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# SIESTA: Building, Deployment, and Execution

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# Siesta was built and deployed on MareNostrum 4 for the School

```
$ source /gpfs/projects/nct00/nct00003/siestarc.sh
```

```
...
```

```
$ siesta -v
```

```
Siesta Version : 5.0.0-beta1
```

```
Architecture : ----
```

```
Compiler version: Intel-2021.4.0.20210910
```

```
Compiler flags : -O2 -ip -xHost -fp-model=strict -prec-div -prec-sqrt
```

```
PP flags : ----
```

```
Libraries : ----
```

```
Parallelisations: MPI
```

```
GEMM3M support
```

```
NetCDF support
```

```
NetCDF-4 support
```

```
Lua support
```

# Steps for building and deploying Siesta on a computer

- 1 **Check** the hardware requirements.
- 2 **Prepare** the build environment.
- 3 **Download** the SIESTA source code.
- 4 **Build** SIESTA, its utilities, and any needed dependencies.
- 5 **Test** the binaries.
- 6 **Deploy** the files you built (binaries, libraries, etc.).
- 7 **Run** the executables in the correct environment.

# Hardware requirements

- SIESTA can work on a broad variety of computer architectures, from a Raspberry PI to massively parallel supercomputers.
- Recommended minimum requirements:
  - 1 GB RAM (although small atomic structures can be studied with less).
  - 2 GB disk storage, in particular if you want to run the SIESTA test suite.
- SIESTA will likely work on any CPU, but bear in mind that most development and testing is done on x86\_64 (Intel/AMD) and ARMv8 architectures.

# Building Software Requirements

- CMake version  $\geq 3.17$  (released in 2020).
- A Fortran compiler with full support of the Fortran 2003 standard and partial support of the Fortran 2008 standard (gfortran, ifort, CRAY Fortran, etc.).  
Note: mixing old compilers with new hardware is usually a bad idea.
- A C/C++ companion compiler.
- If you want to build a parallel version of SIESTA, you will also need a MPI distribution (including development files).
- If you want to offload to a Nvidia (/AMD) GPU, you will need the corresponding CUDA (/HIP) distribution.
- If you want to build the SIESTA user manual, you will also need a  $\text{\LaTeX}$  distribution.

# Source Code — the authoritative distribution channel

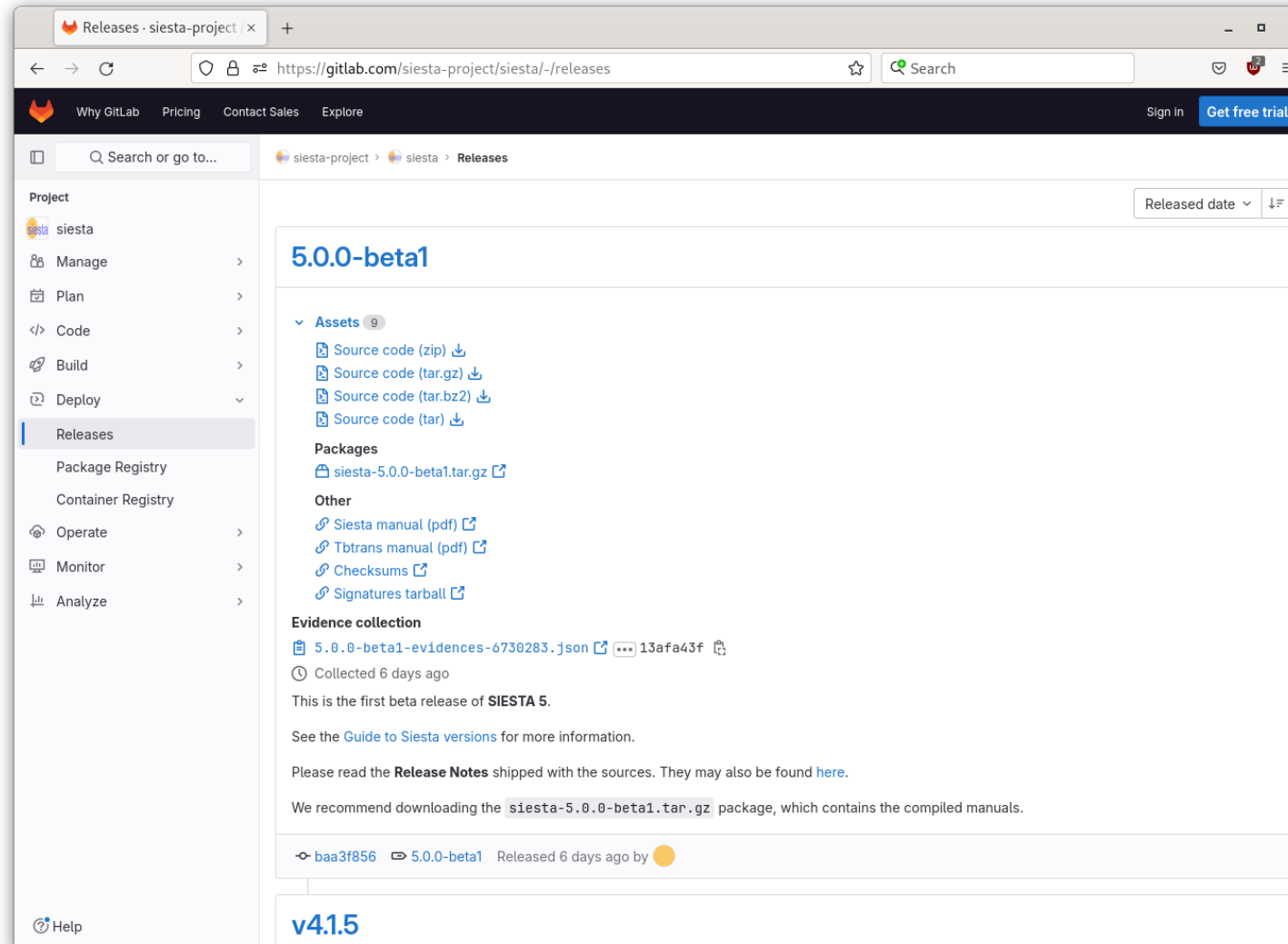
`https://gitlab.com/siesta-project/siesta/`

