

## AFLOW V 3.1.137

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*          aflow - STEFANO CURTAROLO Duke University 2003-2017
*          High-Throughput ab-initio Computing Project
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aflow

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-h | --help | --readme_aflow      This help
-v | --version                    Version Information
--machine                         Machine Information

--DIRECTORY[=| ]dir | --D[=| ]dir | --d[=| ]dir
                                Run the directory and its subdirectories
--FILE[=| ]file | --F[=| ]file | --f[=| ]file
                                List of directories to run from file
                                containing a list of aflow.in one per line.
--quiet | -quiet | -q            Quiet: remove all '00000 MESSAGES'
-c | --clean                      cleans everything except aflow.in
                                (if .gz or .bz2 inputs are present, they are decompressed)

--run                             Run only this directory.

--run=multi                       Find and search all subdirectories and
                                and run all the aflow.in without LOCK

--run=N                           Find and search all subdirectories and
                                and run the first N available aflow.in without LOCK.
                                The old option --runone is mapped into --run=1.

--loop                            When finish, wait for more run
--sort | -sort                    Sorts the aflow.in in the list
--reverse | -rsort                Reverse the aflow.in in the list
--random | -rnd                   Randomize the aflow.in in the list
--force | -force                  Run the aflow.in even if the entry
                                is already in the database.

--mem=XX | --maxmem=XX            If XX is specified (considered in %), then aflow
                                tries to kill all the vaspXX (and mpivaspXX) using
                                more than XX% of the available RAM.
                                The killing process is tried while printing "Messages"
                                and "Temperature monitoring". Useful for the jobs managing.

--use_aflow.in=XXX                Uses XXX instead of "aflow.in" in searching/running/operating directories.
                                The option is very useful for compounded calculations.

--use_LOCK=XXX                    Uses XXX instead of "LOCK" in freezing/searching/operating directories.
                                The option is very useful for compounded calculations.

--readme=aflow                    AFLOW help
--readme=aconvasp                 AFLOW_ACONVASP help
--readme=apennsy                  AFLOW_APENNSY help
--readme=apl                      AFLOW_APL help
--readme=qha                      AFLOW_APL help
--readme=aapl                     AFLOW_APL help
--readme=frozsl                   AFLOW_FROZSL help

--np=NUMBER With MPI=ON (option or supercomputer defaults)
            aflow uses NUMBER as parameter for the MPI run.
            This declaration overrides the [AFLOW_MODE_MPI_MODE]NCPUS=XX
            statement in the aflow.in file.
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With MPI=OFF  
 aflow starts a NUMBER number of concurrent threaded runs within  
 the "loop" search (--DIRECTORY=..) or the "file" table list (--FILE=..).  
 For the multithread start, you have to enable multi.  
 Examples:  
 aflow --multi --np=32 --DIRECTORY=./ICSD\_POOL  
 aflow --multi --np=24 --FILE=./jobs2run

With aconvasp.  
 Some parts of aflow are multithreaded. If you specify  
 --np=NUMBER, a NUMBER of independent threads will be  
 launched to perform the task in a multitasking fashion.

--npmax With this option, aflow starts a number of concurrent runs  
 equal to the maximum numbers of processors.

--multish Very useful option for scripting.  
 if you have a "file" containing a gazillion of instructions,  
 one per line, such as  
 command\_perform ./directory1  
 command\_perform ./directory2  
 .....  
 command\_perform ./directory..  
 then the instruction  
 aflow --multish --np=XX --FILE file  
 will pipe the instruction in a push-pop list and feed XX cpus in a  
 multithreaded environment. You can substitute "--np=XX" with "--npmax"  
 (or omit it at all) and use the max number of available cores in the  
 machine. Instead of --FILE you can use " --F | -F | --f | -f".  
 If you omit the --FILE option, then the last argument will  
 be taken as the name of the file.  
 Note that due to the variable nature of the time requested for each line,  
 you might lose causality in the whole process (most of the times  
 you do not need it, though).  
 These are examples of proper commands:  
 aflow --multish --np=12 --FILE file (run file in 12 cores)  
 aflow --multish --np=12 file (run file in 12 cores)  
 aflow --multish file (run file in all your cores)

--multizip Very useful option for scripting.  
 aflow --multizip [--prefix=PREFIX] [--size=SSSS] [--add] --F file | -D directory1 directory2 ..  
 if you have a huge amount of directories to zip then you can clusterize them, so that  
 each subzip contains no more than SSSS entries.  
 The "prefix=" is optional, the default is "m"  
 The "size=" is optional, the default is 100.  
 If you add --add then, if zips are present, they will be added with the new files.  
 This is a very useful option because many file systems do not allow big files.  
 I usually use:  
 aflow --multizip --prefix=magnetic --size=500 'find . -name EIGENVAL.bands.bz2'  
 To make life easier, this option clears up the words  
 "LOCK,aflow.in,OUTCAR.relax2.bz2,EIGENVAL.bands.bz2" from the directory names.

--multibzip2 Very useful option for scripting.  
 aflow --multibzip2 --np=XX --FILE file1 file2 file3....  
 if you have a huge amount of files to bzip2 then you can multithread the bzip2 so there are XX  
 If --np= is not specified then the code will take 1 core.  
 The filenames with ".bz2" extension are neglected.

--multibunzip2 Very useful option for scripting.  
 aflow --multibunzip2 --np=XX --FILE file1.bz2 file2.bz2 file3.bz2....  
 Same as --multibzip2 but for un-bzipping.  
 The filenames without ".bz2" extension are neglected.

--multigzip Very useful option for scripting.  
 aflow --multigzip --np=XX --FILE file1 file2 file3....  
 if you have a huge amount of files to gzip then you can multithread the gzip so there are XX (n

If --np= is not specified then the code will take 1 core.  
The filenames with ".gz" extension are neglected.

--multibunzip Very useful option for scripting.  
aflow --multibunzip --np=XX --FILE file.gz file2.gz file3.gz....  
Same as --multigzip but for un-bzipping.  
The filenames without ".gz" extension are neglected.

--getTEMP [--runstat | --runbar | --refresh=X | --warning\_beep=T | --warning\_halt=T | --mem=XX ]  
If available, the command outputs the hostname and temperatures of the machine. Useful to find  
with --runstat the command continuously prints the temperature, refreshing every XX refresh seconds  
with --runbar the command prints a bar with the temperature, refreshing every XX refresh seconds  
with --refresh=X you can specify the refresh time (DEFAULT below)  
with --warning\_beep=T, if the max temp goes beyond T(C, DEFAULT below), the command beeps the console  
with --warning\_halt=T, if the max temp goes beyond T(C, DEFAULT below), the command halts the console  
with --maxmem=XX | --maxmem=XX, it kills vasp/mpivasp using more than XX% of memory.  
DEFAULT VALUES in .aflow.rc  
AFLOW\_CORE\_TEMPERATURE\_BEEP=56.0 // Celsius  
AFLOW\_CORE\_TEMPERATURE\_HALT=65.0 // Celsius, you need to run aflow as root to halt  
AFLOW\_CORE\_TEMPERATURE\_REFRESH=5.0 // seconds

--monitor [--mem=XX]  
This is a wrap up set of commands to be sent in the background so that the node is monitored for  
It kills vasp/mpivasp using more than XX% of memory.  
The default for XX is 95%/NCPUs, so even in the worst scenario there should be enough RAM to resuscitate  
a soon-to-be-frozen machine/node.

--generate\_aflowin\_from\_vasp  
ACTION: Generates aflow.in from xCARs  
NOTE1: You can add extra parameters to aflow.in by using  
--set "[KEYWORD]", where the keyword is one  
of the specified below. You can add as many as you want.  
Be careful: there is no check for inconsistency.  
NOTE2: You can remove VASP files after the generation with the  
option --delete\_xcars (remove all except aflow.in).

--generate\_vasp\_from\_aflowin | --generate  
ACTION: Generates xCARs from aflow.in  
NOTE: This option does not run any simulation.

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--generate\_symmetry | --generate\_sym  
ACTION: Generates symmetry files: aflow.pgroup.out, aflow.fgroup.out, aflow.pgroup\_xtal.out, aflow.iautor  
NOTE: This option does not run any simulation.  
//DX and CO - END

MPI/SERIAL PARAMETERS  
--mpi Force turn ON MPI  
--nompi | --serial Force turn OFF MPI

HOST ORIENTED OPTION  
--machine=beta  
With this option, aflow tunes the MPI commands to "duke\_beta\_mpich" standards  
OPTIONS ="ulimit -s unlimited "  
COMMAND ="/usr/bin/mpirun -np" (with mpich2)  
BINARY\_DIRECTORY ="/usr/local/bin/"  
These parameters can be changed in aflow.h

--machine=beta\_openmpi  
With this option, aflow tunes the OPENMPI commands to "duke\_beta\_openmpi" standards  
OPTIONS ="ulimit -s unlimited "  
COMMAND ="/usr/bin/mpirun.openmpi"  
BINARY\_DIRECTORY ="/usr/local/bin/"  
These parameters can be changed in aflow.h

--machine=qrats

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        With this option, aflow tunes the MPI commands to "duke_qrats_mpich" standards
        OPTIONS ="ulimit -s unlimited "
        COMMAND ="/usr/bin/mpiexec.gforker -np " (with mpich2)
        BINARY_DIRECTORY ="/MAIN/bin/VASP/"
        These parameters can be changed in aflow.h

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--machine=quser
    With this option, aflow tunes the MPI commands to "duke_quser_openmpi" standards
    OPTIONS ="ulimit -s unlimited "
    COMMAND ="/usr/bin/mpirun -n " (with openmpi)
    BINARY_DIRECTORY ="/home/bin/"
    These parameters can be changed in aflow.h
//DX and CO - END

--machine=materials
    With this option, aflow tunes the MPI commands to "duke_materials" standards
    OPTIONS ="ulimit -s unlimited "
    COMMAND ="/usr/bin/mpiexec -np" (with mpich2)
    BINARY_DIRECTORY ="/usr/local/bin/"
    These parameters can be changed in aflow.h

--machine=afloplib
    With this option, aflow tunes the MPI commands to "duke_afloplib" standards
    OPTIONS ="ulimit -s unlimited "
    COMMAND ="/usr/bin/mpiexec -np" (with mpich2)
    BINARY_DIRECTORY ="/usr/local/bin/"
    These parameters can be changed in aflow.h

--machine=habana
    With this option, aflow tunes the MPI commands to "duke_habana" standards
    OPTIONS ="ulimit -s unlimited "
    COMMAND ="/usr/bin/mpiexec -np" (with mpich2)
    BINARY_DIRECTORY ="/usr/local/bin/"
    These parameters can be changed in aflow.h

--machine=ranger
    With this option, aflow tunes the MPI commands to "teragrid_ranger" standards
    COMMAND ="/share/sge6.2/default/pe_scripts/ibrun"
    BINARY_DIRECTORY ="/share/home/00457/tg457357/bin/"
    These parameters can be changed in aflow.h

