.pdb2gmx Version: 4.0.0
2023-09-04 15:33:40,579 [MainThread ] [INFO ] Copy: 1AKI_fixed.pdb to /home/jovyan/biobb_wf_md_setup/notebooks/c83e58a0-e0b1-4554-ad51-351986133922
2023-09-04 15:33:40,580 [MainThread ] [INFO ] GROMACS Pdb2gmx 20222 version detected
2023-09-04 15:33:40,581 [MainThread ] [INFO ] gmx -nobackup -nocopyright pdb2gmx -f /home/jovyan/biobb_wf_md_setup/notebooks/c83e58a0-e0b1-4554-ad51-351986133922/1AKI_fixed.pdb -o /home/jovyan/biobb_wf_md_setup/notebooks/c83e58a0-e0b1-4554-ad51-351986133922/1AKI_pdb2gmx.gro -p p2g.top -water spce -ff amber99sb-ildn -i posre.itp
2023-09-04 15:33:40,796 [MainThread ] [INFO ] Exit code 0
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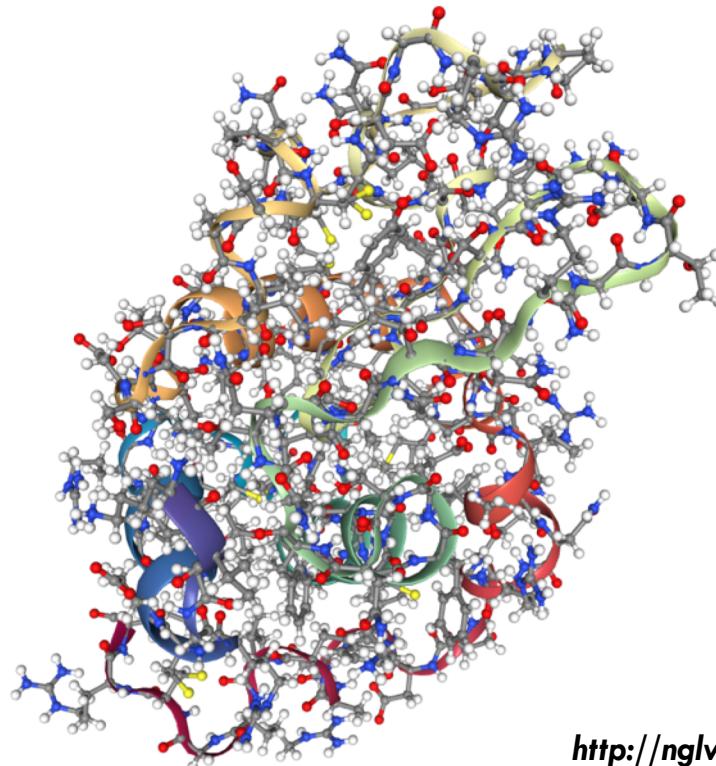


## Inspection

### Visualizing 3D structure

Visualizing the generated **GRO structure** using **NGL**. Note that **hydrogen atoms** were added to the structure by the **pdb2gmx GROMACS** tool when generating the **topology**.

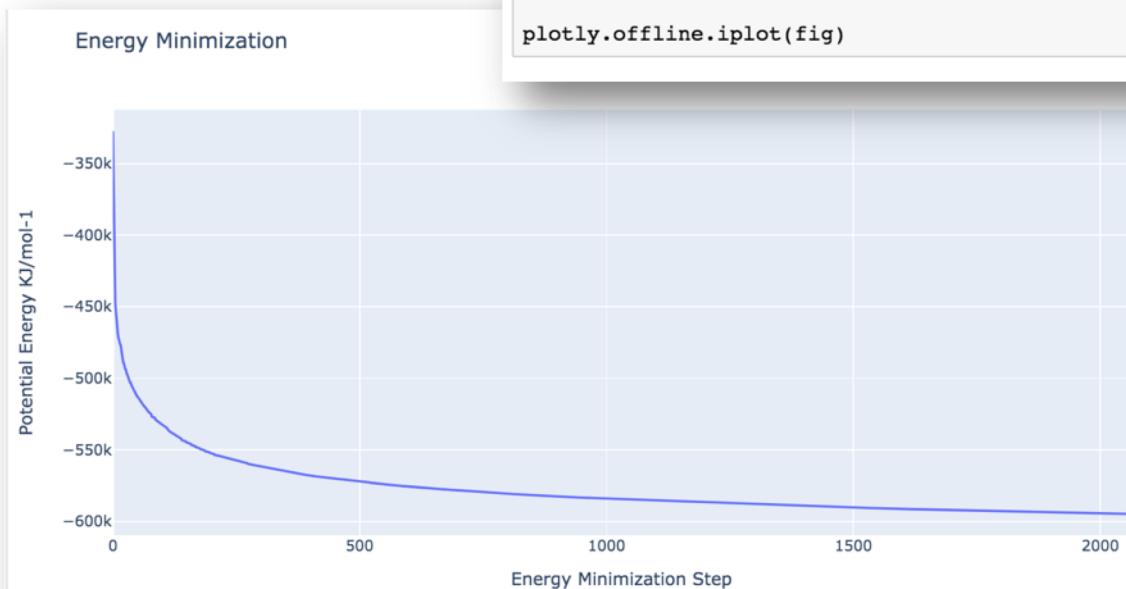
```
In [12]: # Show protein
struct_file = nglview.FileStructure(output_pdb2gmx_gro)
view = nglview.show_file(struct_file)
view.add_representation(repr_type='ball+stick', selection='all')
view._remote_call('setSize', target='Widget', args=['','600px'])
view
```



<http://nglviewer.org/nglview/latest/>



## Inspection



```

import plotly
import plotly.graph_objs as go

#Read data from file and filter energy values higher than 1000 Kj/mol^-1
with open(output_min_ene_xvg, 'r') as energy_file:
    x,y = map(
        list,
        zip(*[
            (float(line.split()[0]),float(line.split()[1]))
            for line in energy_file
            if not line.startswith("#", "@")
            if float(line.split()[1]) < 1000
        ])
    )

plotly.offline.init_notebook_mode(connected=True)

fig = {
    "data": [go.Scatter(x=x, y=y)],
    "layout": go.Layout(title="Energy Minimization",
                        xaxis=dict(title = "Energy Minimization Step"),
                        yaxis=dict(title = "Potential Energy KJ/mol-1")
    )
}

plotly.offline.iplot(fig)

```

<https://plotly.com/>

Branch: master  [biobb\\_wf\\_ligand\\_parameterization / conda\\_env / environment.yml](#)

