
User's Guide

TeraChem v1.9

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1 Introduction

TeraChem is general purpose quantum chemistry software designed to run on Nvidia CUDA-enabled GPU architectures under a 64-bit Linux operating system. Some of TeraChem features include:

- Restricted, unrestricted, and restricted open shell Hartree-Fock and grid-based Kohn-Sham ground state energy and gradient calculations
- Time-dependent density functional theory (TDDFT) and Configurational interaction singles (CIS) treatment of excited state energies
- Full support of s, p and d-type atom-centered Gaussian basis functions, and effective core potentials with angular momentum of up to L=4.
- Various DFT functionals, including range-corrected and Coulomb attenuated functionals (BLYP, B3LYP, PBE, PBE0, ω PBE, ω PBEh, ω B97, ω B97x, camB3LYP, etc) and DFT grids (800 - 80,000 grid points per atom)
 - Static grid (single grid used for the entire calculation) and dynamical grid (multigrid) integration.
 - Empirical dispersion correction (DFT-D3 and DFT-D2)
- Polarizable Continuum Models for solvation
- Geometry optimization (L-BFGS, Conjugate gradient, Steepest descent)
 - The optimization can be carried out either in Cartesian or internal coordinates as specified in the start file (all input geometries are provided in Cartesians). The Cartesian \rightarrow internal \rightarrow Cartesian coordinate transformation is performed automatically whenever required.
 - Constrained optimization with frozen atoms, constrained bond lengths, angles, and dihedrals.
- Transition state search (Nudged elastic band) in internal and Cartesian coordinates
- Ab initio molecular dynamics (NVE, NVT ensembles)
 - Reversible Born-Oppenheimer dynamics
 - Spherical boundary conditions
- Support of multiple-GPU systems
- Single/Dynamical/Double precision accuracy
- QM/MM treatment of surrounding water molecules using TIP3P force field¹
- Natural bond orbital analysis through integration with NBO6
- Polarizabilities for HF and closed-shell DFT methods
- Runs on up to 16 GPUs in the same node in parallel, not parallelized to run on multiple nodes

See Section 8 for a complete list of TeraChem capabilities.

¹ W. L. Jorgensen, J. Chandrasekha, J. D. Madura, R. W. Impey and M. L. Klein, J. Chem. Phys. **79** 926 (1983).

1.1 Obtaining TeraChem

To purchase a copy of TeraChem visit <http://store.petachem.com>. Pricing information is available at <http://www.petachem.com/pricing.html>.

1.2 Citing TeraChem

Any published work that utilizes TeraChem shall include the following references:

- I.S. Ufimtsev and T. J. Martínez, "Quantum Chemistry on Graphical Processing Units. 3. Analytical Energy Gradients and First Principles Molecular Dynamics," *J. Chem. Theo. Comp.*, 2009, **5**, p2619.
- A. V. Titov, I. S. Ufimtsev, N. Luehr, and T. J. Martínez, "Generating Efficient Quantum Chemistry Codes for Novel Architectures," *J. Chem. Theo. Comp.*, 2013, **9**, p213.

Additionally, there are certain modules of the code that should be referenced when used:

- Effective Core Potentials: C. Song, L.-P. Wang, and T. J. Martínez, "Automated Code Engine for Graphical Processing Units: Application the Effective Core Potential Integrals and Gradients," *J. Chem. Theo. Comp.*, 2016, **12**, p92.
- Time-dependent Density Functional Theory (TDDFT): "Excited-State Electronic Structure with Configuration Interaction Singles and Tamm-Dancoff Time-Dependent Density Functional Theory on Graphical Processing Units," *J. Chem. Theo. Comp.*, 2011, **7**, p1814.
- Polarizable Continuum Models (PCM): "Quantum Chemistry for Solvated Molecules on Graphical Processing Units Using Polarizable Continuum Models," *J. Chem. Theo. Comp.*, 2015, **11**, p3131.

TeraChem benefits from a number of third-party codes and these should be referenced appropriately when their functionality is used:

- Geometry optimization or transition state finding:
 - J. Kästner, J.M. Carr, T.W. Keal, W. Thiel, A. Wander and P. Sherwood, "DL-FIND: An Open-Source Geometry Optimizer for Atomistic Simulations," *J. Phys. Chem. A*, 2009, **113**, p11856.
 - T. P. M. Goumans, C. R. A. Catlow, W. A. Brown, J. Kästner, and P. Sherwood, "An Embedded Cluster Study of the Formation of Water on Interstellar Dust Grains," *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.*, 2009, **11**, p5431.
- Dispersion corrections:
 - S. Grimme, J. Antony, S. Ehrlich, and H. Krieg, "A consistent and accurate ab initio parametrization of density functional dispersion correction (DFT-D) for the 94 elements H-Pu," *J. Chem. Phys.*, 2010, **132**, p154104.
 - S. Grimme, S. Ehrlich, and L. Goerigk, "Effect of the damping function in dispersion corrected density functional theory," *J. Comput. Chem.*, 2011, **32**, p1456.
- MAGMA routines for GPU-based matrix diagonalization:
 - S. Tomov, J. Dongarra, and M. Baboulin, "Towards dense linear algebra for hybrid GPU accelerated manycore systems," *Par. Comp.*, 2010, **36**, p232.

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2 Getting started

2.1 System requirements

This version of TeraChem was compiled and tested under 64-bit RedHat Enterprise Linux 6.6 operating system running on Intel Core2 quad-core and Intel Xeon 5520 dual quad-core CPU machines. An Nvidia compute capability 2.0 (Tesla C2050 or similar) or higher (i.e. Tesla K20 or similar) graphics card is required to run the program. Please refer to the CUDA Programming Guide at http://www.nvidia.com/object/cuda_develop.html for the most current list of Nvidia GPU's that meet this requirement. A CUDA driver (352.93 or later) must be installed on the system. If desired, v7.5 of the CUDA Toolkit may also be installed (but this is not necessary). Details on how to obtain and install the CUDA driver are provided below.

Because the binary file is linked against the Intel MKL library, it is recommended to run TeraChem on Intel-based workstations.

The amount of CPU RAM needed depends on the size of the molecules that will be studied. If the molecules of interest are relatively small (less than 500 atoms), the usual 8Gb or 16Gb configuration is acceptable. For very large molecules (in excess of 10,000 basis functions), CPU RAM will often be a limiting factor. For example, molecules with 25,000 basis functions require almost 70GB of CPU memory.

2.2 Installation

First, obtain and install the latest CUDA driver (TeraChem 1.9 requires 352.93 or later). These can be obtained free of charge at

<http://www.nvidia.com/drivers>

Installation of the CUDA driver must be performed by a user with "root" permission, i.e. the superuser. Check with your local system administrator first, or type

```
cat /proc/driver/nvidia/version
```

since adequate CUDA drivers may already be installed. Make sure you select the 64-bit Linux operating system. After downloading the driver package, shut down the X server by typing

```
sudo init 3
```

Then launch the driver binary, and follow the instructions.

Previous versions of TeraChem (1.5K and earlier) required user installation of the CUDA toolkit. This is no longer required, as all the needed libraries are distributed with TeraChem. You **do** need to set the LD_LIBRARY_PATH environment variable correctly:

```
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$TeraChem/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
```

where you should replace \$TeraChem with the path to your TeraChem installation.

To install the TeraChem software, first unpack the tc1.9.tar archive using the following command (in a temporary directory which you may later remove):

```
tar xvf tc1.9.tar
```

This will create a subdirectory **TCInstaller**. Run the install script by typing

```
cd TCInstaller
chmod u+x install
./install
```

This script will verify that your machine has a suitable graphics card, verify that you accept the license terms, and install the software in a location of your choosing (the "TeraChem installation directory" or `instdir` in the following). The script will create `SetTCVars.sh` which sets the appropriate environment variables. You can add `source $TeraChem/SetTCVars.sh` to your shell configuration file (which is `$HOME/.bashrc` if you use the bash shell) to automatically configure the TeraChem environment at every new login session. The `install` script will also put a temporary license file in place so you can begin using TeraChem immediately. However, this temporary license file is time-limited, so you will want to obtain a permanent license file. The `install` script ends with a form suitable for emailing to help@petachem.com:

-----BEGIN HERE-----

Institution: _____

Ordered By: _____

MAC: 003048DB1D7E

IP: 171.64.125.189

-----END HERE-----

You can regenerate this at any time by typing

`$TeraChem/bin/machid`

Fill in the "Institution" and "Ordered By" fields and email to help@petachem.com. When we receive this from you, we will send you a permanent license file (which should be saved as `license.dat` in the TeraChem installation directory) within a few days. The `TeraChem` environment variable indicates where the licensing file can be found, i.e. `$TeraChem/license.dat`.

2.3 Environment Variables

There are several environment variables that influence TeraChem:

1. `TeraChem` : This should point to the directory which contains the license files and also the `basis` subdirectory with basis set and effective core potential data. Throughout this document, this directory is called "the TeraChem directory."
2. `LD_LIBRARY_PATH` : This is a system variable, which points to the directories containing dynamic libraries. The `$TeraChem/lib` directory should be included at the beginning of this list.
3. `CUDA_VISIBLE_DEVICES` : This is a system variable which is used by the CUDA driver. If this variable is set, only GPUs listed will be visible to programs using CUDA. Setting this is the recommended way to control the usage of GPUs by TeraChem. Although it is also possible to control GPU usage in the input file or through the command line, setting this environment variable is the most effective way accomplish this goal. Note that the GPUs are reordered when this environment variable is used. For example,

```
export CUDA_VISIBLE_DEVICES=0,2
```

will use GPUs 0 and 2, but these will appear as GPUs 0 and 1 to subsequent CUDA programs such as TeraChem.

4. **MagmaMinN** : Matrices of size $N \times N$ and larger will be diagonalized using MAGMA routines (where N is the value of the environment variable).
5. **MagmaNGPUs** : When MAGMA is used, it will exploit N GPUs (where N is the value of the environment variable). These GPUs will be the first N which TeraChem sees. Please note that these are NOT necessarily the same as the GPUs which TeraChem is using for the electronic structure. As discussed below, you can control the GPUs which TeraChem uses either in the input file or through the command line. However, MAGMA will not respect that list. So, for example, if you run TeraChem as

```
terachem --gpus=23 start.in
```

then TeraChem will use the third and fourth GPU as the first and second GPU in the calculation. However, MAGMA will use the *first* GPU in the system (GPU #0). This can be very confusing and the easiest way to avoid problems is to restrict the visible GPUs to the ones desired by using the `CUDA_VISIBLE_DEVICES` environment variable. To accomplish the effect that the user probably desired above (that the TeraChem job uses only the third and fourth GPU), one would then type:

```
export CUDA_VISIBLE_DEVICES=2,3
terachem --gpus=01 start.in
```

This will restrict the visible GPUs to the third and fourth, which are then addressed as 0 and 1 when TeraChem runs. If you were then to set **MagmaNGPUs** to 3, the program would terminate with an error (because only 2 GPUs are visible).

2.4 Licensing

There are two licensing schemes for TeraChem - node-locked and IP-checkout. Older versions of TeraChem (v1.5K and earlier) used the node-locked scheme exclusively. TeraChem will run in demo mode if an appropriate license is not found. In demo mode, the program will run for a maximum of 15 minutes and will use at most two GPU cards in parallel. If license files for both schemes are present in the TeraChem directory, TeraChem will use the node-locked licensing scheme corresponding to the `license.dat` file.

2.4.1 Node-locked Licenses

The node-locked license scheme is based on a file `license.dat` which should be in the directory given in the **TeraChem** environment variable. This file is obtained by sending the MAC addresses of the machines which are to be licensed to help@petachem.com. PetaChem will create an appropriate license file and send this back to you. Save the file as `license.dat` in the TeraChem directory and all restrictions should be removed. License files are typically created with a time limit of two years. This enables us to replace the license file if needed (for example if a machine is upgraded). If the license file expires, please send the old license file to help@petachem.com along with purchaser information and we will provide you with an updated license file. For reference, here is an example `license.dat` file (this file is not valid – it is for demonstration purposes only):

```
----- license.dat -----
# License created: 21-09-2014
# MAC: 60A44C5FC377
# Expires on DD-MM-YYYY: 10-09-2016
# Licensed application:
#   Name: "TeraChem"
#   Description: ""TeraChem v1.0""
# Features included:
```

```
# Custom data:
#      url=http://www.petachem.com
#      support=help@petachem.com
# === Start copy after the BEGIN LICENSE line and ===
# ===      finish before END LICENSE line      ===

----- BEGIN LICENSE -----
AAABAAAAAikUOV0dJNIM3oS8Sy0+bq6h+U/8jQZN
1Jd2/XC8MsVwWmYkZA6QqBPsFzSrha5uhgIo07zx
HFE1XdGgijDzhikkh2Y9SWqQ7MYMzpFPnk6ZRYUk
YHawfbHtuo3T26qc/Ys8lHxg5mYsyTLC1YF70ggI
qQq1wSPFXdojtw8/mQ4T04o3nFNOf9D6ppq3eZSf
jh9fF/nf5wfQx/k94Ho28wWp1TSmz84LduyyDDKB
+KYUFjeLFqmaOnV3XSMVPsh4YL+ZevXXodW5meQm
hKy/BHOCGuDn5MBwJ3fnlna7wunUZ8kmIt02wOdL
2DdN3jT9F74pMquF01ysN33eG6kBCIE1AgABSAAA
AARub21kQQAAAAhUZXJhQ2h1bUYAAAAADAAAACQk
TkdmMDMxAAAAQiQkTkMMjAxYiR1cmw9aHR0cDov
L3d3dy5wZXRhY2h1bS5jb20kMTkkc3VwcG9ydD1o
ZWxwQHBlbGFjaGVtLmNvbQAAAAckJE5HTDMxUgAA
B+AACQAKRQAAAAA=

----- END LICENSE -----
```

2.4.2 IP-Checkout Licenses

Starting with TeraChem v1.9, it is also possible to use a checkout type of license. This requires that your compute nodes have access to the open internet. If compute nodes do not have internet access, it is possible to forward the license traffic through a local HTTP proxy (for instance, running on a head node in a cluster) that has internet access and is accessible to the compute nodes. See section 2.4.3 for more details on HTTP forwarding. The basic idea of checkout type licenses is that the compute node will contact a PetaChem license server (directly or through an HTTP proxy), which will then check that a valid license exists. In this way, the identity of the node running a job is not restricted and the restriction is instead on the number of nodes that can simultaneously run jobs. To use this licensing mode, you must first contact help@petachem.com and they will determine the number of simultaneous nodes that you qualify for. They will also provide you with a license file which contains your unique token. This should be protected, since anyone with knowledge of this token could run TeraChem instances under your license (which would use up your available slots). This license file should be saved as `license.key` in the TeraChem directory. For reference, here is an example `license.key` file (the license key is not valid - this is for demonstration purposes only):

```
_____ license.key _____
key Ki56jjjKKKK
server 54.208.252.40:8877
```

2.4.3 HTTP Forwarding

There are many proxy servers currently available free of charge or by payment, and here we use one, called `nginx`, as an example. It is a lightweight web server with low memory usage that can sustain heavy load

through parallelism and load balancing. `nginx` can be downloaded from <http://nginx.org/en/download.html> and installed by running

```
./configure --prefix=install_directory --without-http_rewrite_module
make build
make install
```

To start `nginx`, simply

```
cd install_directory
sbin/nginx
```

Below is a simple configuration file that should be placed in `install_directory/conf` directory:

```
----- Simple nginx.conf configuration file -----
# number of CPU processes
# can be increased, CPU affinity can be specified
worker_processes 1;

# each worker can process up to 1024 connections
events {
    worker_connections 1024;
}

http {
    server {
        # proxy is running on host localhost
        # proxy is listening on port 8080
        # provided the proxy is running on localhost:8080,
        # TeraChem license.key file should contain 'server localhost:8080' line
        server_name localhost;
        listen 8080;

        # all traffic is forwarded to PetaChem license server 54.208.252.40:8877
        # when proxy is used, 'server 54.208.252.40:8877' setting should be
        # commented out in license.key
        location / {
            proxy_pass http://54.208.252.40:8877;
        }
    }
}
```

2.5 Command Line Options

Most often, the TeraChem program is run with a single command line option – the name of the input file containing directives. For example,

```
terachem start.sp
```

However, there are some other command line options that may be useful. These may be listed by running

```
terachem -h
```

which will show the following options:

```
-h|--help           Show usage information
-v|--version        Print version information
-f|--functionals     Print available DFT functionals
-gxyz|--gpus=xyz     Use GPUs xyz (0-f). This command may
                    be repeated to use multiple GPUs.
-Ux|--UseMPI=x       Use MPI named ports for input.
                    x=1  Amber interface.
                    x=2  FMS interface.
                    x=3  Single point engine mode.
-Mx|--MPIPort=xxx    Use xxx as MPI named port
                    (default=terachem_port)
-iframe|--inputfile=file Input file for TeraChem
```

1. The MPI named ports are *not* for MPI-based parallelization. TeraChem currently only runs on a single node (using up to 16 GPUs). Instead, the commands `--UseMPI` and `--MPIPort` are for an advanced feature of TeraChem which allows TeraChem to run as a server, waiting for MPI socket communication to carry out calculations. This feature is being tested for coupling between TeraChem and Amber/FMS. The Amber/FMS interfaces are not currently documented or available for general use.

