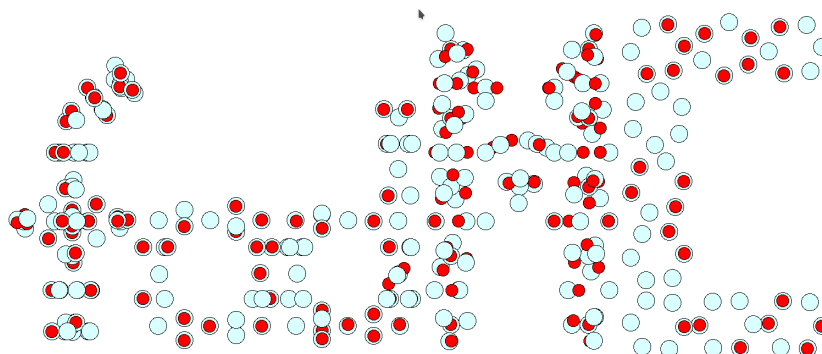


# Fermi-orbital descriptor Monte-Carlo - fodMC

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## 1 General idea

It can be shown that Fermi-orbital descriptors (FODs) in the Fermi-Löwdin orbital self-interaction correction (FLO-SIC) method tend to arrange in symmetric patterns for atoms and molecules, considering different subshells. Accordingly, distributing points on spheres as far away from each other as possible (treating each point as a point charge interacting via Coulomb repulsion) might yield reasonable FOD starting points. One can imagine two different species of points ( $\uparrow$ ,  $\downarrow$ ) to be treated (mainly) independently. Thus, the problem of FOD generation 'reduces' to an even distribution of points on spheres. This general idea has been employed using a Monte-Carlo (MC) algorithm to distribute points on spheres, which is mainly used for the core FODs. For the valence, a differentiation between bond and lone FODs is being made. This can be done in a rather deterministic fashion using the atomic coordinates as input. More details are given below.

The even distribution of points on a sphere can be very difficult once the number of points increases and symmetry between the points is either not obvious or not present. Accordingly, finding an analytic solution to any number of points on a sphere is a challenging problem. Thus, it would be desirable to describe the distribution of points by a quantity which can be described analytically (or very well numerically). Here, the Coulomb repulsion between all points was minimized assuming the points to be point charges. It should be considered

that the distance is taken within three-dimensional euclidean space, and not as distances on the surface of the sphere. With that, the quantity to minimize is  $f_r$  given by

$$f_r = \min \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j \neq i}^N \frac{1}{r_{ij}} \right), \quad (1)$$

where each distance is evaluated like

$$r_{ij} = \sqrt{(x_i - x_j)^2 + (y_i - y_j)^2 + (z_i - z_j)^2} \quad (2)$$

with  $x, y, z$  being the coordinates of points  $i$  and  $j$ .

## 2 Outline of Monte-Carlo simulation

To obtain the  $f_r$ , a Monte-Carlo (MC) simulation has been employed (written in FORTRAN, called `fodMC`). An example input will be provided later. Here, the basic concept for the distribution of points on a sphere will be briefly explained. First, the radii of the spheres  $r_k$ , the number of points on these spheres  $N_k$ , the number of MC steps  $n$  and the step size  $a_{\text{step}}$  are provided as input. Thus, everything is done in spherical coordinates  $(r, \theta, \phi)$ . All  $N_k$  positions are initialized at  $(r_k, 0.0, 0.0)$ , which represent the configuration with the largest possible Coulomb repulsion ( $1/r = \infty$ , global maximum). This was done to allow the MC to minimize the Coulomb repulsion without initializing the positions in some unfavourable configuration (local minimum). Furthermore, by using the same initial starting positions the MC can be run several times to ensure consistent result when starting from the global maximum. After the initialization, the actual MC steps are carried out. For each position, two random numbers `rand1` and `rand2` are generated in the interval of  $[0,1]$ . These serve in the construction of a new position of point  $i$  ( $i \in N_k$ ) at step  $n$  according to the ideas of a Metropolis algorithm

$$\theta_{i,n} = \theta_{i,n-1} + (2 \cdot \text{rand}_1 - 1) \cdot \pi \cdot a_{\text{step}} \quad (3)$$