 **gbayarri** Removing python as a environment dependency

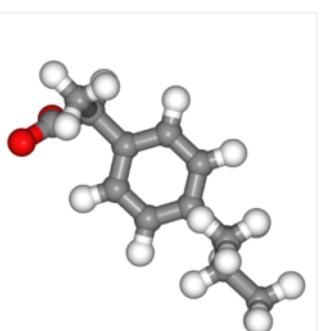
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1 name: biobb_ligand_parameterization_tutorial
2 channels:
3   - conda-forge
4   - bioconda
5 dependencies:
6   - biobb_common==3.0.0
7   - biobb_io==3.0.0
8   - biobb_chemistry==3.0.1
9   - nb_conda_kernels
10  - nglview
11  - conda

```



Automatic Ligand parameterization

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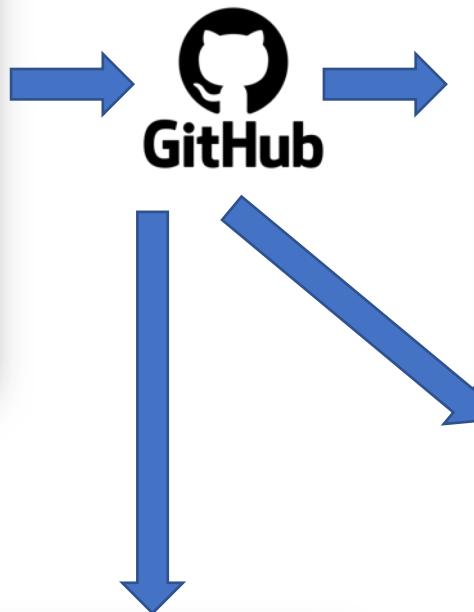
## Conda Installation and Launch

```

git clone https://github.com/bioexcel/biobb_wf_md_setup.git
cd biobb_wf_md_setup
conda env create -f conda_env/environment.yml
conda activate biobb_GMX_MDsetup_tutorial
jupyter-notebook biobb_wf_md_setup/notebooks/biobb_MDsetup_tutorial.ipynb

```

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Turn a Git repo into a collection of interactive notebooks

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▼ Protein MD Setup tutorial using BioExcel Building Blocks (biobb)

Based on the official GROMACS tutorial: <http://www.mdtutorials.com/gmx/lysozyme/index.html>

This tutorial aims to illustrate the process of **setting up a simulation system** containing a protein, step by step, using the **BioExcel Building Blocks library (biobb)**. The particular example used is the **Lysozyme** protein (PDB code 1AKI, <https://doi.org/10.2211/pdb1AKI/pdb>).

Settings

Biobb modules used

- **biobb\_io**: Tools to fetch biomolecular data from public databases.
- **biobb\_model**: Tools to model macromolecular structures.
- **biobb\_gromacs**: Tools to setup and run Molecular Dynamics simulations.
- **biobb\_analysis**: Tools to analyse Molecular Dynamics trajectories.

Auxiliary libraries used

- **jupyter**: Free software, open standards, and web services for interactive computing across all programming languages.
- **nglview**: Jupyter/Python widget to interactively view molecular structures and trajectories in notebooks.
- **plotly**: Python interactive graphing library integrated in Jupyter notebooks.
- **simpletraj**: Lightweight coordinate-only trajectory reader based on code from GROMACS, MDAnalysis and VMD.

Conda Installation and Launch

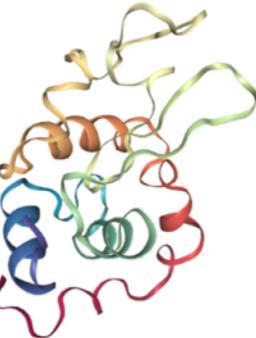
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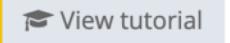
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 GROMACS PROTEIN MD SETUP 2024.1

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 WorkflowHub  Launch  Download

 View tutorial  Open

 Documentation

 Jupyter Lab \*  Google Colab  Galaxy 

 binder  
Google colab

(\*) MyBinder provides a **free**, online notebooks. **Please be patient** and do not refresh the page.

Count that the provided **resources** are **finite** and, in some occasions, it can take a long time to load or to execute your workflow at the same time.

# BioBB Demonstration Workflows

<https://mmb.irbbarcelona.org/biobb/workflows>



COMMON  
WORKFLOW  
LANGUAGE



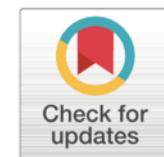
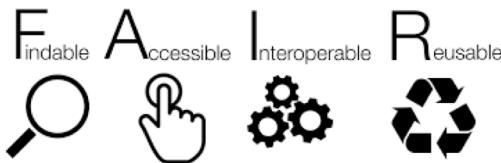
- **Showing the power of the BioBB library**
- **Transversal, generic**
- **Educational purposes (not for production usage)**



The screenshot shows the BioExcel Building Blocks library (BioBB) demonstration workflows website. The page is organized into a grid of 15 workflow cards. Each card includes a title, a brief description, a 3D molecular visualization, and download links for WorkflowHub, Launch, and MyBinder. The workflows are categorized as follows:

- GROMACS PROTEIN MD SETUP**
- AMBER CONSTANT PH MD SETUP**
- PROTEIN CONFORMATIONAL ENSEMBLES GENERATION**
- AUTOMATIC LIGAND PARAMETERIZATION**
- ABC MD SETUP**
- MACROMOLECULAR COARSE-GRAINED FLEXIBILITY**
- GROMACS PROTEIN-LIGAND COMPLEX MD SETUP** (highlighted with a red box)
- STRUCTURAL DNA HELICAL PARAMETERS**
- PROTEIN CONFORMATIONAL TRANSITIONS CALCULATIONS**
- MUTATION FREE ENERGY CALCULATIONS**
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- AMBER PROTEIN MD SETUP**

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#### EDUCATION

## Using interactive Jupyter Notebooks and BioConda for FAIR and reproducible biomolecular simulation workflows

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### Abstract

Interactive Jupyter Notebooks in combination with Conda environments can be used to generate FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Reusable/Reproducible) biomolecular simulation workflows. The interactive programming code accompanied by documentation and the possibility to inspect intermediate results with versatile graphical charts and data visualization is very helpful, especially in iterative processes, where parameters might be adjusted to a particular system of interest. This work presents a collection of FAIR notebooks covering various areas of the biomolecular simulation field, such as molecular dynamics (MD), protein–ligand docking, molecular checking/modeling, molecular interactions, and free energy perturbations. Workflows can be launched with myBinder or easily installed in a local system. The collection of notebooks aims to provide a compilation of demonstration workflows, and it is continuously updated and expanded with examples using new methodologies and tools.

# Biomolecular workflows using BioBB HPC Workflows

Enabling scalability

Making biomolecular  
simulation workflows  
exascale ready



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38,400 cores**

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```
de = "1AKI"
```

## Adding PDB structure

Adding PDB structure with the **protein molecule** from the RCSB PDB database. Alternatively, a **PDB file** can be used as starting structure.

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PDF via LaTeX (.pdf)  
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Python (.py)  
Reveal.js slides

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# Cre  
downl  
prop = {

```
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2023-09-07 11:51:21,982 [MainThread ] [INFO ] Executing biobb_io.api.pdb Version: 3.8.0
2023-09-07 11:51:21,982 [MainThread ] [INFO ] Downloading 1aki from: https://www.ebi.ac.uk/pdbe/entry-files/download/pdb1aki.ent
2023-09-07 11:51:22,339 [MainThread ] [INFO ] Writting pdb to: 1AKI.pdb
2023-09-07 11:51:22,339 [MainThread ] [INFO ] Filtering lines NOT starting with one of these words: ['ATOM', 'MODEL', 'ENDMDL']
2023-09-07 11:51:22,360 [MainThread ] [INFO ] Executing biobb_model.model.fix_side_chain Version: 3.8.0
2023-09-07 11:51:22,360 [MainThread ] [INFO ] check_structure -i 1AKI.pdb -o 1AKI_fixed.pdb --force_save fixside --fix ALL
2023-09-07 11:51:22,677 [MainThread ] [INFO ] Exit code 0
```

