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6. Auxiliary routines.

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- 6.2. partials calculate site-site radial distribution functions. (obsolete)
- 6.3. **coord** calculate coordination numbers and coordination number distributions about specific sites.
- 6.4. **triangles** calculate bond angle distribution functions.
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- 6.6. **clusters** calculate cluster size distribution functions.
- 6.7. **chains** calculate chain length distribution functions.
- 6.8. rings calculate ring length distribution functions.

7. Spherical harmonic expansion of many-body correlation functions.

- 7.1. Introduction the spatial density function and orientational correlation function
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- 7.3. sdf spatial density functions for non-molecular systems.
- 7.4. **plot2d** and **plot3d** plotting the results from 7.2 and 7.3.
- 7.5. Triple body correlation function and higher order correlation functions.

EPSRshell> help The list of valid commands is:makeato makemole fmole fcluster bonds mixato dockato growcluster changeato introtcluster epsrwts epsrwtsx setup epsr partials triangles torangles chains rings clusters voids coord sharm sdf plot - Starts the plot menu plotato - Plots the specified .ato file using GNUplot, PGplot, or ATOMS plot2d plot3d Invoke the specified system command. system Sets the working folder. cd pwd Shows the current working folder. ls or dir - Lists the contents of the working folder. Makes a new folder. md ed or edit - Invokes the specified editor. Pula 2008 del – Delete a file or files. Silvia Imberti

Basic	What for	How to (theory)	How to (practice)
Triangles calculates the distribution of angles between three atoms which satisfy the specified distance constraints	The importance of correcting for the solid angle sampling (SiO2)	Analytical geometry (from the set of coordinates)	 Setup <program> <input filename.dat=""/></program> Input and Output files format Commands that can be run either as one- offs or repeatedly in a script file Plot routines

The importance of correcting for the solid angle sampling

Carnot's theorem



Since the cosine is a non-linear function, equal spacing in cosine doesn't correspond to equal spacing in the actual bond angle

Do you think this plot is correct?

 $\overline{AB}^2 = \overline{AC}^2 + \overline{BC}^2 - 2\overline{AC} \cdot \overline{BC} \cos \gamma$



Whenever we make a variable transformation we have to correct the dependent variable for the so-called Jacobian...

This is in fact taking into account that I have more possibilities for atom B to lie at an angle of say 45° than 20°



$$f(\cos(\theta))d\cos(\theta) = f(\cos(\theta))\frac{d\cos(\theta)}{d\theta}d\theta$$
$$f(\cos(\theta))d\cos(\theta) = g(\theta)\sin(\theta)d\theta$$



The combination of

•*Si–O* coordination number = 3.9 oxygen atoms around each silicon atom

•dominant 109° O–Si–O and 35° Si–O–O bond angles

confirms the basic tetrahedral structure of this glass.

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Input file for TRIANGLES (either with "setup" from the shell of copying and modifying an example file)

<filename>.TRI.dat

nsize	RI h2o298tot.ato 100 -1 1	Title of this file Name of .ato file Number of cos(theta) bins [100] Number of configurations already accumulated Number of tri-angle distributions
triangles	1	
atom1	OW	Atom type 1 to define a triangle
atom2	OW	Atom type 2 to define a triangle
atom3	OW	Atom type 3 to define a triangle
ltype	1	Single atom3 types [1], or multiple atom3 types [2]?
rmin12	1	Minimum distance for atoms 1 and 2
rmax12	3.4	Maximum distance for atoms 1 and 2
rmin23	1	Minimum distance for atoms 2 and 3
rmax23	3.4	Maximum distance for atoms 2 and 3
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Output files (very general)

As a general rule the input and output files for EPSR and its auxiliary routines will have a double extension of the form

<filename>.<program>.<filetype>

.TRI	triangles input and output files
.TOR	torangles input and output files
.CLUSTERS	clusters input and output files
.CHAINS	chains input and output files
.RINGS	rings input and output files
.SHARM	sharm input and output files
.SDF	sdf input and output files

<filename>.<program>.<filetype>

.c01	output files for TRIANGLES and TORANGLES angle distributions
.n01	output files for CLUSTERS, CHAINS, COORD, RINGS distribution
	functions

.h01, .h02, etc. output files for SHARM and SDF coefficients

Basic	What for	How to (theory)	How to (practice)
Triangles		Analytical geometry	• Setup <program></program>
Torangles calculates the distribution of angles between four atoms (aka torsion or dihedral angle)		(from the set of coordinates) <f da • fo</f 	<filename>.<program>. dat • Input and Output files format • Commands that can be run either as one- offs or repeatedly in a script file</program></filename>
			script file • Plot routines

