



CoLibri Commandline Documentation

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1 Introduction

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Please note that this toolkit is a commandline package.

CoLibri is a toolkit containing three separate commandline (CLI) tools (ReactionSynthesizer, FragspaceMerger and SpaceLightDBCreator) to *create* combinatorial chemical spaces ("fragment spaces" or "topological fragment spaces") of multi-billion size and beyond. As input, the tools take building blocks and a formalized reaction definition (as `.smirks` or `.rxn` file). This input is transformed into a highly efficient description of a chemical space (either based on link compatibility or topology graphs, see below) that can then be searched either with our CLI tools SpaceLight and FTrees or with our Chemical Space Navigation Platform infiniSee. The spaces are encoded based on formalized reactions containing reagents with Lego[®]-like linkers (Figure 1). This type of spaces is the only way to access an immeasurably large pool of compounds and find numerous synthesizable analogs. Therefore, CoLibri is a mandatory toolkit to create your own corporate chemical spaces that can be searched with various fingerprint descriptors (SpaceLight, Analog Hunter) or our Feature Tree descriptor (FTrees, Scaffold Hopper).

CoLibri contains three independent tools that let you

- build combinatorial spaces for SpaceLight (SpaceLightDBCreator)
- build combinatorial spaces for FTrees (ReactionSynthesizer and Fragspace-Merger)
- enumerate up to 1 million product molecules per reaction
- generate fragments for FastGrow databases (for 3D growing)
- prepare compounds for covalent docking

To enable chemical space navigation at unparalleled speed on standard hardware, we formalize reactions and encode them as pseudo-linking reactions. There is a principal difference between "classical" fragment spaces (FTrees spaces) and "topological" fragment space databases ("SpaceLight spaces"). For the classical spaces, the compatibility of the fragments is encoded for every reaction, e.g., one sub-space is created per reaction. Multiple sub-spaces are finally merged into the final, "parent" chemical space containing the overall fragment compatibilities and all fragments (Figure 1, classical space). For SpaceLight, one so-called "topology graph" is generated for every reaction and stored in a

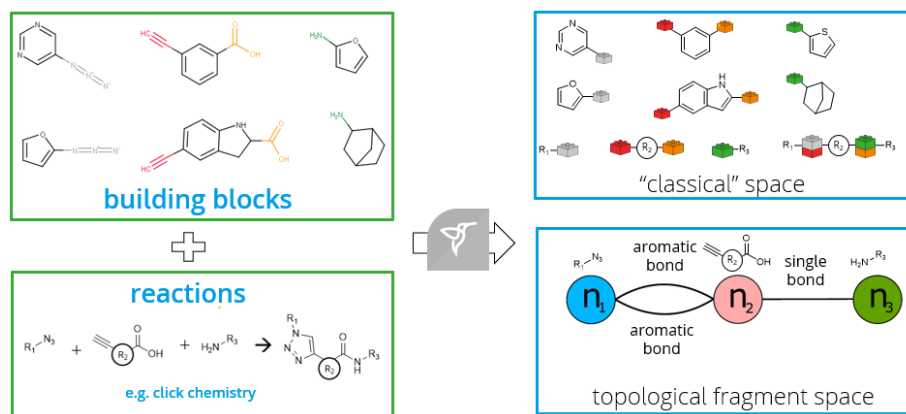


Figure 1: Example reaction (click chemistry and amide coupling) and building blocks serving as input for the CoLibri toolkit.

database. Every node of this topology graph contains formalized, virtual building blocks, or as we sometimes call them, "reaction-fate foreseeing" fragments (Figure 1, topological fragment space). Despite being processed in different ways, the input for both classical spaces and topological spaces is the same (same building blocks and reaction definitions, see Figure 1).

2 Technical Prerequisites

CoLibri contains three commandline tools (ReactionSynthesizer, Fragspace-Merger and SpacelightDBCreator). The tools need the following to run:

- The **CoLibri package** (from <https://biosolveit.de/download>); depending on your operating system, some libraries may have to be installed (get in touch with us if that is the case: <mailto:support@biosolveit.com>; and please mention any errors/warnings that you see)
- A **shell** (Linux/Unix) or a terminal (macos), or a commandline environment (Windows; e.g.: cmd.exe)
- A valid **license** (from license@biosolveit.com)

The license setup instructions will come with the license that we will send out — or has already been sent out to you.