The point engine mode is intended for use with a separately distributed Python module. It is possible to use the same interface for a general program which is described in section 7, but the protocol is subject to change. TeraChem will also print out specifications of expected communications when running in this mode. Only one program can be connected with each server.

2. Note that the following are equivalent:

```
terachem start.sp
```

and

```
terachem --inputfile=start.sp
```

3. To use the second and fourth GPUs:

```
terachem --gpus=13
```

Note that the numbering starts from 0. Also, please note that the GPUs are numbered as TeraChem finds them. GPUs which are not visible to TeraChem will not be counted in the list. Note that the use of `--gpus` or `-g` will override any `gpus` line in the input file.

4. It is possible to hide GPUs from TeraChem and all other GPU programs using the `CUDA_VISIBLE_DEVICES` environment variable. For example, to ensure that only the second and third GPUs are visible, use:

```
export CUDA_VISIBLE_DEVICES="1,2"
```

Note that the numbering starts from zero.

5. To get a list of all the GPUs, use the `nvidia-smi` program supplied with CUDA by NVIDIA:

```
nvidia-smi
```

2.6 Running sample jobs

TeraChem package contains several sample jobs located at

`instdir/TeraChem/tests`

After installation, `cd` to the caffeine directory and run TeraChem by typing

```
source instdir/TeraChem/SetTCVars.sh
instdir/TeraChem/bin/terachem start.sp
```

where `instdir` is the installation directory you chose during the install (defaults to your home directory) and `start.sp` is the name of a TeraChem input file. Note that the environment variable `TeraChem` is set by “source’ing” `SetTCVars.sh`. This is needed in order for TeraChem to locate the license and basis set library files.

The `start.sp` contains the required parameters of the job (including the filename of the file which contains the atomic coordinates for the molecule of interest). Most of the parameters have default values. The complete list of parameters available in this version is presented in Section 8. An example of the configuration file used for single point energy calculations of caffeine with the BLYP functional, DFT-D dispersion corrections, and the 6-31G* basis set is:

```
start.631.sp
# Job: Single point energy of caffeine
#
# basis set
basis          6-31g*
# coordinates file
coordinates    caffeine.xyz
# molecule charge
charge         0
# SCF method (rhf/blyp/b3lyp/etc...): DFT-BLYP
method         blyp
# add dispersion correction (DFT-D)
dftd           yes
# type of the job (energy/gradient/md/minimize/ts): energy
run            energy
end
```

All lines beginning with the ‘#’ character are considered comments and are ignored by TeraChem. There is no requirement on the line ordering in the start file except that the last line should be ‘end’.

Below is the output from this example job. The program first lists the parameters followed by all GPUs used in the job. Each GPU has its amount of memory and compute capability printed next to it. The program then attempts to predict the maximum size of the molecule that can be handled on the current machine based on the amount of available CPU and GPU memory. *Note that the recommended maximum size of the system is approximate.* The SCF procedure, which includes the DIIS error (the maximum component of the DIIS error vector), integrated number of electrons, exchange-correlation energy, SCF energy, and the total time elapsed per iteration, completes the program’s output.

```
$ $TeraChem/bin/terachem start.631.sp
Startfile from command line: start.631.sp
```

```
*****
*                      TeraChem v1.9                      *
*                      Hg Version: 79db7953baf0+           *
*                      Production Version                   *
*                      Compiled without textures             *
*                      Chemistry at the Speed of Graphics!   *
*****
* This program may only be used in connection with         *
* a valid license from PetaChem, LLC. Use of this program  *
* or results thereof indicates acceptance of all terms     *
* and conditions stated in the license and that a valid    *
* license agreement between the user and PetaChem, LLC     *
* exists. PetaChem, LLC does not warrant the correctness   *
* of results or their suitability for any purpose.          *
* Please email bugs, suggestions, and comments to         *
*                      help@petachem.com                    *
*                                                          *
*****

*****
* Compiled by toddmtz      Sun May 29 17:45:28 PDT 2016    *
* Supported architectures: sm_20 sm_30 sm_50              *
* Cuda compilation tools, release 7.5, V7.5.17            *
*****
```

```
Job started   Sun May 29 17:46:01 2016
On localhost.localdomain (available memory: 21507 MB)
```

```
##### RUNTIME INFO #####
/home/toddm tz/production/build/bin/terachem start.631.sp
```

```
NVRM version: NVIDIA UNIX x86_64 Kernel Module  367.18  Mon May 16 18:13:16 PDT 2016
GCC version:  gcc version 4.8.5 20150623 (Red Hat 4.8.5-4) (GCC)
```

```
linux-vdso.so.1 => (0x00007ffc32bf6000)
libcurl.so.4 => /lib64/libcurl.so.4 (0x00007f5dc0371000)
libintbox.so.1 => /home/toddm tz/production/build/lib/libintbox.so.1 (0x00007f5da72a4000)
libthcbox.so.1 => /home/toddm tz/production/build/lib/libthcbox.so.1 (0x00007f5da5f16000)
libcublas.so.7.5 => /opt/CUDA/cuda-7.5/lib64/libcublas.so.7.5 (0x00007f5da4637000)
libcufft.so.7.5 => /opt/CUDA/cuda-7.5/lib64/libcufft.so.7.5 (0x00007f5d9d9fb000)
libcuda.so.1 => /lib64/libcuda.so.1 (0x00007f5d9c76b000)
libcudart.so.7.5 => /opt/CUDA/cuda-7.5/lib64/libcudart.so.7.5 (0x00007f5d9c50d000)
libm.so.6 => /lib64/libm.so.6 (0x00007f5d9c20a000)
libcilkrtts.so.5 => /opt/intel/lib/intel64/libcilkrtts.so.5 (0x00007f5d9bfc000)
libstdc++.so.6 => /lib64/libstdc++.so.6 (0x00007f5d9bcc3000)
libgcc_s.so.1 => /lib64/libgcc_s.so.1 (0x00007f5d9baac000)
```

```
libpthread.so.0 => /lib64/libpthread.so.0 (0x00007f5d9b890000)
libdl.so.2 => /lib64/libdl.so.2 (0x00007f5d9b68c000)
libc.so.6 => /lib64/libc.so.6 (0x00007f5d9b2c9000)
/lib64/ld-linux-x86-64.so.2 (0x00007f5dc05f0000)
libidn.so.11 => /lib64/libidn.so.11 (0x00007f5d9b096000)
libssh2.so.1 => /lib64/libssh2.so.1 (0x00007f5d9ae6c000)
libssl3.so => /lib64/libssl3.so (0x00007f5d9ac28000)
libsmime3.so => /lib64/libsmime3.so (0x00007f5d9aa01000)
libnss3.so => /lib64/libnss3.so (0x00007f5d9a6db000)
libnssutil3.so => /lib64/libnssutil3.so (0x00007f5d9a4ae000)
libplds4.so => /lib64/libplds4.so (0x00007f5d9a2aa000)
libplc4.so => /lib64/libplc4.so (0x00007f5d9a0a5000)
libnspr4.so => /lib64/libnspr4.so (0x00007f5d99e66000)
libgssapi_krb5.so.2 => /lib64/libgssapi_krb5.so.2 (0x00007f5d99c1a000)
libkrb5.so.3 => /lib64/libkrb5.so.3 (0x00007f5d99935000)
libk5crypto.so.3 => /lib64/libk5crypto.so.3 (0x00007f5d99702000)
libcom_err.so.2 => /lib64/libcom_err.so.2 (0x00007f5d994fe000)
liblber-2.4.so.2 => /lib64/liblber-2.4.so.2 (0x00007f5d992ef000)
libldap-2.4.so.2 => /lib64/libldap-2.4.so.2 (0x00007f5d9909b000)
libz.so.1 => /lib64/libz.so.1 (0x00007f5d98e85000)
librt.so.1 => /lib64/librt.so.1 (0x00007f5d98c7c000)
libssl.so.10 => /lib64/libssl.so.10 (0x00007f5d98a0f000)
libcrypto.so.10 => /lib64/libcrypto.so.10 (0x00007f5d98626000)
libkrb5support.so.0 => /lib64/libkrb5support.so.0 (0x00007f5d98417000)
libkeyutils.so.1 => /lib64/libkeyutils.so.1 (0x00007f5d98212000)
libresolv.so.2 => /lib64/libresolv.so.2 (0x00007f5d97ff8000)
libsasl2.so.3 => /lib64/libsasl2.so.3 (0x00007f5d97dda000)
libselinux.so.1 => /lib64/libselinux.so.1 (0x00007f5d97bb5000)
libcrypt.so.1 => /lib64/libcrypt.so.1 (0x00007f5d9797d000)
libpcre.so.1 => /lib64/libpcre.so.1 (0x00007f5d9771c000)
liblzma.so.5 => /lib64/liblzma.so.5 (0x00007f5d974f7000)
libfreebl3.so => /lib64/libfreebl3.so (0x00007f5d972f3000)
#####

Cannot find license.dat file in the TeraChem installation directory /home/toddmztz/production/build

TRYING THE NETWORK LICENSE...
Connecting to license server '54.208.252.40' port '8877'...
Connected!
Checking your license...

*****
Greetings, Martinez Group! You have 1000 licenses in total
IN USE: 0
AVAILABLE: 1000
*****

Scratch directory: ./scr
Random number seed: 1464569163

XYZ coordinates caffeine.xyz
Molden File Output: ./scr/caffeine.molden
```

Using basis set: 6-31g
Spin multiplicity: 1
DIIS will use up to 10 vectors.
WF convergence threshold: 3.00e-05
Using DIIS algorithm to converge WF
Maximum number of SCF iterations: 100
Incremental fock with rebuild ever 8 iterations
Will switch to conventional Fock if diffuse functions are detected
X-matrix tolerance: 1.00e-04
PRECISION: DYNAMIC
DFT Functional requested: hf
Method: Hartree-Fock
Wavefunction: RESTRICTED
Initial guess generated by maximum overlap

***** SINGLE POINT ENERGY CALCULATIONS *****

using 1 out of 1 CUDA devices

Device 0: GeForce GTX TITAN X, 12206MB, CC 5.2 -- CPU THREAD 0

Compiled with MAGMA support. MAGMA parameters:

Matrices larger than 10 square will be treated with MAGMA

(Change by setting the MagmaMinN environment variable)

Magma will use 1 out of 1 GPUs

(Change by setting the MagmaNGPUs environment variable)

CPU Memory Available: 3995.12 MegaWords
GPU Memory Available: 1269.83 MegaWords
Maximum recommended basis set size: 13300 basis functions
(limited by GPU memory)

Not using d-functions. Configuring GPUs accordingly.

0: CUBLAS initialized, available GPU memory: 10792MB

Basis set: 6-31g
Total atoms: 24
Total charge: 0
Total electrons: 102 (51-alpha, 51-beta)
Number electrons modeled by ECPs: 0
Total orbitals: 146
Total A0 shells: 90 (62 S-shells; 28 P-shells; 0 D-shells; 0 F-shells; 0 G-shells)
Spin multiplicity: 1
Nuclear repulsion energy (QM atoms): 933.356431723821 a.u.

*** Start SCF Iterations ***

Iter	DIIS Error	Energy change	Energy	Time(s)
------	------------	---------------	--------	---------

>>> Purifying P... IDMP = 2.51e-14 <<<

THRESPDP set to 1.00e+00

1	0.4043648490	-672.1012472141	-672.1012472141	0.10
2	0.2909010200	-3.0669389439	-675.1681861580	0.06
3	0.1283248644	-0.7029524073	-675.8711385653	0.06
4	0.0292821138	-0.1303876634	-676.0015262286	0.06
5	0.0093170672	-0.0119835193	-676.0135097480	0.05
6	0.0064218627	-0.0016419531	-676.0151517011	0.05
7	0.0018119189	-0.0004989767	-676.0156506777	0.05
8	0.0011542627	-0.0000636296	-676.0157143074	0.05

THRESPDP set to 3.59e-03

9	0.0002755390	+0.0000288961	-676.0156854113	0.07
10	0.0001410432	-0.0000017814	-676.0156871927	0.04
11	0.0000428022	-0.0000003023	-676.0156874950	0.04
12	0.0000193138	+0.0000000081	-676.0156874869	0.03

FINAL ENERGY: -676.0156874869 a.u.

CENTER OF MASS: {0.008017, 0.006143, 0.000066} ANG

DIPOLE MOMENT: {4.454334, -0.892845, 0.000021} (|D| = 4.542936) DEBYE

Writing out molden info

Running Mulliken population analysis...

Total processing time: 0.68 sec

Job finished: Sun May 29 17:46:05 2016

3 TeraChem I/O file formats

3.1 Input files

In addition to the start file containing job parameters, TeraChem requires at least two other files to start a job: coordinates and basis set.

3.2 Atomic coordinates

The coordinates file fed to the `coordinates` parameter should be either in XMol or PDB format. In an XMol coordinates file, the first line specifies the number of atoms, and the second line provides a description of the system (it can be left blank). Atomic coordinates are listed starting from the third line. All coordinates are either in Angstroms (default) or Bohrs (this can be specified in the start file). Here is an example coordinates file for a hydrogen molecule:

```
h2.xyz
2
Hydrogen Molecule -- Xmol format
H 0.0 0.0 0.0
H 0.7 0.0 0.0
```

Some jobs (for example, transition state search using NEB method) require several sets of coordinates (frames). In this case all frames should be listed in the coordinates file one by one, i.e.

```
h2-2frames.xyz
2
Hydrogen Molecule -- Xmol format frame 1
H 0.0 0.0 0.0
H 0.7 0.0 0.0
2
Hydrogen Molecule -- Xmol format frame 2
H 0.0 0.0 0.0
H 0.8 0.0 0.0
```

Note that there should be no blank lines between individual frames.

The PDB format often used for protein molecules is also supported and will be automatically assumed if the filename for the coordinates ends in `.pdb`. More details on PDB file format are available at <http://www.wwpdb.org/docs.html>.

3.3 Basis set file format

TeraChem supports standard atom-centered Gaussian type basis sets such as those available at EMSL website <http://www.emsl.pnl.gov/forms/basisform.html>. The basis set information used by TeraChem is provided by a set of files in the `basis` directory. This directory should be located at `$TeraChem/basis`, where the environment variable `TeraChem` is set to the TeraChem installation directory by default. All basis sets are listed in individual files and corresponding information for constructing initial guesses is in a separate file, e.g. `6-31g` and `6-31g.ao`.

