# HPC\_Drug Documentation

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@mastersthesis{HPC_Drug_mastersthesis,
```

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author = "Maurice Karrenbrock",
title = "{HPC\_Drug: a python application for Drug Development on High Perform
school = "Università degli Studi di Firenze",
year = 2020,address = "Firenze, Italy",
month = jun}
```
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## **Chapter 2**

# **User guide**

## **2.1 Install and Setup**

In this section I will give a brief overview on how to install HPC Drug and how to set up the python environment.

To install the program you simply have to download it from the GitHub repository: https://github.com/MauriceKarrenbrock/HPC\_Drug and, if you already had a setup environment, you could already run the main.py program (or if you would like to use one of the other scripts in the scripts/ directory remember to copy it in the root one first).

The environment setup is a little bit longer, in fact HPC\_Drug, being a middleware, has a fair amount of dependencies. This numbered list below is one example to get the job done fast and smooth, but you may need to do things differently:

- 1. download and install miniconda https://docs.conda.io/en/latest/miniconda.html
- 2. create a conda environment with this command: *conda env create f environment.yml* the environment.yml file can be found in the root directory and the newly created environment will be called HPC\_Drug . As the dependencies of any package can change at any time the environment.yml file might not be up to date, in case install the missing packages manually. Of course if you prefer to have more control over the process you can install everything manually (but it would take some time)
- 3. activate the environment: *conda activate HPC\_Drug*
- 4. install plumed[2]: if you don't need some of the advanced functionalities of plumed (we won't need them) you already installed it while creating the conda environment (good job!), otherwise you can find all the needed information on the plumed website https://www.plumed.org
- 5. install primadorac[3] and Orac[4] (they are distributed together): download Orac from it's website http://www.chim.unifi.it/orac and follow the installation guide on the documentation. (As it is a quite challenging task below you will find a little help paragraph for this step)
- 6. install Gromacs[5]: if you want to use Gromacs instead of Orac as MD program you can install it by following the instructions on the Gromacs website http://www.gromacs.org , in case you have some problems in the compilation process or you need to patch it with plumed (necessary if you want to use a Replica Exchange Method (REM) in older versions, optional in newer versions) I found this blog article very useful https://sajeewasp.com/gromacs-plumed-gpu-linux/ (it is for an old version of Gromacs but still useful).

**Installing Orac and primadorac** Installing Orac and primadorac can be a bit user unfriendly so here is a little installation help, before you start download the gfortran compiler:

- 1. download and unpack the Orac files (containing the primadorac ones too), we will call this directory orac
- 2. make a directory called  $\sim/\text{ORAC}/\text{trunk}$  (it MUST be in your home)
- 3. go to orac/src and tipe *./configure -GNU -FFTW* and then type *make*. A new directory called GNU will have appeared
- 4. if you want to use OpenMP or MPI redo the previous step with the needed flags ex: *./configure -GNU -FFTW -OMP* and you will see more directories being made.
- 5. copy the orac/lib directory in  $\sim/\text{ORAC}/\text{trunk}/\text{lib}$
- 6. copy any directory you created inside orac/src in  $\sim/\text{ORAC}/\text{trunk}/\text{src}$
- 7. check if the program works (use the executable inside  $\sim/\text{ORAC}/\text{trunk}/\text{src}/\text{GNU}^*$ )
- 8. download the MOPAC2016.exe executable from the openmopac webpage http://openmopac.net and install it correctly
- 9. go to orac/tools/primadorac and run *make*
- 10. go to orac/tools/primadorac/www directory and check if there is an executable called new\_rms, if not use gfortran to crate it by compiling new\_rms.f
- 11. copy the orac/tools/primadorac directory in ~/ORAC/trunk/tools/primadorac
- 12. check if primadorac works properly (the right executable is ~/ORAC/trunk/tools/primadorac/primadorac.bash)
- 13. at his point everything should work file

This shall not be taken as a complete Orac and primadorac installation guide but only as an help.

### **2.2 Plug and Play**

### **2.2.1 HREM for FS-DAM Protein-Ligand binding free energy (main.py)**

The main usage of HPC\_Drug program is that of generating the input, that can then be copied in a HPC cluster, for a series of completely independent HREM (Hamiltonian Replica Exchange) MD simulations in order to get the starting configurations for a FS-DAM simulation and the subsequent calculation of the absolute protein-ligand binding free energy. The number of independent HREM that is going to be predisposed is hardware (the HPC cluster architecture) and system (the numbers of atoms in the system) dependent, in fact the goal is to produce 32 ns of simulation in 24 hours wall-time.

At the moment of the writing the input can be done for both Gromacs[5] and Orac[4] MD programs.

The program (HPC\_Drug) is able to start from a PDB or mmCIF file given as input, or simply the wwPDB id of the protein that will be downloaded, that contains the organic ligand of interest as an HETATM residue. The program will repair missing atoms and residues, remove useless molecules that are on the PDB (or mmCIF) file only because they were needed to crystallize the protein, produce the needed topology files for the organic ligands (.itp .tpg .prm etc...), rename the residues of the protein in order to be assigned the right force field parameters (usually the ones complexing a metallic ion), fix any bad conformation and wrong atom-atom distance in the structure, find the disulfide bonds, create and optimize a solvent box around

the system and in the end creating the directory to copy on the access node of the HPC cluster in order to start the various independent HREM runs.

All this in a completely automated and independent way, you as a user do only have to create an input file with the needed information and then run this command in the directory you want the data to be stored (if you are interested in the stdout remember to redirect it):

### \$ *python /path/to/main.py input*\_*f ile.txt*

#### **The input file**

The input file has a very simple key  $=$  value format, some options are compulsory others have a default if omitted. Here is a general overview of the options and below there will be an input example both for Gromacs[5] and Orac[4]. The file is case sensitive and the  $\mathbb{Z}^*$  sign is for comments.