The screenshot shows the GitLab web interface for the 'siesta' project. The browser address bar displays 'https://gitlab.com/siesta-project/siesta'. The page header includes navigation links like 'Why GitLab', 'Pricing', 'Contact Sales', and 'Explore', along with 'Sign In' and 'Get free trial' buttons. A search bar is present in the top left. The main content area shows the project name 'siesta' with a star icon and '57' stars. Below this, project statistics are listed: '5,572 Commits', '6 Branches', '49 Tags', '67 MiB Project Storage', and '6 Releases'. A description states: 'A first-principles materials simulation code using DFT. Homepage: <https://siesta-project.org/siesta>'. A recent merge commit is highlighted: 'Merge branch 'contributorsupdate' into 'master'' by Federico Pedron, authored 6 days ago, with commit ID 'baa3f856'. At the bottom, there is a table of files and their last commit details.

Name	Last commit	Last update
.gitlab	updated templates to conform to the code lay...	3 months ago
Config	Merge branch 'master-psml2' into 'master'	1 week ago
Docs	Updates for 5.0.0-beta1:	6 days ago
Examples	Implementation of on-the-fly interface with wa...	1 week ago
External	Update xmlf90 to 1.6.2 and libpsml 2.0.1	1 week ago
Pseudo	Add dummy timer to the source list of psop	1 week ago

# Siesta Releases

<https://gitlab.com/siesta-project/siesta/-/releases/>



The screenshot displays the GitLab interface for the releases of the siesta-project. The browser address bar shows the URL <https://gitlab.com/siesta-project/siesta/-/releases>. The page title is "Releases · siesta-project". The navigation menu includes "Why GitLab", "Pricing", "Contact Sales", and "Explore". The main content area shows the release "5.0.0-beta1" with a dropdown menu for "Assets" containing four source code packages: "Source code (zip)", "Source code (tar.gz)", "Source code (tar.bz2)", and "Source code (tar)". Below the assets, there is a "Packages" section with a link to "siesta-5.0.0-beta1.tar.gz". The "Other" section includes links for "Siesta manual (pdf)", "Tbtrans manual (pdf)", "Checksums", and "Signatures tarball". An "Evidence collection" section shows a file "5.0.0-beta1-evidences-6730283.json" collected 6 days ago. The release is noted as the first beta release of SIESTA 5. The release was made by user "baa3f856" 6 days ago. The page also shows a partial view of the previous release "v4.15".