For every atom in a basis set, the first line specifies the atom type and the following lines specify the basis functions and contractions. Consider a hydrogen atom in the 6-31G basis set (see the file `basis/6-31g`):

```

1  basis/6-31g
2  ATOM H
3  S 3
4      18.7311370      0.03349460
5      2.8253937      0.23472695
6      0.6401217      0.81375733
7  S 1
8      0.1612778      1.0000000

```

Line 1 specifies that the element symbol is H. Line 2 specifies the angular momentum of the first contraction (which can be S, P, or D) and the number of primitives in this contraction, N_{prim} . The next N_{prim} lines (Lines 3-5) specify the exponent and contraction coefficient for one of the primitives. This is repeated until all contracted basis functions and their primitives have been listed. Note that TeraChem normalizes the contracted functions. A blank line signifies the end of the basis set for this atom. If the atom also has an effective core potential, this is specified immediately after the basis set information. For an example here, we turn to the Na atom in the LANL2DZ basis set (see the file `basis/lanl2dz_ecp`):

```

1  basis/lanl2dz_ecp
2  ATOM Na
3  S 2
4      0.4972000      -0.2753574
5      0.0560000      1.0989969
6  S 1
7      0.0221000      1.0000000
8  P 2
9      0.6697000      -0.0683845
10     0.0636000      1.0140550
11 P 1
12     0.0204000      1.0000000
13 ECP NCORE= 10 MAXL= 2
14 D-UL 5
15     1      175.5502590      -10.0000000
16     2      35.0516791      -47.4902024
17     2       7.9060270      -17.2283007
18     2       2.3365719      -6.0637782
19     2       0.7799867      -0.7299393
20 S-UL 5
21     0      243.3605846      3.0000000
22     1      41.5764759      36.2847626
23     2      13.2649167      72.9304880
24     2       3.6797165      23.8401151
25     2       0.9764209      6.0123861
26 P-UL 6
27     0     1257.2650682      5.0000000
28     1     189.6248810     117.4495683
29     2      54.5247759     423.3986704
30     2      13.7449955     109.3247297

```

31	2	3.6813579	31.3701656
32	2	0.9461106	7.1241813

The first line specifies this entry is for the Na atom. Lines 2-11 specify the contracted basis functions, as in the previous example. A blank line (Line 12) signals the end of the contracted basis functions. Line 13 specifies that this atom has an effective core potential which removes 10 electrons (NCORE=10) and includes projection terms with angular momentum up to d (MAXL=2). Note that MAXL is normally one greater than the angular momentum of the electrons occupied in the core. The next line (Line 14) begins specification of the Gaussian fits to the local potentials. The first set should correspond to the “local” potential, i.e. $U(L_{Max} + 1)$. The number N_{Gauss} (5 on this line) specifies the number of Gaussians in the fit for this potential. The next N_{Gauss} lines contain the information for each of these Gaussians. The first column is the power of r for this term (should be in the range 0-2). Note that, following usual practice, this *includes* the powers of r coming from the radial volume element. The second column is the exponent for the Gaussian in this term and the third column is the coefficient of this Gaussian. The next blocks should correspond to *difference* potentials, i.e. $U(L) - U(L_{Max})$, starting from the lowest angular momentum.

The initial guess information is provided in the **basis.ao** files. These are normally machine generated, but we explain the format here. An example for hydrogen atom in the 6-31G** basis set is:

```

1  H 0 1
2  5 5
3  4.274303e-01
4  6.654494e-01
5  0.000000e+00
6  2.465190e-32
7  -1.387779e-17
8  1.257798e+00
9  -1.149752e+00
10 0.000000e+00
11 -7.888609e-31
12 6.661338e-16
13 8.307465e-16
14 -7.808226e-16
15 0.000000e+00
16 5.257311e-01
17 -8.506508e-01
18 -4.183196e-16
19 3.874649e-16
20 0.000000e+00
21 8.506508e-01
22 5.257311e-01
23 0.000000e+00
24 0.000000e+00
25 1.000000e+00
26 0.000000e+00
27 0.000000e+00

```

The first line specifies the element symbol, the number of core orbitals (0 in this example) and the number of valence orbitals (1 in this example). The second line specifies the number of MOs and AOs which will be

constructed from this guess. Normally, both of these numbers will be identical (and equal to the number of contracted basis functions on this atom in this basis set). Subsequent lines (Lines 3-27 above) give the AO coefficients of the guess MOs. These are ordered so the most negative orbital energy is first, i.e. the lowest energy guess MO corresponds to lines 3-7 above. The second lowest energy guess MO corresponds to lines 8-12 above. The order of the AOs follows that specified in the basis set file. Finally, a blank line (Line 28) signifies the end of the guess information for this element.

The information in the **basis.ao** file is used to construct an initial guess as described in

- J.-M. Langlois, T. Yamasaki, R.P. Muller, and W.A. Goddard III, "Rule-Based Wave Function for Generalized Valence Bond Theory", *J. Phys. Chem.*, **98**, 13498 (1994).

It should be noted that the ordering of basis functions in the AO expansion used to construct the initial guess must be the same as in the GTO block above. Within P-type shells, the basis functions are ordered as X, Y, Z, and within D-type shells as XY, XZ, YZ, XX, YY, ZZ.

3.3.1 Mixing basis sets - Custom Basis File Method

It is straightforward to mix different basis sets for the same molecule. To do that, one needs to create a separate basis file which will contain all required basis functions. Here is an example calculation of a hydrogen molecule with STO-3G and 3-21G basis set used for the first and the second hydrogen atom, respectively:

mixedbasis			
ATOM	Hx		
S 3			
	3.4252509	0.154328967295	
	0.6239137	0.535328142282	
	0.1688554	0.444634542185	
ATOM	Hy		
S 2			
	5.4471780	0.156284978695	
	0.8245472	0.904690876670	
S 1			
	0.1831916	1.000000000000	

and likewise a concatenated **.ao** file must be created. In this case:

mixedbasis.ao	
Hx 0 1	
1 1	
1.000000e+00	
Hy 0 1	
2 2	
-3.734069e-01	
-7.173244e-01	
1.255539e+00	
-1.096019e+00	

Note that the atomic number and mass is inferred from the first letter(s) of the element (H in this case). With the following files, we will get a mixed basis set calculation for H_2 :

```

                                h2mix.xyz
2
Hx      0.0000000047    0.0000000098   -0.3735490915
Hy     -0.0000017747   -0.0000051727    0.3650468754

                                start.h2mix
basis      mixedbasis
coordinates h2mix.xyz
method     b3lyp
run        energy
end

```

Note that a user can use a local copy of the basis directory if desired by setting the **TeraChem** environment variable appropriately. In that case, one should also ensure that a copy of the **license.dat** or **license.key** file exists in **\$TeraChem**.

3.3.2 Mixing Basis Sets - Multibasis Method

A second way to use multiple basis sets is possible when one desires to use the same basis set for all atoms corresponding to the same element. For example, if one wishes to use the LANL2DZ basis set for Fe and to use the 3-21G basis set for C and O in $Fe(CO)_5$. In this case, one can use the **\$multibasis** input as exemplified below:

```

                                FeC05.inp
1      basis 6-31g
2      $multibasis
3      Fe lanl2dz_ecp
4      C 3-21g
5      O 3-21g
6      $end
7      method b3lyp
8      coordinates feco5.xyz
9      run energy
10     end

```

In this case, any atoms other than Fe, C, O will be treated with a 6-31G basis set, as specified on line 1. The **\$multibasis** keyword signals the beginning of the list of atoms and basis sets that will override the default 6-31g basis specified in line 1. The **\$multibasis** section **must** be terminated with **\$end** (line 6 above). Within the **\$multibasis** section, simply list the elements and the basis to be used for that element, as is done in lines 3-5 above. When the Multibasis method is used, TeraChem will create two files in the scratch directory: **JobName.multibasis** and **JobName.multibasis.ao**. These are concatenated basis set and guess files, respectively (similar to what one would create using the Custom Basis File Method described above). Note that JobName is replaced by the jobname of the current job.

3.4 Fixing Atoms in Molecular Dynamics

It is possible to fix a number of atoms in molecular dynamics by listing the atom numbers in a file called **fixed_atoms**, located in the directory containing the input file. The format is simply the number of fixed

atoms followed by the atom number (counting starts at zero) of each fixed atom, with one atom per line. The force on fixed atoms is simply zeroed out, with no modification to the forces on other atoms. Only QM atoms can be fixed in QM/MM simulations. This is equivalent to setting the masses for the fixed atoms to infinity. It does not have any effect on optimizations.

3.5 Ab Initio Steered Molecular Dynamics (AISMD)

Specific atoms can be subject to constant pulling forces to generate force-modified potential energy surfaces (or molecular dynamics on these FMPEs).² In order to accomplish this, one needs to specify the number of atoms subject to steering forces, the identity of the atoms which are being steered, the fixed (in Cartesian space) points they are being pulled toward, and the magnitude of the force. This is accomplished with the **steering** file (located in the same directory as the input file) which has the following format:

```
Number_Steered_Atoms
Steered_Atom_Index Fixed_Point_X Fixed_Point_Y Fixed_Point_Z Steering_Force
```

where the last line occurs **Number_Steered_Atoms** times. Coordinates of the fixed points should be given in bohr and the steering force should be given in atomic units (1nN=0.012138 a.u.). Note: the code supports up to 16 steering atoms. Also, note that the “**Steered_Atom_Index**” starts counting from zero.

Alternatively: use **steering** keyword in input file to point to custom **filename/path** for above file.

3.6 Specifying Values of the Hubbard Parameter for DFT+U

Values of U can be assigned in one of two ways. The default is to read the values, specified in eV, from a fifth column on the right in the xyz file. For each atom, the specified U value will be applied to the default shell for that element. Atoms for which no value is specified will either have no U correction applied (default), or will be set to a built in default value if the **dft+u_default** parameter is set to **yes**.

Alternatively, custom shell assignments can be set in a text file specified by the **hubbard_input** parameter. Each atom type to be specified is listed sequentially, followed by the shell(s) to which a U value should be applied, and the corresponding value(s) in eV. If different values are desired for different atoms of the same element, element names can be numbered (e.g. “C1”) in the hubbard file, and correspondingly in the xyz file. The following xyz and hubbard file are for a water dimer in which U values are assigned to all hydrogen 1s shells, and to the 2s and 2p shells of one of the two oxygen atoms.

```

----- hubfile.txt -----
1  01
2  2S 2P
3  2 3
4  H
5  1S
6  1

----- water_dimer.xyz -----
1  6
2  water dimer
3  O1 -0.702196054 -0.056060256 0.009942262
4  H -1.022193224 0.846775782 -0.011488714
5  H 0.257521062 0.042121496 0.005218999
6  O 2.268880784 0.026340101 0.000508029
7  H 2.645502399 -0.412039965 0.766632411
8  H 2.641145101 -0.449872874 -0.744894473
```

²M. T. Ong, J. Leiding, H. Tao, A. M. Virshup and T. J. Martinez, J. Amer. Chem. Soc. **131** 6377 (2009).

3.7 Specifying Values of linear potential terms in DFT+U

A linear potential, α , may be applied to a subshell in lieu of or in addition to U on each subshell by setting `dft+u_alpha` to `yes`. The linear potential must be specified in a text file specified by the `alpha_input` parameter. Each atom type to be specified is listed sequentially, followed by the shell(s) to which an α value should be applied, and the corresponding value(s) in eV.

3.8 Specifying user defined atomic radii for PCM cavity

Other than the built in atomic radii, users can specify the radii for each type of element present in the geometry file. To activate this feature, the parameter `pcm_radii` needs to be set to `read`, and `pcm_radii_file` should be set to the **absolute** path to the atomic radii file. The file should be formatted based on the following rules.

1. Each line stands for one atom type. The first column is atomic number, second column is radius in Å
2. Separate the two columns by whitespace (TABs or SPACES)
3. It does not matter if more atom types than needed are provided. E.g. If the atomic radii file contains information for all elements, but the geometry file contains only a few types, the program will run successfully. However, if the radii are not specified for some elements present in the geometry file, the program will exit with an error.

Following is an example radii file.

```
----- radii.txt -----  
1 1.301  
8 1.7221
```

This file contains the radii of Hydrogen and Oxygen atoms. It can only be used for systems with only Hydrogen and/or Oxygen atoms.

3.9 Output files

In addition to the information displayed on the screen, TeraChem creates several output files.

All calculations:

- `scr/c0` (`scr/ca0` and `scr/cb0` in UHF and UKS jobs) – the converged WF binary file containing the MO coefficients `C[i][j]` where `i` (row) is the MO and `j` (column) is the AO basis function index. This file(s) can be used as an initial WF guess in subsequent calculations. For UHF/UKS jobs, the files `ca0` and `cb0` are the coefficients for the alpha and beta spin orbitals.
- `scr/charge_mull.xls` – a tab-separated file containing Mulliken atomic charges.
- `scr/mullpop` – Detailed Mulliken population analysis including atomic spin densities
- `scr/results.dat` – Summary of results including final energy, center of mass coordinates, and dipole moment
- `scr/jobname.basis` – Normalized basis set information for the current run (`jobname` may be specified in the input file, otherwise it is automatically determined from the name of the `coordinates` file – see above)

- `scr/jobname.geometry` – Geometry information for the current run
- `scr/jobname.molden` – Geometry and MO information for current run
- `scr/bond_order.mat` – Bond order matrix if requested with `bond_order_mat` keyword
- `scr/bond_order.list` – Bond order matrix in list format if requested with `bond_order_list` keyword

Project Jobs

- `scr/prjct` (`scr/prjcta` and `scr/prjctb` in UHF and UKS jobs) – the converged WF projected onto another (usually, larger) basis set. These files are generated by `project` jobs and used as an efficient initial guess.

Geometry Optimization/Transition State Search:

- `scr/charge.xls` Atomic charges for each optimization step. Atoms are ordered by columns and rows correspond to different optimization steps
- `scr/optlog.xls` – a tab-separated file containing 7 columns of which only one (the first one) is currently used. The first column contains the SCF energy during geometry optimization or transition state search.
- `scr/optim.xyz|scr/optim.pdb` – geometry optimization or transition state search (depending on the job type) trajectory file in the XMol or PDB format. The trajectory can be visualized by VMD. If it is in XYZ format, it can be visualized with MolDen. In cases where an NEB calculation is being performed, this file contains a single frame which is the putative transition state (corresponding to the climbing image).
- `scr/spin.xls` - Excess spin on each atom in the same format as the `scr/charge.xls` file. This is only produced if an unrestricted (UHF/UKS) calculation is performed.

Transition State Search:

- `scr/neb_n.xyz` – an XMol file containing trajectory of the n^{th} NEB image. The last image (i.e. the `neb_10.xyz` if `min_image` equals 10) is the actual transition state that that is also stored in `optim.xyz` file.
- `scr/nebinfo` – contains energies of all (`min_image-1`) NEB images along the converged NEB path.
- `scr/nebpath.xyz` – contains XYZ coordinates of all (`min_image-1`) NEB images along the converged NEB path.
- `scr/img_n.molden` – MolDen-readable file with coordinates and molecular orbital coefficients for the n^{th} NEB image.

Frequency Calculation:

- `scr/Hessian.restart` – a binary file which can be used for restarting frequency calculations

- **scr/Hessian.bin** – a binary file containing the Hessian, i.e. force constant matrix. If this is present, it will be reused for subsequent frequency calculations. For example, this means you can run the thermochemical analysis for different temperatures without recomputing the Hessian matrix.
- **scr/Frequencies.dat** – Formatted output containing the normal modes (in Cartesian coordinates) and their frequencies. These are after removal of rotation and translation, so there are normally $3N_{atoms}-6$ normal mode vectors. This file is also usually used as input for **FMS90**.

Initial Condition Generation:

- **scr/Hessian.restart** – see Frequency Calculation above
- **scr/Hessian.bin** – see Frequency Calculation above
- **scr/CentralGeometry.initcond.xyz** – XMol format file with the reference geometry used for the initial condition generation
- **scr/Geometry.initcond.xyz** – XMol format file with a geometry selected by initial condition sampling. Use this as an initial geometry in a subsequent MD run.
- **scr/Velocities.initcond.xyz** – XMol format file with velocities selected by initial condition sampling. Use this along with **Geometry.initcond.xyz** in a subsequent MD run.
- **scr/Frequencies.initcond.dat** – This file contains the reference geometry and atomic masses. It is not of interest to most users, but serves as input for a quantum dynamics code (**FMS90**).