--machine=kraken
    With this option, aflow tunes the MPI commands to "teragrid_kraken" standards
    COMMAND ="aprun -n"
    BINARY_DIRECTORY ="/nics/a/proj/aflow/bin/"
    These parameters can be changed in aflow.h

--machine=marylou
    With this option, aflow tunes the MPI commands to "fulton_marylou" standards
    OPTIONS = "export OMP_NUM_THREADS=1"
    COMMAND = "mpiexec"
    BINARY_DIRECTORY ="/fslgroup/fslg_datamining/bin/"
    These parameters can be changed in aflow.h

--machine=parsons
    With this option, aflow tunes the MPI commands to "trinity_parsons" standards
    COMMAND ="mpirun -np "
    BINARY_DIRECTORY ="/home/users/aflow/bin/"
    These parameters can be changed in aflow.h

--machine=jellium
    With this option, aflow tunes the MPI commands to "nrl_jellium" standards
    COMMAND = .. none, unnecessary
    BINARY_DIRECTORY ="/share/apps/AFLOW2/bin/"

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These parameters can be changed in aflow.h

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--machine=raptor --np=N
    With this option, aflow tunes the MPI commands to "raptor" standards
    COMMAND = "aprun -n N"
    BINARY_DIRECTORY = "~/bin/"
    These parameters can be changed in aflow.h

--machine=diamond --np=N
    With this option, aflow tunes the MPI commands to "diamond" standards
    COMMAND = "aprun -n N"
    BINARY_DIRECTORY = "~/bin/"
    These parameters can be changed in aflow.h

--machine=ohad
    With this option, aflow tunes the MPI commands to "ohad" standards
    COMMAND = .. none, unnecessary
    BINARY_DIRECTORY = "/home/aflow/bin/"
    These parameters can be changed in aflow.h

--machine=host1
    With this option, aflow tunes the MPI commands to "host1" standards
    COMMAND = "???"
    BINARY_DIRECTORY = "??????"
    These parameters can be changed in aflow.h
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#### SCRIPTING ORIENTED OPTIONS

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--cv      Explain this
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aflow.in
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Aflow/aflowd reads lines starting with "[xxxx.." where xxx is the command. If you put a character between "[" and "xxxx" like "[!xxxx" the line is ignored. If you add a "#" at the beginning of a line (such as "#[xxx"), everything on the left of # is ignored by aflow as command/string/parameter (ignored by aflow does not mean ignored by the binary code!). These features are useful if you want to generate a lot of similar aflow.in's and you want to add/remove options in a very short time.

#### [AFLOW] OPTIONAL

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#### [AFLOW\_MODE=\*\*\*\*] MANDATORY

Different modes of AFLOW running.

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[AFLOW_MODE]ALIEN is supported
[AFLOW_MODE=ALIEN] is supported
[AFLOW_MODE_ALIEN] is supported
[AFLOW_MODE]VASP is supported
[AFLOW_MODE=VASP] is supported
[AFLOW_MODE_VASP] is supported
[AFLOW_MODE]MATLAB is supported
[AFLOW_MODE=MATLAB] is supported
[AFLOW_MODE_MATLAB] is supported
[AFLOW_MODE]ENCAPSULATED is supported
[AFLOW_MODE=ENCAPSULATED] is supported
[AFLOW_MODE_ENCAPSULATED] is supported
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#### [AFLOW\_MODE\_ZIP=\*\*\*\*] or [AFLOW\_MODE\_ZIP]\*\*\*\* OPTIONAL, Default \*\*\*\*=gzip

Compression of output files at the end. You can write whatever you want as long as "command" is recognized.

I suggest:

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[AFLOW_MODE_ZIP=none] does not compress
[AFLOW_MODE_ZIP=gzip]
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[AFLOW\_MODE\_ZIP=bzip2]

[AFLOW\_MODE\_BINARY=\*\*\*\*] or [AFLOW\_MODE\_BINARY]\*\*\*\* OPTIONAL, Default \*\*\*\*=vasp46s  
the binary you want to start in each directory. If you put ./xxx  
you would start the exact binary in such directory.  
In MODE\_VASP the default is vasp46s

[AFLOW\_MODE\_PRESCRIPT] OPTIONAL  
Execute everything after the keywords [AFLOW\_MODE\_PRESCRIPT]  
as a script BEFORE executing the AFLOW\_MODE\_BINARY simulations.  
The output of the script is piped into the aflow.prescript.out file.  
You need to watch for syntax and be careful with the commands.  
The script can also be contained between  
[AFLOW\_MODE\_PRESCRIPT]START  
script  
[AFLOW\_MODE\_PRESCRIPT]STOP

[AFLOW\_MODE\_POSTSCRIPT] OPTIONAL  
Execute everything after the keywords [AFLOW\_MODE\_POSTSCRIPT]  
as a script AFTER executing the AFLOW\_MODE\_BINARY simulations.  
The output of the script is piped into the aflow.postscript.out file.  
You need to watch for syntax and be careful with the commands.  
The script can also be contained between  
[AFLOW\_MODE\_POSTSCRIPT]START  
script  
[AFLOW\_MODE\_POSTSCRIPT]STOP

[AFLOW\_MODE\_EMAIL] or [AFLOW\_MODE]EMAIL OPTIONAL  
Email the recipient address specified after the keyword  
[AFLOW\_MODE\_EMAIL] the output of the LOCK file once the  
prescript, simulations and postscripts are execute.  
WARNING: This keyword is not implemented yet.

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HOST: fix default things for the HOST

[AFLOW\_HOST]BETA is supported  
With the BETA option, AFLOW takes the default mpirun command:  
MPI\_COMMAND\_BETA = "/usr/bin/mpiexec", takes the BIN home for the MPI code as  
MPI\_BINARY\_DIR\_BETA = "/usr/local/bin/", sets up the AUTOTUNE (start,stop are neglected)  
and overrides the NCPUS value specified with the option --np=NUMBER (if specified)

[AFLOW\_HOST]BETA\_OPENMPI is supported  
With the BETA\_OPENMPI option, AFLOW takes the default mpirun command:  
MPI\_COMMAND\_BETA\_OPENMPI = "/usr/bin/mpirun.openmpi", takes the BIN home for the MPI code as  
MPI\_BINARY\_DIR\_BETA\_OPENMPI = "/usr/local/bin/", sets up the AUTOTUNE (start,stop are neglected)  
and overrides the NCPUS value specified with the option --np=NUMBER (if specified)

[AFLOW\_HOST]QRATS is supported  
With the QRATS option, AFLOW takes the default mpirun command:  
MPI\_COMMAND\_QRATS = "/usr/bin/mpiexec.gforker -np ", takes the BIN home for the MPI code as  
MPI\_BINARY\_DIR\_QRATS = "/MAIN/bin/VASP/", sets up the AUTOTUNE (start,stop are neglected)  
and overrides the NCPUS value specified with the option --np=NUMBER (if specified)

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[AFLOW\_HOST]QUSER is supported  
With the QUSER option, AFLOW takes the default open-mpi command:  
MPI\_COMMAND\_QUSER = "/usr/bin/mpirun -n ", takes the BIN home for the MPI code as  
MPI\_BINARY\_DIR\_QUSER = "/home/bin/", sets up the AUTOTUNE (start,stop are neglected)  
and overrides the NCPUS value specified with the option --np=NUMBER (if specified)

//DX and CO - END

[AFLOW\_HOST]MATERIALS is supported  
With the MATERIALS option, AFLOW takes the default mpirun command:

MPI\_COMMAND\_MATERIALS = "/usr/bin/mpiexec", takes the BIN home for the MPI code as  
MPI\_BINARY\_DIR\_MATERIALS = "/usr/local/bin/", sets up the AUTOTUNE (start,stop are neglected)  
and overrides the NCPUS value specified with the option --np=NUMBER (if specified)

[AFLOW\_HOST]AFLOWLIB is supported

With the AFLOWLIB option, AFLOW takes the default mpirun command:  
MPI\_COMMAND\_DUKE\_AFLOWLIB = "/usr/bin/mpiexec", takes the BIN home for the MPI code as  
MPI\_BINARY\_DIR\_DUKE\_AFLOWLIB = "/usr/local/bin/", sets up the AUTOTUNE (start,stop are neglected)  
and overrides the NCPUS value specified with the option --np=NUMBER (if specified)

[AFLOW\_HOST]HABANA is supported

With the HABANA option, AFLOW takes the default mpirun command:  
MPI\_COMMAND\_DUKE\_HABANA = "/usr/bin/mpiexec", takes the BIN home for the MPI code as  
MPI\_BINARY\_DIR\_DUKE\_HABANA = "/usr/local/bin/", sets up the AUTOTUNE (start,stop are neglected)  
and overrides the NCPUS value specified with the option --np=NUMBER (if specified)

[AFLOW\_HOST]RANGER is supported

With the RANGER option, AFLOW takes the default mpirun command:  
MPI\_COMMAND\_TERAGRID\_RANGER = "/share/sge6.2/default/pe\_scripts/ibrun", takes the BIN home for the MPI code as  
MPI\_BINARY\_DIR\_TERAGRID\_RANGER = "/share/home/00457/tg457357/bin/", sets up the AUTOTUNE (start,stop are neglected)  
and overrides the NCPUS value specified with the option --np=NUMBER (if specified)

[AFLOW\_HOST]KRAKEN is supported

With the KRAKEN option, AFLOW takes the default ibrun command:  
MPI\_COMMAND\_TERAGRID\_KRAKEN = "aprun", takes the BIN home for the MPI code as  
MPI\_BINARY\_DIR\_TERAGRID\_KRAKEN = "/nics/a/proj/bin/", sets up the AUTOTUNE (start,stop are neglected)  
and overrides the NCPUS value specified with the option --np=NUMBER (if specified)

[AFLOW\_HOST]PARSONS is supported

With the PARSONS option, AFLOW takes the default mpirun command:  
MPI\_COMMAND\_TRINITY\_PARSONS = "mpirun -np ", takes the BIN home for the MPI code as  
MPI\_BINARY\_DIR\_TRINITY\_PARSONS = "/home/users/aflow/bin/", sets up the AUTOTUNE (start,stop are neglected)  
and overrides the NCPUS value specified with the option --np=NUMBER (if specified)

[AFLOW\_HOST]MARYLOU is supported

With the MARYLOU option, AFLOW takes the default mpirun command:  
MPI\_COMMAND\_FULTON\_MARYLOU = "/apps/openmpi/1.6.3\_intel-13.0.1/bin/mpiexec", takes the BIN home for the MPI code as  
MPI\_BINARY\_DIR\_FULTON\_MARYLOU = "/fslgroup/fslg\_datamining/bin/", sets up the AUTOTUNE (start,stop are neglected)  
and overrides the NCPUS value specified with the option --np=NUMBER (if specified)

[AFLOW\_HOST]MACHINE1 is supported

With the HOST1 option, AFLOW takes the default ibrun command  
MPI\_COMMAND\_MACHINE1 = "????????", takes the BIN home for the MPI code as  
MPI\_BINARY\_DIR\_HOST1 = "?????", sets up the AUTOTUNE (start,stop are neglected)  
and overrides the NCPUS value specified with the option --np=NUMBER (if specified)

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[AFLOW\_MODE\_MPI]                   OPTIONAL, default NONE  
Turns ON MPI parallel execution. Aflow will neglect the  
serial AFLOW\_MODE\_BINARY=binary.  
The computer should have already all the files to run  
mpi executables, such as hosts/.rhost/ etcetera.

