

ABINIT Hands-on 2019

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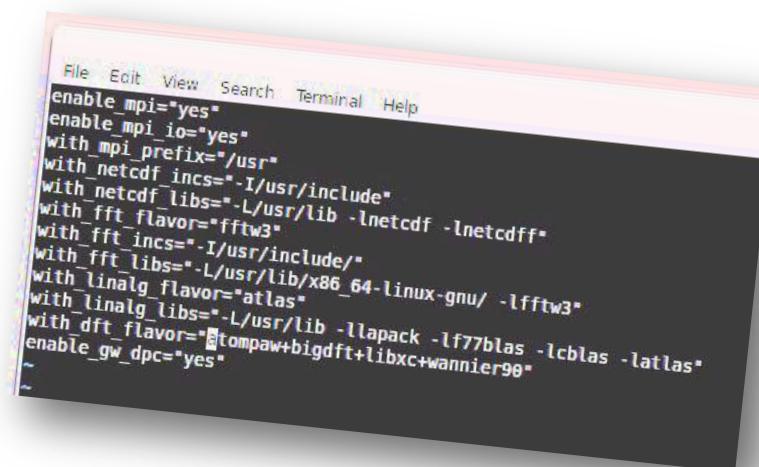
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# INSTALLING ABINIT

## LAPTOPS – WORKSTATIONS - SUPERCOMPUTERS

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```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
enable_mpi="yes"
enable_mpi_io="yes"
with mpi_prefix="/usr"
with netcdf incs="-I/usr/include"
with netcdf libs="-L/usr/lib -lnetcdf -lnetcdff"
with fft flavor="fftw3"
with fft incs="-I/usr/include/"
with fft libs="-L/usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/ -lfftw3"
with_linalg flavor="atlas"
with_linalg libs="-L/usr/lib -llapack -lf77blas -lcblas -latlas"
with_dft_flavor="tompaw+bigdft+libxc+wannier90"
enable_gw_dpc="yes"
~
```



## ABINIT installation - Basics

What do you need?

Optional plugins: fallbacks

Some specific computing architectures

## How to obtain an executable

Good practices

How to improve the default

Configuration file

## How to obtain an efficient executable

Parallel computers

# **ABINIT INSTALLATION BASICS**

# WHAT DO YOU NEED?... AT LEAST

- A **Linux-like environment** (*Linux distribution, macOS, ...*)
  - Windows accessible via
    - 1- Linux-under-windows (*cygwin, minGW, ...*)
    - 2- An integrated environment (*visual\*\*\**)