$$\phi_{i,n} = \phi_{i,n-1} + (2 \cdot \text{rand}_2 - 1) \cdot 2\pi \cdot a_{\text{step}} \quad (4)$$

$$x_{i,n} = r \cdot \sin(\theta_{i,n}) \cdot \cos(\phi_{i,n}) \quad (5)$$

$$y_{i,n} = r \cdot \sin(\theta_{i,n}) \cdot \sin(\phi_{i,n}) \quad (6)$$

$$z_{i,n} = r \cdot \cos(\theta_{i,n}). \quad (7)$$

After all positions have been moved, the Coulomb repulsion according to equations (1) and (2) is evaluated. If  $f_r^n < f_r^{n-1}$ , the new positions are taken into

the next MC step. If not, the old positions are taken again. The entire approach is summarized in figure 1.

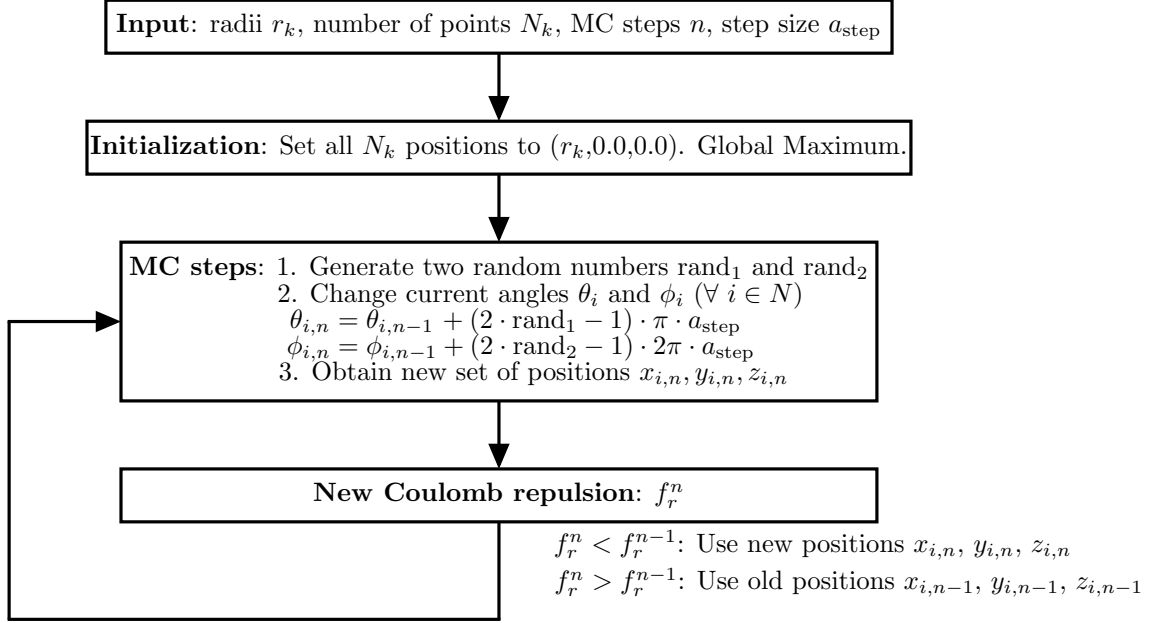


Figure 1: Monte-Carlo approach to evaluate the distribution of  $N = \sum_k N_k$  points on multiple spheres according to a minimization of the Coulomb repulsion of all points.

The step size is currently fixed to 0.001, which provides resonable results. The number of MC steps is defined by the number of electrons/FODs in the system. This number is multiplied by 1000 to get the number of steps. The minimum is set to 5000 and the maximum is set to 50000 to avoid insufficient or too many steps.

### 3 Further steps

The procedure in figure 1 is a simplified version of the actual algorithm. Some further steps were implemented to give more resonable results. These steps are summarized in the following.

