

Libra Summer School and Workshop 2024

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Libra Summer School/Workshop
Goals and Objectives

Scientific Software Availability is essential

PRL 95, 163001 (2005) PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS week ending 14 OCTOBER 2005

Trajectory Surface Hopping in the Time-Dependent Kohn-Sham Approach for Electron-Nuclear Dynamics

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Department of Chemistry, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington 98195-1700, USA
(Received 25 May 2005; published 10 October 2005)

Challenges:

- too many scripts, the connections are unclear (long training time)
- Fortran (quite “bulky”), Perl for workflow (intimidating to understand), poor modularity – difficult to add new methods
- Interfaced only with VASP
- Internal, not available to the public
- No structured tutorials

Oleg’s 1-st most cited paper (excluding 2 review)



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Article

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The PYXAID Program for Non-Adiabatic Molecular Dynamics in Condensed Matter Systems

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Changes:

- more clear workflow organization
- C++ and Python, more modular and user-friendly interface. As a result: added new methods (decoherence)
- Interfaced with QE, but not only
- Publicly available, open-source
- Dedicated tutorials

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My 1-st most cited paper (excluding 1 review)

Still not sufficient: Libra motivation

- **Many codes** (Newton-X, SHARC, NEXMD, FIERBALL, JADE, MOLPRO, PYXAID, PYUNIXMD, ...)
 - Black-box. Difficult to re-use to formulate other methods, etc.
 - Limited functionality (high focus, e.g. atomistic of special kind)
- **Many methods** (FSSH, DISH, A-FSSH, QTAG, QTSH, etc.)
 - Not always available
 - Not always user-friendly (e.g. my experience with PYXAID prototype)
 - Not always portable/modular, lack of best coding standards, no version control, etc.
 - Limited consistency of different codes
 - Possible redundancies even in the same code
- **Libra's approach**
 - Versatility: encompass a comprehensive set of available methodologies
 - Community-centric: be the platform for various methods developed by the community
 - Modularity: easy-to-use methodology building blocks, methodology development
 - User-friendliness & Open-source: easy experience, without limitations

Libra

<https://github.com/Quantum-Dynamics-Hub/libra-code>



Libra motivation

The key “software” papers

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Libra: an open-source “methodology discovery” library for quantum and classical dynamics simulations | 80 | 2016 |
| | AV Akimov
Journal of computational chemistry 37 (17), 1626-1649 | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Libra: A modular software library for quantum nonadiabatic dynamics | 12 | 2022 |
| | M Shakiba, B Smith, W Li, M Dutra, A Jain, X Sun, S Garashchuk, ...
Software Impacts 14, 100445 | | |

- Many changes compared to Pyxaid – a lot of correctness issues fixed, more reliable approach
- Nearly all the projects in my lab use it
- There is a growing number of users who use it – that’s another reason to host this event
- Adopt the best practices
 - Modularity (e.g. PySCF, Psi4NumPy, PyQuante, HORTON)
 - Language standards (Python, C++ vs. Fortran? Hybrid programming)
 - Testing & Documentations (pytest, unittest, Doxygen/Sphinx)
 - User/developer training (Workshops, Summer/Winter schools)
- Focus on the community
 - Every group has expertise in their field – rely on that
 - Community contributions – PR on GitHub
 - Use version control and collaborative workflows via GitHub, Issues
 - Frequent communication and close collaboration e.g. via Slack

Some papers that use Libra

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Charge Carrier Dynamics at the Interface of 2D Metal–Organic Frameworks and Hybrid Perovskites for Solar Energy Harvesting

