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INSTALLING ABINIT

LAPTOPS – WORKSTATIONS - SUPERCOMPUTERS

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A terminal window with a menu bar (File, Edit, View, Search, Terminal, Help) and a list of configuration options for ABINIT installation. The text is as follows:

```
enable_mpi="yes"  
enable_mpi_io="yes"  
with_mpi_prefix="/usr"  
with_netcdf_incs="-I/usr/include"  
with_netcdf_libs="-L/usr/lib -lnetcdf -lnetcdf"  
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

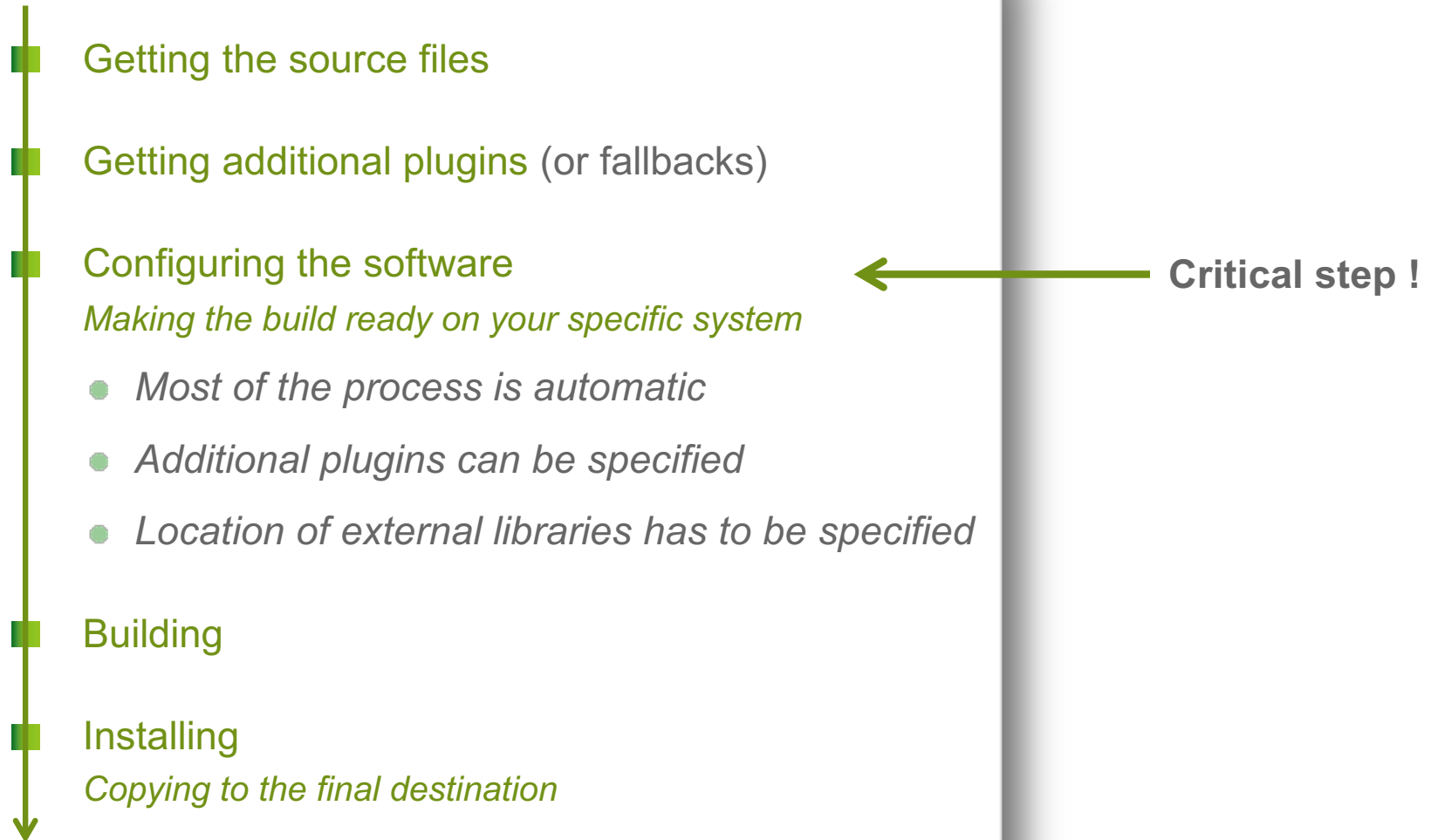
- A **MPI** library (Message Passing Interface)
Not mandatory but strongly recommended

- A “**BLAS/LAPACK**” library (linear algebra)
Can be downloaded *on the fly* if Internet connection

- ABINIT **tarball** file
Downloadable from www.abinit.org

- **Internet** connection ?