- protein  $=$  the protein's wwPDB id (compulsory)
- protein\_filetype  $=$  the format of the structure file: pdb for PDB files, cif for mmCIF files (default cif)
- Protein  $model =$  protein structures may have various models, this is the one that will be chosen, it starts from 0 (zero) and the default is 0
- Protein chain  $=$  many proteins are made of more than one polypeptidic chain, but as the calculation of protein-ligand binding free energy does have only sense when there is one ligand and one chain this is the PDB chain id that you want to work on. Default A
- $ph = the ph at which the hydrogen's shall be added to the protein$ default 7.0
- repairing method  $=$  the tool with which the pdb shall be fixed by adding missing atoms, missing residues, missing hydrogens and substituting non standard residues with standard ones the default is pdbfixer[6] (needs openmm[7])
- local  $=$  local tells if the program shall use a protein file that is already on the computer if 'no' (default) it will if 'yes' insert the absolute path in filepath download it from the wwPDB database
- filepath  $=$  the path to the PDB (or mmCIF) file if local  $=$  yes, using the absolute path is more robust
- ligand in protein  $=$  if yes the program will check for the ligand inside the given protein file, if no the ligand must be given as a separated file (not implemented yet), default yes
- ligand  $=$  it is the (absolute) path to the pdb file of the ligand if ligand in protein  $=$  yes
- ligand elaboration program = The program with which elaborate the ligand (optimization and force field), default primadorac (amber force field)
- ligand elaboration program path  $=$  the (absolute) path to the ligand\_elaboration\_program executable
- MD program = The molecular dynamics MD program of choice, default gromacs, a working executable of the program must be present on your PC
- MD program path  $=$  the (absolute) path to the MD program executable
- protein\_prm\_file = if MD\_program = it is the orac .prm file for the protein
- protein tpg  $file = for$  gromacs it is the force field to use for the protein (more information in the gromacs example), for orac it is the .tpg file for the protein
- solvent  $pdb = if MD program = \text{grams it}$  is the model used for the solvent molecules (more information in the gromacs example), if orac it is the pdb of one solvent molecule
- residue substitution  $=$  how to rename the metal binding residues, standard (default) or custom\_zinc[8]
- kind of processor  $=$  the kind of processor that is present on the HPC cluster, default skylake, other options broadwell knl (you can find them in the important\_lists.py file)
- number of cores per node  $=$  how many cores there are on the HPC cluster on each node, default 64
- gpu\_per\_node = the number of GPUs per node, default 1, if GPUs shall not be used will be ignored
- number of hrem replicas per battery bound = the number of HREM replicas per each Battery bound state, default 8
- number\_of\_hrem\_replicas\_per\_battery\_unbound = the number of HREM replicas per each Battery unbound state, default 8
- bound batteries  $=$  number of bound batteries per HREM, default auto
- unbound batteries  $=$  number of unbound batteries per HREM, default auto
- n\_steps\_bound = number of MD steps (reference state) for bound HREM, dafault auto
- n steps unbound  $=$  number of MD steps (reference state) for unbound HREM, dafault auto
- timestep\_bound  $=$  timestep for bound HREM, dafault auto
- timestep unbound  $=$  timestep for unbound HREM, dafault auto

#### **Orac example**

This is an example of correct input with some explanatory comments (below it you will find more information):

```
#This is a correct input example
#Every line beginning with '#' is a comment
#Error occurs only for wrong keys
#case-sensitive
#------------------------------------------------
```

```
#Protein code and desired file type, possible values 'cif' or 'pdb'
#'cif' is for PDBx/mmCIF (default)
#'pdb' for standard PDB file (not implemented)
```

```
protein = 1df8
#3m5e
protein_filetype = cif
```

```
#the model to take from the mmcif, if omitted model = 0 will be taken (starts fr
#Protein model = 0#the chain to choose from the xray structure (default A)
#Protein chain = A
```

```
#The ph at which the hydrogens shall be added to the protein
#default = 7.0
```
ph = 7.0

```
#with which tool the pdb shall be fixed
#adding missing atoms, missing hydrogens and substituting
#non standard residues with standard ones
#default is pdbfixer (needs openmm and conda environment)
repairing_method = pdbfixer
#local tells if the program shall use a protein file that is already
#on the computer
#if 'no' (default) it will download it from the wwPDB database
#if 'yes' insert the absolute path in filepath
#any keyword different from yes and no will abort the program
local = no
#filepath = 2rfh.pdb
#if ligand in protein = yes (default) ligand will be taken from the
#protein mmcif file
#if ligand in protein = no ligand will be given as input
#ligand = path/to/PDB
#the ligand shall be given as a pdb file (I suggest to use absolute path)
ligand in protein = yes
#ligand = ligand.pdb
#The program with which elaborate the ligand (optimization and potential)
#default primadorac (amber force field)
ligand elaboration program = primadorac
ligand elaboration program path = \sim/ORAC/trunk/tools/primadorac/primadorac.bash
#The molecular dynamics MD program
#of choice and the path to the executable
MD program = orac
MD program path = \sim/ORAC/trunk/src/GNU-FFTW-OMP/orac
```

```
#protein tpg and primadorac
#if omitted default ones will be used
#see HPC_Drug/lib/
protein_prm_file = amber99sb-ildn.prm
protein tpg file = amber99sb-ildn.tpg
```

```
#solvent pdb, if omitted default will be used
#see HPC_Drug/lib/
solvent pdb = water.pdb
```

```
#there can be custom residue substitutions for metal binding residues
#default standard
#standard, custom_zinc
residue substitution = standard
```

```
#The kind of processor present on the HPC cluster
#default skylake
#other options broadwell knl (you can find them in the important lists.py file)
kind of processor = skylake
```

```
# how many cores there are on the HPC cluster on each node
#default 64
number_of_cores_per_node = 64
```

```
#number of HREM replicas per each Battery, default 8
number_of_hrem_replicas_per_battery = 8
```
In the end you will obtain a directory called {protein id}\_REM that can be copied on the access node of the HPC cluster you want to use. It doesn't only contain the input file for Orac[4] but also some basic PBS and SLURM input files to run the code with the right amount of processors, but pay attention, these are very basic so you will 99.9% need to add/edit some lines.

