

# A Practical Guide for the XMVB Program

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# General introduction



# **An Ab Initio Non-orthogonal Valence Bond Program**

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# Current capabilities of XMVB 2.0

VBSCF

Post-VBSCF: VBCI, BOVB, VBPT2 etc

Solvation VB methods: VBPCM, VBEFP etc.



Energy (Total, individual), Weights of structure

Resonance energy

Properties: bond order, atomic charges, dipole  
etc

# How to Run An XMVB Job?

Step 1. Prepare  
input file for  
GAMESS. “\*.inp”

Step 2. Prepare  
input file for XMVB.  
“\*.xmi”

Step 3. Run  
GAMESS

For a “XXX.xmi” file, you must prepare a corresponding “XXX.inp” file  
The job name “XXX” for the two input files should be the same.

# On the local cluster (Obelix)

**Add my /bin to your \$path :**

```
export PATH= /users/lct/braida/bin:$PATH
```

Add it also preferably into your .bash\_profile file

check : which vbrun

## On the local cluster (Obelix)

1) Prepare : `job.inp` `job.xmi`



2) run :  
`vbrun job`

Batch script

Name of your job without extension



`job.out`

`job.xmo`, `job.xdat`, `job.orb`

`job.sub.o2xxx`

(produced by the Batch system)



# Useful documents

GAMESS manual

<http://www.msg.ameslab.gov/gamess/documentation.html>

XMVB manual

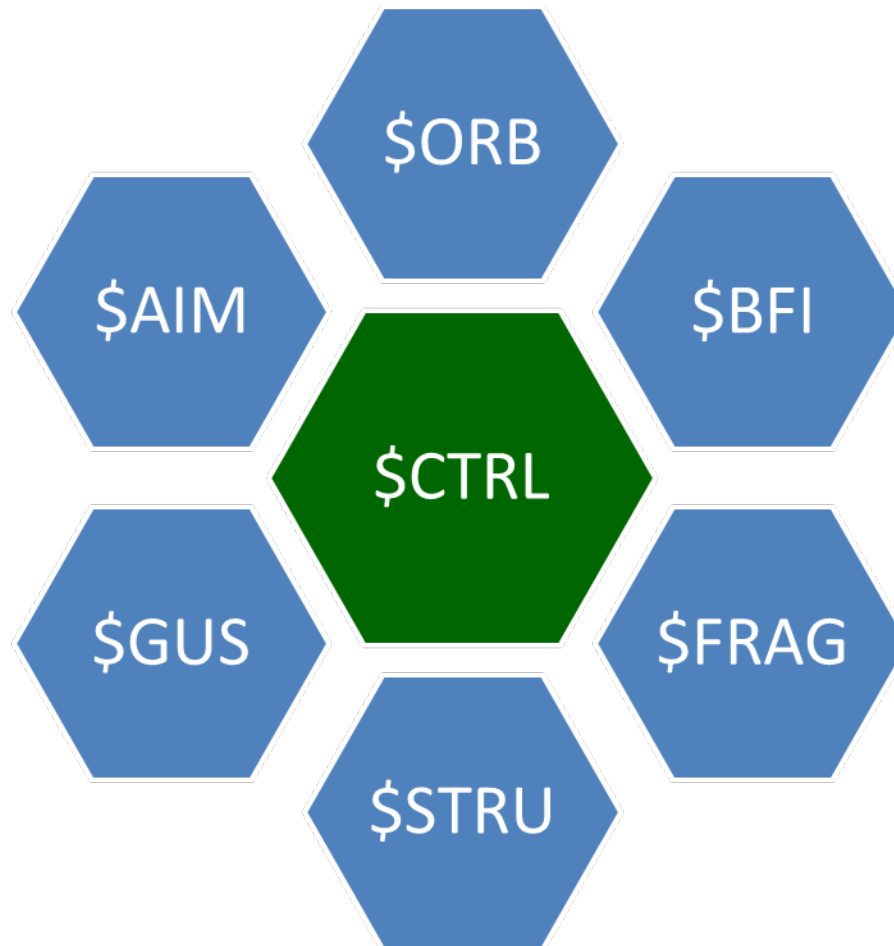
[https://wiki.lct.jussieu.fr/workshop/images/7/71/XMVB\\_Manual\\_V20.pdf](https://wiki.lct.jussieu.fr/workshop/images/7/71/XMVB_Manual_V20.pdf)

# Tutorial exercises

[https://wiki.lct.jussieu.fr/workshop/index.php/VB\\_tutorial](https://wiki.lct.jussieu.fr/workshop/index.php/VB_tutorial)

# How to write input files?

# Structure of Typical XMVB Input File



Optional

Necessary

# Example 1. H<sub>2</sub> molecule

## h2.inp / GAMESS INPUT FILE

```
$contrl runtyp=energy scftyp=rhf $end  
$contrl vbtyp=xmvm $end  
$basis gbasis=n31 ngauss=6 NPFUNC=1 $end  
$data  
H2 molecule  
C1  
H 1.0 0.000000 0.000000 0.000000  
H 1.0 0.000000 0.000000 0.742000  
$end
```



rhf for mult=1  
rohlf or uhf for mult >1

The detailed information of GAMESS input file is available in GAMESS manual.