# Should I get Siesta-5? (now in beta)

- SIESTA 5 has lots of new functionalities compared to the current stable release, SIESTA v4.1.5.
- SIESTA 5 is easier to install and to deploy than SIESTA v4.1.5.
- We expect another SIESTA 5 beta/rc release by the end of October, and the actual 5 release by the end of 2023.
- The repository contains a few other development branches with significant improvements, see the Guide to SIESTA versions (<https://gitlab.com/siesta-project/siesta/-/wikis/Guide-to-Siesta-versions>). Most of them should be released as part of the next major version, SIESTA 6 (2024).
- Only release tarballs are supported. Users should really stick to them.
- **Advanced users** that want to try arbitrary branches or versions of SIESTA should really avoid the GitLab download button, and interact with the repository using git (version  $\geq 2.13$ ). These non-release versions are generally unsupported by the SIESTA development team.



# Basic steps for building with the command line

Download tarball:

```
$ wget https://gitlab.com/.../5.0.0-beta1/downloads/siesta-5.0.0-beta1.tar.gz
```

Extract files:

```
$ tar -xvzf siesta-5.0.0-beta1.tar.gz
```

Enter source directory:

```
$ cd siesta-5.0.0-beta1
```

Initialize build directory:

```
$ cmake -S. -B_build
```

Build:

```
$ cmake --build _build -j 4
```

# Basic options (compiler and flags, MPI, OpenMP)

Check the SIESTA manual for details about all the building options.

- Specify Fortran compiler

```
FC=gfortran cmake ...
```

- Specify Fortran compiler flags

```
cmake -DFortran_FLAGS='-O3 -march=native'
```

- Specify toolchain file (some available in Config/cmake/toolchains/):

```
cmake ... -DSIESTA_TOOLCHAIN=/path/to/toolchain/file
```

- Explicitly enable/disable MPI (default: ON if MPI compiler found, otherwise OFF):

```
cmake ... -DWITH_MPI=ON|OFF
```

- Explicitly enable/disable OpenMP (default: OFF):

```
cmake ... -DWITH_OPENMP=ON|OFF
```

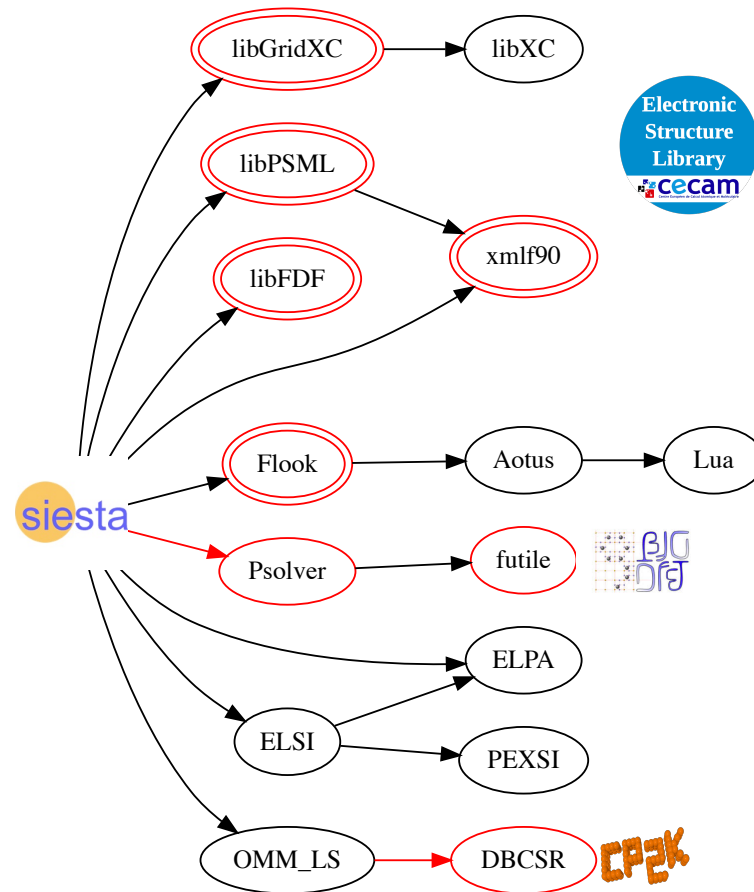
# Example of toolchain file (Config/cmake/toolchains/mac.cmake)

```
#  
# If you have veclibfort, and it works, you could uncomment these lines  
#  
set(BLAS_LIBRARY "-lveclibfort" CACHE STRING "blas library chosen")  
set(LAPACK_LIBRARY "-lveclibfort" CACHE STRING "lapack library chosen")  
#  
# More general settings for use with shell modules  
#  
# set(LAPACK_LIBRARY "$ENV{LAPACK_LIBS}" CACHE STRING "lapack library chosen")  
set(SCALAPACK_LIBRARY "$ENV{SCALAPACK_LIBS}" CACHE STRING "scalapack library  
chosen")  
#
```