#### **Gromacs example**

This is an example of correct input with some explanatory comments (below it you will find more information):

```
#This is a correct input example
#Every line beginning with '#' is a comment
#Error occurs only for wrong keys
#case-sensitive
```

```
#------------------------------------------------
#Protein code and desired file type, possible values 'cif' or 'pdb'
#'cif' is for PDBx/mmCIF (default)
#'pdb' for standard PDB file (not implemented)
protein = 1df8
#3m5e
protein_filetype = cif
#the model to take from the mmcif, if omitted model = 0 will be taken (starts fr
#Protein model = 0#the chain to choose from the xray structure (default A)
#Protein chain = A#The ph at which the hydrogens shall be added to the protein
#default = 7.0ph = 7.0#with which tool the pdb shall be fixed
#adding missing atoms, missing hydrogens and substituting
#non standard residues with standard ones
#default is pdbfixer (needs openmm and conda environment)
repairing_method = pdbfixer
#local tells if the program shall use a protein file that is already
#on the computer
#if 'no' (default) it will download it from the wwPDB database
#if 'yes' insert the absolute path in filepath
#any keyword different from yes and no will abort the program
local = no#filepath = 2rfh.pdb
#if ligand in protein = yes (default) ligand will be taken from the
#protein mmcif file
#if ligand in protein = no ligand will be given as input
#ligand = path/to/PDB
#the ligand shall be given as a pdb file (I suggest to use absolute path)
```

```
ligand in protein = yes#ligand = ligand.pdb
#The program with which elaborate the ligand (optimization and potential)
#default primadorac (amber force field)
ligand elaboration program = primadorac
ligand elaboration program path = \sim/ORAC/trunk/tools/primadorac/primadorac.bash
#The molecular dynamics MD program
#of choice and the path to the executable
MD_program = orac
MD_program_path = ~/ORAC/trunk/src/GNU-FFTW-OMP/orac
#protein tpg and primadorac
#if omitted default ones will be used
#see HPC_Drug/lib/
protein_prm_file = amber99sb-ildn.prm
protein_tpg_file = amber99sb-ildn.tpg
#solvent pdb, if omitted default will be used
#see HPC_Drug/lib/
solvent_pdb = water.pdb
#there can be custom residue substitutions for metal binding residues
#default standard
#standard, custom_zinc
residue substitution = standard
#The kind of processor present on the HPC cluster
#default skylake
#other options broadwell knl (you can find them in the important_lists.py file)
kind of processor = skylake
# how many cores there are on the HPC cluster on each node
#default 64
number of cores per node = 64
```

```
#number of HREM replicas per each Battery, default 8
number of hrem replicas per battery = 8
```
In the end you will obtain two directories, one to use if you have a Gromacs[5] patched with Plumed[2] on your HPC cluster of choice and the other to use if you want to use Gromacs' native Replica Exchange (what we do is actually trick it to think we are doing a temperature REM), that can be copied on the access node of the HPC cluster you want to use (but for both versions you will need a working Plumed executable on your PC, the one you can download from conda-forge is perfect). They do not only contain the input files for Gromacs but also some basic PBS and SLURM input files to run the code with the right amount of processors, but pay attention, these are very basic so you will 99.9% need to add/edit some lines, and a bash script to create all the needed .tpr files once you are on the HPC cluster (must be run before the workload-manager input).

### **2.2.2 scripts**

In the scripts directory can be found other possible uses of the HPC\_Drug classes and functions. This secondary programs get things done like automatizing the main.py process on many proteins, repairing a given protein and separating the protein from the ligand pdb etc...

### **automated\_main.py**

This program does the same thing as main.py, but on a list of protein ids and creates a different directory for each (named after the protein id), the input file must contain a protein id for each line, like:

1dz8 2gz7 3sn8

etc...

And the command is:

\$ *python automizable*\_*main.py input*\_*f ile.txt*

Of course you must check for the other options inside the .py file. stderr and stdout are redirected to two different files for any given protein.

## **2.3 Python API for Advanced Users**

In this section I will show the usage of some functions and classes that a common user could find useful for the development of custom pipelines. To get a more detailed knowledge of all the classes and functions of HPC\_Drug checkout the developer guide section.

### **Class GetProteinLigandFilesPipeline(Pipeline)**

It is a subclass of the Pipeline class. Here is an example of instantiation:

*f*rom HPC\_Drug import pipelines

```
my_object = pipelines.GetProteinLigandFilesPipeline(
protein = '2gz7',
protein filetype = 'cif',local = 'no',filepath = None,
ligand = None,Protein\_model = 0,Protein chain = 'A',repairing method = 'pdbfixer')
```
protein is compulsory, and if local = 'yes' (meaning that the protein file is already on your PC and shall not be downloaded from the wwPDB) filepath must be given as a string. For any other option the default is the one written above.

The only public method is execute() and returns a HPC\_Drug.structures.protein.Protein instance containing a repaired PDB file of the protein with its metallic ions, and a list of HPC\_Drug.structures.ligand.Ligand instances for any organic (not trash) ligand found in the structure. The protein PDB will only contain the selected Protein\_model model and Protein\_chain chain.

### **Class Structure(object)**

It is the superclass for all the structure classes (like Protein and Ligand), it's not instantiatable (it's contructor raises a NotImplementedError), but implements some common methods that subclasses will inherit.

**Method write(file name**  $=$  **None, struct** type  $=$  'biopython') Writes the self.structure structure on the file\_name file and will update self.pdb\_file with the new name (if it is omitted will overwrite the existing self.pdb  $\hat{f}$  file),

struct type tells the function with which tool self.structure was obtained (biopython, prody) the default is "biopython"

**update** structure(struct type  $=$  "biopython") Updates self.structure parsing self.pdb\_file, struct\_type is the tool you want to use (biopython, prody) default "biopython"

#### **Class Protein(HPC\_Drug.structures.structure.Structure)**

It is the Protein class, one of the fundamental classes of the program, it contains any possible information about the protein you are studying, it subclasses the HPC\_Drug.structures.structure.Structure class adding some methods to it, and overwriting the \_\_init \_\_\_ method:

- protein  $id =$  the protein wwPDB id (string)
- pdb  $file = the PDB or mmCIF file of the protein, default {protein id}.{file type}$
- structure  $=$  the Biopython<sup>[9]</sup> or the Prody<sup>[10]</sup> structure parsed from the pdb\_file
- substitutions  $\text{dict} = \text{a dictionary that contains information about the}$ metal binding residues and the cysteines that make a disulf bond
- sulf bonds  $=$  a list of tuples containing the couples of cysteines binding in a disulf bond
- seqres  $=$  a place where to store the residue sequence if needed
- file type  $=$  can be 'cif' or 'pdb' depending on the protein pdb file format (mmCIF or PDB), default 'cif'
- model  $=$  integer, the model taken in consideration (starts from 0), default 0
- chain  $=$  string, the PDB chain taken in consideration, default 'A'
- $gro_{\text{file}} = \text{the Gromacs}[5]$  .gro file
- top\_file = the Gromacs[5] .top file
- tpg file the .tpg file, needed for  $Orac[4]$
- prm file the .prm file, needed for Orac[4]
- ligands  $=$  the organic ligands, it is private but there is a method to get them (see below)

