

# Streamlining and sharing molecular simulation data flows with BioSimSpace

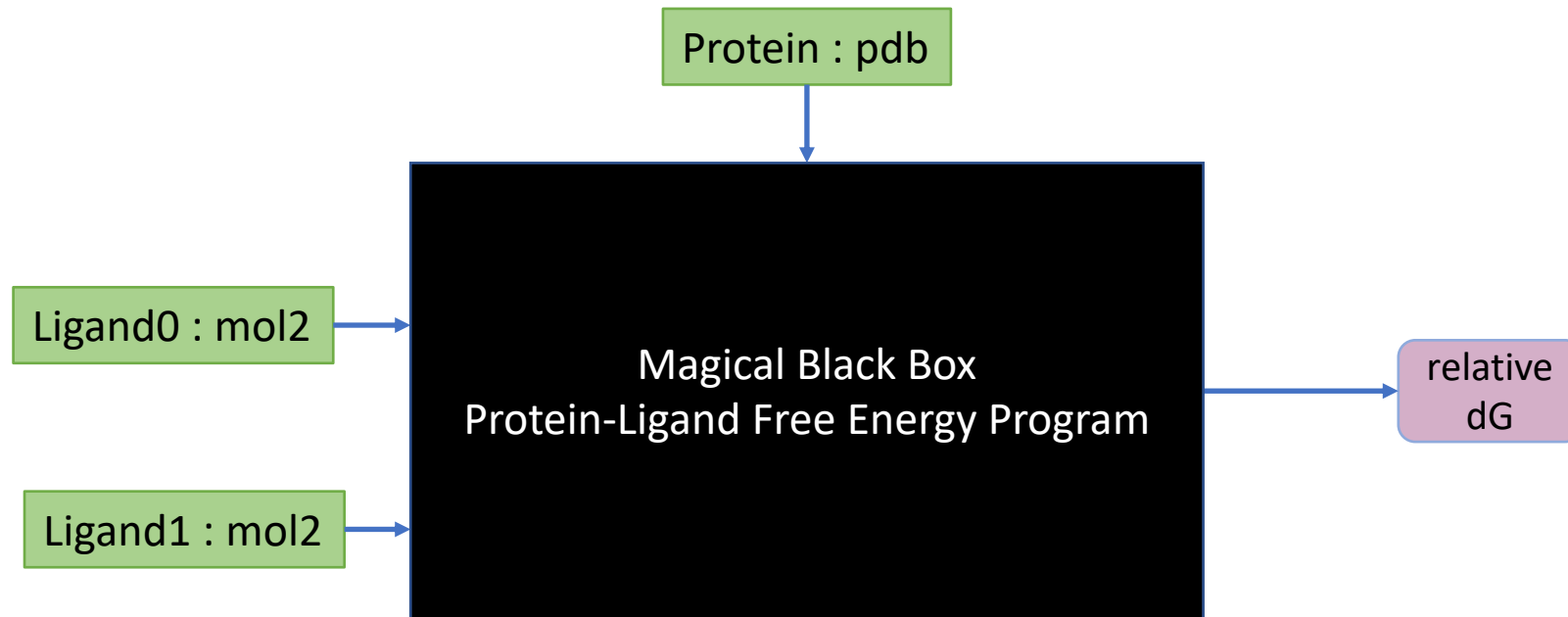
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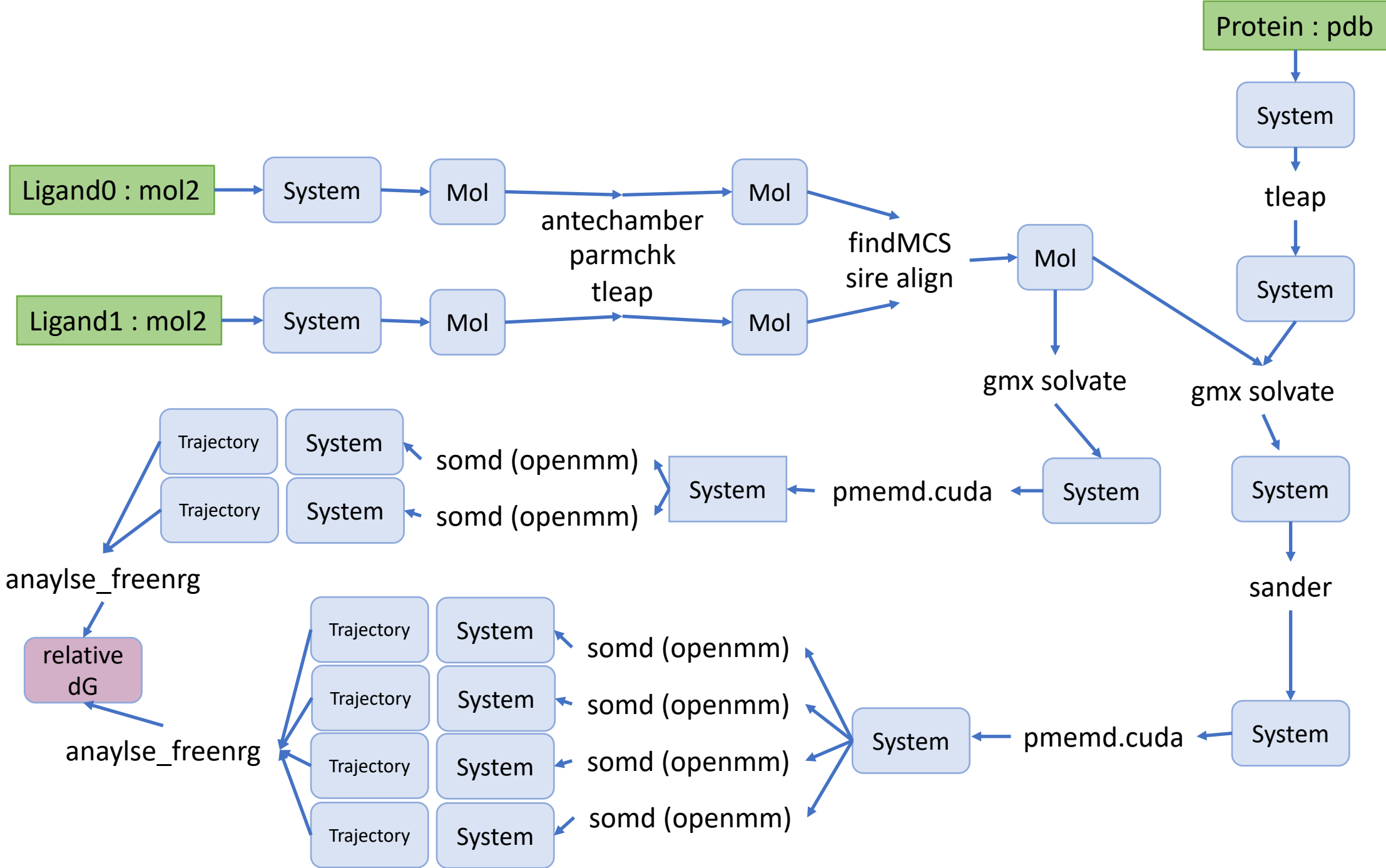
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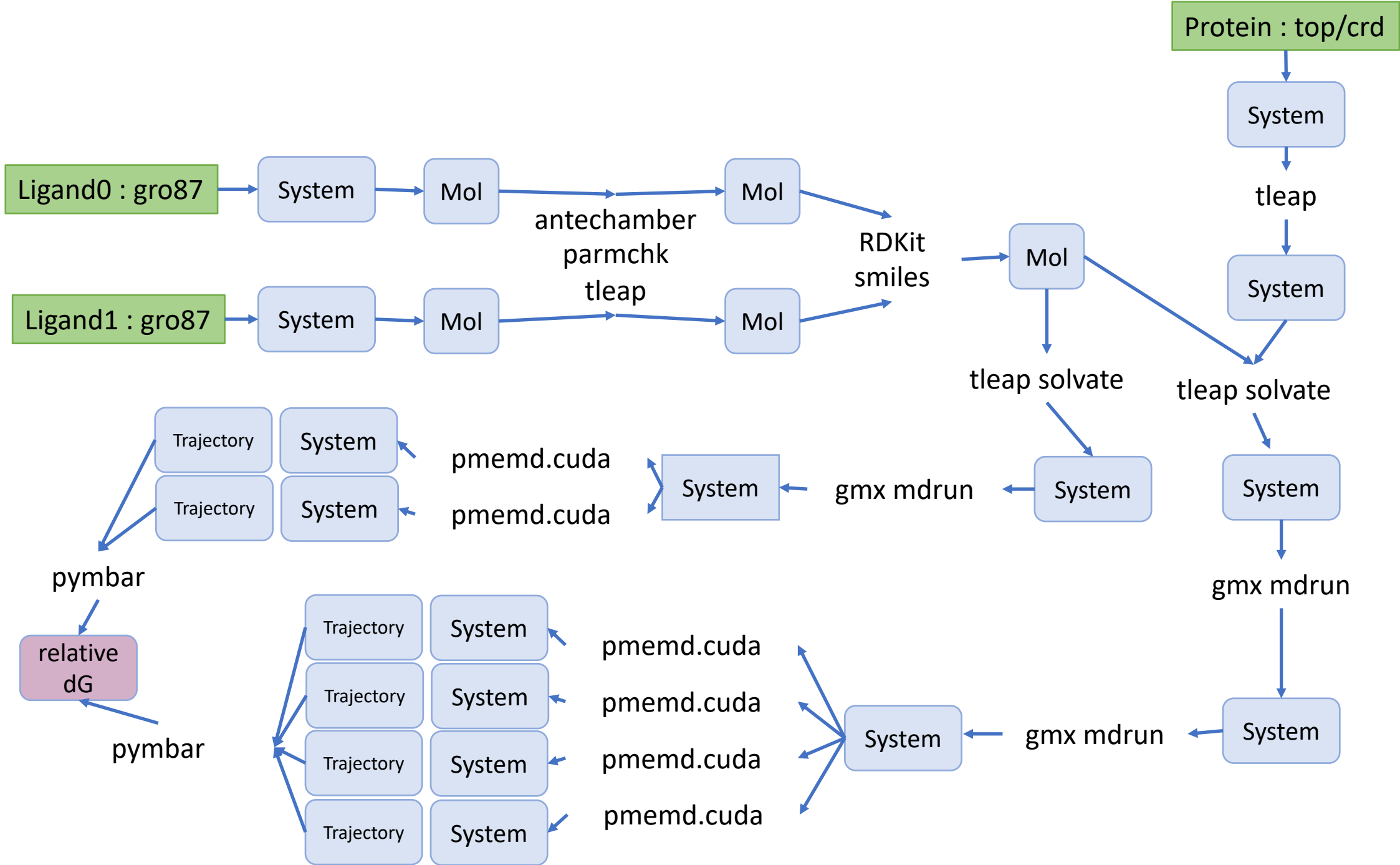
# Calculating Relative Binding Free Energies