[AFLOW\_MODE\_MPI\_MODE]KEYWORD    OPTIONAL  
Keyword to specify parameters. After [AFLOW\_MODE\_MPI\_MODE] you  
can put  
NCPUS=NNN                   OPTIONAL, default NNN=4  
With NCPUS=0 or NCPUS=MAX aflow will try to guess the  
maximum number of cpus of the system by performing and  
analyzing the file /proc/cpuinfo as described in the note.  
With NNN=1 aflow will revert to SERIAL execution with the  
AFLOW\_MODE\_BINARY=binary.  
Note: NCPUS=MAX goes through execution of the logical  
command 'cat /proc/cpuinfo | grep -c "cpu MHz"'. It works  
on Linux installations with 2.6+ kernels. In case of troubles

the default is `_MPI_NCPUS_DEF=4` specified in `aflow.h`.  
This is good for old alphas (I have a beautiful Alpha ES45 with 4 CPUS. Stefano).

`START="string"` OPTIONAL, default ""

The command you have to perform to start the mpi daemon.  
For LAM you have to execute "lamboot". For mpich1 or mpich2 you have to specify something else.

`STOP="string"` OPTIONAL, default ""

The command you have to perform to stop the mpi daemon.  
For LAM you have to execute "lamhalt". For mpich1 or mpich2 you have to specify something else.

`COMMAND="string"` OPTIONAL, default "mpirun -np"

The command you have to perform to execute the mpi executable. Usually it is "mpirun" but in some computers with multiple installations you might need to specify something else.

`AUTOTUNE` OPTIONAL

If set, then aflow will neglect the PARALLEL MPI parameters in the input file and adjust them following the instructions of the code you are using.

Note: this flag is currently used only for VASP and tunes LPLANE,NPAR,IALGO,LSCALU,NSIM as specified in the VASP manual for Linux Clusters.

`BINARY="string"` OPTIONAL, default "mpivasp46s"

Specifies the mpi executable you are trying to run.

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`[AFLOW_MODE_QSUB]` OPTIONAL, default NONE

Turns ON qsub (or other queue) systems. Aflow will go inside the directory and produce a file, "aflow.qsub.run", as described below.

The file MUST organize the queue batch script and, at the end, should contain 'echo "DONE" > aflow.qsub.done'.  
Once the queue is submitted, the file "aflow.qsub.done" is checked every few minutes, until the string DONE is found and the simulation is considered finished. Check out the example below.

`[AFLOW_QSUB_MODE_**PLICIT]` MANDATORY, no default

Only the EXPLICIT mode of QSUB is supported. Everything on the left of "`[AFLOW_QSUB_FILE]`" strings is copied into QSUB files.

NOTE to `[AFLOW_QSUB_MODE_EXPLICIT]`

With `[AFLOW_QSUB_MODE_EXPLICIT]` activated, you can add:

`[AFLOW_QSUB_MODE_EXPLICIT]START` and

`[AFLOW_QSUB_MODE_EXPLICIT]STOP`

This helps because instead of specifying QSUB with the "`[AFLOW_QSUB_FILE]`" strings, everything between the `...]`START and `...]`STOP keys are copied inside a QSUB.

This option is very useful trick to cut/paste long QSUBs without adding the "`[AFLOW_QSUB_FILE]`" strings at the beginning of each line.

`[AFLOW_QSUB_MODE]COMMAND="string"` OPTIONAL, default "qsub"

This is the command that is used to submit a job  
The default is qsub but you can change it for your needs.

`[AFLOW_QSUB_MODE]PARAMS="string"` OPTIONAL, default nothing

These are the parameters that are used to submit a job in the queue.

NOTE: For MPI, the queue works in the same way, but the `NCPUS=MAX` should be avoided because aflow can not predict in which "note" the job will run (you might get as NCPUS the number of CPUS of the master node !!). My best suggestion is that you put NCPUS as the number you want.

The MPI keywords, START/STOP/COMMAND/BINARY are neglected.



You should prepare the "aflow.qsub.run" by yourself inside aflow.in as the example below shows.  
The MPI AUTOTUNE is performed, and this is very useful so the INCAR is automatically adapted for MPI jobs.

NOTE2: I wrote some shortcuts for common used batch systems.  
With this parameters in aflow.in OR as command arguments, you can avoid writing long and tedious batch scripts inside the aflow.in

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[AFLOW_QSUB_MODE]MODE1 equal to aflow --gsub1
[AFLOW_QSUB_MODE]MODE2 equal to aflow --gsub2
[AFLOW_QSUB_MODE]MODE3 equal to aflow --gsub3
(Model is for Gus-Stefano Mg project in Marylou4)
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[AFLOW_MODE=ALIEN] or [AFLOW_MODE_ALIEN] or [AFLOW_MODE]ALIEN
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In MODE\_ALIEN \*\*\*\*\*  
You do not need to create ALIEN code files by hand. You can put everything inside aflow.in

```
[ALIEN_COMMAND]prog > output
Contains the command to run, it can contain the program and the output.
The input file can be contained in the EXPLICIT/IMPLICIT/EXTERNAL
For long commands you can make a script with
[ALIEN_COMMAND]START
prog1_do_something
prog2_do_something_else
[ALIEN_COMMAND]STOP
and all the output will be sent to "output". The START/STOP command
overrides the simple "[ALIEN_COMMAND]prog > output" specification.
```

```
[ALIEN_INPUT_FILE_**PLICIT]
Only the EXPLICIT mode of ALIEN is supported. Everything on
the left of "[ALIEN_INPUT_FILE]" strings is copied into an "INPUT" file
specified by the "INPUT=" keyword.
NOTE to [ALIEN_INPUT_FILE_EXPLICIT]
With [ALIEN_INPUT_FILE_EXPLICIT] activated, you can add:
[ALIEN_INPUT_FILE_EXPLICIT]START and
[ALIEN_INPUT_FILE_EXPLICIT]STOP
This helps because instead of specifying INPUT file with the
"[ALIEN_INPUT_FILE]" strings, everything between the [...]START
and [...]STOP keys are copied inside the INPUT file.
This option is very useful trick to cut/paste long INPUT files
without adding the "[ALIEN_FILE]"
strings at the beginning of each line.
```

```
[ALIEN_INPUT_FILE_EXTERNAL]
Searches a file or loads a file from stdout command:
[ALIEN_INPUT_FILE]FILE=../../somewhere/input
or
[ALIEN_INPUT_FILE]COMMAND=bzcat ../somewhere/input.bz2
if FILE or COMMAND are not specified, aflow takes the standard
FILE=./input as default.
```

```
[ALIEN_INPUT_FILE_NAME]INPUT=
Specifies the name of the input file for the general ALIEN program.
If not specified, aflow takes "./input" as default
```

```
[ALIEN_OUTPUT_FILE_NAME]OUTPUT=
Specifies the name of the output file for the general ALIEN program.
If not specified, aflow takes "./output" as default
```

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*****
[AFLOW_MODE=MATLAB] or [AFLOW_MODE_MATLAB] or [AFLOW_MODE]MATLAB
```

In MODE\_MATLAB \*\*\*\*\*

You do not need to create MATLAB code files  
by hand. You can put everything inside aflow.in

[AFLOW\_MATLAB\_MODE\_\*\*PLICIT] MANDATORY, no default  
Only the EXPLICIT mode of MATLAB is supported. Everything on  
the left of "[AFLOW\_MATLAB\_FILE]" strings is copied into an "aflow.m" file.  
This file is executed as "matlab -r aflow > aflow.out"  
(check the binary location in the aflow.h file) and  
the output is put in an "aflow.out" file.  
This is usefull to create structures with matlab.  
NOTE to [AFLOW\_MATLAB\_MODE\_EXPLICIT]  
With [AFLOW\_MATLAB\_MODE\_EXPLICIT] activated, you can add:  
[AFLOW\_MATLAB\_MODE\_EXPLICIT]START and  
[AFLOW\_MATLAB\_MODE\_EXPLICIT]STOP  
This helps because instead of specifying MATLAB code with the  
"[AFLOW\_MATLAB\_FILE]" strings, everything between the ...]START  
and ...]STOP keys are copied inside a MATLAB code.  
This option is very useful trick to cut/paste long MATLAB  
codes without adding the "[AFLOW\_MATLAB\_FILE]"  
strings ad the beginning of each line.

[AFLOW\_MATLAB\_MODE\_EXTERNAL]  
Searches a file or loads a file from stdout command:  
[AFLOW\_MATLAB\_FILE]FILE=../../somewhere/prog.m  
or  
[AFLOW\_MATLAB\_FILE]COMMAND=bzcat ../somewhere/prog.m.bz2  
if FILE or COMMAND are not specified, aflow takes the standard  
FILE=./prog.m as default.

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[AFLOW\_SYMMETRY] or [VASP\_SYMMETRY]KEYWORD OPTIONAL  
Keyword to specify parameters. After [AFLOW\_SYMMETRY]  
you can put  
CALCULATION OPTIONAL  
With this keyword aflow calculates:  
\* aflow.pgroup.out \*: Point group of the lattice {R}  
\* aflow.fgroup.out \*: Factor group of the cell {R|t},  
note that this might not be a "true" group.  
\* aflow.agroup.out \*: Site point group for every atomic  
position (the maximum symmorphic subgrup of the lattice  
point group applied to each atomic point).  
\* aflow.sgroup.out \*: Space group {R|t+T} with T  
up to a radius from the origin.  
Files: the poing and factor groups are saved in  
aflow.pgroup.outand aflow.fgroup.out files. The site  
point group is saved in aflow.agroup.out.  
The aflow.sgroup.out file is not saves unless the  
following keyword is specified  
SGROUP\_WRITE OPTIONAL  
Flag, if present, the space group is saved in a file  
aflow.out.sgroup (use this with caution, the file might  
get huge)  
SGROUP\_RADIUS=XXX OPTIONAL, default XXX=5.0  
specifies the radius of a sphere around the origin  
where the translations of the space group is calculated.  
Be careful because the size of the space group increases  
as the radius<sup>3</sup> times the size of the factor roup.  
//DX and CO - START  
NO\_SCAN OPTIONAL  
The symmetry routine involves consistency checks. When  
a symmetry rule is broken, the tolerance is changed and  
recalculated. This keyword will not perform the scan if  
symmetry rules are broken.

SYM\_EPS                   OPTIONAL, default minimum\_interatomic\_distance/100.0  
Specifies the tolerance for all symmetry routines.  
(In Angstroms).  
//DX and CO - END

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[AFLOW\_NEIGHBOURS]KEYWORD   OPTIONAL  
Keyword to specify parameters. After [AFLOW\_NEIGHBOURS]  
you can put  
CALCULATION                OPTIONAL  
WRITE                      OPTIONAL  
RADIUS=XXX                 OPTIONAL, default XXX=5.0  
DRADIUS=XXX                OPTIONAL, default XXX=0.1

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[AFLOW\_APL]CALC             OPTIONAL  
Calculate harmonic phonons. Read README\_AFLOW\_APL.TXT.  
[AFLOW\_QHA]CALC            OPTIONAL  
Calculate Gruneisen parameter via quasi-harmonic approximation. Read README\_AFLOW\_APL.TXT.  
[AFLOW\_AAPL]CALC           OPTIONAL  
Calculate anharmonic phonons. Read README\_AFLOW\_APL.TXT.

\*\*\*\*\*  
[AFLOW\_MODE=VASP] or [AFLOW\_MODE\_MATLAB]

In MODE\_VASP \*\*\*\*\*  
You do not need to create INCAR/POSCAR/POTCAR/KPOINTS files  
by hand. You can put everything inside aflow.in

[VASP\_RUN]KEYWORDS .. where keywords can be

GENERATE                   OPTIONAL  
Generate all the files, and no vasp is generated. All the XCARS are generated and tuned accordingly  
(the original versions are backup in the XCARS.origs).

STATIC OPTIONAL  
Performs a STATIC run (different than RELAX=0).  
The keys IBRION,NSW,ISIF are commented in the INCAR file.

KPOINTS                    OPTIONAL  
Runs a swap of kpoints from the small to the prescribed ones so that the calculations  
relax faster (but run more relaxations). This option can be used for kpoints convergence.

RELAX=N OPTIONAL, Default N=2  
Selects the number of relaxations RELAX=N with N=0 to 99999 (many relaxations!).  
If N=0 then NO RUN is performed (XCARS are generated and twisted).

RELAX\_STATIC=N    OPTIONAL, Default N=2  
Selects the number of relaxations RELAX\_STATIC=N with N=0 to 99999 (many relaxations!).  
If N=0 then NO RUN is performed (XCARS are generated and twisted).  
After the N relaxations, a static run is performed with ad hoc INCARS.  
Look for RELAX\_STATIC options for tuning the calculations.

RELAX\_STATIC\_BANDS=N OPTIONAL, Default N=2  
Selects the number of relaxations RELAX\_STATIC\_BANDS=N with N=0 to 99999 (many relaxations!).  
if N=0 then NO RUN is performed (XCARS are generated and twisted).  
After the N relaxations, a static run is performed with ad hoc  
INCARS. After the STATIC run an BANDS calculation is performed.  
Look for RELAX\_STATIC\_BANDS options for tuning the calculations.  
You shall have a KPOINTS IMPLICIT and you must specify:  
[VASP\_KPOINTS\_FILE]BANDS\_LATTICE=fcc (cub,bcc,tet,bct,hex,orc,orci,orcc,orcf,rhl,tri,auto)  
[VASP\_KPOINTS\_FILE]BANDS\_GRID=16 (grid, thickness of vasp kpoints calculations).  
with BANDS\_LATTICE=AUTO aflows determines the lattice just before the static run

STATIC\_BANDS                    OPTIONAL

A static run is performed with ad hoc INCARS. After the STATIC run an BANDS calculation is performed.

Look for STATIC\_BANDS options for tuning the calculations.

You shall have a KPOINTS IMPLICIT and you must specify:

