

Implementation of Time-Dependent Density-Functional Theory in the Wavelet Code BIGDFT: First Results

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Wavelet approaches have largely replaced Fourier approaches in many engineering applications because wavelets are by nature a multiresolution basis set which allows details only when and where needed. The idea of using wavelets in quantum chemistry has evolved greatly since early propositions [FD93,C96]. In particular, BIGDFT is a massively parallel wavelet-based code for carrying out density-functional theory (DFT) calculations on large finite or periodic systems with large unit cells. While DFT is a ground-state theory, time-dependent DFT (TD-DFT) allows electronic excited states to be treated via linear response theory. Reference [CH12] provides a recent review of TD-DFT while Ref. [NCGD11] is a timely review of wavelets for DFT and TD-DFT. In this talk we will report on progress in implementing TD-DFT into BIGDFT and compare results with the Gaussian-based quantum chemistry program DEMON2K [NCGD11,NGC+11]. Orbital energies converge amazingly quickly to the basis set limit in the wavelet code. First TD-DFT results are reported which are quite encouraging but which also beg for a better approach to the handling (or avoidance) of continuum states.

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