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SURFACTANTS AND MOLECULAR DYNAMICS

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SURFACTANTS BUT NOT MOLECULAR DYNAMICS



HOW SOFT MATTER PEOPLE USE SASSIE





MICELLES ARE TOUGH TO SIMULATE





EDUCATE STARTING STRUCTURE WITH EXPERIMENT





FIT00G 1.0

Fitoog 1.0 was based on reverse Monte-Carlo





FIT00G 1.0

TOO SLOW

- Written in python with no parallelisation
- Single structure
- The parameter space in a micellisation has hundreds of dimensions
 - Even with the Metropolis condition it is easy to be stuck in local minima





FITOOG 2.0

Fitoog 2.0 uses a hybrid particle swarm-genetic algorithm





PARTICLE SWARM ALGORITHM

- Each particle has knowledge of its personal best position and the global best ever position in parameter space
- Parameters are changed based on a velocity that is determined as follows

$$v_i \leftarrow v_i + U(0, \phi_1) \times (p_i - x_i) + U(0, \phi_2) \times (p_g - x_i)$$
$$x_i \leftarrow x_i + v_i$$



PARTICLE SWARM ALGORITHM



Can get stuck in local minima



INITIAL POPULATION

































PARENTS





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Can struggle to find the bottom of a minimum



BEST OF BOTH WORLDS?





FIT00G 2.0

► C++

- Parallelised with MPI
 - Over scattering calculation for each population member
- Population of structures
- Centre-of-mass and orientation are parameters that are optimised
- Relatively straightforward to try different algorithms
- Really not ready for people to use but if you know what you are doing feel free
 - Open-source on Github









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