MD simulation:

- **scr/log.xls** – a tab separated file containing 8 columns: 1) time, 2) SCF energy, 3) currently not in use, 4) Kinetic energy, 5) Temperature, 6) Total energy (SCF + Kinetic), 7) HOMO energy, 8) LUMO energy. All times/energies are in Hartree and the temperature is in degrees Kelvin. In NVT dynamics, the Total energy does not include the contribution from the damping force, and thus should not be conserved.
- **scr/coors.xyz** – the MD trajectory geometry file in the XMol format. The trajectory can be visualized by VMD. Units are Angstroms. This is not created if **MDBinaryOutput** is set to true.
- **scr/vel.log** – contains atomic velocities along the MD trajectory. The format is similar to that of **scr/coors.xyz** except there is a blank line separating each set of velocities. Units are the same as those used by AMBER – Angstroms/(1/20.455) ps. This is not created if **MDBinaryOutput** is set to true.
- **scr/coors.dcd** – the MD trajectory geometry file in binary DCD format. The trajectory can be visualized by VMD. This is only created if **MDBinaryOutput** is set to true.
- **scr/vel.dcd** – contains atomic velocities along the MD trajectory in the binary DCD format. This is only created if **MDBinaryOutput** is set to true.
- **scr/restart.md** – a binary MD restart file containing all information (wavefunction, coordinates, velocities, etc) required to restart an MD job. By default, this information is stored at every 100th MD iteration. A user can change it by specifying **restartmdfreq** parameter in the start file.

- **scr/restart.mdRnd** – a binary file which allows one to exactly restart the random number generator when an MD run is restarted. This ensures that the results of a set of shorter runs concatenated together will exactly follow the results of a single longer run with the same initial random seed. Such agreement is automatic for methods that do not involve any random numbers, but is otherwise not guaranteed (for example in Langevin dynamics). This file is automatically used on restart, i.e. *both* the **restart.md** and **restart.mdRnd** files are needed for restarting MD runs.

PCM:

- **scr/ratom.txt** – a text file listing the actual radii used for each PCM cavity sphere around each atom, i.e. the values reflects the cavity radii scaling factor. Each row stands for one atom, and has the same order as the input geometry file.
- **scr/sas.xyz** – a .xyz file containing all the PCM grid points. The element name in the first column is not meaningful and is only filled in to allow visualization with any program that can display molecular structures in XMol format. Only created if **print_ms** is set to true.

ESP/RESP:

- **scr/esp.xyz** – The ESP grid points in Å, together with the ESP on that point. Each row stands for one grid point.

Column 1: The element type of the atom that the grid point originates from.

Column 2-4: coordinates of the grid point

Column 5: Electrostatic potential (ESP) on that grid point.

Column 6: The index of the atom that the grid point originates from. Order of the index is the same as the molecule in the input deck.

When we use software to visualize this xyz file, only data in the first 4 columns is read by the software, though sometimes the 5th column can also be recognized and presents in labels (Molden).

4 More details on some TeraChem capabilities

4.1 Wavefunction projection

Sometimes, especially when transition metals or diffuse basis functions are present in a system, the SCF procedure does not converge due to an insufficiently accurate initial guess. In such cases, it often helps to converge the wavefunction using a smaller basis set (mini, sto-3g, etc) with no diffuse functions, then project the solution onto the desired basis set and start another SCF procedure using the projected wavefunction as initial guess. Below is an example of such a **project** job. Here, the calculations are performed in a smaller (sto-3g) basis set, and the converged wavefunction is projected onto the 6-31g** basis set.

```

----- start.sto.prjct -----
run                project
basis              sto-3g
projectbasis       6-31g**
charge             0
coordinates        water.xyz
end

```

The projected wavefunction is stored in **scr/prjct** file and can be used as an initial guess for a subsequent calculation in the larger basis set. For example, the above calculation can be followed with:

```

----- start.631ss -----
run                energy
guess              scr/prjct
basis              6-31g**
charge             0
coordinates        water.xyz
end

```

which will use the projected wavefunction as an initial guess.

4.2 Frequencies and Thermochemical Corrections

TeraChem can calculate the Hessian, i.e. force constant, matrix using finite differences of analytic gradients. This provides the vibrational frequencies for a molecule. Simply use **run frequencies** to do this. The output will contain thermochemical analysis at the desired temperature (by default this is 300K, but that can be changed with the T0 keyword). If the frequencies calculation is interrupted, it can be restarted from the checkpoint information stored in **scr/Hessian.restart**. This restart will be automatic – if you ask for a frequency calculation, TeraChem will check for the existence of a **scr/Hessian.restart** file. If it is found, and the file corresponds to the same number and types of atoms, then TeraChem will carry on from where it left off. The final Hessian matrix is stored in the file **scr/Hessian.bin**. If this file exists when a frequency calculation is requested, TeraChem will simply read the Hessian matrix from the file and carry out normal mode analysis. This is an easy way to repeat the thermochemical analysis at a different temperature.

4.3 MD with spherical boundary conditions

In an MD simulation, it is possible to impose spherical boundary conditions to prevent “evaporation” events or constrain a system to a given density. The spherical boundary conditions are provided in the form of a sum of two harmonic terms,

$$U_{constr}(r) = k_1 ((r - R_{center}) - R_1)^2 + k_2 ((r - R_{center}) - R_2)^2 ,$$

where R_{center} is the center of mass of the system calculated for the first MD frame and then fixed. By default, k_1 is set to 10.0 kcal/(mol Å²) and k_2 is set to zero. The simplest way to impose spherical boundary conditions is to set

```
mdbc          spherical
md_density    1.0
```

in the start file. `md_density` specifies the density of the system in g/mL used to automatically adjust R_1 . If `md_density` is not provided, R_1 needs to be set explicitly using the `md_r1` keyword. Note that constraining forces are not applied to hydrogen atoms by default (but this behavior can be changed with the `mdbc_hydrogen` keyword).

4.4 Nanoreactor

A key part of the *ab initio* nanoreactor³ is the use of TeraChem for fast molecular dynamics. Nanoreactor dynamics simulations involve the use of spherical boundary conditions as described above, but also the use of a virtual piston to accelerate reactions. This “piston” is accomplished through the use of time-dependent spherical boundary conditions. In TeraChem, this is possible by using the `mdbc_t1` and `mdbc_t2` input parameters which specify the number of time steps that the first and second set of spherical boundary conditions should be active, respectively. For example:

```

1  coordinates nanoreactor.xyz
2  basis       3-21g
3  tinit       1200
4  dispersion  no
5  thermostat  langevin
6  t0          1500
7  lnvttime    200
8  convthre    0.005
9  levelshift  yes
10 levelshiftvala 0.3
11 levelshiftvalb 0.1
12
13 run         md
14 method      uhf
15 scf         diis+a
16
17 timings     yes
18 nstep       30000
19 maxit       300
20
21 mdbc          spherical
22 md_r1         6.0
23 md_k1         3.0
24 md_r2         4.0
25 md_k2         5.0
26 mdbc_hydrogen yes
27 mdbc_mass_scaled yes

```

³L.-P. Wang, A. Titov, R. McGibbon, F. Liu, V. S. Pande and T. J. Martinez, Nature Chem. **6** 1044 (2014)

```

28 | mdbc_t1          750
29 | mdbc_t2          250
30 | end

```

The initial temperature is set on line 3 to 1200K. A Langevin thermostat (line 5) is used to keep the temperature at 1500K (line 6). The thermostat response time is set in line 7. In order to promote convergence to UHF solutions, a level shift is used with different values for the alpha and beta electrons (lines 9-11). Spherical boundary conditions are employed (line 21), with two different sizes (lines 22-23 for the larger sphere and lines 24-25 for the smaller sphere). The larger sphere boundary conditions are operative for the first 750 time steps (line 28) and then the sphere is compressed for the next 250 time steps (line 29). Then the larger sphere will again be used for the next 750 time steps, followed by the smaller sphere for the next 250 time steps, and so on. Note that the spherical boundary conditions are applied to hydrogen atoms (line 26). Note also that the boundary conditions are applied in a mass-scaled fashion (line 27), which avoids stripping of hydrogen atoms when the sphere is compressed (see the original article for details). Some experimentation will be needed to determine appropriate values for the spherical boundary parameters: `md_r1`, `md_k1`, `md_r2`, and `md_k2`. Analysis of nanoreactor dynamics and refinement of minimal energy pathways associated with discovered reactions is part of a separate package which is not yet distributed with TeraChem (but ultimately will be made available).

4.5 QM/MM Functionality

Limited QM/MM functionality is available in this release. Only water molecules are available for MM treatment and they will be modeled using the TIP3P force field. One signals that a QM/MM calculation is desired by including the `qmmm` keyword in `inputfile`. The keyword specifies the location of a file with coordinates for the desired MM water molecules. Note that the coordinates of the MM waters are *not* in the `coordinates` file. The water molecule positions must appear in a specific order – grouped by water molecule and in the order O,H,H. We provide an example for one QM water molecule surrounded by one MM water molecule.

inputfile:

```

basis          6-31g
qmmm           mmwater.xyz
coordinates    qmwater.xyz
run            minimize
end

```

qmwater.xyz:

```

3

O          6.144353      -0.788526      -6.483525
H          6.378922      -1.564817      -5.989856
H          6.475062      -0.043630      -5.995619

```

mmwater.xyz:

```

3

O          6.450776          0.962914      -3.536427

```

H	6.338156	1.514355	-2.771897
H	6.519847	1.524502	-4.303300

It is also possible to use TeraChem with Amber 12 for more involved QM/MM calculations, e.g. where the MM region includes protein residues. See the Amber 12 manual⁴ for details.

4.6 Overriding Atomic Masses

The atomic masses for elements in TeraChem are set according to standard values for the most abundant isotope. These can be changed if desired, which will affect frequency and/or molecular dynamics calculations. In order to override the default values, one uses the `$masses` keyword in the input file. An example is:

```

1      basis 6-31g
2      method b3lyp
3      coordinates caffeine.xyz
4      run md
5      end
6      $masses
7      C 13.0
8      15 H 2.0
9      $end

```

In this example, the first line `C 13.0` sets the masses for all C atoms to 13.0 amu. The second line `15 H 2.0` sets the mass for the 15th atom (counting from 1) to 2.0 and asserts that this atom is expected to be a hydrogen. If the 15th atom is not H, the code will assume that a counting error has been made and will abort.

4.7 Initial Condition Generation

TeraChem automates the construction of initial conditions for dynamics sampling from either Wigner or Husimi distributions (in the harmonic approximation). The `initcond` run mode initiates a calculation of the gradient at the chosen geometry. If the gradient is close to zero, the geometry is deemed a stationary point and TeraChem will compute the Hessian matrix. The geometry is shifted such that the center of mass is at the origin – the new geometry (and the masses used for the atoms) is written to `Geometry.initcond.dat` in the scratch directory. Translation and rotation are removed from the Hessian and the resulting frequencies and normal mode vectors are written to `Frequencies.initcond.dat` in the scratch directory. The central geometry used for the initial conditions (after translation so the center of mass is at the origin) is written to the file `CentralGeometry.initcond.xyz`. The positions and velocities for the chosen initial condition are written to the files `Geometry.initcond.xyz` and `Velocities.initcond.xyz`. These files are in a suitable format for reading with a subsequent dynamics run by using

```

coordinates Geometry.initcond.xyz
velocities Velocities.initcond.xyz

```

in the TeraChem input file. Finally, TeraChem writes the file `Hessian.bin` to the scratch directory – if this file is present in the scratch directory, TeraChem will use it instead of recomputing the Hessian matrix when generating initial conditions.

This mode can also be used for transition state sampling dynamics runs. In this case, special treatment of the imaginary frequency mode is required. This is controlled by the `initcondtssign` parameter. If

⁴<http://ambermd.org>

`initcondtssign=0`, the chosen initial conditions will not be displaced along the imaginary mode at all and will have zero velocity along the imaginary mode. Otherwise, the position and velocity along the imaginary mode are chosen by sampling from the Wigner/Husimi distribution corresponding to a harmonic oscillator with the a frequency of the same magnitude as the imaginary mode, but purely real. The sign of `initcondtssign` ensures that all sampled initial conditions are on the same side of the transition state and with velocity that points away from the transition state. Which value of the sign corresponds to motion towards reactants and which corresponds to motion towards products can only be discerned by some test calculations (following the molecule away from the transition state long enough to determine if it is going towards reactants or products).

4.8 Ab Initio Molecular Dynamics Integrators

By default, molecular dynamics is carried out in the microcanonical (NVE) ensemble. In this case, the total energy should be conserved when a sufficiently small timestep is used (values of 0.5fs are normal for molecular systems). When computing dynamical properties, the NVE ensemble is the most appropriate (and some would argue this is the **ONLY** choice). However, if one is not concerned with dynamical properties but rather with sampling, it may be appropriate to carry out simulations in an alternative ensemble such as the canonical (NVT) one. Example uses for NVT dynamics include 1) equilibration, where initial conditions for NVE runs are obtained by using NVT dynamics and 2) calculation of free energy surfaces using umbrella sampling or related techniques. Several thermostats are available in **TeraChem**, and we provide details here. In this section, we are only discussing integrators for Newton's equations of motion for the nuclei. See (some other section) for information about the propagation of the electronic wavefunction along different molecular geometries in a trajectory.

4.8.1 Velocity Rescaling

This is the default integrator for molecular dynamics in TeraChem (`thermostat=rescale`). In this case, Hamilton's equations are solved (i.e. one is in the NVE ensemble):

$$\frac{dp_i}{dt} = -\frac{\partial V(q)}{\partial q_i}$$
$$\frac{dq_i}{dt} = p_i/m$$

where $V(q)$ in TeraChem is normally taken from an *ab initio* calculation (although this could also be QM/MM). However (at variance with the usual NVE ensemble), the velocities are periodically rescaled to give a kinetic energy corresponding to the desired temperature:

$$K_{actual} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i m_i \vec{v}_i \cdot \vec{v}_i$$
$$K_{desired} = \frac{1}{2} N_{DOF} k_b T$$
$$\alpha = \sqrt{\frac{K_{desired}}{K_{actual}}}$$
$$v_i^{rescaled} = \alpha v_i$$

where k_b is Boltzmann's constant, T is the desired temperature according to the T0 parameter in the input file, and N_{DOF} is the number of degrees of freedom in the system (presently calculated as $3 * N_{atom}$ minus the

number of constraints such as rigid bonds). The parameter **rescalefreq** controls the frequency of velocity rescaling. Velocity rescaling does not exactly reproduce the canonical ensemble and this has been shown to lead to some pathological behaviors for very long time simulations.⁵ It is therefore not recommended in general. One usually runs NVE dynamics by simply setting **rescalefreq** to a time which is much longer than the simulation time desired.

4.8.2 Langevin Dynamics

There are two implementations of Langevin dynamics in TeraChem.

4.8.3 Bussi-Parrinello Stochastic Velocity Rescaling

This is the recommended thermostat for NVT simulations.

4.9 Integration with NBO6

This release of TeraChem is interfaced with the NBO6 package of Weinhold and coworkers.⁶ NBO deletions are not currently supported, nor are analyses which require the matrix elements of the dipole operator. However, many of the usual natural bond orbital (NBO) and natural population analyses (NPA) are supported. Setting the **nbo** keyword in the **startfile** to **npa** or **full** will give natural population analysis or full NBO/NPA analysis. You may also use advanced keywords (documented in the NBO manual) if desired. In this case, the **nbo** keyword should be set to **advanced** and the **startfile** should contain a **\$nbo** group as documented in the NBO manual. An example of this usage of advanced keywords for CH₃NH₂ is provided in **TeraChem/tests/nbo**. Note that the **NBOEXE** environment variable needs to point to the NBO6 executable file in order for successful integration with TeraChem. This is currently set in the **SetTCVars.sh** script. The NBO6 executable is included with the TeraChem distribution and resides in the TeraChem directory.