- A **compiler suite**, at least Fortran-2003 and C
  - Some features only available if Fortran 2008, C++, Cuda
- A **MPI** library (Message Passing Interface)
  - Not mandatory but strongly recommended
- A “**BLAS/LAPACK**” library (linear algebra)
  - Can be downloaded *on the fly* if Internet connection
- ABINIT ***tarball*** file
  - Downloadable from [www.abinit.org](http://www.abinit.org)
- **Internet** connection ?
  - Can be convenient to download “*on the fly*” some extra packages

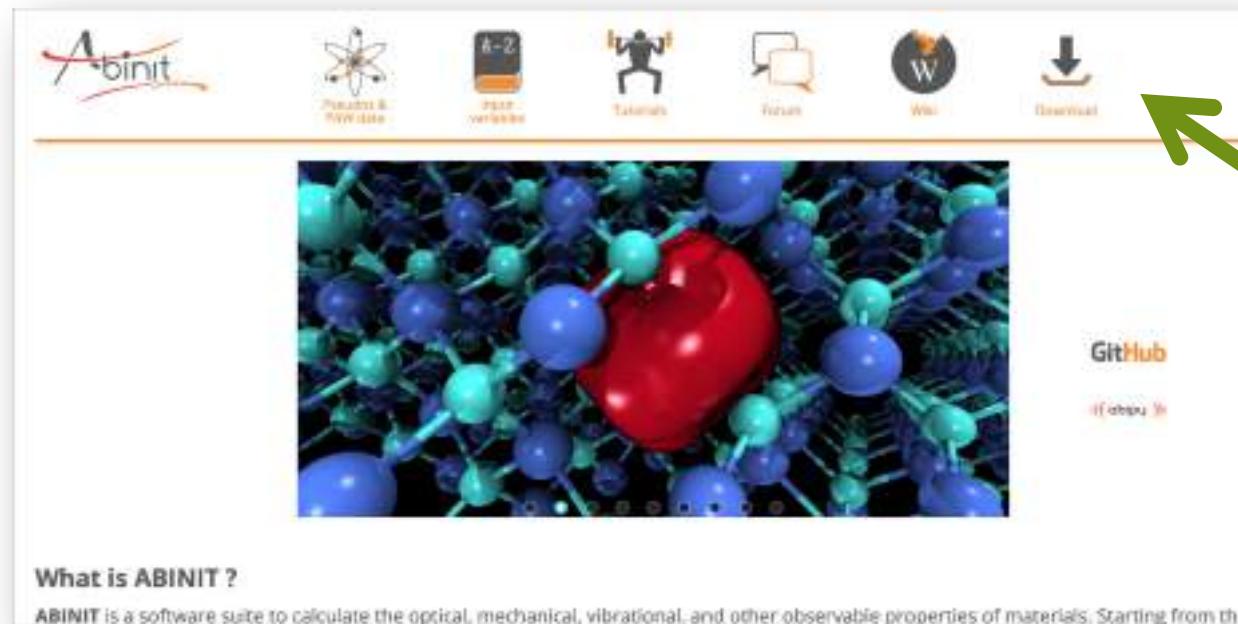
# THE COMPILATION PROCEDURE

- Getting the source files
- Getting additional plugins (or fallbacks)
- Configuring the software
  - Making the build ready on your specific system*
    - Most of the process is automatic
    - Additional plugins can be specified
    - Location of external libraries has to be specified
- Building
- Installing
  - Copying to the final destination*

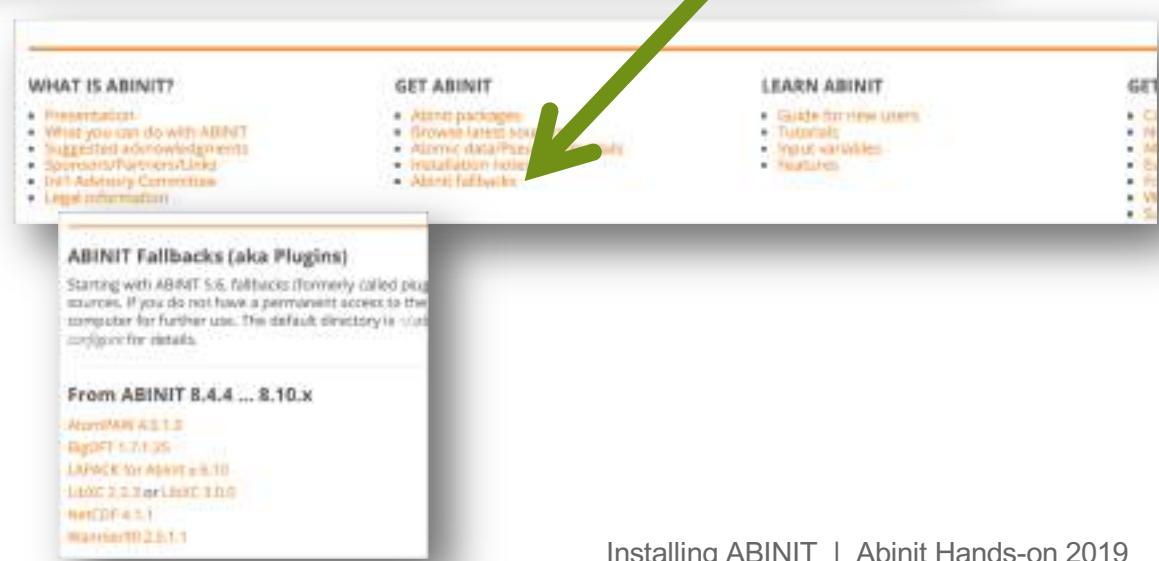
← Critical step !

# GETTING THE INSTALLATION FILE (TARBALL)

- The source package



- The additional plugins  
“Fallbacks” are provided  
on ABINIT web site



WHAT IS ABINIT?

- Presentation
- What you can do with ABINIT
- Suggested acknowledgments
- Sponsors/Partners/Links
- Infr Advisory Committee
- Legal information

GET ABINIT

- ABINIT packages
- Browser latest sources
- Atomic data/parameters
