

NWChem: Hartree-Fock, Density Functional Theory, Time-Dependent Density Functional Theory



- Functionality
- Input
- Wavefunctions
- Initial MO vectors
- Direct and semidirect algorithms
- Convergence, files, and restarting

- Energies and gradients
 - ◆ Closed-shell (RHF)
 - ◆ Spin-restricted, high-spin open-shell (ROHF)
 - ◆ Spin-unrestricted open-shell (UHF)
- Analytic second derivatives (RHF and UHF)
- Finite point groups
- Will be used as first step in all correlated methods (e.g. MP2, CC, etc ...)
- Resolution of the identity (energy)

- SCF input block, e.g.,

```
scf
```

```
    triplet; uhf
```

```
end
```

- Defaults

- ◆ Restricted-spin wavefunction (ROHF)
- ◆ Accuracy suitable for non-floppy molecule geometry optimization
- ◆ Symmetry as defined in the geometry

³B₁ CH₂ ROHF and UHF optimizations

```
geometry units au
  C    0    0      0
  H    0    1.868 -0.818
symmetry c2v
end
```

```
basis
  H library 3-21g; C library 3-21g
end
```

```
scf; triplet; end #default is ROHF
task scf optimize
```

```
scf; uhf; end
task scf optimize
```

- Functionality
- Input
- XC functionals
- Grid & Convergence options

- *Gaussian function*-based DFT (aka LCAO)
 - *energies*,
 - *gradients* and
 - *second derivatives*
- finite *symmetry*
- *Exchange-Correlation* functionals for
 - *Closed*-Shell systems and *Open*-Shell systems

- Hartree-Fock Exchange
- Traditional functionals: Density & density gradient
 - ▶ LDA, BP, BLYP, PBE, PW91,...
- Hybrid functionals: Inclusion of HF exchange
 - ▶ B3LYP, PBE0, BeckeHalfandHalf,...
- Meta functionals: Inclusion of kinetic energy
 - ▶ TPSS, PKZB, Minnesota functionals,...
- Range-separated functionals
 - ▶ CAM-B3LYP, LC-PBE0,...
- DFT + empirical dispersion (DFT+ D)
 - ▶ Based on Grimme's implementation
- Double Hybrid functionals: DFT + MP2
 - ▶ Based on Grimme's implementation

- DFT input block, e.g.,

```
dft
  mult 1
end
```

- Defaults (similar to Hartree-Fock)
 - Local density approximation (**LDA**)
 - Accuracy suitable for non-floppy molecule geometry optimization
 - Symmetry as defined in the geometry

- DFT input block, e.g.,

```
dft
  mult 3
end
```

- Unrestricted Open Shell Default (different from Hartree-Fock)
- RODFT is available

- Minimal input (all defaults)

```
geometry; ne 0 0 0; end  
basis; ne library cc-pvdz; end  
task dft
```

- Performs a closed-shell N^4 DFT calculation using the local density approximation on the neon atom (no fitting)

- Input with default DFT input (single point LDA calculation)

```
echo # echoes the input in the output file
start silane # name of files
title silane # title of the calculation in output
```

```
geometry
```

```
  si      0.00000000    0.00000000    0.00000000
  h      0.75252170   -0.75252170    0.75252170
  h     -0.75252170    0.75252170    0.75252170
  h      0.75252170    0.75252170   -0.75252170
  h     -0.75252170   -0.75252170   -0.75252170
```

```
end
```

```
basis
```

```
  * library cc-pvdz
```

```
end
```

```
task dft # specifies the task → energy by default
```

- EMSL Basis Set Exchange: <https://bse.pnl.gov/bse/portal>

Changing the exchange-correlation

```
echo
start silane
title silane
geometry
  si      0.00000000    0.00000000    0.00000000
  h       0.75252170   -0.75252170    0.75252170
  h      -0.75252170    0.75252170    0.75252170
  h       0.75252170    0.75252170   -0.75252170
  h      -0.75252170   -0.75252170   -0.75252170
end
```

```
basis
  * library cc-pvdz
end
```

```
dft
  xc b3lyp # B3LYP
end
```

```
dft
  xc becke88 lyp #BLYP
end
```

```
dft
  xc becke88 perdew86
end
```

