

The SDE: A General Computational Chemistry Software Framework

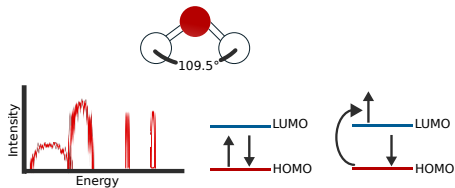
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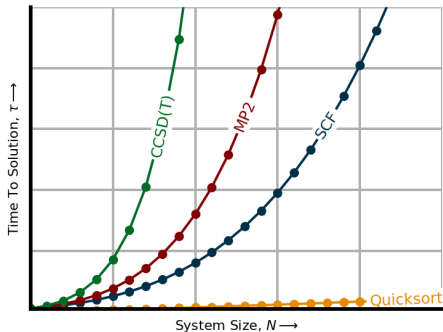
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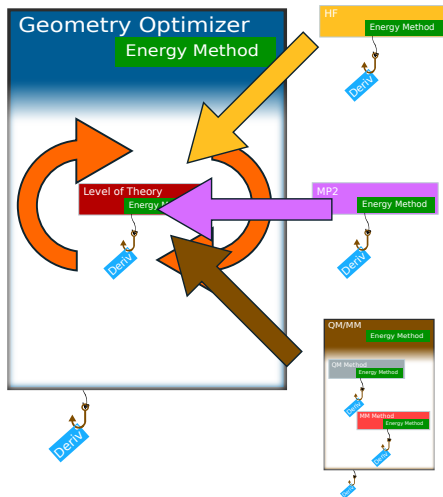
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- Plethora of packages/libraries



NWCHEM
HIGH-PERFORMANCE COMPUTATIONAL
CHEMISTRY SOFTWARE

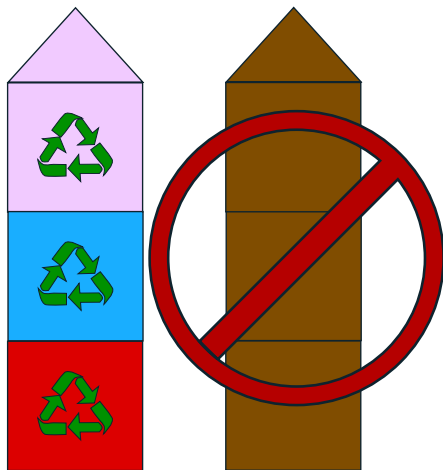


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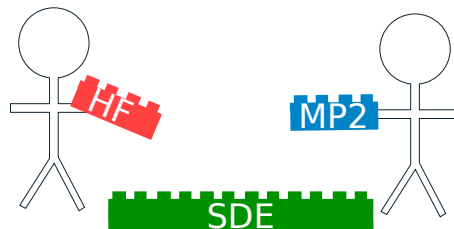
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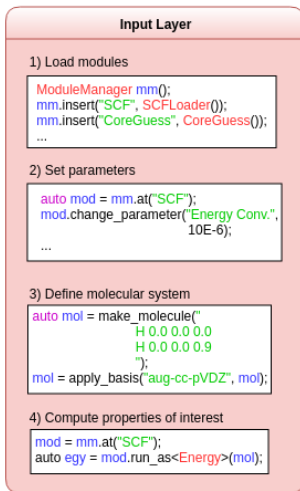
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- Rapid prototype

Input Layer

- relies on C++17
- Possible modules discovered at runtime
- Set a module's parameters directly
- Coupling is to properties



Writing a Module

SCF::run(Molecule mol)

1) Obtain guess

```
auto guess =  
run_submodule<GuessDensity>("CoreGuess", mol);
```

2) Build core Hamiltonian

```
auto h =  
run_submodule<CoreHamiltonian>("CoreHamiltonian", mol);
```

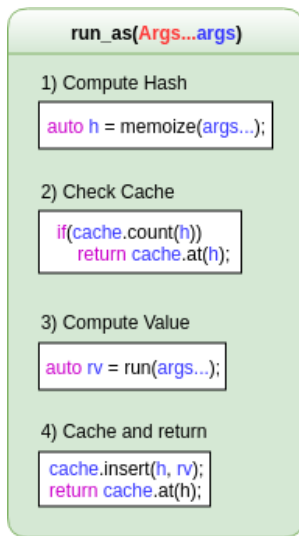
3) Define molecular system

```
bool conv = false;  
double E = 0.0;  
do {  
    auto F =  
        run_submodule<FockBuild>("FockMatrix", mol, guess);  
    auto new_guess = run_submodule<UpdateDensity>(  
        "UpdateGuess", mol, guess);  
    auto H("mu", "nu") = h("mu", "nu") + F("mu", "nu");  
    auto newE = new_guess("mu", "nu") * H("mu", "nu");  
    conv = check_convergence(new_guess, guess, newE, E);  
    E = newE;  
    guess = new_guess;  
} while(!conv);  
return E;
```

- Inputs and results type-erased
- Automatic domain checking for inputs
- "sandboxes" for developers
- Call other modules through "property types"

Cacheing and Checkpointing

- SDE records module calls
- Scientific record
- Checkpointing
 - ▶ Module calls are memoized
 - ▶ Repeated calls return cached result
 - ▶ Includes rerunning of calculation



Summary and Outlook

- SDE is the software framework of NWCHEMEX
- Leverage for interoperability
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- Open source and available on GitHub (will be once licensing is worked out...)

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- You (the audience)