- Installation notes
- ABINIT fallbacks

LEARN ABINIT

- Guide for new users
- Tutorials
- Input variables
- Features

GET

ABINIT Fallbacks (aka Plugins)

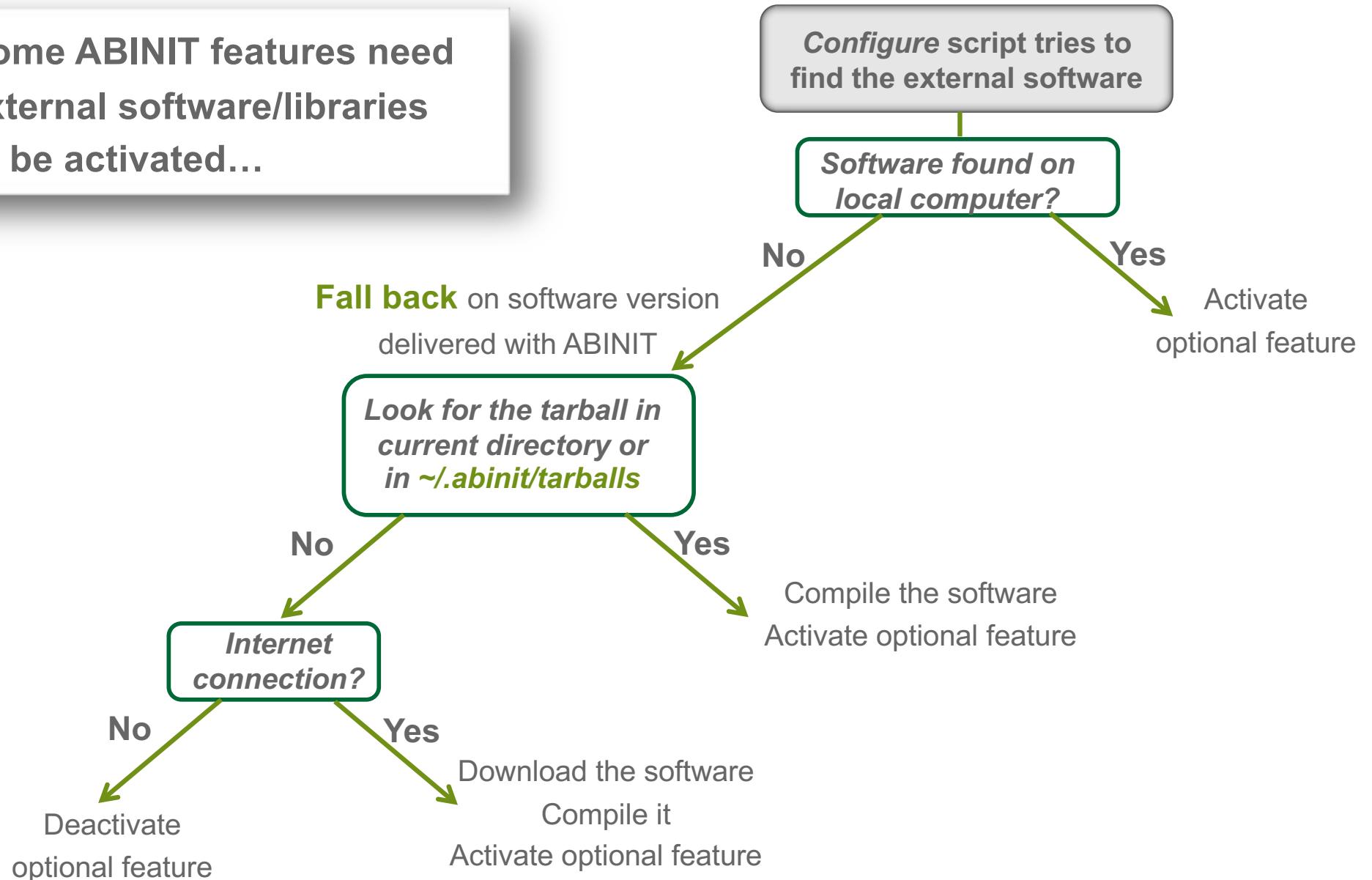
Starting with ABINIT 5.6, fallbacks (formerly called plugin sources) are used to provide a way to run ABINIT without permanent access to the computer for further use. The default directory is `~/abinit/config/pack` for details.

From ABINIT 8.4.4 ... 8.10.x

- AbimMPI 8.3.1.2
- BigDFT 5.7.1.25
- LAPACK/BLAS ABINIT 8.10
- LibXC 2.0.0 or LibXC 3.0.0
- NetCDF 4.3.1
- libxml2 2.9.1.1

# WHAT ARE THE PLUGINS/FALLBACKS?

Some ABINIT features need external software/libraries to be activated...



# WHAT ARE THEFallbacks?

## ■ Mandatory

- **Blas/LAPACK** : Linear Algebra  
*A vendor library strongly recommended*  
*Fallback version not efficient*

## ■ Almost mandatory

- **netCDF/netCDF-Fortran** : to write machine-independent binaries  
*Used by post-processing tools, trajectory restart, ...*
- **LibXC** : a collection of Exchange-Correlation functionals  
*If not activated, on a few XC functionals available*

## ■ Optional

- **Wannier90**: use of Maximally Localized Wannier Functions  
*Used by post-processing tools (transport properties)*
- **bigDFT** : to activate the possibility to use a wavelet basis
- **AtomPAW** : the PAW atomic data generator