**biobb\_MDsetup\_tutorial.py**

# BioBB Workflows

## Command-Line Interface (CLI)

### Disadvantages:

- Graphical cells not showing.
- Losing interactivity

### Advantages:

- Gaining High Throughput (automation, repetition)

### Problem:

- Modify parameters for a certain step  
→ modify the Python script



python

## Workflow script

- **Building blocks**
- **Python code**
- **Loops / conditionals**
- **Global log**
- **Output folders hierarchy**

### *workflow.py*

```

31 global_log.info("step1_pdb: Download the initial Structure")
32 Pdb(**global_paths["step1_pdb"], properties=global_prop["step1_pdb"])
33
34 global_log.info("step2_fixsidechain: Modeling the missing heavy atoms in the structure side chains")
35 FixSideChain(**global_paths["step2_fixsidechain"], properties=global_prop["step2_fixsidechain"])
36
37 global_log.info("step3_pdb2gmx: Generate the topology")
38 Pdb2gmx(**global_paths["step3_pdb2gmx"], properties=global_prop["step3_pdb2gmx"])
39
40 global_log.info("step4_editconf: Create the solvent box")
41 Editconf(**global_paths["step4_editconf"], properties=global_prop["step4_editconf"])
42
43 global_log.info("step5_solvate: Fill the solvent box with water molecules")
44 Solvate(**global_paths["step5_solvate"], properties=global_prop["step5_solvate"])
45
46 global_log.info("step6_grompp_genion: Preprocess ion generation")
47 Grompp(**global_paths["step6_grompp_genion"], properties=global_prop["step6_grompp_genion"])
48
49 global_log.info("step7_genion: Ion generation")
50 Genion(**global_paths["step7_genion"], properties=global_prop["step7_genion"])
51
52 global_log.info("step8_grompp_min: Preprocess energy minimization")
53 Grompp(**global_paths["step8_grompp_min"], properties=global_prop["step8_grompp_min"])
54
55 global_log.info("step9_mdrun_min: Execute energy minimization")
56 Mdrun(**global_paths["step9_mdrun_min"], properties=global_prop["step9_mdrun_min"])
57
58 global_log.info("step10_energy_min: Compute potential energy during minimization")
59 GMXEnergy(**global_paths["step10_energy_min"], properties=global_prop["step10_energy_min"])

```



## Workflow parameters

- **Steps Inputs / Outputs**
- **Steps Dependencies**
- **Steps Properties**
- **Workflow inputs & parameters**



### *workflow.yaml*

```

1 # Example of a YAML configuration file for a BioExcel building blocks workflow
2
3 working_dir_path: md_tutorial      # Folder to write i/o files of the workflow steps
4 can_write_console_log: False       # Verbose writing of log information
5 restart: False                     # Skip steps already performed
6 remove_tmp: True
7
8 step1_pdb:
9   paths:
10     output_pdb_path: structure.pdb
11   properties:
12     pdb_code: 1aki
13
14 step2_fixsidechain:
15   paths:
16     input_pdb_path: dependency/step1_pdb/output_pdb_path
17     output_pdb_path: fixsidechain.pdb
18
19 step3_pdb2gmx:
20   paths:
21     input_pdb_path: dependency/step2_fixsidechain/output_pdb_path
22     output_gro_path: pdb2gmx.gro
23     output_top_zip_path: pdb2gmx_top.zip
24
25 step4_editconf:
26   paths:
27     input_gro_path: dependency/step3_pdb2gmx/output_gro_path
28     output_gro_path: editconf.gro
29
30 step5_solvate:
31   paths:
32     input_solute_gro_path: dependency/step4_editconf/output_gro_path
33     output_gro_path: solvate.gro
34     input_top_zip_path: dependency/step3_pdb2gmx/output_top_zip_path
35     output_top_zip_path: solvate_top.zip
36

```

```
24 # Loading the biobb configuration reader
25 conf = settings.ConfReader(sys.argv[1])
26
27 global_log, _ = fu.get_logs(path=conf.get_working_dir_path())
28 global_prop = conf.get_prop_dic(global_log=global_log)
29 global_paths = conf.get_paths_dic()
30
31 global_log.info("step1_pdb: Download the initial Structure")
32 Pdb(**global_paths["step1_pdb"], properties=global_prop["step1_pdb"])
33
34 global_log.info("step2_fixsidechain: Modeling the missing heavy atoms in the structure side chains")
35 FixSideChain(**global_paths["step2_fixsidechain"], properties=global_prop["step2_fixsidechain"])
36
37 for mutation in conf.properties['mutations_list']:
38
39     mut_paths = conf.get_paths_dic(mutation)
40     mut_prop = conf.get_prop_dic(mutation, global_log=global_log)
41
42     mut_paths['step3_mutate']['input_pdb_path'] = global_paths['step2_fixsidechain']['output_pdb_path']
43
44     global_log.info("step3_mutate: Modeling a particular residue mutation")
45     Mutate(**mut_paths["step3_mutate"], properties=mut_prop["step3_mutate"])
46
47     global_log.info("step4_pdb2gmx: Generate the topology")
48     Pdb2gmx(**mut_paths["step4_pdb2gmx"], properties=mut_prop["step4_pdb2gmx"])
49
```

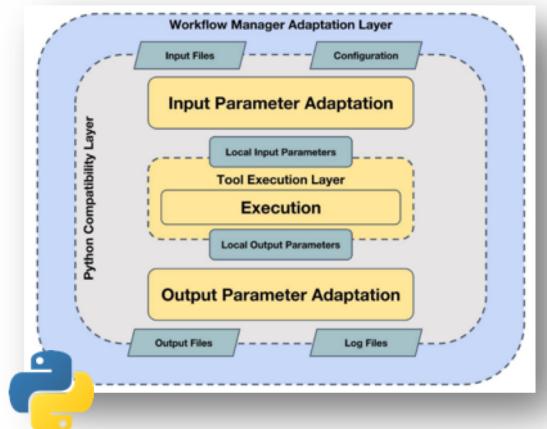


```
7
8     mutations_list: ["A:Arg5Ala", "A:Arg5Gly", "A:Arg5Lys"]
9
10    step1_pdb:
11        paths:
12            output_pdb_path: structure.pdb
13        properties:
14            pdb_code: 1aki
```