Robert Stanton and Dhara J. Trivedi*

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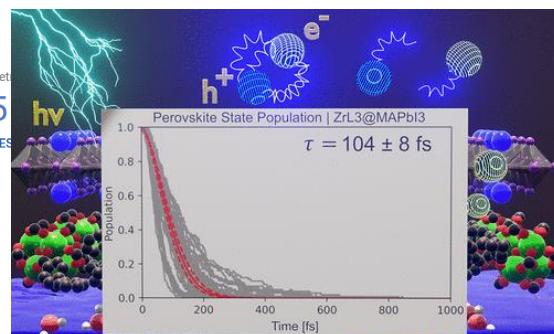
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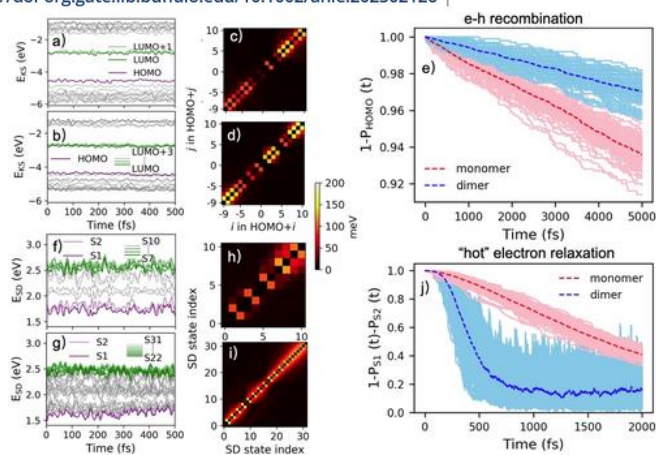
Insight into the Molecular Mechanism for Enhanced Longevity of Supramolecular Vesicular Photocatalysts

Dr. Yannan Liu, Dr. Fulu Zheng, Haojie Dai, Chuanshuang Chen, Yajing Chen, Dr. Haolin Wu, Prof. Chunyang Yu, Prof. Yiyong Mai, Prof. Thomas Frauenheim, Prof. Yongfeng Zhou

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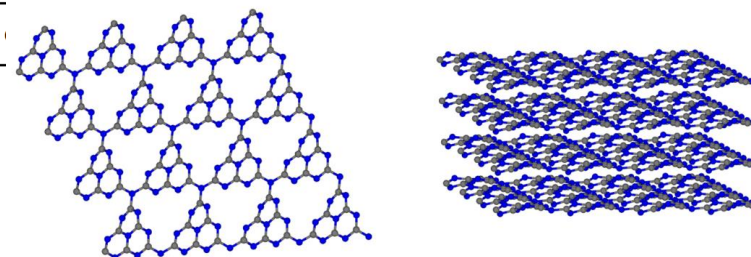
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Ab initio quantum dynamics of charge carriers in graphitic carbon nitride nanosheets

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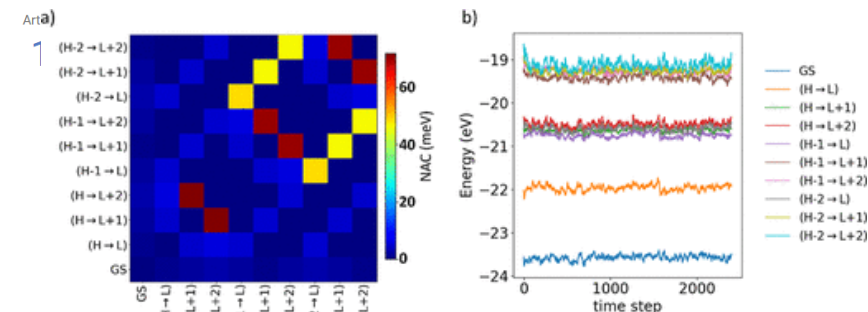
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+ many works in my group
+ upcoming works

Objectives of this Workshop/Summer School



“Elements: Libra: The Modular Software for Nonadiabatic and Quantum Dynamics”

- Develop new functionality in the Libra code
- Train users/developers & facilitate the adoption by the community (this workshop)
- Visitations for the collaborators

Objectives:

- Learn what is available, the best practices, known pitfalls
- Learn to conduct atomistic and model calculations (theory and practice)
- Learn internals, so that you could potentially contribute

Overarching goal: become the code’s **user** and/or **developer**

Why to contribute?

- Make your methods broadly available (mutually advertise)
- Be listed on the developers/contributors lists, get credentials, get citations
- Make your methods compatible with other methods, enable easier interfacing – this facilitates new methods developments
- Take advantage of other methods/functions/data types available in the same code – learn once then swim
- Take advantage of improvements of other parts of the code
- Mutually ensure the best standards and facilitate bug discovery/testing

How to contribute?

