

# Basic introduction of NWChem software



- NWChem is part of the Molecular Science Software Suite



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MOLECULAR SCIENCE  
SOFTWARE SUITE



**NWCHEM**

HIGH-PERFORMANCE COMPUTATIONAL  
CHEMISTRY SOFTWARE



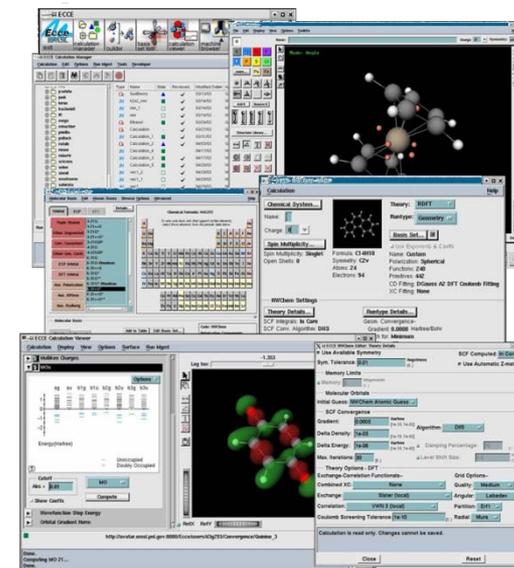
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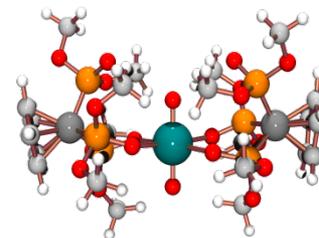
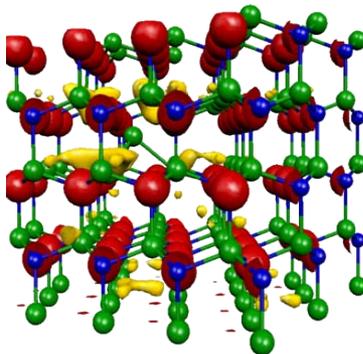
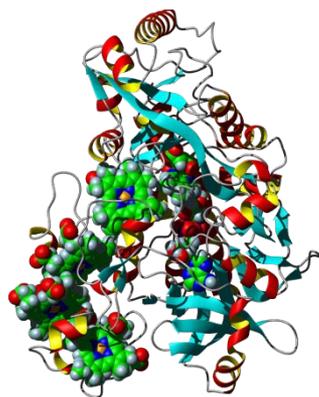
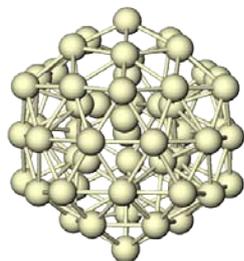
EXTENSIBLE COMPUTATIONAL  
CHEMISTRY ENVIRONMENT



- Designed and developed to be a highly efficient and portable **Massively Parallel** computational chemistry package
- Provides computational chemistry solutions that are scalable with respect to chemical system size as well as MPP hardware size

- Originally designed for parallel architectures
  - ◆ Scalability to 10,000's of processors (part even to 100,000)
- Emphasis on modularity, portability, and integration
- Portable – runs on a wide range of computers
  - ◆ Supercomputer to Mac or PC with Windows
  - ◆ Now runs efficiently on IBM BlueGene, Cray XT, InfiniBand
- **NWChem 6.0 is open-source and freely available**
- World-wide distribution
  - ◆ 70% is academia, rest government labs and industry
- Publications citing NWChem about 140/year
  - <http://www.emsl.pnl.gov/capabilities/computing/nwchem/pubs.jsp>

- Provides major modeling and simulation capability for molecular science
  - ◆ Broad range of **molecules**, including **biomolecules**, **nanoparticles** and heavy elements
  - ◆ Electronic structure of molecules (non-relativistic, relativistic, ECPs, first and second derivatives)
  - ◆ Extensive **solid state** capability (DFT plane-wave, CPMD)
  - ◆ Molecular dynamics, molecular mechanics