- **Spin** There is a strict differentiation between spin up ( $\uparrow$ ) and spin down ( $\downarrow$ ) points. This allows the treatment of spin-polarized systems and generally gives a more reasonable picture of the FODs in space. In addition, for atoms the  $\uparrow$  and  $\downarrow$  points are rotated against each other (after being individually optimized) to formally decrease their Coulomb repulsion (rotations are again based on MC). This leads to inverted tetrahedra of  $\uparrow$  and  $\downarrow$  in e.g. Ne.
- **Molecules** For molecules, the formation of bonds and lone pairs is essential. To form bonds, the center between atoms is taken as a starting point. The number of bond FODs are distributed either at this center (single bond) or are initialized perpendicular to the bond axis (multiple bonds). This is in clear analogy to the procedure described by Luken [1]. For the latter, MC steps are carried out to distribute the number of bond FODs equally around the bond axis (via rotations). For lone FODs, a similar ansatz is used. First, the vectors describing all bonds to a given atom are added up to obtain one resulting 'bond' vector. In the opposite direction of this vector, the lone FODs have to reside. Thus, taking this vector one can define a point away from all bonds for a given atom at which the lone FODs are initialized. For multiple lone FODs, essentially the same procedure as for bond FODs is carried out. This gives an easy and intuitive formation of bonds and lone pairs.

In addition, there is the possibility to form e.g. 2-center-5-electron bonds by specifying the number of  $\uparrow$  and  $\downarrow$ -FODs (which contribute for a given bond) individually. This is in line to the double-quartett theory proposed by Linnett [2].

The more lone FODs there are for an atom, the closer they are generated to that atom. This gives a better description of the lone FODs in general.

- **Separate core and valence** The procedure mentioned above only deals with the valence FODs. The core FODs are introduced afterwards by symmetrically placing the core FODs on their respective spheres and optimize them with respect to the valence FODs, i.e. they minimize the  $1/r$  globally. This gives somewhat resonable core FODs even for larger cores.

**ATTENTION:** A visual inspection of the generated guesses is essential!

## 4 Detailed description of further steps

- **Determination of lone FODs**

In molecules, lone FODs per atom are determined by using the core charge  $Q_c$  (number of core electrons), the nuclear charge  $Z$  and the number of bonds  $N_{\text{bond}}$  for a specific atom. There are two assumptions. First, the atom is assumed to be charge neutral. With that, one needs to add as many FODs as necessary to neutralize its core charge. Second, it is assumed that half of all bond FODs come from the atom under investigation. Accordingly, if

$$Z - Q_c - \frac{1}{2}N_{\text{bond}} > 0, \quad (8)$$

there are FODs to be added to this atoms to make it charge neutral. The number of lone FODs per spin channel  $N_{\text{lone}}^\sigma$  is given as

$$N_{\text{lone}}^\uparrow = \left\lceil \frac{Z - Q_c - \frac{1}{2}N_{\text{bond}}}{2} \right\rceil \quad (9)$$

$$N_{\text{lone}}^\downarrow = \left\lfloor \frac{Z - Q_c - \frac{1}{2}N_{\text{bond}}}{2} \right\rfloor \quad (10)$$

Thus, both spin channels get the same number of lone FODs if  $N_{\text{lone}}^\sigma$  is an integer. If not, the up channel will get one more FOD than the down channel.

- **Check for planarity or linearity**

Whether an atom is in a planar or linear environment is crucial for setting up lone FODs, because the lone FODs need to be out-of-plane or out-of-axis. However, the standard algorithm for lone FODs does not do that (see starting points for lone FODs). With that, there is a check whether an atom is in a planar or linear environment.

**Planarity** If an atoms has more than one bonding partner, all  $N_b$  bond vectors of this atom (at position  $\mathbf{r}_i$ ) to its bonding partners (at  $\mathbf{r}_j$ ) are stored in a matrix  $\mathbf{B}$

$$\mathbf{B}_j = \mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j. \quad (11)$$

Afterwards, the cross product of all pairs  $a, b$  of bond vectors (with a total number of pairs  $m = (N_b \cdot (N_b - 1)/2)$ ) is computed, obtaining a set of

perpendicular vectors  $\mathbf{C}$

$$\mathbf{C}_m = \mathbf{B}_a \times \mathbf{B}_b. \quad (12)$$

Now, the dot product between these perpendicular vectors is computed to obtain the cosine of the angle  $\alpha$  between pairs of vectors

$$\cos(\alpha_{st}) = \frac{\mathbf{C}_s \cdot \mathbf{C}_t}{|\mathbf{C}_s| \cdot |\mathbf{C}_t|} \quad s, t \in m. \quad (13)$$

If all the perpendicular vectors are aligned, i.e. their angles are either  $0^\circ$  or  $180^\circ$  or, in other words, their cosine are either  $-1$  or  $1$ , the atomic environment is planar. To clarify, if

$$\text{abs}(\cos(\alpha_{st})) > 0.98 \quad \forall \quad s, t \in m, \quad (14)$$

the atom is in a planar environment. The 0.98 is used instead of the exact value of 1 to account for minor numerical inaccuracies and for the fact that molecular geometries might not be perfectly planar.