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SOFTWARE NEWS & UPDATES

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Hierarchical equations of motion in the Libra software package

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Abstract

We report the implementation of a hierarchical equations of motion (HEOM) module

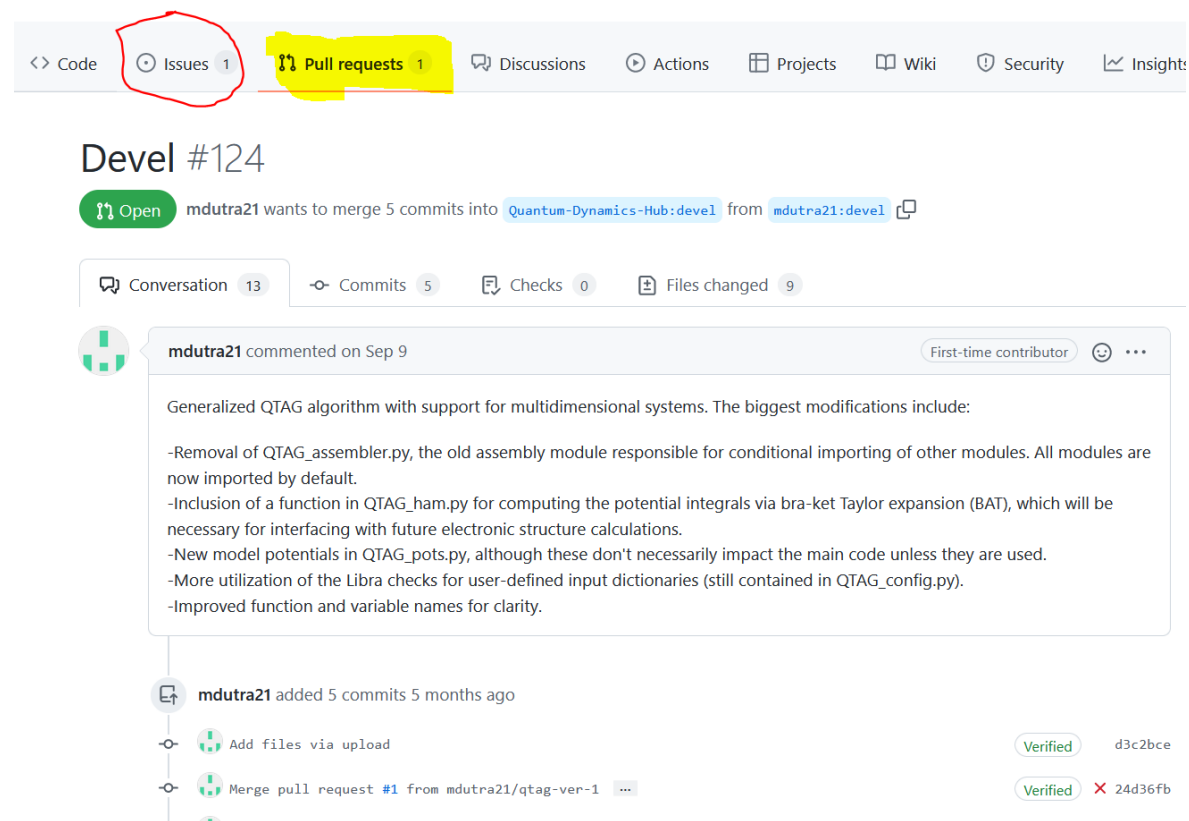
https://github.com/amber-jain-group-iitb/heom_amber

Before:

- hard-coded inputs (recompile for all parameters)
- Fortran into executable

After:

- General-purpose code, any inputs
- Python/C++, integrate with the plotting scripts, etc.



The screenshot shows a GitHub pull request interface. At the top, navigation tabs include 'Code', 'Issues 1', 'Pull requests 1', 'Discussions', 'Actions', 'Projects', 'Wiki', 'Security', and 'Insights'. The 'Issues 1' tab is circled in red, and the 'Pull requests 1' tab is highlighted in yellow. Below the navigation, the pull request title is 'Devel #124'. A green 'Open' button is visible. The pull request description states: 'mdutra21 wants to merge 5 commits into Quantum-Dynamics-Hub:devel from mdutra21:devel'. Below the description, there are tabs for 'Conversation 13', 'Commits 5', 'Checks 0', and 'Files changed 9'. A comment from 'mdutra21' is shown, dated 'Sep 9', with a 'First-time contributor' badge. The comment text reads: 'Generalized QTAG algorithm with support for multidimensional systems. The biggest modifications include: -Removal of QTAG_assembler.py, the old assembly module responsible for conditional importing of other modules. All modules are now imported by default. -Inclusion of a function in QTAG_ham.py for computing the potential integrals via bra-ket Taylor expansion (BAT), which will be necessary for interfacing with future electronic structure calculations. -New model potentials in QTAG_pots.py, although these don't necessarily impact the main code unless they are used. -More utilization of the Libra checks for user-defined input dictionaries (still contained in QTAG_config.py). -Improved function and variable names for clarity.' Below the comment, a commit history is shown, including 'mdutra21 added 5 commits 5 months ago', 'Add files via upload', and 'Merge pull request #1 from mdutra21/qtg-ver-1'. Verification badges are visible next to the commit hashes.

