

cclib

Parsers and algorithms for
computational chemists



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Overview of cclib

- cclib is a programming library which
 - contains parsers for output files of computational chemistry codes
 - includes several algorithms for analysing results
- cclib is written in Python
- cclib is Open Source (LGPL)

Why is cclib needed?

- Analysis methods are available only to users of certain packages
 - Morokuma energy decomposition (implemented in GAMESS)
 - Charge Decomposition Analysis (Frenking's code only reads Gaussian output files)
- Keeps up to date with new versions of packages
- Allows chemists to focus on algorithms
- Makes implementation of algorithms independent of proprietary software

Parsers

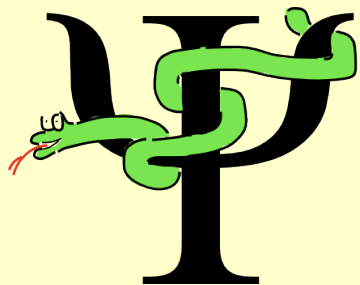
- ADF, GAMESS (US), Gaussian, PC GAMESS (**GAMESS-UK, Jaguar, Molpro**)
- Useful information for algorithms
 - overlap matrix, molecular orbital coefficients, (**basis set coefficients, Hessian**)
- Useful information for visualisation
 - coordinates, vibrational frequencies, electronic transitions
- Currently used by GaussSum and PyMOlyze

Algorithms

- Population analysis algorithms
 - Mulliken, C^2 , Mayer's bond orders
- We are currently working on
 - Calculation of the electron density
 - Calculation of the Cartesian displacement matrix
- We intend to implement
 - Bader's Atoms in Molecules
 - Frenking's Charge Decomposition Analysis
 - Hirshfeld Population Analysis

Development

- Follows Open Source development model
 - Subversion, wiki, mailing lists, bug tracker
- Follows best practice for Python
 - Cheesecake index, pylint
- Extensive use of unit tests and regression tests (test-driven development)
 - Parsers developed on example log files and the result must agree with the other parsers
 - Modified to cope with real-life problem cases



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Thank you...
...and new developers welcome!

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