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QuantumATK is a leading industry-proven platform for atomic-scale modeling of materials, nanostructures, and nanoelectronic devices. It includes quantum mechanical methods such as density functional theory (DFT) with either LCAO or plane-wave basis sets and semi-empirical models, simulation engine for atomic-scale simulations using classical potentials, module for nanoscale device and transport simulations using non-equilibrium Green's function (NEGF) methodology. QuantumATK combines the power of a Python scripting engine with the ease-of-use provided by an intuitive graphical user interface, NanoLab. All simulation engines share a common infrastructure for analysis, ion dynamics and parallel performance techniques.



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DFT Updates

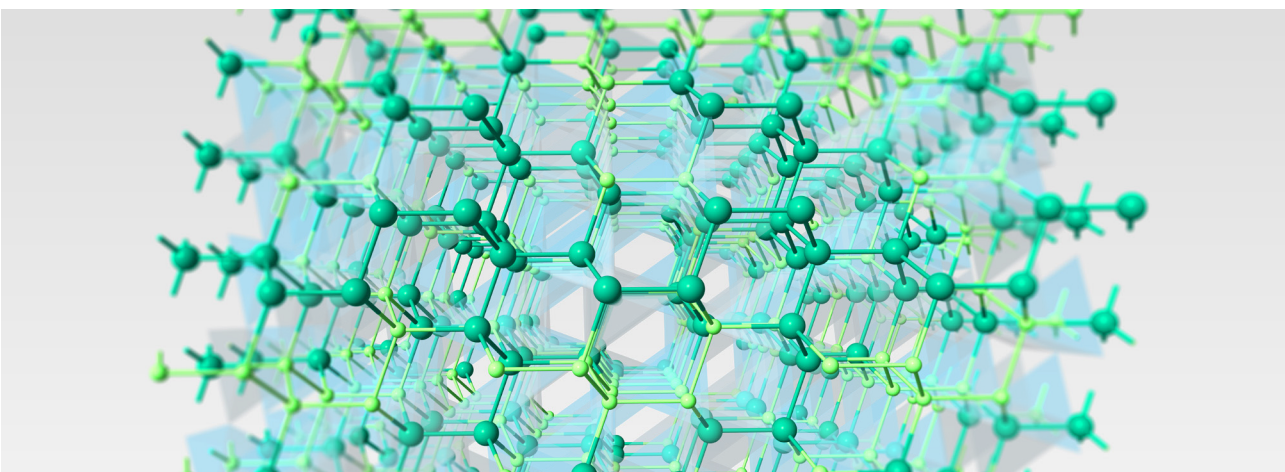
- Employ the **SCAN MetaGGA functional** in both LCAO and plane-wave calculations for significant improvements over GGA and LDA in many different systems
- Speed up your plane-wave simulations by using the **Projector-Augmented Wave (PAW) method** (beta version)
- Discover **new analysis objects for plane-wave calculations**, such as optical spectrum, effective band structure, fat band structure, and projected density of states
- Use the Kerker preconditioner to improve convergence for slab calculations when using plane waves
- Run hybrid HSE non-collinear and non-collinear spin-orbit calculations
- Enjoy significant performance improvements in HSE calculations by using a reduced exchange grid without noticeable loss of accuracy (new default), and by reusing the wavefunctions for density of states (DOS) analysis
- Take advantage of the added GGA PseudoDojo normconserving pseudopotentials with support for noncollinear spin-orbit interaction

Analysis Objects Updates

- Perform **magnetic anisotropy energy** calculations using a versatile study object with smart restarting and a flexible analysis framework
- Calculate **partial electron density** and visualize it in real space, e.g., show a cut plane above a surface which corresponds to a simulated STM image within the Tersoff-Hamann approximation
- Obtain a **surface band structure**, which is a device density of states evaluated along a k-point route perpendicular to the surface or transport direction
- Perform improved **effective band structure** analysis calculations, with no constraints on defect location, element, defect type, etc.

Dynamics Updates

- Explore the **time-stamped force-bias Monte Carlo** method, coupled to DFT, DFTB or force fields, as an alternative to molecular dynamics for long time-scale equilibration, deposition, amorphization, diffusion, sampling of rare events, etc., either at constant temperature or with a linear heating/cooling ramp
- Note the significantly faster runtime and improved parallel scaling of HamiltonianDerivatives and DynamicalMatrix calculations, thanks to the use of symmetries to reduce the number of displacements (also, the k-point sampling is now automatically scaled with the supercell size)
- Choose the newly added **Brenner/REBO** and **Moliere** potentials in etching and deposition simulations
- Save time by being able to restart relaxation of devices from partially optimized device configurations
- Constrain the space group in geometry optimizations of crystalline materials



Performance Improvements

- Enjoy significant memory and calculation time reductions for **DFT LCAO molecular dynamics (MD) and geometry optimizations**, to the point where one can now comfortably run these calculations with several hundred or even thousands of atoms
- Benefit from general performance improvements in DFT MGGA, GGA, Hybrid, and non-equilibrium Green's function (NEGF) calculations
- Employ **MPI parallelization of force-field potentials** to speed up large-scale MD simulations
- Parallelize Green's function inversion over multiple processes per contour point for reduced memory footprint
- Use the new ParallelDevicePerformanceProfile function to get advice on the best parallelization strategy (memory and speed) for NEGF calculations
- Improved performance in the GUI (LabFloor load time, NEB generation, etc.)

More Customizable Script Generator

- Enjoy a reorganized **script board** with better user experience
- Use the new layout for **calculator widgets** to focus on the most important parameters
- Save your calculator settings and workflows as **templates** and reuse them in future calculations

Enhanced 2D Plot Framework

- Perform **advanced editing** of plots, save them for further analysis, and reuse plot setups with new data
- **Link and combine** various plots for more insightful analysis
- **Fit data** to linear and other models and measure directly in graphs

Miscellaneous Updates

- **Symmetrize crystal structures** in the Builder based on approximate space groups, and change angle and position tolerances in crystal symmetry detection
- Take advantage of newly included packages: Pandas and Fireworks
- Experience the benefits of **Python 3**, which QuantumATK is now based on

Downloading and Installing QuantumATK P-2019.03

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1. Use the Synopsys Common Licensing (SCL) software, version 2018.06 or later, and
2. Have a license key files generated on December 10, 2018 or later

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