

# Gaussian Basis AIMD

## ■ Finite Cluster Molecular Dynamics

## ■ Compatible with all Gaussian basis function based electronic structure methods in NWChem

- ◆ DFT, LR-TDDFT, MP2
- ◆ Will switch to numerical gradients if analytical gradients are absent

## ■ Velocity Verlet

## ■ Constant Energy & Constant Temperature Ensembles

- ◆ Berendsen, Langevin, and Stochastic Velocity Rescaling

## Documentation:

**<https://github.com/nwchemgit/nwchem/wiki/Gaussian-Basis-AIMD>**

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# Sample Input

```
#  
# water - S0 HF/6-31G* geometry  
# ground state HF/6-31G* MD  
# time step = 10 a.u.  
# number of steps = 200  
# SVR thermostat, default tau  
# 200 K  
# translations and rotations every 10 steps  
# print trajectory every 5 steps  
# random seed set to 12345  
#
```

```
echo  
start qmd_dft_h2o_svr  
  
print low  
geometry noautosym noautoz  
O 0.00000000 -0.01681748 0.11334792  
H 0.00000000 0.81325914 -0.34310308  
H 0.00000000 -0.67863597 -0.56441201  
end  
  
basis  
* library 6-31G*  
end  
  
dft  
xc hfexch 1.0  
end  
  
qmd  
nstep_nucl 200  
dt_nucl 10.d0  
targ_temp 200.d0  
com_step 10  
rand_seed 12345  
thermostat svr  
print_xyz 5  
end  
task dft qmd
```

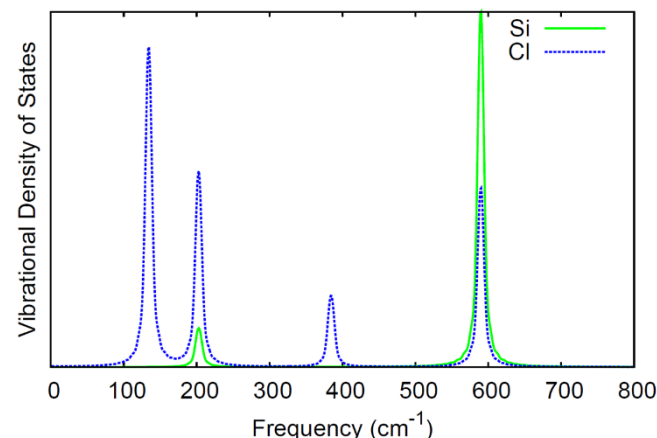
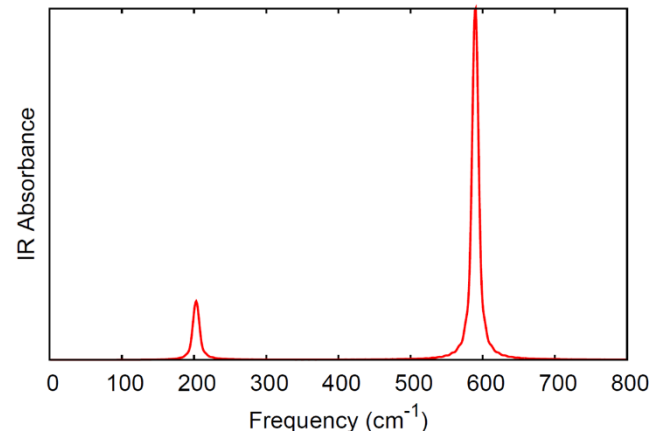
# Detailed Example: $\text{SiCl}_4$

```
start SiCl4
echo
print low
geometry noautosym noautoz
Si      -0.00007905   0.00044148   0.00000001
Cl       0.71289590   1.00767685   1.74385011
Cl      -2.13658008  -0.00149375  -0.00000001
Cl       0.71086735  -2.01430142  -0.00000001
Cl       0.71289588   1.00767684  -1.74385011
end

basis
* library 6-31G
end

dft
xc hfexch 1.0
end

qmd
nstep_nucl 20000
dt_nucl 10.0
targ_temp 20.0
com_step 10
rand_seed 12345
thermostat none
end
task dft qmd
```



See Documentation & Analysis:

<https://github.com/nwchemgit/nwchem/wiki/Gaussian-Basis-AIMD>

# Combining QMD with Properties



```
echo
start qmd_props

...

qmd
  nstep_nucl 200
  dt_nucl 10.d0
  targ_temp 200.d0
  com_step 10
  rand_seed 12345
  thermostat berendsen
# calculate properties as defined in
# the properties block every 5 steps
property 5
end

property
  dipole
  aresponse 1 .0911267060
  velocity
  damping 0.007
  shielding 1 1
end

task dft qmd
```

**NOTE: The choice of property  
can slow down the QMD  
depending on how often  
you want to calculate it**

```
echo  
start qmd_tddft
```

```
...
```

```
qmd  
  nstep_nucl 200  
  dt_nucl 10.d0  
  targ_temp 200.d0  
  com_step 10  
  rand_seed 12345  
  thermostat berendsen  
# calculate TDDFT every 3 steps  
tddft 3  
end
```

```
tddft  
  nroots 2  
  notriplet  
end
```

```
task dft qmd
```

**NOTE: The choice of property/response can slow down the QMD depending on how often you want to calculate it**