**Linearity** If an atom has exactly two bonding partners and the dot product of the two bond vectors gives an angle of either  $0^\circ$  or  $180^\circ$ , the atom is in a linear environment.

- Starting points for bond FODs

To obtain bond FODs, the centers  $\mathbf{c}_{ij}$  between atoms at  $\mathbf{r}_i$  and  $\mathbf{r}_j$  are taken as a starting point

$$\mathbf{c}_{ij} = \frac{\mathbf{r}_i + \mathbf{r}_j}{2}. \quad (15)$$

For a single bond, the corresponding FOD is placed at this center. The exception are bonds containing H atoms. There, the bond FOD is placed at 85 % of the bond axis towards the H atom.

In case of multiple bond FODs, the distance to the closest bonded atom is evaluated

$$d_{ij} = \min \left( \sqrt{\sum_a^{x,y,z} (r_{i,a} - r_{j,a})^2} \right). \quad (16)$$

Half of this distance, i.e.  $d'_{ij} = d_{ij}/2$ , is used to set-up multiple bonds as explained further below. For bonds involving H atoms,  $d'_{ij} = d_{ij}$ <sup>1</sup>. The starting point for all FODs  $\mathbf{c}'_{ij}$  is derived using the center of the bond and an additional, normalized vector  $\mathbf{p}$  that is perpendicular to the bond axis

$$\mathbf{c}'_{ij} = \mathbf{c}_{ij} + \mathbf{p} \cdot d'_{ij} \cdot s, \quad (17)$$

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<sup>1</sup>As a note, this is already done in the very beginning of the code and not the point where the bond FODs are actually initialized. It is just described here for convenience.

where  $s = 0.6$  is a free parameter used to bring the FODs a little closer to the bond axis. After initializing all FODs at this point, they are rotated around the bond axis to reduce their mutual  $f_r$  (using MC steps).

If the number of up and down FODs in the bond is the same, they will be paired. If not, the FODs in the spin channels are optimized individually. This allows the formation of e.g. 2 center - 5 electron bonds.

- Starting points for lone FODs

The initialization of lone FODs is similar to that of bond FODs. The idea for the starting points is to take the chemical environment of the atom into account. Summing up all vectors which describe a bond to an atom at  $\mathbf{r}_i$  gives an overall bond vector  $\mathbf{b}_{\text{tot}}$

$$\mathbf{b}_{\text{tot}} = \sum_j \mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j \quad \forall \quad j \in \mathbf{B}_j \text{ (see equation 11).} \quad (18)$$

The lone FODs will reside in the opposite direction of  $\mathbf{b}_{\text{tot}}$ . Using the total number of lone FODs  $N_{\text{lone}} = N_{\text{lone}}^{\uparrow} + N_{\text{lone}}^{\downarrow}$ , the starting point for single lone FODs is given as

$$\mathbf{c}_{ij} = \mathbf{r}_i + \frac{1}{N_{\text{lone}}/2} \cdot (-\mathbf{b}_{\text{tot}}) \cdot d'_{ij}. \quad (19)$$

In case of multiple lone FODs, the same procedure as explained for the bond FODs is carried out.

If the atom under consideration is in a planar or linear environment, the lone FODs will be initialized perpendicular to the molecular plane or the molecular axis, respectively. Using the position of the atom, the starting point is

$$\mathbf{c}_{ij} = \mathbf{r}_i + \frac{1}{N_{\text{lone}}/2} \cdot \mathbf{p} \cdot d'_{ij}, \quad (20)$$

where  $\mathbf{p}$  is now perpendicular to  $\mathbf{b}_{\text{tot}}$ .