```
[VASP_KPOINTS_FILE]BANDS_LATTICE=fcc (cub,bcc,tet,bct,hex,orc,orci,orcc,orcf,rhl,tri)
[VASP_KPOINTS_FILE]BANDS_GRID=16 (grid, thickness of vasp kpoints calcaluations).
```

DIELECTRIC\_STATIC (or DS)

If a static calculation is present (RELAX\_STATIC=N,RELAX\_STATIC\_BANDS=N,STATIC\_BANDS) then the keyword preceed by a comma will switch to DIELECTRIC\_STATIC calculations operating on the INCAR, through LRPA, LEPSILON, etc... The delta\_K of the grid is choesen to be

```
#define DIELECTRIC_DK 0.1 // aflow_ivasp.cpp
```

It works only with vasp version > 5.2.

Note that this drops the NPAR switch to allow k-points resampling so you must have a LOT of RAM, and set a large amount of stack ("ulimit -s unlimited"). If the code gets a MPICH error, it tries to circumvent it increasing the stack and decreasing the KPOINTS.

Example:

```
RELAX_STATIC_BANDS=2,DIELECTRIC_STATIC // OR ..,DS
```

will relax twice, perform the static calculations, get the bands, and run the static dielectric run.

DIELECTRIC\_DYNAMIC (or DD)

If a static calculation is present (RELAX\_STATIC=N,RELAX\_STATIC\_BANDS=N,STATIC\_BANDS) then the keyword preceed by a comma will switch to DIELECTRIC\_DYNAMIC calculations operating on the INCAR, through LRPA, LOPTICS, etc...

If not selected, it forces the DIELECTRIC\_STATIC to be done before, as it requires the dielectric\_static wavefunction

Example