How can we share the protocols and data flows from the above calculation?

...just publish the scripts on GitHub?  
...and the input files...  
...and the input/output data...?





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import BioSimSpace as BSS

import re
import sys

# Read the list of ligands.
ligands = []
with open("ligands.txt", "r") as file:
    for line in file:
        ligands.append(line.rstrip())

# Get the ligand index.
idx = int(sys.argv[1])

# Extract the ligand name.
lig_name = re.search("(CatS_\\d+).pdb", ligands[idx]).groups()[0]

# Create the prefix of the output files.
output = "parameterised/" + lig_name

# Load the ligand.
lig = BSS.IO.readMolecules(ligands[idx]).getMolecules()[0]

# Parameterise the ligand with GAFF2.
lig = BSS.Parameters.gaff2(lig).getMolecule()

# Save to AMBER format.
BSS.IO.saveMolecules(output, lig, ["rst7", "prm7"])

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# Extract the directory for the job.
try:
    job_dir = os.getenv("JOB_DIR")
except:
    job_dir = None

# No job directory set, use the current directory.
if job_dir is None:
    job_dir = "."

# Extract the ligand numbers.
num0 = sys.argv[1]
num1 = sys.argv[2]

# Load the protein and crystal waters.
protein_water = BSS.IO.readMolecules("%s/protein/protein_water.pdb" % job_dir)

# Extract the waters.
waters = protein_water.getWaterMolecules()

# Parameterise the protein.
protein = BSS.Parameters.ff14SB(protein_water.getMolecules()[0]).getMolecule()

# Load the parameterised ligands.
lig0 = BSS.IO.readMolecules(BSS.IO.glob("%s/ligands_aligned/parametrised/CatS_%s.*" % job_dir, num0))
lig1 = BSS.IO.readMolecules(BSS.IO.glob("%s/ligands_aligned/parametrised/CatS_%s.*" % job_dir, num1))

# If a mapping file exists, then load the mapping. Otherwise, use BioSimSpace
# to create the mapping.
mapping = {}

# Forward mapping.
if os.path.isfile("%s/FESetup_mappings/merge_errors/%s_%s.txt" % (job_dir, num0, num1)):
    with open("%s/FESetup_mappings/merge_errors/%s_%s.txt" % (job_dir, num0, num1)) as f:
        for line in f:
            pair = line.strip().split()
            mapping[AtomIdx(int(pair[0]))] = AtomIdx(int(pair[1]))

# Reverse mapping.
elif os.path.isfile("%s/FESetup_mappings/merge_errors/%s_%s.txt" % (job_dir, num1, num0)):
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else:
    # Find the best mapping of atoms between the ligands.
    mapping = BSS.Align.matchAtoms(lig0, lig1)

# Align lig0 to lig1 based on the mapping.
lig0 = BSS.Align.rmsdAlign(lig0, lig1, mapping)

# Merge the two ligands based on the mapping.
merged = BSS.Align.merge(lig0, lig1, mapping)

# Create the composite system.
system = merged + protein + waters

# Solvate in a 60 angstrom box of TIP3P water.
solvated = BSS.Solvent.tip3p(molecule=system, box=3*[60*BSS.Units.Length.angstrom])