4.10 Ghost Atoms

Sometimes it is desirable to do calculations including the basis functions of an atom (or atoms) without including the nucleus or electrons corresponding to the atom. This is most often used to calculate basis set superposition error (BSSE). For example, the Boys-Bernardi counterpoise correction⁷ for the interaction energy of fragments A and B is:

$$E_{AB}^{counterpoise} = E_{AB}(H_{AB}, R_A, R_B; A \cup B) - E_A(H_A, R_A; A \cup B) - E_B(H_B, R_B; A \cup B),$$

where the first arguments in the parentheses are the Hamiltonian and coordinates it depends on and the second arguments (after the semicolon) are the basis sets used. Thus, in the second term on the right, the calculation has the atoms of A (and the corresponding basis functions), but also includes the basis functions for fragment B (but *not* the electrons or nuclei corresponding to the atoms of B). In TeraChem, one can include ghost atoms (atoms which contribute basis functions to the calculation, but *not* electrons or nuclear charges) by prefacing the element name with the letter X. For example, the following is a coordinates (XYZ) file used in calculating the counterpoise-corrected interaction energy for water dimer:

⁵S. C. Harvey, R. K.-Z. Tan, and T. E. Cheatham III, J. Comp. Chem. **19** 726 (1998)

⁶<http://www.chem.wisc.edu/~nbo6>

⁷S. F. Boys and F. Bernardi, Mol. Phys. **19** 552-566 (1970)

waterdimer.xyz				
6				
O	-0.029481	-0.086991	-0.533710	
H	-0.660044	-0.772698	-0.712077	
H	0.086741	0.049151	0.406478	
XO	0.306708	0.307377	2.262155	
XH	1.109626	0.019913	2.679671	
XH	-0.049150	1.088298	2.668550	

The last three atoms will be “ghost” or “dummy” atoms, i.e. the system has only 10 electrons, one oxygen atom nucleus and two hydrogen atom nuclei, but basis functions will be used on all six listed atoms (according to the basis set listed in the `start` file).

4.11 Geometry Optimization and Transition State Search - DL-Find

The `instdir/tests/sp` directory contains a simple configuration file (`start.opt`) used for geometry optimization of a spiropyran molecule:

```
start.opt
# basis set
basis      6-31g
# coordinates file
coordinates sp.xyz
# molecule charge
charge     0
# SCF method (rhf/blyp/b3lyp/etc...): RHF
method     rhf
# type of the job (energy/gradient/md/minimize/ts): geometry
# optimization
run        minimize
timings    yes
end
```

The optimization is triggered by the ‘`minimize`’ keyword. Note that the `sp.xyz` file in fact contains two sets of coordinates (frames) one by one. In geometry optimization jobs, only the first frame is taken into account while the others (if any) are ignored. The second frame, however, is required by transition state search jobs and represents the second NEB endpoint in NEB calculations. The TS search is triggered by the ‘`ts`’ keyword, i.e. file (`start.ts`)

```
start.ts
# basis set
basis          6-31g
# coordinates file
coordinates     sp.xyz
# molecule charge
charge          0
# SCF method (rhf/blyp/b3lyp/etc...): RHF
method         rhf
# type of the job (energy/gradient/md/minimize/ts): TS search
run            ts
nstep          200
timings        yes
end
```

Spring constants for the NEB path can be set with `min_nebk`. If not set in the input file, `min_nebk` defaults to a value of 0.01.

Variable spring constants can be used in NEB in order to improve resolution of the path near the barrier. To use this feature, set `max_nebk` and `min_nebk` where `max_nebk` is the highest spring constant applied around the highest energy image and `min_nebk` is the lowest. If `max_nebk` \leq `min_nebk`, the standard approach is employed.

If a `steering` file is present or the steering keyword with custom filename is used in the input file, force-modified nudged elastic band (FMNEB) will be run. The FMNEB currently only supports 2 attachment points/pulling points as defined earlier in the *ab initio* steered molecular dynamics section.

`$constraints ... $end` group in the configuration file allows one to impose geometrical constraints during optimization (frozen atoms, fixed bond lengths, angles, and dihedrals). `instdir/tests/constraints` directory contains two example start files for constrained geometry optimization jobs.

Constrained geometry optimization can be performed in any type of coordinates with two exceptions: 1) if DLC coordinates are used for optimization (the default), no atoms may be frozen and 2) if Cartesian coordinates are used for optimization (`min_coordinates cartesian`), only frozen atom constraints are allowed. Below is an example of a job configuration start file. Note that all constraints should be listed in separate lines, and enumeration of atoms begins from 1. Constrained coordinates will be constrained to the value they have in the starting geometry.

----- start.b-a-d -----

```
# basis set
basis          6-31g
# coordinates file
coordinates    C10H22.inp
# molecular charge
charge         0
# optimize geometry
run            minimize
end

$constraints
# bond connecting atoms 32 and 29
bond           32      29
# 32-29-26 angle
angle          32      29      26
# 32-29-26-27 dihedral
dihedral       32      29      26      27
$end
```

Finally, it is straightforward to freeze all hydrogen or non-hydrogen atoms by **atom hydrogens** or **atom heavy**, respectively. These last two options as well as the above format are only valid when using DL-FIND (i.e., **new_minimizer=no**).

4.12 Geometry Optimization - geomeTRIC

Early versions of TeraChem used the DL-FIND program for geometry optimization and minimum energy path searches. Starting in TeraChem 1.93P, a new optimizer is available which was developed specifically for TeraChem.⁸ To access this optimizer, set **new_minimizer** to **yes** in the input file. Constraints are handled differently with the new minimizer. Specifically, you may choose to freeze certain degrees of freedom to their initial values by specifying these in the **\$constraint_freeze** section:

----- start.min -----

```
basis          6-31g
coordinates    C10H22.inp
charge         0
run            minimize
new_minimizer  yes
end
$constraint_freeze
bond 5_6       # Freeze the bond between atoms 5 and 6 (atoms are
               # numbered starting from 1)
bond 5_6,7_8   # Freeze bond lengths for atoms 5/6 and 7/8
angle 1_2_3    # Freeze bond angle between atoms 1-2-3
dihedral 1_2_3_4 # Freeze dihedral for atoms 1-2-3-4
xyz 5          # Freeze xyz coordinates of atom 5
xy 5-11,13,35  # Freeze xy coordinates of atoms 5-11, 13 and 35
$end
```

⁸L.-P. Wang and C. Song, J. Chem. Phys. **144** 214108 (2016).

You may also choose to set certain degrees of freedom to specific values (as above, but the initial values could be different from the desired constrained value):

```

start.min
basis          6-31g
coordinates    C10H22.inp
charge         0
run            minimize
new_minimizer  yes
end
$constraint_set
bond 1.5 5_6      # Set bond length b/t atoms 5 and 6 to 1.5 Angstrom
angle 30 1_2_3    # Set 1-2-3 bond angle to 30 degrees
angle 45 2_3_4,5_6_7 # Set 2-3-4 and 5-6-7 bond angles to 45 degrees
$end

```

Finally, you may direct the code to scan a particular set of variables, optimizing all other degrees of freedom for each set of scanned variables:

```

start.scan
basis          6-31g
coordinates    C10H22.inp
charge         0
run            minimize
new_minimizer  yes
end
$constraint_scan
bond 1.3 1.5 3 1_2 # Scan bond length b/t atoms 1 and 2 from 1.3A
                  # to 1.5A, with 3 equally space data points
$end

```

When using `geomeTRIC` (i.e., `new_minimizer=yes`), the name of the `$constraints ... $end` group is replaced by `$constraint_freeze ... $end` and the two additional groups `$constraint_set ... $end` and `$constraint_scan ... $end` become available. The format of these three groups is almost the same as shown in the above example (differences explained below). However, `atom` is replaced by `trans`. The keyword `trans` can be followed directly by arbitrary combinations of the letters `x`, `y` and `z`, which indicates that the specified constraint is only valid in the declared direction(s). The group `$constraint_set ... $end` can be used to set an internal degree of freedom to a certain value. This value has to be specified in front of the atom indices, i.e., behind the type of the constraint. For example `angle 12.5 1 2 3` would fix the angle formed by the first three atoms to 12.5 degrees. The group `$constraint_scan ... $end` can be used to scan an internal degree of freedom from a certain value to another value. These values have to be specified in front of the atom indices, i.e., behind the type of the constraint. For example `angle 5.0 12.5 0.5 1 2 3` would scan the angle formed by the first three atoms from 5.0 to 12.5 degrees in steps of 0.5 degrees.

4.13 Polarizable Continuum Model

4.13.1 Ground State PCM

TeraChem has the Polarizable Continuum Model (PCM) efficiently implemented on GPUs,⁹ and the overall runtime for a PCM calculation is accelerated by more than 10X compared to CPU programs. All the imple-

⁹ Liu, F.; Luehr, N; Kulik J. K.; Martinez, T. J., *J. Chem. Theo. Comp.* **2015**, *11*, 3131-3144

mented PCM variants belong to the conductor-like solvation model (COSMO), including the C-PCM¹⁰ (also known as G-COSMO¹¹) with smooth first order energy derivatives (ISWIG¹²/SWIG¹³ cavity discretization), and the original COSMO by Klamt with a polyhedron grid.¹⁴

To enable PCM for ground state HF/DFT calculations, the minimal input parameters to specified are `pcm` and `epsilon`, as shown in the following example:

```

1  basis      6-31g
2  method     rhf
3  charge      0
4  spinmult    1
5  maxit      100
6  gpus        1
7  # run type can also be gradient/minimize/md
8  run         energy
9  coordinates c2h4.xyz
10 #here starts the pcm parameters
11 pcm         cosmo
12 epsilon     78.39
13 end

```

Here `pcm cosmo` turns on PCM calculation, and `epsilon` specifies the solvent dielectric. Other PCM related parameters take their default value, so this calculation will be a C-PCM ISWIG calculation with Lebedev Grid points at discretization level 17 (110 points/atom). To customize the PCM calculation, there are mainly 4 groups of parameters to specify:

1. PCM Cavity Definition:

- If `pcm_grid=lebedev/ISWIG/SWIG`:
`pcm_grid`, `pcmgrid_h`, `pcmgrid_heavy`, `pcm_radii`, `pcm_rad_scale`, `solvent_radius`, `pcm_radii_file`
- If `pcm_grid=polyhedron`:
`nspa`, `nppa`, `pcm_radii`, `pcm_rad_scale`, `solvent_radius`, `pcm_radii_file`, `cosmodsc`
- If `pcm_grid=sphere`:
`pcm_global_radius`, `pcmgrid_heavy`

2. PCM related one-electron integrals: `pcm_pair_driven`, `pcm_threoe`

3. Conjugate Gradient solver: `pcm_matrix`, `dynamiccg`, `cgtoltight`, `cgtolscale`, `dynamiccgtol`, `cgprecond`, `cgblocksize`

Details about these parameters are listed on page 57.

Among the parameters above, `pcm_grid` is the most important as it specifies the type of COSMO variant to use.

- `pcm_grid=iswig/swig` is always recommended for general-purpose PCM calculations, as these have smooth analytical first order energy derivatives which match perfectly with the corresponding numerical gradients.

¹⁰ Barone, V.; Cossi, M., *J. Phys. Chem. A* **1998**, *102*, 1995-2001

¹¹ Truong, T. N.; Stefanovich, E. V., *Chem. Phys. Lett.* **1995**, 240,253-260.

¹² Lange, A. W.; Herbert, J. M., *J. Chem. Phys.* **2010**, *133*, 244111.

¹³ York, D. M.; Karplus, M., *J. Phys. Chem. A* **1999**, *103*,11060-11079.

¹⁴ Klamt, A.; Schuurmann, G.,*J. Chem. Soc. Perkins. Trans. 2* **1993**, 799-805.

- **sphere** uses a single spherical cavity to enclose the whole system, though the polarization charges are still presented as spherical gaussians as in ISWIG/SWIG models. This is different from the Onsager model for two reasons: 1) the spherical cavity surface is discretized and 2) the treatment includes solute contributions to the reaction field beyond the dipole term. The center of the spherical Cavity does not move with the COM of the solute molecule during MD simulations. This model can be activated only when spherical boundary condition is turned on (`mdbc=1`).
- **polyhedron** should not be used for production simulations as its gradients are not smooth. Visualization of its cavity, however, can give the users a good sense of why this type of grid results in non-smooth gradients and why ISWIG/SWIG should be used instead.
- **lebedev** uses Lebedev grids for building the cavity as ISWIG/SWIG, but does not have switching functions or spherical gaussians to present the polarization charges. It should not be used for production simulations, either. It give the users a sense of why ISWIG/SWIG should be used.

It is very helpful to visualize the PCM cavity. This can be easily done by generating the grid point coordinate file with `print_ms=1`. Please refer to page 26 for details.

4.14 ESP/RESP Charge

The Restrained Electrostatic Potential (RESP) method¹⁵ is a widely used atomic charge derivation method in developing force field (AMBER). In TeraChem this method is efficiently implemented on GPU and the derived charges can be easily visualized with VMD.

To enable RESP charge derivation for ground state HF/DFT calculations, the minimal input parameters to specified is `resp`, as shown in the following example:

```

1  basis      6-31g
2  method     rhf
3  charge      0
4  spinmult    1
5  maxit      100
6  gpus        1
7  # run type can also be gradient/minimize/md
8  run         energy
9  coordinates  mymol.xyz
10 #here starts the resp parameters
11 resp yes
12 end

```

Here `resp yes` turns on RESP calculation. Other RESP related parameters take their default value, so this calculation will be a RESP calculation with grid points located on 4 layers of Connolly surface, whose radii are $\{1.2, 1.4, 1.6, 1.8\} \times \text{vdw_radii}$, and the density of the grid points on the Connolly Surface is $1.0 \text{ point}/\text{\AA}^2$. When deriving the atomic charges, the quadratic restraint $a \sum^k ((q_k^2 + b^2)^{1/2} - b)$ is used, where **a** Controls the strength of restraint and takes the default value 0.0005 a.u. , and **b** controls the tightness near the bottom of the restraint and takes the default value of $0.1e^-$. Users can customize the above parameters with the keywords listed in page 60

It is very helpful to visualize the RESP charge cavity. This can be easily done by visualizing the RESP generated file `scr/esp.xyz` together with the input molecule `mymol.xyz` with VMD, using representation

¹⁵ Bayly, C.; Cieplak, P.; Cornell, W.; Kollman, P., *J. Phys. Chem.* **1993**, *97*, 10269-10280

"point" for `esp.xyz`, and other types of representation, say "CPK", "licorice" etc, for `mymol.xyz`. Please refer to page 26 for details of the format of `resp.xyz`

5 Trajectory visualization

To create a simple MD trajectory, you can use the example in `instdir/tests/caffeine`. The configuration file `start.md` is:

```
start.md
# basis set
basis                6-31g
# coordinates file
coordinates          caffeine.xyz
# molecule charge
charge              0
# SCF method (rhf/blyp/b3lyp/etc...): DFT-BLYP
method              blyp
# type of the job (energy/gradient/md/minimize/ts): MD
run                 md
# number of MD steps
nstep                10
# dump orbitals every MD step
orbitalswrtfrq      1
end
```

The only difference between this file and the file used for the single point calculations are the `nstep` and `orbitalswrtfrq` parameters, which are now set to 10 and 1, respectively. The keyword `orbitalswrtfrq` ensures that the molecular orbitals will be written at every MD step (out of 10, total).

The TeraChem output coordinates file format is compatible with VMD.¹⁶ To open the trajectory file, go to VMD → File → New Molecule. Browse to the output `coors.xyz` file and make sure that the file type is correctly determined. Otherwise, select XYZ in the [Determine file type] menu. After the trajectory is loaded, you can adjust the representation settings so that the final molecule looks as shown in Figure 1.