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This is an example instantiation: *from HPC\_Drug.structures import protein*

*my\_protein = protein.Protein(protein\_id = "2gz7", pdb\_file = "2gz7.cif", file*  $type = "cif", model = 0, chain = "A")$ 

Besides the superclass methods Protein implements the above methods:

**Method add\_ligands(Ligand)** Takes a HPC\_Drug.structures.ligand.Ligand instance and add it to self.\_ligands

**Method clear** ligands() Clears ALL the ligands stored in self. ligands

**Method update ligands (ligands)** Takes an iterable (list, tuple, etc...) containing HPC\_Drug.structures.ligand.Ligand instances and ovewrites self.\_ligand with this new ones (any information about the old ones will be lost)

ligands :: iterable containing the new HPC\_Drug.structures.ligand.Ligand instances

**Method get** ligand list() Returns a list with the pointers to self. ligands (it is not a copy of them so pay attention on what you do)

#### **Class Ligand(HPC\_Drug.structures.structure.Structure)**

It is the Ligand class, one of the fundamental classes of the program, it contains any possible information about an organic ligand of the studied protein, it subclasses the HPC\_Drug.structures.structure.Structure class only overwriting the \_\_init\_\_ method:

- resname  $=$  the ligand residue name (string) capital letters
- pdb  $file = the PDB$  or mmCIF file of the ligand, default {resname}.{file type}
- structure  $=$  the Biopython<sup>[9]</sup> or the Prody<sup>[10]</sup> structure parsed from the pdb\_file
- resnum  $=$  integer, the residue number inside the original PDB (or mm-CIF) file from which the ligand was or will be extracted ( it is very useful if the ligand has not been extracted yet)
- file type  $=$  can be 'cif' or 'pdb' depending on the protein pdb file format (mmCIF or PDB), default 'pdb'
- itp\_file = the Gromacs[5] .itp file
- $gro_{\text{file}} =$  the Gromacs[5] .gro file
- top\_file = the Gromacs[5] .top file
- tpg\_file the .tpg file, needed for Orac[4]
- prm\_file the .prm file, needed for Orac[4]

This is an example instantiation: *from HPC\_Drug.structures import ligand*

*my\_ligand = ligand.Ligand(resname = "LIG", pdb\_file = "LIG.pdb", file\_type = "pdb", resnum = 4)*

# **Chapter 3**

# **Developer guide**

### **3.1 Introduction**

The first part is a little guideline for who would like to contribute with at the open-source HPC\_Drug project, and the second is a list of all the functions and classes of the program with a brief description (they actually are the copy paste of the comments in the code).

### **3.2 Contribution Guidelines**

If you would like to contribute to the project (it is an open-source software licensed with the agpl v3 license) can do it though the GitHub repository https://github.com/MauriceKarrenbrock/HPC\_Drug

If you found a bug, or have an idea for an improvement simply open an issue. If you would like to contribute with some code first open an issue in order to talk about your idea and hear the opinion of the other users and developers, it would be a bit of a pity if you did a lot of work on something no one agrees on. If it is a little thing link your pull request to the issue from the beginning in order to check if everything is ok, or if there might be needed some changes to accept it. If yours is a bigger idea please write WIP in the end of the issue title so everyone knows it is a work in progress with no available pull request yet or that could need more than one pull request , in this case the issue would be used as a place to discuss and talk about the implementation of the new idea, to solve problems, and to answer any possible question.

If you are writing a piece of code please remember to make it as modular, flexible, maintainable, readable and pythonic as possible, speed in fact is not a goal of this program, but expandability and flexibility are. And please try to write the needed unit-tests (and if possible integration and end to end tests), try to comment (and write) the code in a way that future developers will be able to understand it, and, if it makes sense for the kind of contribution you made, update the documentation with your new creation.

For the rest have fun and may the Force of Drug Discovery be with you!

## **3.3 All Functions and Classes of HPC\_Drug (WORK IN PROGRESS)**

### **3.4 HPC\_Drug/files\_IO**

### **3.4.1 HPC\_Drug/files\_IO/write\_on\_files.py**

#### **Function write\_file(lines, file\_name = "file.txt")**

This function writes a new file or overrides an existing one (no safety check is done!). lines can be a single string or an iterable (list, tuple etc...) and contains the lines that will be written on the file. file\_name must be a string and is the name of the file that will be created.

Absolutely no formatting is done on the strings so they must be already formatted properly (like with newline

*n*).

### Function append  $file(lines, file_name = "file.txt")$

This function appends some lines to an existing file. lines can be a single string or an iterable (list, tuple etc. . . ) and contains the lines that will be written on the file. file name must be a string and is the name of the file that will be edited.

Absolutely no formatting is done on the strings so they must be already formatted properly (like with newline

*n*).

### **3.4.2 HPC\_Drug/files\_IO/read\_file.py**

### Function read file(file name)

Reads a file and returns a list containing the lines of the file. Can be resource consuming on very large files.

file name must be a string

## **3.5 HPC\_Drug/PDB**

This folder contains some functions to parse and write PDB and mmCIF files with multiple tools (Biopython, Prody).