A “test license” that you can request online and that is sent to you instantaneously can simply be placed next to the respective executable (e.g. `reaction_synthesizer.exe`, `reaction_synthesizer`, or `ReactionSynthesizer` — depending on your operating system). For macos please read on...

macos Specialties On macos, the executable will typically reside inside the *.app package, e.g.:

`/Applications/ReactionSynthesizer.app/Contents/MacOS/ReactionSynthesizer`

To place the short term test license there, you will have to go into the *.app package using a right mouse click on *.app in the Finder, and click on “Show package contents”. In there, you will see the Contents/ subfolder, in there the MacOS subfolder, and in there, the respective executable. If you are about to use the **test license**, place it right there, next to the executable. A longer term license will be handled separately, we will tell you how when we send that very license.

When you call a tool for the first time, go to the Finder, and navigate to the Applications folder. Do a right(!) click on respective *.app, and — if applicable — confirm that you want to open the program. It will flash up once, and you are good to go at the terminal prompt from there on.

3 The ReactionSynthesizer

The ReactionSynthesizer generates a "space" for a single reaction (so called sub-space or single space) and/or enumerates up to 1 million product molecules for that reaction (see Section 3.3 and 3.4). It can additionally be used to prepare compounds for FastGrow databases or covalent docking (see Section 3.5).

3.1 General

An overview of all commandline options is available by calling the ReactionSynthesizer executable with `--help`. You should see the following output with short descriptions for every option:

```
./reaction_synthesizer --help

Program options:
-r [ --reaction ] arg          Input reaction definition file. Supported file types are *.rxn and
                               *.smirks.
-s [ --sma ] arg              SMARTS functional group definition file. Needed if atom labels are
                               used in RXN reactions.
-i [ --input ] arg            Input molecule files to be searched for reagents. Supported file
                               types are *.smi, *.smiles, *.mol, *.mol2 and *.sdf.
--input-reagent-1 arg         Optional input molecule files explicitly used for reagent 1.
--input-reagent-2 arg         Optional input molecule files explicitly used for reagent 2.
--input-reagent-3 arg         Optional input molecule files explicitly used for reagent 3.
--input-reagent-4 arg         Optional input molecule files explicitly used for reagent 4.
-p [ --protecting-groups ] arg Input file with protecting groups SMARTS to be removed after
                               clipping.
-o [ --output-path ] arg      Path for the output directory in which generated spaces, enumerated
                               products and logs are written.
--information arg (=1)        Information level in the stats.log output file.
                               1: Essential information
                               2: Basic matching information
                               3: Full matching information
--check-reaction [=arg(=1)]   Checks the reaction definition for potential failures. If this check
                               is activated, the program stops right after the check, no further
                               steps such as space generation or product enumeration is performed.
-e [ --enumerate ] arg        Products are enumerated if a molecule file name is provided.
                               Supported file types are *.mol2, *.sdf, *.smi and *.smiles. The
                               output file is stored under the output-path.
-c [ --random-products ] arg  Enumerate as many random products as specified. Performs full
                               enumeration (limited to 1.000.000) when set to 0.
                               Note: Requires '--enumerate'
-g [ --generate-fragspace ] [=arg(=1)] Generate a fragment space for the reaction.

General options:
-h [ --help ]                 Print this help message
--license-info                 Print license info
--thread-count arg            Maximum number of threads used for calculations. The default is to
                               use all available cores.
--version                     Print version info
-v [ --verbosity ] arg (=2)   Set verbosity level
```

Please note that the abbreviated, one-letter options are preceded with one dash - whereas the longer, named options are preceded with two dashes: --. If an option needs an argument (arg), you can include or omit the equals sign. Certainly, also adapt the commandline usage, depending on the operating system and commandline environment you use.

3.2 Program Options

In this section the individual parameters are described in more detail. The ReactionSynthesizer generates a single space (sub-space, "per-reaction" space) for one specific reaction. Multiple single spaces can then be merged into an overall "parent" space containing all the fragments from various reactions with the FragspaceMerger (see Section 4). Therefore, the minimal input required to run the ReactionSynthesizer is a reaction definition file containing a formalized reaction (.smirks or .rxn format) and an input file containing appropriate building blocks that can be processed with that very reaction. A minimal call to generate a single space for a particular reaction then may look like the following:

```
./reaction_synthesizer -r <path/reaction.smirks> -i <path/building_blocks.sdf>  
-o <path/to/output/directory> -g
```

The parameters in detail Description of the program options in detail.