...
Many other combinations possible...

```
task dft
```

xc: controls the choice of the exchange-correlation

convergence: controls the convergence (energy, density...)

grid: specifies the grid

mult: specifies the multiplicity

odft: specify open shell calculation (redundant when mult is there)

iterations: controls the number of iterations

smear: useful for degenerate states

SINGLET

```
dft
  grid fine
  convergence energy 1e-08
  xc b3lyp #B3LYP
  mult 1
end
```

TRIPLET

```
dft
  odft
  grid fine
  convergence energy 1e-08
  xc b3lyp #B3LYP
  mult 3
end
```

Putting it all together

```
echo
start silane
title silane

geometry
  si      0.00000000    0.00000000    0.00000000
  h      0.75252170   -0.75252170    0.75252170
  h     -0.75252170    0.75252170    0.75252170
  h      0.75252170    0.75252170   -0.75252170
  h     -0.75252170   -0.75252170   -0.75252170
end

basis
  * library cc-pvdz
end

dft
  grid fine
  convergence energy 1e-08
  xc b3lyp # B3LYP
  mult 1
end
task dft
```

```
echo
start silane

geometry
  si      0.00000000    0.00000000    0.00000000
  h       0.75252170   -0.75252170    0.75252170
  h      -0.75252170    0.75252170    0.75252170
  h       0.75252170    0.75252170   -0.75252170
  h      -0.75252170   -0.75252170   -0.75252170
end

basis
  * library cc-pvdz
end

dft
  grid xfine
  convergence energy 1e-08
  xc b3lyp # B3LYP
  mult 1
end

task dft optimize
```



```
echo
start silane
```

```
geometry
```

```
  si      0.00000000    0.00000000    0.00000000
  h       0.75252170   -0.75252170    0.75252170
  h      -0.75252170    0.75252170    0.75252170
  h       0.75252170    0.75252170   -0.75252170
  h      -0.75252170   -0.75252170   -0.75252170
```

```
end
```

```
basis
```

```
  * library cc-pvdz
```

```
end
```

```
dft
```

```
  grid xfine
```

```
  convergence energy 1e-08
```

```
  xc b3lyp # B3LYP
```

```
  mult 1
```

```
end
```

```
task dft frequencies
```

Combining Calculations I

```
echo
start silane
```

```
geometry
  si      0.00000000    0.00000000    0.00000000
  h      0.75252170   -0.75252170    0.75252170
  h     -0.75252170    0.75252170    0.75252170
  h      0.75252170    0.75252170   -0.75252170
  h     -0.75252170   -0.75252170   -0.75252170
```

```
end
```

```
basis
  * library cc-pvdz
end
```

```
dft
  grid xfine
  convergence energy 1e-08
  xc b3lyp # B3LYP
  mult 1
end
task dft optimize
task dft frequencies
```

Combining Calculations II

```
geometry
```

```
...
```

```
end
```

```
basis
```

```
* library cc-pvdz
```

```
end
```

```
dft
```

```
xc b3lyp #B3LYP
```

```
mult 1
```

```
end
```

```
task dft optimize
```

```
task dft frequencies
```

```
dft
```

```
odft
```

```
xc becke88 lyp #BLYP
```

```
mult 3
```

```
end
```

```
task dft optimize
```

Restarting Calculations

echo

restart silane

geometry

| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| si | 0.00000000 | 0.00000000 | 0.00000000 |
| h | 0.75252170 | -0.75252170 | 0.75252170 |
| h | -0.75252170 | 0.75252170 | 0.75252170 |
| h | 0.75252170 | 0.75252170 | -0.75252170 |
| h | -0.75252170 | -0.75252170 | -0.75252170 |

end

basis

* library cc-pvdz

end

dft

grid xfine

convergence energy 1e-08

xc b3lyp # B3LYP

mult 1

end

task dft

Restart files

- silane.db
- silane.movecs

```
echo
start silane

geometry
  si      0.00000000    0.00000000    0.00000000
  h       0.75252170   -0.75252170    0.75252170
  h      -0.75252170    0.75252170    0.75252170
  h       0.75252170    0.75252170   -0.75252170
  h      -0.75252170   -0.75252170   -0.75252170
end

basis
  * library cc-pvdz
end

dft
  grid xfine
  convergence energy 1e-08
  xc b3lyp # B3LYP
  mult 1
  vectors input old.movevecs output b3lyp.movevecs
end
task dft
```