# Example of toolchain file for specific supercomputer software stack

```
#  
# Vega supercomputer at Maribor, Slovenia, with ELPA GPU support  
#  
# Using the gompic easyBuild toolchain (GCC, OpenBLAS, OpenMPI, CUDA)  
#  
# Set up the modules as:  
#  
# ml gompic/2020b  
# ml OpenBLAS/0.3.12-GCC-10.2.0  
# ml ScaLAPACK/2.1.0-gompic-2020b  
# ml netCDF-Fortran/4.5.3-gompic-2020b  
# ml CMake/3.18.4-GCCcore-10.2.0  
# ml FFTW/3.3.8-gompic-2020b  
#  
set(WITH_OPENMP "ON" CACHE BOOL "with OpenMP")  
#  
set(LAPACK_LIBRARY  
    "-L /cvmfs/sling.si/modules/el7/software/OpenBLAS/0.3.12-GCC-10.2.0/lib -lopenblas -lpthread -lm -ldl"  
    CACHE STRING "lapack library chosen")  
  
set(SCALAPACK_LIBRARY  
    "-L /cvmfs/sling.si/modules/el7/software/ScaLAPACK/2.1.0-gompic-2020b/lib -lscalapack"  
    CACHE STRING "scalapack library chosen")
```

# SIESTA: Domain-specific libraries



Domain-specific libraries originating in SIESTA itself or created for new functionalities in the code:

- libGridXC: laboratory for interface design
- xmlf90: used already by other community codes
- libPSML: enables pseudopotential interoperability

Scriptability via embedded interpreter with access to data structures of the code

New Poisson solver with flexible boundary conditions and optimized for hybrid architectures

Solvers: consolidated interfaces for continuously improved and performance-portable libraries.

New class of linear-scaling algorithms with efficient sparse-matrix library DBSCR as backend

# Automatic download and compilation of domain-specific libraries

```
-- Searching for xmlf90
-- | Siesta_find_package[xmlf90] METHODS | ALLOWED = cmake;pkgconf;source;fetch |
cmake;pkgconf;source;fetch
-- | CMake package lookup [xmlf90]
-- Could NOT find xmlf90 (missing: xmlf90_DIR)
-- | CMake package lookup [xmlf90] - not found
-- | pkg-config package lookup[xmlf90]
-- | Checking for module 'xmlf90'
-- |   No package 'xmlf90' found
-- | pkg-config package lookup[xmlf90] - not found
-- | source in folder: /tmp/siesta-5.0.0-beta1/External/xmlf90
-- | source in folder: /tmp/siesta-5.0.0-beta1/External/xmlf90 - not found
-- | fetching from https://gitlab.com/siesta-project/libraries/xmlf90
-- | BINARY_DIR for fetched xmlf90: /tmp/siesta-5.0.0-beta1/_test/_deps/xmlf90-build
-- | fetching from https://gitlab.com/siesta-project/libraries/xmlf90 - fetched
-- Searching for xmlf90 - found
```

# Extra pre-compiled libraries

Some libraries have to be pre-installed:

- libxc
- ELPA
- netCDF (likely installed already in the system)

```
cmake .... -DCMAKE_PREFIX_PATH=${LIBXC_ROOT} ...
```

# Testing Siesta

```
> cd _build  
> ctest -L simple -N
```

```
Test project /tmp/siesta-5.0.0-beta1/_build  
Test #25: siesta-siesta-00.BasisSets-default_basis_mpi_np4  
Test #26: verify-default_basis  
Test #41: siesta-siesta-01.PseudoPotentials-psf_mpi_np4  
Test #42: verify-psf  
Test #43: siesta-siesta-01.PseudoPotentials-full.psml_mpi_np4  
Test #44: verify-full.psml  
Test #71: siesta-siesta-03.SpinOrbit-FePt-onsite_mpi_np4  
Test #72: verify-FePt-onsite  
Test #83: siesta-siesta-05.Bands-ge_bands_mpi_np4  
Test #84: verify-ge_bands  
Test #97: siesta-siesta-06.DensityOfStates-pdos_kp_mpi_np4  
Test #98: verify-pdos_kp  
Test #105: siesta-siesta-07.ForceConstants-fc_mpi_np4  
Test #106: verify-fc  
Test #113: siesta-siesta-08.GeometryOptimization-cg_mpi_np4  
Test #114: verify-cg  
Test #133: siesta-siesta-09.MolecularDynamics-verlet_mpi_np4  
Test #134: verify-verlet
```

```
..
```