-r [--reaction] Specify the input reaction file. The file must contain the formalized reaction either in **.smirks** or **.rxn** format. More information on how to properly formulate a reaction can be found on our website.[2] SMARTS-based reaction definitions (**.smirks**) can be intuitively generated with the tool SMARTSEditor.[1] Additional information and a SMARTSEditor tutorial are available on our website.[3] A SMARTS-based reaction pattern can also be visualized on the SMARTS.PLUS webserver of the Center for Bioinformatics Hamburg (ZBH): <https://smarts.plus/>

-s [--sma] Specify a SMARTS functional group definition file. The file is only needed if atom labels are used in **.rxn** reaction definitions. A pre-compiled file (named **FunctionalGroupLabel.txt**) with common functional groups can be

found in the example folder inside the ReactionSynthesizer directory. Extend this file depending on your needs.

-i [--input] Specify an input file containing building blocks matching with the reaction given via the **-r** option. Supported file types are **.smi**, **.smiles**, **.mol**, **.mol2** and **.sdf**. The file will be scanned for matching building blocks for all reagents specified in the reaction. Only compatible building blocks will be read from the file, incompatible ones are skipped. Please note: You can specify multiple input files simultaneously by using the **-i** option multiple times in a row, e.g.

```
./reaction_synthesizer -i compounds_1.sdf -i building_blocks_2.smi
```

[--input-reagent-1] Input molecule files explicitly used for reagent 1. If provided, this file should contain only building blocks which match the first reagent specified in the reaction given with **-r** option. Supported file types are **.smi**, **.smiles**, **.mol**, **.mol2** and **.sdf**.

[--input-reagent-2] Input molecule files explicitly used for reagent 2. If provided, this file should contain only building blocks which match the second reagent specified in the reaction given with **-r** option. Supported file types are **.smi**, **.smiles**, **.mol**, **.mol2** and **.sdf**.

[--input-reagent-3] Input molecule files explicitly used for reagent 3. If provided, this file should contain only building blocks which match the third reagent specified in the reaction given with **-r** option. Supported file types are **.smi**, **.smiles**, **.mol**, **.mol2** and **.sdf**.

[--input-reagent-4] Input molecule files explicitly used for reagent 4. If provided, this file should contain only building blocks which match the fourth reagent specified in the reaction given with **-r** option. Supported file types are **.smi**, **.smiles**, **.mol**, **.mol2** and **.sdf**.

-p [--protecting-groups] With this option you can specify a file containing SMARTS definitions for protecting groups. The file should be a simple text file containing line-separated SMARTS definitions. If you provide such a file, the specified protecting groups present in the input building blocks will be clipped and removed from the generated fragments. Consequently, the protecting group is also not present in the product molecules. An example file (named **ProtectingGroups.txt**) with most commonly used protecting groups can be found in the example folder in the ReactionSynthesizer directory. Extend this file depending on your needs. For an example usage, see Section 3.6.

-o [--output-path] Specify the path to an output directory to which the space files (fragment-space-file, fragment-link-file and fragment-files, only if **-g** option is specified), enumerated product molecule file (only if **-e** option is specified) and the log file (**stats.log**) are written. Please note: if the directory does not

already exist, it will be created.

--information (arg) Information level for the `stats.log` output file. Takes a number (1-3) as argument:

- 1 Essential information
- 2 Basic matching information
- 3 Full matching information

--check-reaction If specified, the reaction given with the `-r` option is checked for potential errors. If this option is specified, the program terminates right after the check. No space generation or product enumeration will be executed even if the reaction is valid and the `-g` and `-e` options are specified. Found errors will be written to a file named `validation.log` in the output directory. Please note: The log file is only generated if errors are found in the reaction definition file, otherwise no log file will be written.

Example call:

```
./reaction_synthesizer -r reaction.rxn --check-reaction -o out_dir
```

-e [--enumerate] arg With this option you can enumerate all product molecules (limited to 1 million compounds) which can be formed from the building blocks with the specified reaction (`-r` option). Takes a file name as argument (supported file types are `.smi`, `.smiles`, `.mol`, `.mol2` and `.sdf`). Please note: you need to only give a name for the file here (with suffix), no path is required. The file will be written to the output directory specified with the `-o` option. See Section 3.4 for an example.

-c [--random-products] arg Randomly enumerate the specified number of products. Takes a number as argument. If set to 0, all possible product molecules will be enumerated (limited to 1 million molecules). Please note: requires the `-e` option to be set. See Section 3.4 for an example.

-g [--generate-fragspace] Generates a fragment space for the reaction. This will create a fragment-space-file (`.fsf`), a fragment-label-file (`.flf`) and the corresponding fragment-files (`.smi`) in the directory specified with the `-o` option. See Section 3.3 for an example. Please note: The number of fragment-files varies depending on the reaction definition (see `-r` option).