## More complex workflows:

- **Loops / conditionals**
  - **Output folders hierarchy**



```
(biobb_Protein-Complex_MDsetup_tutorial) Adams-MacBook-Pro:Yaml hospital$ ls
biobb_MDsetupTutorial-AlaScan.py    biobb_MDsetupTutorial-lite.yaml    biobb_MDsetupTutorial.py
biobb_MDsetupTutorial-AlaScan.yaml  biobb_MDsetupTutorial-mut.py    biobb_MDsetupTutorial.yaml
biobb_MDsetupTutorial-lite.py      biobb_MDsetupTutorial-mut.yaml  mdTutorial_mut
(biobb_Protein-Complex_MDsetup_tutorial) Adams-MacBook-Pro:Yaml hospital$ ls -lrht mdTutorial_mut/
total 64
-rw-r--r--  1 hospital  staff    0B Dec 11 22:43 log.err
drwxr-xr-x  5 hospital  staff  170B Dec 11 22:43 step2_fixsidechain
drwxr-xr-x  5 hospital  staff  170B Dec 11 22:43 step1_pdb
dr-xr-xr-x 24 hospital  staff  816B Dec 11 22:52 A:Arg5Ala
dr-xr-xr-x 24 hospital  staff  816B Dec 11 23:01 A:Arg5Gly
dr-xr-xr-x 24 hospital  staff  816B Dec 11 23:11 A:Arg5Lys
-rw-r--r--  1 hospital  staff   30K Dec 11 23:16 log.out
(biobb_Protein-Complex_MDsetup_tutorial) Adams-MacBook-Pro:Yaml hospital$ ls -rlht mdTutorial_mut/A\:Arg5Ala/
total 0
dr-xr-xr-x  5 hospital  staff  170B Dec 11 22:43 step5_editconf
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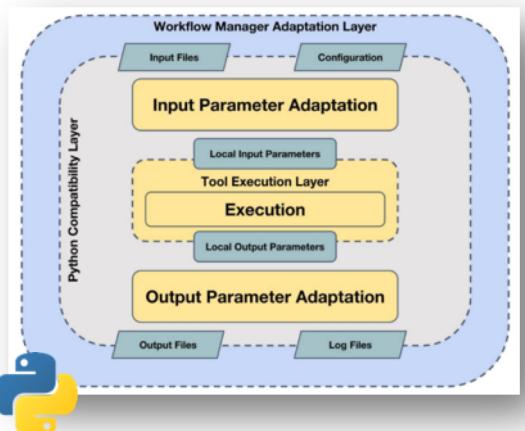
- Loops / conditionals
- Output folders hierarchy

# BioBB HPC Workflows

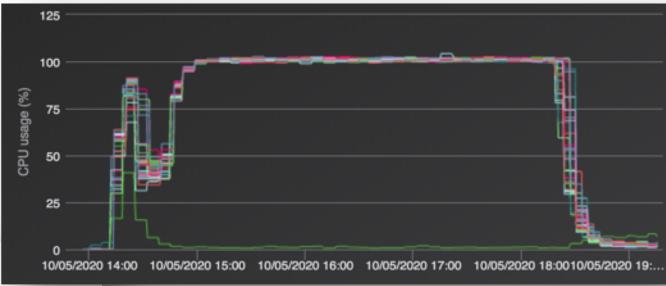
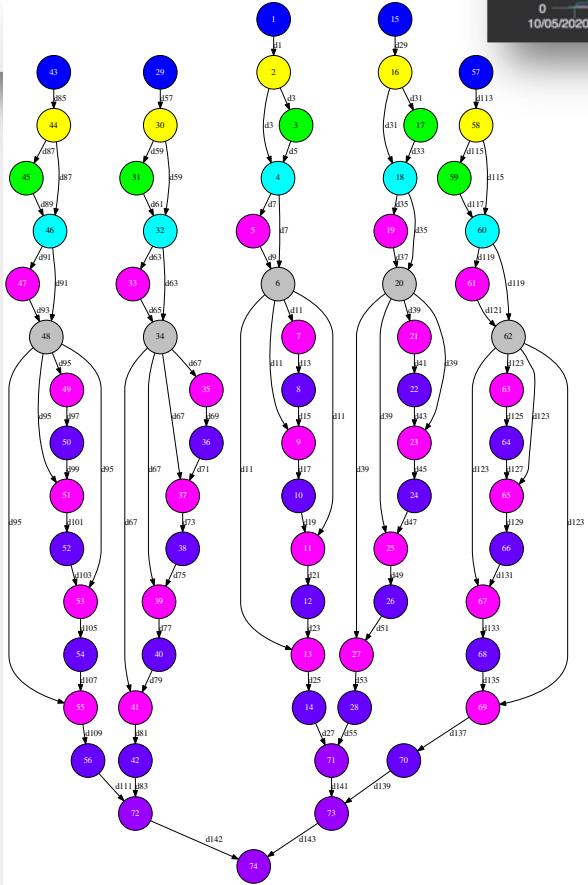
```
print 'step2: mmbuniprot -- Get mutations'
mmbuniprot = uniprot.MmbVariants(prop['pdb_code'])
mutations = mmbuniprot.fetch_variants()

for mut in mutations:
    mut_path = cdir(wd, mut)