```
RELAX_STATIC_BANDS=2,DIELECTRIC_STATIC,DIELECTRIC_DYNAMIC // OR ..,DS,DD
```

will relax twice, perform the static calculations, get the bands, and run the static dielectric and then the final dynamic dielectric calculation.

It works only with vasp version > 5.2.

REPEAT\_BANDS                    OPTIONAL

This option is useful to repeat the band calculation after a previous relax\*, static and band performance. All the relax and static is preserved.

The INCAR.bands POTCAR.bands, and POSCAR.bands are preserved while the KPOINTS is re-generated to allow different path. You can force this option by copying LOCK into a file REPEAT\_BANDS so aflow finds a new directory to run (otherwise you shall delete LOCK and add the option to aflow.in).

REPEAT\_STATIC\_BANDS            OPTIONAL

This option is useful to repeat the band calculation after a previous relax\*, static and band performance. All the relax and static is preserved.

The INCAR.static POTCAR.static, and POSCAR.static are preserved while the KPOINTS is re-generated to allow different path. You can force this option by copying LOCK into a file REPEAT\_STATIC\_BANDS so aflow finds a new directory to run (otherwise you shall delete LOCK and add the option to aflow.in).

REPEAT\_DELSOL                  OPTIONAL

This option is useful to repeat the delta-sol calculation after a previous static run. All \*.static or \*.static.bz2 files are preserved.

The POSCAR.static, KPOINTS.static, POTCAR.static are copied to POSCAR, KPOINTS, POTCAR for the delta-sol run. The INCAR.static is reread and modified to include NELECT tag.

N\_0 = grep NELECT OUTCAR.static

Then delta\_N is calculated using scheme from ref PRL 105,196403 (2010), two delta-sol runs are performed

(i) delta-sol plus (\*.dsolp) with NELECT = N\_0 + delta\_N

(ii) delta-sol minus (\*.dsolm) with NELECT = N\_0 - delta\_N

You can force this option by moving the LOCK file into a file named REPEAT\_DELSOL so aflow finds a new directory to run

(otherwise you shall delete LOCK and add the option to aflow.in).

NOTE: If you specify more than one GENERATE/STATIC/KPOINTS/RELAX/RELAX\_STATIC runs, the priority is GENERATE (1), STATIC (2), BANDS (3), KPOINTS (4), RELAX (5).

--- INPUT FILES -----

For INCAR,KPOINTS,POSCAR,POTCAR you must choose one of the available modes: EXPLICIT, IMPLICIT, EXTERNAL

\*\*\* INCAR \*\*\* \*\* INCAR \*\*\* \*\* INCAR \*\*\* \*\* INCAR \*\*\*

[VASP\_INCAR\_MODE\_\*\*PLICIT]

EXPLICIT and IMPLICIT mode of INCAR are supported.

In EXPLICIT mode everything on the left of "[VASP\_INCAR\_FILE]" strings is copied into INCAR files.

NOTE to [VASP\_INCAR\_MODE\_EXPLICIT]

With [VASP\_INCAR\_MODE\_EXPLICIT] activated, you can add:

[VASP\_INCAR\_MODE\_EXPLICIT]START and

[VASP\_INCAR\_MODE\_EXPLICIT]STOP

This helps because instead of specifying INCAR with the

"[VASP\_INCAR\_FILE]" strings, everything between the [...]START and [...]STOP keys are copied inside a INCAR.

This option is very useful trick to cut/paste long INCARs

without adding the "[VASP\_INCAR\_FILE]"

strings at the beginning of each line.

In IMPLICIT mode the keyword "[VASP\_INCAR\_FILE]SYSTEM\_AUTO"

indicates aflow to take system, prototype and info names from the POSCAR (available if taken from the databases).

NOTE after the EXPLICIT and IMPLICIT constructions, aflow fixes the INCAR following the FORCE\_OPTIONS keyword specified below.

[VASP\_INCAR\_MODE\_EXTERNAL]

Searches a file or loads a file from stdout command:

[VASP\_INCAR\_FILE]FILE=.././somewhere/INCAR

or

[VASP\_INCAR\_FILE]COMMAND=bzcat .././somewhere/INCAR.relax2.bz2

if FILE or COMMAND are not specified, aflow takes the standard FILE=./INCAR as default.

\*\*\* KPOINTS \*\*\* \*\* KPOINTS \*\*\* \*\* KPOINTS \*\*\* \*\* KPOINTS \*\*\*

[VASP\_KPOINTS\_MODE\_\*\*PLICIT]

Both EXPLICIT and IMPLICIT are supported.

IMPLICIT: Everything after the line containing

[VASP\_KPOINTS\_FILE] will be used to create the KPOINTS file.

Options are

KMODE=X # MODE OF THE KPOINTS (same as second line of KPOINTS)

KPPRA=XXXX # number of kpoints times the size of unit cell  
the grid is calculated with the function KPPRA

KSCHEME=Monkhorst-Pack (or Gamma)# Kpoints scheme. The ones of VASP are supported and you can use only 1 letter.

You can specify KSCHEME=AUTO (actually you need only =A)

and aflow takes 'G' for FCC/HEX lattices and 'M' otherwise

KSHIFT=X X X # the three shift to bring in/out the Gamma point  
see manual

You can override the KPOINT generation only for the STATIC phase by enforcing:

STATIC\_KMODE=X # see KPOINTS for explanation

STATIC\_KPPRA=XXXX # see KPOINTS for explanation

STATIC\_KSCHEME=Monkhorst-Pack# see KPOINTS for explanation

STATIC\_KSHIFT=X X X # see KPOINTS for explanation

EXPLICIT: Everything after the line containing

[VASP\_KPOINTS\_MODE\_EXPLICIT] will be used to generate the KPOINTS

file. Hence this string should be used once and just before the KPOINTS information.

NOTE to [VASP\_KPOINTS\_MODE\_EXPLICIT]

With [VASP\_KPOINTS\_MODE\_EXPLICIT] activated, you can add:

[VASP\_KPOINTS\_MODE\_EXPLICIT]START and

[VASP\_KPOINTS\_MODE\_EXPLICIT]STOP

This helps because instead of specifying KPOINTS with the "[VASP\_KPOINTS\_FILE]" strings, everything between the [...]START and [...]STOP keys are copied inside a KPOINTS. This option is very useful trick to cut/paste long KPOINTSs without adding the "[VASP\_KPOINTS\_FILE]" strings at the beginning of each line.

[VASP\_KPOINTS\_MODE\_EXTERNAL]

Searches a file or loads a file from stdout command:

[VASP\_KPOINTS\_FILE]FILE=../../somewhere/KPOINTS

or

[VASP\_KPOINTS\_FILE]COMMAND=bzcat ../somewhere/KPOINTS.relax2.bz2

if FILE or COMMAND are not specified, aflow takes the standard FILE=./KPOINTS as default.

\*\*\* POSCAR \*\*\* \*\*\* POSCAR \*\*\* \*\*\* POSCAR \*\*\* \*\*\* POSCAR \*\*\*

[VASP\_POSCAR\_MODE\_\*\*PLICIT]

EXPLICIT and IMPLICIT modes of POSCAR are supported.

In EXPLICIT mode everything on the left of "[VASP\_POSCAR\_FILE]" strings is copied into POSCAR files.

NOTE to [VASP\_POSCAR\_MODE\_EXPLICIT]

With [VASP\_POSCAR\_MODE\_EXPLICIT] activated, you can add:

[VASP\_POSCAR\_MODE\_EXPLICIT]START and

[VASP\_POSCAR\_MODE\_EXPLICIT]STOP

This helps because instead of specifying POSCAR with the "[VASP\_POSCAR\_FILE]" strings, everything between the [...]START and [...]STOP keys are copied inside a POSCAR.

This option is very useful trick to cut/paste long POSCARs without adding the "[VASP\_POSCAR\_FILE]" strings at the beginning of each line.

[VASP\_POSCAR\_MODE\_EXPLICIT]START.AAA

...

[VASP\_POSCAR\_MODE\_EXPLICIT]STOP.AAA

[VASP\_POSCAR\_MODE\_EXPLICIT]START.BBB

...

[VASP\_POSCAR\_MODE\_EXPLICIT]STOP.BBB

aflow generates directories ARUN.AAA ARUN.BBB ... and runs them all with the same parameters but different POSCARs

In IMPLICIT mode, commands are given to generate structures.

The first must be the keyword "PROTOTYPE=", then we can have "SPECIES=" and "VOLUMES=". Keywords are separated by ";", while values are separated by ",".

PROTOTYPE=label identifies the label on the DMQC-HTQC or GUS database of prototypes.

SPECIES=specieA,specieB,... identifies the atomic species.

You can add the "\_pv", "\_sv".. etc which is used for the POTCAR atomic generation.

VOLUMES=volumeA,volumeB,... identifies the volume per atom of each specie and the overall volume of the cell is the sum of each individual volumes (Vegard's law).

If you specify only one volume, as

"VOLUME=volume", then the cell will be forced to have that volume per atom (aflow takes "volume" and multiply times the number of atoms in the cell).

If you do not specify any volume, then the CELL volume will be taken from the closed packed atomic volume (fcc through VASP) and averaged with the Vegard's law.

Example

[VASP\_POSCAR\_FILE]PROTOTYPE=5;VOLUMES=20,10;SPECIES=Ag,Zr\_sv;

You can change/force the volume created by PROTOTYPE with

[VASP\_POSCAR\_FILE]VOLUME=xxx

[VASP\_POSCAR\_FILE]VOLUME+=xxx

[VASP\_POSCAR\_FILE]VOLUME\*=xxx

[VASP\_POSCAR\_MODE\_EXTERNAL]  
Searches a file or loads a file from stdout command:  
[VASP\_POSCAR\_FILE]FILE=../../somewhere/POSCAR  
or  
[VASP\_POSCAR\_FILE]COMMAND=bzcat ../somewhere/CONTCAR.relax2.bz2  
if FILE or COMMAND are not specified, aflow takes the standard  
FILE=./POSCAR as default.

\*\*\* POTCAR \*\*\* \*\*\* POTCAR \*\*\* \*\*\* POTCAR \*\*\* \*\*\* POTCAR \*\*\*  
[VASP\_POTCAR\_MODE\_\*\*PLICIT] MANDATORY, no default  
IMPLICIT: The "POTCAR" potential files specified after the  
"[VASP\_POTCAR\_FILE]" strings are copied into POSCAR files.  
If you specify the keyword "[VASP\_POTCAR\_FILE]SYSTEM\_AUTO"  
then aflow will extract the species names from the POSCAR  
(stored inside the structure generation) adding before and after  
the PREFIX and SUFFIX as:  
[VASP\_POTCAR\_FILE]PREFIX=\$POTCARDIR/pot\_LDA/current/  
[VASP\_POTCAR\_FILE]SUFFIX=/POTCAR  
This option is very powerful for automatic generation of  
calculations.

EXPLICIT: Everything after the line containing  
[VASP\_POTCAR\_MODE\_EXPLICIT] will be used to generate the POTCAR  
file. Hence this string should be used once and just before the  
POTCAR information.

[VASP\_POTCAR\_MODE\_EXTERNAL]  
Searches a file or loads a file from stdout command:  
[VASP\_POTCAR\_FILE]FILE=../../somewhere/POTCAR  
or  
[VASP\_POTCAR\_FILE]COMMAND=bzcat ../somewhere/CONTCAR.relax2.bz2  
if FILE or COMMAND are not specified, aflow takes the standard  
FILE=./POTCAR as default.

--- FORCE OPTIONS -----

[VASP\_FORCE\_OPTION]KEYWORD  
Force some parameters for VASP calculation, changing the input files  
appropriately. They are all OPTIONALS. Possible keywords are:

#### NOTUNE

Aflow/aflovd does not perform any modification of the input files so it  
neglect all the FORCE\_OPTIONS parameters.

#### SYSTEM\_AUTO

Adapt INCAR adding the system, prototype and info names from  
the POSCAR (available if taken from the databases).