The analytical geometry bit

The dihedral or torsion angle of two planes can be seen by looking at the planes "edge on", i.e., along their line of intersection. The dihedral angle ϕ_{AB} between two planes denoted A and B is the angle between their two normal unit vectors **n**_A and **n**_B

$$\cos\phi_{AB}=\mathbf{n}_A\cdot\mathbf{n}_B.$$





Input file for torangles <filename>.TOR.dat

eth4wat6.TOR		Title of thi:	
fnameato		eth4wat6.ato	
nsize	180	Number of co:	
nsumt	198	Number of com	
ndist	2	Number of tr:	

4 Order for atoms input

torangles 1

atoml	СМ	Atom type to define which molecule type
ltyp 1	5	First atom number to define the axis
ltyp 2	8	Second atom number to define the axis
ltyp 3	1 1	Two atom numbers for vector from atom 1
ltyp 4	99	Two atom numbers for vector from atom 2

torangles 2

atoml	СМ	Atom type to define which molecule type		
ltyp1	1	First atom number to define the axis		
ltyp2	5	Second atom number to define the axis		
ltyp3	23	Two atom numbers for vector from atom 1		
ltyp4	67	Two atom numbers for vector from atom 2		
q		International School of Neutron Scattering "Francesco Paolo Ricci" - Pula 2008		

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4 1 2 3 1 2 3 4 5 	4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 CM * 3HM * CC * 2HM * O * H
4 1 2 3 1 2 3 4 5	4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 1 * 32 * 5 * 26 * 8 * 9
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.atm file



eth4wat6.TORTitle of thisfnameatoeth4wat6.atonsize180Number of cosnsumt198Number of cosndist2Number of tr:

torangles 1

atom1	CM
ltyp1	5
ltyp2	8
ltyp3	1 1
ltyp4	99

Atom type to define which molecule type First atom number to define the axis Second atom number to define the axis Two atom numbers for vector from atom 1 Two atom numbers for vector from atom 2

torangles 2

atom1	СМ	Atom type to define which molecule type		
ltyp1	1	First atom number to define the axis		
ltyp2	5	Second atom number to define the axis		
ltyp3	2 3	Two atom numbers for vector from atom 1		
ltyp4	67	Two atom numbers for vector from atom 2		
q		International School of Neutron Scattering "Francesco Paolo Ricci" - Pula 2008		

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ltyp4	99	Two atom numbers for vector from atom 2

torangles 2

atom1	СМ	
ltyp1	1	
ltyp2	5	
ltyp3	23	3
ltyp4	6 7	7
q		

Atom type to define which molecule type First atom number to define the axis Second atom number to define the axis Two atom numbers for vector from atom 1 Two atom numbers for vector from atom 2

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Basic	What for	How to (theory)	How to (practice)
Triangles Torangles		Analytical geometry (from the set of	•Setup <program></program> <input filename.dat=""/>
Clusters calculates the distribution of cluster sizes involving molecules which are at specified distances	Percolation (methane- water mixture)	coordinates)	 Input and Output files format Commands that can be run either as one- offs or repeatedly in a script file Plot routines

Basic	What for	How to (theory)	How to (practice)
Triangles		Analytical	•Setup <program></program>
Torangles		geometry (from the set	<input filename.dat=""/>
Clusters	Percolation	of	 Input and Output
Chains calculates the distribution of chains among molecules and atoms which satisfy specific distance constraints, using the "shortest path" criterion to estimate the chain length between two atoms.	(methane-water mixture)	coordinates)	 files format Commands that can be run either as one- offs or repeatedly in a script file Plot routines
Rings calculates the distribution of rings among molecules and atoms which satisfy specific distance constraints, using the "shortest path" criterion.			

Percolation (methane-water mixture)

FIG. 3. Snapshot of an experimentally constrained EPSR model of the methanol-water mixture at x = 0.54 showing clusters of the segregated components. Methyl groups are shown as black spheres, large white spheres high light the position of water molecules, and small gray spheres denote methanol oxygen atoms.