# NWChem's core developer team



*Bert de Jong*  
*Team lead*  
*Properties/Relativity*



*Karol Kowalski*  
*High accuracy*



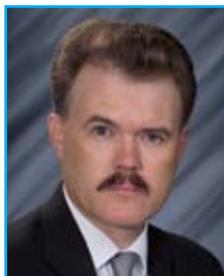
*Niri Govind*  
*Density functional*  
*theory*



*Ken Lopata*  
*EMSL Wiley*  
*Postdoc*



*Eric Bylaska*  
*Plane wave methods*



*Tjerk Straatsma*  
*Molecular dynamics*



*Marat Valiev*  
*QM/MM*



*Huub van Dam*  
*DFT/HPC*

*Looking for new hires!*



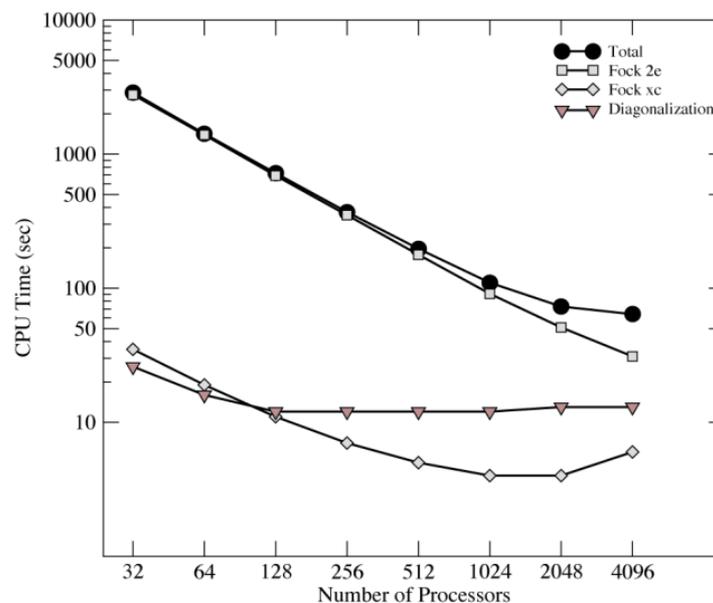
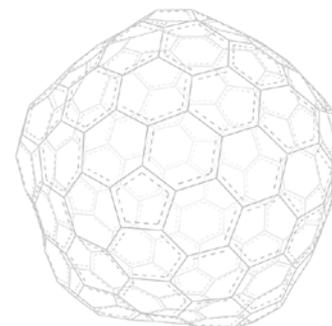
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- NWChem brings a full suite of methodologies to solve large scientific problems
  - ◆ Gaussian-based DFT/TDDFT
    - Ground & Excited States, Optimization, Properties (NMR, Electric field gradient, linear response, ...)
  - ◆ Plane wave based DFT
    - Car-Parinello MD (CPMD), Band Structure, Optimization, etc.
  - ◆ High Accuracy Methods → MP, CC, EOMCC
    - Ground & Excited States
  - ◆ Molecular Dynamics, Molecular Mechanics
  - ◆ Integrated Methodologies → QM/MM
  - ◆ Scripting → Python