### **3.5.1 HPC\_Drug/PDB/biopython.py**

#### **Function parse\_pdb(protein\_id, file\_name)**

This function uses Biopython Bio.PDB.PDBParser to return a Biopython structure from a PDB file.

protein\_id :: string file\_name :: string

return structure

#### **Function parse\_mmcif(protein\_id, file\_name)**

This function uses Biopython Bio.PDB.MMCIFParser to return a Biopython structure from a mmCIF file.

protein\_id :: string file\_name :: string

return structure

#### **Function structure\_factory(Protein)**

This is a function that uses the right parse\_ function depending on Protein.file\_type

Protein :: HPC\_Drug.structures.Protein instance or HPC\_Drug.structures.Ligand instance or wathever has a file\_type and pdb\_file attribute

return structure

#### **Function mmcif2dict(file\_name)**

Uses Bio.PDB.MMCIF2DICT to return a dictionary of the mmcif file

return Bio.PDB.MMCIF2Dict.MMCIF2Dict(file\_name)

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### Function write  $pdb(structure, file name = "file.pdf")$

writes a pdb file when given a Biopython structure structure :: is instance Bio.PDB.Entity.Entity file name :: string, default file.pdb returns nothing

### Function write mmcif(structure, file name = "file.cif")

writes a mmCIF file when given a Biopython structure structure :: is instance Bio.PDB.Entity.Entity file  $name :: string, default file.cif$ returns nothing

### Function write dict2mmcif(dictionary, file name = "file.cif")

Writes a mmcif file starting from a dictionary obtained from mmcif2dict (that uses Bio.PDB.MMCIF2DICT )

dictionary :: a dictionary containing all the mmcif infos, obtained with mmcif2dict

returns nothing

### **Function write(structure, file\_type = "pdb", file\_name = None)**

This is a factory that writes the file given a structure or a mmcif2dict dictionary, the file type (pdb mmcif) and the output file name

structure :: a Bio.PDB.Entity instance or a mmcif2dict dictionary, if you give a dictionary only file  $type = 'cif'$  will be accepted

file type  $::$  string, pdb or cif, default pdb

file  $name :: string, default file file type$ 

returns nothing

### **3.5.2 HPC\_Drug/PDB/prody.py**

#### **Function parse\_pdb(file\_name)**

Parses a PDB file with ProDy and returns a ProDy structure (prody.AtomGroup)

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file name :: string returns structure

#### Function write  $pdb(\text{structure, file name} = "file.pdf")$

Takes a Prody strucure prody.AtomGroup and writes it on a pdb file strucure :: prody.AtomGroup file  $name :: string, default "file.pdb"$ returns nothing

#### **Function select(structure, string)**

Uses the Prody select function with string as command structure :: prody.AtomGroup string :: string, this is the command that will be passed to prody select returns a new prody.AtomGroup

#### **Class ProdySelect(object)**

This cass is a smart facade that implements some useful uses of HPC\_Drug.PDB.prody.select

**Method**  $int$  (self, structure) The strucure must be a prody.AtomGroup

**Method only protein(self)** Returns a prody structure containing only the protein

**Method protein\_and\_ions(self)** Returns a prody structure containing only the protein and the inorganic ions

**Method resname(self, resname)** Given a resname returns a Prody structure only containing any residue with that residue name

resname :: string

**Method resnum(self, resnum)** Given a resnum returns a Prody structure only containing the residue with that residue number

resnum :: integer

### **3.5.3 HPC\_Drug/PDB/download\_pdb.py**

### Function download(protein id, file type  $=$  'cif', pdir  $=$  None)

The function downloads a PDB or a mmCIF from wwwPDB in a selected directory the default directory is the working directory it returns the filename (str)

protein\_id :: string, it is the protein to download

file type :: string, it can be pdb or cif depending on the format required, default cif

pdir :: string, default working directory, the directory where the file is saved

return file\_name , string

raises a FileNotFoundError if the file is not downloaded correctly

### **3.5.4 HPC\_Drug/PDB/structural\_information\_and\_repair.py**

This file contains a template to get the residues near a metallic ion, disulf bonds and organic ligand's renames and resnumbers from a Protein instance and repair the PDB (or mmCIF) file

#### **Class InfoRepair(object)**

Method init (self, Protein, repairing method = "pdbfixer") Constructor

**Method** parse header(self) private

**Method \_parse\_structure(self)** private

**Method \_repair(self)** private

**Method \_pdb(self)** private

**Method \_cif(self)** private

### **Method get info and repair(self)** Returns Protein and organic ligand list

Protein.pdb file is a repaired PDB or mmCIF file

return Protein, organic\_ligand\_list

### **3.5.5 HPC\_Drug/PDB/remove\_trash\_metal\_ions.py**

### Function remove trash metal ions(Protein, trash = important lists.trash ions)

This function removes unwanted metal ions that are still inside the structure after it went through prody selection (updates Protein.pdb\_file)

This is a brutal function I will need to do a better job

Protein :: HPC\_Drug.structures.protein.Protein instance

Protein.file type must be pdb or cif otherwise TypeError will be raised

return Protein

### **3.5.6 HPC\_Drug/PDB/merge\_pdb.py**

This file contains the functions to merge PDB or mmCIF. They are useful wen you need to merge one or more organic ligands with a protein.

### **Function merge\_pdb(Protein)**

Will put all the given ligands after the protein and update the ligand resnums this function is brutal and memory consuming I should do it better in the future

both th protein and the ligands should be in PDB files (no check will be done)

Protein :: HPC\_Drug.structures.protein.Protein instance with a valid \_ligands value

return Protein with updated Protein.pdb\_file

### **3.5.7 HPC\_Drug/PDB/remove\_disordered\_atoms.py**

### **Function remove\_disordered\_atoms(Protein)**

Removes disordered atoms, solves a problem about "copied atoms don't inherit disordered\_get\_list in Biopython"

Protein :: HPC Drug.structures.protein.Protein instance

return Protein

### **3.5.8 HPC\_Drug/PDB/select\_model\_chain.py**

### **Function select\_model\_chain(Protein)**

Takes a Protein instance containing the filename of a PDB or a mmcif Returns a Protein instance with an updated pdb or mmcif file using biopython selects only a chosen model and chain

Protein.chain must be a string Protein.model must be an integer

Protein :: HPC\_Drug.structures.protein.Protein instance

return Protein

### **3.5.9 HPC\_Drug/PDB/add\_chain\_id.py**

### **Function add\_chain\_id(pdb\_file, chain = "A")**

This is a patch because orac and primadorac remove the chain id from pdb files and this confuses some pdb parsers (works on PDB files only)

pdb\_file :: string, the pdb file to edit

chain :: string, default A, the chain id to add to the pdb\_file

returns nothing

## **3.6 HPC\_Drug/PDB/structural\_information**

### **3.6.1 HPC\_Drug/PDB/structural\_information/mmcif\_header.py**

This file contains the files necessary to parse the header of a mmCIF file

### **Function get\_ligand\_binding\_residues(mmcif2dict, metals = important\_lists.metals)**

This function is called from get metalbinding disulf ligands

Searces the given mmcif file for the metal binding residues parsing the header returns a dictionary that has as key the residue number and as vaue a tuple with (resname, binding atom, metal) for metal binding residues

mmcif2dict :: a dictionary of the type you obtain with HPC\_Drug.PDB.biopython.mmcif2dict function

metals :: a list (or tuple etc) that contains all the resnames (in capital letters) of metals necessary to look for, default HPC\_Drug.important\_lists.metals (Actually the easiest way to personalize metals is to append your custom values to this list)

return resnum : (resname, binding atom, metal), ...