3.3 Example 1: Generating a single space for a reaction

In the example folder within the ReactionSynthesizer directory you can find two example reaction definition files (`amidcoupling.smirks` and `suzuki.smirks`) and a file with suitable building blocks (`building_blocks.smi`). They cover two

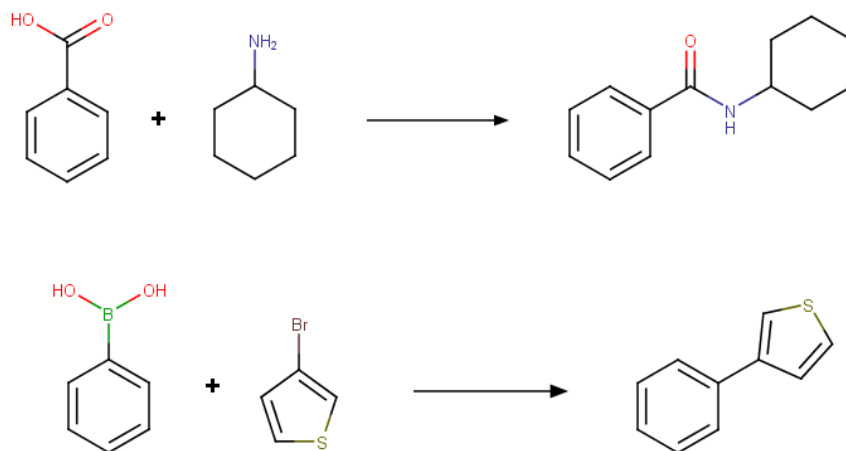


Figure 2: Example of an amide reaction (top) and a Suzuki reaction (bottom) covered by the example reaction definition files and example building blocks.

prominent examples of reactions used in Medicinal Chemistry: amide coupling and Suzuki reaction (see Figure 2). More detailed information on how to properly formalize reactions for space generation can be found on our website.[2] To get a first impression on how the ReactionSynthesizer works, simply generate a sub-space for the amide coupling reaction. Therefore, on the command-line, navigate into the example folder and run the following:

```
../reaction_synthesizer -r amidecoupling.smirks -i building_blocks.smi
                        -o amide_sub_space -g
```

The above call will create a new directory named `amide_sub_space` within the example folder to which several output files are written. You can open the output files with a text editor:

- `fragspace_fragments_0.smi`: fragment-file. Fragments generated from the input building blocks for the first reagent (acid). Contains all acid fragments with linkers.
- `fragspace_fragments_1.smi`: Fragments generated from the input building blocks for the second reagent (amine). Contains all amine fragments with linkers.
- `amidecoupling.flf`: fragment-label-file. Contains information to which reaction and to which reagent position the fragments belong.

- **amidecoupling.fsf**: fragment-space-file. Connects information on linker compatibilities with the corresponding fragment-label-file and fragment-files.
- **stats.log**: Contains statistics and details on the applied reaction and mapping.

Re-run for the Suzuki reaction, this time with additional enumeration of all product molecules:

```
../reaction_synthesizer -r suzuki.smirks -i building_blocks.smi
                        -o suzuki_sub_space -g -e suzuki_products.sdf
```

The output folder **suzuki_sub_space** will now additionally contain one file named **suzuki_products.sdf** with all products that could be created from the input building blocks.

3.4 Example 2: Enumerating product molecules for a reaction

The ReactionSynthesizer can also be used to enumerate product molecules from building blocks (see also Section 3.3). Simply use the amide coupling reaction from Example 1 again:

```
../reaction_synthesizer -r amidecoupling.smirks -i building_blocks.smi
                        -o amide_enum -e amide_products.sdf
```

This call will generate an output folder named **amide_enum** which contains two files: **amide_products.sdf** containing all the product molecules that could be constructed from suitable building blocks in the input file and the **stats.log** file with matching information.

It is also possible to randomly enumerate only a specific number of product molecules with the **-c** option:

```
../reaction_synthesizer -r amidecoupling.smirks -i building_blocks.smi
                        -o amide_enum -e amide_products_random.sdf -c 2
```

The output SD file **amide_products_random.sdf** now contains only 2 randomly enumerated product molecules.



Figure 3: Example of a reaction definition to transform compounds with a vinylsulfone warhead into their protein-bound state. The transformed molecule contains a linker (R).

3.5 Example 3: Transforming molecules for FastGrow databases or covalent docking

You can generate input molecules for FastGrow databases or covalent docking with the ReactionSynthesizer by formulating a transformation reaction, e.g. the product molecules must contain a linker (Figure 3). This linker then can serve as attachment point to a protein residue during covalent docking. The linker compound can also be added to a FastGrow database. Compounds that do not carry such a linker cannot be processed by FlexX/FastGrow/SeeSAR, they need to be pre-processed as described in this section prior to using them for covalent docking or growing.

