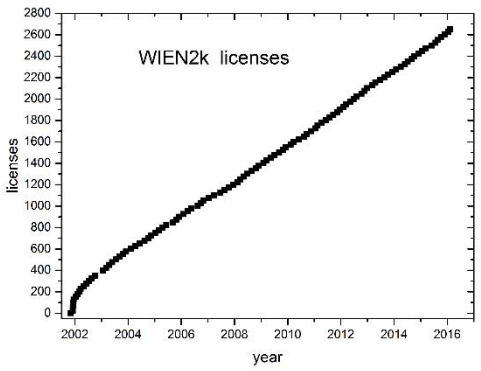
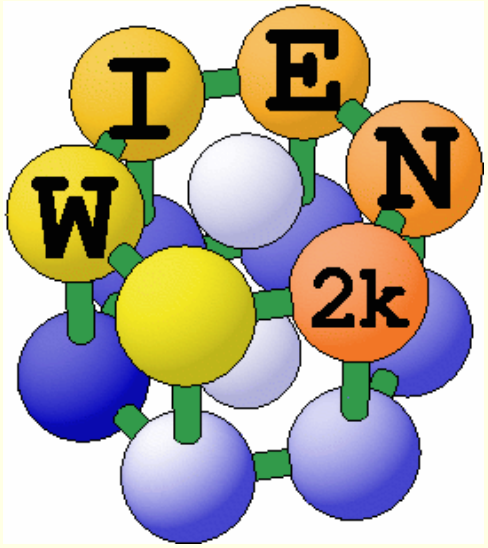


WIEN2k software package



WIEN97: ~500 users
WIEN2k: ~3000 users

An Augmented Plane Wave Plus Local Orbital Program for Calculating Crystal Properties

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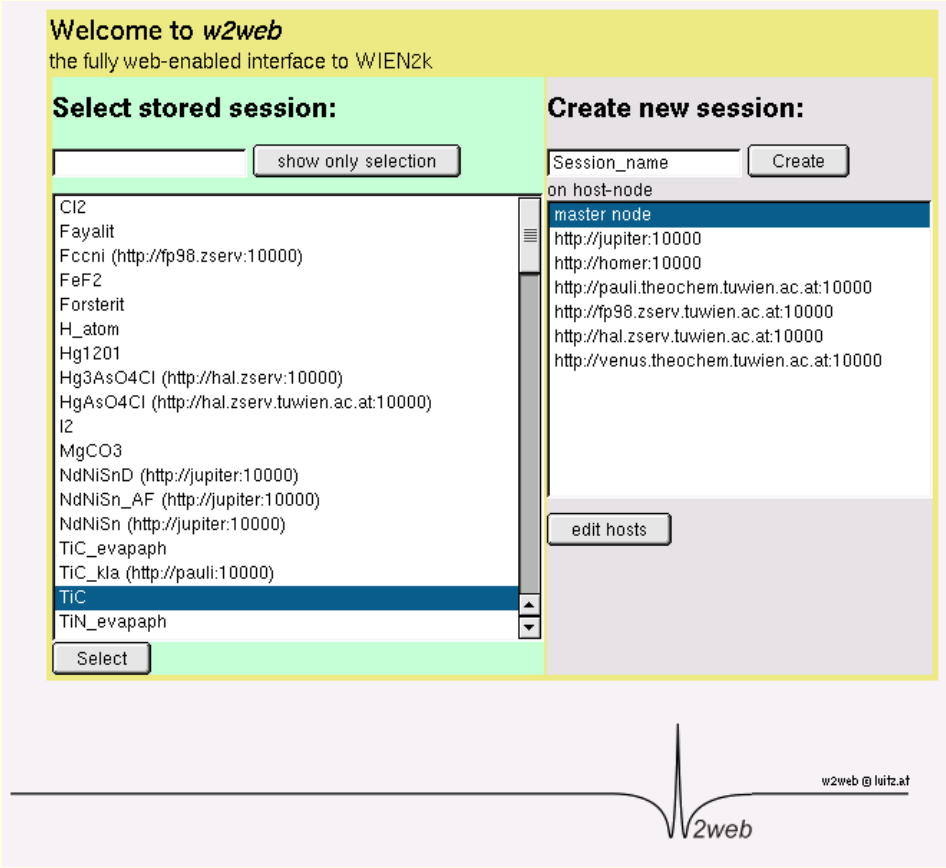
General remarks on WIEN2k

- WIEN2k consists of many independent F90 programs, which are linked together via C-shell scripts.
- Each „case" runs in his own directory ./case
- The „master input" is called case.struct
- Initialize a calculation: init_lapw
- Run scf-cycle: run_lapw (runsp_lapw)
- You can run WIEN2k using any www-browser and the w2web interface, but also at the command line in an xterm.
- Input/output/scf files have endings as the corresponding programs:
  - *case.output1…lapw1; case.in2…lapw2; case.scf0…lapw0*
- Inputs are generated using STRUCTGEN(w2web) and init_lapw

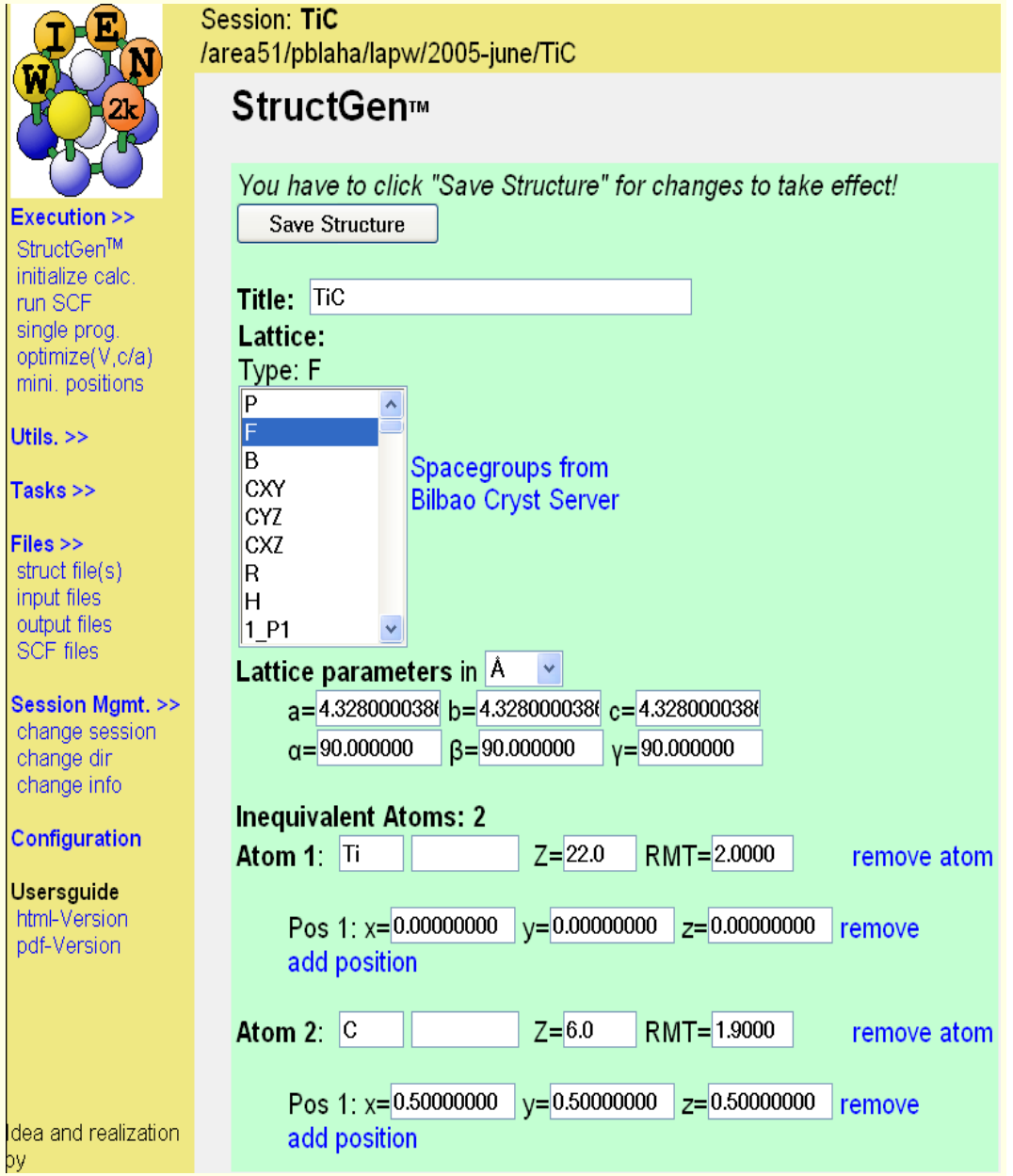
w2web: the web-based GUI of WIEN2k

- Based on www
  - *WIEN2k can be managed remotely via w2web*
- Important steps:
  - *start w2web on all your hosts*
    - login to the desired host (ssh)
    - w2web (at first startup you will be asked for username/password, port-number, (master-)hostname. creates ~/.w2web directory)
  - *use your browser and connect to the (master) host:portnumber*
    - firefox http://fp98.zserv:10000
  - *create a new session on the desired host (or select an old one)*



w2web GUI (graphical user interface)

- Structure generator
  - *spacegroup selection*
  - *import cif or xyz file*
- step by step initialization
  - *symmetry detection*
  - *automatic input generation*
- SCF calculations
  - *Magnetism (spin-polarization)*
  - *Spin-orbit coupling*
  - *Forces (automatic geometry optimization)*
- Guided Tasks
  - *Energy band structure*
  - *DOS*
  - *Electron density*
  - *X-ray spectra*
  - *Optics*



Spacegroup $P4_2/mnm$

Structure given by:

- spacegroup
- lattice parameter
- positions of atoms (basis)

Rutile TiO_2:

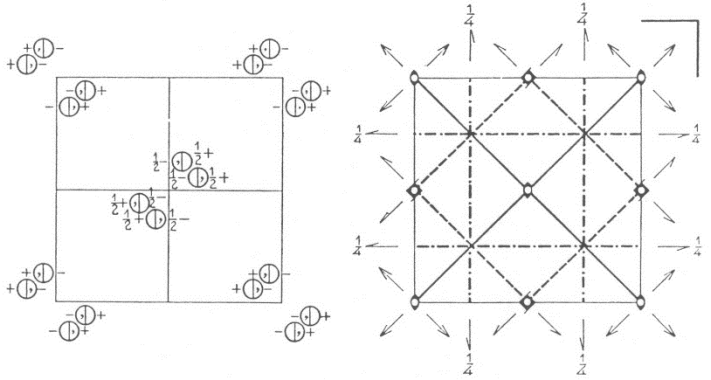
$P4_2/mnm$ (136)

a=8.68, c=5.59 bohr

Ti: (0,0,0)

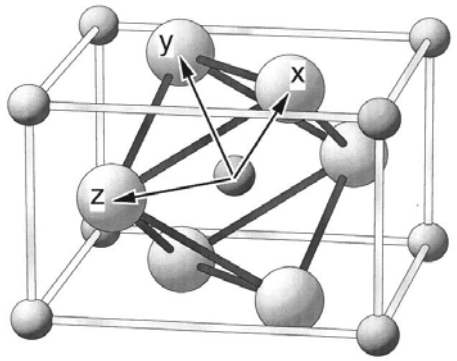
O: (0.304,0.304,0)