The molecular orbitals can be visualized with VMD in similar fashion. Again, go to VMD → File → New Molecule. Browse to the output `caffeine.molden.1` file and make sure that the determined file type is Molden. Otherwise, select Molden in the [Determine file type] menu. To display both positive and negative isosurfaces you will need to create two representations for each orbital (one for the positive isosurface and one for the negative isosurface). After adjusting the atomic representation, create a new one and select "orbital" in the [Drawing Method] menu. All MO's will be listed in the [Orbital] dropdown along with the orbital energy. The [Isovalue] scroll bar controls the isosurface value (in a.u.). It is also possible to visualize the geometry and orbitals in the `caffeine.molden.n` files using the MolDen program.¹⁷

¹⁶<http://www.ks.uiuc.edu/Research/vmd>

¹⁷<http://www.cmbi.ru.nl/molten>

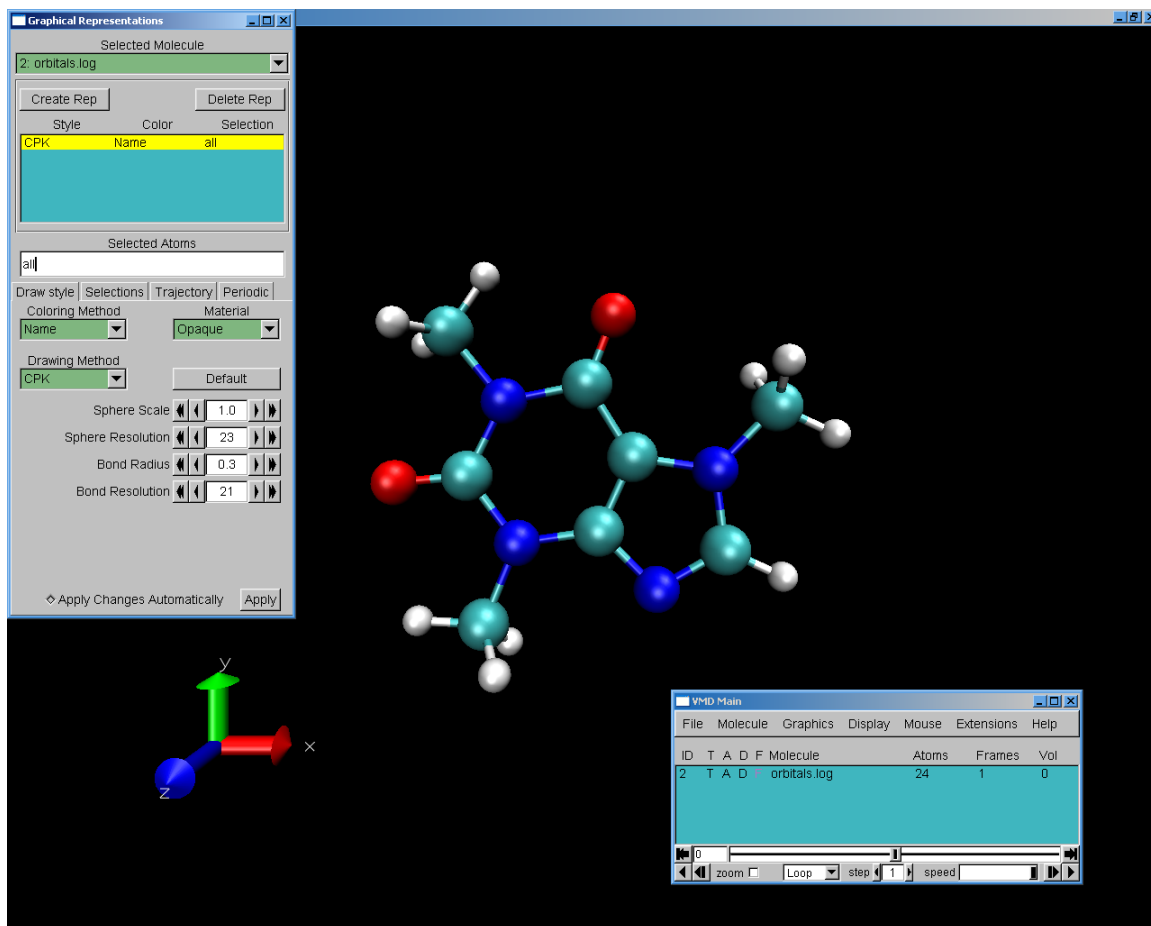


Figure 1: Caffeine molecule geometry output (`coors.xyz`) in VMD.

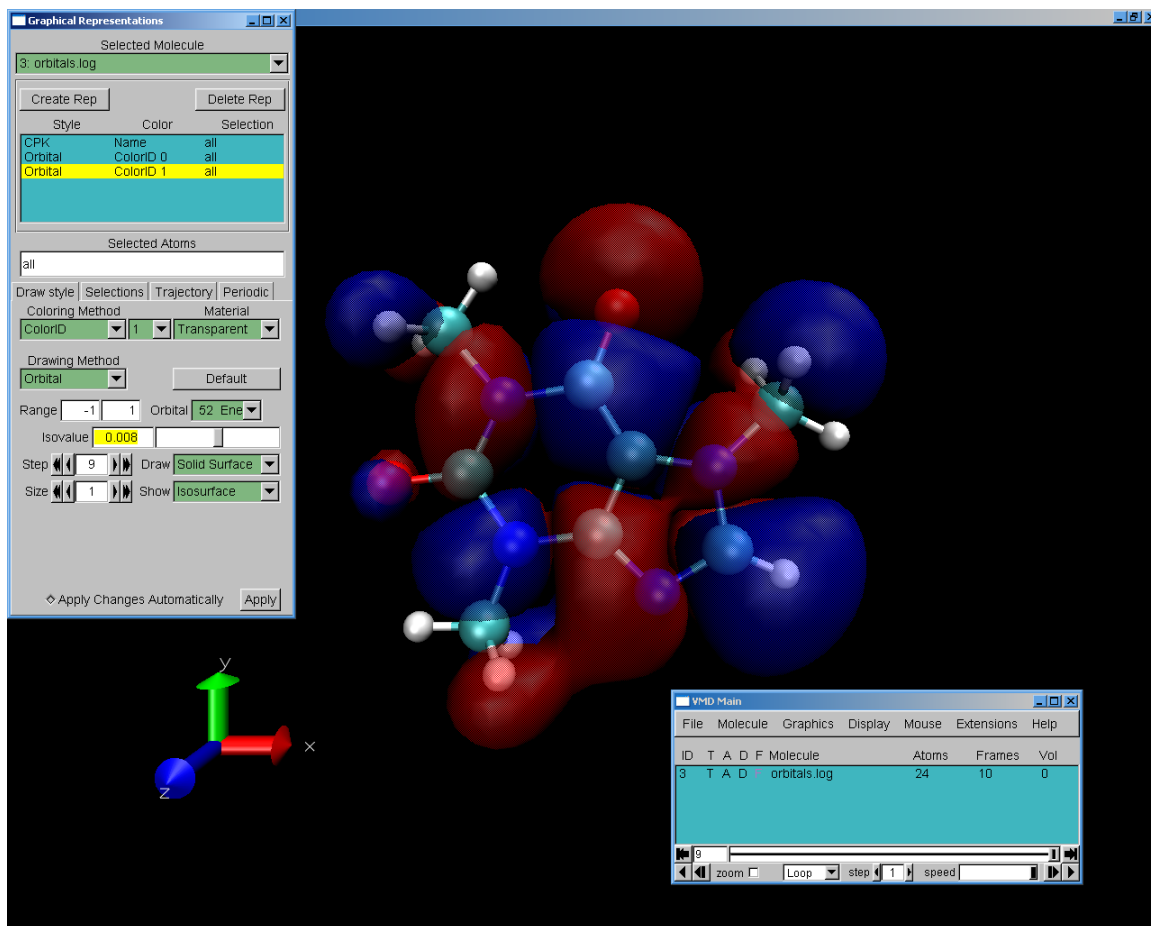


Figure 2: Caffeine molecule orbitals output (`orbitals.log`) in VMD.

6 Interactive calculations

Interactive calculations are especially suitable for remote jobs when TeraChem is running on a remote machine (cluster) and the trajectory visualization is performed on a local desktop. TeraChem can visualize the geometry optimization, TS search, and molecular dynamics trajectories in real time, i.e. interactively as the calculations run. These interactive molecular dynamics (IMD) runs are practical for molecules with up to approximately 50 atoms using a hardware solution with eight GPUs.¹⁸ Future versions will also allow for user manipulation of the molecule, i.e. imposing external forces on atoms. In the `instdir/tests/benzene` directory, you will find the files needed to try IMD for benzene. The configuration file `start.imd` reads:

```
start.imd
# basis set
basis          sto-3g
# coordinates file
coordinates     C6H6.pdb
# molecule charge
charge          0
# SCF method (rhf/blyp/b3lyp/etc...): Restricted Hartree-Fock
method          rhf
# type of the job (energy/gradient/md/minimize/ts): MD
run             md
# initial temperature in K
tinit           1000
# this triggers interactive molecular dynamics
# imdport specifies the port VMD should connect to
imdport         54321
# Amount of time in milliseconds which VMD assumes each MD
# step will take. If an MD step is completed faster than this,
# TeraChem will wait to provide the new coordinates. This is
# in order to ensure smooth display, even when the SCF takes
# a variable amount of time to complete.
imdtime         100
# number of MD steps
nstep           1000
end
```

Open two terminal windows. In the first window, launch VMD and load in the coordinates of the benzene molecule from `C6H6.pdb`. In the second terminal window, launch TeraChem, which will initialize the simulation and pause for connection to be made with VMD. Now, in VMD, select `Extensions → Simulation → IMD Connect (NAMD)`. Type `localhost` (or the IP address of the remote machine on which TeraChem is currently running) in the `Hostname` field and `54321` (the port specified by the `imdport` keyword in the TeraChem input file) in the `Port` field. Click the `Connect` radio button and you should see TeraChem executing in its window while the benzene molecule vibrates in the VMD display window.

¹⁸Luehr, N.; Jin, A. G. B.; Martínez, T. J., *J. Chem. Theo. Comp.* **2015**, *11*, 4536-4544.

7 Single Point Engine Mode through MPI Interface

When executed with command line option `--UseMPI=3`, TeraChem enters single point engine mode which can be used to perform single point energy or gradient calculations. MPI interface is used to establish server/client communications through paired `MPI_Comm_accept`/`MPI_Comm_connect` calls. The client should use the `MPI_Comm_connect()` method after the server process is started. Lookup service name specified by `--MPIPort` parameter to connect to the correct port. Once connected TeraChem expect to receive the initial set of settings in the form of a text buffer, identical with the format of TeraChem input file. For consistency with other MPI interfaces, each keyword and value in the input file must be padded to length of 128 characters, and the file must be terminated with the line **end**, with all lowercase and no indentation. Once the settings are processed, TeraChem will enter standby mode and respond to requests which can be any one of the three following options.

All requests starts with an array of 8 C integers and the tag identifies the type of the request.

- **Request single point calculation (tag=1)** The 8 integers in the transmitted array contains the following information:

1. Number of atoms
2. Molecular charge
3. Spin multiplicity
4. The wavefunction is closed shell if non-zero
5. The wavefunction is restricted if non-zero
6. Gradient will be calculated and reported if non-zero. Otherwise, only energy will be calculated.
7. Meyer bond order matrix will be calculated and reported if non-zero.
8. MO coefficients from the last run will be used as starting guess if set to 0. Guess will be regenerated with the specified method if set to 1. If set to 2, MO coefficients will be transmitted through MPI. If the previous MO coefficients or data received from MPI is inconsistent with the current molecule (for example, different molecules or basis set), TeraChem will fall back to regenerate guess orbitals with a `GenerateGuess()` call.

A character buffer of size $2 \times \text{natoms}$ should then be passed to TeraChem through MPI, which should contain the atom symbols of each atom, each padded to width of 2 characters. A double precision floating point array of size $3 \times \text{natoms}$ which contains the Cartesian coordinates should then be sent.

After all the information is received, TeraChem will perform single point calculation, and send one single double precision number which contains the energy. If the calculation is not successful (SCF did not converge), this message will have a non-zero tag and no other results will be transmitted. Otherwise, the tag should be zero and TeraChem will send the following results in order:

- Atomic charge. Double * natoms
- Spin density. Double * natoms
- Dipole moments. Double * 4, first 3 components contains the vector and the 4th component the norm.
- If gradient calculation is requested, a $3 \times \text{natoms}$ double array which contains gradient vector
- If bond order is requested, a $\text{natoms} \times \text{natoms}$ double matrix which contains the Meyer bond order between each pair of atoms.

- **Changing settings** (`tag=2`) TeraChem expects to receive character buffer which contains the new TeraChem input file, with the same format as the initial settings buffer. Note that no memory of previous settings will be retained, and any keywords that are not mentioned in the new buffer will be set to their default values. This works the same way as performing a standalone TeraChem calculation with the content of this string buffer as the input file. TeraChem does not send any response to this request.
- **Disconnecting** (`tag=0`) The MPI connection will be terminated and the server will shutdown. **NOTE:** After sending the termination signal, the client must also call `MPI_Comm_disconnect()` for the server to finalize MPI and successfully shutdown.

8 TeraChem job parameters

Available job parameters are listed in the following Table. Note the use of the character “|” which should be interpreted as “or”. For example, x|y means that *one* of x or y should be entered.

<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Default value</i>
General parameters		
jobname	Name of job - used for naming output files. If this is not specified, the program will attempt to deduce a reasonable value from the basename of the coordinates file. For example, if the coordinates file is named caffeine.xyz , then jobname will be set to caffeine	See description
scrdir	Scratch directory	./scr
run	Sets calculation type energy – Single point energy project – Wavefunction projection for better initial guess gradient – Energy and gradient minimize – Optimize geometry ts – Transition state search md – Born-Oppenheimer Molecular Dynamics initcond – Generate initial conditions for MD numgradient – Numerical gradients frequencies – Numerical frequencies	energy
gpus	Number of GPUs to use in parallel. Sometimes one needs to change the default order of the devices. For example when device zero is used solely for display purposes. In such cases, the following line specifies which GPUs should be used (the enumeration starts from 0): gpus 3 1 3 2 or gpus 3 to use the default device order 0 1 2	all
coordinates	Name of file containing atomic coordinates	not set
qmmm	Name of file containing MM water coordinates. The presence of this keyword triggers a QM/MM calculation	not set
water	In QM/MM calculation, type of water molecules tip3p spc spc/e tip4p	tip3p
rigidbonds	Rigid O-H bonds for MM water in QM/MM? yes no or true false	true
pointcharges	Add point charges from file? filename no If point charges are to be used, the value of this keyword is the file name of the file containing the point charge locations and charges. Format of file is: q1 x1 y1 z1 q2 x2 y2 z2 ... with charges in atomic units and coordinates in Angstroms	no
basis	All available basis sets are located in the instdir/basis directory. In addition, users can construct customized basis sets. Here are examples of correct entries: sto-3g, 6-31++G**, 6-311++G(3df,3pd), aug-cc-pvdz, mini(s), midi! When the string is parsed, all '*' symbols are replaced by 's' and all parenthesis are replaced by brackets to comply with Unix file naming rules. Thus, 6-31G** and 6-31Gss are equivalent.	not set

projectbasis	In project jobs, the converged wave function is projected onto projectbasis and stored in scr/prjct file (scr/prjcta scr/prjctb in unrestricted methods).	not set
charge	The total charge of the molecule (integer). May instead specify protein to determine protein charge based on protonation states and information in PDB file. charge protein requires use of standard amino acid 3-letter codes.	not set
spinmult	Spin multiplicity, $2S+1$, of wavefunction (integer).	1
method	Restricted, unrestricted, and restricted open shell HF and KS. Restricted wavefunction: rhf svwn bhandhlyp blyp b3lyp b3lyp1 b3lyp5 b3p86 b3pw91 pbe pw91 revpbe pbe0 revpbe0 wpbe wpbeh bop mubop camb3lyp b97 wb97 wb97x b3lyp or b3lyp1 : VWN1 correlation (B3LYP in Gaussian) b3lyp5 : VWN5 correlation (B3LYP in GAMESS) Unrestricted calculations are invoked by adding 'u' prefix, i.e. uhf ublyp ub3lyp , etc. Restricted open shell calculations are invoked by adding 'ro' prefix, i.e. rohlf roblyp rob3lyp , etc.	rhf
rc_w	Range correction scaling parameter ω required by DFT functionals with a fraction of exact long range exchange operator	depends on DFT functional
c_ex	Long range exact exchange operator contribution	depends on DFT functional
dftgrid	Integer value within [0-5] range, inclusive. Larger numbers are denser grids (and hence provide more accurate results). Grid 0 contains ~800 grid points/atom and grid 5 contains ~80,000 points per atom. The default grid (type 1) contains about 3,000 points per atom.	1
dynamicgrid	This parameter enables use of dynamical DFT grids. When it is on, grid 0 is used to converge the wavefunction until the DIIS error reaches the gridthre value (default: 0.01). Grid dftgrid is then used to finally converge the wavefunction. (yes no)	yes
gridthre	Threshold for switching dynamical DFT grids.	0.01
threall	Two-electron integral threshold (float). Two electron integrals less than this threshold are neglected.	10^{-11}
xtol	Basis set linear dependence threshold (float). When diffuse basis functions are used, xtol and convthre may need to be raised up to $\sim 1.0e-3$	$1.0e-4$
dispersion dftd (alias)	Should empirical dispersion corrections be used? yes no d3 d2 D2^a and D3^b are two different dispersion parameterizations developed by S. Grimme and coworkers.	no

