

Supporting Information: EBMetaD command files

COLVARS format

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# output frequency
colvarsTrajFrequency 250

# selection of groups for defining a distance, with the center
# of mass of the N and O atoms from the spin label on 450 and
# the center of mass of the N and O atoms from the spin label on 516

colvar {
    # name of the distance colvar
    name dist_450_516
    distance {
        # selection of the N and O atoms of label on 450
        group1 {
            atomNumbers {
                6004 6005
            }
        }
        group2 {
            # selection of the N and O atoms of label on 516
            atomNumbers {
                6980 6981
            }
        }
    }
    #####boundary condition to prevent sampling of
    #####regions outside of the distribution
    # position of the lower and upper harmonic restraints
    lowerWall 20
    lowerWallConstant 100
    upperWall 50
    upperWallConstant 100
    # boundaries that defines the lowest and highest allowed value
    # used to define the grids of values for the colvar
    lowerBoundary 20
    upperBoundary 50
    # grid spacing
    width 0.5
}

metadynamics {
    name meta450_516
    colvars dist_450_516
    # Gaussian parameters
    hillWeight 0.01
    hillWidth 0.5
    newHillFrequency 1000
    useGrids on
    ebMeta on
    # targeted input distance distribution file
    targetdistfile deer_450_516.dat
    # number of equilibration steps
    ebMetaEquilSteps 100000
    # turn on the Gaussian reflection
    useHillsReflection on
    # limits of the Gaussian reflection
    # outside these limits the bias force
    # is turned to zero
    reflectionLowLimit 20
    reflectionUpLimit 50
    writeHillsTrajectory on
}

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PLUMED format

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# output frequency
PRINT W_STRIDE 250

# Gaussian parameters
HILLS HEIGHT 0.01 W_STRIDE 1000

# selection of groups for defining a distance, with the center
# of mass of the N and O atoms from the spin label on 450 and
# the center of mass of the N and O atoms from the spin label on 516

DISTANCE LIST <g450> <g516> SIGMA 0.5 NOPBC

g450->
6004 6005
g450<-

g516->
6980 6981
g516<-

# targeted input distance distribution file
PROBRES CV 1 PROBFILE deer_450_516.dat

# boundary condition to prevent sampling of region outside of distribution
LWALL CV 1 LIMIT 20 KAPPA 100

UWALL CV 1 LIMIT 50 KAPPA 100

# limits of the Gaussian reflection applied at the boundaries
INVERT CV 1 REFLECTION 6 INVERSION 12 MAXHEIGHT 5 LIMIT1 20.0 LIMIT2 50.0

# zeros out any bias forces outside the interval
INTERVAL CV 1 LOWER_LIMIT 20.0 UPPER_LIMIT 50.0

ENDMETA

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