0.54, and 0.7 and on the right from neutron diffraction experiments for methanol mole fractions 0.05, 0.27, 0.54 and 0.7. The dashed lines show the predicted cluster size distribution at the percolation threshold (Ref. 36). L.Dougan J.Chem.Phys.121, 6456 (2004) chool of NeuPercolation in the ginulated box occurs when clusters of a size close to the "Francesco Paolo Ricci" number of molecules in the simulation box form (vertical lines on the right hand side of the plot).



clusters in methanol-water mixtures. For water molecules the hydrogen-

bond definition was used to designate which molecules belong to a given

water cluster, while for methanol clusters the C-C distance definition was used. On the left, from MD simulations with methanol mole fractions 0.27,



Input file for clusters

Title of this file mw73.CLUSTERS fnameato mw73.ato Name of .ato file nsize 1000 Maximum cluster size (max 1000) nsumt -1 Number of configurations already accumulated ndist. 3 Number of cluster distributions cluster 1 Atom type 1 to define a bond С atom1 atom2 C Atom type 2 to define a bond 2 Minimum distance for this bond rmin 5.5 Maximum distance for this bond rmax cluster 2 Atom type 1 to define a bond atom1 \cap atom2 H Atom type 2 to define a bond rmin Minimum distance for this bond 1 2.5 Maximum distance for this bond rmax cluster 3 Atom type 1 to define a bond atom1 ΟW **Output:** atom2 HW Atom type 2 to define a bond rmin 1 Minimum distance for this bond mw73.CLUSTFRS.n01 2.5 Maximum distance for this bond rmax Q

Cluster 1: fraction containing 2 or more molecules 1.00000 Cluster 2: fraction containing 2 in the containing 79762 Cluster 3: fraction containing F2an 63 cm of e Rind 1 ecules 0.72222 Silvia Imberti Compared to clusters, the chains program uses a more advanced criterion for deciding whether two molecules are bonded or not.

The program calculates 2 distributions for each chain definition.

•The first is the distribution of bond numbers, i.e. how many bonds are there per valid molecule.

•The second is the chain length distribution.

The chain length is calculated using the "shortest path" criterion, which basically sorts through all the possible linked paths between two molecules, and counts only the shortest path, i.e. the one with the least number of linkages between those two molecules.

•Each **chain** must begin and end on a molecule with only one link to another molecule.

•The only difference between the two routines is that a **ring** can only begin and end on a molecule with two or more linkages.

Input file for CHAINS and RINGS

methanc fnameat nsize nsumt ndist	0l.CHAINS 0 200 -1 1	Title of this file methanol1.ato Name of .ato file Maximum chain length (max 200) Number of configurations already accum Number of chain length distributions
chain	1	
atom1 atom2 atom3 rmin1 rmax1 rmin2 rmax2 q	O H O 1 3.4 1 2.5	Atom type 1 for first atom in first molecule Atom type 2 for second atom in first molecule Atom type 3 for atom in second molecule Minimum distance for atom1-atom3 Maximum distance for atom2-atom3 Maximum distance for atom2-atom3

1 0.17900E+01 0.63511E+00 0.58000E+01 0.48229E+01

Advanced	What for	How to (theory and practice)
Sharm and SDF	•The peculiar case of	1. Minimum Noise
calculates the spherical	Hydrogen Bond in H ₂ O and	approach to a "heavily
harmonic coefficients for	H ₂ S	undetermined" problem
the Spatial Density Function	•NaOH in Water	2. Spherical Harmonics
(SDF) and the Orientational		representation of g(r)
Correlation Function (OCF)		



Where I explain why explicit calculation is not so convenient...



"Once you get away from the cosy world of pair distribution functions, you run into two problems"

• How to store a function of 3 to 6 variables

For example, the orientational correlations for two arbitrary shaped molecules with little symmetry:

- Digitize a radial grid into 100 steps
- Digitize each angle into 9^o steps:

20θL, 40φL, 20θM, 40φM, 40χM

Total number of pixels = 2560000000 = 2.59×10⁹

How to visualize the output (given that we can understand maximum 3 dimensions)

Measured partial structure factors for water as obtained in a recent SANDALS experiment. The crosses show the actual data, the solid lines show the fit to these data using the full spherical harmonic expansion and the dashed-dotted lines show the result of assuming the water molecules have isotropic relative orientations.

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0

-1

-2

0



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Measured partial structure factors for hydrogen sulfide (symbols) and their minimum noise fit

"While fully admitting that there is no direct route to the complete orientational correlation function in a molecular liquid, it is nonetheless a very reasonable question to ask what would be the least amount of structure in that correlation function that **could be sustained**, given that there are some measured partial structure factor data available, and given that the liquid is made up of molecules of known geometry."



try." Figure 2. Partial structure factors measured at T = 298 K (symbols) and their minimum noise fit (solid line); sulphur-hydrogen and hydrogen-hydrogen factors have International School of been shifted by an arbitrary quantity.