- create a pull-request
- open an issue
- start a discussion (haven't tried yet)

Libra Summer School/Workshop
Logistics & Agenda

Getting to Know Each Other

Instructors and Co-Instructors



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Please Introduce Yourself

- Name, position, affiliation, research group
- Research interests and expertise
- Anything else you would like to share with us

The Plan & Resources

All the details are here:

[https://compchem-cybertraining.github.io/Libra Summer School 2024/](https://compchem-cybertraining.github.io/Libra_Summer_School_2024/)

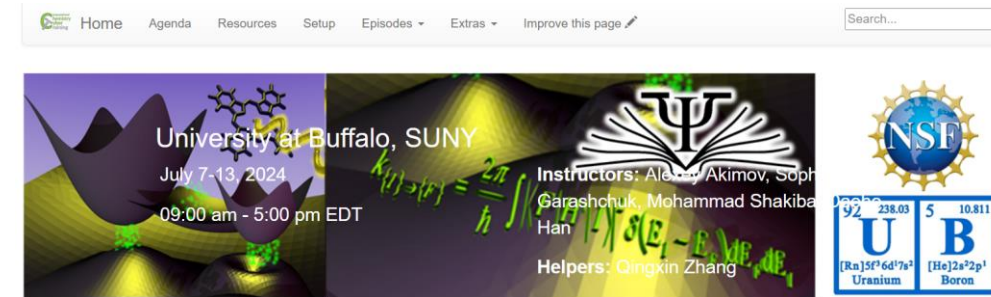
Join **Slack**:

https://join.slack.com/t/quantumdynamicshub/shared_invite/zt-mjbjssx-GGhsbYHxeBMvhmumK_j7LA

- Members can invite new members
- Private and public channels, direct (private) messages, conversations
- Any time, but no strings attached

VPN and Accounts:

- setup now, instruction by Ms. Dori Sajdak
- 2-factor authentication
- submit a ticket: <https://ubccr.freshdesk.com/support/home>



Libra Workshop and Summer School on Excited States and Nonadiabatic Dynamics 2024

Resources: Past Events

This is the second event on Libra:

The first one – Winter 2022:

https://compchem-cybertraining.github.io/Libra_Winter_School_2022/



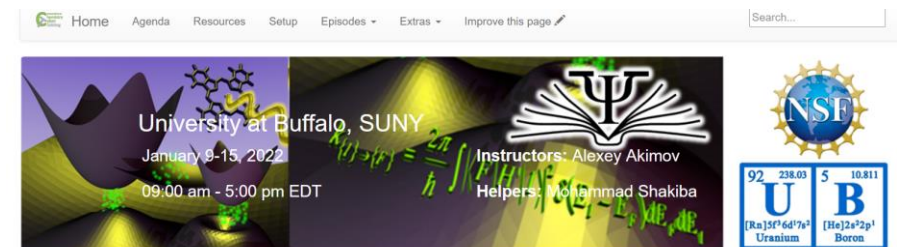
Computational Chemistry CyberTraining

<https://github.com/compchem-cybertraining>

Learning Libra: The dedicated set of tutorials: https://github.com/compchem-cybertraining/Tutorials_Libra

Learning Libra AND theory AND other packages: CyberTraining workshops

- 2023: https://compchem-cybertraining.github.io/Cyber_Training_Workshop_2023/
- https://github.com/compchem-cybertraining/Cyber_Training_Workshop2023_course_projects
- 2022: https://compchem-cybertraining.github.io/Cyber_Training_Workshop_2022/
- 2021: https://compchem-cybertraining.github.io/Cyber_Training_Workshop_2021/



Libra Winter School on Excited States and Nonadiabatic Dynamics in Materials 2022