#### STATIC

Adapt INCAR to perform a static run (IBRION,NSW,ISIF are commented).  
You can mix RUN\_RELAX and STATIC options to get particular behaviors.

#### RELAX || RELAX\_ALL

Adapt INCAR to perform a relaxed run adapting (default MODE\_ENERGY)  
IBRION=2 # relax with Conjugate Gradient  
NSW=51 # relax for long  
ISIF=3 # relax everything  
but without specifying the way to add.

#### RELAX\_IONS

Adapt INCAR to perform a run in which only IONS are relaxed.

#### RELAX\_CELL\_SHAPE

Adapt INCAR to perform a run in which only CELL\_SHAPE is relaxed.

#### RELAX\_CELL\_VOLUME

Adapt INCAR to perform a run in which only CELL\_VOLUME is relaxed.

#### RELAX\_IONS\_CELL\_VOLUME

Adapt INCAR to perform a run in which only IONS\_CELL\_VOLUME is relaxed.  
Vasp does not support relaxation of IONS and VOLUME at the same time so  
aflow runs alternate relaxations volume/ions (relaxODD/relaxEVEN). I suggest  
to bump up N in [RELAX=N] so you achieve better convergence.

#### RELAX\_MODE=ENERGY (DEFAULT)

Adapt INCAR to perform a relaxed run minimizing the total energy  
IBRION=2 # relax with Conjugate Gradient  
NSW=51 # relax for long  
ISIF=3 # relax everything

#### RELAX\_MODE=FORCES

Adapt INCAR to perform a relaxed run minimizing all the forces  
NELMIN=4 # The forces have to be well converged  
ADDGRID=.TRUE. # To support finer forces calculation  
EDIFFG=-1E-5 # The final structure has to have zero forces!  
IBRION=1 # More stable algorithm  
NSW=100 # relax for very long  
ISIF=3 # relax everything  
If RELAX\_MODE\_FORCES and RELAX\_MODE\_ENERGY are both (or none) specified,  
the default is to take RELAX\_MODE\_ENERGY.

#### PREC= LOW | MEDIUM | NORMAL | HIGH | ACCURATE), PRESERVED

##### PREC=LOW (PREC=LOW)

After INCAR is generated by the "[VASP\_INCAR\_FILE]" strings, aflow/aflowd re-adapts INCAR to enhance precision  
ENMAX = XXXX # 1.0 ENMAX of pseudopotentials  
PREC = low # reduce wrap around errors  
Note: the 1.0 can be changed in .aflow.rc (DEFAULT\_VASP\_PREC\_ENMAX\_MEDIUM).

##### PREC=MEDIUM (PREC=MEDIUM)

After INCAR is generated by the "[VASP\_INCAR\_FILE]" strings, aflow/aflowd re-adapts INCAR to enhance precision  
ENMAX = XXXX # 1.3 ENMAX of pseudopotentials  
PREC = med # reduce wrap around errors  
Note: the 1.3 can be changed in .aflow.rc (DEFAULT\_VASP\_PREC\_ENMAX\_MEDIUM).

##### PREC=NORMAL (PREC=NORMAL)

After INCAR is generated by the "[VASP\_INCAR\_FILE]" strings, aflow/aflowd re-adapts INCAR to enhance precision  
ENMAX = XXXX # 1.3 ENMAX of pseudopotentials  
PREC = normal # reduce wrap around errors  
Note: the 1.3 can be changed in .aflow.rc (DEFAULT\_VASP\_PREC\_ENMAX\_NORMAL).

##### PREC=ACCURATE (or PREC=HIGH or PREC=ACCURATE) (default=ACCURATE if not specified)

After INCAR is generated by the "[VASP\_INCAR\_FILE]" strings, aflow/aflowd re-adapts INCAR to enhance precision  
ENMAX = XXXX # 1.4 ENMAX of pseudopotentials  
PREC = Accurate # avoid wrap around errors  
LREAL = .FALSE. # reciprocal space projection technique  
EDIFF = 1E-6 # high accuracy required  
ALGO = Fast # fast determination of ground state  
Note: the 1.4 can be changed in .aflow.rc (DEFAULT\_VASP\_PREC\_ENMAX\_HIGH).

##### PREC=PRESERVED

When AFLOW switches from relax to static and to bands, the PREC is preserved and not changed accordingly. Good  
PREC conserved through the task.

##### ENMAX\_MULTIPLY=NUMBER (default is DEFAULT\_VASP\_PREC\_ENMAX\_LOW, \_MEDIUM, \_NORMAL, \_HIGH, \_ACCURATE see .aflow.rc)

Force the user choice of MULTIPLIER of the max\_cutoff of pseudopotentials. Usually 1.2-1.4.  
Increase to 1.5 or higher for high-pressure calculations.

##### ALGO=(NORMAL | VERYFAST | FAST | ALL | DAMPED), PRESERVED

##### ALGO=XXXXXX

After INCAR is generated by the "[VASP\_INCAR\_FILE]" strings, aflow re-adapts INCAR to enforce ALGO=XXXXXX tuning  
ALGO and removing IALGO.



ALGO = XXXXXX # ALGO - XXXXXX  
 XXXXX can be NORMAL | VERYFAST | FAST | ALL | DAMPED  
 ALGO\_PRESERVED  
 When AFLOW switches from relax to static and to bands, the ALGO is preserved and not changed to "normal". Good relax correctly but crash on the static part.

METAGGA=TPSS | RTPSS | M06L | MBJL | SCAN | MSO | MS1 | MS2 | NONE  
 METAGGA=XXXXXX  
 After INCAR is generated by the "[VASP\_INCAR\_FILE]" strings, aflow/aflowd re-adapts INCAR to enforce METAGGA=  
 METAGGA = XXXXXX # METAGGA = XXXXXX  
 XXXXX can be TPSS | RTPSS | M06L | MBJL | SCAN | MSO | MS1 | MS2 | NONE  
 If NONE or nothing is specified, the METAGGA keyword is not included in the INCAR.

IVDW=number\_for\_VASP\_see\_manual\_for\_IVDW  
 IVDW=XXXXXX  
 After INCAR is generated by the "[VASP\_INCAR\_FILE]" strings, aflow/aflowd re-adapts INCAR to enforce IVDW=XXX  
 IVDW = XXXXXX # IVDW = XXXXXX  
 XXXXX can be a number specified in [https://cms.mpi.univie.ac.at/vasp/vasp/IVDW\\_approximate\\_vdW\\_correction\\_me](https://cms.mpi.univie.ac.at/vasp/vasp/IVDW_approximate_vdW_correction_me)  
 If 0 or nothing is specified, the VDW keyword is not included in the INCAR.  
 Note that other parameters might have to be specified in the INCAR part of aflow.in by the user

NBANDS  
 After INCAR is generated by the "[VASP\_INCAR\_FILE]" strings, aflow/aflowd estimates the number of NBANDS and to the proper input files.  
 NBANDS=XXXX  
 After INCAR is generated by the "[VASP\_INCAR\_FILE]" strings, aflow/aflowd used XXXX as number of bands. This  
 If the entry exists, it will override the original INCAR specification of the user.

PSTRESS=XXXX (in kB) (PRESSURE)  
 After INCAR is generated by the "[VASP\_INCAR\_FILE]" strings, aflow/aflowd adapts it for pressure calculations  
 If the entry exists, it will override the original INCAR specification of the user.

EDIFFG=XXXX (convergence for forces)  
 After INCAR is generated by the "[VASP\_INCAR\_FILE]" strings, aflow/aflowd adapts it for relaxed forces calcul  
 If the entry exists, it will override the original INCAR specification of the user.

NEGLECT\_NOMIX  
 The run is not performed if the system is known to be immiscible.  
 The list of immiscibles are in aflow\_nomix.cpp.

SPIN=ON  
 After INCAR is generated by the "[VASP\_INCAR\_FILE]" strings,  
 aflow/aflowd re-adapts INCAR to include SPIN.  
 If no SPIN is mentioned the INCAR spin part remains untouched.  
 SPIN=OFF  
 After INCAR is generated by the "[VASP\_INCAR\_FILE]" strings,  
 aflow/aflowd re-adapts INCAR to exclude SPIN.  
 If no SPIN is mentioned the INCAR spin part remains untouched.  
 SPIN=REMOVE\_RELAX\_1  
 After 1 RELAXATION is performed, if there is no spin in the calculation,  
 the spin is turned off automatically to save computer time and  
 make relaxations easier. Default cutoff is 0.025 specified in aflow.h  
 (DEFAULT\_VASP\_SPIN\_REMOVE\_CUTOFF)  
 SPIN=REMOVE\_RELAX\_2  
 After 2 RELAXATIONS are performed, if there is no spin in the calculation,  
 the spin is turned off automatically to save computer time and  
 make relaxations easier. Default cutoff is 0.025 specified in aflow.h  
 (DEFAULT\_VASP\_SPIN\_REMOVE\_CUTOFF)

BADER=ON | OFF (default OFF)  
 After INCAR is generated by the "[VASP\_INCAR\_FILE]" strings,  
 aflow/aflowd re-adapts INCAR to include BADER analysis (LAECHG).  
 It works only on the STATIC part of a run. RELAX\_STATIC and RELAX\_STATIC\_BANDS  
 have this option automatic.  
 By specifying OFF, aflow will strip the INCAR of any BADER related instruction.

ELF=ON | OFF (default OFF)

After INCAR is generated by the "[VASP\_INCAR\_FILE]" strings, aflow/aflowd re-adapts INCAR to include the Electron Localization Function (ELF) analysis (LELF). It works only on the STATIC part of a run. By specifying OFF, aflow will strip the INCAR of any ELF related instruction.

LSCOUPLING=ON

After INCAR is generated by the "[VASP\_INCAR\_FILE]" strings, aflow/aflowd re-adapts INCAR to include LSCOUPLING.

If you have good INCARs, you do not need to play with these options. LSORBIT=.TRUE.

LNONCOLLINEAR=.TRUE.

It does not touch SAXIS = s\_x s\_y s\_z so the default (0+,0,1) is kept, unless you specify something different in the INCAR part of aflow.in ("0+" implies an infinitesimal small positive number in x direction).

With LSCOUPLING=ON MAGMOM is adapted as a vector for each atom.

When you're doing non-collinear calculations you have to specify a vector for each atom, i.e. three entries per atom. So if you have N ions you therefore will have to have 3N elements on the MAGMOM-line which are the projections onto the chosen SAXIS.

NOTE: with LSORBIT and LNONCOLLINEAR calculations VASP must be compiled without the option -DNGZhalf and -DNGXhalf.

AFLOW expects the executable to be called as "BIN"+"LS", therefore

if you specify "mpivasp46s", the LS run will be performed calling "mpivasp46sLS".

LSCOUPLING=OFF

After INCAR is generated by the "[VASP\_INCAR\_FILE]" strings, aflow/aflowd re-adapts INCAR to exclude LSCOUPLING.

LSORBIT=.FALSE.

LNONCOLLINEAR=.FALSE.

MAGMOM is not touched and is left to be specified by AUTO\_MAGMOM or by the INCAR part of aflow.in.

AUTO\_MAGMOM=ON

After INCAR is generated by the "[VASP\_INCAR\_FILE]" strings, aflow/aflowd re-adapts INCAR to include AUTO\_MAGMOM.

If you have good INCARs, you do not need to play with these options.

AUTO\_MAGMOM=OFF

After INCAR is generated by the "[VASP\_INCAR\_FILE]" strings, aflow/aflowd re-adapts INCAR to exclude AUTO\_MAGMOM.

If you have good INCARs, you do not need to play with these options.

SYM=ON

After INCAR is generated by the "[VASP\_INCAR\_FILE]" strings, aflow/aflowd re-adapts INCAR to include SYMMETRY (ISYM=2).

If you have good INCARs, you do not need to play with these options.

SYM=OFF

After INCAR is generated by the "[VASP\_INCAR\_FILE]" strings, aflow/aflowd re-adapts INCAR to exclude SYMMETRY (ISYM=0).

If you have good INCARs, you do not need to play with these options.

KPOINTS=EVEN | ODD

Aflow makes KPOINTS even/odd.

KPOINTS=KSHIFT\_GAMMA\_EVEN | \_ODD

Aflow shift of 1/2 the K points that are even/odd.

KPOINTS=GAMMA