    print 'step3: scw -- Model mutation'
    scw_path = cdir(mut_path, 'step3_scw')
    scw_pdb = opj(scw_path, prop['mutated_pdb'])
    scw = scwrl.Scwrl4(nmbpdb_pdb, scw_pdb, mut, scwrl_path=scwrl_path)
    scw_pdb2 = scw.launchPyCOMPSs()
```

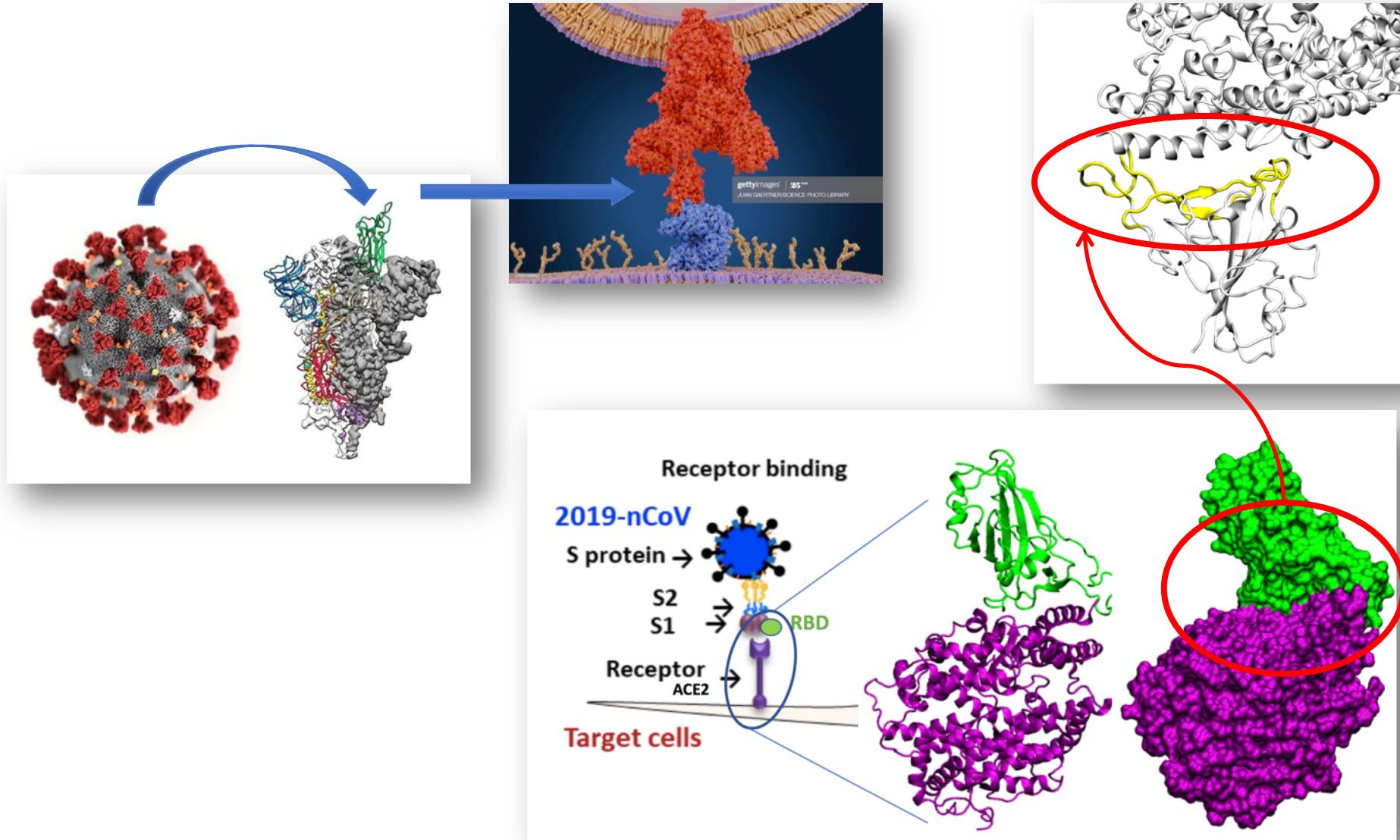


[https://github.com/bioexcel/biobb\\_adapters](https://github.com/bioexcel/biobb_adapters)



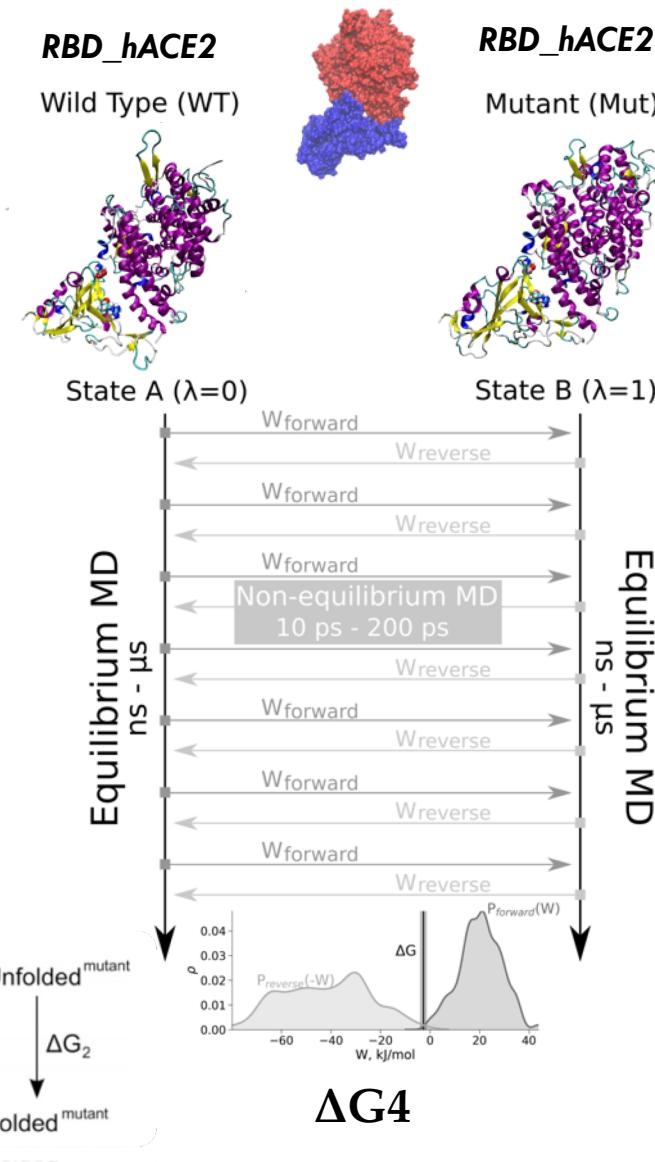
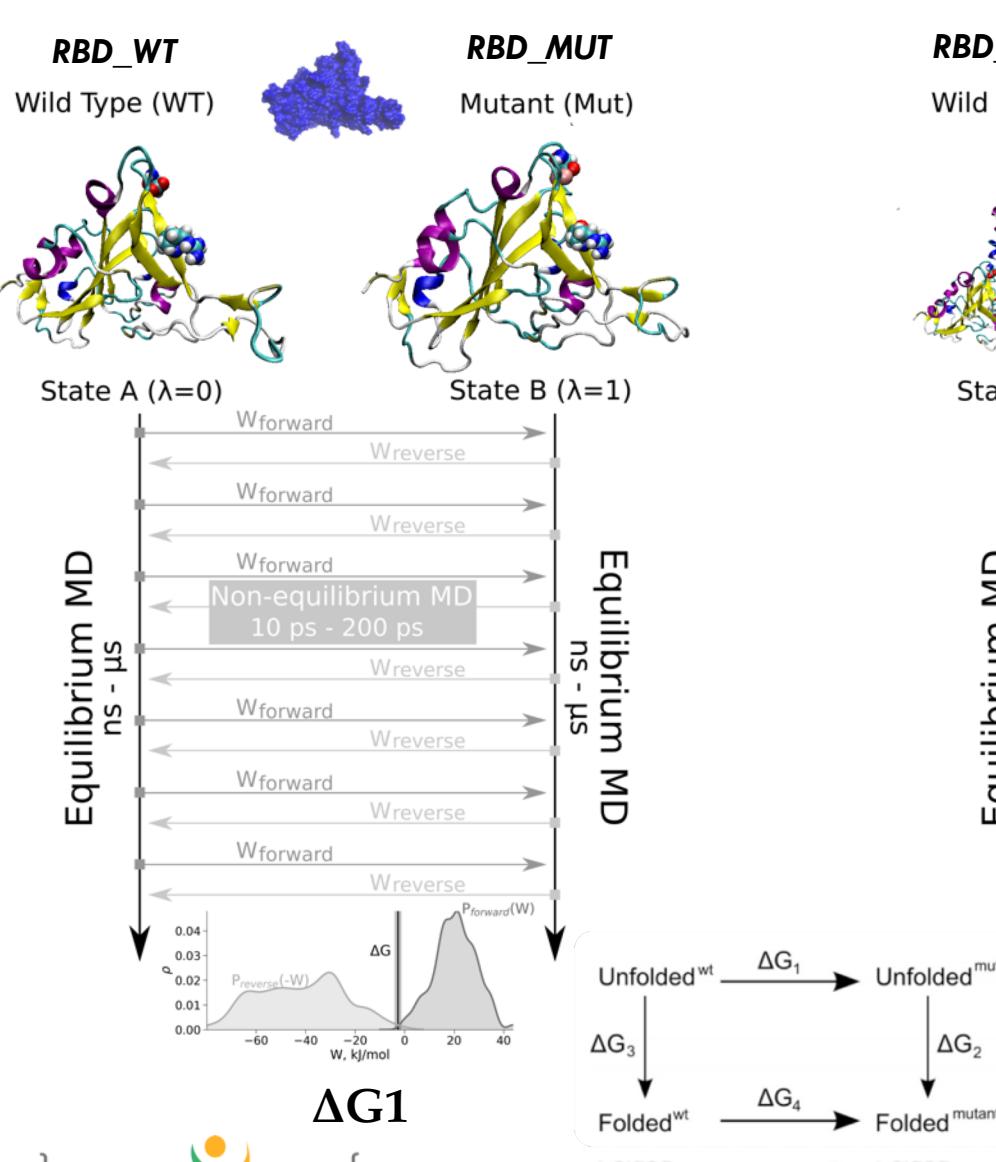
Example: pre-exascale COVID-19 BioBB workflows

# COVID-19: SARS-CoV-2 RBD & hACE2



# Alchemical free energy calculations of relative protein binding free energy difference

Alchemical free energy calculations  
of **relative protein**  
**binding free energy** difference:  
 $\Delta\Delta G = \Delta G4 - \Delta G1$



## **Molecular Dynamics simulation data**

- For each mutation:
    - MD Simulations  
(RBD + ACE2 + Complex)
    - Free energy calculations



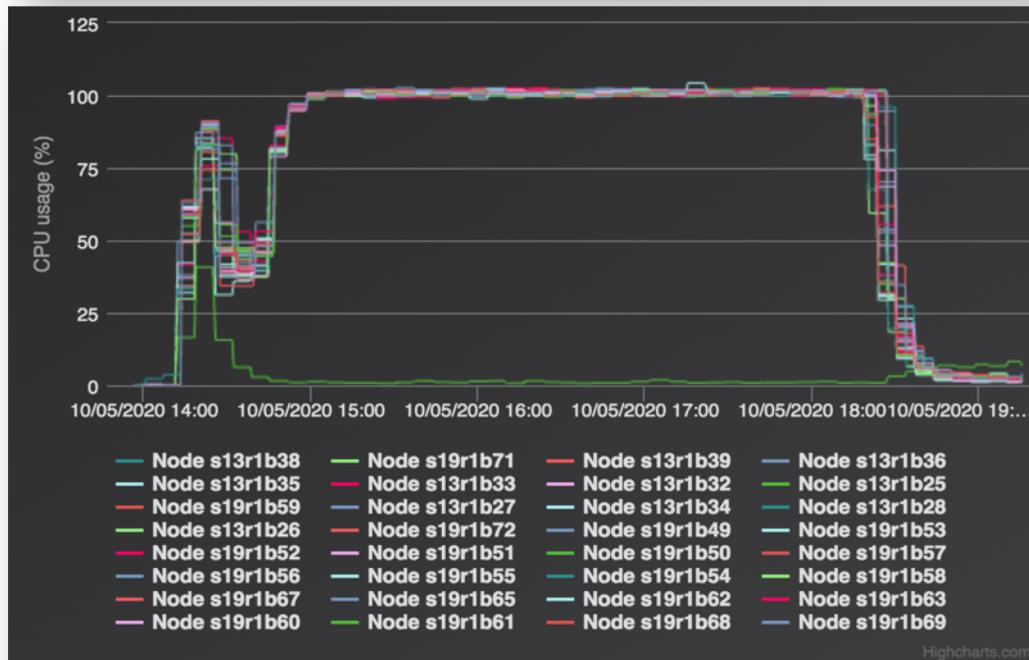
### **Impact of mutations in binding affinity**

- **Fast-growth Thermodynamic Integration**
  - **1000 independent short MD simulations**  
(500 forward + 500 reverse)
  - **GROMACS + pmx**
  - **Extremely parallelizable**

**GROMACS**  
FAST. FLEXIBLE. FREE.



pmx: generate hybrid protein structure and topology  
Computational Biomolecular Dynamics Group



### Molecular Dynamics simulation data

48 BSC MareNostrum nodes  
2,304 cores → 1 job

12 mutations  
10ns-length MDs  
GROMACS 4 nodes MPI

Time: 8h



### Impact of mutations in binding affinity

32 BSC MareNostrum nodes  
1,536 cores → 1 job

1 mutation (RBD-ACE2)  
1000 short TI MDs (50ps)  