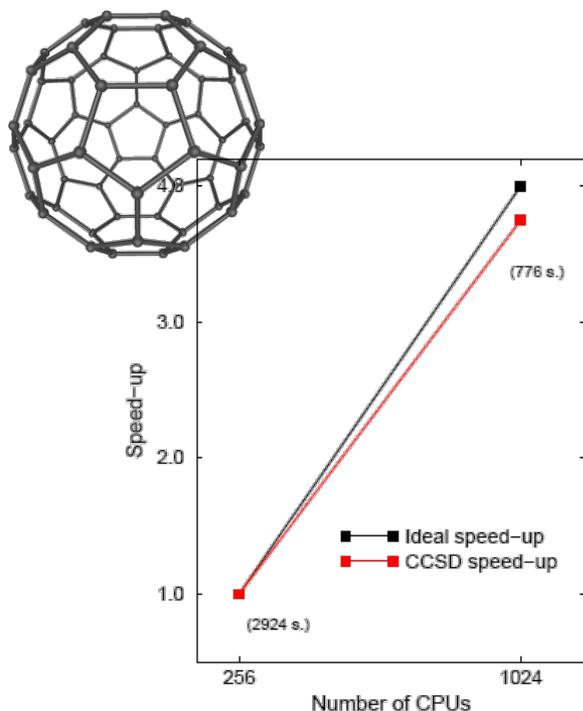
- Gaussian based DFT → Finite systems (molecules, clusters, nanostructures)
  - ◆ Wide range of local and non-local exchange-correlation functionals
    - Traditional xc functionals
    - Wide range of hybrid functionals (B3LYP, PBE0, BeckeH&H...)
    - HF Exchange
    - Meta-GGA functionals
    - Minnesota functionals (M05, M06)
    - SIC and OEP
    - Range separated functionals
    - DFT + D implementation (long-range empirical vdW)
    - Double hybrid functionals
  - ◆ Spin-orbit DFT
    - ECP, ZORA, DK
  - ◆ Constrained DFT
  - ◆ TDDFT for excited states → Optical spectroscopy
  - ◆ Various properties (NMR, Linear response,...)

- Calculation on  $C_{240}$ 
  - ◆ PBE0 functional, 6-31G\*
  - ◆ Direct integral evaluation
  - ◆ Size 3600 basis functions
- Timings for different components of the Kohn-Sham matrix construction
  - ◆ Fock 2e – two electron integrals
  - ◆ Fock xc – the DFT contribution
  - ◆ Diagonalization – eigenvector solve
- Scalability limited by diagonalization
- Going to be improved with diagonalization free methods

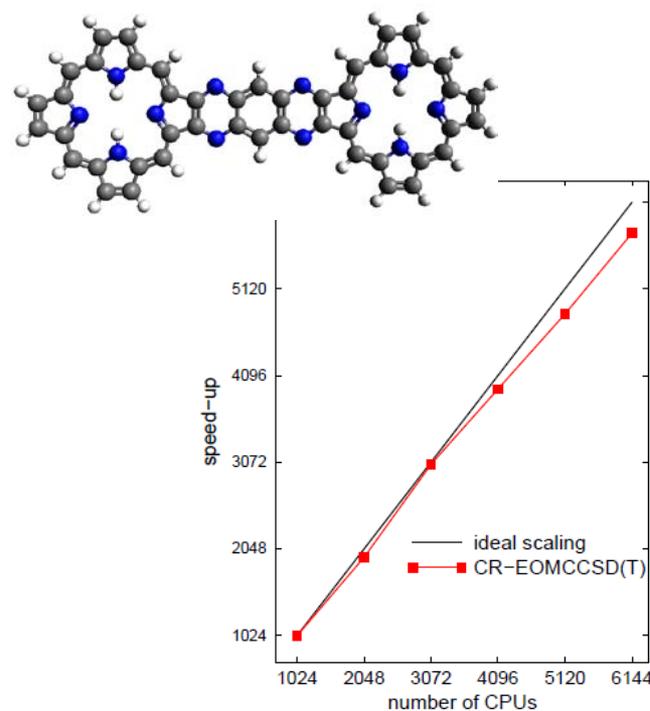


- Coupled Cluster
  - ◆ Closed shell coupled cluster [CCSD and CCSD(T)]
  - ◆ Tensor contraction engine (TCE)
    - Spin-orbital formalism with RHF, ROHF, UHF reference
    - CCSD,CCSDT, ...
    - CCSD(T), CR-CCSD(T), ...
    - EOMCCSD,EOMCCSDT
    - Linear response CC (polarizabilities, hyperpolarizabilities)
    - Active-space CCSDt/EOMCCSDt

- Extensive development of scalable algorithms



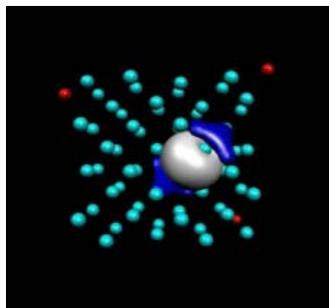
CCSD calculation of C<sub>60</sub>  
(1080 basis set functions)