- Conversion from cartesian to fractional coordinates and back

For periodic structures, this conversion becomes important. Given a cartesian coordinate  $\mathbf{r}_{\text{cart}} = (x, y, z)^T$  of any atom/FOD in a unit cell described by the vectors  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$ ,  $\mathbf{c}$ , getting to the fractional coordinates is rather straightforward. One can define a matrix containing the unit cell vectors as

$$\mathbf{A}_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} a_x & a_y & a_z \\ b_x & b_y & b_z \\ c_x & c_y & c_z \end{pmatrix}.$$

To obtain the fractional coordinates from the cartesian ones, one can use

$$\mathbf{r}_{\text{frac}} = \mathbf{r}_{\text{cart}} \cdot \mathbf{A}_{ij}^{-1}, \quad (21)$$

where  $\mathbf{A}_{ij}^{-1}$  is the inverse of the introduced matrix. This inverse matrix can be written as

$$\mathbf{A}_{ij}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(\mathbf{A}_{ij})} \begin{pmatrix} b_y c_z - b_z c_y & a_z c_y - a_y c_z & a_y b_z - a_z b_y \\ b_z c_x - b_x c_z & a_x c_z - a_z c_x & a_z b_x - a_x b_z \\ b_x c_y - b_y c_x & a_y c_x - a_x c_y & a_x b_y - a_y b_x \end{pmatrix}.$$

Here, the determinant of the matrix  $\mathbf{A}_{ij}$  is

$$\det(\mathbf{A}_{ij}) = a_x b_y c_z + a_z b_x c_y + a_y b_z c_x - a_z b_y c_x - a_x b_z c_y - a_y b_x c_z. \quad (22)$$

This formalism can be used for any unit cell. To transfer the fractional coordinates to the cartesian ones, one can simply invert the process by

$$\mathbf{r}_{\text{cart}} = \mathbf{r}_{\text{frac}} \cdot \mathbf{A}_{ij}. \quad (23)$$



## 5 Compilation

The provided folder structure is

- doc: Contains this document
- src: Contains the source code
- examples: Contains a number of examples. Run the code here

To compile the code, go into the src folder and run

```
bash compile.sh
```

to generate an executable with name fodMC. Afterwards, go to the examples folders, change the header of run.sh to include the correct path to your executable

```
export fodmc=[PATH TO THE FOLDER OF YOUR EXECUTABLE]$fodmc
```

Once the `system` file is set up, simply execute the program by

```
bash run.sh
```

## 6 Current status/version

The current status of the fodMC script is

- Atomic guesses are generated automatically. An example input is given under 'Example input'. There is no further input required.
- The molecular guess generation is not fully automatized. Input is needed for the number of bonds. See 'Inputs/Outputs' for an example.
- Single bonds are placed automatically. Lone FODs for charge neutral systems are placed automatically as well.
- Periodic boundary conditions are implemented
- Added a 'fix1s' option, allowing to place all 1s FODs at the atomic positions

**!! ATTENTION !!** The fodMC has the advantage of its speed (only seconds up to a few minutes to generate guesses for molecules). However, the guesses have to be carefully inspected by the user to make sure that the guesses make sense! It is based on random numbers after all. Thus, whenever you generate a guess you should always have a look at the resulting FOD geometry.

## 7 Inputs/Outputs

There are two input files: **system** and **xx\_database.xx**. The file **system** contains all the information about the system for which FODs shall be generated (see Examples). The second file **xx\_database.xx** contains the radii and number of FODs for all shells of all atoms. It is used to generate the atomic guesses as well as the core guesses in molecules automatically. Feel free to modify the parameters if you know what you are doing.

Three output files are generated: **CLUSTER**, **FRMORB** and **Nuc\_FOD.xyz** (in periodic cases, an additional file called **Nuc\_FOD.cif** is generated while in the case of the distribution of points on a sphere, the file **points\_on\_sphere.xyz** will be the only output file). The first two are standard input files for NRLMOL and can be used as given (they are always generated in Bohr). The file **Nuc\_FOD.xyz** contains the FOD geometry as well as the molecular geometry (in Å) and can be used as an input for PyFLOSIC. It is a simple xyz-file and can be visualized with a number of viewers (e.g. Xcrysden, ASE-gui, VMD, etc.). Please always review the generated guess before using it. In the last file, atoms are represented by their respective symbols in the periodic table,  $\uparrow$ -FODs are given as X (ghost) atoms and  $\downarrow$ -FODs are given by He atoms.