500 forward  
+  
500 reverse

Time: 5h



# Pre-exascale HPC approaches for molecular dynamics simulations. Covid-19 research: A use case

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## High-Throughput Prediction of the Impact of Genetic Variability on Drug Sensitivity and Resistance Patterns for Clinically Relevant Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor Mutations from Atomistic Simulations

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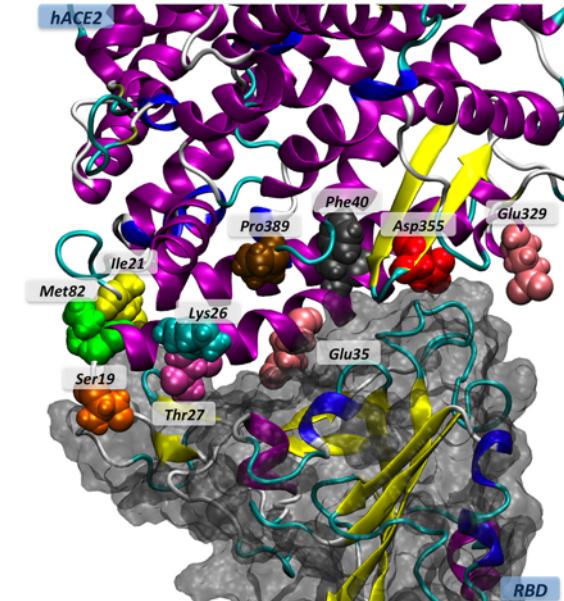
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Mutation	Frequency	SARS-CoV-2 RBD hACE2 $\Delta\Delta G$
Ser19Pro	0.000313	0.86
Ile21Val	0.000011	-0.65
Lys26Arg	0.003883	-1.12
Thr27Ala	0.000011	0.1
Glu35Lys	0.000016	4.25
Phe40Leu	0.000061	1.02
Met82Ile	0.000024	1.44
Glu329Gly	0.000034	0.36
Asp355Asn	0.000012	3.42
Pro389His	0.000038	1.36

Mutation	Drug	Eprof (pred)	PELE* (pred)	$\Delta\Delta G$ (binding FE/MD)	Exp. Impact <sup>A</sup>
L718Q	Osimertinib	R	-	18.7(0.8) R	Resistance <sup>1</sup>
G719S	Gefitinib	S	S	-5.5(0.9) S	Sensitive <sup>2</sup>
G719S	ICotinib	S	-	-0.9(0.8) <sup>#</sup> S	Sensitive <sup>2</sup>
G719S	Erlotinib	S	S	-1.1(0.3) S	Sensitive <sup>3</sup>
G719S	Lapatinib	S	S	-5.1(2.8) S	Sensitive <sup>4</sup>
L747S	Gefitinib	S	S	13.8(1.8) R	Resistance <sup>5</sup>
L747F	Osimertinib	S	-	4.4(1.2) R	Resistance <sup>6</sup>
L747H	Osimertinib	S	-	6.5(3.6) R	Resistance <sup>6</sup>
S768I	Gefitinib	S	R	-1.8(0.4) S	Sensitive <sup>7</sup>
V769M	Gefitinib	S	S	-7.7(2.2) S	Sensitive <sup>8</sup>
T790M	Gefitinib	S	S	15.5(0.9) R	Resistance <sup>9</sup>
T790M	Erlotinib	S	R	17.6(1.9) R	Resistance <sup>9</sup>