**GAMESS input files (job.inp files) will be provided for all exercises**

\$ctrl

nstr=3 iscf=5 nao=2 nae=2 boys  
orbtyp=hao frgtyp=sao

\$end

\$str

1 2

1 1

2 2

\$end

\$frag

1 1

spz 1

spz 2

\$end

\$orb

1 1

1

2

\$end

} Options for the VB calculation

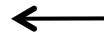
} Define the VB structures

} Define blocks of basis functions

} Define orbitals

## h2.xmi / XMVB INPUT FILE

```
$ctrl  
nstr=3 iscf=5 nao=2 nae=2 boys  
orbtyp=hao frgtyp=sao
```



iscf : orbital optimization algorithm  
nao: number of active orbitals  
nae: number of active electrons

```
$end
```

```
$str
```

```
1 2
```

```
1 1
```

```
2 2
```

```
$end
```

```
$frag
```

```
1 1
```

```
spz 1
```

```
spz 2
```

```
$end
```

```
$orb
```

```
1 1
```

```
1
```

```
2
```

```
$end
```

Best options :

- VBSCF : iscf=5
- BOVB : iscf=2
- VBCI : iscf=1

## h2.xmi / XMVB INPUT FILE

```
$ctrl  
nstr=3 iscf=5 nao=2 nae=2 boys  
orbtyp=hao frgtyp=sao
```

```
$end
```

```
$str
```

```
1 2
```

```
1 1
```

```
2 2
```

```
$end
```

```
$frag
```

```
1 1
```

```
spz 1
```

```
spz 2
```

```
$end
```

```
$orb
```

```
1 1
```

```
1
```

```
2
```

```
$end
```

nstr =3, the number of structures  
\$str : describing VB structure or  
determinant.

In \$str, a typical structure is written as:

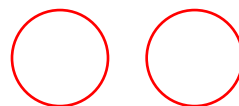
```
a a b b c c ... m n
```

a b c : double occupied orbitals

m n : single occupied orbitals



1 2



1 2 covalent  
1 1 ionic  
2 2 ionic

orb 1

orb 2



## h2.xmi / XMVB INPUT FILE

```
$ctrl  
nstr=3 iscf=5 nao=2 nae=2 boys  
orbtyp=hao frgtyp=sao
```

```
$end
```

```
$str  
1 2 ; covalent  
1 1 ; ionics  
2 2
```

← It is possible to add free comments after «;»

```
$end
```

```
$frag
```

```
1 1
```

```
spz 1
```

```
spz 2
```

```
$end
```

```
$orb
```

```
1 1
```

```
1
```

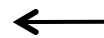
```
2
```

```
$end
```

## h2.xmi / XMVB INPUT FILE

```
$ctrl  
str=full iscf=5 nao=2 nae=2 boys  
orbtyp=hao frgtyp=sao  
$end
```

```
$frag  
1 1  
spz 1  
spz 2  
$end  
$orb  
1 1  
1  
2  
$end
```



Automatically generate structures based on the active orbitals and electrons.

str = full => generate all VB structures

cov => only covalent

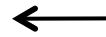
nao = m, the final m orbitals are selected as active orbitals.

nae = n, the number of active VB electrons

Using str, \$str can be absent.

## h2.xmi / XMVB INPUT FILE

```
$ctrl  
str=full iscf=5 nao=2 nae=2 boys  
orbtyp=hao frgtyp=sao
```



orbtyp=hao, hybrid atomic orbitals. It is localized non-orthogonal orbitals

```
$end  
$str
```

```
$frag  
1 1  
spz 1  
spz 2  
$end  
$orb  
1 1  
1  
2  
$end
```

## h2.xmi / XMVB INPUT FILE

```
$ctrl
str=full iscf=5 nao=2 nae=2 boys
orbtyp=hao frgtyp=sao
$end
```

**frgtyp=sao**, fragments are defined with **s**ymmetrized **a**tomic **o**rbitals.

Fragments are a series of basis function sets.

```
$frag
1 1
spz 1
spz 2
$end
$orb
1 1
1
2
$end
```