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The site-site partial structure factors can be expanded as a series of spherical harmonic functions

 Generalized rotation matrix θ_L $D_{mn}^{l}(\omega) = e^{-im\phi} d_{mn}^{l}(\theta) e^{-in\chi}$ Clebsch-Gordan coefficients $|l_1 - l_2| \le l \le l_1 + l_2$ and $m = m_1 + m_2$ φ_L $(\varphi_{1}, \theta_{1}, \chi_{1})$ $h(\mathbf{r},\omega_1,\omega_2) = \sum \sum h(l_1l_2l;n_1n_2;r)$ $l_1 l_2 l_m m_2 m_1 n_2$ $\times C(l_1 l_2 l; m_1 m_2 m) D_{m_1 n_1}^{l_1}(\omega_1)^*$ $\times D_{m_2n_2}^{l_2}(\omega_2)^* D_{m0}^l(\omega),$

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 $^{z_2}(\varphi_2,\theta_2,\chi_2)$

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$$H_{\alpha\beta}(Q) = 4 \pi \rho \int_0^\infty r^2 [g_{\alpha\beta}(r) - 1] \frac{\sin Qr}{Qr} dr.$$
$$h(\mathbf{r}, \omega_1, \omega_2) \left[= g(\mathbf{r}, \omega_1, \omega_2) - 1 \right]$$

Both the Q side and the r side can be expanded...

$$h(\mathbf{r},\omega_1,\omega_2)$$

See previous slide...

$$H(Q) = \sum_{l_1 l_2 l} \sum_{n_1 n_2} f(l_1 l_2 l) C(l_1 l_2 l; 000) H(l_1 l_2 l; n_1 n_2; Q)$$

$$\times [F_{l_1 n_1}(Q) \times F_{l_2 n_2}(Q)],$$

The coefficients for each expansion are related by a fourier bessel transform

•∞ $H(l_1 l_2 l; n_1 n_2; Q) = 4\pi \pi \rho_{\text{transformation}} r_1^2 h(l_1 l_2 l; n_1 n_2; r) j_l(Qr) dr$ "Francesco Paolo Ricci" - Pula 2008 Silvia Imberti

Euler angles



To perform a transformation from the fixed starting coordinate reference system to a relative reference frame XYZ \rightarrow xyz, the convention adopted was (i) to rotate positively in the advancing direction of a right hand screw, through an angle ϕ (0° $\leq \phi \leq 360$ °) about the Z axis, XYZ \rightarrow X'Y'Z',

(ii) rotate by θ (0° $\leq \theta \leq 180^{\circ}$) about Y', X'Y'Z' \rightarrow X"Y"Z", and finally

(iii) rotate by χ (0° $\leq \chi \leq 180$ °) about Z" to bring X"Y"Z" \rightarrow xyz

Ok but, how do they look like?

$$Y_{\ell}^{m}(\theta,\varphi) = \sqrt{\frac{(2\ell+1)}{4\pi} \frac{(\ell-m)!}{(\ell+m)!}} P_{\ell}^{m}(\cos\theta) e^{im\varphi}$$

The spherical harmonics are **easily** visualized by counting the number of zero crossings they possess in both the latitudinal and longitudinal directions. For the latitudinal direction, the associated Legendre functions possess I - |m| zeros, whereas for the longitudinal direction, the trigonomentric sin and cos functions possess 2 | m | zeros. When the spherical harmonic order *m* is zero, the spherical harmonic functions do not depend upon longitude, and are referred to as zonal. When l = |m|, there are no zero crossings in latitude, and the functions are referred to as sectoral. For the other cases, the functions checker the sphere, and they are referred to as tesseral.



Schematic representation of Y_{lm} on the unit sphere. Y_{lm} is equal to 0 along m great circles passing through the poles, and along l-m circles of equal latitude. The function changes sign each time it crosses one of these lines.