# Create the free energy protocol.
protocol = BSS.Protocol.FreeEnergy(runtime=4*BSS.Units.Time.nanosecond, num_lam=17)

# Initialise the binding free energy object.
freenrg = BSS.FreeEnergy.Binding(solvated, protocol, work_dir="CatS_%s_%s" % (num0, num1))

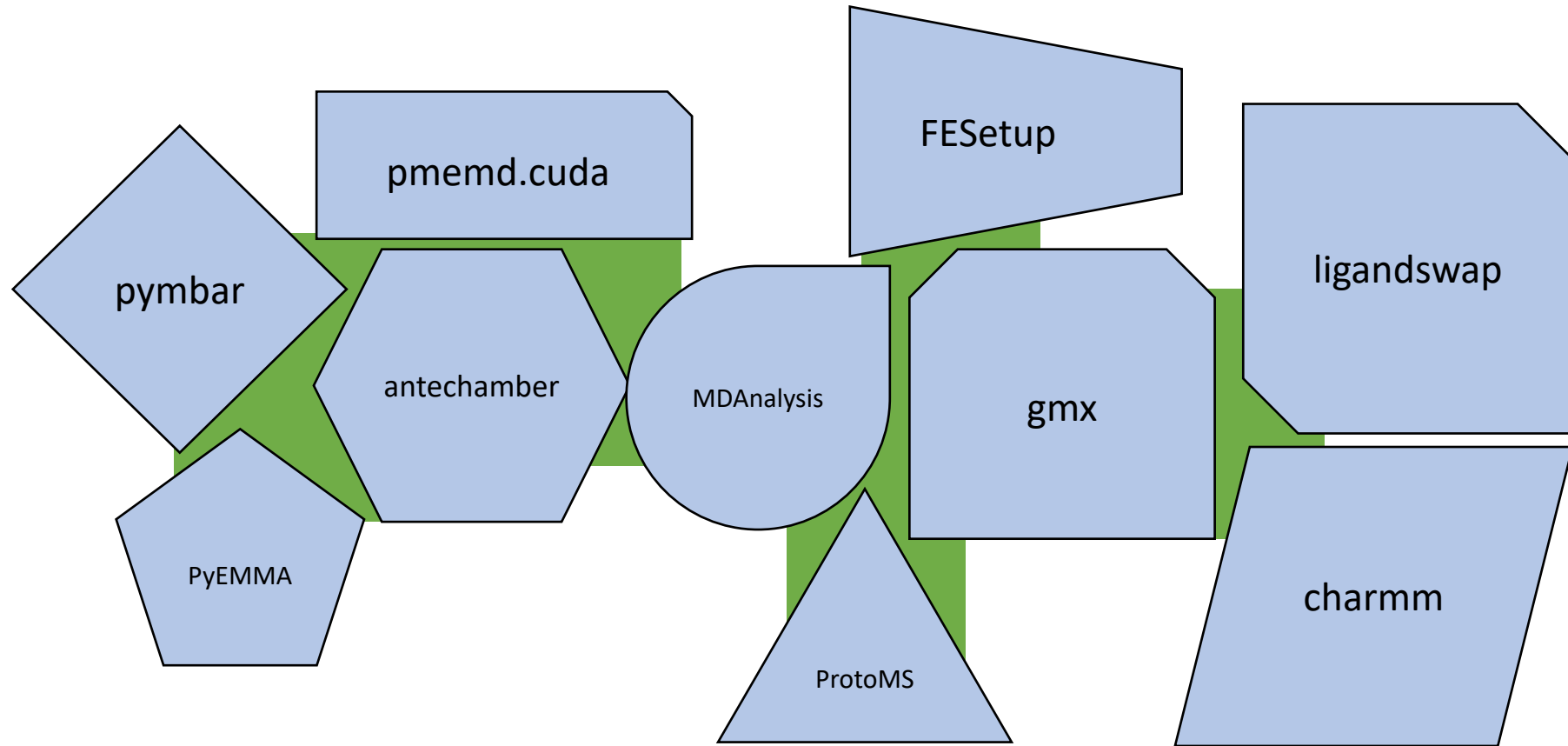
# Run the simulation.
freenrg.run()

```

**We want to share the above scripts, together with the record of what was run**

[https://github.com/michellab/D3R2018/blob/master/CatS/BSS/binding\\_freenrg.py](https://github.com/michellab/D3R2018/blob/master/CatS/BSS/binding_freenrg.py)

# BioSimSpace



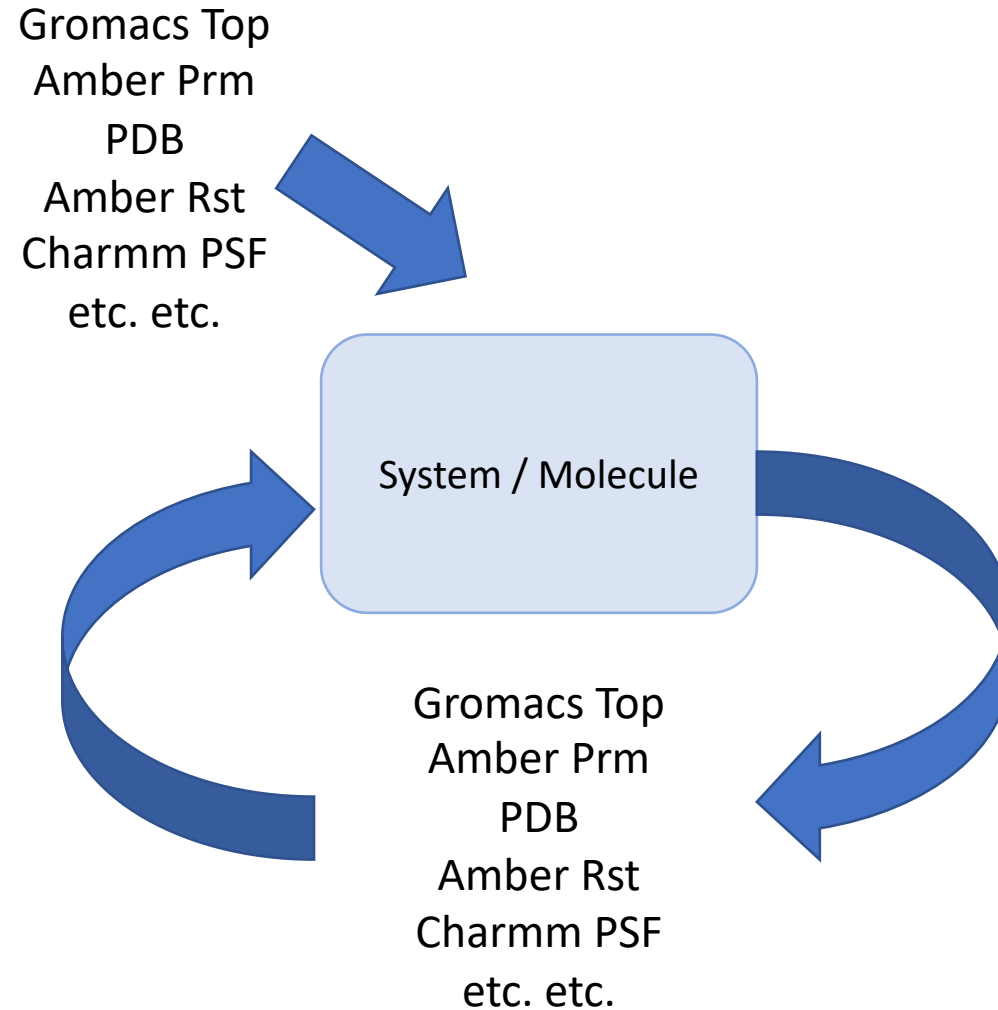
- Work with the existing formats and software we have
- Make it easier for this software to plug together
- Make it easier to translate one format into another

**Make it easier to write the “shims”**



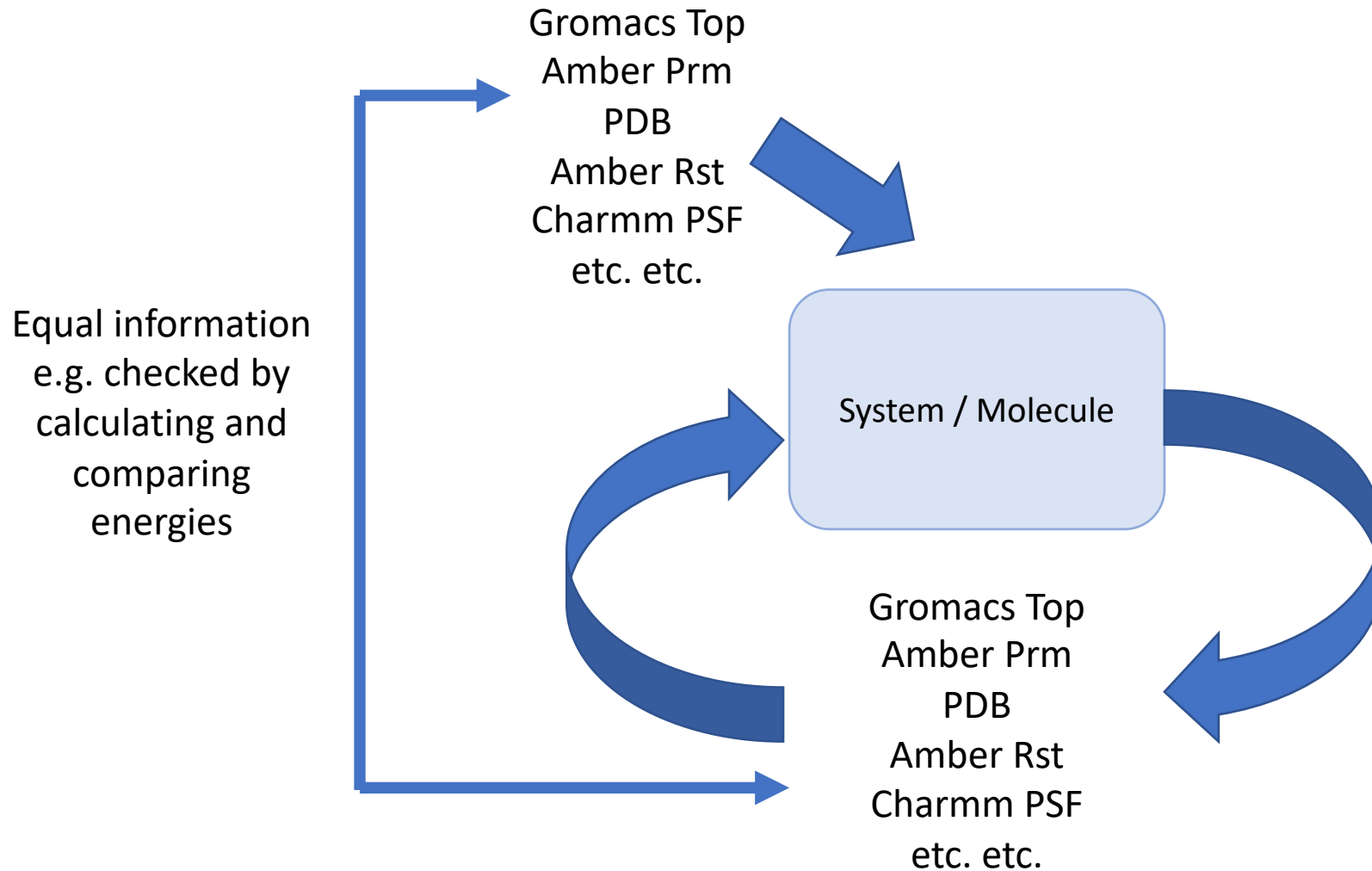
