





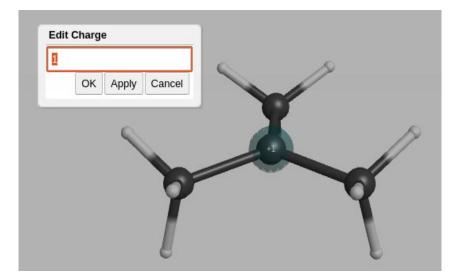
WebMO is a web-based interface interface to powerful computational engines.

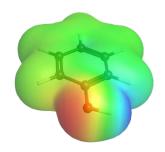
Common tasks required to submit jobs to computational engines and analyze results from these engines are automated and simplified.

WebMO also has excellent built-in tools to explore the properties of a molecule before probing the molecule with more advanced computational models.

Choose Computational Engine

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| Progress | ◯ Tinker | Molecular mechanics calculations |
| Job manager Build molecule Choose engine | Select Queue | chem1 🗸 |
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| Choose the desired | | - |







What are you responsible for?

- 1. The geometry
- 2. The charge
- 3. Is the molecule closed shell or open shell?
- 4. The basis set for mathematical description of the MOs
- 5. The computational model (DFT, Hartree-Fock, post-HF, etc...)
- 6. The calculation (Energy, Geometry Optimization, TD-DFT, etc...)

 $\hat{H} =$ $-\sum_{i}^{N_{el}} \frac{1}{2} \nabla_i^2$ $-\sum_{i}^{N_{el}}\sum_{A}^{N_{nuc}}\frac{Z_A}{r_{iA}}$ $+\frac{1}{2}\sum_{ij}^{N_{el}}\frac{1}{r_{ij}}$ $+\frac{1}{2}\sum_{AB}^{N_{nuc}}\frac{Z_A Z_B}{r_{AB}}$

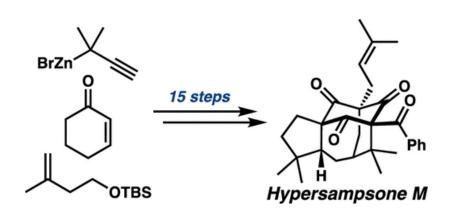


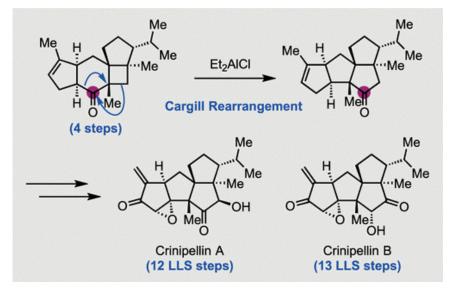
- 1. Use Chemdraw and import the SMILES
- 2. Lookup by name
- 3. Building manually with the line editor
- 4. Building manually with the 3D editor
- 5. Build using the fragments
- 6. Import from a file



Building and Submitting

Let's look at two articles from the "Most Read" listing from JACS (as of late August 2024):





Adrian E. Samkian, Scott C. Virgil, and Brian M. Stoltz

Journal of the American Chemical Society **2024** 146 (28), 18886-18891 DOI: 10.1021/jacs.4c07007 Bo Xu, Ziyao Zhang, Dean J. Tantillo, and Mingji Dai Journal of the American Chemical Society **2024** 146 (31), 21250-21256 DOI: 10.1021/jacs.4c07900



The most common mistakes I see people make

- 1. Don't forget the protons!!!
- 2. Errant atoms
- 3. Forgetting to "clean" the structure
- 4. Not double-checking the stereochemistry
- 5. Not properly considering the charge of the molecule



Building and Submitting

Next We Submit, and our first task is to choose an engine

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A standard ... highly reliable methods. Good choice for DFT, HF energies & optimizations Two tutorials in Nov/Dec

Offers everything Gaussian offers plus more. A little faster, OPT algorithm a little less reliable... MANY TUTORIALS TO COME

Less well-known ... similar performance to Gaussian with novel high-level technique we won't be covering.

Only force-field energies, only used for conformational analysis...



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Configure ORCA Job Options

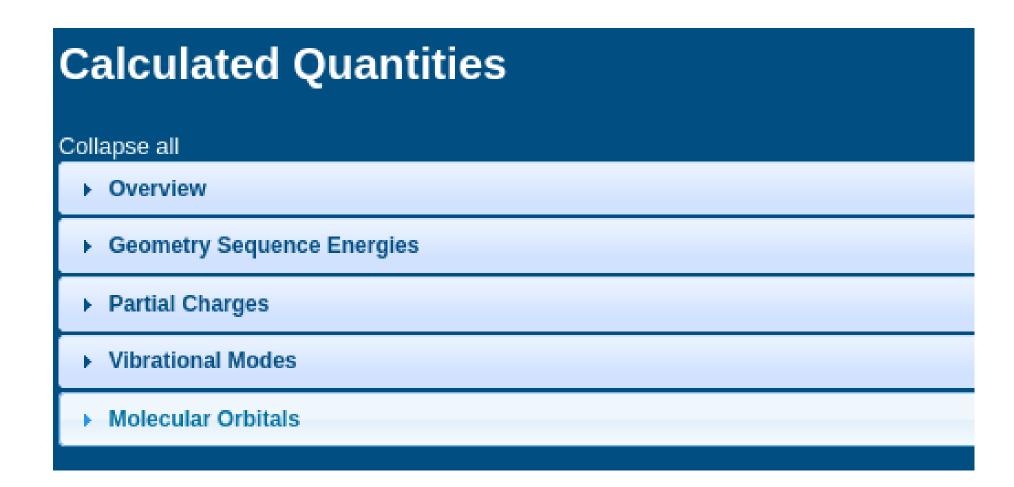
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| | Multiplicity | Singlet 🗸 |
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| Submit job | | |
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Things to remember

- 1. Don't forget the charge and multiplicity!!!
- 2. Don't forget to set the number of cores in advanced
- 3. D3BJ is almost always a good idea for optimizations
- 4. If you want to use a solvent, remember it's in the advanced section
- 5. A good Job Name will be helpful a year from now...
- 6. You have FULL CONTROL with the preview tab if you want to run something more exotic



Analysis – Geometry Optimization + Vib. Freq.





Analysis – Excited States and UV-VIS

Calculated Quantities

Collapse all

Overview

Partial Charges

- Excited States
- Molecular Orbitals



Analysis – NMR

Calculated Quantities

Collapse all

- Overview
- Partial Charges
- Absolute NMR Shifts
- Molecular Orbitals



Analysis – Natural Bond Orbitals

Calculated Quantities Collapse all Overview Partial Charges Molecular Orbitals Natural Population Analysis Natural Atomic Orbitals Natural Hybrid Orbitals Natural Bond Orbitals ь.