On the command-line, navigate into the example folder within the Reaction-Synthesizer directory. Open the file `vinylsulfone_transform.rxn` with a chemical drawing program (Figure 3). This reaction definition may serve as an example for the transformation of a compound with a vinylsulfone warhead into its protein bound state (Figure 3). The product contains a linker (R) which may serve as the attachment point for a nucleophilic residue during covalent docking. With this reaction definition, you can now prepare the compounds in `vinylsulfones.sdf` for covalent docking:

```
../reaction_synthesizer -r vinylsulfon_transform.rxn -i vinylsulfones.smi
                        -o vs_transformed -e vs_transformed.sdf
```

The output SD file `vs_transformed.sdf` contains the transformed compounds. You can directly use this file to perform covalent docking within SeeSAR or with FlexX.

As a second example, you can transform some building blocks with a carboxylic acid as functional group to fragments suitable to be incorporated into FastGrow databases:

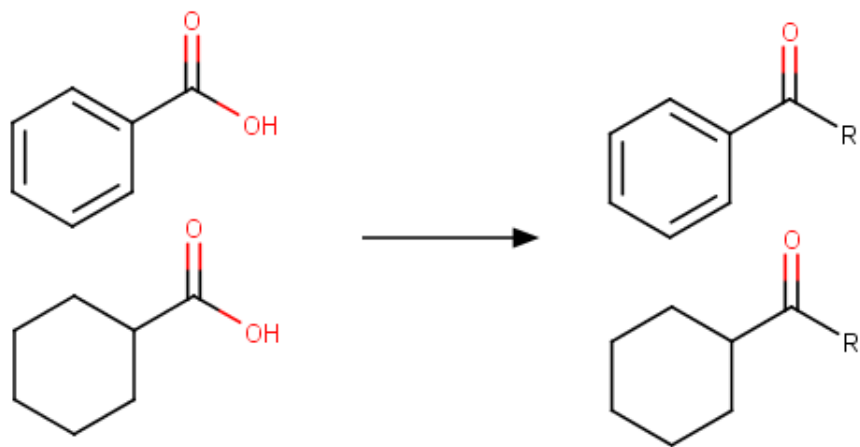


Figure 4: Example of acids transformed to fragments with a linker. These fragments can be directly incorporated into FastGrow databases.

```
../reaction_synthesizer -r acid_transform.rxn -i building_blocks.smi
-o fragments -e fastgrow_fragments.sdf
```

The file `fastgrow_fragments.sdf` contains the transformed acids with a linker (see Figure 4) and can serve as an input file for the FastGrowDBCreator (for more information visit <https://www.biosolveit.de/products/#FastGrow>).

3.6 Example 4: Removing protecting groups from product molecules

You can remove protecting groups from product molecules. As an example can serve the compound **1** in Figure 5 that has one Boc-protected amine and one free primary amine group. This compound can react with its free amine group with benzoic acid (**2** in Figure 5) to form an amide. Again, on the command-line, navigate into the example folder and execute the following two calls:

```
../reaction_synthesizer -r amidcoupling.smirks -i boc_amine_and_acid.smi
-o boc_uncleaved -e boc_uncleaved.sdf
```

```
../reaction_synthesizer -r amidcoupling.smirks -i boc_amine_and_acid.smi
-o boc_cleaved -e boc_cleaved.sdf -p ProtectingGroups.txt
```

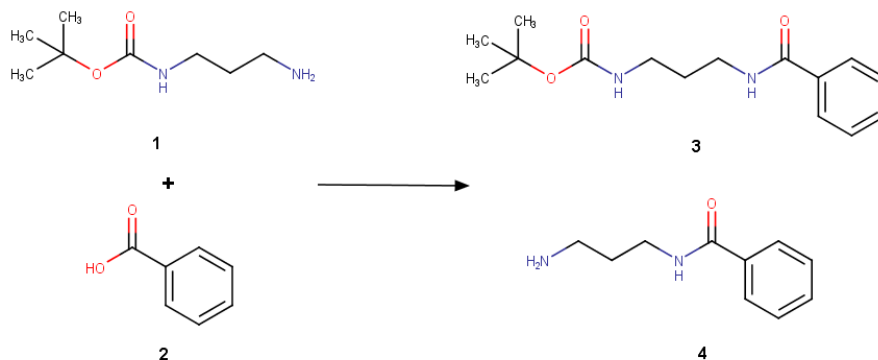


Figure 5: Example product molecule obtained from an amide coupling reaction. **3**: without protecting group removal, **4**: with protecting group removal.