```
.../configure --help
```

- Most of the properties of the environment are **automatically detected**
- If the environment is not compatible with a given feature, the latter is automatically deactivated
- Presence of **Plugins** is automatically checked  
It is possible to enforce the use of a fallback (and compile it on the fly)
- It is possible to specify the **destination** for the executables
- It is possible to activate some specific **architecture-dependent flags**:  
use of shared memory (*openMP*), use of a Graphical card, ...)

- Several executable files are copied into the destination directory :

**make install**

- **abinit** : *main executable.*  
*All-in-one software : DFT, DFPT, DMFT, MBPT, PIMD, NEB, ...*
- **cut3d** : *post-processing tool : extracting data,  
converting ABINIT output files into common data format*
- **anaddb** : *mandatory in the case of response function calculation ;  
ANALysis of the Derivative DataBase*
- **conducti** : *transport properties (conductivity, reflectivity, linear optics)*
- **aim** : *Bader Atom-in-Molecule analysis*
- **macroav** : *macroscopic average technique applied on potentials*
- **multibinit** : *second-principles approach for lattice dynamics*
- **tdep** : *response function and thermodynamics including temperature*

- Most of the compilers and libraries are available by default or as packages

```
sudo apt-get install gfortran openmpi
```
- netCDF is available as a package

```
sudo apt-get install netcdf  
yum -y install netcdf
```
- Some debian packages or RPM are available on the libXC's homepage
- No recent ABINIT version available directly as a Linux package
- A single “configure” is usually OK to compile directly.

## ■ Automatic method: using macports package manager

- Install macport  
See <http://www.macports.org>
- Install abinit  
`sudo port install abinit`

## ■ Automatic method: using homebrew package manager

- Install homebrew  
Everything explained here: <http://brew.sh>
- Install abinit  
`brew install brewsci/science/abinit`

## ■ Manual method: compile by yourself

- Need to install a Fortran compiler and MPI library
- Need to compile netcdf and libxc first
- See the rest of this presentation

- ABINIT is installed in most computing centers.  
If not, ask the system administrator
  
- The “module” command is now widely used to load environments and software.  
**module load abinit**
  
- Compiling ABINIT on supercomputers or small computer clusters is made easy by the “module” command.  
But configuring the build is tricky  
*See later in the presentation*
  
- Internet connection is usually not available.  
Optional fallbacks have to be preloaded.

# **HOW TO OBTAIN AN ABINIT EXECUTABLE**

Extract the archive and enter the directory