^a S. Grimme, J. Comp. Chem. **27**, 1787 (2006).^b S. Grimme, J. Antony, S. Ehrlich and H. Krieg, J. Chem. Phys. **132**, 154104 (2010)

units	Units used for coordinates (angstrom bohr)	angstrom
nbo	NBO analysis (no yes npa full advanced \$nbo) no – no NBO analysis yes npa – Natural population analysis only full – Full NPA/NBO analysis advanced \$nbo – Analysis with \$NBO input TeraChem uses v6.0 of the NBO package. See www.chem.wisc.edu/~nbo6 for documentation.	no
polarizability	Calculate polarizability tensor? (yes no) This only works for restricted wavefunctions.	no
poptype	Population analysis method mulliken vdd vanalsenoy none Output will appear in scr/charge_xxx.xls where xxx=mull vdd vanalsenoy	mulliken
chkfile	Checkfile name. No checkfile created if not specified.	name_of_the_file
print_post_tc	Print wavefunction info to post.tcfchk yes no	no
memcheck	Memory check yes no	yes
epotential	Calculations of the electrostatic potential map? yes no Output in scr/epotential.dx	no
edensity	Calculations of the electronic density map? yes no Output in scr/density.dx	no
bond_order_mat	Print bond order matrix ^a as a matrix in scr/bond_order.mat ?	no
bond_order_list	Print bond order matrix as a list in scr/bond_order.list ?	no
bond_order_thresh	Only bond orders exceeding this threshold will be printed in the list	0.001

Hardware Parameters

safemode	Allow to pre-configure GPUs for basis sets with d-functions. Setting this parameter to 'no' bypasses pre-configuration step but allows to have more GPU memory (e.g. GeForce). Use at your own risk.	yes
reservegpumwords	Number of GPU MWords that TeraChem will never use	0
timebomb	Toggle kernel timer mode off warn on off – Do nothing (timelimit not enforced). warn – Print error message only on – Print error and terminate execution	warn

^a I. Mayer, *J. Comp. Chem.* **2007**, 28, 204-221.

<code>timebombinit</code>	Set initial kernel timelimit. If not set, first SCF iteration runs without limit and its time is used to initialize the limit for subsequent <code>thread_pool</code> calls.	<code>not set</code>
<code>gpumem</code>	GPU memory (in MWords) reserved for host and device buffers. 128MWords=1Gb	128
<code>timings</code>	Provide timings <code>verbose yes no</code>	<code>no</code>
<code>simd</code>	All cards run every K kernel <code>yes no</code>	<code>yes</code>
<code>cudaMemoryflag</code>	Merge cudaMallocs for optimization <code>yes no</code>	<code>no</code>
Numerical Thresholds		
<code>precision</code>	<code>single mixed dynamic double</code> By default, TeraChem uses a dynamic precision scheme where two-electron integrals larger than some threshold value are computed with double precision and the rest are computed with single precision. The threshold which determines the splitting between single precision and double precision evaluation of the integrals is determined automatically during the SCF calculation. The <code>mixed</code> precision scheme uses a static threshold to determine which integrals should be evaluated in double precision (those larger than <code>thresdpd</code> , which can be set in <code>inputfile</code>). Users can also request to use full single or double precision depending on the job purposes. Note that accumulation of all quantities on GPU is <i>always</i> performed with double precision accuracy to avoid floating point summation errors.	<code>dynamic</code>
<code>thresdpd</code>	Threshold used to split single and double precision work in mixed precision calculations (atomic units).	0.001
<code>threcl</code>	Coulomb integral threshold	1.0e-11
<code>pqthre</code>	PQ threshold	1.0e-15
<code>threoe</code>	1-e integral threshold	1.0e-12
<code>thregr</code>	Grad integral threshold	1.0e-11
<code>threex</code>	Exchange integral threshold	1.0e-11
<code>kguard</code>	Kguard	1.0e-3
SCF Guess		
<code>guess</code>	<code>generate path/to/the/WFfile sad hcore sadlp frag</code> <code>generate</code> means the initial WF guess is generated from scratch using maximum orbital overlap; ^a it can also be loaded from the WF file. The WF is dumped in the end of each calculation to the <code>scr/c0</code> file (<code>scr/ca</code> <code>scr/cb</code> in unrestricted methods). To load WF in unrestricted calculations, <code>guess</code> requires two parameters, for example: <code>guess scr/ca scr/cb</code> <code>hcore</code> – Core Hamiltonian guess <code>sad</code> – Superposition of atomic density (SAD) guess <code>sadlp</code> – SAD guess with UHF <code>frag</code> – Guess from densities of converged UHF calculations on fragments See other keywords below for <code>sad</code> and <code>frag</code> guesses	<code>generate</code>

^a J.-M. Langlois et al, J. Phys. Chem. **98**, 13498 (1994).

<code>guess sad path/to/file</code>	Optional file specifies net charge, spin multiplicity, and spin up/down (a b) of atoms, in the order of the coordinate file. If no file is provided, atoms are assumed uncharged, spin up (if necessary) with default ground state spins from NIST (up to $Z = 56$). For H_2 with two uncharged atoms: 0 2 a 0 2 b	No default
<code>guess frag path/to/file</code>	File specifies number of fragments in the first line then: atoms per fragment, net charge, spin multiplicity, and spin up/down (a b), with atoms designated to fragments in the order of the coordinate file. File must be provided . For ethane split into two methyl groups: 2 4 0 2 a 4 0 2 b	No default
<code>sad_spherical</code>	SAD densities are spherically symmetrized. yes no or true false	true
<code>sad_fxn1 frag_fxn1</code>	Densities generated for SAD or fragments from HF or BLYP hf blyp	hf
<code>sad_avgspin frag_avgspin</code>	Average alpha and beta spins of SAD or fragment guess yes no or true false	true
<code>frag_guess</code>	Initial guess to each fragment hcore generate	generate
<code>frag_dblprec</code>	Use double precision in fragment convergence yes no or true false	false
<code>frag_threshscale</code>	Scale the convergence threshold for fragments (float)	1.0
<code>frag_maxit</code>	Maximum number of SCF iterations for fragment calculations (integer)	50
<code>frag_minspin</code>	Disregard the spin multiplicity in the fragment input file, instead minimize multiplicities automatically for each fragment, based on NIST ground state spins. yes no or true false	false

SCF Convergence

<code>purify</code>	Density matrix purification yes no or false true	true
<code>scf</code>	diis – Use Pulay's DIIS ^a for SCF convergence diis+a – Hybrid DIIS/A-DIIS ^b scheme	diis
<code>diismaxvecs</code>	Maximum number of DIIS vectors for diis+a	10
<code>fock</code>	incremental – Force incremental Fock matrix formation conventional – Force conventional Fock matrix formation auto – Use conventional algorithm if diffuse basis functions are detected or incremental otherwise	auto

^a P. Pulay, J. Comp. Chem. **3**, 556 (1982).

^b X. Hu and W. Yang, J. Chem. Phys. **132**, 054109 (2010).

maxit	Maximum number of SCF iterations (integer).	100
convthre	WF convergence threshold (float), the largest component of the DIIS error vector.	3.0e-5
levelshift	Use level shifting? (yes no)	no
levelshiftvala	If levelshift=yes , the shift value (in hartree) for the virtual orbitals.	No default
levelshiftvalb	If levelshift=yes , and this is a UHF/UKS or ROHF/ROKS calculation, the shift value (in hartree) for the beta-spin or open-shell orbitals, respectively.	No default
watcheindiis	Switch from DIIS to ADIIS if DIIS predicts energy increase for two consecutive iterations (yes no)	no
fon	Use FOMO-SCF (thermal smearing)? (yes no)	no
fon_method	Type of smearing (gaussian fermi)	gaussian
fon_temperature	kT for FON (in atomic units, max set to 1.0)	0.25
fon_print	Print level for FON calculations (0 1) 1 gets more printing	not set
fon_mix	Alpha and beta electrons will be mixed in UHF calculations yes no or true false	no
fon_guess	Provide a file name to read FON occupation numbers.	none
closed	Number of doubly occupied orbitals for FOMO	none
active	Number of orbitals with noninteger occupation for FOMO	none

Geometry Optimization and Transition State Search - DL-FIND

min_print	How much output is desired (something verbose debug)	verbose
nstep	Maximum number of optimization/TS search steps (for new_minimizer=no)	100
min_tolerance	Termination criterion based on the maximum energy gradient component (for new_minimizer=no)	4.5*10 ⁻⁴
min_tolerance_e	Termination criterion based on the SCF energy change (for new_minimizer=no)	10 ⁻⁶
new_minimizer	Use the geomeTRIC minimizer (yes) or DL-FIND (no)? ^a (no yes).	no
min_maxiter	Maximum number of optimization/TS search steps (for new_minimizer==yes)	1000
min_converge_gmax	Termination criterion based on the maximum energy gradient component (for new_minimizer==yes)	4.5*10 ⁻⁴
min_converge_grms	Termination criterion based on the root mean square of the energy gradient vector (for new_minimizer==yes)	3.0*10 ⁻⁴
min_converge_dmax	Termination criterion based on the maximum component of the atom displacement vector. This only works for new_minimizer==yes .	1.8*10 ⁻³

^aWang, L.-P.; Song, C.C. (2016), *J. Chem. Phys.* **2016** 144, 214108.

<code>min_converge_drms</code>	Termination criterion based on the root mean square of the atom displacement vector. This only works for <code>new_minimizer==yes</code> .	1.2×10^{-3}
<code>min_converge_e</code>	Termination criterion based on the SCF energy change (for <code>new_minimizer==yes</code>)	10^{-6}
<code>min_coordinates</code>	Type of coordinates in which optimization/TS search is performed (<code>cartesian</code> <code>dlc</code> <code>dlc_tc</code> <code>hdlc</code> <code>hdlc_tc</code>)	<code>dlc</code>
<code>min_method</code>	Optimization/TS search method (<code>sd</code> <code>cg1</code> <code>cg2</code> <code>lbfgs</code>) <code>sd</code> – steepest descent <code>cg1</code> and <code>cg2</code> – conjugate gradient <code>lbfgs</code> – L-BFGS <code>bfgs</code> – BFGS, requires initial Hessian set according to <code>min_init_hess</code>	<code>lbfgs</code>
<code>min_hess_update</code>	Hessian update algorithm (<code>never</code> <code>powell</code> <code>bofill</code> <code>bfgs</code>) If <code>never</code> , the Hessian is recalculated using finite differences at each step	<code>bfgs</code>
<code>min_init_hess</code>	Initial Hessian (used only when <code>min_method=BFGS</code>) (<code>fischer-almlof</code> <code>one-point</code> <code>two-point</code> <code>diagonal</code> <code>identity</code>) <code>one-/two-point</code> – exact Hessian from finite differences <code>diagonal</code> – only diagonal elements are calculated using final differences, off-diagonal elements equal zero <code>identity</code> – initial Hessian is an identity matrix <code>fischer-almlof</code> – chemically-motivated guess Hessian, usually the best choice	<code>fischer-almlof</code>
<code>min_delta</code>	Atomic displacement in finite difference calculations	0.003
<code>min_max_step</code>	Maximum step size in internal coordinates	0.5
<code>min_restart</code>	Whether the optimization/TS search job is started from scratch (<code>no</code>) or loaded from the checkpoint files (<code>yes</code>)	<code>no</code>
<code>ts_method</code>	Transition state search method (<code>neb_free</code> <code>neb_restricted</code> <code>neb_frozen</code> <code>neb_free_cart</code> <code>neb_restricted_cart</code> <code>neb_frozen_cart</code>) <code>neb_free</code> – Nudged Elastic Band (NEB) with free endpoints <code>neb_restricted</code> – NEB with endpoints allowed to move perpendicularly to their tangent direction <code>neb_frozen</code> – NEB with frozen endpoints <code>neb_x_cart</code> – only initialization is performed in <code>min_coordinates</code> coordinates, while the TS search is done in Cartesians	<code>neb_free</code>

<code>min_image</code>	Number of NEB images in the TS search calculations. Should be greater than one. The images are listed in the input coordinates file (specified by <code>coordinates</code>). If the number of images found is smaller than <code>min_image</code> , the program will automatically generate missing images by interpolation. At least two images (endpoints) should be listed in the <code>coordinates</code> file. The last one (i.e. the <code>min_image</code> th) is the climbing image.	10
<code>min_nebk</code>	Minimum/standard spring constant between NEB images.	0.01
<code>max_nebk</code>	Maximum spring constant between NEB images for variable springs. If <code>max_nebk</code> \leq <code>min_nebk</code> , standard approach is employed.	0.01
<code>min_maxstephess</code>	Update Hessian every <code>min_maxstephess</code> steps.	50
<code>min_dump</code>	Optimization checkpoint file will be dumped every <code>min_dump</code> cycles.	10
<code>min_scale_step</code>	Each step will be scaled by <code>min_scale_step</code> .	1.0
<code>num_deriv_formula</code>	Formula applied for the numerical derivatives: <code>central forward backward </code>	<code>central</code>
<code>num_deriv_points</code>	Number of points for numerical derivatives.	3
<code>num_deriv_displacement</code>	Value for the displacement in numerical derivatives.	0.01
<code>lbfgs_mem</code>	Number of steps kept in the memory of the L-BFGS minimizer. This only works for <code>new_minimizer==no</code> .	Nr. degrees of freedom
<code>lbfgs_reset</code>	Number of steps after which to reset the L-BFGS minimizer. This only works for <code>new_minimizer==no</code> .	Never

Geometry Optimization - geomeTRIC

<code>new_minimizer</code>	Use geomeTRIC? (<code>yes no</code>)	<code>no</code>
<code>min_coordinates</code>	Coordinates for minimization (<code>prim dlc hdlc tric cart</code>)	<code>tric</code>
<code>opt_maxiter</code>	Maximum iterations for optimization	500

Initial Condition Generation

<code>nderivpoints</code>	Number of points in numerical derivative (<code>3 5 7</code>)	3
<code>displacement</code>	Step size in finite difference (bohr)	0.005
<code>initcondtemp</code>	Temperature (K) for initial conditions	0
<code>husimi</code>	Sample from Husimi distribution? (<code>true false</code>) Default is to sample from Wigner distribution	<code>false</code>
<code>maxgradnorm</code>	Calculation will stop if maximum component of gradient is larger than this value. Initial condition code assumes starting geometry is a local minimum or transition state. Override this check with <code>mincheck</code> , see below.	0.0001

mincheck	Check that initial geometry is a stationary point, i.e. norm of gradient is less than maxgrad (true false). Default is to check	true
initcondtssign	Used to force displacement along imaginary modes to be in specific direction (-1 0 1). One needs in general to run with both signs and then determine which is desired (i.e., which goes back to reactants and which goes on to products). Setting this to zero (the default) will not displace along imaginary modes at all.	0
cross_sections	Calculation of Raman intensities (no) or Raman cross-sections (yes) or calculation of only the temperature-independent part of the cross-sections (ti). (yes no ti)	no
thermo_temp	Temperature for evaluation of vibrational analysis in Kelvin	300

Molecular Dynamics Parameters

nstep	Total number of MD steps. Set nstep to 0 for single-point energy calculations (integer).	10 ⁶
integrator	The way the initial WF guess is generated in subsequent MD iterations. In the first several iterations the initial guess is constructed from scratch. (reversible_d reversible regular reset) reversible_d : time-reversible integrator with dissipation ^a reversible : time-reversible integrator without dissipation ^b regular : initial WF guess is taken from converged WF at previous MD step reset : initial WF guess is generated from scratch at each MD step (Work also with scfintegrator)	reversible_d
cisintegrator	Same as integrator , but for excited state.	
zintegrator	Same as integrator , but for Z-vec.	
md_binaryoutput	Binary output for MD. (yes no)	no
md_outputfreq	Frequency for MD output?	1
seed	Seed for random number generator. Set this to a different integer for different MD runs (or set it to a known seed in order to reproduce an earlier run).	1351351
timestep	MD integration time step in femtoseconds (float)	1.0
thermostat	Temperature control – velocity rescaling, Langevin dynamics, or Bussi-Parrinello Langevin dynamics (rescale , langevin , or bp)	rescale

^a A.M.N. Niklasson et al, J. Chem. Phys. **130**, 214109 (2009).