### **Function get\_disulf\_bonds(mmcif2dict)**

This function is called from get\_metalbinding\_disulf\_ligands

Searces the given mmcif file for disulf bonds parsing the header returns a dictionary that has as key the residue number and as vaue a tuple with ('CYS', 'SG', 'disulf') for any disulf cysteine.

And a a list composed of tuples containing the resnumbers of the 2 CYS that bound through disulfide bond

mmcif2dict :: a dictionary of the type you obtain with HPC\_Drug.PDB.biopython.mmcif2dict function

return resnum : ('CYS', 'SG', 'disulf'), ... [(resnum, resnum), (...), ...]

### **Function get\_organic\_ligands(mmcif2dict, protein\_chain = None, trash = important\_lists.trash, metals = important\_lists.metals)**

This function is called from get metalbinding disulf ligands

Searces the given mmcif file for organic ligands parsing the header returns a list of resnames. If protein chain is None (default) will list all ligands from any chain, if protein chain is set does only consider the ones of the given chain (es A)

mmcif2dict :: a dictionary of the type you obtain with HPC Drug.PDB.biopython.mmcif2dict function

protein\_chain :: string, default None, the chain id of the chain you want to analize in capital letters (es A)

trash :: a list (or tuple etc) that contains all the resnames (in capital letters) of trash ligands to avoid listing, default HPC\_Drug.important\_lists.trash (Actually the easiest way to personalize trash is to append your custom values to this list)

metals :: a list (or tuple etc) that contains all the resnames (in capital letters) of metals necessary to look for, default HPC\_Drug.important\_lists.metals (Actually the easiest way to personalize metals is to append your custom values to this list)

return [resname, resname, ...]

### **Function get\_ligand\_resnum(structure, ligand\_resnames = None,**  $protein\_chain = 'A', protein\_model = 0)$

This function is called from get\_metalbinding\_disulf\_ligands

Given a Biopython structure and a list of Ligand\_resnames will return a list containing the ligand resnames and resnumbers in order to distinguish ligands with the same resname: [[resname, resnumber], [.., ...], ...]

ligand resnames :: list, it is a list containing the organic ligand resnames  $(\text{capital letters})$  to look for if it is  $==$  None or empty will return None

protein\_chain :: string, default A, the chain id of the chain you want to analize in capital letters (es A), if  $==$  None no chain selection will be done

protein model :: integer, default 0, the model to check, if  $==$  None no chain and no model selection will be done

return [[resname, resnumber], [.., ...], ...]

### Function get metalbinding disulf ligands(Protein, trash = im**portant\_lists.trash, metals = important\_lists.metals)**

This is a template that uses the other funcions on this file to return a dictionary with key  $=$  resnum and value  $=$  (resname, binding atom, metal) or ('CYS', 'SG', 'disulf') depending if the residue number resnum binds a metallic ion or is part of a disulf bond and updates Protein.substitutions\_dict with it

and a list of tuples that contain the couples of CYS that are part of a disulf bond and updates Protein.sulf\_bonds with it

and a list of tuples with the residue name and residue number of the organic ligands (if there are none None will be returned)

Protein :: a HPC\_Drug.structures.protein.Protein instance

trash :: a list (or tuple etc) that contains all the resnames (in capital letters) of trash ligands to avoid listing, default HPC\_Drug.important\_lists.trash

(Actually the easiest way to personalize trash is to append your custom values to this list)

metals :: a list (or tuple etc) that contains all the resnames (in capital letters) of metals necessary to look for, default HPC\_Drug.important\_lists.metals (Actually the easiest way to personalize metals is to append your custom values to this list)

return Protein, [[lig\_resname, lig\_resnum], ...]

### **3.6.2 HPC\_Drug/PDB/structural\_information/scan\_structure.py**

This file contains the functions necessary to scan the structure of a PDB file or a headerless mmCIF file

Function get metal binding residues with no header(structure, **cutoff = 3.0, protein\_chain = 'A', protein\_model = 0, COM\_distance**  $= 10.0$ , metals  $=$  important lists.metals)

This function gets called by get\_metalbinding\_disulf\_ligands

This function iterates through the structure many times in order to return the metal binding residues through a substitution dictionary

residue\_id : [residue\_name, binding\_atom, binding\_metal]

It uses biopython structures

structure :: a biopython structure of the protein

cutoff :: double the maximum distance that a residue's center of mass and a metal ion can have to be considered binding default 3.0 angstrom

protein\_chain :: string default 'A', if  $==$  None no chain selection will be done

protein\_model :: integer default 0, if  $==$  None no model and no chain selection will be done

metals :: a list (or tuple etc) that contains all the resnames (in capital letters) of metals necessary to look for, default HPC\_Drug.important\_lists.metals (Actually the easiest way to personalize metals is to append your custom values to this list)

this function is slow and error prone and should only be used if there is no mmCIF with a good header

It should not be necessary to change COM\_distance because it simply is the distance between the center of mass of a residue and the metal that is used to know which atom distances to calculate

### **Function get\_disulf\_bonds\_with\_no\_header(structure, cutoff = 3.0, protein** chain  $= 'A'$ , protein model  $= 0$ )

This function gets called by get metalbinding disulf ligands

This function iterates through the structure many times in order to return the disulf bonds through a substitution dictionary and a list of the binded couples

residue id : [residue name, binding atom, binding metal] and [(cys id,  $\text{cys_id}, \text{cys_id}, \ldots, \ldots$ ]

return substitutions\_dict, sulf\_bonds

it uses a biopython structure

structure :: biopython structure of the protein

cutoff :: double the maximum distance that two CYS S atoms can have to be considered binding default 3.0 angstrom

protein chain :: string default 'A', if  $==$  None no chain selection will be done

protein model :: integer default 0, if  $==$  None no model and no chain selection will be done

this function is slow and error prone and should only be used if there is no mmCIF with a good header

```
Function get organic ligands with no header (structure, protein chain
= 'A', protein_model = 0, trash = important_lists.trash, metals
= important_lists.metals)
```
This function gets called by get\_metalbinding\_disulf\_ligands

This function iterates through the structure to get the organic ligand

returning a list of lists containing [[resname, resnumber], [resname, resnumber], ...]