$P4_2/mnm$ D_{4h}^{14} No. 136 $P\,4_2/m\,2_1/n\,2/m$ $4/m\,m\,m$ Tetragonal



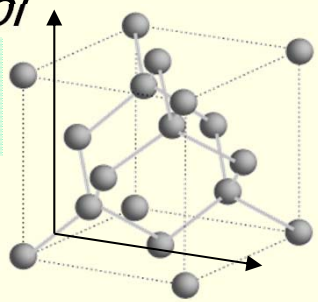
Origin at centre (*mmm*)

Number of positions, Wyckoff notation, and point symmetry			Co-ordinates of equivalent positions	Conditions limiting possible reflections
				General:
16	*k*	1	x,y,z; $\bar{x},\bar{y},z$; $\frac{1}{2}+x,\frac{1}{2}-y,\frac{1}{2}+z$; $\frac{1}{2}-x,\frac{1}{2}+y,\frac{1}{2}+z$; $x,y,\bar{z}$; $\bar{x},\bar{y},\bar{z}$; $\frac{1}{2}+x,\frac{1}{2}-y,\frac{1}{2}-z$; $\frac{1}{2}-x,\frac{1}{2}+y,\frac{1}{2}-z$; y,x,z; $\bar{y},\bar{x},z$; $\frac{1}{2}+y,\frac{1}{2}-x,\frac{1}{2}+z$; $\frac{1}{2}-y,\frac{1}{2}+x,\frac{1}{2}+z$; $y,x,\bar{z}$; $\bar{y},\bar{x},\bar{z}$; $\frac{1}{2}+y,\frac{1}{2}-x,\frac{1}{2}-z$; $\frac{1}{2}-y,\frac{1}{2}+x,\frac{1}{2}-z$.	*hkl*: No conditions *hk*0: No conditions 0*kl*: $k+l=2n$ *hhl*: No conditions
				Special: as above, plus
8	*j*	*m*	x,x,z; $\bar{x},\bar{x},z$; $\frac{1}{2}+x,\frac{1}{2}-x,\frac{1}{2}+z$; $\frac{1}{2}-x,\frac{1}{2}+x,\frac{1}{2}+z$; $x,x,\bar{z}$; $\bar{x},\bar{x},\bar{z}$; $\frac{1}{2}+x,\frac{1}{2}-x,\frac{1}{2}-z$; $\frac{1}{2}-x,\frac{1}{2}+x,\frac{1}{2}-z$.	no extra conditions
8	*i*	*m*	$x,y,0$; $\bar{x},\bar{y},0$; $\frac{1}{2}+x,\frac{1}{2}-y,\frac{1}{2}$; $\frac{1}{2}-x,\frac{1}{2}+y,\frac{1}{2}$; $y,x,0$; $\bar{y},\bar{x},0$; $\frac{1}{2}+y,\frac{1}{2}-x,\frac{1}{2}$; $\frac{1}{2}-y,\frac{1}{2}+x,\frac{1}{2}$.	
8	*h*	2	$0,\frac{1}{2},z$; $0,\frac{1}{2},\bar{z}$; $0,\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}+z$; $0,\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}-z$; $\frac{1}{2},0,z$; $\frac{1}{2},0,\bar{z}$; $\frac{1}{2},0,\frac{1}{2}+z$; $\frac{1}{2},0,\frac{1}{2}-z$.	*hkl*: $h+k=2n$; $l=2n$
4	*g*	*mm*	$x,\bar{x},0$; $\bar{x},x,0$; $\frac{1}{2}+x,\frac{1}{2}+x,\frac{1}{2}$; $\frac{1}{2}-x,\frac{1}{2}-x,\frac{1}{2}$.	
4	*f*	*mm*	$x,x,0$; $\bar{x},\bar{x},0$; $\frac{1}{2}+x,\frac{1}{2}-x,\frac{1}{2}$; $\frac{1}{2}-x,\frac{1}{2}+x,\frac{1}{2}$.	
4	*e*	*mm*	$0,0,z$; $0,0,\bar{z}$; $\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}+z$; $\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}-z$.	
4	*d*	$\bar{4}$	$0,\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{4}$; $\frac{1}{2},0,\frac{1}{4}$; $0,\frac{1}{2},\frac{3}{4}$; $\frac{1}{2},0,\frac{3}{4}$.	
4	*c*	2/*m*	$0,\frac{1}{2},0$; $\frac{1}{2},0,0$; $0,\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}$; $\frac{1}{2},0,\frac{1}{2}$.	
2	*b*	*mmm*	$0,0,\frac{1}{2}$; $\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2},0$.	
2	*a*	*mmm*	$0,0,0$; $\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}$.	



Structure generator

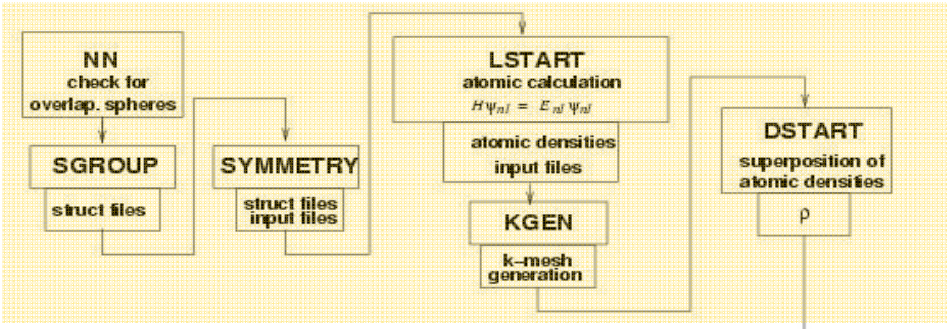
- Specify:
  - *Number of nonequivalent atoms*
  - *lattice type (P, F, B, H, CXY, CXZ, CYZ) or spacegroup symbol*
    - if existing, you must use a SG-setting with inversion symmetry:
      - Si: ±(1/8,1/8,1/8), not (0,0,0)+(1/4,1/4,1/4)!
  - *lattice parameters a,b,c (in Å or bohr)*
  - *name of atoms (Si) and fractional coordinates (position)*
    - as numbers (0.123); fractions (1/3); simple expressions (x-1/2,…)
    - in fcc (bcc) specify just one atom, not the others in (1/2,1/2,0; …)

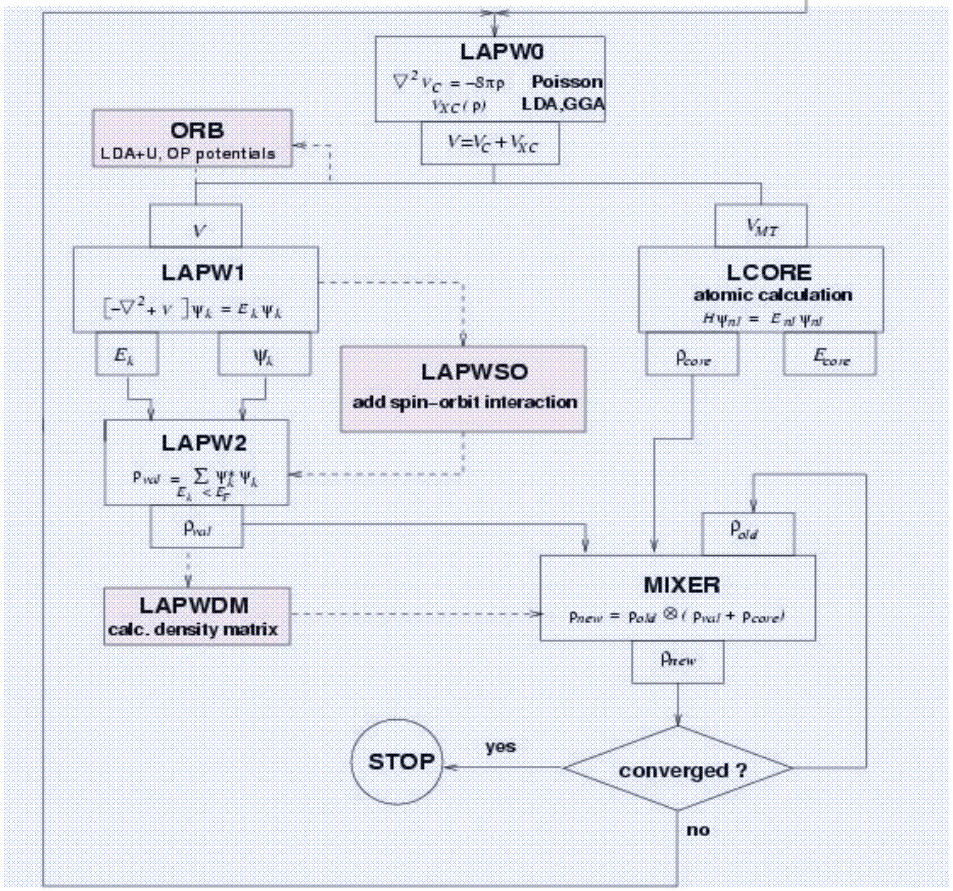


- „save structure "
  - *updates automatically Z, r0, equivalent positions*
- „set RMT and continue": (specify proper "reduction" of NN-distances)
  - *non-overlapping „as large as possible" (saves time, may require L^{vns}=6(8))*
  - *RMT for sp (d) - elements 10-20 % smaller than for d (f) elements*
  - *largest spheres not more than 50 % larger than smallest sphere*
  - *Exception: H in C-H or O-H bonds: RMT~0.6 bohr (RKMAX~3-4)*
  - *Do not change RMT in a „series" of calculations, RMT equal for same atoms*
- „save structure – save+cleanup"

Program structure of WIEN2k

- init_lapw
  - *step-by-step or batch initialization*
  - *symmetry detection (F, I, C-centering, inversion)*
  - *input generation with recommended defaults*
  - *quality (and computing time) depends on **k-mesh** and **R.Kmax** (determines #PW)*
- run_lapw
  - *scf-cycle*
  - *optional with SO and/or LDA+U*
  - *different convergence criteria (energy, charge, forces)*
- save_lapw tic_gga_100k_rk7_vol0
  - *cp case.struct and clmsum files,*
  - *mv case.scf file*
  - *rm case.broyd* files*





RKMAX

- The convergence criterion in APW is the product of R_{MT}.Kmax

$$\Psi = \sum_{K_n}^{KMAX} c_{K_n} \; e^{iK_n r}$$

- http://www.wien2k.at/reg_user/faq/rkmax.html
- medium quality convergence for **smallest** atom:

- basis set scales with $RKmax^3$
- cputime scales with N_{PW}^3

- increasing Rkmax by 10 %
  ⟹ doubles cputime

Rkmax	Element
3.0	H
4.5	Li
5.0	Be, B, Si
5.5	C, P
6.0	N, S
6.5	O, Cl, Na, K, Rb, Cs, Mg, Ca, Sr, Ba, Al
7.0	F
7.5	Sc-Cr, Ga-Br, Y-Mo
8.0	Mn-Zn, Ru-Cd, In-I, La, Ce, Hf-Re
8.5	Os-At, Pr-Lu, Ac-Lr

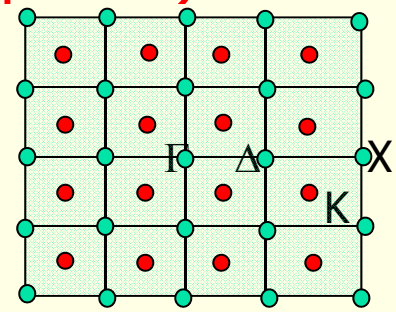
START with **SMALL** Rkmax (relaxation), **increase / test** later

