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## Molecular Finite Element Density Functional Calculations employing a Cusp Factor

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Finite element calculations have been performed in Cartesian coordinates using the density functional approach for a number of small molecules. In order to aid convergence of the orbitals and total energies a suitable cusp factor was employed, such that the resulting effective potential is non-singular at all nuclei. The resulting total energies and densities were compared with those obtained using the Gaussian basis set package NWChem and excellent agreement was found.

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