Organizing Your Files

```
echo
start silane
```

```
permanent_dir /home/yourname/silane/b3lyp
scratch_dir /scratch
```

```
geometry
  si      0.00000000    0.00000000    0.00000000
  h      0.75252170   -0.75252170    0.75252170
  h     -0.75252170    0.75252170    0.75252170
  h      0.75252170    0.75252170   -0.75252170
  h     -0.75252170   -0.75252170   -0.75252170
```

```
end
```

```
basis
  * library cc-pvdz
end
dft
  grid xfine
  convergence energy 1e-08
  xc b3lyp #B3LYP
  mult 1
end
task dft optimize
```

...

geometry

| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| si | 0.00000000 | 0.00000000 | 0.00000000 |
| h1 | 0.75252170 | -0.75252170 | 0.75252170 |
| h2 | -0.75252170 | 0.75252170 | 0.75252170 |
| h3 | 0.75252170 | 0.75252170 | -0.75252170 |
| h4 | -0.75252170 | -0.75252170 | -0.75252170 |

end

basis

```
si library 6-31G
h1 library h sto-3g
h2 library h 6-31g
h3 library h 3-21g
h4 library h 6-31g*
```

end

...

Including empirical dispersion in DFT

```
...  
geometry  
    ...  
end
```

```
basis  
    ...  
end
```

```
dft  
  xc b3lyp  
  disp vdw 4  
end  
task dft optimize
```

S. Grimme J. Comp. Chem. 25 1463 (2004)
S. Grimme J. Comp. Chem. 271787 (2006)

Semi-empirical hybrid DFT + MP2 Double Hybrid Functionals



```
...  
geometry  
    ...  
end  
  
basis  
    ...  
end
```

```
dft  
  xc HFexch 0.53 becke88 0.47 lyp 0.73 mp2 0.27  
  dftmp2 direct  
  direct  
  convergence energy 1e-8  
  iterations 100  
end
```

S. Grimme, J. Chem. Phys., 124, 034108 (2006)

- Charge density fitting (Dunlap scheme)
 - ▶ 4-center, 2-electron Coulomb integrals \rightarrow 3-center integrals (N^3)
 - ▶ Very fast for traditional DFT (pure density based functionals, no HF Exchange)
 - ▶ Cheaper and better parallel scaling

- Direct or on-the-fly evaluation of integrals
 - ▶ All integrals evaluated as needed
 - ▶ Useful for large systems on large numbers of processors

- Effective Core Potentials

- Important difference between DFT and SCF
 - **Additional fitting basis set** (reduces cost from N^4 --> N^3)

```
geometry; ne 0 0 0; end
```

```
basis "ao basis" spherical  
  ne library def2-tzvp  
end
```

```
basis "cd basis"  
  ne library "Weigend Coulomb Fitting"  
end
```

```
task dft
```

- Reduces the cost of calculation for heavy elements
 - Additional input field required to define potential

```
geometry; ne 0 0 0; end
```

```
ecp spherical  
  * library Stuttgart_RSC_1997_ECP  
end
```

```
basis "ao basis"  
  ni library "Stuttgart_RSC_1997_ECP"  
end
```

```
task dft
```

- Numerical integration keywords and targets using Mura-Knowles radial and Lebedev angular quadratures:

```
dft; grid xcoarse; end    (1d-4 au)
```

```
dft; grid coarse; end    (1d-5 au)
```

```
dft; grid medium; end    (1d-6 au; default)
```

```
dft; grid fine; end      (1d-7 au)
```

```
dft; grid xfine; end     (1d-8 au)
```

```
dft; grid huge; end
```

- Addition quadrature choices, e.g.,

```
dft; grid eumac medium; end
```

```
dft; grid ssf lebedev 75 11; end    (= G98 fine)
```

- Controlling accuracy
 - Schwarz screening is invoked for $\text{density} \times \text{integral} < 10 - \text{accCoul}$, **accCoul** default = 10
 - e.g., **tolerances accCoul 12**
- When to change it?
 - Diffuse basis/floppy molecules
 - Changing from energy to optimizations, frequencies, etc.
 - Don't forget to increase grid accuracy too!