BZ integration, "FERMI"-methods

- Replace the "integral" of the BZ by a finite summation on a mesh of "k-points"

$$\rho(r) = \sum_{n}^{E_n<E_F} \int \psi^*_{k,n}\, \psi_{k,n}\, d^3k \quad = \quad \sum_{k,n} w_{k,n}\, \psi^*_k \psi_k$$

- weights $w_{k,n}$ depend on k and bandindex n (occupation)
  - *for full "bands" the weight is given by "symmetry"*
    - w(Γ)=1, w(x)=2, w(Δ)=4, w(k)=8
    - ➡ shifted "Monkhorst-Pack" mesh



  - *for partially filled bands (metals) one must find the Fermi-energy (integration up to NE) and determine the weights for each state $E_{k,n}$*
    - linear tetrahedron method (TETRA, eval=999)
    - linear tetrahedron method + "Bloechl" corrections (TETRA)
    - "broadening methods"
      - gauss-broadening (GAUSS 0.002)
      - temperature broadening (TEMP/TEMPS 0.002)
  - *broadening useful to damp scf oszillations, but dangerous (magnetic moment)*

k-mesh generation

- x kgen (generates k-mesh and reduces to irreducible wedge using symmetry)
  - *automatically "adds inversion"*
    - time inversion holds and E(k) = E(-k)
    - except in magnetic spin-orbit calculations (`x -so kgen`; uses case.ksym file)
    - `x -fbz kgen` (generates „full mesh" in BZ)
  - *always "shift" the mesh for scf-cycle*
    - gaps often at Γ ! (might not be in your mesh)
  - *small unit cells and metals require large k-mesh (1000-100000)*
  - *large unit cells and insulators need only 1-10 k-points*
  - *use at first a fairly **coarse** mesh for scf/relaxations*
  - *continue **later** with **finer** mesh*
    - mesh was good if nothing changes and scf terminates after few (3) iterations
  - *use even finer meshes for DOS, spectra, optics,…*

Program execution:

- All programs are executed via the „master" shell-script x_lapw

  x lapw2 –up –orb

- This generates a „def" file: lapw2.def

```
5,'tin.in2c',        'old',    'formatted'
6,'tin.output2up',   'unknown','formatted'
8,'tin.clmvalup',    'unknown','formatted'
10,'./tin.vectorup','unknown','unformatted'
```

- and executes: lapw2c lapw2.def
- All WIEN2k-shell scripts have long and short names:
  - *x_lapw; runsp_lapw, runfsm_lapw ➔ x; runsp; runfsm*
- All scripts have a „help" switch „-h", which explains flags and options (without actually execution)

  x –h *x lapw1 -h*

scf-cycle

- run_lapw [options] (for nonmagnetic cases)

-ec 0.0001	*convergence of total energy (Ry)*
-cc 0.0001	*convergence of charge distance (e^-)*
-fc 1.0	*convergence of forces (mRy/bohr)*
-it (-it1,-it2 , -noHinv)	*iterative diagonalization (large speedup)*
-p	*parallel calculation (needs .machines file)*
-so	*add spin-orbit (only after „init_so")*
Spacegroups without inversion use automatically lapw1c, lapw2c (case.in1c,in2c)	

- case.scf: master output file, contains history of the scf-cycle
  - *most information is stored with some „labels" (grep :label case.scf)*

```
:ENE     :DIS     :FER  :GAP  :CTO001      :NTO001          :QTL001
:FOR002:  2.ATOM      19.470       0.000       0.000       19.470
:FGL002:  2.ATOM      13.767      13.767       0.000  total forces
```

  - :LAT :VOL :POSxxx

Getting help

- *_lapw –h „help switch“ of all WIEN2k-scripts
- help_lapw:
  - *opens usersguide.pdf; Use ^f keyword to search for an item („index")*
- html-version of the UG: ($WIENROOT/SRC_usersguide/usersguide.html)
- http://www.wien2k.at/reg_user
  - *FAQ page with answers to common questions*
  - *Update information: When you think the program has an error, please check newest version*
  - *Textbook section: DFT and the family of LAPW methods by S.Cottenier*
  - *Mailing-list:*
    - subscribe to the list (always use the same email)
    - full text search of the „digest“ (your questions may have been answered before)
    - posting questions: Provide sufficient information, locate your problem (case.dayfile, *.error, case.scf, case.outputX).
    - „My calculation crashed. Please help.“ This will most likely not be answered.

most common problems

- „QTL-B" value too large - STOP (or :WARN): "ghostbands"
  - *identify for which **eigenvalue**, **atom** and ℓ it happens, check E_F (case.scf2, case.output2)*
  - *identify the corresponding linearization energies in case.scf1*
  - *change the corresponding linearization energy in case.in1*
    - compare and check with :EPL and :EPH lines in case.scf2
    - default E-parameters are adapted automatically but may need changes for
      - surfaces, molecules (negative EF) or heavy elements (EF often larger than 1.0)
    - add a local orbital (or adjust its energy)
  - *if QTL-B occurs for an atom with large RMT, reduce RMT*
    - this may happen for larger RKMAX („numerical linear dependency")
- scf-cycle diverges (grep :DIS case.scf):
  - *check structure (most likely a wrong structure caused divergence);*
  - *check E-parameters (see above), check :NEC01 (correct number of e^-)*
  - *rm *.broyd* case.scf; x dstart*

case.in1

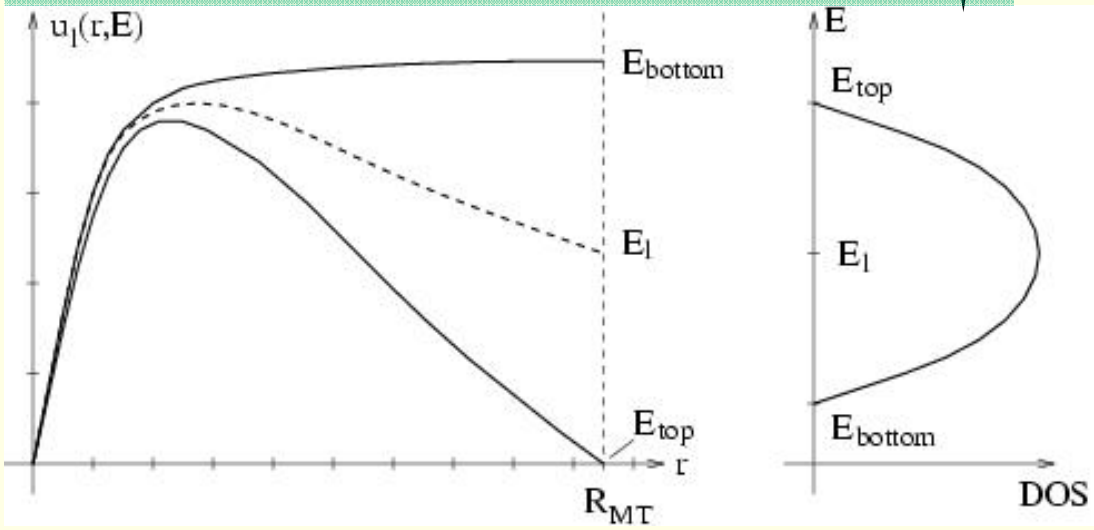
set E_l to E_F-0.2 Ry

- WFFIL EF=0.634 (WFPRI, SUPWF)
- 7.00 10 4 (R-MT*K-MAX; MAX L IN WF, V-NMT
- 0.30 5 0 global E-param with N other, napw
- 0 0.30 0.000 CONT 1 Es
- 0 -3.72 0.005 STOP 1 Es-LO with search
- 1 -2.07 0.010 CONT 1 Ep with search
- 1 0.30 0.000 CONT 1 Ep-LO
- 2 0.30 0.010 CONT 1 0/1…LAPW/APW+lo
- K-VECTORS FROM UNIT:4 -7.0 1.5 16 emin/emax; nband

$$\Psi = \sum_{K_n}^{KMAX} c_{K_n} e^{iK_n r}$$

$$\Phi_{K_n} = \sum_{l}^{l\max} A_{lm} u_l(E_l, r) Y_{lm}$$

$$H^{NS}_{n,m} = \left\langle \Phi_l \middle| V^{NS}_{LM} \middle| \Phi_{l'} \right\rangle$$



HDLOs: case.in1

- f (d) wavefunctions have a large E-dependency in cases with large RMT
- For high precision calculations extend the basis set with a HDLO (high derivative LO):

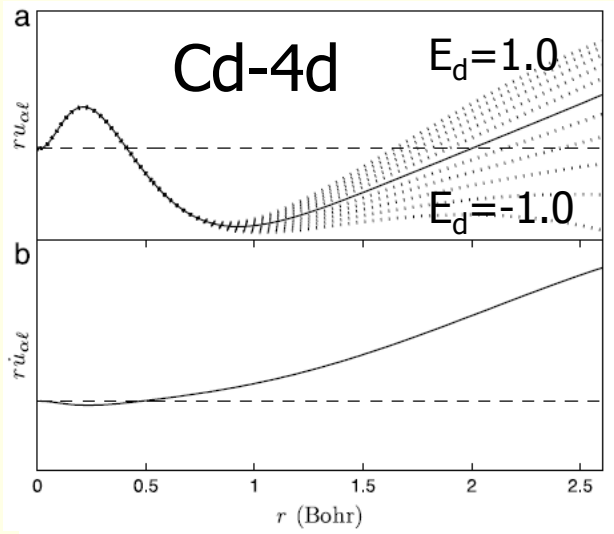
$$\Phi_{K_n} = \sum_l A_{lm}(K_n) u_l(E_l, r) Y_{lm}$$ APW

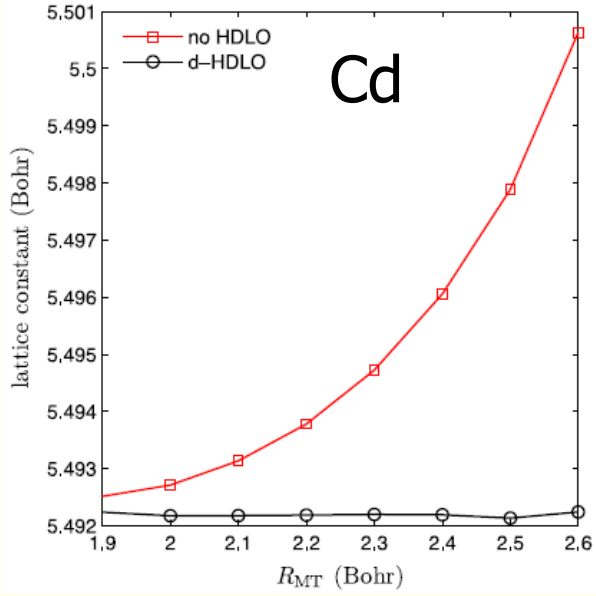
$$\phi_{l,atom} = (A_{lm} u_{lm} + B_{lm} \dot{u}_l) Y_{lm}$$ lo

$$\phi_{l,atom} = (A_{lm} u_{lm} + C_{lm} \ddot{u}_l) Y_{lm}$$ HDLO

- `2 0.30 0.010 CONT 1` APW+lo
- `2 0.30 0.010 CONT 2` HDLO

- F.Karsai et al., CPC 220, 230(2017)





case.klist, case.in2

```
GAMMA          0    0    0   40  1.0  IX, IY, IZ, IDIV, WEIGHT
               1    0    0   40  6.0
...
X             40    0    0   40  3.0
END
```

case.in2:

```
TOT                                  (TOT,FOR,QTL,EFG,FERMI)
-9.0 16.0      0.50 0.05   EMIN, NE, ESEPARMIN, ESEPAR0
TETRA     0.000                      (GAUSS,ROOT,TEMP,TETRA,ALL   eval)
 0 0  4 0  4 4  6 0  6 4
 0 0  4 0  4 4  6 0  6 4
 14.          GMAX(for small H set it to 20-24)
FILE          FILE/NOFILE  write recprlist
```

$$\rho(r) = \sum_{LM} \rho_{LM}(r) Y_{LM}(\hat{r}) \qquad \rho(r) = \sum_{G}^{GMAX} \rho_G e^{iGr}$$