Aflow sets [1 1 1] K points. You should specify the correct BINARY for the the gamma point calculation (faster) otherwise aflow will run the normal vasp.

KPOINTS=KSCHEME\_MONKHORST\_PACK

Aflow forces Monkhorst-Pack Kscheme

KPOINTS=KSCHEME\_GAMMA

Aflow forces Gamma Kscheme

KPOINTS=KSCHEME\_AUTO

Aflow forces Kscheme to be Gamma for FCC/HEX lattices and Monkhorst-Pack for everything else.

KPOINTS=IBZKPT

Aflow uses IBZKPT.relax1 to proceed for relaxations  $\geq 2$ .

#### WAVECAR=ON

After INCAR is generated by the "[VASP\_INCAR\_FILE]" strings, aflow/aflowd re-adapts INCAR to include WAVECAR. (LWAVE = .TRUE.)  
If you have good INCARs, you do not need to play with these options.

#### WAVECAR=OFF

After INCAR is generated by the "[VASP\_INCAR\_FILE]" strings, aflow/aflowd re-adapts INCAR to exclude WAVECAR. (LWAVE = .FALSE.)  
If you have good INCARs, you do not need to play with these options.

#### CHGCAR=ON

After INCAR is generated by the "[VASP\_INCAR\_FILE]" strings, aflow/aflowd re-adapts INCAR to include CHGCAR. (LCHARG = .TRUE.)  
If you have good INCARs, you do not need to play with these options.

#### CHGCAR=OFF

After INCAR is generated by the "[VASP\_INCAR\_FILE]" strings, aflow/aflowd re-adapts INCAR to exclude CHGCAR. (LCHARG = .FALSE.)  
If you have good INCARs, you do not need to play with these options.

#### RWIGS\_STATIC

When running a STATIC calculation (STATIC, RELAX\_STATIC, RELAX\_BAND\_STATIC) it extracts RWIGS from the POTCAR (and forces LORBIT=0)

#### TYPE=METAL or TYPE=INSULATOR or TYPE=SEMICONDUCTOR or TYPE=DEFAULT

Aflow arranges the integration method of the Brillouin Zone for Metals or Insulators/Semiconductors by tuning ISMEAR and SIGMA. Look at the manual. This key is very important for forces calculations (not really for bulk energies) since the tetrahedron method with Blochl corrections is NOT variational in the forces, so the answers might be wrong in some cases.

ISMEAR = 2 # default (hope)  
SIGMA = 0.2 # default (hope)  
ISMEAR = 1 # for metals  
SIGMA = 0.1 # for metals  
ISMEAR = 0 # for insulators/semiconductors  
SIGMA = 0.05 # for insulators/semiconductors

This keyword is MANDATORY if you are doing phonons calculations.

#### LDAU1=ON | OFF | ADIABATIC | CUTOFF

After INCAR is generated by the "[VASP\_INCAR\_FILE]" strings, aflow/aflowd re-adapts INCAR to include LDAU in the mode 1 of VASP. You need to specify the species with the keyword. With ADIABATIC it turns on LDAU adiabatically through the relaxN steps. If n is the max number of relaxes and j is the step then the U and J parameters are set as  $j/n \cdot (U, J)$  per calculation. The minimum step of ADIABATIC relaxations is set up to be LDAU\_ADIABATIC\_RELAX\_DEFAULT=6, and can be modified in aflow\_kvasp.cpp With CUTOFF, aflow adds an extra relaxation step (RELAX++). The extra step is performed with a recycled CHGCAR of the previous step, static, and turning off all LDAU calculations. This is very useful to calculate non LDAU energies with LDAU charge distributions.

#### LDAU2=ON | OFF | ADIABATIC | CUTOFF

After INCAR is generated by the "[VASP\_INCAR\_FILE]" strings, aflow/aflowd re-adapts INCAR to include LDAU in the mode 2 of VASP. You need to specify the species with the keyword. With ADIABATIC it turns on LDAU adiabatically through the relaxN steps. If n is the max number of relaxes and j is the step then the U and J parameters are set as  $j/n \cdot (U, J)$  per calculation. The minimum step of ADIABATIC relaxations is set up to be LDAU\_ADIABATIC\_RELAX\_DEFAULT=6, and can be modified in aflow\_kvasp.cpp With CUTOFF, aflow adds an extra relaxation step (RELAX++). The extra step is performed with a recycled CHGCAR of the previous step, static, and turning off all LDAU calculations. This is very useful to calculate non LDAU energies with LDAU charge distributions.

To specify the parameters, you can have AFLOW to choose for you with LDAU\_SPECIES or do by hand through LDAY\_PARAMETERS.

LDAU\_SPECIES=Cu La O Ru (separated by spaces, no commas) so that aflow

picks the right parameters from the AVASP\_Get\_LDAU1\_Parameters() routine (aflow\_avaspp.cpp).  
If no LDAU\_SPECIES are present, you have to specify LDAUL, LDAUU, LDAUJ manually  
in the INCAR.

LDAU\_PARAMETERS=speciesA,speciesB.;L\_A,L\_B.;U\_A,U\_B.;J\_A,J\_B...  
for example (groups separated by ";" while entries separated by ",")  
Cu,La,0,Ru;0,2,1,-1;0.0,4.2,1.1,0.0;0.0,0.0,0.0,0.0

where

Cu,La,0,Ru LDAU set of species  
0,2,1,-1 LDAU orbitals with -1,0,1,2,3 = none,s,p,d,f  
0.0,4.2,1.1,0.0 LDAU Us for species  
0.0,0.0,0.0,0.0 LDAU Js for species

Note: LDAU\_PARAMETERS overrides LDAU\_SPECIES.

LDAU=OFF | LDAU1=OFF | LDAU2=OFF

After INCAR is generated by the "[VASP\_INCAR\_FILE]" strings,  
aflow/aflowd re-adapts INCAR to exclude all LDAU calculations.

CONVERT\_UNIT\_CELL=STRING1,STRING2,... etc where STRINGS can be

STANDARD\_PRIMITIVE | STD\_PRIM | SPRIM

Converts the unit cell to the standard primitive form as described  
by the rules in the aflow\_kpoints.cpp file and in the README\_LATTICE file  
If specified, it turns off NIGGLI, MINKOWSKI, INCELL, COMPACT, WIGNERSEITZ.  
If both STANDARD\_PRIMITIVE and STANDARD\_CONVENTIONAL then PRIMITIVE has priority.  
REF: Setyawan Curtarolo, DOI: 10.1016/j.commatsci.2010.05.010

STANDARD\_CONVENTIONAL | STD\_CONV | SCONV

Converts the unit cell to the standard primitive form as described  
by the rules in the aflow\_kpoints.cpp file and in the README\_LATTICE file  
If specified, it turns off NIGGLI, MINKOWSKI, INCELL, COMPACT, WIGNERSEITZ.  
If both STANDARD\_PRIMITIVE and STANDARD\_CONVENTIONAL then PRIMITIVE has priority.  
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NIGGLI

Converts the unit cell to the standardized Niggli form. The  
form is unique (up to some signs, I think). The transformation  
makes use of only the lattice vectors and does not depend on the  
basis atoms. This will work on any cell, but it treats the given  
cell as primitive, and it will not reduce the cell to primitive  
if it is not primitive already. At present the algorithm seems to  
hang if I force more than about 6 digits of accuracy so be aware that  
small errors might be introduced (these can break symmetry!).  
(Written by Dane Morgan).

MINKOWSKI | MINK

Converts the unit cell with the Minkowski reduction  
This routine takes a set of basis vectors (that form a lattice)  
and reduces them so that they form the shortest possible basis.  
The reduction is performed so that each vector "a\_i" is as close  
as possible to the origin while remaining in the affine plane which  
is defined by "a\_j", "a\_k" but shifted by "a\_i", for any choice  
of even permutations of i,j,k in 1,2,3.

See Lecture notes in computer science, ISSN 0302-974, ANTS - VI :  
algorithmic number theory, 2004, vol. 3076, pp. 338-357  
ISBN 3-540-22156-5

Written by Gus Hart in F90, recoded by SC in C++ (Sep/08).  
<http://www.farcaster.com/papers/sm-thesis/node6.html>

INCELL

Convert the basis with all atoms mapped to their images within  
the unit cell.

COMPACT

Convert the basis with all atoms mapped through the unit and neighbours  
cells to minimize the shortest possible bond with an adjacent atom  
This option is very useful if you run big and complicate  
molecules where atoms exit of the unit cell and you have  
problems understanding where they are because visualization  
packages do not show bonds anymore ...

WIGNERSEITZ | WS  
 Convert the basis with all atoms mapped to their images within the Wigner Seitz cell.

CARTESIAN | CART  
 Convert the basis set to Cartesian coordinates.

FRACTIONAL | DIRECT | FRAC | DIR  
 Convert the basis set to fractional coordinates.

PRESERVE | PRES  
 Preserve the POSCAR from being Standardized (Primitive or Coventional).

VOLUME=xxx  
 VOLUME+=xxx  
 VOLUME\*=xxx  
 Change the volume of the POSCAR accordingly (fix, +=, \*) as in the c,c++ standard.

--- FROZSL OPTIONS -----

[AFLOW\_FROZSL]CALC  
 Generate the POSCARS starting from the FROZSL input file (the long one you generate from the web). It uses a PERL script to parse the frozsl part and then generates the poscars. Then it runs then, extract the energies, remove the minima, transform in hartree and print everything in aflow.frozsl\_energies.out  
 The FROZSL file is defined as everything after the [AFLOW\_FROZSL]CALC line.

[AFLOW\_FROZSL]DOWNLOAD | [AFLOW\_FROZSL]DOWN  
 Starting from the  
 [FROZSL\_MODE\_EXPLICIT]START.FROZSL\_STRUCTURE  
 xxx  
 [FROZSL\_MODE\_EXPLICIT]STOP.FROZSL\_STRUCTURE  
 and, optionally,  
 [FROZSL\_MODE\_EXPLICIT]START.FROZSL\_DIELECTRIC  
 xxx  
 [FROZSL\_MODE\_EXPLICIT]STOP.FROZSL\_DIELECTRIC  
 download the FROZSL output by using "wget" and does the calculation as specified in the FROZSL code. The FROZSL code is saved in the aflow.frozsl\_input.out file.  
 [FROZSL\_MODE\_PRESCRIPT]START  
 script to be run before starting FROZSL  
 [FROZSL\_MODE\_PRESCRIPT]STOP  
 [AFLOW\_MODE\_POSTSCRIPT]START  
 script to be run after starting FROZSL  
 [AFLOW\_MODE\_POSTSCRIPT]STOP

--- IGNORE OPTIONS -----

[VASP\_FORCE\_OPTION]IGNORE\_AFIX=STRINGS  
 Activates/deactivates some parameters in aflow for VASP calculation, that are possible solutions to usual problems.  
 Suggestion: do not specify these options unless you are willing to look into OUTCAR and vasp.out to check for troubles.  
 They are all OPTIONALS. Possible keywords are:

IGNORE\_AFIX=STRING1,STRING2,... etc where STRINGS can be

ROTMAT  
 "VERY BAD NEWS! Found some non-integer element in the rotation matrix" error. To address this issue, AFLOW removes symmetry (ISYM=0) and make K-points ODD (look at VASP tutorial about k-points).

SGRCON  
 SGRCON relaxation errors. By default aflow tries to go around SGRCON errors by enhancing SYMPREC=1e-6 in the INCAR.

IBZKPT  
 IBZKPT relaxation errors. By default aflow tries to go around IBZKPT errors by changing the KPOINTS to have origin in Gamma.

