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RUNNING CP2K CALCULATIONS

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How to run CP2K

- CP2K binaries:
 - `cp2k.version` where `version` is usually one of:
 - `sopt` – Serial, optimised
 - `ssmp` – Single process + symmetric multiprocessor (OpenMP)
 - `popt` – Parallel (MPI), optimised
 - `pssp` – Parallel (MPI) + symmetric multiprocessor (OpenMP)
- Available from <http://www.cp2k.org/download>
 - Linux binaries (released versions)
 - Also in Linux package managers
 - Source code (released versions and latest trunk), GPL
 - May be pre-installed, e.g. ARCHER ...





How to run CP2K

- Basic command line options:
 - `cp2k.sopt -i input_file -o output_file`
 - By default, output goes to the standard output
 - Output to file appends (beware!)
 - Input file is the last argument if not otherwise specified
- Other useful options:
 - `cp2k.sopt --version`
 - `cp2k.sopt --check input_file`
 - `cp2k.sopt --html-manual`
 - `cp2k.sopt --help`





How to run CP2K

- Typical files associated with a CP2K run:
 - Input (required):
 - e.g. `H2O-32.inp` (main input file, name and extension are arbitrary)
 - Optional inputs:
 - `POTENTIAL` (psuedopotential library)
 - `BASIS_SET` (basis set library)
 - Structure file (e.g. `psf`, `xyz`, `crd` ...)
 - ...
 - Outputs:
 - `PROJECT-1.restart` (input file to restart calculation)
 - `PROJECT-pos-1.xyz` (trajectory for MD or `GEO_OPT`)
 - `PROJECT-1.ener` (MD energies, temperature, cons. Q ...)
 - `PROJECT-1.cell` (cell parameters for NPT MD or `CELL_OPT`)
 - `PROJECT-RESTART.wfn` (orbitals for restart)
 - ...





CP2K Input file: The Basics

- Full documentation available online:
 - <http://manual.cp2k.org>
 - Or generate with `--html-manual`
- Sections – 13 (optional) top level sections
 - `&BEGIN section_name [params]`
 - ...
 - `&END [section_name]`
- Keywords
 - `KEYWORD value`
 - `KEYWORD [ON|OFF] [YES|NO] [TRUE|FALSE] ...`
 - `KEYWORD`
- Nesting
 - Sections may others sections and keywords





CP2K Input file: The Basics

- **Basic pre-processing syntax**

<code>@INCLUDE 'filename'</code>	– copy in text from file
<code>@SET VAR value</code>	– define a variable
<code>\$VAR</code>	– replaced with variable value
<code>@IF / @ENDIF</code>	– simple logic
<code>! or #</code>	– comments

- **Units**

- Numerical entries have a default unit (see manual)

- Specify other units by hand e.g.

`ABC [nm] 100 100 100 (or bohr, default is angstrom)`

`EMAX_SPLINE [eV] 50 (or Ry, joule, default is hartree)`

- Also combinations e.g. `[hartree*bohr^-2]`





CP2K Input file: The Basics

GLOBAL section (required)

```
&GLOBAL  
  PROJECT H2O-32  
  RUN_TYPE MD  
  PRINT_LEVEL HIGH  
  &TIMINGS  
    THRESHOLD 0.000001  
  &END  
  WALLTIME 3600  
&END GLOBAL
```





CP2K Input file: The How

FORCE_EVAL section (required)

```
&FORCE_EVAL
  METHOD QS (or FIST, QMMM ...)
  &DFT
  ...
  &END DFT
  &SUBSYS
  ...
  &END SUBSYS
&END FORCE_EVAL
```





CP2K Input file: The How

```
&DFT
```

```
  BASIS_SET_FILE_NAME GTH_BASIS_SETS
```

```
  POTENTIAL_FILE_NAME POTENTIAL
```

```
&MGRID
```

```
  CUTOFF 280
```

```
  REL_CUTOFF 30
```

```
&END MGRID
```

```
&QS
```

```
  EPS_DEFAULT 1.0E-12
```

```
  WF_INTERPOLATION PS
```

```
  EXTRAPOLATION_ORDER 3
```

```
&END QS
```

```
&SCF
```

```
  SCF_GUESS ATOMIC
```

```
&OT ON
```

```
  MINIMIZER DIIS
```

```
&END OT
```

```
&PRINT
```

```
  &RESTART OFF
```

```
&END
```

```
&END
```

```
&END SCF
```

```
&XC
```

```
  &XC_FUNCTIONAL Pade
```

```
  &END XC_FUNCTIONAL
```

```
&END XC
```

```
&END DFT
```

Basis and PP library files

Parameters for the realspace multi-grids

Quickstep options

Control of SCF procedure, including
minimisation scheme

Exchange-Correlation Functional (LDA)