Properties with WIEN2k - I

- Energy bands
  - *classification of irreducible representations*
  - *´character-plot´ (emphasize a certain band-character)*
- Density of states
  - *including partial DOS with l and m- character (eg. p_x , p_y , p_z)*
- Electron density, potential
  - *total-, valence-, difference-, spin-densities, ρ of selected states*
  - *1-D, 2D- and 3D-plots (Xcrysden)*
  - *X-ray structure factors*
  - *Bader´s atom-in-molecule analysis, critical-points, atomic basins and charges ($\nabla\rho.\vec{n}=0$)*
  - *spin+orbital magnetic moments (spin-orbit / LDA+U)*
- Hyperfine parameters
  - *hyperfine fields (contact + dipolar + orbital contribution)*
  - *Isomer shift*
  - *Electric field gradients*

partial charges "qtl" + DOS

- be sure to have case.vector on a dense tetrahedral mesh after a scf calculation
  - *eventually:*
    - x kgen
    - edit case.in1 (larger Emax)
    - x lapw1
- x lapw2 –qtl

  $\Psi_n^*\Psi_n=1=q_{out}+\sum_t^{at}\sum_l q_{t,l}$
- case.outputt
  - *integrated DOS*
- case.dos1ev (3ev)
  - *text-file for plotting*
  - *E-zero at E_F*

Session: **TiC**
/susi/pblaha/lapw/TiC

Density of states

x lapw2 -qtl — Calculate partial charges ☑ interactively

edit TiC.int — Edit input-file for TETRA

x tetra — Calculate partial DOS ☑ interactively

edit TiC.outputt — Check output of TETRA

dosplot — Plot DOS

Session: **TiC**
/susi/pblaha/lapw/TiC

File:
/susi/pblaha/lapw/TiC/TiC.int

contine with DOS — Save — Download this file:

Header from TiC.qtl:

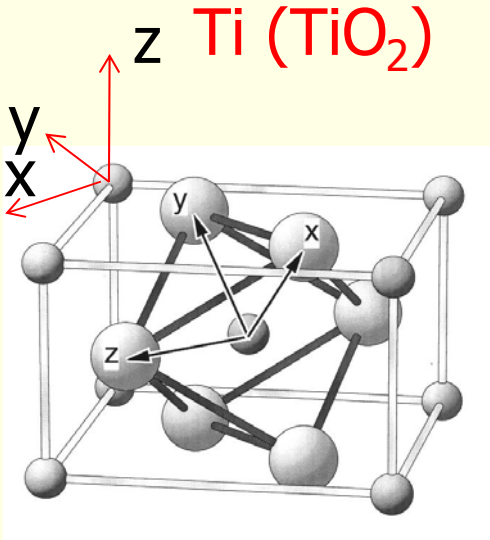
```
ATOM   1  tot,0,1,2,3,xdos(i,j),j=1,i),i=1,lxdos2)
ATOM   2  tot,0,1,2,D-eg,D-t2g,3
```

```
Title
 -0.50 0.002 1.500 0.003    EMIN, DE, EMAX, Gauss-broadening(>;de)
    3                       NUMBER OF DOS-CASES specified below
    0     1   total         atom, case=column in qtl-header, label
    1     2   Atom1-s
    2     5   Atom2-eg
```

partial charges:

- local rotation matrix:
  - *transfers z (y) into highest symmetry*
  - *reduces terms in LM series*
  - *"chemical" interpretation*
    - p_x is different from p_y

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ -1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



  - *see case.struct and case.outputs*

- x qtl (instead of x lapw2 -qtl)
  - ***f*-orbitals**
  - *qtls for **different coordinate system** (eg."octahedral" in TiO_2)*
  - *relativistic basis (**$p_{1/2}$-$p_{3/2}$** or **$d_{3/2}$-$d_{5/2}$** splitting in so calculation)*
  - *for angular dependend TELNES (ISPLIT 88, 99)*

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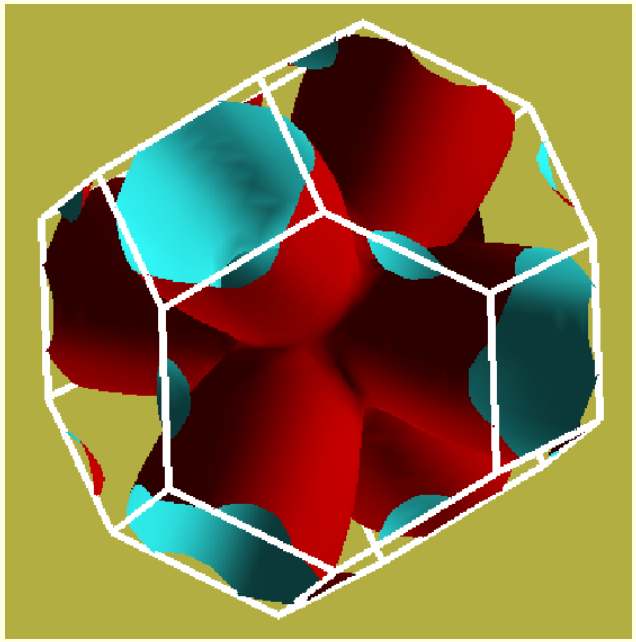
  - *optical properties (dielectric function in RPA approximation, JDOS including momentum matrix elements and Kramers-Kronig)*
- fermi surface: 2D, 3D (using XcrysDen)

Fermi surfaces

- **`xcrysden --wien_fermisurface tin.struct`**
  - choose a good k-mesh (eg. 10000 points)
  - plot the FS for all bands which cross E_F and compare to band structure



- *for 2D plots there is also a WIEN2k-tool „fsgen" (see UG)*
- *SKEAF (www.wien2k.at/reg_users/unsupported): quantum oszillations*

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Cohesive energy

$$E_{A_xB_y}^{cohes.} = E^{crystal} - xE_A^{atom} - yE_B^{atom}$$

- $E^{crystal}$: scalar-relativistic valence (or approx. SO)

- E^{atom} : LSTART: fully-relativistic➔ inconsistent description

  ➔ for heavier elements (2nd row):

  supercell with one atom in a ~30 bohr **distorted** FCC box (identical RMT, equivalent RKmax, 1 k-point, spinpolarized)

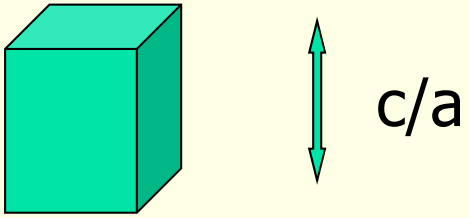
Structural optimizations:

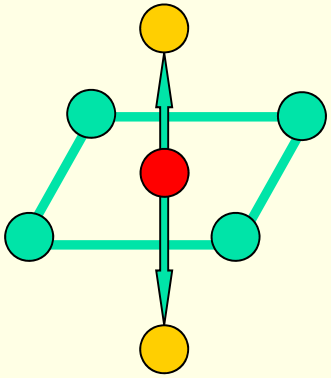
- Lattice parameters, volume, c/a ratio only via total energies:
  - *x optimize: creates a series of "struct" files + script "optimize.job"*
    - select volume or c/a, …
    - select number of cases and desired changes in volume (in % of V_0)
  - *edit optimize.job*
    - adapt to your need: change / uncomment various lines, eg.:
      - select different convergence parameters, parallelization, more iterations (-i 40)
      - modify "save_lapw" line (with more specific names)
      - replace "run_lapw" by "runsp_lapw" or add options (-min –fc 1 –orb)
  - *execute optimize.job*
  - *plot (analyse) the results*

  - *combinations of volume and c/a are possible: 2Doptimize*
    - "x optimize" always uses case_initial.struct (if present)
    - do a "volume" optimization to create case_vol_xx.struct files
    - copy the respective case_vol_xx.struct file to case_initial.struct
    - x optimize with "c/a" for this particular volume and proceed as above.

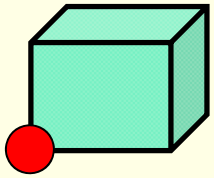
Symmetry:

- WIEN „preserves“ symmetry:
  - *c/a optimization of „cubic" TiC:*
    - change c lattice parameter in TiC.struct (tetragonal distortion, #sym.op=0)
    - init_lapw
    - change c back to cubic
    - x optimize …
  - *„Jahn-Teller" distortion:*
    - when you start with a perfect octahedra, you will never get any distortion
    - ➔start with slightly distorted positions

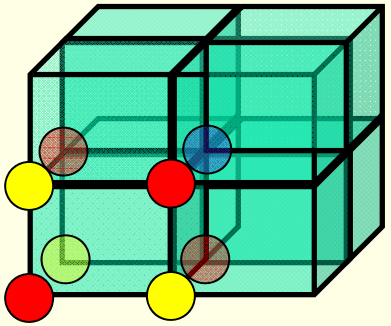




Supercells (impurities, vacancies, alloys)



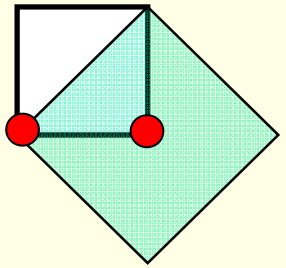
2x2x2 = 8 atoms



(0,0,0)	P➔ 8 atoms	(0,0,0)	(.5,0,0)	(.5,.5,0)	(.5,.5,.5)
			(0,.5,0)	(.5,0,.5)	
			(0,0,.5)	(0,.5,.5)	
	B➔ 4 atoms	yes	yes	no	no
	F➔ 2 atoms	yes	no	no	yes

4x4x4 supercells: P (64), B (32), F (16) atoms

$\sqrt{2}x\sqrt{2}$ supercells (1 → 2 atoms)



Supercells

- Program „supercell“:
  - *start with „small" struct file*
  - *specify number of repetitions in x,y,z (only integers, e.g. 2x2x1)*
  - *specify P, B or F lattice*
  - *add „vacuum" for surface slabs (only (001) indexed surfaces)*
  - *shift all atoms in cell*
- You must break symmetry !!! (otherwise sgroup will restore your original struct file)
  - *replace (impurities, vacancies) or*
  - *displace (phonons) or*
  - *label at least 1 atom (core-holes, specific magnetic order; change "Fe" to "Fe1"; this tells the symmetry-programs that Fe1 is NOT a Fe atom!!)*
- „supercell“ works only along unit-cell axes!!!