If there are none returns None

it uses a biopython structure

structure :: biopython structure of the protein

protein chain :: string default 'A', if  $==$  None no chain selection will be done

protein model :: integer default 0, if  $==$  None no model and no chain selection will be done

trash :: a list (or tuple etc) that contains all the resnames (in capital letters) of trash ligands to avoid listing, default HPC\_Drug.important\_lists.trash (Actually the easiest way to personalize trash is to append your custom values to this list)

metals :: a list (or tuple etc) that contains all the resnames (in capital letters) of metals necessary to look for, default HPC\_Drug.important\_lists.metals (Actually the easiest way to personalize metals is to append your custom values to this list)

this function is slow and error prone and should only be used if there is no mmCIF with a good header

### Function et metalbinding disulf ligands(Protein, trash = impor**tant\_lists.trash, metals = important\_lists.metals)**

This is a template that uses the other funcions on this file to return a dictionary with key  $=$  resnum and value  $=$  (resname, binding atom, metal) or ('CYS', 'SG', 'disulf') depending if the residue number resnum binds a metallic ion or is part of a disulf bond and updates Protein.substitutions\_dict with it

and a list of tuples that contain the couples of CYS that are part of a disulf bond and updates Protein.sulf\_bonds with it

and a list of tuples with the residue name and residue number of the organic ligands (if there are none None will be returned)

Protein :: a HPC\_Drug.structures.protein.Protein instance

trash :: a list (or tuple etc) that contains all the resnames (in capital letters) of trash ligands to avoid listing, default HPC\_Drug.important\_lists.trash (Actually the easiest way to personalize trash is to append your custom values to this list)

metals :: a list (or tuple etc) that contains all the resnames (in capital letters) of metals necessary to look for, default HPC\_Drug.important\_lists.metals (Actually the easiest way to personalize metals is to append your custom values to this list)

return Protein, [*ig. resname*, *lig. resnum*], ...]

## **3.7 HPC\_Drug/PDB/repair\_pdb**

### **3.7.1 HPC\_Drug/PDB/repair\_pdb/repair.py**

This file contains the function that repairs a pdb or mmcif file using the right repairing method

### Function repair(Protein, repairing method = "pdbfixer")

This is a factory that returns a Protein with Protein.pdb\_file updated to a repaired pdb or mmcif file using the right repiring method

Protein :: HPC\_Drug.structures.protein.Protein instance

repairing method :: string, default pdbfixer, it is the tool you want to repair the file with if you input a non existing tool will return NotImplementedError

### **3.7.2 HPC\_Drug/PDB/repair\_pdb/pdbfixer.py**

This file contains the function to repair a PDB or a mmCIF file with pdbfixer

### Function repair(input file name, file type, output file name, **add\_H = False, ph = 7.0)**

Private, it is called by the repair function

repairs a PDB or mmCIF file with pdbfixer and returns the new file\_name

input file name :: string, the pdb or mmcif file to be repaired

file type  $::$  string, can be cif or pdb

output\_file\_name :: string, the name of the new structure file that will be created

add\_H :: bool, default False, if True pdbfixer will add hydrogens according to ph

ph :: float, default 7.0, if add  $H =$  True this is the pH value that will be used to add hydrogens

#### **Function repair(Protein)**

repairs a PDB or mmCIF file with pdbfixer and returns the new file\_name

This function calls repair it is an interface to use a HPC Drug.structures.protein.Protein instance on \_repair in a simplified way

Protein :: HPC\_Drug.structures.protein.Protein instance

return Protein

## **3.8 HPC\_Drug/PDB/organic\_ligand**

### **3.8.1 HPC\_Drug/PDB/organic\_ligand/primadorac.py**

This file contains the class to run primadorac

#### **Class Primadorac(object)**

It is a template class to run primadorac

**Method \_\_init\_\_(self, Protein, primadorac\_path, ph = 7.0)** Protein :: Protein :: HPC\_Drug.structures.protein.Protein instance with a valid Protein. ligands (Protein.get ligand  $list()$ )

primadorac\_path :: string, the path to the primadorac executable (better if absolute)

ph :: float, default 7.0, the ph at which the ligand will be protonated (at the moment primadorac does ONLY SUPPORT PH 7.0)

**Method \_run(self, string)** private

**Method \_rename\_itp(self, file\_to\_search, ligand\_resname = "LIG")** private

it is a patch because some old versions of primadorac do mess up the .itp file name

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### **Method** edit itp(self, ligand resname, itp file) private

primadorac itp call any lignd LIG i change it to the ligand\_resname and removes the first 9 lines of the file (they make gromacs fail)

### **Method execute(self)** Run primadorac

return Protein

with updated .itp .prm .tpg files for any ligand in Protein. ligands

### **3.8.2 HPC\_Drug/PDB/organic\_ligand/get\_ligand\_topology.py**

This file contains the function that uses the right tool to get the topology of a given organic ligand (.itp .tpg .prm etc...) in order to use it in a MD run

### Function get topology(Protein, program path, tool = "primado $rac{m}{2}$ , ph = 7.0)

Uses the right tool to get the topology of a given organic ligand (.itp .tpg .prm etc...) in order to use it in a MD run returns the updated protein

Protein :: HPC\_Drug.structures.protein.Protein instance with a valid Protein. ligands (Protein.get ligand  $list()$ ) value (if it is None or  $[]$  will return the protein untouched)

program\_path :: string, the absolute path to the tool's executable

tool :: string, default primadorac, the tool to use to get the topology (.itp .tpg .prm etc...)

ph :: float, default 7.0, the ph at which the ligand shall be added the missing hydrogens

return Protein

## **3.9 HPC\_Drug/structures**

This folder contains the structure classes (Protein, Ligand, Structure)

### **3.9.1 HPC\_Drug/structures/structure.py**

#### **Class Ligand(object)**

This is the super class for all structures, it's constructor raises a NotImplementedError.