^b A.M.N. Niklasson et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. **97**, 123001 (2006).

rescalefreq	When velocity rescaling is used, determines how often the velocities are rescaled. For instance, setting rescale to 1000 will force rescaling at every 1000 th MD step. To obtain NVE dynamics, set rescalefreq to a value larger than nstep .	2·10 ⁹
tinit	Initial temperature (K) sampled from Boltzmann distribution of velocities at T = tinit (float)	300.0
t0	Thermostat temperature (K) (float)	300.0
lnvtime	The Langevin damping time (fs), only used when thermostat is set to langevin or bp .	1000.0
molden	Path to an output file containing the canonical molecular orbitals in Molden format	molden.molf
orbitalswrtrfq	Determines how often the orbitals are written to the output file. Due to large size (sometimes the orbitals require 100MB and even more of disk space) it does not make sense to write orbitals at every MD iteration. (integer)	2·10 ⁹
velocities	Filename containing initial velocities (or random to specify that initial velocities should be drawn from Boltzmann distribution)	random
initialtime	Initial time for simulation.	0.0
restartmd	Path to the MD restart binary file. If set, the data in this file (rather than coordinates, velocities, temperature, etc) is used to start MD trajectory.	not set
restartmdfreq	Specifies how often the restart data is dumped to scr/restart.md	100
mdbc	spherical – Enables spherical boundary conditions spherical+rf – Onsager reaction field enabled	not set
epsilon	Solvent dielectric constant, if spherical+rf or for pcm	80.0
md_density	If set, R ₁ is automatically adjusted to the specified density in g/mL	1.0
md_r1, md_r2	R ₁ and R ₂ parameters for spherical boundary conditions in Å	0.0, 0.0
md_k1, md_k2	k ₁ and k ₂ parameters for spherical boundary conditions in kcal/(mol Å ²)	10.0, 0.0
mdbc_hydrogen	Inclusion of the hydrogen atoms in the spherical boundary condition. yes no	no
mdbc_mass_scaled	Mass weighting in the spherical boundary condition yes no	no
mdbc_t1 mdbc_t2	For nanoreactor simulations. Spherical boundary condition md_r1 will be operative for mdbc_t1 time steps, followed by spherical boundary condition md_r2 for mdbc_t2 time steps and then the cycle will repeat.	not set
imdport	Invokes interactive molecular dynamics by specifying the corresponding VMD port	not set

imdttime	Number of milliseconds for each MD step. Notice this is a lower bound, i.e. if the SCF takes longer than this, the display will appear to freeze. But if SCF takes less time than this, the MD will wait before starting the next step	not set
imdsbsteps	Number of substeps per MD step for integrating the haptic force	imdttime/50 + 1
imddrawfreq	Frames per second drawing rate for "display system"	30
steering	Use Steering? adaptive name_of_file no If adaptive : need steeratom1 , steeratom2 , and steerforce If name_of_file : Steering switched on and will use name_of_file If no file name: Steering switched on from file steering	no

CIS, RPA, TDDFT, TDDFT/TDA

cis	Request a CIS (HF) or a TDDFT/TDA (DFT) calculation (yes or no)	no
rpa	Request a RPA (HF) or a TDDFT (DFT) calculation (yes or no)	no
cisnumstates	Number of excited states	1
cismult	Multiplicity of the excited states	Same as ground state
cistarget	Target state for properties or gradient calculation	0
cisalgorithm	Algorithm for diagonalization davidson diis debug	davidson
ciss2	Compute $\langle S^2 \rangle$ true or false	true
cistransdipole	Compute transition dipole moments (yes or no)	yes
cistransdipolederiv	Compute transition dipole moments derivatives (yes or no)	no
cisunrelaxdipole	Compute unrelaxed dipole moments (yes or no)	yes
cisrelaxdipole	Compute relaxed dipole moments (yes or no)	no
cisdipolederiv	Compute dipole moments derivatives (yes or no)	no
cischarges	Compute excited state charges (yes or no)	no
cisprintcivec	Print CI vectors (yes or no)	yes
cisprintthresh	Threshold to print contribution to CI vector (threshold compared with the absolute value of the CI coefficients)	0.1
cisnos	Print natural orbitals (yes or no)	no
cisattachdetach	Print attachment/detachment densities (yes or no)	no
cisntos	Print natural transition orbitals (yes or no)	no
cistransdensity	Print transition density (yes or no)	no
cisdiffdensity	Print difference of densities (yes or no)	no
cisguessvecs	Number of guess vectors	=cisnumstates
cissubspace	Number of vectors to store	=cisnumstates

cismaxiter	Maximum number of Davidson iterations	20
cismax	Maximum size of the subspace	=cismnumstates*10
ciscollapse	Collapse vectors per root	2
cisconvtol	Convergence tolerance on the residue	1.0e-4
cissdpdconvtol	Convergence tolerance before switching from single to double precision	1.0e-4
cisistol	Orthogonality tolerance	1.0e-12
cisuserguess	User guess for CIS	not set
cisrestart	Name of a restart file for CIS	not set
cpcisalgorithm	CP-CIS algorithm diis inc_diis	diis
cpcisiter	Maximum number of iterations for CP-CIS	50
cpcistol	CP-CIS convergence threshold	1.0e-4

CPSCF

cphfdiismin	DIIS min vectors for CPSCF equations.	1
cphfdiismax	DIIS max vectors for CPSCF equations.	10
cphfdiisstart	DIIS start for CPSCF equations.	0
cphfiter	Maximum number of iterations for CPSCF equations.	20
cphftol	Convergence threshold for CPSCF equations.	1.0e-4
cphfalgorithm	Solver for CPSCF equations diis inc_diis cg precon_cg jacobi inc_jacobi	diis

PCM/COSMO

pcm	Polarizable Continuum Model? cosmo	no pcm
epsilon	Solvent dielectric constant. (default=bulk water)	80.0
pcm_scale	PCM charge scaling 0 1 0 - Charge scaling factor $f=(\epsilon - 1)/\epsilon$ as suggested by G-COSMO ^a and C-PCM ^b 1 - Charge scaling factor $f=(\epsilon - 1)/(\epsilon + 0.5)$ as suggested by original COSMO. ^c	0
solvent_radius	The radius of the solvent molecule in Angstroms.	0.0
pcm_grid	Type of pcm sphere grid polyhedron lebedev iswig swig polyhedron - original COSMO cavity by Klamt. lebedev - Lebedev grid with point charge on each point iswig - Switch Gaussian by Lange & Herbert swig - Switch Gaussian grid by York & Karplus sphere - Single fixed Spherical cavity for mdbc=1	iswig

^a Truong, T. N.; Stefanovich, E. V., *Chem. Phys. Lett.* **1995**, 240,253-260.

^b Barone, V.; Cossi, M., *J. Phys. Chem. A* **1998**, 102, 1995-2001

^c Klamt, A.; Schuurmann, G., *J. Chem. Soc. Perkins. Trans. 2* **1993**, 799-805.

nspa	Gathered tessellation order (NSPA) 0 1 2 3 4 5 Only used when pcm_grid=polyhedron, must have nspa ≤ nppa	2
nppa	Basic tessellation order (NPPA) 0 1 2 3 4 5 Only used when pcm_grid=polyhedron, must have nppa ≥ nspa	3
pcmgrid_h	Lebedev grid order ℓ for Hydrogen atoms. 5 7 11 17 23 29 35 41 47 53 59 5 - 14 points/atom 7 - 26 points/atom 11 - 50 points/atom 17 - 110 points/atom 23 - 194 points/atom 29 - 302 points/atom 35 - 434 points/atom 41 - 590 points/atom 47 - 770 points/atom 53 - 974 points/atom 59 - 1202 points/atom	17
pcmgrid_heavy	Lebedev grid order ℓ for Heavy atoms. 5 7 11 17 23 29 35 41 47 53 59 meaning of each option is the same as pcmgrid_h	17
pcmgrid_h_mm	Lebedev grid order ℓ for MM Hydrogen atoms. 5 7 11 17 23 29 35 41 47 53 59 meaning of each option is the same as pcmgrid_h	17
pcmgrid_heavy_mm	Lebedev grid order ℓ for MM Heavy atoms. 5 7 11 17 23 29 35 41 47 53 59 meaning of each option is the same as pcmgrid_h	17
pcmgrid_ptchrg	Lebedev grid order ℓ for point charges in point charge QM/MM calculation. 5 7 11 17 23 29 35 41 47 53 59 meaning of each option is the same as pcmgrid_h	17
pcm_radii	PCM radii method klamt ff read bondi klamt - Radii recommended by original Klamt paper. ^a read - Read radii from a input file specified with pcm_radii_file bondi - Radii by bondi, ^{b,c} with new definition for hydrogen atoms. ^d Relevant only for pcm_grid≠sphere.	bondi

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<code>pcm_rad_scale</code>	Scaling factor for solute atom radius in cosmo.	1.2
<code>pcm_ptchrg_radius</code>	Universal atom radius for all point charges in QM/MM calculation in cosmo.	1.5
<code>solvent_radius</code>	Solvent probe radius in Å	0.0
<code>cosmodsc</code>	dsc (δ^{SC}) for the cavity of original COSMO method by Klamt. Relevant only if <code>pcm_grid=polyhedron</code>	0.0
<code>pcm_radii_file</code>	File containing PCM radii if <code>pcm_radii = read</code> . File format please refer to section 3.8.	not specified
<code>pcm_global_radius</code>	If <code>pcm_grid = sphere</code> and <code>mdbc=1</code> , radius of the single spherical cavity. Otherwise this option has no effect on cavity radii	10
<code>pcm_matrix</code>	Different ways of storing matrix A full The full matrix is stored. packed - Lower triangular of A is stored. no - No matrix is stored. The matrix-vector product Ax is built on the fly on GPUs with double precision. no_sp - The matrix -vector product Ax is built on the fly on GPUs with single precision.	full
<code>pcm_pair_driven</code>	Use primitive-pair driven algorithm for the evaluation of electrostatic potential on the grid points? yes no	no
<code>pcm_threoe</code>	Screening threshold for 1-electron integrals related to PCM	10^{-12}
<code>dynamiccg</code>	Which mode of Dynamic CG ^a is used 0 1 2 0 - No dynamic CG used. Use the same CG convergence threshold <code>cgtoltight</code> throughout all SCF iterations. 1 - Use the 2- δ switching scheme. 2 - Use the dynamic CG threshold based on empirical formula.	2
<code>cgtoltight</code>	If <code>dynamiccg=0</code> : dynamic CG is not used, CG is considered to be converged when $\ Ax - b\ < \text{cgtoltight}$ for the linear equation $Ax=b$. If <code>dynamiccg=1</code> : 2- δ switching scheme of dynamic CG is turned on, <code>cgtoltight</code> is the tight CG convergence threshold δ_2	10^{-6}
<code>cgtolscale</code>	Loose CG convergence threshold scaling factor for dynamic CG 2- δ switching scheme $\delta_1 = \delta_2 * \text{cgtolscale}$	10000
<code>dynamiccgtol</code>	When <code>dynamiccg=1</code> , use 2- δ switching scheme to choose CG threshold current DIIS error < <code>dynamiccgtol</code> : start to use tight threshold δ_2 to converge CG	10^{-3}
<code>cgprecond</code>	CG preconditioner jacobi - Diagonal preconditioner blockjacobi - Random-block-jacobi. Inverse of the block diagonal stored If <code>blockjacobi</code> : set <code>cgblocksize</code>	jacobi

^a Liu, F.; Luehr, N; Kulik J. K.; Martinez, T. J. DOI: [10.1021/acs.jctc.5b00370](https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.jctc.5b00370)

cgblocksize	If cgprecond=blockjacobi , CG blocksize.	100
print_ms	Print molecular surface coordinates sas.xyz in scratch folder yes no	no
ss_pcm_solvation	State-specific ^a solvation model for CIS-type calculation eq neq ground_neq eq – Equilibrium solvation neq – Nonequilibrium solvation ground_neq – Ground state non-equilibrium solvation All options work only if run=energy .	no ss_cis calculation set
sspcm_maxit	Maximum SSPCM iterations	20
sspcm_convthre	SSPCM Convergence threshold	10 ⁻⁵
lr_pcm_solvation	Linear-response ^a solvation model for CIS-type calculation eq neq eq – Equilibrium solvation neq – Nonequilibrium solvation Must have cis=yes and specify the Restricted CIS related parameters.	no lr_pcm calculation set
pcm_write	File name of the PCM field file to be written. If specified, PCM field of the final result will be written to this file.	no default value
pcm_read	File name of the PCM field file to be read. Can be used with state-specific non-equilibrium calculations. ss_pcm_solvation=neq ground_neq	no default value
fast_epsilon	Fast dielectric constant for non-equilibrium solvation if ss_pcm_solvation=neq ground_neq or lr_pcm_solvation=neq or split_pcm_energy=1	2.0
split_pcm_energy	Split ground state PCM solvation energy into fast and slow part and print out. Final energy is the same as regular ground state PCM. 0 - Do not split PCM energy 1 - Split PCM energy	0

ESP/RESP

resp	Calculate ESP/RESP charge? yes no	no
eps_grid_scale	Cavity radius of the first layer of Connolly surface (float, >1.0)	1.4
esp_grid_incr	Increment of radii scale between different layers of Connolly surface (float, >0). Radius of <i>i</i> th layer: eps_grid_scale+i×esp_grid_incr*vdw_radii	0.2

^a Cammi, R.; Corni, S.; Mennucci, B.; Tomasi, J., *J. Chem. Phys.* **2005**, *122*,104513

esp_grid_layers	Number of Connolly surface layers (integer)	4
probe_radius	Radius of the rolling ball (probe) for Connolly surface. Unit: Angstrom (float)	0
esp_grid_dens	Number of grid points/Å ² (float) Recommendation: Should increase density until the resulting charge is converged	1.0
esp_restraint_a	Parameter a for the restraint $a \sum^k ((q_k^2 + b^2)^{1/2} - b)$. Controls the strength of restraint . Unit: a.u. (float)	0.0005
esp_restraint_b	Parameter a for the restraint $a \sum^k ((q_k^2 + b^2)^{1/2} - b)$. Controls the tightness near the bottom of the restraint . Unit: e^- (float)	0.1

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12 Release Notes

v1.9:

- Effective core potentials are now supported
- TeraChem runs on Maxwell GPUs (e.g., GTX980, Titan X)
- Equilibrium PCM solvation (including both energies and gradients)
- Frequency analysis was revamped and now allows restarting
- Initial condition generation using Wigner/Husimi sampling
- Tamm-Dancoff Time-dependent Density Functional Theory (TDDFT) and Configuration Interaction Singles (CIS). Both energies and gradients are available for CIS. Only energies are available for TDDFT.
- Basis set and initial guess file formats changed to be more clear. Old basis set and initial guess files are no longer compatible.

v1.50K:

- Fixed memory allocation problem which caused CUDA errors when running on multiple cards with shells that had few basis functions, e.g. when running with a single set of d functions over four cards.
- Implemented workaround for NVIDIA's texture bug (which caused Tesla C2075 and GeForce 580 GTX to hang randomly). Although we still do not recommend these cards, all tests so far suggest they can run TeraChem without errors.
- Document the ability to use ghost atoms (atoms that have basis functions but no electrons or nucleus – used in computing basis set superposition error).
- Document the ability to use matrix purification instead of diagonalization.
- Added A-DIIS/DIIS convergence scheme
- TeraChem runs on Kepler GPUs (e.g. Titan, K20)

v1.93P

- Allow use of multiple basis sets for different elements `$multibasis`
- Polarizable continuum methods for ground and excited states
- TeraChem runs on Maxwell and Pascal GPUs (e.g. Titan X-Pascal, P100)