- *DIIS*, *level-shifting*, and *damping* are available
- Default is **DIIS** with no damping. Level-shifting is invoked when the HOMO-LUMO gap is less than **hl_tol** (default is 0.05 atomic units)
- Control of DIIS, levelshifting, and damping: **convergence**
lshift 0.1 damp 40 diis 5
- When invoked can be by iteration count
convergence ncydp 5
- or by change in total energy
**convergence ncydp 0 dampon 1d6 \
dampoff 1d-2**

- The `SMEAR` keyword is useful in cases with many degenerate states near the HOMO (e.g. metallic clusters). Molecular Orbitals near the gap will be occupied with a distribution a la Fermi-Dirac corresponding to a finite temperature.
- `SMEAR <real smear default 0.001>`

Excited State Calculations with TDDFT

Casida Formulation

Perturbed density \rightarrow first-order correction

Linear response approach \rightarrow frequency domain

Cannot be used to describe excitations in intense fields

- Working equations have $N_{\text{occ}} * N_{\text{virt}}$ solutions
- Dimension \rightarrow tetradic ($N^2 * N^2$)
- Every root \rightarrow cost of a HF or hybrid DFT calculation
- Note that the vectors are normalized but differently so than your usual wavefunction
- The orbital energy difference is a main term in the excitation energy
- In the case of pure DFT with large molecules most of the integrals involving F_{xc} vanish as this is a local kernel

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B^* & A^* \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix} = \omega \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$1 = (X | X) - (Y | Y)$$

$$A_{ia,jb} = \delta_{ij} \delta_{ab} (\varepsilon_a - \varepsilon_i) + (ia | F_H + F_{xc} | jb)$$

$$B_{ia,jb} = (ia | F_H + F_{xc} | jb)$$

$$F_{xc}(r_1, r_2) = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \rho(r_1) \partial \rho(r_2)}$$

```
geometry
O      0.00000000      0.00000000      0.12982363
H      0.75933475      0.00000000     -0.46621158
H     -0.75933475      0.00000000     -0.46621158
end
```

```
basis
O library 6-31G**
H library 6-31G**
end
```

```
dft
  xc b3lyp
end
```

```
tddft
  roots 10
  notriplet
end
```

```
task tddft energy
```

Excited State Sample Output

Root 1 singlet b2 0.294221372 a.u. (8.0061743 eV)

| | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----|----------|-----|----------|-----|----------|
| Transition Moments | X | 0.00000 | Y | -0.26890 | Z | 0.00000 |
| Transition Moments | XX | 0.00000 | XY | 0.00000 | XZ | 0.00000 |
| Transition Moments | YY | 0.00000 | YZ | 0.08066 | ZZ | 0.00000 |
| Transition Moments | XXX | 0.00000 | XXY | -0.93672 | XXZ | 0.00000 |
| Transition Moments | XYY | 0.00000 | XYZ | 0.00000 | XZZ | 0.00000 |
| Transition Moments | YYY | -1.60959 | YYZ | 0.00000 | YZZ | -0.72276 |
| Transition Moments | ZZZ | 0.00000 | | | | |
| Dipole Oscillator Strength | | | | | | 0.01418 |