**Example: Points on a sphere** As the basis of the fdoMC is a distribution of points on a sphere, one can use the fodMC to do just that. For that, two steps have to be taken. First, in your `system` file you will need an entry like

```
1 points on sphere
bohr
POS 0.0 0.0 0.0
```

The symbol 'POS' will tell the code that points on a sphere shall be distributed. The second step is to modify the corresponding entry in the `xx_database_xx`

```
#####
# DISTRIBUTION OF POINTS ON A SPHERE # CAN BE ADJUSTED BY THE USER
#####
POS      1  0  0      0.000      points-on-sphere
1 1
1.889726878      10
1.889726878      0
```

Here, the second to last line corresponds to the radius and the number of UP-points while in the last line, the respective numbers for DN-points are given. The radius is given in Bohr. Upon executing the fodMC, the code will ask for the number of MC steps and the step size to be used (as an example, here we use 100000 MC steps and a step size of 0.001)

```
!!! POINTS ON A SPHERE WITH          10  UP and          0  DN

How many Monte-Carlo steps?
100000
What step-size?
0.001
```

**Example: Atoms** As already mentioned, the atomic FOD guess creation is automatized. The script will recognize to generate an atomic guess if the number of atoms equals 1. Below, an example input for the generation of a sodium guess is given. Each line will be explained below.

```
1 sodium atom
bohr
Na 0.0 0.0 0.0
```

The first line specifies the number of atoms in the system (here: 1). Only this number is read by the code, while everything after it is considered as a comment and will be ignored. The second line defines which units shall be used (**bohr** or **angstrom**). The next line specifies the element (here: Na) and the coordinates of this element (here: origin). The element needs to be specified as given in the **xx\_database\_xx**, thus always use the proper element description (first letter is always a capital letter). For transition metals (3d), the corresponding electronic configuration needs to be given, e.g. **Cu\_4s1** or **Cu\_4s2**.

All atoms are generated spin-unrestricted, even formally closed-shell systems like Ne. One can make them strictly closed-shell by deleting the second set of FODs (This is not recommended!).

**Example: Molecules** For molecules, the input becomes a little more complicated, because the bond pattern needs to be specified. An example is given below for SO<sub>2</sub>.

```
3 S02
bohr fix1s
S 0.00000 0.00000 0.6863
O 0.00000 2.34250 -0.6863
O 0.00000 -2.34250 -0.6863
bonds: (centerA-centerB)-(FODS_UP-FODS_DN), lone: centerA-(FODS_UP-FODS_DN)
(1-2)-(2-2) (1-3)-(2-2)
```

The first line specifies the number of atoms  $N_{\text{atoms}}$ , just like in the atomic case. The second line defines the units to be used, and the keyword 'fix1s' places all 1s FODs at the atomic positions. The next lines specifies the  $N_{\text{atoms}}$  lines for each element with its respective coordinates (here in bohr). The format is the same as a simple xyz-file. Next is another comment line, below which is the bond pattern and the number of UP and DN lone FODs. In this example, the sulphur forms a double bond with the first oxygen (1-2)-(2-2) and another double bond with the second oxygen (i.e. the third atom and accordingly (1-3)-(2-2)). The lone FODs (i.e. one lone pair on S and two lone pairs on each O) are formed automatically. To summarize the input structure

(atom<sub>*i*</sub>-atom<sub>*j*</sub>)-(FOD<sub>UP</sub>-FOD<sub>DN</sub>)  $\forall$  bonds between *i* and *j*  
 atom<sub>*i*</sub>-(loneFOD<sub>UP</sub>-loneFOD<sub>DN</sub>)  $\forall$  lone FODs on atom *i*

Only bonds which differ from single bonds need to be specified. Single bonds are initialized automatically. This initial setting can be overwritten as explained above. Lone FODs only need to be explicitly specified when the number of lone FODs differs from what the fodMC generates. Otherwise, lone FODs are placed automatically. One only specifies the bond partners as well as the numbers of UP and DN FODs in that bond. With that, any bond pattern can be initialized. There can be more than one input line for the bond pattern. It has to be made sure that the entries of such lines start with a '(' . Any other line is interpreted as input for lone FODs. The output on the screen is

```
!!! MOLECULAR GUESS WILL BE CREATED FOR      S02
charge = 0.000   spin = 0.000   Point charge dipole -0.00049 0.00020  7.95483
Total CPU time was  0.93999999999999995      s
```

summarizing the simulation details, giving information about the generated guess (charge, spin, point charge dipole, time).