T790M	Lapatinib	S	R	19.3(0.9) R	Resistance <sup>10</sup>
T790M	Osimertinib	S	-	-0.5(2.1) S	Sensitive <sup>11</sup>
T790M	ICotinib	S	-	11.5(0.6) R	Resistance <sup>12</sup>
L792F	Osimertinib	S	-	4.2(1.0) R	Resistance <sup>13</sup>
L792H	Osimertinib	R	-	8.8(0.1) R	Resistance <sup>13</sup>
G796S	Osimertinib	S	-	4.8(0.4) R	Resistance <sup>14</sup>
C797G <sup>&amp;</sup>	Osimertinib	R	R	Resistance	Resistance <sup>15</sup>
C797S <sup>&amp;</sup>	Osimertinib	R	R	Resistance	Resistance <sup>16</sup>
L833V	Gefitinib	S	S	-5.7(1.4) S	Sensitive <sup>17</sup>
H835L	Gefitinib	S	S	-7.5(1.3) <sup>#</sup> S	Sensitive <sup>17</sup>
L838V	Gefitinib	S	S	-6.3(3.1) S	Sensitive <sup>18</sup>
T854A	Gefitinib	R	S	13.2(1.1) R	Resistance <sup>5</sup>
L861Q	Gefitinib	S	S	-5.4(0.7) <sup>#</sup> S	Sensitive <sup>19</sup>
T790M/C797S	Erlotinib	R	R	6.2(2.4) R	Resistance <sup>20</sup>

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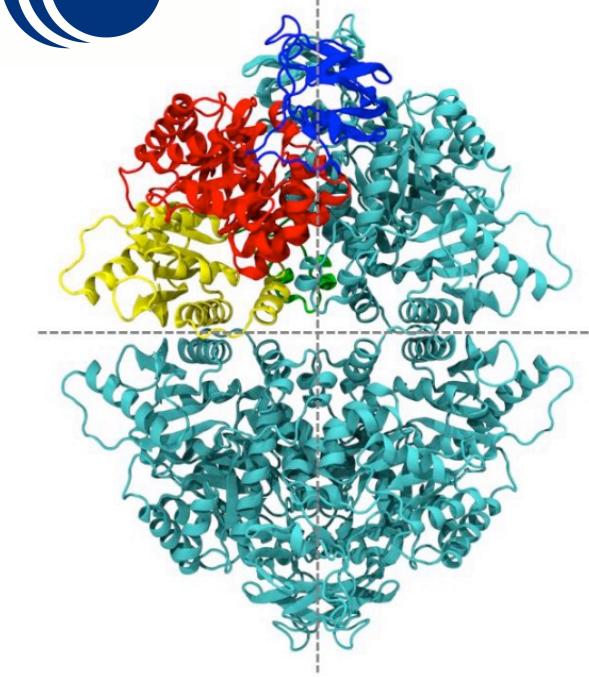
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# EuroHPC Supercomputers

- [Lumi: CSC – IT Center for Science \(Finland\)](#)  
Peak performance: 550 petaflops
- [Leonardo: CINECA \(Italy\)](#)  
Peak performance: 323,40 petaflops
- [Marenostrum5:Barcelona Supercomputing Center \(Spain\)](#)  
Peak performance: 314 petaflops
- [Vega: IZUM \(Slovenia\)](#)  
Peak performance: 10,05 petaflops
- [Meluxina: LuxProvide \(Luxemburg\)](#)  
Peak performance: 18,29 petaflops
- [Karolina:IT4Innovations \(Czech Rep.\)](#)  
Peak performance: 15,69 petaflops
- [Discoverer: Sofia Tech Park \(Bulgaria\)](#)  
Peak performance: 5,94 petaflops
- [Deucalion: MACC \(Portugal\)](#)  