```
tar -xvzf abinit-x.y.z.tar.gz  
cd abinit-x.y.z
```

Create a working directory and enter it

```
mkdir build  
cd build
```

Configure, according to your needs and computer

```
.../configure [options]
```

This step is the most important

Compile

*Always use parallel build with predefined make commands*

```
make mj4      >> 4 tasks in parallel  
or make mj8    >> 8 tasks in parallel
```

Create a working directory and enter it

```
make install
```

- Applying the previous procedure, you always get ABINIT executable files
- But:
  - *They are installed in /usr/local*
  - *Parallel features (MPI, openMP or GPU) are not necessarily used*
  - *Optional features (plugins/fallbacks) are not necessarily activated*
  - *Elementary functions (i.e. linear algebra, FFT) can be inefficient*

- ABINIT can be used on a laptop but you can do better
- It is completely inadequate for a parallel computer

- The configure step has to be tuned

## ■ Choose the destination for the executable file

```
./configure --prefix=destination_directory
```

## ■ Choose the Fortran compiler

```
./configure FC=mpif90
```

## ■ First step : look at the messages at the end of the configuration

```
=====
==== Final remarks
=====
```

Summary of important options:

```
* C compiler      : gnu version 6.2
* Fortran compiler: gnu version 6.2
* architecture    : unknown unknown (64 bits)

* debugging       : basic
* optimizations   : standard

* OpenMP enabled  : no (collapse: ignored)
* MPI enabled     : yes
* MPI-IO enabled  : yes
* GPU enabled     : no (flavor: none)

* TRIO flavor = netcdf
* TIMER flavor = abinit (libs: ignored)
* LINALG flavor = netlib (libs: user-defined)
* ALGO flavor = none (libs: ignored)
* FFT flavor = none (libs: ignored)
* MATH flavor = none (libs: ignored)
* DFT flavor = libxc
```

Configuration complete.

## First step : be sure to build a parallel executable

```
=====
==== Final remarks
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Configuration complete.

## ■ First step : be sure to build a parallel executable

```
configure -enable-mpi FC=mpif90
```

In some cases, the configure script does not find  
the MPI library and/or executable ; how to help it...

```
configure --enable-mpi --with-mpi-prefix=path_to_mpi
```

where to find `bin/mpif90` and `include/mpif.h`

## ■ 2<sup>nd</sup> step : use linear algebra Blas/LAPACK from the Linux distribution

```
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===== Final remarks =====
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* TIMER flavor = abinit (libs: ignored)
* LINALG flavor = Atlas or mkl
* ALGO flavor = none (libs: ignored)
* FFT flavor = none (libs: ignored)
* MATH flavor = none (libs: ignored)
* DFT flavor = libxc
```

Configuration complete.

## ■ 2<sup>nd</sup> step : use linear algebra Blas/LAPACK from the Linux distribution

If not automatically detected, enforce the use of it

On a laptop or a personal computer, default version is OK:

```
configure --with-linalg-libs="-L/usr/lib -lblas -llapack"
```

ATLAS is a freely distributed library (available in most distributions):

```
configure --with-linalg-libs="-L/usr/path_to/lib \  
-llapack -lf77blas -lcblas -latlas"
```

## ■ 3<sup>rd</sup> step : activate plugins (fallbacks)

```
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===== Final remarks =====
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* ALGO flavor = none (libs: ignored)
* FFT flavor = none (libs: ignored)
* MATH flavor = none (libs: ignored)
* DFT flavor = none
```

TRIO=Transferable Input Output  
netCDF

DFT plugins= LibXC

Configuration complete.