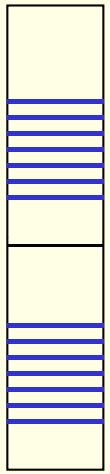
Structeditor (by R.Laskowski)

- requires octave (matlab) and xcrysden (visualization)
- allows complex operations on struct-files

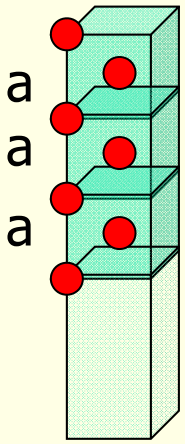
```
octave

s=loadstruct("GaN.struct")

# make an orthorhombic supercell and visualize it
a=[1 0 0; 1 1 0; 0 0 2]
sout=makesupercell (s,a);
showstruct(sout);

# save it as test.struct
savestruct (sout,"test.struct");

# get help on all commands
helpstruct
```

Surfaces

- 2D-slabs with finite number of layers with „vacuum" in 3rd dimension



bcc (001) 7 layers:



(0 0 6z)
(.5 .5 5z)
(0 0 4z)
(.5 .5 3z)
(0 0 2z)
(.5 .5 z)
(0 0 0)

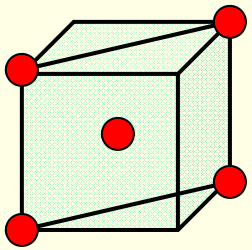
shift to ➔ inversion

(.5 .5 +/-3z)
(0 0 +/-2z)
(.5 .5 +/-z)
(0 0 0)

with lattice parameters:
a, a, c=(3a+15-20bohr vacuum)

z= a/2c

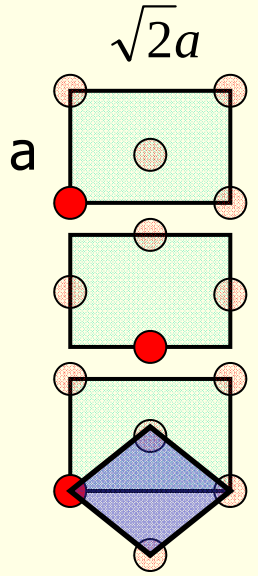
bcc (110):



orthorhombic CXY-lattice: a, $\sqrt{2}a$, c

(0 0 0)
(0 .5 +/-z)
(0 0 +/-2z)

z=a/$\sqrt{2}a$ c



+/-2z

+/-z

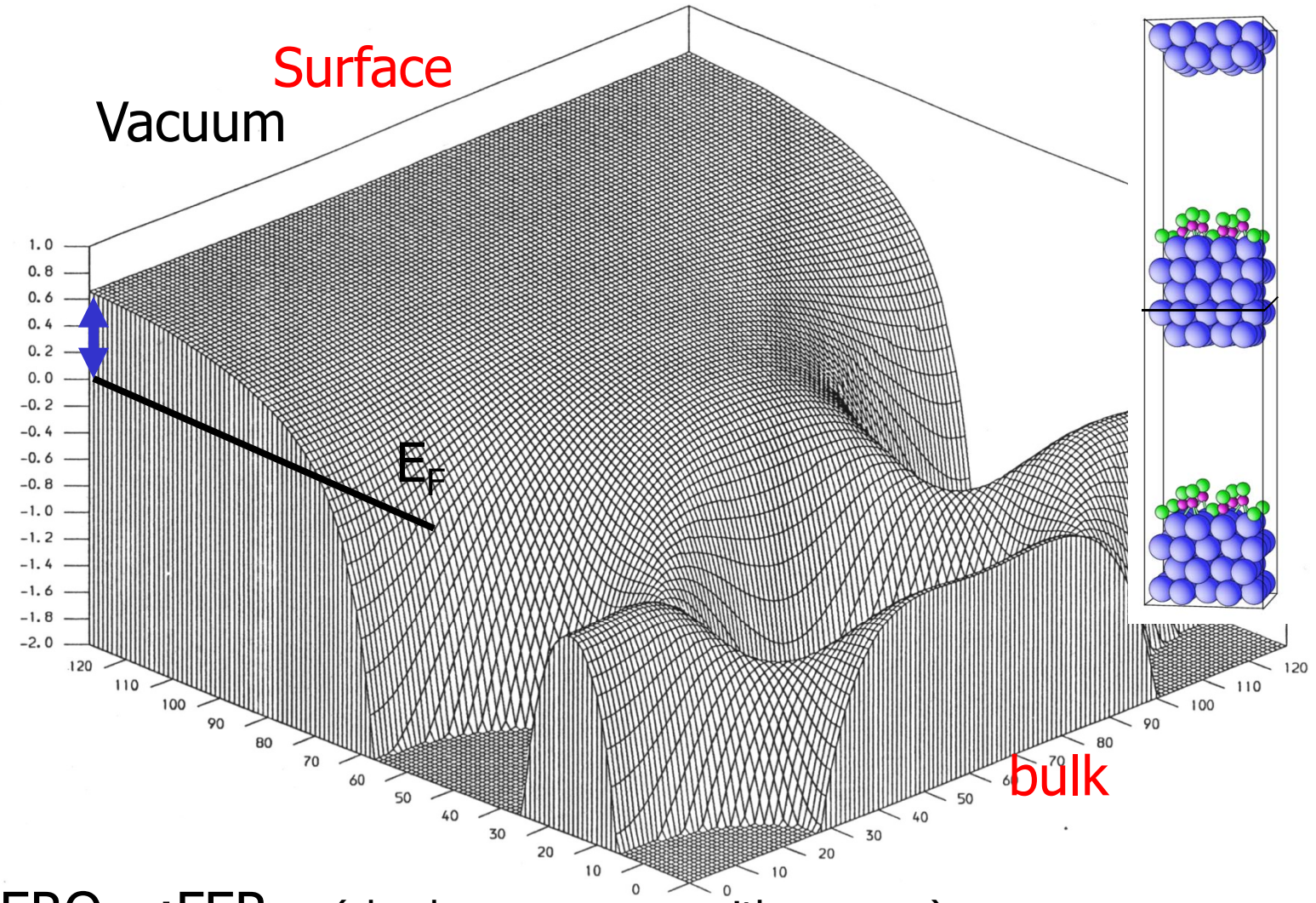
z=0

Work function

Work function

potential

supercell



WF= :VZERO - :FER (check convergence with vacuum)

Total energies and atomic forces

(Yu et al.; Kohler et al.)

- Total Energy:
  - *Electrostatic energy*
  - *Kinetic energy*
  - *XC-energy*

$$U[\rho] = \tfrac{1}{2}\int d^3\vec{r}\ \rho(\vec{r})V_{es}(\vec{r}) + \tfrac{1}{2}\sum_\alpha Z_\alpha V_{es}^\alpha(\vec{r})$$

$$T[\rho] = \sum_i n_i\varepsilon_i - \int d^3\vec{r}\ \rho(\vec{r})V_{eff}(\vec{r})$$

$$E_{xc}[\rho] = \int d^3\vec{r}\ \rho(\vec{r})\varepsilon_{xc}(\vec{r})$$

- Force on atom α:

$$\vec{F}^\alpha = \frac{-dE_{tot}}{d\vec{R}_\alpha} = F_{HF}^\alpha + F_{core}^\alpha + F_{val}^\alpha$$

  - *Hellmann-Feynman-force*

$$F_{HF}^\alpha = Z_\alpha \sum_{m=-1}^{1} \lim_{r_\alpha\to 0} \frac{V_{1m}^{es}(r_\alpha)}{r_\alpha}\nabla_\alpha\left[r_\alpha Y_{1m}(\hat{r})\right]$$

  - *Pulay corrections*
    - Core

$$F_{core}^\alpha = -\int \rho_{core}(r)\nabla_\alpha V_{eff}(r)\,d\vec{r}$$

    - Valence

$$F_{val}^\alpha = \int_\alpha V_{eff}(r)\nabla_\alpha\rho_{val}(r)\,d\vec{r} + \sum_{k,i} n_i \sum_{K,K'} c_i^*(K')c_i(K)\times$$

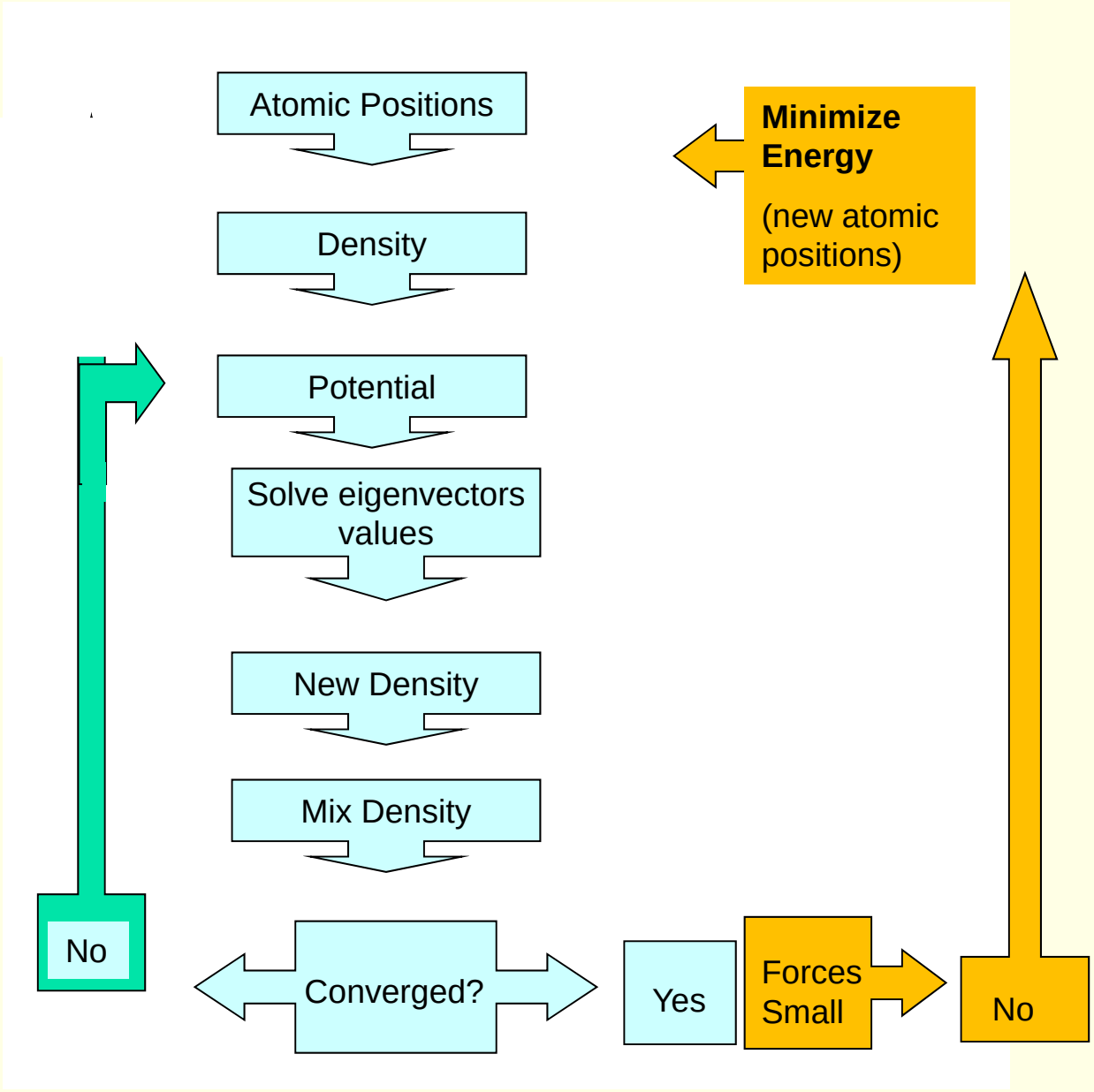
$$\left[(K^2-\varepsilon_i)\oint \phi_{K'}^*(r)\phi_K(r)\,dS_\alpha - i(K-K')\left\langle\phi_{K'}\middle|H-\varepsilon_i\middle|\phi_K\right\rangle_\alpha\right]$$