# Testing Siesta

```
> ctest -L simple -E verify
Test project /tmp/siesta-5.0.0-beta1/_build
   Start  25: siesta-siesta-00.BasisSets-default_basis_mpi_np4
1/22 Test  #25: siesta-siesta-00.BasisSets-default_basis_mpi_np4 ..... Passed    2.40 sec
   Start  33: siesta-siesta-01.PseudoPotentials-psf_mpi_np4
2/22 Test  #33: siesta-siesta-01.PseudoPotentials-psf_mpi_np4 ..... Passed    1.94 sec
   Start  34: siesta-siesta-01.PseudoPotentials-full.psml_mpi_np4
3/22 Test  #34: siesta-siesta-01.PseudoPotentials-full.psml_mpi_np4 ..... Passed    2.17 sec
   Start  48: siesta-siesta-03.SpinOrbit-FePt-onsite_mpi_np4
4/22 Test  #48: siesta-siesta-03.SpinOrbit-FePt-onsite_mpi_np4 ..... Passed    5.47 sec
   Start  54: siesta-siesta-05.Bands-ge_bands_mpi_np4
5/22 Test  #54: siesta-siesta-05.Bands-ge_bands_mpi_np4 ..... Passed    2.19 sec
   Start  61: siesta-siesta-06.DensityOfStates-pdos_kp_mpi_np4
```

# Installing Siesta

Tell cmake where to install SIESTA, and install it there:

```
$ cmake -S. -B_build -DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=/path/to/installation
$ cmake --build _build -j 4
$ cmake --install _build
$ ls /path/to/installation
  bin  include  lib64  share
```

Then make your environment aware of this installation:

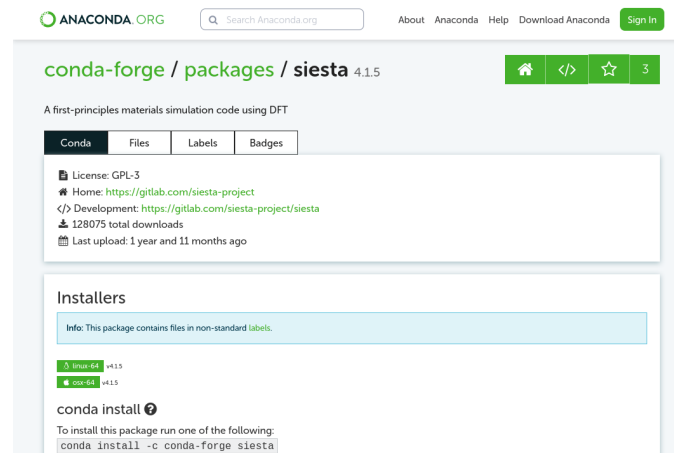
```
$ cat siestarc.sh
#!/bin/sh
```

```
LD_LIBRARY_PATH="/path/to/installation/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH"
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH
```

```
PATH="/path/to/installation/bin:$PATH"
export PATH
```

# Installing with conda (4.1.5 version only as of now)

- Conda is a package manager.
- Conda-Forge is community repository of recipes and packages.
- SIESTA available on Conda-forge:  
<https://anaconda.org/conda-forge/siesta>



```
$ conda install -c conda-forge siesta=4.1.5=*openmpi*
```

- Strength: easy access to SIESTA: somebody else built the package, so you can directly deploy.
- Weakness: a Conda package may run on a range of CPUs  $\implies$  package not optimized for your particular instruction set  $\implies$  SIESTA not as performant as it could be.

# Installing with spack (some setup required)

```
$ spack info siesta # (NEED the proper package files. See INSTALL.md and Config/spack_package_defs)
```

## Safe versions:

```
master [git] https://gitlab.com/siesta-project/siesta.git on branch master
```

## Deprecated versions:

```
None
```

## Variants:

Name [Default]	When	Allowed values	Description
=====	====	=====	=====
build_type [RelWithDebInfo]	--	Debug, Release, RelWithDebInfo, MinSizeRel	CMake build type
elpa [off]	--	on, off	Use ELPA library (native interface)
fftw [on]	--	on, off	Use FFTW library (needed only for STM/ol-stm)
ipo [off]	--	on, off	CMake interprocedural optimization
libxc [off]	--	on, off	Use libxc
mpi [off]	--	on, off	Use MPI
netcdf [off]	--	on, off	Use NetCDF

## Build Dependencies:

```
cmake elpa fftw lapack libgridxc libpsml libxc mpi netcdf-fortran scalapack xmlf90
```

# Other building options

- EasyBuild (similar to spack)
- Spack containers
- Singularity containers

The recipes are being updated and will be released soon



THANKS