## ■ 3<sup>rd</sup> step : activate plugins (fallbacks)

### 1-Ask for them !

```
configure --trio-flavor="netcdf" \
           --dft-flavor=="libxc"
```

Everything found on the disk!

```
* TRIO flavor = netcdf
* DFT flavor = libxc
```

OK

Some plugins not found but  
we “fall back” on packages  
accessible via Internet!

```
* TRIO flavor = netcdf
* DFT flavor = libxc-fallback
```

OK

One plugin not found and  
no internet connection

```
Error message!
```

- Finally, the command line for the configuration step can be long:

```
configure --with-trio-flavor="netcdf" \
           --with-dft-flavor="libxc" \
           --prefix=destination_directory \
           --enable-mpi FC=mpif90 \
           --with-mpi-incs="-Ipath_to_incs" \
           --with-mpi-libs="-Lpath_to_libs -lmpi.." \
           --with-linalg-libs="-L/usr/lib -lblas -llapack"
```

- It is possible to store all the options in **a configuration file**.

The configuration script looks for it as

- name\_of\_computer.ac in **\$HOME/.abinit/build**
- name\_of\_computer.ac in current directory
- any file given on command line :

```
configure --with-config-file=name_of_file
```

# COMMAND LINE VS CONFIGURATION FILE

```
configure --with-trio-flavor="netcdf"  
          --with-dft-flavor="libxc"  
          --prefix=destination_directory  
          --enable-mpi FC=mpif90  
          --with-mpi-incs="-Ipath_to_incs"  
          --with-mpi-libs="-Lpath_to_libs -lmpi..."  
          --with-linalg-libs="-L/usr/lib -lblas -llapack"
```

...is equivalent to...

```
configure --with-config_file=...
```

Configuration file

Suppress “--”  
Replace “-” by “\_”

```
FC = mpif90  
with_trio_flavor = "netcdf"  
with_dft_flavor = "libxc"  
prefix = destination_directory  
enable_mpi = "yes"  
with_mpi_incs = "-Ipath_to_incs"  
with_mpi_libs = "-Lpath_to_libs -lmpi..."  
with_linalg_libs = "-L/usr/lib -lblas -llapack"
```

**HOW TO OBTAIN  
AN EFFICIENT ABINIT EXECUTABLE  
PARALLEL COMPUTERS**

- Favor the use of the **configuration file**  
Command line could be very long
  
- **Load the “modules”** (module load ...)  
Before the compilation  
Before the execution
  
- Efficiency on supercomputers implies:
  - use of **hybrid parallelism** (*MPI+openMP*) **IMPORTANT!**
  - use of preinstalled **vendor libraries** (*linear algebra, FFT*)
  - use of **parallel** and **multi-thread** versions of **libraries**

# 1- ACTIVATE OPENMP (MULTITHREAD)

**MANDATORY!**

- Add:

```
--enable-openmp or enable_openmp="yes"
```

- Activate “multi-threaded” versions of libraries

Examples:

Intel mkl library: `"-lmkl_gnu_thread"` or `"-lmkl_intel_thread"`

Atlas library: `-lptf77blas -lptcblas`

fftw library: `-lfftw3_threads`

On a computer using the module command, active multi-threaded feature:

```
module load feature/mkl/multi-threaded
```

- Choice of vendor library depends on the computer architecture
  - On **Intel**-based computers, use “Math Kernel Library” (mkl)
  - On **ARM**-based computers, use “ARM Performance libraries”
- Use customized link line
  - Add `with_linalg_libs="-L... -l..."` in configuration file
- Activate ScaLapack
  - Add `with_linalg_flavor="scalapack"` in configuration file
  - Add ScaLapack in link line
- Activate multithreading
  - Add threads in **link line**  
Ex.: `-lmkl_gnu_thread`

- Use the “module” command to find the link line
  - `module avail` -> find the name of the *scalapack* or *mkl* module
  - `module show name_of_module` -> list predefined variables
- Use the predefined environment variables in configuration file
- *Example on “cobalt” computer (CCRT, French Computing Center)*

```
with_linalg_flavor="scalapack"  
with_linalg_libs=${SCALAPACK_LDFLAGS}
```