In addition, the Nuc\_FOD.xyz file in this case looks like

```

35
angstrom
S      0.00000000    0.00000000    0.36317418
O      0.00000000    1.23959715   -0.36317418
O      0.00000000   -1.23959715   -0.36317418
X      0.00000000    0.00000000    0.36317418
X      0.10238254    0.20068809    0.45946277
X      0.03250295    0.00017626    0.12033079
X     -0.23979936   -0.00128613    0.41341362
X      0.10483779   -0.19947199    0.45934774
X     -0.42799842    0.64554651    0.04394182
X      0.42798248    0.64561416    0.04405727
X      0.42799455   -0.64556294    0.04396986
X     -0.42799223   -0.64557282    0.04398671
X      0.00000000    0.00000000    1.08153743
X      0.00000000    1.23959715   -0.36317418
X      0.00006977    1.76740095   -0.17288212
X     -0.00003451    1.33159192   -0.91664043
X      0.00000000   -1.23959715   -0.36317418
X      0.00004638   -1.33159192   -0.91664043
X     -0.00001997   -1.76740095   -0.17288211
He      0.00000000    0.00000000    0.36317418
He      0.10378259   -0.20264085    0.46063586
He      0.03308506   -0.00004650    0.11773927
He     -0.24241156    0.00096025    0.41385588
He      0.10558275    0.20175813    0.46053362
He      0.00000000    0.00000000    1.08153743
He      0.00000000    1.23959715   -0.36317418
He      0.42798248    0.64561416    0.04405727
He     -0.42799842    0.64554651    0.04394182
He      0.00006977    1.76740095   -0.17288212
He     -0.00003451    1.33159192   -0.91664043
He      0.00000000   -1.23959715   -0.36317418
He     -0.42799223   -0.64557282    0.04398671
He      0.42799455   -0.64556294    0.04396986
He      0.00004638   -1.33159192   -0.91664043
He     -0.00001997   -1.76740095   -0.17288211

```

**Example: Solids/extended systems** For periodic systems, the input changes slightly with respect to molecules as described in the last paragraph.

First, in the second line of the **system** file right after the specification of the used units (angstrom, bohr), one needs to put the keyword 'pbc'. This will tell the code that a periodic system will be initialized. If such a keyword is not present, a molecular guess will be created. Second, the cell parameters (in the same units as used for the atomic coordinates) need to be specified after the atomic coordinates, see example input (neither all atomic coordinates nor the connectivity pattern are shown for simplicity). Besides that, all other inputs are the same as in the previous molecular example.

```
114 UiO-66
angstrom pbc
  H   -10.6245106790    5.8739520000    7.6455778800
  H   -10.3538893190   15.1044479990    7.6455778800
  H   -10.6245106790   15.1044479990   13.3328221190
  H   -10.3538893190    5.8739520000   13.3328221190
  H   -13.3328221190   10.3538893190    5.8739520000
  H   -15.1044479990    7.6455778800   10.3538893190
.
.
.
cell
-10.4891999990  0.0000000000 10.4891999990
  0.0000000000 10.4891999990 10.4891999990
-10.4891999990 10.4891999990  0.0000000000
con_mat
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.
.
```

As an additional output, the file **Nuc\_FOD.cif** will be generated, which is a typical .cif file to visualize the periodic structure.

**Examples: Some additional information** It should be mentioned that you can store any number of inputs as described above in one and the same **system** file. The MC script will only read the very first entry of that file. Make sure that every entry ends with an empty line. In addition, make sure that the input is on top of the file.

