entos: A quantum molecular simulation package

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entos is designed for ab initio MD simulations of molecular and condensed-phase chemical reactions and other processes, with particular focus on mean-field and quantum embedding methods for electronic structure. The entos software package is developed in the C++14 programming language with a structure that enables flexibility (by providing a long-term sustainable platform for development of methods in this area), efficiency (via task-based multi-threaded parallelism), and rigorous software engineering standards.

I. SUMMARY

entos is a software package that enables ab initio molecular dynamics calculations on molecular and condensed-phase chemical reactions and other processes. entos focuses on multiscale embedding methods that allow for accurate simulation of a small, chemically important region, in a larger, complex chemical environment. Key features include efficient implementations of densityfunctional theory (DFT),^{1,2} density-corrected DFT,³ embedded mean-field theory (EMFT),⁴⁻⁷ and Grimme's semi-empirical tight-binding method GFN-xTB.⁸ For all of these methods, energy, gradient and semi-analytic Hessian calculations are available. For DFT and EMFT, excited-state calculations are possible through linear response and Δ SCF. All methods support calculations on fractional particle number and fractional spin systems. QM/MM calculations are made possible via combination with external molecular dynamics packages. Classical and quantized molecular dynamics simulations (via ringpolymer molecular dynamics⁹) can be performed with any available energy method.

entos is developed in the C++14 programming language with a clear and well-designed structure. The design aims included flexibility (in the sense of providing a long-term sustainable platform for development of methods in this area), efficiency (which is realized through a task-based parallelism model), and software engineering standards geared towards industrial use. Parallelism is achieved using the Intel Threaded Building Blocks library. The code has been developed using modern software engineering best practices, including version control, unit testing, test coverage analysis, and continuous integration.

Public release of entos is scheduled for calendar year 2019.

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