The above calls will generate the new folders **boc_cleaved** and **boc_uncleaved** containing the files **boc_cleaved.sdf** and **boc_uncleaved.sdf**, respectively. In Figure 5 the resulting enumerated product molecules are shown for both cases. When using the **-p** argument with the file **ProtectingGroups.txt**, the Boc group is removed and is not present in the final product (**4**).

3.7 Example 5: Debugging reaction definitions

The ReactionSynthesizer can be used to debug reaction definitions. Formalized reaction definitions quickly get complex, so it is often a good idea to check for potential errors or ambiguities before generating a space. The example folder in the ReactionSynthesizer directory contains an example reaction definition file named **amidcoupling_error.smirks** with a formal error. On the command-line, navigate into the example folder and execute the following:

```
../reaction_synthesizer -r amidcoupling_error.smirks -o . --check-reaction
```

The above call will create a file named **validation.log** in the example folder with information why the reaction definition is not valid (Missing mapping Label in product: 3). More on information on how to properly formalize reactions can be found on our website.[2]

4 The FragspaceMerger

The FragspaceMerger is used to merge multiple single reaction spaces generated with the ReactionSynthesizer (see Section 3). The output is a master space containing multiple reaction definitions along with all corresponding fragments. The output comprises three files: the merged fragment_label file (`.flf`), the merged fragment_space file (`.fsf`) and the fragment file (`.smi`). Merging multiple single reaction space files results in unification of all involved fragments into one file and enhances the encoding of the fragment compatibilities. This leads to faster runtimes in FTrees searches. Additionally, if you zip the three merged files (e.g using 7zip) you have a sole chemical space file that is readily available for infiniSee's Scaffold Hopper, FTrees and SpaceMACS. You can also re-name the `.zip` file to `.space`.

4.1 General

An overview of all commandline options is available by calling `fragspace_merger` with `--help`. You should see the following output with short descriptions for every option:

```
./fragspace_merger --help

Program options:
-i [ --input-fsf-paths ] arg  List of paths to the FSF files to merge.
                             Note: The .flf and fragment files specified in each FSF have to be
                             in the appropriate relative paths.
                             Note: Can't be used together with '--input-base-dir'.
-d [ --input-base-dir ] arg  Base directory to search for fragment spaces.
                             Each sub-directory (within the base) must contain exactly one
                             '.fsf' and one '.flf' file plus all (at least one) corresponding fragment files.
                             Note: Can't be used together with '--input-fsf-paths'.
-o [ --output-dir ] arg      Path for the output directory.
-f [ --out-file-name ] arg   Output base file name (without suffix) for the merged flf, fsf
                             and molecule files.

General options:
-h [ --help ]                Print this help message
--license-info               Print license info
--version                    Print version info
-v [ --verbosity ] arg (=2) Set verbosity level
                             0 [silent]
                             1 [error]
                             2 [warning]
                             3 [workflow]
                             4 [steps]
```

Please note that the abbreviated, one-letter options are preceded with one dash - whereas the longer, named options are preceded with two dashes: `--`. If an option needs an argument (arg), you can include or omit the equals sign.

Certainly, also adapt the commandline usage, depending on the operating system and commandline environment you use.

4.2 Program Options

-i [--input-fsf-paths] (arg) Specify the path to an fsf file (a single space .fsf file generated with the ReactionSynthesizer, see Section 3). Please note: The corresponding .flf and fragspace_fragment files (.smi) must be located in the same directory. You can specify multiple fsf files to be merged at once by using the option multiple times in a row. This option cannot be used together with the **-d** option. See Section 4.3 for an example.

-d [--input-base-dir] (arg) Specify a base directory whose subdirectories should contain every single reaction space (see Section 3) in a separate folder. Please note: The single space folders must contain the .fsf and .flf file as well as all associated fragspace_fragment (.smi) files. Please note: This is an alternative way to merge multiple single spaces. This option cannot be used together with the **-i** option. See Section 4.3 for an example.

-o [--output-dir] (arg) Specify the path to the output directory to which the merged .fsf, .flf and fragment file (.smi) is written. Please note: if the directory does not already exist, it is created.

-f [--out-file-name] (arg) Specify an output base file name (without suffix) to be used for the merged .flf, .fsf and fragment (.smi) file.