Peak performance: 10 petaflops





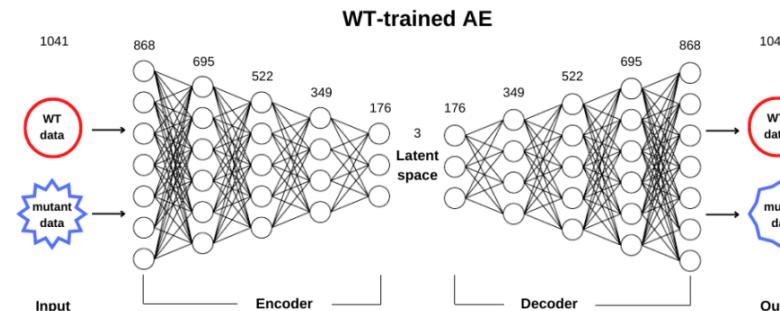
Simulation based on WT PK (2VGB)  
400ns for Apo WT and selected variants

WT trajectory

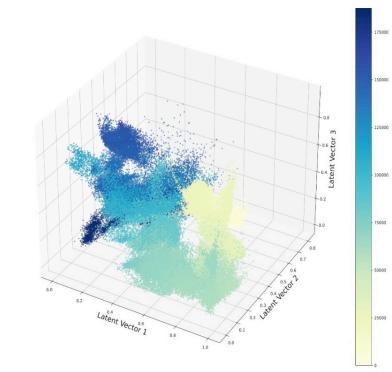
Trained WT  
Autoencoder

Variant trajectory

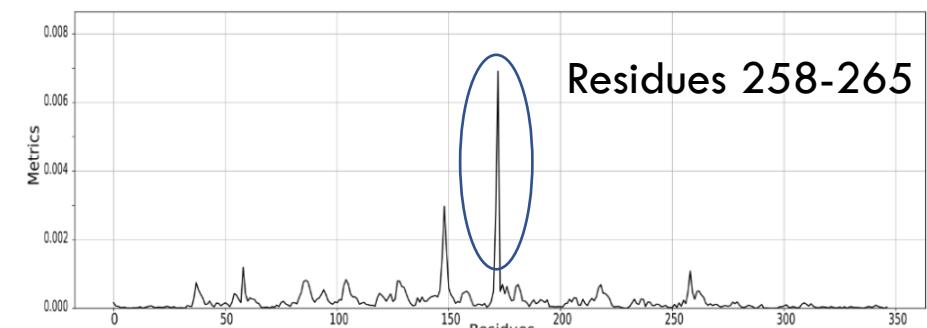
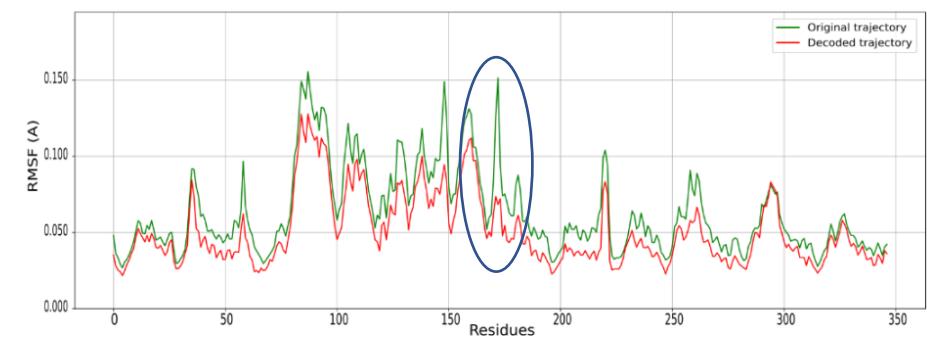
Decoded variant  
trajectory



Autoassociative Neural Network trained on  
WT simulation



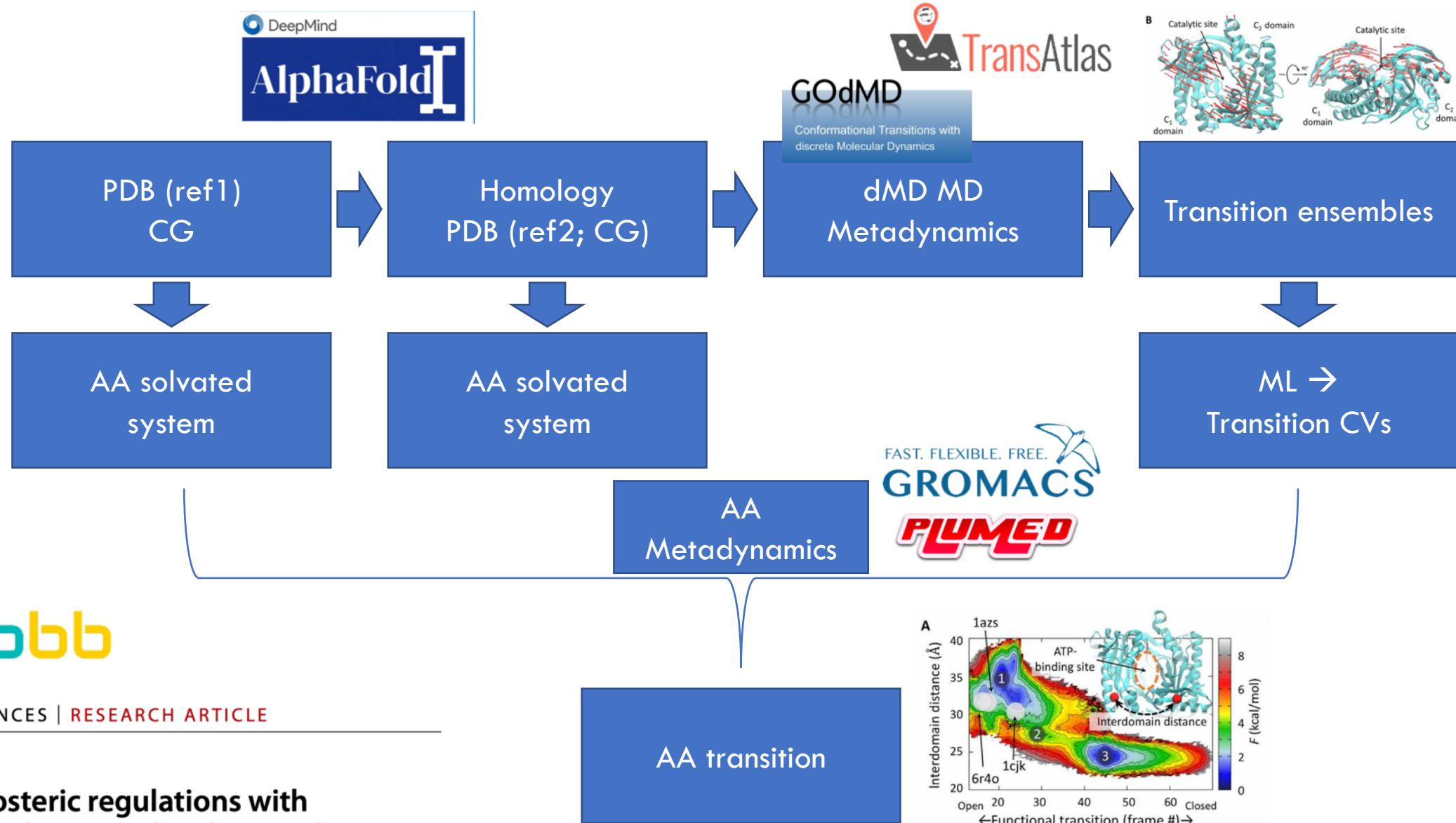
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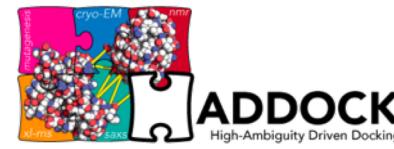
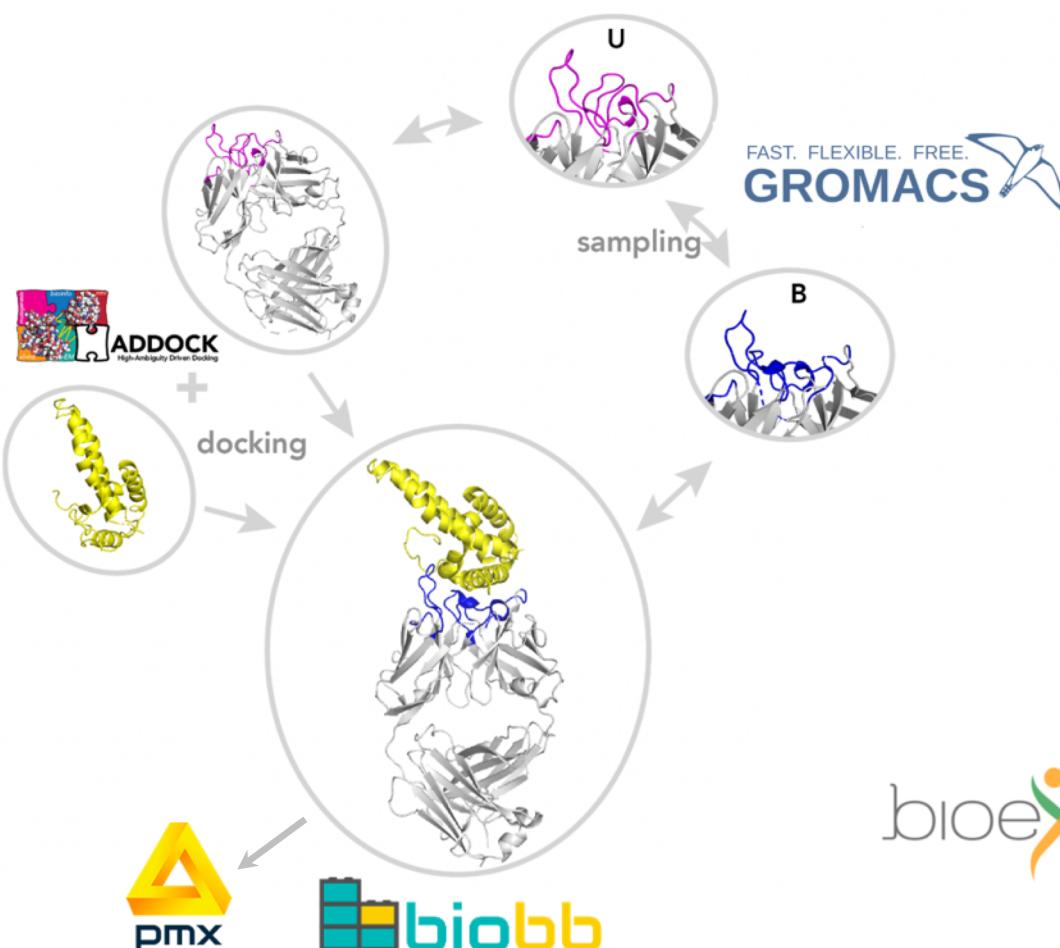


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Altered Dynamics on Gly332Ser variant revealed by  $\Delta$ RMSf on decoded trajectories





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# Summary

- **BioExcel Building Blocks** software library offers a new layer of interoperability on biomolecular software tools.
- **Biomolecular workflows**, portable and reproducible, can be easily built using the library.
- The additional **workflow manager compatibility layer** allows **workflows** built with the library to be launched and controlled with **different frameworks** and in **different infrastructures**:
  - **Demonstration** workflows (Jupyter Notebooks)
  - **Pre-exascale HPC** workflows (PyCOMPSs)

## BioBB offers:

- ✓ **Tools**  
**Interoperability:**  
**workflows easy to build**
- ✓ **Workflows**  
**reproducibility and portability**

## BioBB is NOT magic:

- ❖ You still need to know about the tool wrapped
- ❖ You still need to build your own workflows

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