# 7 Design Principles of BioSimSpace

# Design Principle 1: Read == Write

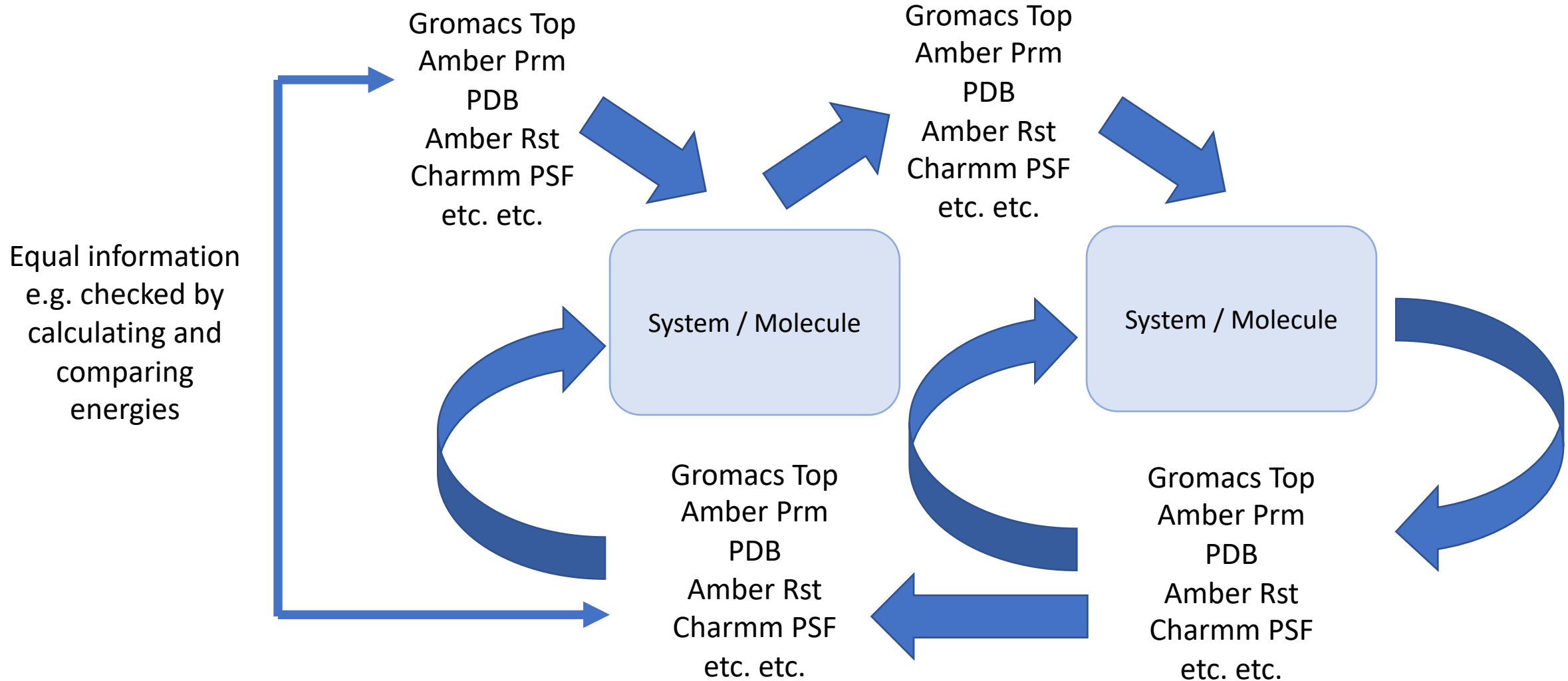




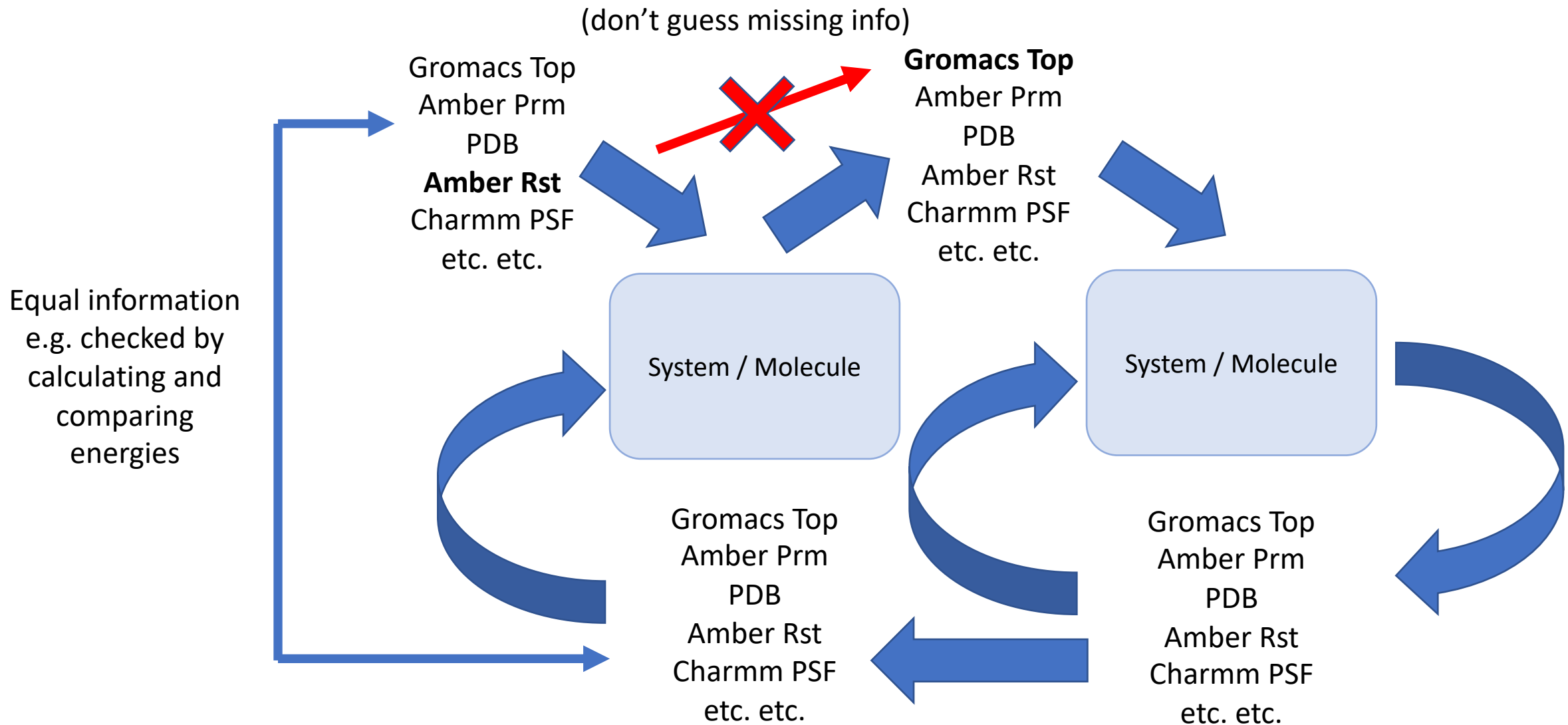
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# Design Principle 3: Don't be too clever!



# Hang on a minute - What is "Molecule"?

## **Molecule**

Collection of Property-derived objects  
organized into a key/value dictionary

"charge0" => AtomCharges

"LJ" => AtomLJs

"element" => AtomElements

"mass" => AtomMasses

"connectivity" => Connectivity

"bond" => TwoAtomFunctions

"angle" => ThreeAtomFunctions

"dihedral" => FourAtomFunctions

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Arbitrary key names (and as many as you want and as many property types as you want!)

## Molecule

Collection of Property-derived objects organized into a key/value dictionary

"charge0" => AtomCharges

"charge1" => AtomCharges

"fluffy\_cat" => AtomLJs

"ELEMENT" => AtomElements

"silly name" => AtomMasses