- expensive, contains a summation of matrix elements over all occupied states

Optimization of internal parameters using "forces"

- Forces only for "free" structural parameters:
  - *NaCl: (0,0,0), (0.5,0.5,0.5) : all positions fixed by symmetry*
  - *TiO_2: Ti (0,0,0), O (u,u,0): one free parameter (u,x,y,z)*
- Forces are only calculated when using "-fc":
  - *run_lapw –fc 1.0 (mRy/bohr)*
    - grep :fgl002 case.scf
      - 200. partial
      - -130. partial
      - 140. partial
      - 135 partial only $F_{HF} + F_{core}$
      - 120 partial
      - 122 partial forces converging
      - 121 partial → changes "TOT" to "FOR" in case.in2
      - -12.3 **total** $F_{HF} + F_{core} + F_{val}$, only this last number is correct
- Forces are useful for
  - *structural optimization (of internal parameters)*
  - *phonons*

Structure optimization (atomic positions)



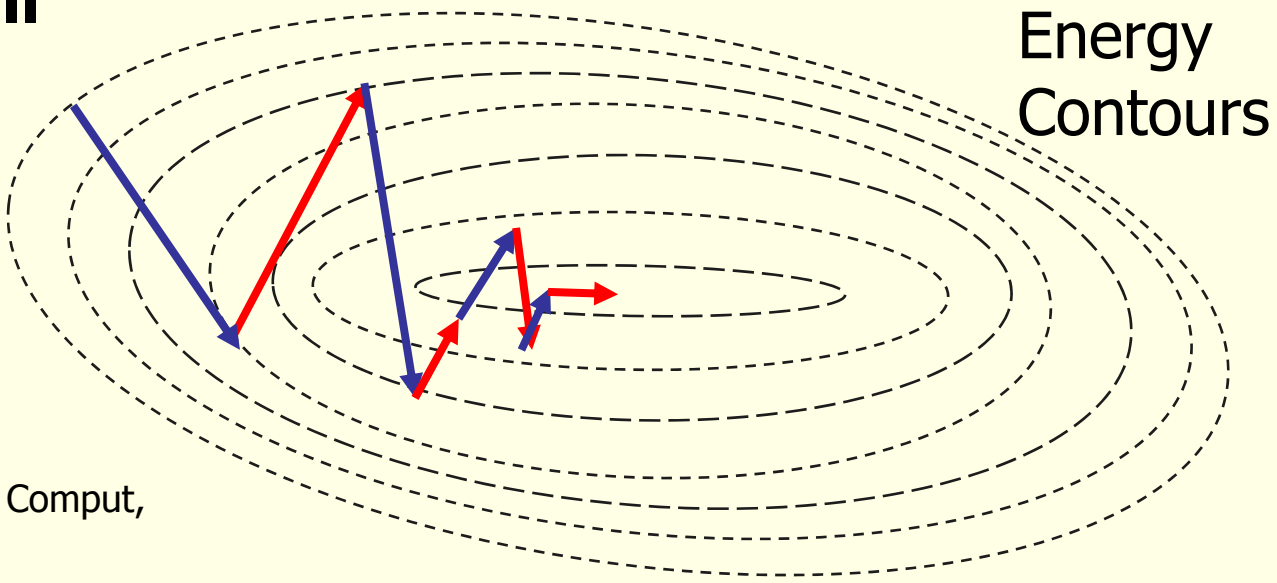
Traditional way:

- Inner loop: obtain fixed-point for given atom positions
- Outer loop: optimize atomic positions

Traditional algorithm:

- Calculate SCF mapping, time T_0
- Broyden expansion for fixed-point problem, self-consistent density, N_{SCF} iterations
- BFGS is most common for optimizing the atomic positions (Energy), N_{BFGS}
- Time scales as $\mathbf{N_{SCF} * N_{BFGS} * T_0}$

each step is a **full** scf calculation producing **accurate** forces



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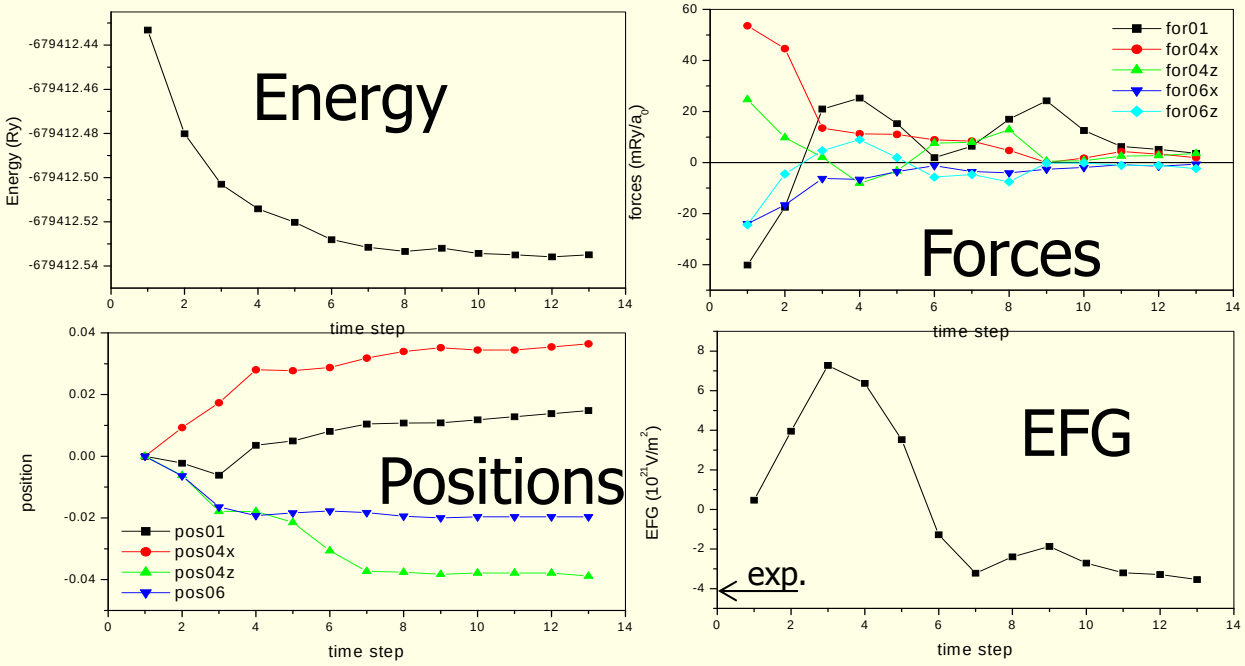
Structural optimization of internal parameters using "PORT"

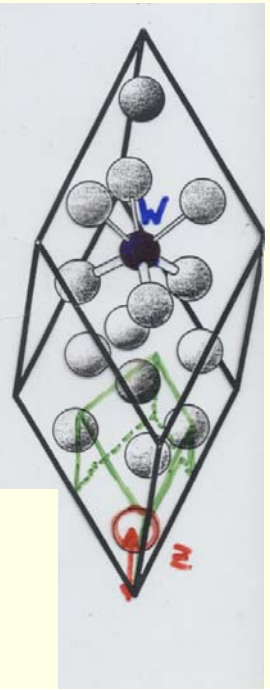
- /home/pblaha/tio2> min_lapw [-p -it -sp] [-j "run -fc 1 -p -it"] [-NI]
  - *performs scf-cycle for fixed positions*
  - *get forces and move atoms along forces (building an approximate Hessian) and writing a new case.struct file*
  - *extrapolate density (case.clmsum)*
  - *perform next scf cycle and loop until forces are below „tolf"*
  - *CONTROL FILES:*
    - .minstop stop after next structure change
- tio2.inM (generated automatically by "pairhess" at first call of min_lapw)
  - PORT 2.0 #(NEW1, NOSE, MOLD, **tolf** (a4,f5.2))
  - 0.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 # Atom1 (0 will **constrain** a coordinate)
  - 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 # Atom2 (NEW1: 1,2,3:delta_i, 4:eta (1=MOLD, damping))
- **monitor minimization in file case.scf_mini**
  - *contains **last** iteration of each **geometry** step*
  - *each step N is saved as case_N.scf (overwritten with next min_lapw !)*
    - grep :ENE case.scf_mini
    - grep :FGLxxx case.scf_mini (:POSxxx)

Optimization of atomic posistions (E-minimization via forces)

- damped Newton mechanics scheme (NEW1: with variable step)
- quite efficient quasi-Newton (PORT) scheme
  - minimizes E (using forces as gradients and construct approx. Hessian)
  - If minimizations gets stuck or oscillates: (because E and F_i are inconsistent):
    - touch .minstop; min –nohess (or rm case.tmpM .min_hess)
    - improve scf-convergence (-ec), Rkmax, k-mesh, …
    - change to NEW1 scheme

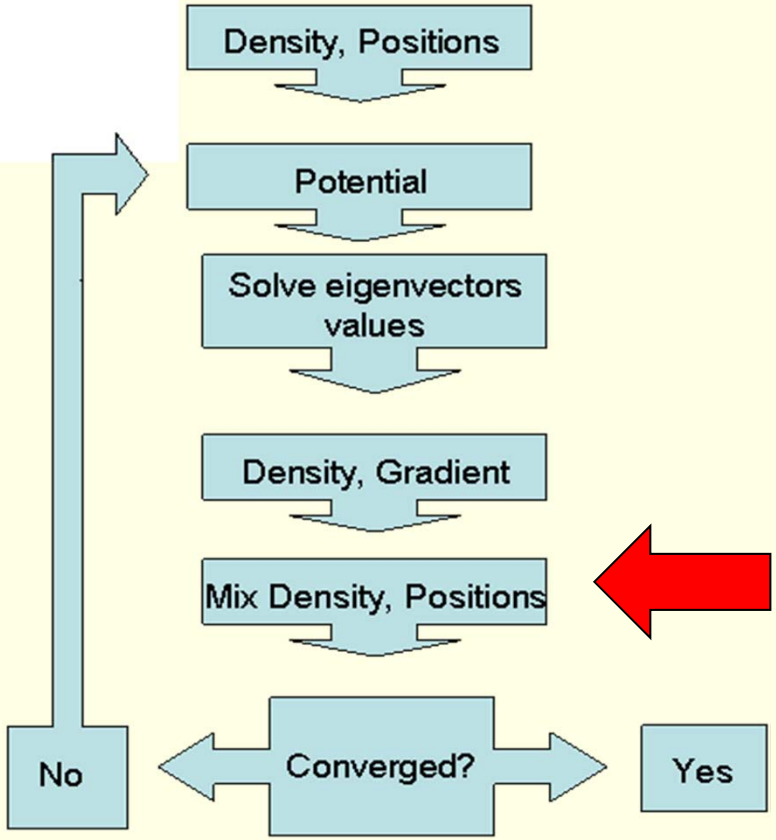
W impurity in Bi (2x2x2 supercell: $Bi_{15}W$)





Alternative method: **Fused Loop**

- Treat the **density** and **atomic positions *all*** at the same time.
- No restrictions to "special" cases, general algorithm has to work for insulators, metals, semiconductors, surfaces, defects, hybrids….
- Few to no user adjustable parameters