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Input file for SHARM

h2o298tot.SHARN fnameato	1 Title of this file h2o298tot_s.ato Name of .ato file
nr 130	Number of radius values (max 200)
rmax 13	Maximum radius for spherical harmonic coefficients
nsumt 1	Number of configurations already accumulated
ncoeffs 158	Number of coefficients (program calculates this)
l1values 01234	L1 values (separated by spaces)
l2values 01234	L2 values (separated by spaces)
Ivalues 01234	L values (separated by spaces)
n1step 2	Step in N1 values
n2step 2	Step in N2 values
atom-c OW	Central molecule - list of centre atom types
axisc1 z 2 3	First axis definition for central molecule
axisc2 y 2	Second axis definition for central molecule
atom-s OW	Second molecule - list of centre atom types
axiss1 z 2 3	First axis definition for second molecule
axiss2 y 2	Second axis definition for second molecule
q	"Francesco Paolo Ricci" - Pula 2008 Silvia Imberti

Input file for SDF

sio2_095.SD	F	Title of this file
fnameato	sio2_095.ato	Name of .ato file
nr	130	Number of radius values (max 200)
rmax	13	Maximum radius for spherical harmonic coefficients
nsumt	1	Number of configurations already accumulated
ncoeffs	16	Number of coefficients (program calculates this)
l1values	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	L1 values (separated by spaces)
l2values	0	L2 values (separated by spaces)
lvalues	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	L values (separated by spaces)
n1step	2	Step in N1 values
n2step	0	Step in N2 values
atom-c pairdist-c fracdist-c	1.6 1.6 2.6	List of centre atom types. First will be origin. List of pair distances for centre molecule. Acceptance half-width (fraction of pair distance).
axisc1 axisc2 atom-s pairdist-s fracdist-s axiss1 axiss2 q	z 2 3 y 2 O 0 0.2 z Y	First axis definition for centre molecule. Second axis definition for centre molecule. List of second atom types. First will be origin. List of pair distances for second molecule. Acceptance half-width (fraction of pair distance). First axis definition for second molecule. Second axis definition for second molecule.

The power of the method

The power of the method arises from the fact that awkward integrals over angular coordinates are replaced by simple sums over the coefficients

The spherical harmonic representation is an extremely compact method of storing many-body correlation functions.

The added bonus is that having calculated the coefficients you can go back and interrogate the distribution in various ways without having to recalculate the atom positions all over again.

Sharm and SDF

Calculates the spherical harmonic coefficients for the Spatial Density Function (SDF) and the Orientational Correlation Function (OCF)

PLOT2D and PLOT3D

This is where I really to integrate over a certain variable or over a different one

Input file for PLOT3D

Basically once the coefficients have been calculated you can choose how to sum the up (this step is equivalent to an integration in one of the variables) and this is done directly in the plot routine

sio2_095.SDF.h03	1
16	no. of coefficients - determined from coefficients file
1	= 0 for identical molecules, else 1 if different
1	0 sets first coefficient to zero - normally 1
4	number of smoothings on coefficients
6	maximum radius of plotting box
1 1	no. of plots along x- and y-axis [set at 1 1]
1.0	aspect ratio of plot [1.0]
1 6	minimum and maximum radius of plot
0.2	fractional isosurface level (-ve for absolute)
1 0	use l1 and l2 (1 or 0)
1 0	use n1 and n2 (1 or 0)
0	use m (1 or 0)
1	vary (thetal, phil) (1), (thetam, phim) (2), (thetam, chim) (3)
0 0 0	

...etc

Spatial Density/Distribution Functions (SDF's)

The spatial density function, $g(\mathbf{r}, \Omega)$, represents the probability of finding a neighbouring molecule as a function of radial distance \mathbf{r} and orientation Ω , about a central molecule defining the coordinate reference frame.



$$D_{mn}^{l}(\omega) = e^{-im\phi} d_{mn}^{l}(\theta) e^{-in\chi}$$



Euler angle	"Quantum" no.
f	m
q	lmn
С	n

Relative position		Orientation of molecule 2	
1 ()	1	12	0
n1 (n)	1	n2	0
		m2	0



lonic radius

Hydroxyl ion solvation shell





1 0	use 11 and 12 (1 or 0)
1 0	use n1 and n2 (1 or 0)
0	use m (1 or 0)
1	vary (thetal, phil) (1), (thetam, phim) (2), (thetam, chim) (3)
0 0	

$$D_{mn}^{l}(\omega) = e^{-im\phi} d_{mn}^{l}(\theta) e^{-in\chi}$$



Euler angle	"Quantum" no.
f	m
q	lmn
С	n

Relative position		Orientation of molecule 2	
1 ()	1	12	1
n1 (n)	1	n2	1
		m2	1



1 1	#11 if zero use only l1=0 and/or l2=0
1 1	#12 if zero use only n1=0 and/or n2=0
1	#13 if zero use only m2=0
3	#14 vary thetal and phil(1) thetam and
phim(2), or	thetam and chim(3) for second molecule



The most exciting phrase to hear in science, the one that heralds new discoveries, is not "Eureka" (I've found it!) but "That's funny…"

(Isaac Asimov)

Have fun!