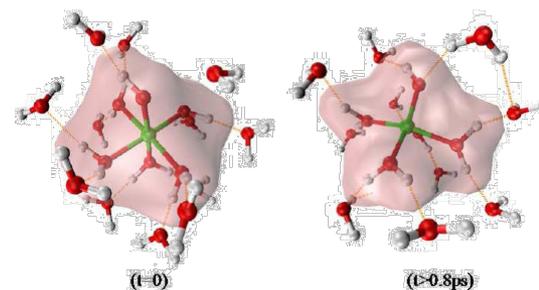
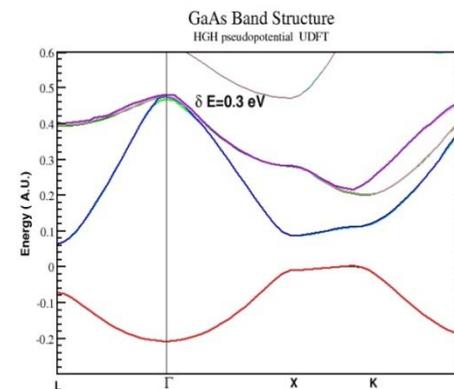
CR-EOMCCSD(T) calculation of the  
Porphyrin dimer linked by a  
tetraazaanthracene bridge (P<sub>2</sub>TA)

- Plane wave density functional theory
  - ◆ Gamma point pseudopotential and projector augmented wave
  - ◆ Band structure (with spin-orbit ZORA)
  - ◆ Extensive dynamics functionality with Car-Parrinello
  - ◆ AIMD QM/MM molecular dynamics, e.g. SPC/E, CLAYFF solid state MD
  - ◆ Various exchange-correlation functionals
    - LDA, PBE96, PBE0, B3LYP
    - Exact exchange
  - ◆ SIC and OEP

SIC localization

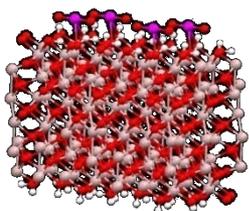


## Spin-Orbit splitting in GaAs

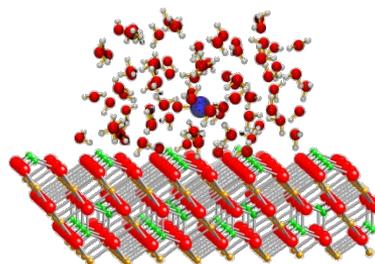


Car-Parrinello provides evidence for five-coordinate  $\text{Al}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4\text{OH}^{2+}$   
Swaddle et al, **Science**, 2005

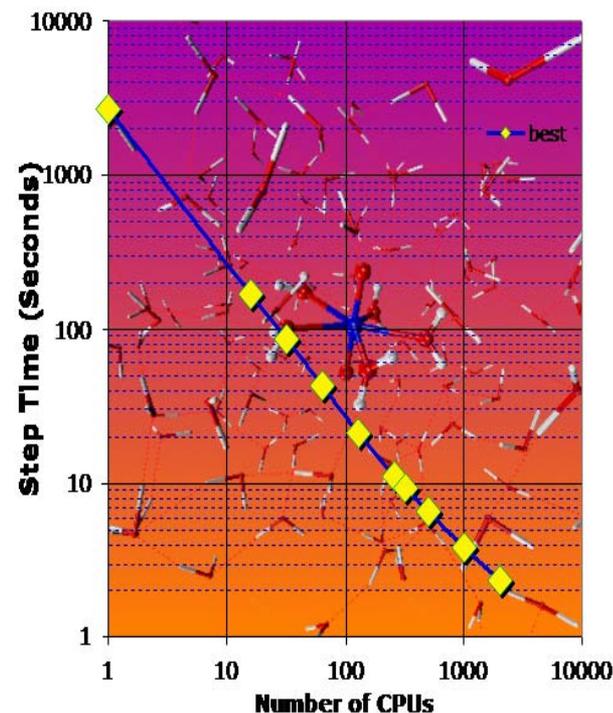
- Can handle charged systems
- A full range of pseudopotentials and a pseudopotential generator
- A choice of state-of-the-art minimizers
- Can also do plane-wave QM/MM