"bonding" => Connectivity

"2" => TwoAtomFunctions

"3" => ThreeAtomFunctions

"4" => FourAtomFunctions

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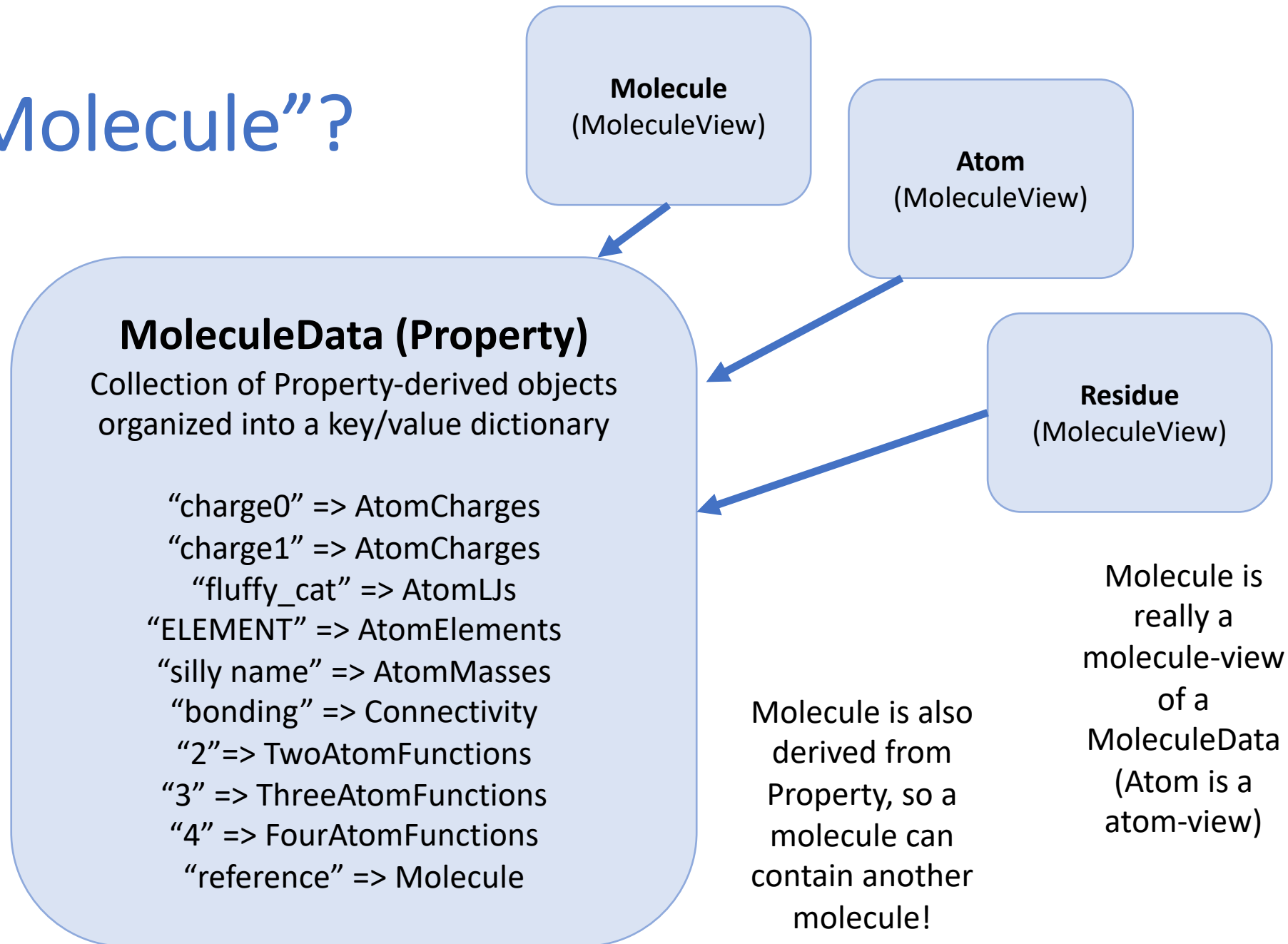
"reference" => Molecule

Arbitrary key  
names (and as  
many as you  
want and as  
many property  
types as you  
want!)

Molecule is also  
derived from  
Property, so a  
molecule can  
contain another  
molecule!

# What is "Molecule"?

Arbitrary key names (and as many as you want and as many property types as you want!)



# And, What is "System"?

Arbitrary key names (and as many as you want and as many property types as you want!)

## **System(Property)**

Collection of MoleculeGroups and Properties that describe the system

"space" => PeriodicBox

"time" => Time(5\*nanosecond)

"all" => MoleculeGroup(molecules)

"protein" => MoleculeGroup(molecules)

"ligand" => MoleculeGroup(molecules)

"reference" => System