Excited States and Nonadiabatic Dynamics CyberTraining Workshop 2023

Event Plan

https://compchem-cybertraining.github.io/Libra_Summer_School_2024/schedule.html

1. Monday: Introduction, Libra overview, Presentations
2. Tuesday: Model Hamiltonian setups, Quantum, TSH/Ehrenfest, and HEOM calculations for model problems.
3. Wednesday: QTAG, VISTA, Exact factorization (XF)
4. Thursday: TSH calculations for atomistic systems
5. Friday: Machine learning for atomistic systems

Notes:

1. The focus is to apply these skills to **your own systems**, not just to follow the tutorials
2. Some **tasks are interconnected** – you will use the results of your calculations in later stages
3. Plenty time for **discussion and collaboration** on every day: Not just the tutorials

Daily Schedule

Daily

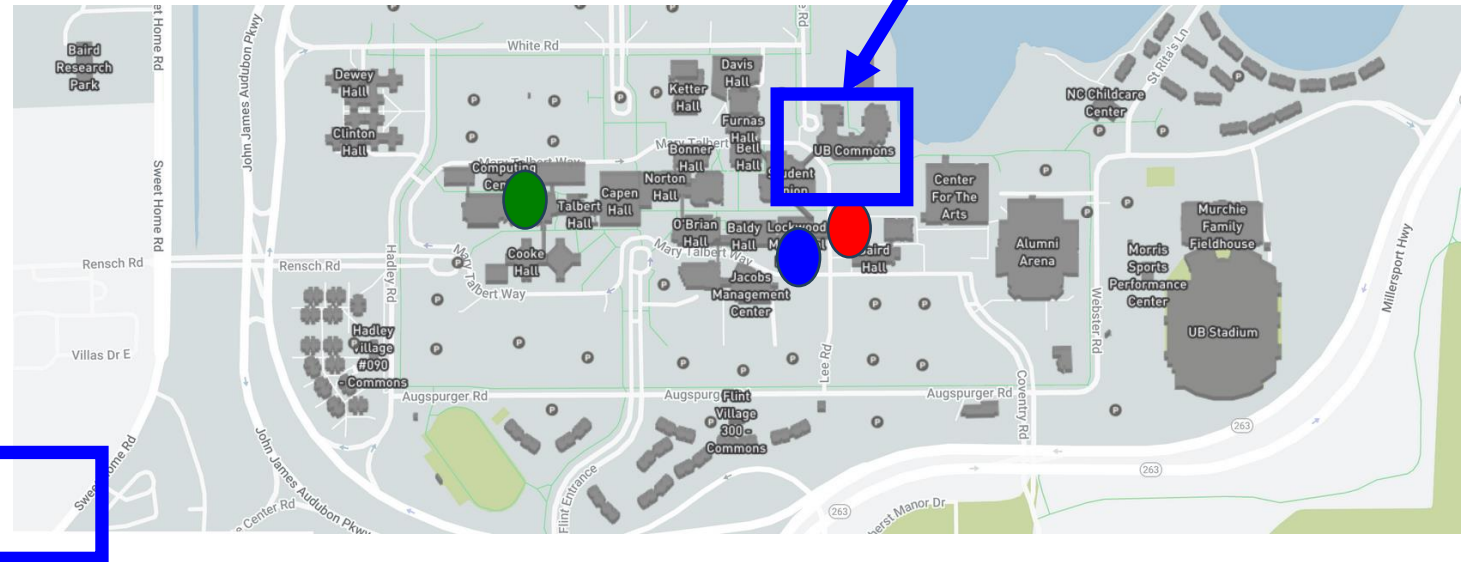
- Breakfast = hotel
- 9:00 am – 12:00 pm: Morning session (Recording)
- 12:00 – 1:30 pm Working lunch/rest – on your own at “Commons”, rest, discuss, collaborate
- 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm: Afternoon session (Recording)
- After 5:00 pm: collaborations/on your own, dinner on your own

Location

- Classes are @: July 8, 9 – **Clemens 120**
- July 10, 11 – **NSC 220**
- July 12 – **Baldy Hall 200G**

Your hotel plaza

Eat here



Campus Map: <https://www.buffalo.edu/home/visiting-ub/map.html>

Post-workshop – Reimbursement & Accounts

- We cover your hotel stay (except for the local folks). Stipends also cover the rest of expenses, please keep your receipts just in case. Let me know your flight/car expenses via Slack (DM)
- Travel for the US participants to a reasonable amount, partially the international participants (as the funds allow), except for local/UB-affiliated folks.
- Paperwork: All trainees will need to fill in the **RF Participation Stipend** form and one of the other two forms: **W-9 - for the US residents** and **W-8BEN for the non-residents**. The forms are distributed to you **via Slack** – please **DON't sent them back via e-mail** – upload to the form provided or via Slack.
- A lot of paperwork later – likely it'll be just me handling most of the stuff
- Reimbursement/honoraria to the instructors (non UB-affiliated) – a separate paperwork. Will send you instructions via the Instructors Channel on Slack.
- You UB CCR accounts will be valid until end of August – feel free to use them as needed (but don't forget to acknowledge it if it results in a publication).