*Uranyl on a hydroxylated  $Al_2O_3$  surface*

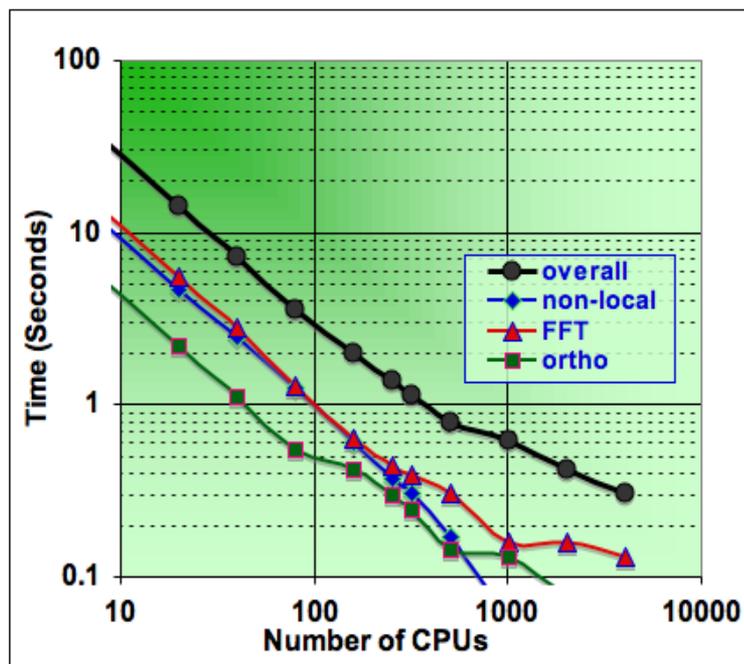


*Uranyl in solution interacting with iron oxide*

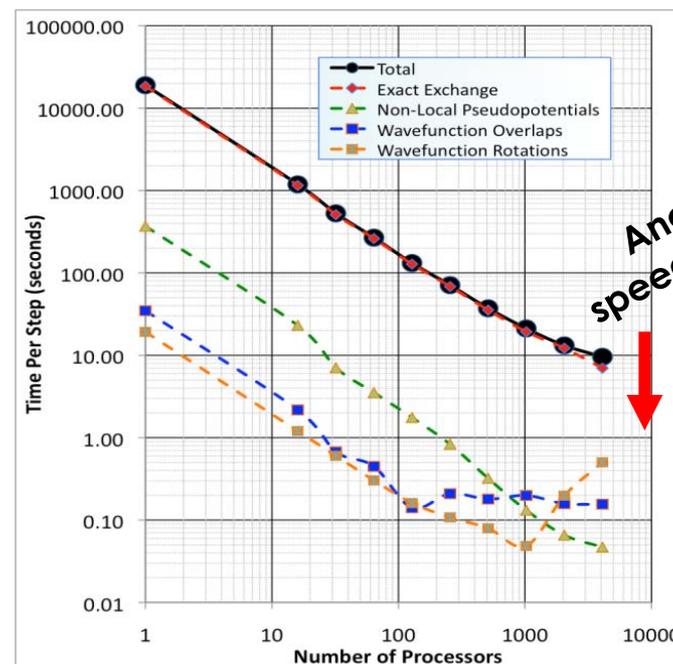


Car-Parrinello plane wave performance, PBE96 GGA Functional, -300 K thermostat, 0.121 fs time step, 122 water molecules-15.6 Å box

- Extensive work done to develop parallel plane wave algorithm for hybrid-DFT solvers
  - ◆ Results below obtained on NERSCs Franklin machine