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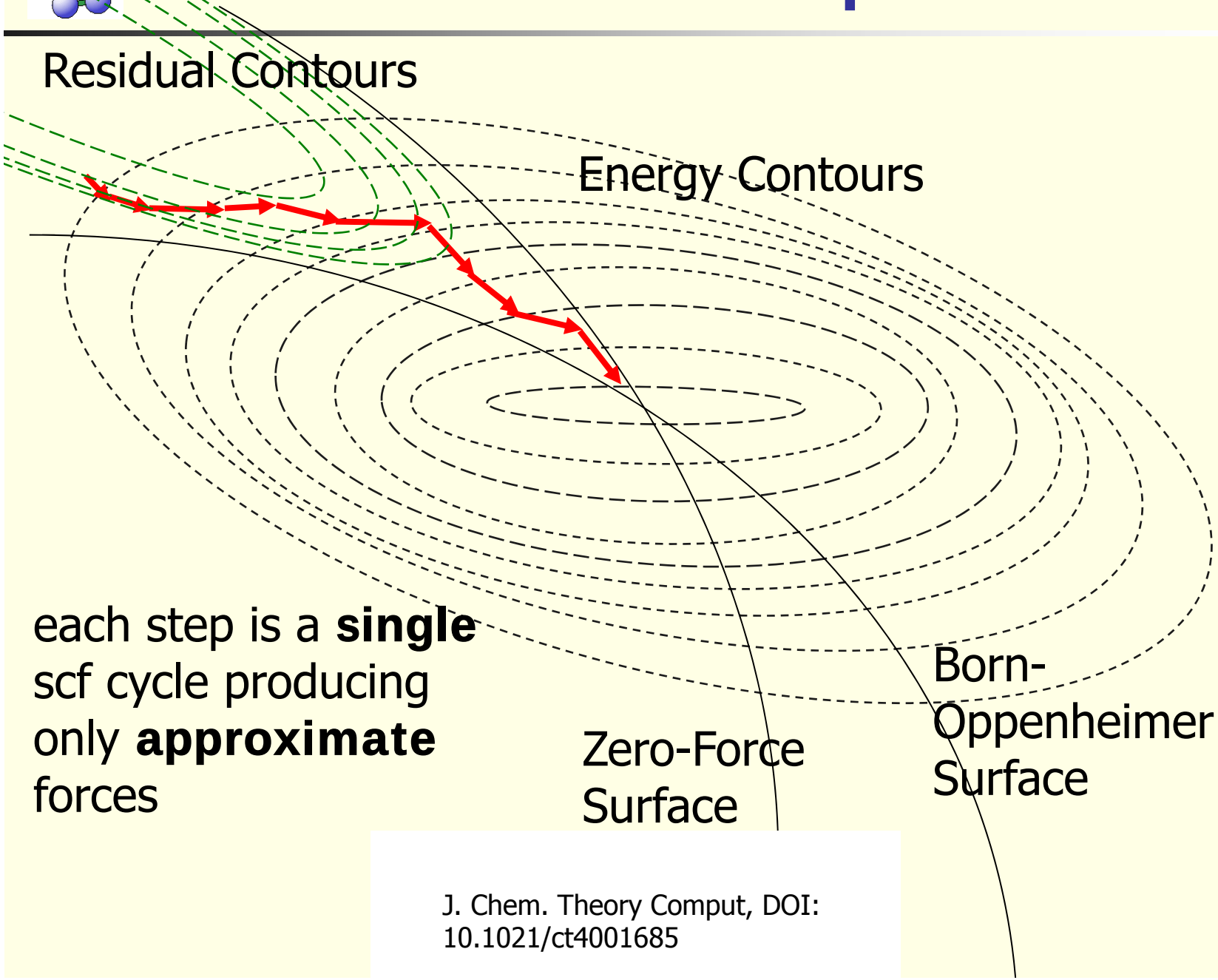
Fused Loop



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Broyden Fixed-Point Methods

- Solve $(\rho(r,x)-F(\rho(r,x)),G)=0$
- $s_k = (\rho,x)_{k+1} - (\rho,x)_k ; y_k = (F(\rho,x),G)_{k+1} - (F(\rho,x),G)_k$
- Broyden's "Good Method"

$$B_{k+1} = B_k + \frac{(y_k - B_k s_k) s_k^T}{s_k^T s_k} \qquad H_{k+1} = H_k + \frac{(s_k - H_k y_k) s_k^T}{s_k^T y_k}$$

- Broyden's "Bad Method"

$$H_{k+1} = H_k + \frac{(s_k - H_k y_k) y_k^T}{y_k^T y_k}$$

C.G. Broyden, A Class of Methods for Solving Nonlinear Simultaneous Equations, Mathematics of Computation, 19 (1965) 577-593.

- Generalizable to multisecant method (better,

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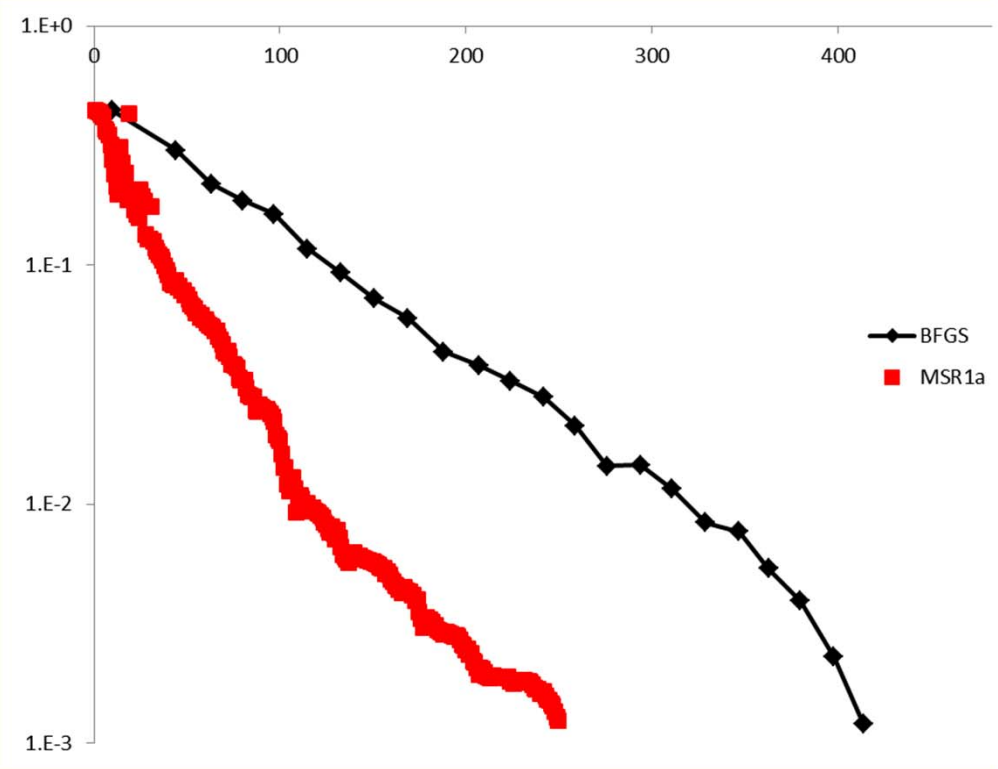
Comparison of the 2 methods

Larger Problems:

52 atoms, MgO (111)+H_2O 108 atoms AlFe



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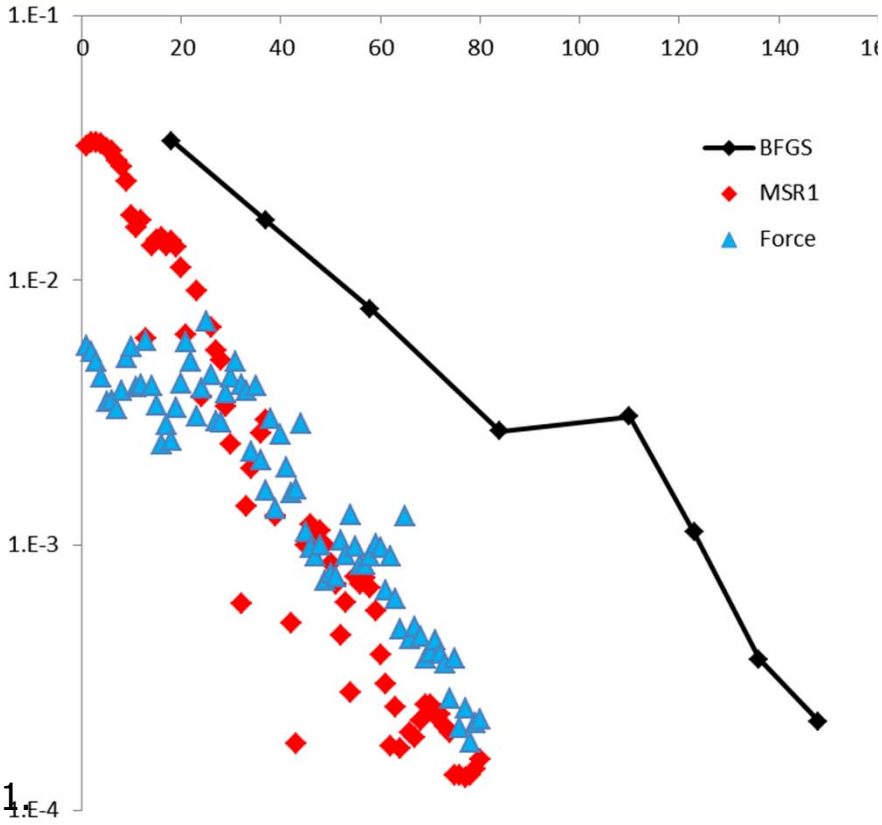

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Structural optimization of internal parameters using "**MSR1a**"

- run_lapw **–min** -fc 1.0 -cc 0.001 -ec 0.0001 [-it -noHinv -p]
- modifies case.inm and sets „**MSR1a**"