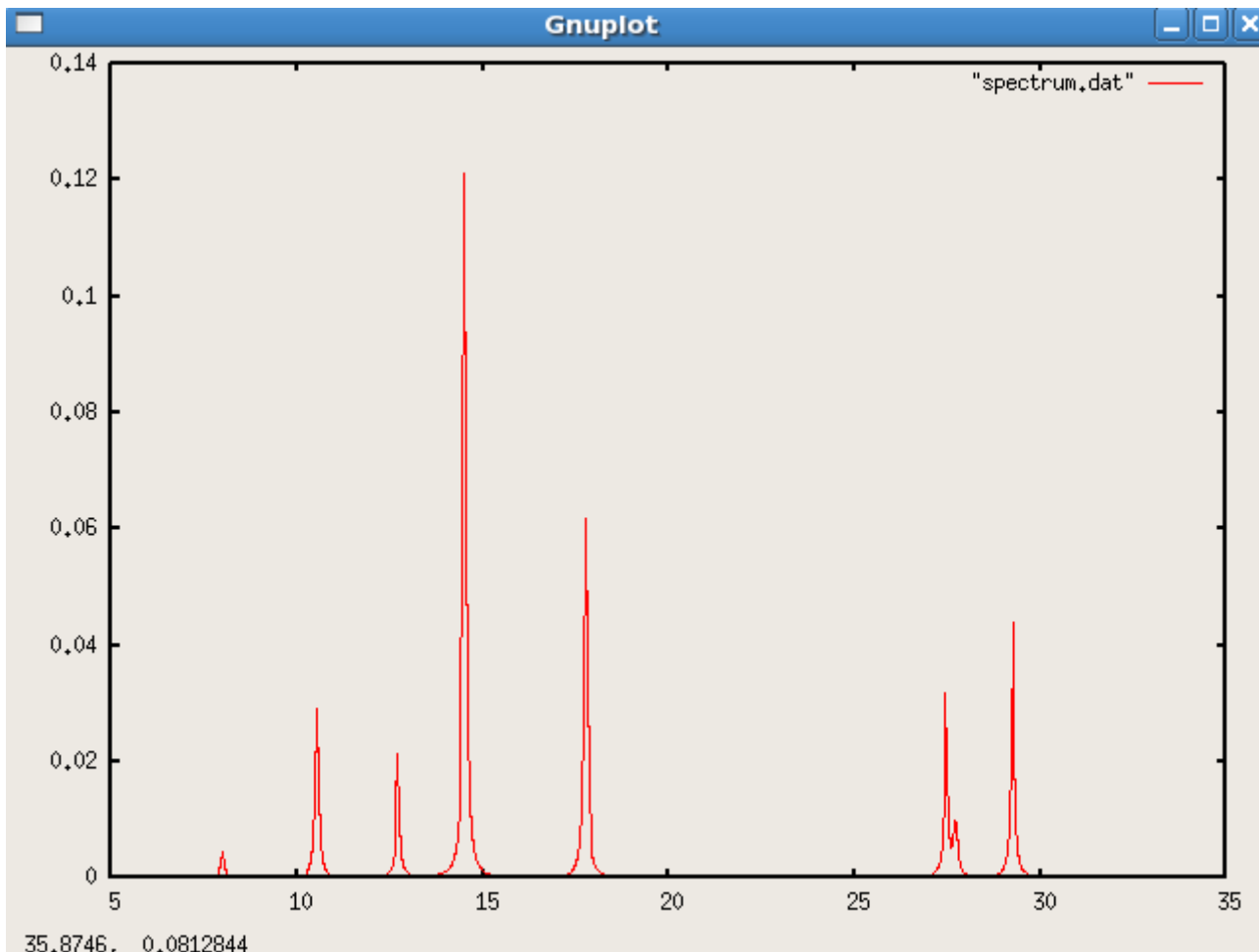
Occ. 5 b2 --- Virt. 6 a1 -1.00002 X

Root 2 singlet a2 0.369097477 a.u. (10.0436576 eV)

| | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----|---------|-----|----------|-----|---------|
| Transition Moments | X | 0.00000 | Y | 0.00000 | Z | 0.00000 |
| Transition Moments | XX | 0.00000 | XY | 0.24936 | XZ | 0.00000 |
| Transition Moments | YY | 0.00000 | YZ | 0.00000 | ZZ | 0.00000 |
| Transition Moments | XXX | 0.00000 | XXY | 0.00000 | XXZ | 0.00000 |
| Transition Moments | XYY | 0.00000 | XYZ | -0.34740 | XZZ | 0.00000 |
| Transition Moments | YYY | 0.00000 | YYZ | 0.00000 | YZZ | 0.00000 |
| Transition Moments | ZZZ | 0.00000 | | | | |
| Dipole Oscillator Strength | | | | | | 0.00000 |

Occ. 5 b2 --- Virt. 7 b1 -0.99936 X

Excited State Spectrum



→
Energy (eV)