DFT calculation on  $\text{Nb}_{10}\text{O}_{28}^{6-} - \text{O}(\text{Ne})$

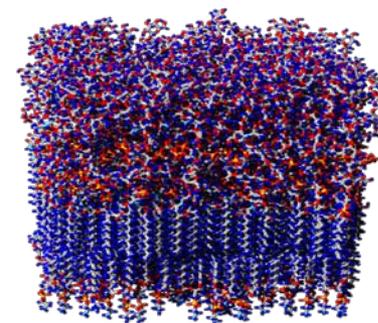
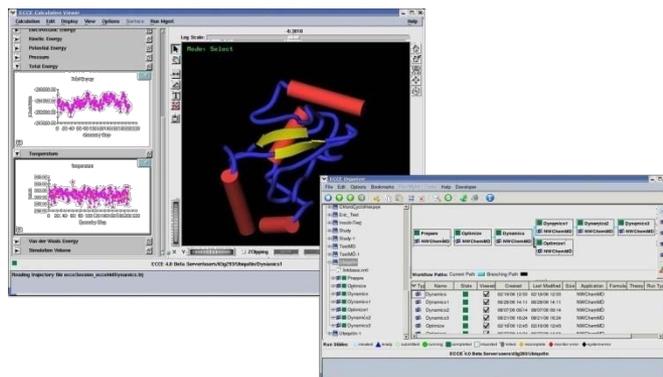


Hybrid DFT calculation on 80 atom cell of hematite-  $\text{O}(\text{Ne}^*\text{Ne})$

Another 2x speedup possible

## ■ Molecular dynamics

- ◆ Charmm and Amber force fields
- ◆ Various types of simulations:
  - Energy minimization
  - Molecular dynamics simulation including *ab initio* dynamics
  - Free energy calculation
  - Multiconfiguration thermodynamic integration
- ◆ Electron transfer through proton hopping (Q-HOP), i.e. semi-QM in classical MD
  - Implemented by Volkhard group, University of Saarland, Germany
- ◆ Set up and analyze runs with ECCE



- Seamless integration of molecular dynamics with Coupled Cluster and DFT
  - ◆ Optimization and transition states
  - ◆ QM/MM Potential of Mean Force
  - ◆ Modeling properties at finite temperature
    - Excited States with EOMCC, TDDFT
    - Polarizabilities with linear response CC
    - NMR chemical shift with DFT
  
- QM/MM for pathways
  - ◆ NEB-QM/MM approach for Reaction Pathway Calculations
  - ◆ Free energy calculation

- Other functionality available in NWChem
  - ◆ NMR shielding and indirect spin-spin coupling
  - ◆ COSMO
  - ◆ ONIOM
  - ◆ Relativity through spin-orbit ECP, ZORA, and DK
  - ◆ Electron transfer
  - ◆ Vibrational SCF and DFT for anharmonicity
  - ◆ Module for dynamic nucleation theory Monte Carlo
  - ◆ Interface with VENUS for chemical reaction dynamics
  - ◆ Interface with POLYRATE, Python
  - ◆ Interface with NBO

- Minimal input (all defaults)

```
geometry
  n  0.00 0.00 0.00
  n  0.00 0.00 1.08
end
```

```
basis
  n library cc-pvdz
end
```

```
task scf
```

- Performs a closed-shell SCF on the N<sub>2</sub> molecule

- Input can be in Angstrom or atomic units

```
geometry # units are in angstroms
```

```
C 0 0 0  
H 0 0.9885 -0.4329  
H 0 -0.9885 0.4329  
end
```

OR

```
geometry units au ### change units
```

```
C 0 0 0  
H 0 1.868 -0.818  
H 0 -1.868 0.818  
end
```

- Water molecule with  $C_{2v}$  symmetry

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

- $C_{60}$  with  $I_h$  symmetry

```
geometry #bonds = 1.4445 and 1.3945 Angstrom
symmetry Ih
c    -1.2287651    0.0    3.3143121
end
```

- By default NWChem will:
  - ◆ Attempt to find symmetry if none is specified
  - ◆ Attempt to build a zmatrix from cartesian coordinates
  - ◆ Center the molecule in the reference frame

```
geometry noautoz noautosym nocenter
C 0 0 0
H 0 0.9885 -0.4329 #Angstroms
H 0 -0.9885 0.4329
end
```