Example on “cobalt” computer (CCRT, French Computing Center)

```
>> module show scalapack
-----
/opt/Modules/default/modulefiles/libraries/scalapack/mkl/17.0.0.098:

conflict      scalapack
prereq          mkl/17.0.0.098
prereq          mpi
module-whatis   MKL ScALAPACK routines ILP64 Multi-threaded
Setenv SCALAPACK_ROOT    /ccc/products/mkl-17.0.0.098/default/17.0.0.098/mkl
Setenv SCALAPACK_INCDIR  /ccc/products/mkl-17.0.0.098/default/17.0.0.098/mkl/include
Setenv SCALAPACK_LIBDIR  /ccc/products/mkl-17.0.0.098/default/17.0.0.098/mkl/lib/intel64

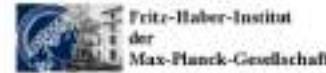
Setenv SCALAPACK_LDFLAGS -L/ccc/products/mkl-17.0.0.098/default/17.0.0.098/mkl/lib/intel64 -l
mkl_intel_ilp64 -lmkl_core -lmkl_intel_thread -lmkl_scalapack_ilp64 -lmkl_bla
cs_openmpi_ilp64 -lpthread -lm

Setenv SCALAPACK_CFLAGS -I/ccc/products/mkl-17.0.0.098/default/17.0.0.098/mkl/include
Setenv SCALAPACK_CXXFLAGS           -I/ccc/products/mkl-17.0.0.098/default/17.0.0.098/mkl/include
Setenv SCALAPACK_FFLAGS -I/ccc/products/mkl-17.0.0.098/default/17.0.0.098/mkl/include
append-path CCC_LDFLAGS -L/ccc/products/mkl-17.0.0.098/default/17.0.0.098/mkl/lib/intel64 -lmkl_intel_ilp64 -lmkl_core -lmkl_intel_thread -lmkl_scalapack_ilp64 -lmkl_bla
cs_openmpi_ilp64 -lpthread -lm
append-path CCC_CFLAGS  -I/ccc/products/mkl-17.0.0.098/default/17.0.0.098/mkl/include
append-path CCC_CXXFLAGS -I/ccc/products/mkl-17.0.0.098/default/17.0.0.098/mkl/include
append-path CCC_FFLAGS  -I/ccc/products/mkl-17.0.0.098/default/17.0.0.098/mkl/include
```

### Strongly recommended Use of ELPA library

- Usually available on supercomputers

Eigenvalue Solvers for Petaflop-Applications



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IBM

- Needs ScaLapack

- Add it in linear algebra flavor

```
with_linalg_flavor="scalapack+elpa"
```

- Add include files and library:

```
with_linalg_incs="-I${ELPA_INCDIR}"
```

```
with_linalg_libs="${SCALAPACK_LDFLAGS} -L${ELPA_LIBDIR} -lelpa"
```

## 3- FAST FOURIER TRANSFORM USE FFTW WITH MULTI-THREADING ACTIVATED

- FFTW is an open-source library implementing FFT  
It includes parallel FFT using MPI and multithreaded FFT

*Intel architecture : FFTW is included in the MKL library*

- **Activate FFTW** in configuration file

Add `with_fft_flavor="fftw3"`

- Use customized **link line**; activate **multithreaded** version

`with_fft_incs="-Ifftw_path_include"`

`with_fft_libs="-Lfftw_path_lib -lfftw3_threads -lfftw3 -lfftw3f"`

## 3- FAST FOURIER TRANSFORM – CONT'D

*Example on “cobalt” computer (CCRT, French Computing Center)*

*Use FFTW included in MKL*

```
with_fft_flavor="fftw3"
with_fft_incs="-I${MKL_INCDIR}"
with_fft_libs=${MKL_LDFLAGS}
```