*H*  
A

*H*  
B

		MO	
			1
A	1	H 1 S	0.317976
	2	H 1 S	0.275854
	3	H 1 X	0.000000
	4	H 1 Y	0.000000
	5	H 1 Z	0.018271
B	6	H 2 S	0.317976
	7	H 2 S	0.275854
	8	H 2 X	0.000000
	9	H 2 Y	0.000000
	10	H 2 Z	-0.018271

## Basis functions

1	H	1	S
2	H	1	S
3	H	1	X
4	H	1	Y
5	H	1	Z
6	H	2	S
7	H	2	S
8	H	2	X
9	H	2	Y
10	H	2	Z

frag 1

frag 2

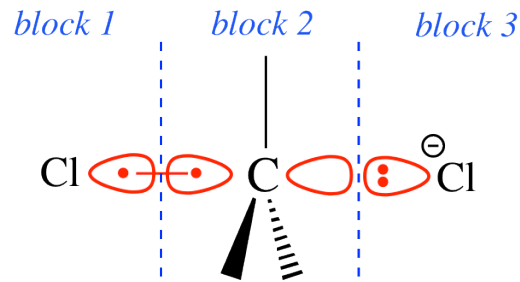
**\$frag** section defines **blocks of basis functions**

chosen depending on localization (user choice) and symmetry properties

Fragments are a series of basis function sets.

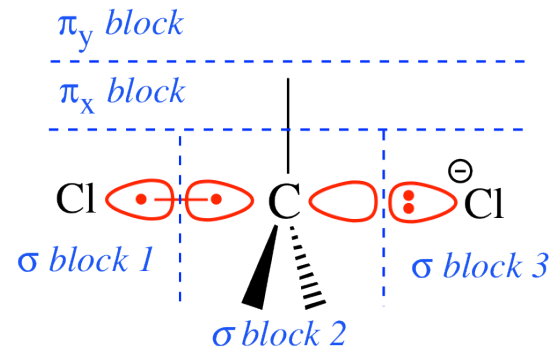
## A MORE ADVANCED EXAMPLE

- A possible choice :



⇒ 3 fragments, and  
3 blocks defined in \$frag

- Another choice :



⇒ 3 fragments, but  
5 blocks defined in \$frag

\$frag section defines **blocks of basis functions**

chosen depending on localization (user choice) and symmetry properties

```
$ctrl  
str=full iscf=5 nao=2 nae=2 boys  
orbtyp=hao frgtyp=sao  
$end
```

```
$frag
```

```
1 1
```

```
spz 1
```

```
spz 2
```

```
$end
```

```
$orb
```

```
1 1
```

```
1
```

```
2
```

```
$end
```

\$frag: description for fragments

Line 1: the number of atoms in each fragment.

Line 2 : the basis functions of s and pz in atom 1 are selected for the first basis bloc

Line 3 : the basis functions of s and pz in atom 2 are selected for the second basis bloc

\$orb: description for VB orbitals

Line 1: the number of fragments in each orbital.

Line 2: orbital 1 is described by fragment 1

Line 3: orbital 2 is described by fragment 2.

# Summary (1)

1. The assignment of orbital optimization algorithm (iscf)
2. The writing of VB structures with \$str (optional)
3. The determination of VB orbitals with 'frgtyp=sao'

## Example 2. L-BOVB calculation for HF

Using VBSCF orbitals as guess orbitals

```
cp hf.orb hf-bovb.gus
```

Preparing GAMESS and XMVB input files for L-BOVB

```
hf-bovb.inp
```

```
hf-bovb.xmi
```

Running XMVB



hf-bovb.xmi

HF molecule, 3 structures

\$ctrl

nstr=3 nae=2 nao=2 bovb

iprint=3 orbtyp=hao frgtyp=sao iscf=2

guess=read

\$end

\$str

1 1 2 2 3 3 4 4 5 6

1 1 2 2 3 3 4 4 5 5

\$end

...

...

...

HF molecule, 3 structures

\$ctrl

nstr=3 nae=2 nao=2 bovb

iprint=3 orbtyp=hao frgtyp=sao iscf=2

guess=read

\$end

\$str

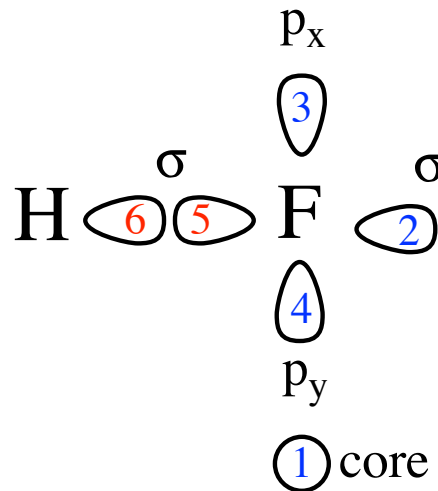
1 1 2 2 3 3 4 4 5 6  
 1 1 2 2 3 3 4 4 5 5

\$end

...  
 ...  
 ...