CP2K Input file: The How

```
&SUBSYS
  &CELL
    ABC 9.8528 9.8528 9.8528
  &END CELL
  # 32 H2O (TIP5P,1bar,300K) a = 9.8528
  &COORD
O      2.280398      9.146539      5.088696
O      1.251703      2.406261      7.769908
O      1.596302      6.920128      0.656695
...
H      0.837635      8.186808      8.987268
H      8.314696     10.115534     2.212519
H      8.687134      8.667252     2.448452
  &END COORD
  &KIND H
    BASIS_SET TZV2P-GTH
    POTENTIAL GTH-PADE-q1
  &END KIND
  &KIND O
    BASIS_SET TZV2P-GTH
    POTENTIAL GTH-PADE-q6
  &END KIND
&END SUBSYS
```

Cell definition

Particle coordinates

Could also @include an external file or
parse other formats via

```
&TOPOLOGY
  COORD FILE NAME
&END TOPOLOGY
```

Definitions of atomic kinds

Could specify charge, mass ...





CP2K Input file: The What

MOTION section

```
&MOTION
  &MD
    ENSEMBLE NVE
    STEPS 10
    TIMESTEP 0.5
    TEMPERATURE 300.0
  &END MD
&END MOTION
```

Also used to control Geometry Optimisation, NEB, Monte Carlo, ...





Basis Sets and PP libraries

- CP2K uses Goedecker-Teter-Hutter, separable Pseudopotentials
 - Several sets of PPs and corresponding optimised basis sets are available
 - See `cp2k/data` or online:
<http://sourceforge.net/p/cp2k/code/HEAD/tree/trunk/cp2k/data>
- POTENTIAL, GTH_POTENTIALS
 - Wide range of PPs for many elements
 - Optimised with different XC functional: LDA (PADE), PBE, BLYP ...
- BASIS_SET, GTH_BASIS_SET, BASIS_MOLOPT
 - Various qualities / size of basis
 - Make sure Basis and PP match (functional and number of electrons)
 - Some documentation and references at head of each file





CP2K Output: Controlling what gets written

- The `PRINT_LEVEL` keyword in `&GLOBAL`
 - `SILENT`, `LOW`, `MEDIUM` (default), `HIGH`, `DEBUG`
 - `HIGH` can give more information if you are interested
 - Also gives some per-process logging in parallel jobs
 - For long MD runs (e.g. classical), recommend using `LOW`
- Fine grained control is available via print-keys
 - Most input sections contain a `&PRINT` sub-section
 - Each `&PRINT` sub-section has further subsections for each quantity that may be printed





CP2K Output: Controlling what gets written

- For example, the `&PRINT` section in `&MOTION` contains
`&CELL`
`&FORCES`
`&TRAJECTORY`
`&VELOCITIES`
...
- Each section has parameters (and defaults) for which print level it is output
`&TRAJECTORY` defaults to `LOW`
`&VELOCITIES` defaults to `HIGH`





CP2K Output: Controlling what gets written

- Can also specify frequency of printing via `&EACH` sub-section e.g.

```
&PRINT
```

```
  &CELL
```

```
    &EACH
```

```
      MD 100
```

```
    &END EACH
```

```
  &END CELL
```

```
&END PRINT
```

- Control over filenames, file formats etc. in each `&PRINT` section





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CP2K Output: Overview of an output file

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Restarting a calculation

- If you need to restart your job...
 - Hardware failure
 - Batch system time limit
 - Need more MD sampling
 - ...
- CP2K dumps a restart input file which can be directly re-run
 - `cp2k.sopt -i PROJECT-1.restart`
 - Continuous numbering of MD steps
 - Stores all state variables (incl. extended system)
 - Use `SCF_GUESS RESTART`





Tools for building CP2K input

Plugins are available for your favourite(!) text editors:

<https://www.cp2k.org/tools:vim>

<https://www.cp2k.org/tools:emacs>

Syntax highlighting, indentation, show/hide sections, keywords

```
vjooost@nanosim-s2T:/data/vjooost/clean/cp2k/cp2k/Tests/Q5
SCF_GUESS ATOMIC
&SWEAR ON
  METHOD energy_window
  WINDOW_SIZE 0.02
&END SWEAR
&END SCF
&XC
! this is the functional to use
&XC_FUNCTIONAL Pade
&END XC_FUNCTIONAL
&END XC
&END DFT
&SUBSYS
&CELL
  ABC 12.0 12.0 12.0
&END CELL
! section can be folded
&COORD
&COORD
&KIND C
  BASIS_SET "GVP-GTH-Pade"
  POTENTIAL "GTH-Pade-qs"
&END KIND
! wrong keywords spotted
DEADBEEF
&END SUBSYS
&PRINT
&INFO_INFORMATION ON
&END
&END
&END FORCE_EVAL
65, 11 Bot
```

```
SI_bulk8.inp
!SET temp 300
!FORCE_EVAL
METHOD Quickstep
!SCF
  BASIS_SET_FILE_NAME BASIS_SET
  POTENTIAL_FILE_NAME GTH_POTENTIALS
!MAGD3
  CUTOFF 300
&END MAGD3
!QS
  EPS_DEFAULT 1.0E-12
&END QS
!SCF
  SCF_GUESS ATOMIC
  EPS_SCF 1.0E-6
  MAX_SCF 100
  ADDS_HFS 10
  CHECKSET INVERSE
  SWEAR ON
  METHOD FINE_GDRAO
  ELECTRONIC_TEMPERATURE [K] 300
&END SWEAR
!DIAGONALIZATION
  ALGORITHM STANDARD
&END DIAGONALIZATION
!MIXING
  METHOD BROYDEN_MIXING
  ALPHA 0.4
  BETA 0.5
  WIDTHEN 8
&END MIXING
!ROTATE_SCF
  EPS_SCF 1.0E-6
  MAX_SCF 5
&END ROTATE_SCF
&END SCF
--8-- SI_bulk8.inp Top (34,15) 011-1 (cp2k v1.10.0)
```





