



NWChem: Hartree-Fock, Density Functional Theory

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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
```

```
end
```

- Defaults
 - 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
  C   0   0       0
  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
task scf optimize
```

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, 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

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
```

- Unrestricted 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 N^4 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)

```
echo # echoes the input in the output file
start silane # name of files
title silane # title of the calculation in output
charge 0.
```

```
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
```

```
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
  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
```

```
task dft
```

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

```
dft
  xc becke88 perdew86
end
```

...

Many other combinations possible...

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
    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
```

Geometry Optimization

```
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
```


Frequencies

```
start silane
```

```
geometry
```

```
  si      0.000000000      0.000000000      0.000000000
  h       0.752521700     -0.752521700      0.752521700
  h      -0.752521700      0.752521700      0.752521700
  h       0.752521700      0.752521700     -0.752521700
  h      -0.752521700     -0.752521700     -0.752521700
```

```
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

```
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

...

```
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**

Using Old Molecular Orbitals

```
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
```

```
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
```

Organizing Your Files

Customizing The Basis

```
...  
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)

Other Capabilities

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

Charge-Density Fitting

- 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
```

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-Kowles 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, `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 **hl_tol** (default is 0.05 atomic units)
- Control of DIIS, level-shifting, 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

Fractional occupation of MOs

- 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>`

Questions?



Thank you