- Geometry can be specified using zmatrix

```
geometry
  zmatrix
  O
  H1 O 0.95
  H2 O 0.95 H1 108.0
end
end
```

- Distances and angles can be specified with variables too (see documentation)

## ■ Forcing internal coordinates

```
geometry
Si    0.0000E+00  0.0000E+00  0.0000E+00
H     -0.9436E+00 -0.8807E+00  0.7319E+00
H     0.7373E+00 -0.8179E+00 -0.9932E+00
H     -0.7835E+00 0.1038E+01 -0.7137E+00
Si    0.1699E+01  0.1556E+01  0.1695E+01
H     0.7715E+00  0.2377E+01  0.2511E+01
H     0.2544E+01  0.6805E+00  0.2539E+01
H     0.2514E+01  0.2381E+01  0.7713E+00
end

### make Si-Si distance 4.0 angstroms ###
geometry adjust # initial state
zcoord
  bond 1 4 4.00 r constant
end
end
```

- Crystal lattice, mainly used in plane wave code

```
geometry units angstroms center noautosym noautoz print
system crystal
  lat_a 3.625d0      #diamond
  lat_b 3.625d0
  lat_c 3.625d0
  alpha 90.0d0
  beta  90.0d0
  gamma 90.0d0
end
C   -0.50000d0 -0.50000d0 -0.50000d0
C   0.00000d0  0.00000d0 -0.50000d0
C   0.00000d0 -0.50000d0  0.00000d0
C  -0.50000d0  0.00000d0  0.00000d0
C  -0.25000d0 -0.25000d0 -0.25000d0
C   0.25000d0  0.25000d0 -0.25000d0
C   0.25000d0 -0.25000d0  0.25000d0
C  -0.25000d0  0.25000d0  0.25000d0
end
```

- Atoms can be defined by symbol and name

```
basis
  oxygen library cc-pvdz
  H library cc-pvdz file /usr/d3g681/nwchem/libraries/
end
```

- \* can be used to state that all atoms in the system should be using the same basis set type

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

- Basis set input can be done with exponents and coefficients

```
basis spherical
H s
  13.0100 0.019685
  1.9620  0.137977
  0.4446  0.478148
  0.1220  0.501240
hydrogen s
  0.1220  1.000000
hydrogen p
  0.7270  1.000000
end
```

- Libraries and explicit input can be used together

- Task directive tells NWChem what it should do

```
task scf # default is energy
```

```
task scf energy
```

```
task dft optimize
```

```
task dft saddle
```

```
task ccsc frequencies
```

```
task pspw optimize ignore # ignore if failed, go to next task
```

```
task md dynamics
```

- Tasks are preformed in sequence as listed in input

# Restarting a calculation

- To restart NWChem will need certain files, that should be saved in permanent directory

```
start ne
permanent_dir /users/me
geometry
  ne 0 0 0
end
basis
  ne library cc-pvdz
end
task scf
```

```
restart ne
permanent_dir/users/me
scf
  thresh 1e-8
end
task scf
```

- If NWChem fails with an error asking for more memory, you can set it explicitly

**memory 2400 mb**

- Remember, memory is per processor!!!

- By default, molecules have a neutral charge (0)

**charge -1**

# NWChem web pages



A screenshot of a Mozilla Firefox browser window displaying the NWChem Documentation website. The browser's address bar shows the URL "http://www.nwchem-sw.org/index.php/NWChem\_Documentation". The website header includes the NWChem logo (a green cube with a white pencil) and the text "NWCHEM HIGH-PERFORMANCE COMPUTATIONAL CHEMISTRY SOFTWARE". A navigation menu contains links for "Main Page", "Science", "Benchmarks", "Download Code", "Documentation", "News", "Community", and "Developers". A search bar is located in the top right corner. The main content area is titled "NWChem Documentation" and lists various topics under several categories: "Overview", "System Description", "Quantum Mechanical Methods", "Classical Methods", "Hybrid Methods", and "Potential Energy Surface Analysis". Each category has a list of sub-topics with expandable arrows. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the system clock as 12:38 PM on 12/1/2010.

Extensive documentation!

# Questions?