## 4- PLUGINS (FALLBACKS)

### USE PRE-INSTALLED VERSION IF POSSIBLE

- **netCDF/netCDF-fortran** is always present on a supercomputer

```
module load netcdf
```

or

```
module load netcdf-fortran
```

- There is possibly no internet connection on a supercomputer:  
**Download the plugins(fallbacks)** tar file(s) before compiling  
and put them in `$HOME/.abinit/tarballs` directory
- Use customized **link line** for the pre-installed plugins

```
with_netcdf_libs="-L${NETCDF_ROOT}/lib -lncdf -lncdff"  
with_netcdf_incs="-I${NETCDF_ROOT}/include"
```

```
with_libxc_libs="-L${LIBXC_ROOT}/lib -lxcb -lxcf90"  
with_libxc_incs="-I${LIBXC_ROOT}/include"
```

# FINAL CONFIGURATION FILE

```

# =====
# Configuration file for ABINIT 8 compilation on COBALT
# The following modules have to be loaded before compilation:
#
# module load feature/mkl/multi-threaded
# module load intel mpi
# module load scalapack fftw3/mkl
# module load netcdf-fortran libxc#
=====

FC="mpif90"
CC="mpicc"           → Choice of compilers
CXX="mpicxx"

enable_mpi="yes"     → Hybrid parallelism
enable_openmp="yes"

with_linalg_flavor="mkl+scalapack"   → MKL ScaLapack
with_linalg_libs=${SCALAPACK_LDFLAGS}

with_fft_flavor="fftw3"             → FFT from MKL
with_fft_incs="-I${MKL_INCDIR}"
with_fft_libs=${MKL_LDFLAGS}

with_trio_flavor="netcdf"
with_dft_flavor="libxc"

with_libxc_libs="-L${LIBXC_ROOT}/lib -lxc -lxcf90"
with_libxc_incs="-I${LIBXC_ROOT}/include"   → Pre-installed plugins
                                              (netcdf, libXC)

with_netcdf_libs="-L${NETCDFC_ROOT}/lib -lnetcdf \
                  -L${NETCDFFORTRAN_ROOT}/lib -lncdff"
with_netcdf_incs="-I${NETCDFC_ROOT}/include \
                  -I${NETCDFFORTRAN_ROOT}/include"

```

*Example on “cobalt” computer (CCRT, French Computing Center)*

Choice of compilers

Hybrid parallelism

MKL ScaLapack

FFT from MKL

Pre-installed plugins  
(netcdf, libXC)

*Example on “cobalt” computer (CCRT, French Computing Center)*

```
=====
==== Final remarks
=====
```

**Summary of important options:**

```
* C compiler      : intel version 17.0
* Fortran compiler: intel version 17.0
* architecture    : intel xeon (64 bits)

* debugging       : basic
* optimizations   : standard

* OpenMP enabled  : yes (collapse: yes)
* MPI     enabled  : yes
* MPI-IO enabled   : auto
* GPU      enabled  : no (flavor: none)

* TRIO flavor = netcdf
* TIMER flavor = abinit (libs: ignored)
* LINALG flavor = mkl+scalapack (libs: auto-detected)
* ALGO flavor = none (libs: ignored)
* FFT     flavor = fftw3 (libs: user-defined)
* MATH flavor = none (libs: ignored)
* DFT      flavor = libxc
```

**Configuration complete.**

# CONCLUSION

# INSTALLING ABINIT – KEYS POINTS

## ■ Configuration of the build is the critical point

Look at final report of the configuration

Use a configuration file: `name_of_computer.ac`

## ■ On scalar architecture

- Activate at least **netCDF** and **libXC** plugins
- Build a parallel executable (MPI)
- Use preinstalled BLALS/Lapack libraries

## ■ On parallel architecture

- Use “module” command
- Activate **hybrid parallelism** (MPI+openMP)
- Link to **vendor libraries**;  
use **multithreaded** libraries

- `config.log` file, if error during configuration
- A lot of configuration file examples in  
`~abinit/doc/build/config-examples`
- <https://forum.abinit.org>
- <https://wiki.abinit.org>
- Some videos on YouTube (search for “abinit install”)



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