**Screen output** The output on the screen shall be explained by using the CO<sub>2</sub> molecule as an example. The corresponding output reads

```

      Bonding information and lone FODs
O(   1) - C(   2)           Bond pattern   3-1
O(   1) : 3 UP and 1 DN - Bond
O(   1) : 1 UP and 3 DN - lone

C(   2) - O(   1)           Bond pattern   3-1
C(   2) - O(   3)           Bond pattern   1-3
C(   2) : 4 UP and 4 DN - Bond
C(   2) : 0 UP and 0 DN - lone

O(   3) - C(   2)           Bond pattern   1-3
O(   3) : 1 UP and 3 DN - Bond
O(   3) : 3 UP and 1 DN - lone

!!! MOLECULAR GUESS WILL BE CREATED FOR      O2C

charge = 0.000  spin = 0.000  Point charge dipole  0.00000 0.00018 -0.00005

Total CPU time was   0.33999999999999997      s

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Everything following 'Bonding information and lone FODs' is an output for every atom. It contains information about the bonding partners (e.g. oxygen 1 is connected to carbon 2. Here, 1 and 2 are the atomic indices) and the respective bond pattern between these two atoms (here, it is a uncommon double bond containing 3 up and 1 down FOD).

After all bond partners are listed, a summary for the atom is given. There, the number of up and down bond FODs as well as the corresponding number for the lone FODs is written. This allows a quick and easy tool to analyze whether a generated guess is properly generated or not (e.g. are there too many FODs in a bond or not enough lone FODs).

Following that, a summary for the guess is presented. At first, the output tells the user which molecule is being considered (here: O2C). Next, the charge and the spin of the generated guess is given. This is most important when analyzing the guess (besides a visual inspection), as it will tell a user right away whether the guess is meaningful or not.



In addition, an approximation of a point charge dipole  $\mu^{\text{pc}}$  is printed, which is calculated using all FODs at position  $\mathbf{r}^{\text{FOD}}$  (excluding 1s FODs to ensure numerical stability)

$$\mu^{\text{pc}} = \sum_a \mathbf{r}_a^{\text{FOD}} - \bar{\mathbf{r}}^{\text{atoms}}. \quad (24)$$

Here,  $\bar{\mathbf{r}}^{\text{atoms}}$  is the center of all atoms given as

$$\bar{\mathbf{r}}^{\text{atoms}} = \sum_{\text{atoms}} \frac{\mathbf{r}^{\text{atoms}}}{N_{\text{atoms}}}. \quad (25)$$

This ensures that the dipole is calculated with respect to the molecular geometry. At last, the total wall times for the generation of the guess is printed.

## 8 Additional features

1. The file `xx.database.xx` contains information such that FODs for any atom can be initialized with small and large-core pseudopotentials (PPs). For large-core PPs, use the tag `_ECP_LC` after the element name, e.g. `N_ECP_LC` for nitrogen (large core PPs are currently unavailable for the 3d metals). For small-core PPs, the tag is currently `_ECP_SC`. For transition metals, the configuration (i.e. for 3d metals whether the  $4s^1$  or the  $4s^2$  configuration shall be used) needs to be additionally added, e.g. `Ni_ECP_SC.4s2` for a Ni with a  $3d^8 4s^2$  electronic configuration.
2. Input units can be angstrom ( $\text{\AA}$ ) or bohr. The output files are adjusted accordingly (`CLUSTER` and `FRMORB` are always given in Bohr, while the `Nuc_FOD.xyz` is always in angstrom).
3. Inputs require the specification of the bonds other than single bonds.
4. NO input need for single bonds. All bonds within a molecule are initialized as single bonds. Thus, only bonds which are different from single bonds need to be specified.
5. Lone FODs are placed automatically, assuming charge neutrality of the atoms.
6. The option 'fix1s' places all 1s FODs at the atomic positions.

### Versions

Version 1 (November 8, 2018) Remove the need for input lines regarding H atoms

Version 2 (January 21, 2019) Input pattern changed. Now, the actual bond pattern, i.e. information per bond, needs to be provided in addition to the

lone FODs. This makes the input more intuitive and simpler (less input needed). Lone FODs are now placed automatically as well as single bonds.

(February 11, 2019) Heaps of smaller updates regarding input handling, placing of single bonds and placing of lone FODs.

Version 3 (March 18, 2019) Implementation of periodic boundary conditions

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