It implements some common methods.

**Method \_\_init\_\_(self)** Raises NotImplementedError

Method write(self, file  $name = None$ , struct  $type = 'biopython'$ ) This method writes self.structure on a self.file\_type file (pdb, cif) using biopython (default) or prody (can only write pdb files)

If no file\_name is given self.pdb\_file file will be overwritten otherwise a new file called file\_name will be created and self.pdb\_file will be updated with the new file\_name

file  $\alpha$  name :: string, default self.pdb file

struct\_type :: string, values: biopython (default), prody ; is the kind of structure in self.structure

**Method update\_structure(self, struct\_type = "biopython")** Parses the self.pdb\_file file with the selected tool (biopython (default), mmcif2dict or prody) and updates self.structure

prody can only parse pdb files, if you try to parse a cif with prody a Type-Error will be raised

mmcif2dict can only parse cif files, if you try to parse a pdb with mmcif2dict a TypeError will be raised

structure\_type :: string, values: biopython (default), prody, mmcif2dict

### **3.9.2 HPC\_Drug/structures/protein.py**

#### **Class Protein(HPC\_Drug.structures.structure.Structure)**

This is the Protein class, subclasses HPC\_Drug.structures.structure.Structure

**Method \_\_init\_\_(self, protein\_id = None, pdb\_file = None, structure = None,**

```
substitutions_dict = None,
sulf_bonds = None,
seqres = None,
file\_type = 'cir'model = 0,
chain = 'A',cys_dict = None,
gro_file = None,
top_file = None,
tpg file = None,
prm file = None)
```
The constructor raises ValueError if no protein id is given (string), if pdb file  $=$  None pdb file = self.protein id.file type, model must be an integer, chain upper case. It will initialize self.  $\Box$ ligands  $=$  [].

**Method add ligand**(self) Adds a Ligand instance to self. ligands

**Method clear** ligands(self) Clears ALL the ligands stored in self. ligands

**Method update\_ligands(self, ligands)** Takes an iterable (list, tuple, etc...) containing HPC\_Drug.structures.ligand.Ligand instances and ovewrites self.\_ligand with this new ones (any information about the old ones will be lost)

ligands :: iterable containing the new HPC\_Drug.structures.ligand.Ligand instances

**Method get** ligand list(self) returns the list of ligands (self. ligands) already stored; it is a pointer to it, not a copy, so pay attention

### **3.9.3 HPC\_Drug/structures/ligand.py**

#### **Class Ligand(HPC\_Drug.structures.structure.Structure)**

This is the Protein class, subclasses HPC\_Drug.structures.structure.Structure

**Method \_\_init\_\_(self, resname = None,** file  $type = 'pdb'$ , **pdb\_file = None,**

```
structure = None,
resnum = None,
itp_file = None,
gro_file = None,
top file = None,
tpg file = None,
prm_file = None)
resnum must be an integer, resname upper case, if pdb file == None self.pdb file
= self.resname lgand.file type
```
### **3.9.4 HPC\_Drug/structures/get\_ligands.py**

### **Function get\_ligands(Protein, ligand\_resnames\_resnums)**

Takes a HPC\_Drug.structures.protein.Protein instance and a ligand\_resnames\_resnums and updates Protein.\_ligands with the newly created HPC\_Drug.structures.ligand.Ligand instances

Protein :: HPC\_Drug.structures.protein.Protein, Protein.file\_type must be pdb !!!

ligand resnames resnums :: nested list of type [ ['ligand resname', ligand resnum],  $[...], ...$   $]$  if  $=$  None or  $=$   $[]$  no HPC\_Drug.structures.ligand.Ligand instance will be added to Protein.\_ligands

return Protein

## **3.10 HPC\_Drug/auxiliary\_functions**

This folder contains some general use functions like get an absolute path from a relative one, get an iterable of a non iterable variable etc.

### **3.10.1 HPC\_Drug/auxiliary\_functions/path.py**

### **Function absolute\_filepath(path)**

Takes a string and returns the absolute path of the file If the file does not exist raises a FileNotFoundError

path :: string

return absolute\_path

### **Function which(program)**

Uses shutil.which to get the absolute path of an executable that is in path example: path = which("python"), path =  $\frac{\text{log}(100)}{\text{log}(100)}$  is the executable doesn't exist raises a OSError

program :: string

If you don't know if the program is in \$PATH or not use absolute\_programpath(program)

### **Function absolute\_programpath(program)**

It returns the absolute path to a program both if it is in \$PATH or not

if the executable doesn't exist raises an OSError

program :: string

### **3.10.2 HPC\_Drug/auxiliary\_functions/get\_iterable.py**

### **Function get\_iterable(x)**

Returns an iterable, even if given a single value.

If x is a string returns (string,) even though a string is an iterable

### **3.10.3 HPC\_Drug/auxiliary\_functions/run.py**

This file contains the functions needed to run external programs.

Function subprocess  $run(commands, shell = False, universal$  newlines **= False, error\_string = "error during the call of an external pro** $gram''$ cwd =  $os.getcwd()$ 

runs an external program using subprocess.run

if it fails will print the standard output, standard error and raise RuntimeError

commands :: list , it is the list of strings containing the command that subprocess.run will run

shell  $\therefore$ : bool, dafault False, if  $=$  True the commands will be executed in the shell

universa\_newlines :: bool, dafault False

error\_string :: the sting to give to the RuntimeError as argument

 $\operatorname{cwd}$  :: string , default the current working directory, it is the working directory for the child process

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# **Dependencies**

Being a middleware this program has some important dependencies (this is not the list of pip requirements that will be found in the HPC\_Drug repository):

- Biopython [9]
- numpy  $[11]$
- OpenMM [7]
- pdbfixer [6]
- ProDy  $[10]$
- scipy  $[12]$
- ORAC [4]
- primadorac [3]
- Gromacs [5]
- Plumed [2]

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