Getting Started on UB CCR

Accessing UB Computing Resources

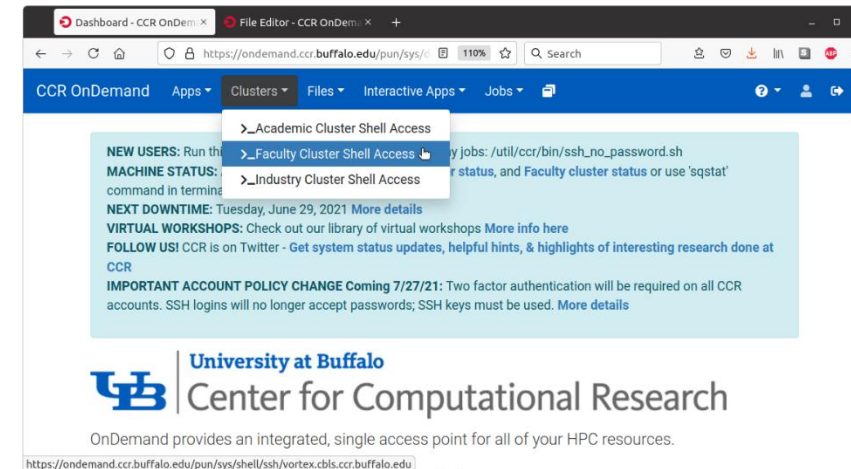
Before the Workshop

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OnDemand

On campus – nothing special;
Off-campus – use UB VPN

<https://ondemand.ccr.buffalo.edu/>

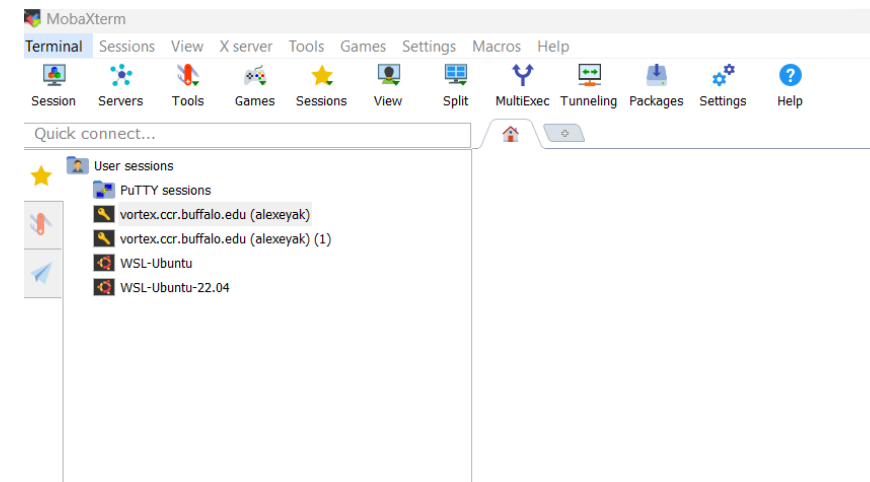


Moba Xterm

Generate the SSH public/private key.

- Use Moba Tools -> MobaKeyGen
- Coordinate it with your UB credentials

<https://docs.ccr.buffalo.edu/en/latest/portals/idm/>



Accessing UB Computing Resources

Your **.bashrc** file (in your home directory)