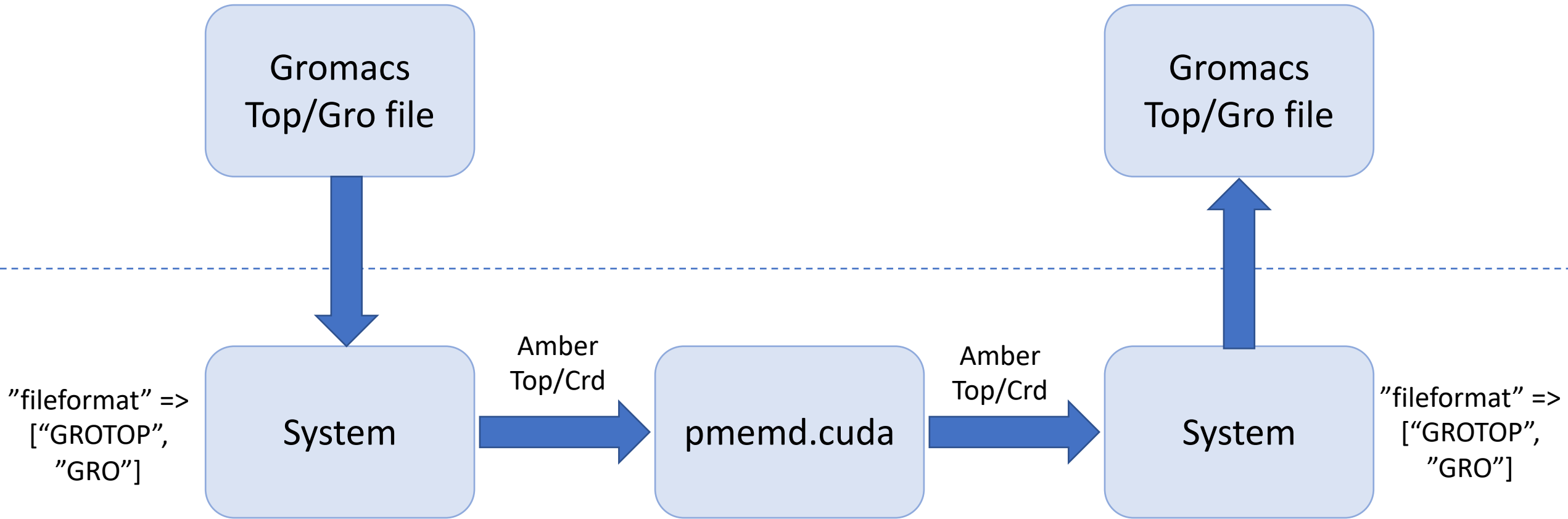
"free energy" => FreeEnergyMonitor

System groups together collections of molecules (really molecule views) into MoleculeGroups, and packages these with its own key/value dictionary of arbitrary properties.

System is also a Property, so systems can contain other systems, molecules can contain systems – it can all be very inception!

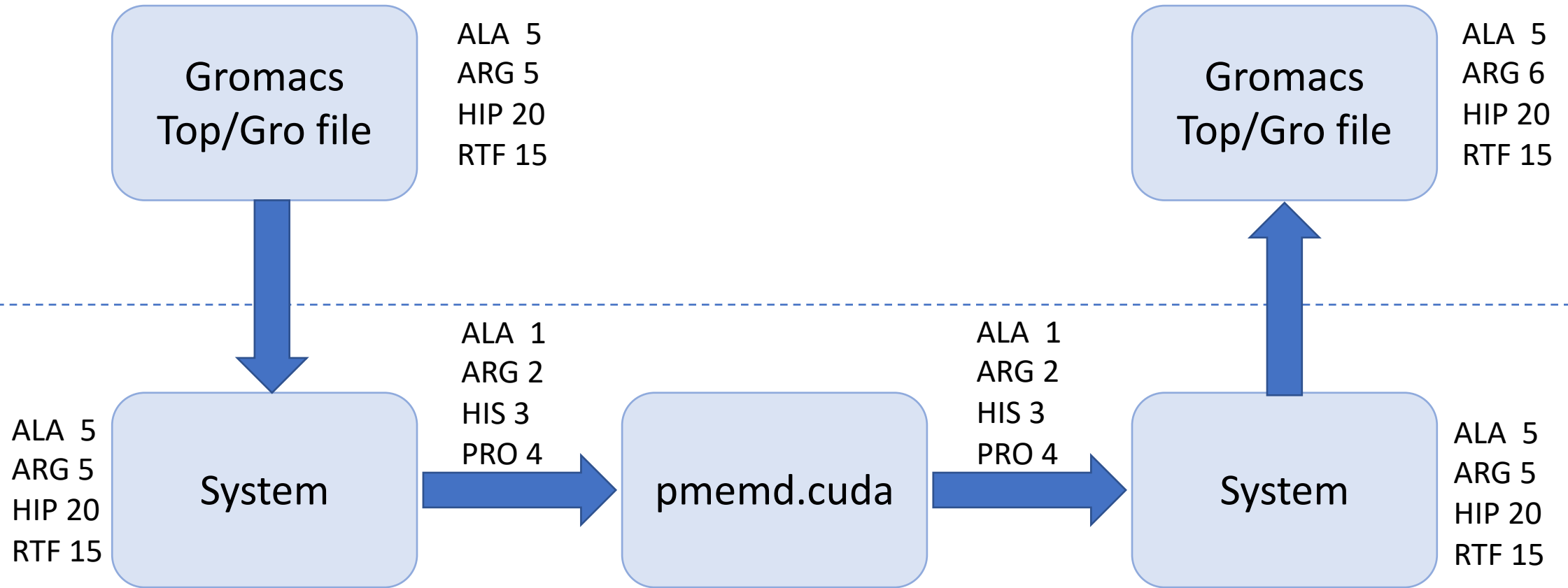


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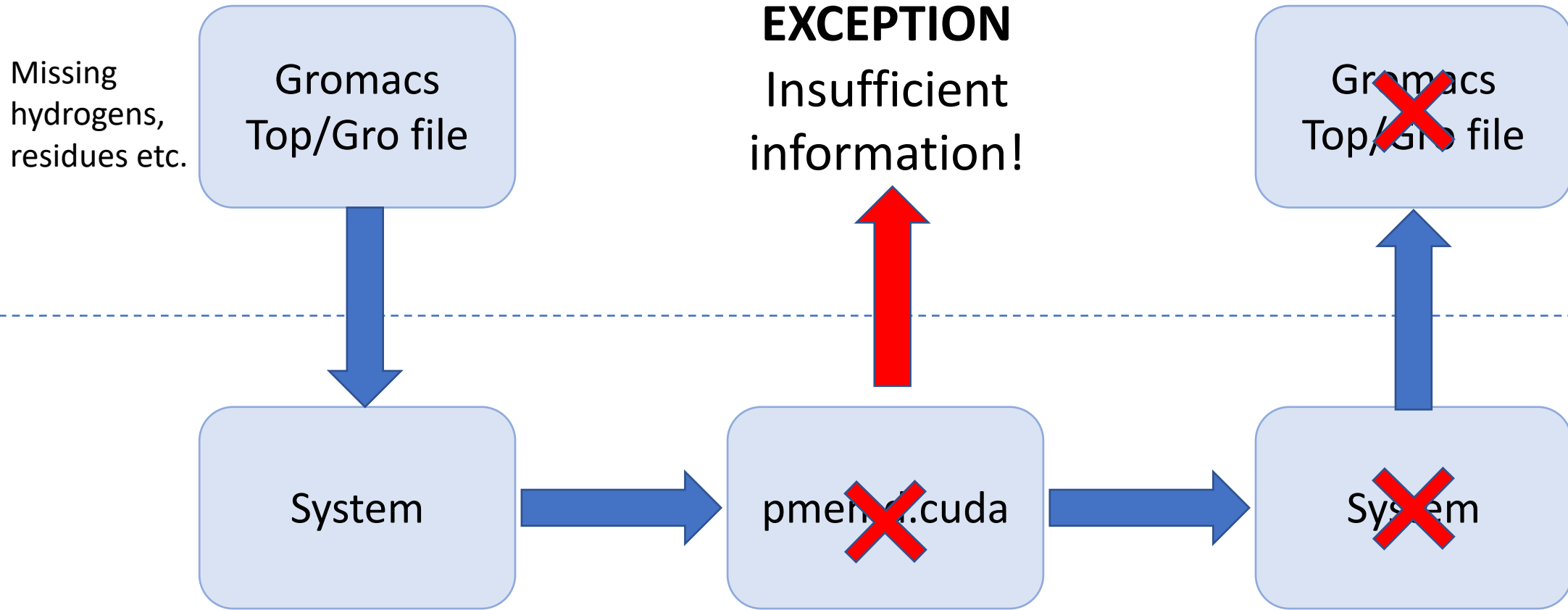
Write output in the same format as the user-supplied input

# Design Principle 4: Don't Change Anything!



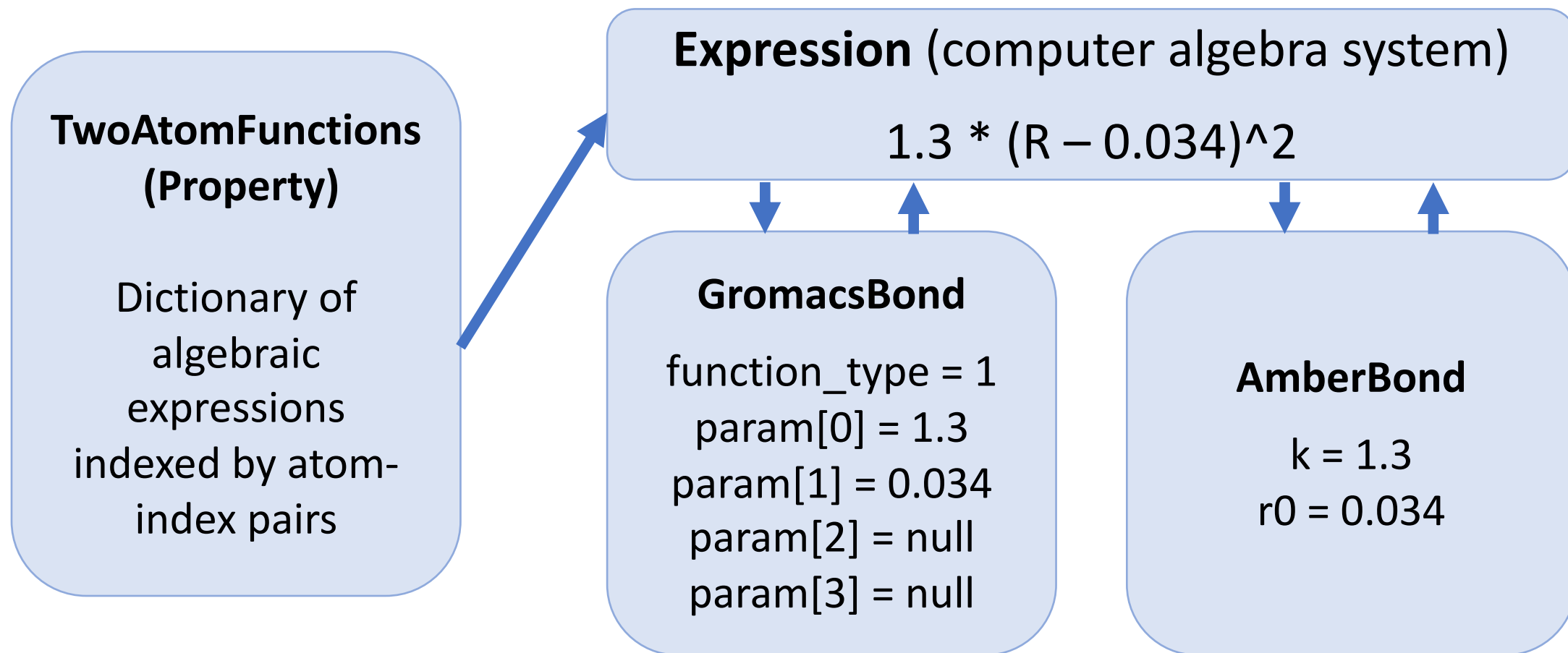
Preserve user-supplied identifiers and atom/residue ordering!

# Design Principle 4: Don't Change Anything!



Don't add missing information unless it is unambiguous  
(this is another example of DP3: Don't be too clever!)