Tools for building CP2K input

- Python interfaces:
 - Atomic Simulation Environment (ASE, <https://wiki.fvsiik.dtu.dk/ase/>)
 - Fully featured Python environment for atomistic simulation
 - System setup, analysis and visualisation
 - Support for many codes – including CP2K
 - PyCP2K (<https://github.com/SINGROUP/pycp2k>)
 - Object-oriented wrapper following the CP2K input format
 - e.g. `GLOBAL%RUN_TYPE` is `GLOBAL.Run_type`
 - Auto-completion (for e.g. Spyder IDE)
 - May use ASE for execution

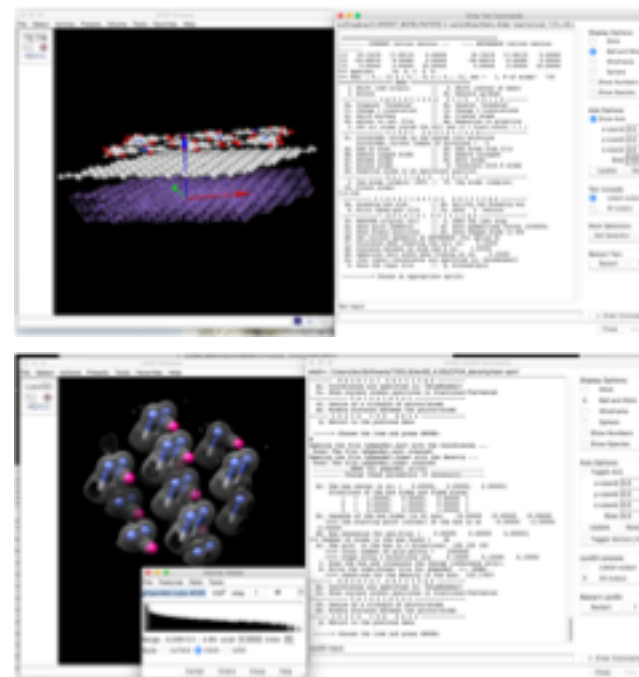
```
23
24 #===== Write the simulation input =====
25 GLOBAL.Run_type = "ENERGY_FORCE"
26 GLOBAL.Print_level = "LOW"
27 FORCE_EVAL.Method = "Quickstep"
28 FORCE_EVAL.PRINT.FORCES.Section_parameters = "ON"
29 DFT.Basis_set_file_name = "BASIS_SET"
30 DFT.Potential_file_name = "POTENTIAL"
31 DFT.Q5.Eps_default = 1.0E-10
32 SCF.Scf_guess = "ATOMIC"
33 SCF.Eps_scf = 1.0E-7
34 SCF.Max_scf = 300
35 SCF.DIAGONALIZATION.Section_parameters = "ON"
36 SCF.DIAGONALIZATION.Algorithm = "STANDARD"
37 SCF.MIXING.Section_parameters = "T"
38 SCF.MIXING.Method = "BROYDEN_MIXING"
39 SCF.MIXING.Alpha = 0.4
40 SCF.MIXING.Nbroyden = 8
41 KIND = SUBSYS.KIND_add("Si") # Section_parameters can be provided as argument.
42 KIND.Basis_set = "DZVP-GTH-PADE"
43 KIND.Potential = "GTH-PADE-q4"
44 calc.create_cell(SUBSYS, lattice)
45 calc.create_coord(SUBSYS, lattice)
46
47 #===== Run the simulation =====
48 calc.run()
49
50 fewer lines
```





Tools for building CP2K input

- GUI setup tools
 - UCSF Chimera plugins (https://github.com/gpsgibb/tetr_lev00_Chimera_plugin)
 - Menu-driven + visualisation
 - TETR: setting up geometry
 - Supercell, surfaces, clusters, ...
 - LEV00: analysis
 - Visualising charge/spin densities
 - DOS, phonons, IR spectra, ...
- Avogadro
 - CP2K supported in Avogadro 1
 - <https://github.com/brhr-iwao/libavogadro1cp2k>
 - Experimental support in Avogadro 2
 - <https://github.com/infuniri/avogadrolibs-cp2k>





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