https://akimovlab.github.io/soft_and_tuts/3.4-libra.html

```
# .bashrc
# User specific aliases and functions
# Source global definitions
if [ -f /etc/bashrc ]; then
    . /etc/bashrc
fi
module use /projects/academic/cyberwksp21/MODULES module load libra/devel export
PYTHONPATH=/projects/academic/cyberwksp21/SOFTWARE_NEW_ENV/libra/devel/_build/src:$PYTHONPATH export
LD_LIBRARY_PATH=/projects/academic/cyberwksp21/SOFTWARE_NEW_ENV/libra/devel/_build/src:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
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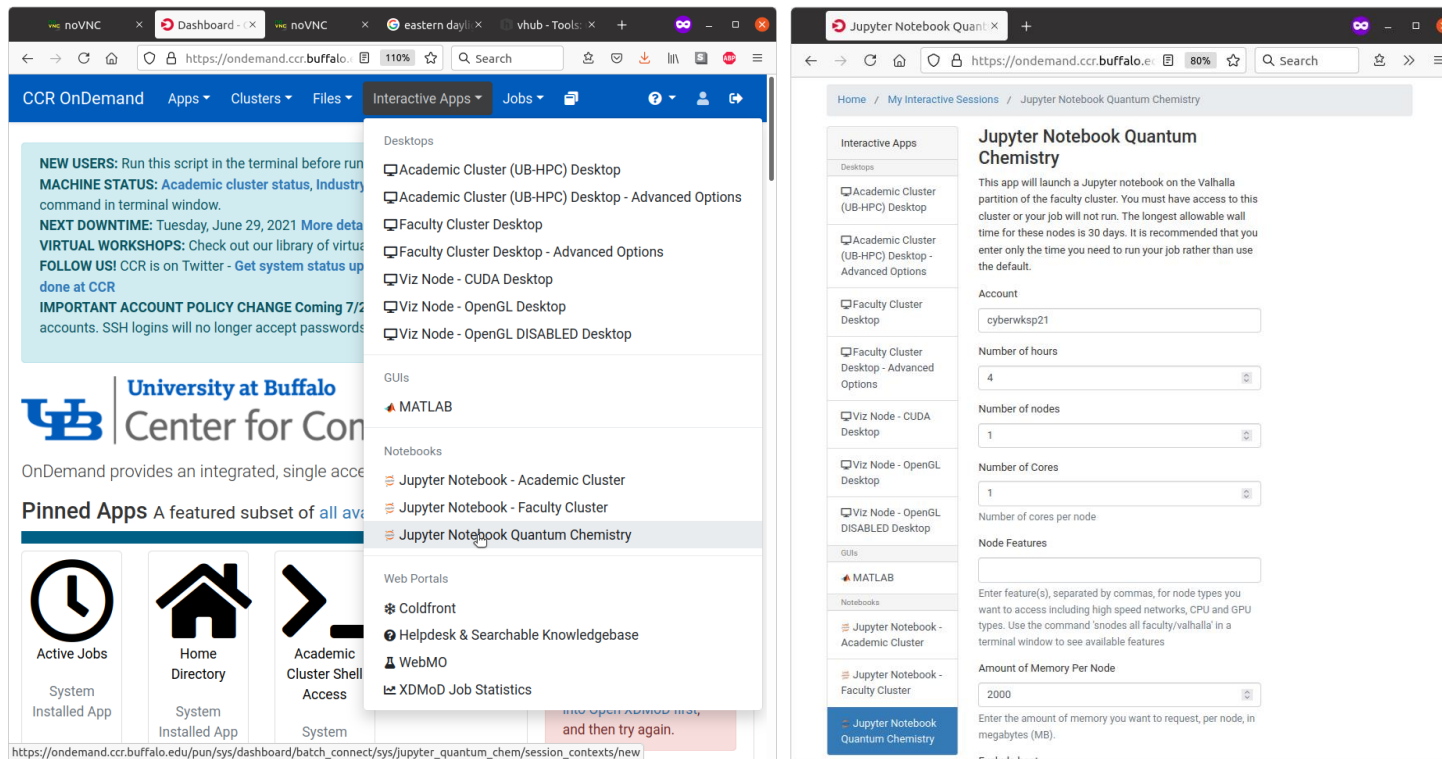
- Restart terminal or `source .bashrc`
- For terminal-based operations: Activate conda environment: `conda activate libra`
- For Jupyter – just launch it

Projects directory: `/projects/academic/cyberwksp21` - slower, smaller, but permanent

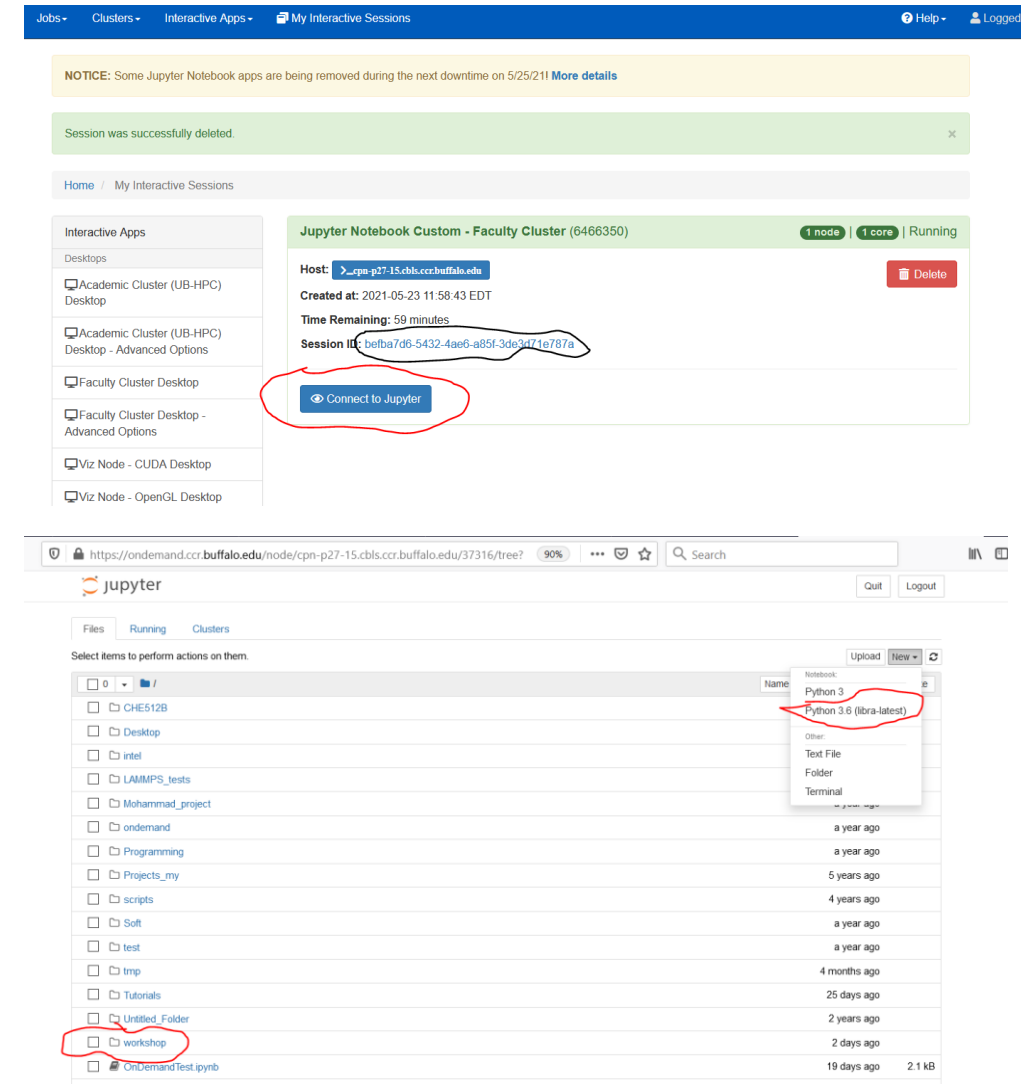
Scratch space: `/vscratch/grp-cyberwksp21` - faster, larger, but temporarily (unused files are cleaned up every 1 or 2 weeks)

Using Jupyter Notebooks

<https://akimovlab.github.io/software/tuts/3.4-libra.html>



The image shows two browser windows. The left window displays the CCR OnDemand dashboard with a navigation menu where 'Interactive Apps' is selected, showing a list of desktops and notebooks. The right window shows the configuration page for 'Jupyter Notebook Quantum Chemistry', detailing account information, resource allocation (4 hours, 1 node, 1 core), and node features.



The image shows the Jupyter Notebook interface. At the top, a notification states: 'NOTICE: Some Jupyter Notebook apps are being removed during the next downtime on 5/25/21'. Below this, a session titled 'Jupyter Notebook Custom - Faculty Cluster (6466350)' is shown as 'Running' with 1 node and 1 core. The session ID is 'betba7d6-5432-4ae6-a85f-3de3471a787a'. A 'Connect to Jupyter' button is highlighted with a red circle. The bottom part of the image shows the Jupyter file browser with a 'workshop' folder highlighted in red.