#### NKXYX\_IKPTD

NK[X,Y,Z]>IKPTD kpoints errors. By default aflow tries to go around NK[X,Y,Z]>IKPTD errors by reducing the KPOINTS.

#### SYMPREC

SYMPREC relaxation errors. By default aflow tries to go around SYMPREC errors by increasing precision with SYMPREC.

#### INVGRP

INVGRP relaxation errors. By default aflow tries to go around INVGRP errors by increasing precision with SYMPREC.

#### EDDRMM

EDDRMM relaxation errors. By default aflow tries to go around EDDRMM errors by changing the KPOINTS to have origin in Gamma.

#### LREAL

REAL\_OPTLAY (1) errors. By default aflow tries to go around LREAL errors by changing the INCAR.

#### BRMIX

BRMIX errors. By default aflow tries to go around the BRMIX error problem by changing INCAR schemes.

#### DAV

DAV relaxation errors. By default aflow tries to go around DAV relaxation errors by changing INCAR schemes.

#### EFIELD\_PEAD

EFIELD\_PEAD errors. By default aflow tries to go around EFIELD\_PEAD errors by dividing by 5 the EFIELD\_PEAD.

#### EDDDAV

EDDDAV errors. By default aflow tries to go around EDDDAV errors by changing INCAR schemes.

#### ZPOTRF

ZPOTRF errors. By default aflow tries to go around ZPOTRF errors by changing INCAR schemes and potentially POTRF.

#### EXCCOR

ECHANGE-CORRELATIONS errors. By default aflow tries to go around "supplied exchange-correlation table is too small" errors by changing the POSCAR volume (inflating it).

#### NATOMS

NEAR NEAREST ATOMS errors. By default aflow tries to go around "The distance between some ions is very small" errors by changing the POSCAR volume (inflating it).

#### NBANDS

NBANDS errors. By default aflow tries to go around insufficient NBANDS by restarting VASP with increasingly higher NBANDS until everything is set. This can be done by tuning the INCAR schemes.

#### MEMORY

MEMORY errors. By default aflow tries to go around insufficient MEMORY by skipping the calculation and writing a SKIP file with some information inside.

#### PSMAXN

PSMAXN errors. By default aflow tries to go around PSMAXN warnings by restarting VASP with reducingly lower ENMAX until everything is set. This can be done by tuning the INCAR schemes.

#### NPAR

NPAR errors. By default aflow tries to go around NPAR warnings by restarting VASP with reducingly lower NPAR. This can be done by tuning the INCAR schemes.

#### NPARC

NPAR=number of cores. By default aflow tries to go around NPAR warnings by putting NPAR=4 (default).

#### NPARN

NPAR=number of nodes errors. By default aflow tries to go around NPAR warnings by putting NPAR=4 (default).

#### NPAR\_REMOVE

NPAR=number of nodes errors, when VASP wants to change NPAR. By default aflow tries to go around NPAR warnings by putting NPAR\_REMOVE=1.

CSLOSHING

CSLOSHING electronic charge-sloshing problems. By default aflow tries to go around unconverged electronic loops due to charge sloshing, by restarting VASP with with different relax algorithm (aflow choses Algo=Normal which contains default parameters better suited to address this issue).

DENTET

DENTET warnings. By default aflow tries to go around DENTET warnings by restarting VASP with different smearing algorithm. This can be done by tuning the INCAR schemes.

LRF\_COMMUTATOR

LRF\_COMMUTATOR warnings. By default aflow tries to go around LRF\_COMMUTATOR warnings by restarting VASP with different options. This can be done by tuning the INCAR schemes.

GAMMA\_SHIFT

GAMMA\_SHIFT warnings. By default aflow tries to go around GAMMA\_SHIFT warnings by restarting VASP with moving the KPOINTS origin to Gamma. This can be done by tuning KPOINTS.

MPICH11

MPICH11 errors. By default aflow tries to go around MPICH11 errors by restarting VASP without NPAR in INCAR.

MPICH139

MPICH139 errors. By default aflow tries to go around MPICH139 errors by restarting VASP reducing KPOINTS and NPAR.

READ\_KPOINTS\_RD\_SYM

READ\_KPOINTS\_RD\_SYM warnings. By default aflow tries to go around READ\_KPOINTS\_RD\_SYM warnings by restarting VASP with different options. This can be done by tuning the INCAR schemes.

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EXAMPLE

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[AFLOW] *****
[AFLOW]
[AFLOW]          .o.          .o88o. oooo
[AFLOW]          .888.          888 ‘ ‘ ‘888
[AFLOW]          .8’888.      o888oo  888  .ooooo.  oooo oooo  ooo
[AFLOW]          .8’ ‘888.      888   888  d88’ ‘88b ‘88. ‘88. .8’
[AFLOW]          .88ooo8888.    888   888  888  888  ‘88..]88..8’
[AFLOW]          .8’      ‘888.  888   888  888  888  ‘888’ ‘888’
[AFLOW]          o88o      o8888o o888o  o888o ‘Y8bod8P’   ‘8’ ‘8’ .in
[AFLOW]
[AFLOW] *****
[AFLOW] * Stefano Curtarolo - (aflow V30348)
[AFLOW] * Dane Morgan - Wahyu Setyawan - Gus Hart - Michal Jahnatek - Shidong Wang - Ohad Levy
[AFLOW] *****
[AFLOW] Aflow automatically generated (aflow_vasp.cpp)
[AFLOW] *****
[AFLOW] SYSTEM=Si1_ICSD_67788
#[AFLOW] single element calculation
[AFLOW] *****
[AFLOW] input file for aflow
[AFLOW_MODE=VASP]
[AFLOW] *****
[AFLOW_MODE_ZIP=bzip2]
[AFLOW_MODE_BINARY=vasp46s]
[AFLOW] *****
[AFLOW] *****
#[AFLOW_MODE_MPI]
[AFLOW_MODE_MPI_MODE] NCPUS=MAX
[AFLOW_MODE_MPI_MODE] COMMAND ="mpirun -np"
[AFLOW_MODE_MPI_MODE] AUTOTUNE
[AFLOW_MODE_MPI_MODE] BINARY="mpivasp46s"
[AFLOW] *****
[AFLOW_SYMMETRY] CALC
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#[AFLOW_SYMMETRY]SGROUP_WRITE
#[AFLOW_SYMMETRY]SGROUP_RADIUS=7.77
[AFLOW] *****
#[AFLOW_NEIGHBOURS]CALC
[AFLOW_NEIGHBOURS]RADIUS=7.7
[AFLOW_NEIGHBOURS]DRADIUS=0.1
[AFLOW] *****
#[AFLOW_APL]CALC // README_AFLOW_APL.TXT
[AFLOW_APL]ENGINE=DM // README_AFLOW_APL.TXT
[AFLOW_APL]DMAG=0.015 // README_AFLOW_APL.TXT
[AFLOW_APL]MINATOMS=100 // README_AFLOW_APL.TXT
#[AFLOW_APL]SUPERCELL=3x3x3 // README_AFLOW_APL.TXT
[AFLOW_APL]DC=y // README_AFLOW_APL.TXT
[AFLOW_APL]DPM=y // README_AFLOW_APL.TXT
[AFLOW_APL]ZEROSTATE=y // README_AFLOW_APL.TXT
[AFLOW_APL]DOS=y // README_AFLOW_APL.TXT
[AFLOW_APL]TP=y // README_AFLOW_APL.TXT
[AFLOW_APL]TPT=0:2000:10 // README_AFLOW_APL.TXT
[AFLOW] *****
#[AFLOW_QHA]CALC // README_AFLOW_APL.TXT
[AFLOW_QHA]GP_VOL_DISTORTION_PERCENTAGE=0.03 // README_AFLOW_APL.TXT
[AFLOW_QHA]DISPLACEMENTS=y // README_AFLOW_APL.TXT
[AFLOW_QHA]PROJECTION_DIR=1:1:1 // README_AFLOW_APL.TXT
[AFLOW_QHA]EOS=n // README_AFLOW_APL.TXT
[AFLOW_QHA]EOS_VOLRANGE_DIST=-2:4:0.5 // README_AFLOW_APL.TXT
[AFLOW_QHA]EOS_KPOINTS_MODE=32768:10000:20:100000 // README_AFLOW_APL.TXT
[AFLOW] *****
#[AFLOW_AAPL]CALC // README_AFLOW_APL.TXT
[AFLOW_AAPL]TDMAG=0.015 // README_AFLOW_APL.TXT
[AFLOW_AAPL]CUT_SHELL=4 // README_AFLOW_APL.TXT
[AFLOW_AAPL]CUT_RAD=4.5 // README_AFLOW_APL.TXT
[AFLOW_AAPL]SUMRULE=1E-5 // README_AFLOW_APL.TXT
[AFLOW_AAPL]BTE=FULL // README_AFLOW_APL.TXT
[AFLOW_AAPL]THERMALGRID=21x21x21 // README_AFLOW_APL.TXT
[AFLOW_AAPL]ISOTOPE=y // README_AFLOW_APL.TXT
[AFLOW_AAPL]CUMULATIVEK=y // README_AFLOW_APL.TXT
[AFLOW_AAPL]BOUNDARY=n // README_AFLOW_APL.TXT
[AFLOW_AAPL]NANO_SIZE=100 // README_AFLOW_APL.TXT
[AFLOW_AAPL]TCT=200:700:20 // README_AFLOW_APL.TXT
[AFLOW] *****
[VASP_RUN]RELAX=2 // GENERATE STATIC RELAX=N RELAX_STATIC=N STATIC_BANDS RELAX_STATIC_BAN
#[VASP_FORCE_OPTION]NEGLECT_NOMIX
#[VASP_FORCE_OPTION]CHGCAR=OFF // ON | OFF (default ON)
#[VASP_FORCE_OPTION]KPOINTS=KEEPK
#[VASP_FORCE_OPTION]KPOINTS=EVEN // EVEN | ODD (default none)
#[VASP_FORCE_OPTION]KPOINTS_KSHIFT_GAMMA=EVEN // EVEN | ODD (default none)
#[VASP_FORCE_OPTION]KPOINTS_KSCHEME=MONKHORST_PACK // MONKHORST_PACK | GAMMA (manual)
#[VASP_FORCE_OPTION]KPOINTS_GAMMA
#[VASP_FORCE_OPTION]KPOINTS_IBZKPT
#[VASP_FORCE_OPTION]SYM=ON // ON | OFF (default ON)
#[VASP_FORCE_OPTION]AUTO_PSEUDOPOTENTIALS=potpaw_PBE // pot_LDA | pot_GGA | potpaw_LDA | potpaw_GGA | potpaw_P
#[VASP_FORCE_OPTION]NBANDS // Estimate Bands (better than VASP)
#[VASP_FORCE_OPTION]SPIN=ON,REMOVE_RELAX_1 // (ON | OFF (default ON)), REMOVE_RELAX_1 | _2
#[VASP_FORCE_OPTION]AUTO_MAGMOM=ON // ON | OFF (default OFF)
#[VASP_FORCE_OPTION]RELAX_MODE=FORCE // ENERGY | FORCES | ENERGY_FORCES | FORCES_ENERGY (default
#[VASP_FORCE_OPTION]PREC=ACCURATE // (LOW | MEDIUM | NORMAL | HIGH | ACCURATE), PRESERVED (
#[VASP_FORCE_OPTION]ALGO=NORMAL // (NORMAL | VERYFAST | FAST | ALL | DAMPED), PRESERVED (
#[VASP_FORCE_OPTION]RELAX
#[VASP_FORCE_OPTION]NOTUNE
#[VASP_FORCE_OPTION]TYPE=INSULATOR // METAL | INSULATOR | SEMICONDUCTOR | DEFAULT (default D
#[VASP_FORCE_OPTION]CONVERT_UNIT_CELL=something // SPRIM, SCONV, NIGGLI, MINK, INCELL, COMPACT, WS, CART,
#[VASP_FORCE_OPTION]VOLUME+=10.0
#[VASP_FORCE_OPTION]VOLUME*=1.05
[AFLOW] *****
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[VASP_INCAR_MODE_EXPLICIT]START
SYSTEM=Si1_ICSD_67788
NELM = 120
NELMIN=2
LPLANE=.TRUE.
LREAL=.FALSE.
LSCALU=.FALSE.
PSTRESS=000      # in kBar (1kB=0.1GPa)          # for hand modification
#NBANDS=XX       # for hand modification
#IALGO=48        # for hand modification
[VASP_INCAR_MODE_EXPLICIT]STOP
[AFLOW] *****
[VASP_KPOINTS_MODE_IMPLICIT]
[VASP_KPOINTS_FILE]KSCHEME=M
[VASP_KPOINTS_FILE]KPPRA=3456
[VASP_KPOINTS_FILE]STATIC_KSCHEME=M
[VASP_KPOINTS_FILE]STATIC_KPPRA=3456
[VASP_KPOINTS_FILE]BANDS_LATTICE=FCC
[VASP_KPOINTS_FILE]BANDS_GRID=20
[AFLOW] *****
[AFLOW] *****
[VASP_POSCAR_MODE_EXPLICIT]START
Si1 #216 - (Si1_ICSD_67788) - Si1 [Si1] cF8 F-43m Si 216 Si1_ICSD_67788 ICSD_67788 (icsd library) (WICKOFF 216
1.224745
    0.000000000000000    2.20127478218115    2.20127478218115
    2.20127478218115    0.000000000000000    2.20127478218115
    2.20127478218115    2.20127478218115    0.000000000000000
2
Direct(2) [A2]
    0.000000000000000    0.000000000000000    0.000000000000000    Si
    0.250000000000000    0.250000000000000    0.250000000000000    Si
[VASP_POSCAR_MODE_EXPLICIT]STOP
[AFLOW] *****
[VASP_POTCAR_MODE_IMPLICIT]
[VASP_POTCAR_FILE]Si
[AFLOW] potpaw_PBE: Si
[AFLOW] COMPOSITION_PP=|Si2|
[AFLOW] COMPOSITION=|Si2|
[AFLOW] *****
[AFLOW] Aflow automatically generated (aflow_avasp.cpp)
[AFLOW] *****
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