

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







Hartree-Fock



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





Hartree-Fock Functionality



- 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

Defaults

end

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





CH₂ molecule



³B₁ CH₂ ROHF and UHF optimizations

```
geometry units au
  H 0 1.868 -0.818
  symmetry c2v
end
basis
  H library 3-21g; C library 3-21g
end
scf; sym off; triplet; end #default is ROHF
task scf optimize
```





scf; uhf; end

Density-Functional Theory



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





DFT Functionality in a nutshell



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





Exchange-Correlation Functionals



- Hartree-Fock Exchange
- Traditional functionals: Density & density gradient
 LDA, BP, BLYP, PBE, PW91,...
- Hybrid functionals: Inclusion of HF exchange
 B3LYP, PBEO, 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





Input



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





Open Shell Input



DFT input block, e.g.,

```
dft
mult 3
end
```

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





Minimal Input Example



Minimal input (all defaults)

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

Performs a closed-shell N⁴ DFT calculation using the local density approximation on the neon atom (no fitting)





Simple DFT Input Example



Input with default DFT input (single point LDA calculation)

```
# echoes the input in the output file
start silane # name of files
title silane # title of the calculation in output
charge 0.
geometry
            0.0000000
                          0.0000000
  si
                                        0.0000000
            0.75252170
                         -0.75252170
                                        0.75252170
  h
  h
            -0.75252170
                          0.75252170
                                        0.75252170
           0.75252170
                          0.75252170
                                       -0.75252170
  h
            -0.75252170
                         -0.75252170
                                       -0.75252170
  h
end
dft; mult 1;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
                 0.0000000
                                 0.0000000
                                                 0.0000000
      si
                 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
      h
```

end

end

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

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

```
dft
xc becke88 lyp #BLYP
end

dft
xc becke88 perdew86
```

Many other combinations possible...

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Important DFT keywords



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
                 0.0000000
      si
                                 0.0000000
                                                 0.0000000
      h
                  0.75252170
                                -0.75252170
                                                 0.75252170
      h
                 -0.75252170
                                 0.75252170
                                                 0.75252170
                 0.75252170
                                 0.75252170
                                                -0.75252170
      h
                                -0.75252170
      h
                 -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
```





Geometry Optimization



```
echo
start silane
geometry
                  0.0000000
                                  0.0000000
                                                  0.0000000
      si
                  0.75252170
                                 -0.75252170
      h
                                                  0.75252170
      h
                 -0.75252170
                                  0.75252170
                                                  0.75252170
                  0.75252170
      h
                                  0.75252170
                                                 -0.75252170
                                 -0.75252170
      h
                 -0.75252170
                                                 -0.75252170
end
basis
   library cc-pvdz
end
dft
  grid xfine
  convergence energy 1e-08
  xc b3lyp # B3LYP
  mult. 1
end
```





Frequencies



```
echo
start silane
geometry
                             0.0000000
             0.0000000
                                             0.0000000
  si
             0.75252170
                            -0.75252170
                                             0.75252170
  h
  h
            -0.75252170
                             0.75252170
                                             0.75252170
  h
             0.75252170
                             0.75252170
                                            -0.75252170
            -0.75252170
                            -0.75252170
  h
                                            -0.75252170
end
basis
  * library cc-pvdz
end
dft
  grid xfine
  convergence energy 1e-08
  xc b3lyp # B3LYP
  mult 1
end
```





Combining Calculations I

xc b3lyp # B3LYP

task dft frequencies

task dft optimize

mult 1

end



```
echo
start silane
geometry
                 0.0000000
                                 0.0000000
                                                 0.0000000
      si
                 0.75252170
                                -0.75252170
      h
                                                 0.75252170
      h
                -0.75252170
                                 0.75252170
                                                 0.75252170
      h
                 0.75252170
                                 0.75252170
                                                -0.75252170
                -0.75252170
      h
                                -0.75252170
                                                -0.75252170
end
basis
   library cc-pvdz
end
dft.
 grid xfine
  convergence energy 1e-08
```





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

geometry

restart silane

```
0.0000000
      si
                  0.75252170
      h
      h
                 -0.75252170
      h
                  0.75252170
      h
                 -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

0.0000000

-0.75252170

0.75252170

0.75252170

-0.75252170

- •silane.db
- •silane.movecs

0.0000000

0.75252170

0.75252170

-0.75252170

-0.75252170





Using Old Molecular Orbitals



```
echo
start silane
geometry
                  0.0000000
                                   0.0000000
                                                   0.0000000
      si
                  0.75252170
      h
                                  -0.75252170
                                                   0.75252170
      h
                 -0.75252170
                                   0.75252170
                                                   0.75252170
      h
                  0.75252170
                                   0.75252170
                                                  -0.75252170
                                  -0.75252170
      h
                 -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.movecs output b3lyp.movecs
end
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```

Organizing Your Files

mult 1

task dft optimize

end



```
echo
start silane
permanent dir /home/yourname/silane/b3lyp
scratch dir /scratch
geometry
                0.0000000
                               0.0000000
      si
                                              0.0000000
     h
                0.75252170
                              -0.75252170
                                              0.75252170
     h
               -0.75252170 0.75252170
                                              0.75252170
               0.75252170
                               0.75252170
                                             -0.75252170
     h
               -0.75252170
                              -0.75252170
                                             -0.75252170
     h
end
basis
  * library cc-pvdz
end
dft
 grid xfine
  convergence energy 1e-08
  xc b3lyp #B3LYP
```





Customizing The Basis



. . .

```
geometry
                  0.0000000
                                  0.0000000
                                                  0.0000000
      si
      h1
                  0.75252170
                                 -0.75252170
                                                  0.75252170
      h2
                  -0.75252170
                                  0.75252170
                                                  0.75252170
      h3
                  0.75252170
                                  0.75252170
                                                 -0.75252170
                  -0.75252170
                                 -0.75252170
                                                 -0.75252170
      h4
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)





Other Capabilities



- Charge density fitting (Dunlap scheme)
 - ▶ 4-center, 2-electron Coulomb integrals → 3-center integrals (N³)
 - 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





Charge-Density Fitting



- Important difference between DFT and SCF
 - Additional fitting basis set (reduces cost from N⁴ --> N³)

```
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
```





Effective Core Potentials



- 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
```





Grid Options



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)
```





Modifying Accuracy



- Controlling accuracy
 - Schwarz screening is invoked for density*integral
 10-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!





Convergence



- 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 h1_to1 (default is 0.05 atomic units)
- Control of DIIS, levelshifting, and damping: convergence 1shift 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 \

convergence ncydp 0 dampon 1d6 \
dampoff 1d-2





Fractional occupation of MOs



- The SMEAR keyword is useful in cases wit 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>