Can be convenient to download “on the fly” some extra packages

THE COMPILATION PROCEDURE

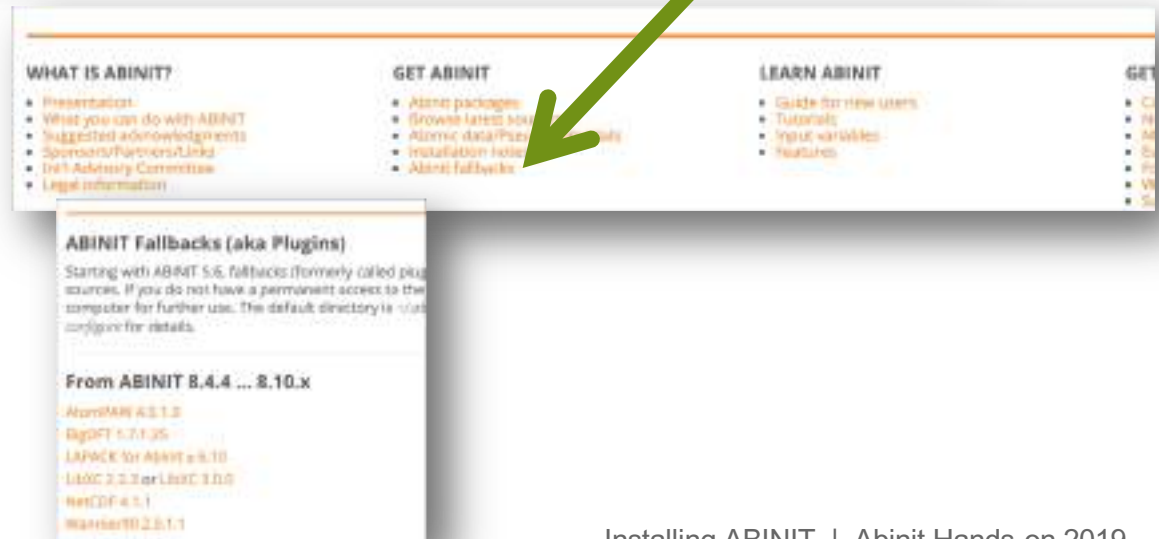


GETTING THE INSTALLATION FILE (TARBALL)

- The source package

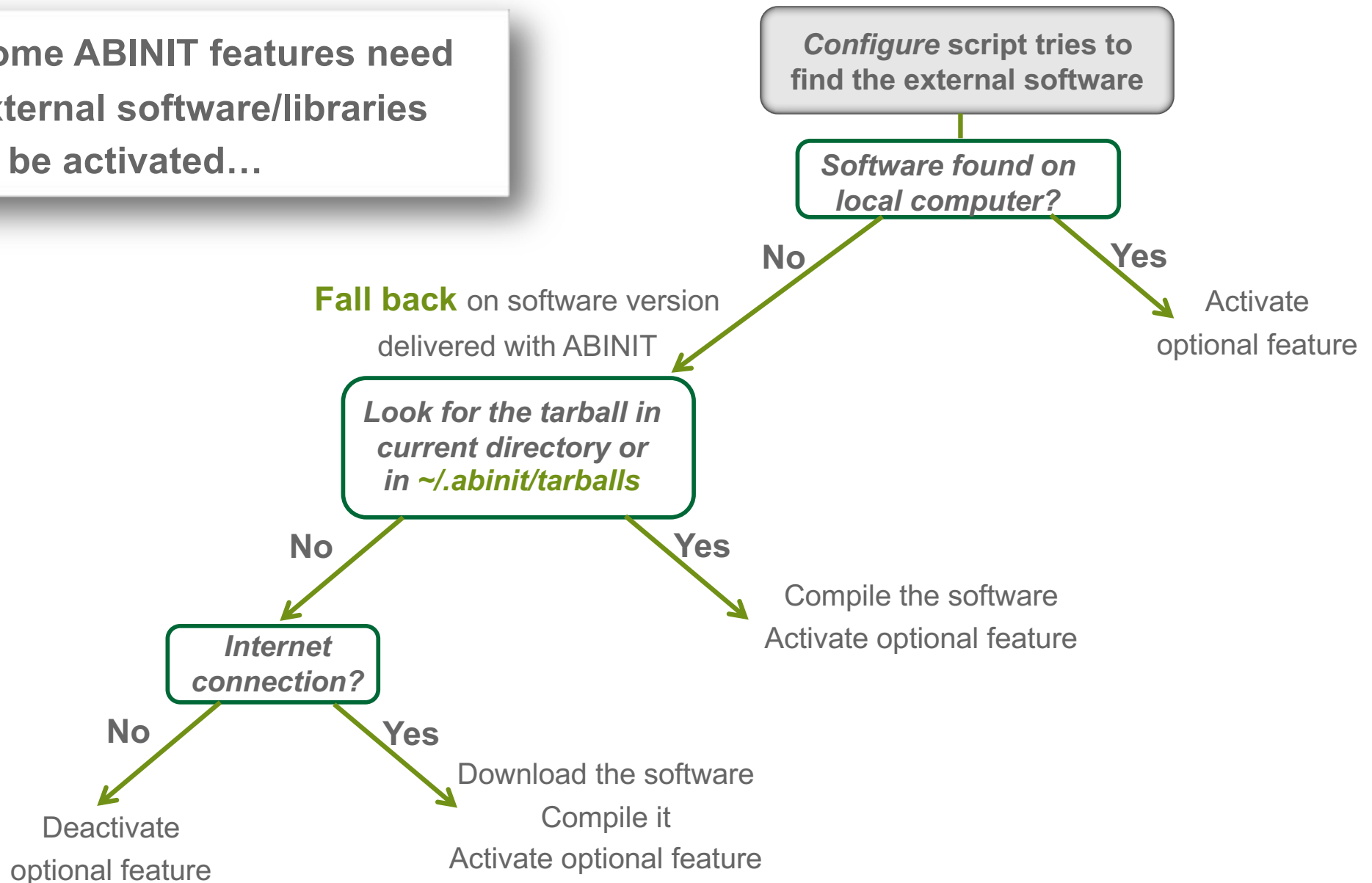


- The additional plugins “Fallbacks” are provided on ABINIT web site



WHAT ARE THE PLUGINS/FALLBACKS?

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



WHAT ARE THE FALLBACKS?

■ 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, ...)

`make install`

- Several executable files are copied into the destination directory :
 - **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]
```

■ 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
```

**This step is the
most important**

- 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`

■ 2nd step : use linear algebra Blas/LAPACK from the Linux distribution

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

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* MPI-IO enabled : no  
* GPU enabled    : no (flavor: none)  
  
* TRIO flavor = netcdf  
* 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.

- **2nd 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 -lcbblas -latlas"
```

■ 3rd step : activate plugins (fallbacks)

```
=====
==== 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.

■ 3rd 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

- 1- name_of_computer.ac in `$HOME/.abinit/build`
- 2- name_of_computer.ac in current directory
- 3- 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 libray: `-lfftw3_threads`

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

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

2- LINEAR ALGEBRA

USE VENDOR MULTI-THREADED LIBRARY WITH SCALAPACK

- 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 -  
lmkl_intel_ilp64 -lmkl_core -lmkl_intel_thread -lmkl_scalapack_ilp64 -lmkl_blacs_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_blacs_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

- 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="-lfftw_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 -lnetcdf -lnetcdf_fortran"
```

```
with_netcdf_incs="-I${NETCDF_ROOT}/include"
```

```
with_libxc_libs="-L${LIBXC_ROOT}/lib -lxc -lxc_fortran"
```

```
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"
CXX="mpicxx"

enable_mpi="yes"
enable_openmp="yes"

with_linalg_flavor="mkl+scalapack"
with_linalg_libs=${SCALAPACK_LDFLAGS}

with_fft_flavor="fftw3"
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"

with_netcdf_libs="-L${NETCDFC_ROOT}/lib -lnetcdf \
                -L${NETCDFFORTRAN_ROOT}/lib -lnetcdff"
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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