# Design Principle 5: Store General / Write Specific



Data is stored in a generic format and only converted to format-specific formats when writing. Exceptions raised if data cannot be converted

# Design Principle 6: Units are important!

All data has attached units, using a complete units library, e.g.

temperature = 298 \* kelvin

bond\_k = 3.5 \* kcal / (mol \* angstrom \* angstrom)

timestep = 2 \* femtosecond

(needed to mix gromacs - SI – with  
amber and others – AKMA)

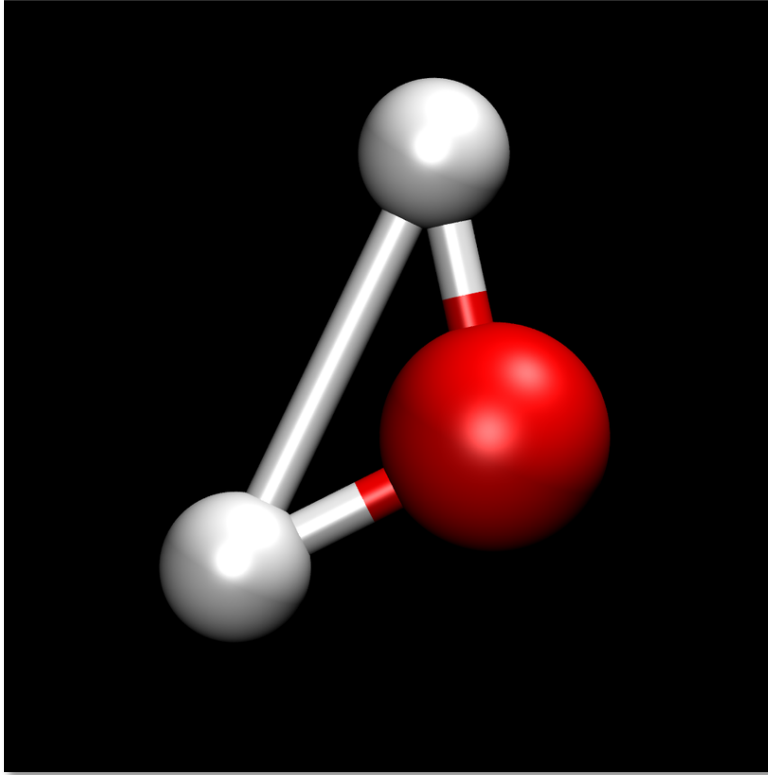
# Design Principle 7: Don't just assume – ask!

- Missing formal charge => ask the user
- Whatever is input is complete – don't assume that residues or hydrogens are missing
- Don't do things behind the user's back because you assume they have given you the wrong thing.
- Raise an exception if you can't deal with what you have got or there is insufficient information.
- This is related to DP3: “Don't be too clever!” and DP4: “Don't change anything!”