4.3 Example: Merging two single reaction spaces

You can find the two single spaces which are generated in Example 1 (see Section 3.3) in the example folder underneath the FragspaceMerger folder. You can now merge these into one "parent" (master) space: On the commandline, navigate into the example folder within the FragspaceMerger directory and execute the following call:

```
../fragspace_merger -i amide_sub_space/amidecoupling.fsf -i suzuki_sub_space/suzuki.fsf  
-o merged_space -f parent_space
```

Alternatively, you can also use the **-d** option to execute the same task:

```
../fragspace_merger -d . -o merged_space -f parent_space
```

The above calls will create the output folder **merged_space** which contains the three files **parent_space.fsf**, **parent_space.flf** and **parent_space.smi**. These files can now be used for Feature Tree searches (FTrees CLI tool or Scaffold Hopper in ininiSee). You can also zip the three files and use it FTrees and ininiSee (optionally re-name the **.zip** to **.space**). For more information on FTrees visit:

<https://www.biosolveit.de/products/#FTrees>.

Please note that SpaceLight searches need a different file, as will be discussed in Section 5.

5 The SpaceLightDBCreator

The SpaceLightDBCreator generates a topological fragment space which can be searched with various fingerprint descriptors using SpaceLight (<https://www.biosolveit.de/products/#SpaceLight>). Similar to the ReactionSynthesizer (see Section 3), the SpaceLightDBCreator takes building blocks and reaction definitions (`.smirks` or `.rxn`) as input. The output is a topological fragment space database (`.tfsdb`) file. Therefore, you can use exactly the same input to create both types of spaces, "fragment spaces" (FTrees, infiniSee's Scaffold Hopper and SpaceMACS) and "topological fragment spaces" (SpaceLight, infiniSee's Analog Hunter).

5.1 General

```
Program options:
-r [ --reaction ] arg          Input reaction definition file. Supported file types are
                               *.rxn and *.smirks.
-s [ --sma ] arg              SMARTS functional group definition file. Needed if atom
                               labels are used in RXN reactions.
-i [ --input ] arg            Input molecule files to be searched for reagents. Supported
                               file types are *.smi, *.smiles, *.mol, *.mol2 and *.sdf.
--input-reagent-1 arg         Optional input molecule files explicitly used for reagent 1.
--input-reagent-2 arg         Optional input molecule files explicitly used for reagent 2.
--input-reagent-3 arg         Optional input molecule files explicitly used for reagent 3.
--input-reagent-4 arg         Optional input molecule files explicitly used for reagent 4.
-p [ --protecting-groups ] arg Input file with protecting groups SMARTS to be removed after
                               clipping.
-o [ --output-file ] arg       Topological fragment space file to be written.
-f [ --insert-full-molecules ] [=arg(=1)] (=0) Insert molecules supplied by --input directly into the created
                               database.

General options:
-h [ --help ]                 Print this help message
--license-info                 Print license info
--thread-count arg            Maximum number of threads used for calculations. The default
                               is to use all available cores.
--version                     Print version info
-v [ --verbosity ] arg (=2)   Set verbosity level
                               0 [silent] 1 [error]
                               2 [warning] 3 [workflow]
                               4 [steps]
```

5.2 Program Options

`-r [--reaction]` Specify the input reaction file. The file must contain the formalized reaction in `.smirks` or `.rxn` format. More information on how to properly formulate a reaction can be found on our website.[2] SMARTS-based reaction definitions (`.smirks`) can be intuitively generated with the SMARTSEditor.[1]

Additional information and a SMARTSEditor tutorial is available on our website.[3]
Please note: This option takes one reaction at a time. Adding more reactions to a database will automatically happen with subsequent calls (see the example in Section 5.3).

-s [--sma] Specify a SMARTS functional group definition file. The file is only needed if atom labels are used in **.rxn** reaction definitions. A pre-compiled file (named **FunctionalGroupLabel.txt**) with common functional groups can be found in the example folder inside the SpaceLightDBCcreator directory. You may extend this file depending on your needs.

-i [--input] Specify an input file containing building blocks suitable to be used with the reaction given via the **-r** option. Supported file types are **.smi**, **.smiles**, **.mol**, **.mol2** and **.sdf**. The file will be scanned for suitable building blocks for all reagents specified in the reaction. Only suitable building blocks will be read from the file, non-suitable ones are skipped. Please note: You can specify multiple input files at once by using the **-i** option multiple times in a row, e.g.

```
./reaction_synthesizer -i compounds_1.sdf -i building_blocks_2.smi
```

[--input-reagent-1] Input molecule files explicitly used for reagent 1. If provided, this file should contain only building blocks which are suitable for the first reagent specified in the reaction given with **-r** option. Supported file types are **.smi**, **.smiles**, **.mol**, **.mol2** and **.sdf**.