- In each structure, the occupation of the different orbitals is defined.

- The electrons are spin coupled **by pairs**



hf-bovb.xmi

HF molecule, 3 structures

\$ctrl

nstr=3 nae=2 nao=2 bovb

iprint=3 orbtyp=hao frgtyp=sao iscf=2

guess=read

\$end

\$str

1 1 2 2 3 3 4 4 5 6

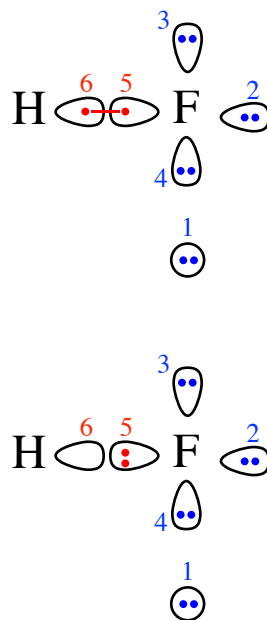
1 1 2 2 3 3 4 4 5 5

\$end

...

...

...



hf-bovb.xmi

HF molecule, 3 structures

\$ctrl

nstr=3 nae=2 nao=2 bovb

iprint=3 orbtyp=hao frgtyp=sao iscf=2

guess=read

\$end

\$str

1:4 5 6

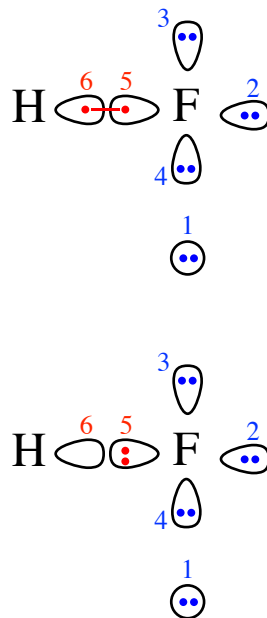
1:4 5 5

\$end

...

...

...



Simplified input for structures

Before starting your first BOVB calculation, please have a look to :

[https://wiki.lct.jussieu.fr/workshop/index.php/General\\_guidelines\\_for\\_BOVB\\_calculations](https://wiki.lct.jussieu.fr/workshop/index.php/General_guidelines_for_BOVB_calculations)

## Example 3. VBCI calculation for HF

a VBSCF calculation with boys localization.

```
cp hf.orb  
hf-vbci.gus
```

Preparing GAMESS and XMVB input files for VBCI

```
hf-vbci.xmi  
hf-vbci.inp
```

Running XMVB.

hf-vbci.xmi

hf.xmi

F2 molecule

\$ctrl

nstr=3 boys

\$end

...

...

...

HF molecule

\$ctrl

str=full nae=2 nao=2 vbci

iprint=3 orbtyp=hao frgtyp=sao guess=read

\$end

...

...

...



## Example 4. D-BOVB calculation for $F_2$

Using L-BOVB orbital as guess orbitals

```
cp f2-l-bovb.orb f2-d-bovb.gus
```

Preparing GAMESS and XMVB input files for D-BOVB

```
f2-d-bovb.inp
```

```
f2-d-bovb.xmi
```

Running XMVB



F2 molecule, 3 structures, **initial L-BOVB calculation**

\$ctrl

str=full iscf=2 nao=2 nae=2 orbtyp=hao frgtyp=sao

guess=read **bovb**

\$end

\$frag

1 1 1 1 1 1

spzdxyyz **1** ; **block 1**

spzdxyyz **2** ; **block 2**

pxdxz **1** ; **block 3**

pxdxz **2** ; **block 4**

pydyz **1** ; **block 5**

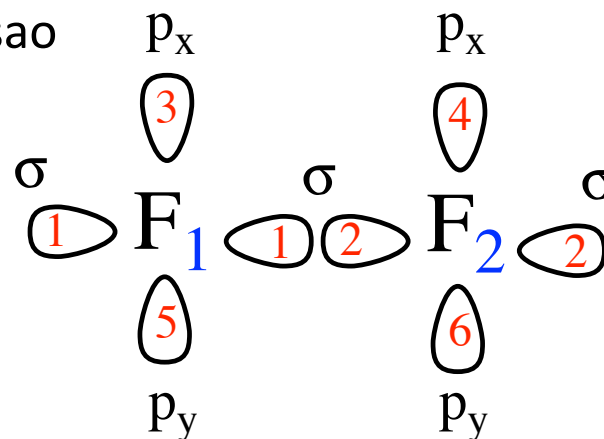
pydyz **2** ; **block 6**

\$end

...