# Challenges

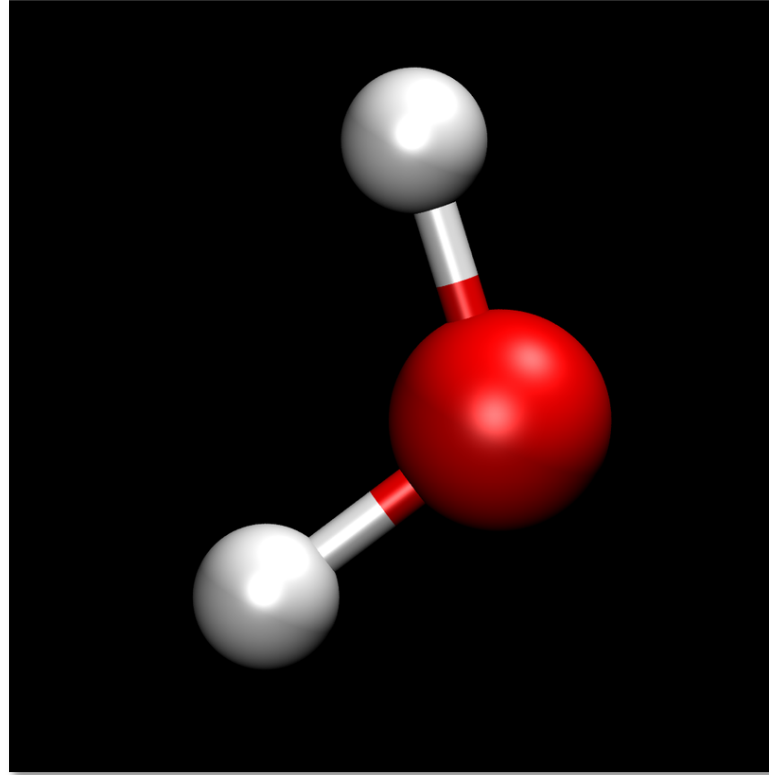
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## Rigid AMBER water



Explicit H-H bond in topology file

## Rigid GROMACS water



Controlled via configuration option (constraint-algorithm=shake), or #ifdef FLEXIBLE block in topology file, i.e. “settles”

# Challenges

- **Different programs choose different places to store or represent information...**
  - (where are rigid bonds or parameters for shake defined?)
- **Underlying tools are not sufficiently modular**
  - (tleap must parameterize + solvate, when I would like solvate only!)
- **Tools are not robust**
  - pmemd crashes when minimizing systems that work perfectly well with sander, somd or gromacs...
- **Not a perfect match of algorithms in packages**
  - different implementations of thermostats, shake algorithms, integrators etc.





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