[--input-reagent-2] Input molecule files explicitly used for reagent 2. If provided, this file should contain only building blocks which are suitable for the second reagent specified in the reaction given with **-r** option. Supported file types are **.smi**, **.smiles**, **.mol**, **.mol2** and **.sdf**.

[--input-reagent-3] Input molecule files explicitly used for reagent 3. If provided, this file should contain only building blocks which are suitable for the third reagent specified in the reaction given with **-r** option. Supported file types are **.smi**, **.smiles**, **.mol**, **.mol2** and **.sdf**.

[--input-reagent-4] Input molecule files explicitly used for reagent 4. If provided, this file should contain only building blocks which are suitable for the fourth reagent specified in the reaction given with **-r** option. Supported file types are **.smi**, **.smiles**, **.mol**, **.mol2** and **.sdf**.

-p [--protecting-groups] With this option you can specify a file containing SMARTS definitions for protecting groups. The file should be a simple text file containing line-separated SMARTS definitions. If you provide such a file, the specified protecting groups present in the input building blocks will be clipped and removed from the generated fragments. An example file (named **ProtectingGroups.txt**) with most commonly used protecting groups can be

found in the example folder within the SpaceLightDBCreator directory. The example in Section 3.6 can be used analogously.

-o [--output-file] Specify the path and name of the output file. The output file is a topological fragment space database (**.tfsdb**) file. The suffix (**.tfsdb**) is required. Please note: You can write topology graphs from different reactions step-wise into a single database. See the example in Section 5.3.

-f [--insert-full-molecules] With this option you can insert the compounds in the input file (specified with the **-i** option) as "full molecules" directly into the database (no fragment and topology graph generation). This is especially useful if you want to add molecules to the database which cannot be constructed from the reactions of the space.

5.3 Example: Creating a topological fragment space database

On the command-line, navigate into the example folder within the SpaceLightDBCreator directory. Here you can find two example reaction definition files (named **amidcoupling.smirks** and **suzuki.smirks**) and a file with suitable building blocks (**building_blocks.smi**). They cover two prominent examples of reactions used in Medicinal Chemistry: amide coupling and Suzuki reaction (see Figure 2). More information on how to properly formalize reactions for space generation can be found on our website.^{[2][3]} First, you can use the amide reaction to create a new database:

```
../spacelight_db_creator -r amidcoupling.smirks -i building_blocks.smi  
                        -o topo_space.tfsdb
```

This call will create a new database file named **topo_space.tfsdb** within the example folder.

Next, simply add the topology graph for the Suzuki reaction to the existing database:

```
../spacelight_db_creator -r suzuki.smirks -i building_blocks.smi -o topo_space.tfsdb
```

You can repeat this process for multiple reactions and their associated building blocks. We recommend to automate this process using shell or python scripts. For paying customers, we have pre-compiled workflow scripts to facilitate space generation for multiple reactions. Please get in touch with us, and we can provide you with the scripts and assistance.

Topological fragment space database files generated in that way can directly be searched with SpaceLight. You can also put this file in a zip container (e.g. together with the "classical" fragment space files, see Section 4) and use the zip file with infiniSee's Analog Hunter and Scaffold Hopper.

For more information on SpaceLight visit:

<https://www.biosolveit.de/products/#SpaceLight>.

6 General Options

This section describes the general options which are identical for each of the three tools.

-h / --help Displays the commandline help with short descriptions for every argument option.

--license-info Shows detailed information about the license setup you currently use.

--thread-count Specifies the maximum number of threads used by the tool. By default, all available logical cores of your computer are used. You may want to reduce the number of threads used if you want to run other computations on your computer at the same time, or if you share the compute resource.

--version Displays information on the version of the respective tool on the commandline. In quoting the tool, please mention this version number.

-v / --verbosity Sets the verbosity level, e.g., the level of console output, with an integer argument. The default value is 2. The following options are available:

- 0 Silent. No messages will be displayed in the console during the run. Errors will be ignored whenever possible.
- 1 Error. Only error messages will be displayed.
- 2 Warning. The default setting, warnings and error messages will be displayed.
- 3 Workflow. In addition to errors and warnings, information on the different steps are displayed on the commandline.
- 4 Steps. In addition to the 'Workflow' option, the progress of each step is displayed in detail.

7 Further Reading, References

Additional information about CoLibri is available at <https://www.biosolveit.de/products/#CoLibri>.

Complementary tools, especially the commandline search tools FTrees and SpaceLight as well as the Chemical Space Navigation Platform infiniSee, can be obtained from the BioSolveIT website (<https://biosolveit.com>).

References

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We wish you great success and much joy with CoLibri!