...

...



← **2 fragments** (containing 1 atoms here), but **6 orbital blocks** taking symmetry into account

The numbering of atoms corresponds to the one in the GAMESS job.inp input

F2 molecule, 3 structures, **initial L-BOVB calculation**

\$ctrl

...

...

...

\$orb

**1\*10** ←  
 1 ; inactive

2

1

2

3

4

5

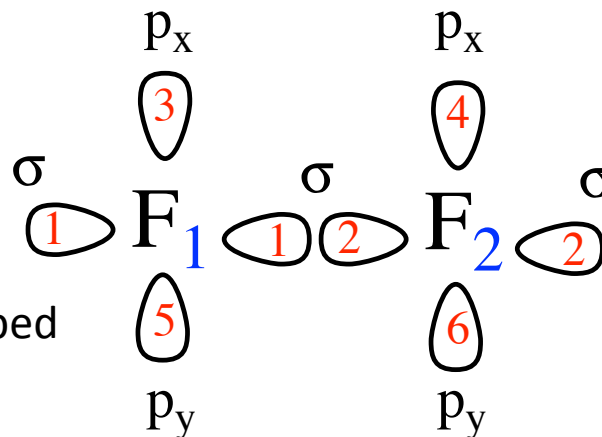
6

1 ; active

2

\$end

**10 orbitals** (2 cores, 6 valence lone pairs, 2 actives) each developed on the basis functions of **1** block



← **10 lines**, where the number on each line refers to the block of basis functions on which the orbital is developed

F2 molecule, 3 structures, D-BOVB calculation

\$ctrl

...

...

...

\$orb

1\*4 2\*4 1\*2

1 ; inactive

2

1

2

3 4

4 3

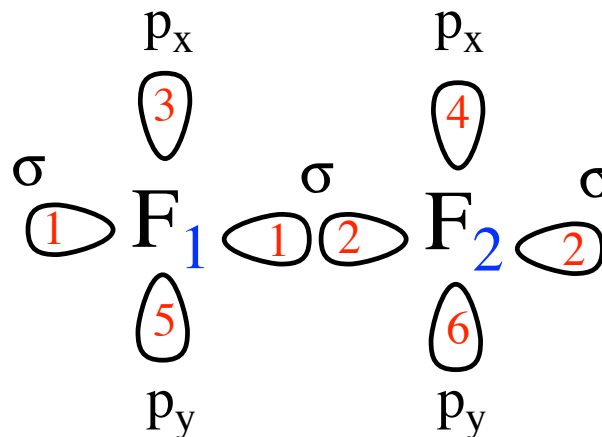
5 6

6 5

1 ; active

2

\$end



Inactive  $\pi$  orbitals are now delocalized  
both sigma active and inactive remains localized



# How to get information from output files?

# Information of XMO file

Input message

→ Input file, Integrals, Guess etc

SCF iterative procedure (final energy)

→ Iteration \*\* E = \*\*.\*\* DE = \*\*  
Gxnorm = \*\* Max Comp. = \*\*  
icovg= 1  
**Total Energy: \*\***

$S_{ij}$  and  $H_{ij}$  Matrices

Information of VB wavefunction

→ Coefficients of structures and determinants  
**Weights of structures**  
Optimized orbitals

Properties and analysis

→ Bond order, atomic charge, dipole moments

Optional  
Default

The VB calculation message in gamess output file is not correct

```

ITER 20 E = -100.002122
ICOVG =      1
Boys localizing
...
Total Energy: -100.00212152

```

SCF procedures (final energy)

```

***** MATRIX OF OVERLAP *****

```

	1	2	3
1	1.000000	0.630143	0.630143
2	0.630143	1.000000	0.247723
3	0.630143	0.247723	1.000000

 $S_{ij}$  and  $H_{ij}$  matrices

```

***** MATRIX OF HAMILTONIAN *****

```

	1	2	3
1	-2.370630	-1.835188	-1.509357
2	-1.835188	-2.248158	-0.822557
3	-1.509357	-0.822557	-1.314986

```

***** WEIGHTS OF STRUCTURES *****

```

1	0.56496	*****	1:4	5	6
2	0.42059	*****	1:4	5	5
3	0.01445	*****	1:4	6	6

Weights of VB structures

**It's up to you !**