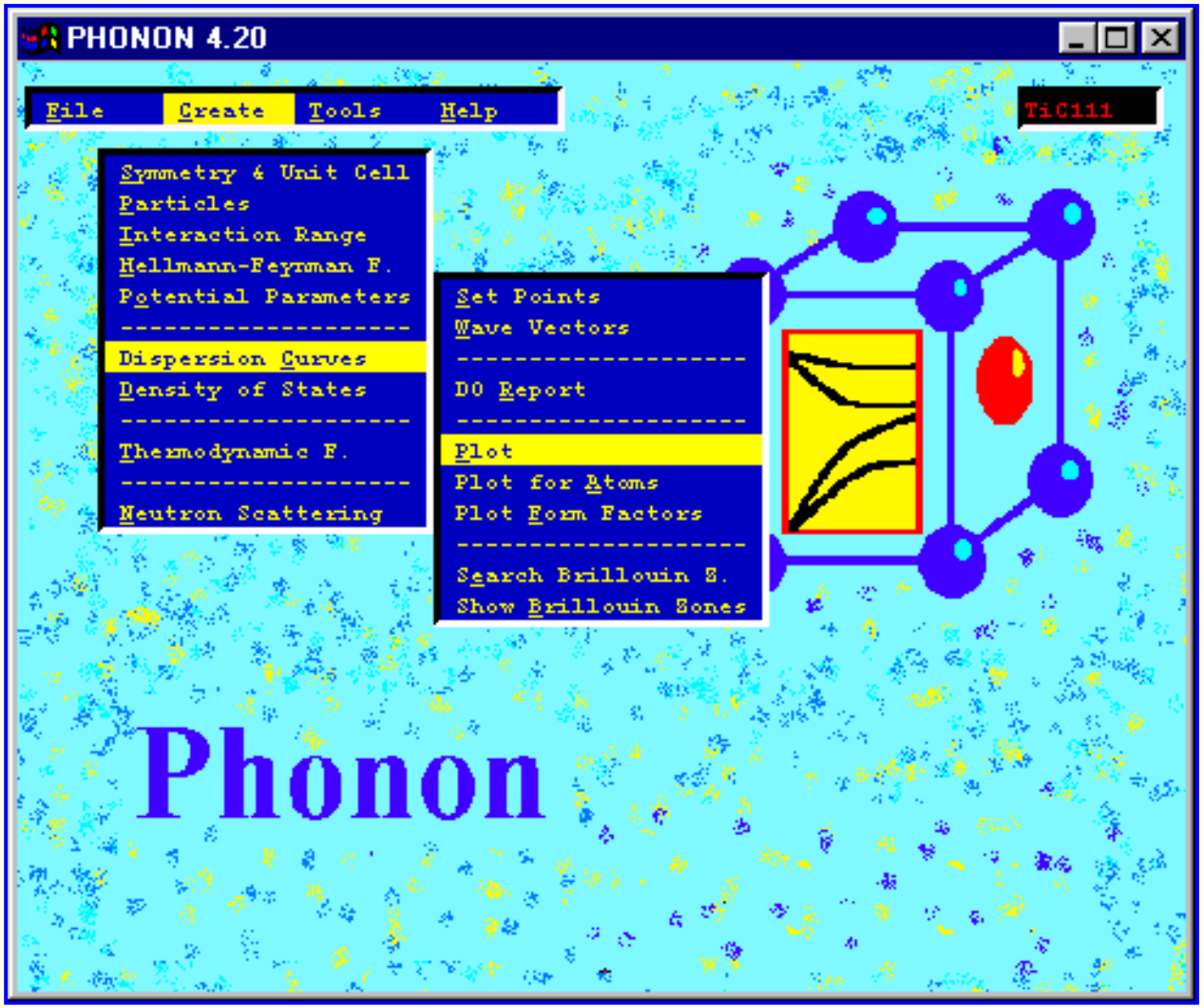
- This runs ONE big scf-calculations optimizing the density and the positions (forces towards zero) simultaneously (may need hundreds of iterations).

- Monitor: :ENE and :FR (av. and max forces, movements)

- it continues until all :FR quantities are below „tolf" (case.inM) and switches then automatically to MSR1 for a final charge optimization (with fixed positions).

- quite efficient, **recommended** method, still under development by L.Marks (Northwestern Univ).

Calculations of Phonons: The Direct Method



WIEN2k + Phonon

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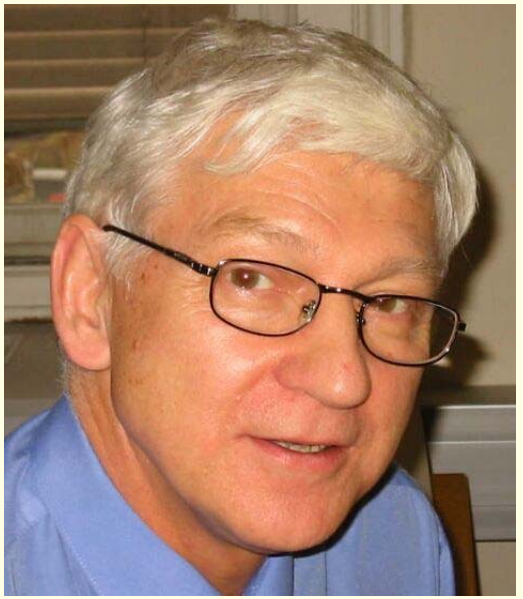


http://wolf.ifj.edu.pl/phonon/

alternatively use A.Togo`s **PHONOPY** code
(see www.wien2k.at/unsupported)

THEORY OF DIRECT METHOD

System energy E (at $T = 0$) as a function of atomic positions $\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{n}, \mu)$ is

$$E(\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{n},\mu),..\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{m},\nu),\ldots) = E_o + \frac{1}{2}\sum_{\mathbf{n},\mu,\mathbf{m},\nu} \Phi(\mathbf{n},\mu,\mathbf{m},\nu)\mathbf{U}(\mathbf{n},\mu)\mathbf{U}(\mathbf{m},\nu)$$

where the *force constant matrix* are

$$\Phi_{i,j}(\mathbf{n},\mu,\mathbf{m},\nu) = \left.\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial \mathbf{R}_i(\mathbf{n},\mu)\partial \mathbf{R}_j(\mathbf{m},\nu)}\right]_o$$

is defined at $\left.\frac{\partial E}{\partial \mathbf{R}_i(\mathbf{n},\mu)}\right|_o = 0$.

The dynamical matrix is defined as

$$\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{k};\mu,\nu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{M_\mu M_\nu}}\sum_{\mathbf{m}} \Phi(0,\mu;\mathbf{m},\nu)\, exp\{-2\pi i\mathbf{k}\cdot[\mathbf{R}(0,\mu) - \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{m},\nu)]\}$$

m runs over *all* atoms. Diagonalization of the dynamical matrix

$$\omega^2(\mathbf{k},j)\mathbf{e}(\mathbf{k},j) = \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{k})\mathbf{e}(\mathbf{k},j)$$

gives phonon frequencies $\omega^2(\mathbf{k}, j)$ and polarization vectors $\mathbf{e}(\mathbf{k}, j)$.

Any atomic displacement $\mathbf{U}(\mathbf{m}, \nu)$ generates forces

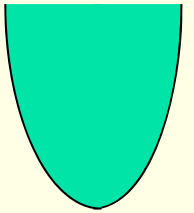
$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{n},\mu) = -\partial E/\partial \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{n},\mu)$$

on all other atoms. Hence

$$F_i(\mathbf{n},\mu) = -\Sigma_{\mathbf{m},\nu,j}\, \Phi_{i,j}(\mathbf{n},\mu,\mathbf{m},\nu)U_j(\mathbf{m},\nu)$$

Master equation of direct method.

$$V = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$$



n,m: cells
μ,ν: atoms

CUMMULANT FORCE CONSTANTS

Displace an atom by $\mathbf{U}(\mathbf{m}, \nu)$

$$F_i(\mathbf{n}, \mu) = -\sum_{\mathbf{L}} \Phi_{i,j}(\mathbf{n}, \mu, \mathbf{m} + \mathbf{L}), \nu) U_j(\mathbf{m}, \nu)$$

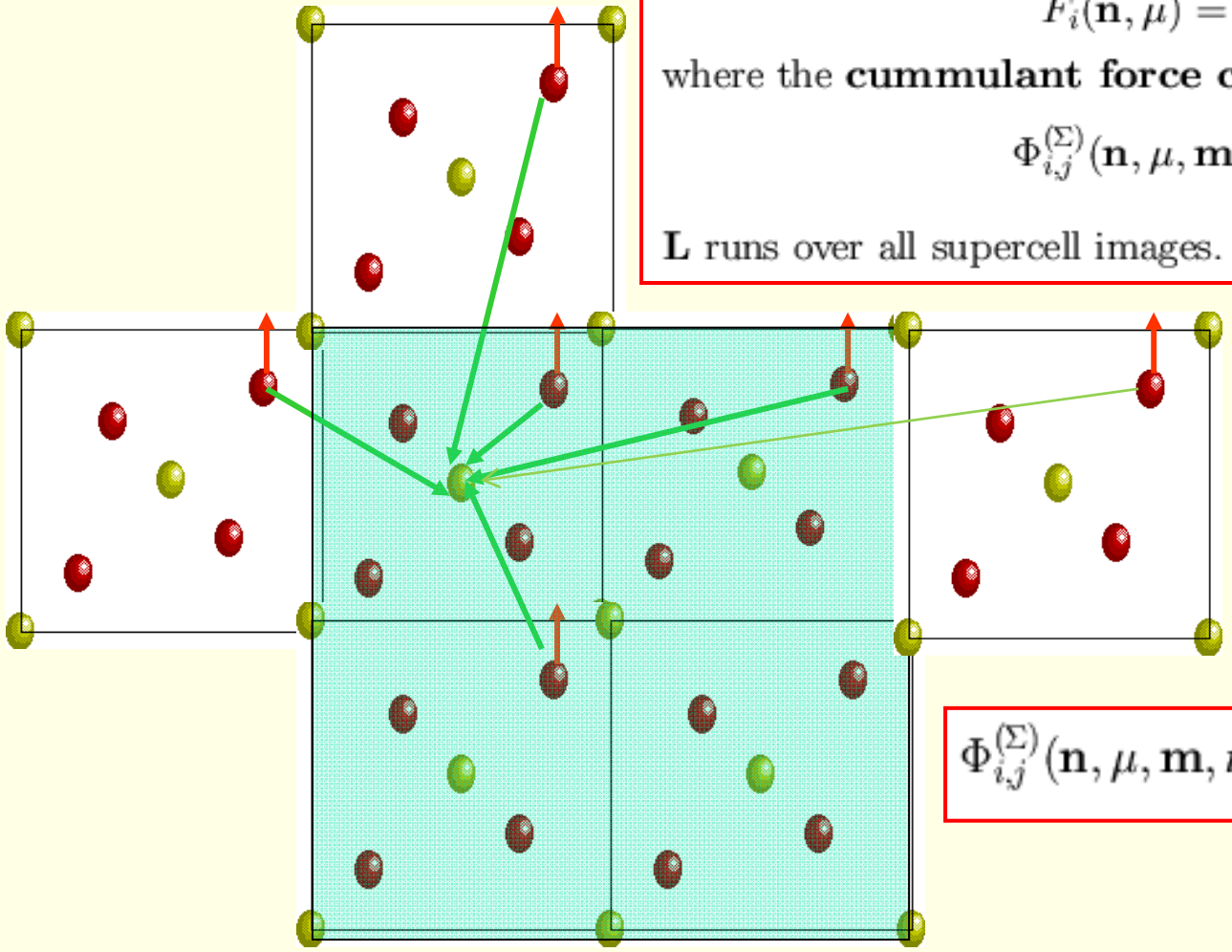
$\mathbf{L} = (L_a, L_b, L_c)$ are the indices of supercell lattice constants.
or

$$F_i(\mathbf{n}, \mu) = -\Phi^{(\Sigma)}_{i,j}(\mathbf{n}, \mu, \mathbf{m}, \nu) U_j(\mathbf{m}, \nu)$$

where the **cummulant force constant** is

$$\Phi^{(\Sigma)}_{i,j}(\mathbf{n}, \mu, \mathbf{m}, \nu) = \sum_{\mathbf{L}} \Phi_{i,j}(\mathbf{n}, \mu, \mathbf{m} + \mathbf{L}, \nu)$$

$\mathbf{L}$ runs over all supercell images.



$$\Phi^{(\Sigma)}_{i,j}(\mathbf{n}, \mu, \mathbf{m}, \nu) = \sum_{\mathbf{L}} \Phi_{i,j}(\mathbf{n}, \mu, \mathbf{m} + \mathbf{L}, \nu)$$

Supercell dynamical matrix. Exact wave vectors.

Conventional dynamical matrix:

$$\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{k};\mu,\nu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{M_\mu M_\nu}} \sum_{\mathbf{m}} \Phi(0,\mu;\mathbf{m},\nu)\, exp\{-2\pi i \mathbf{k}\cdot[\mathbf{R}(0,\mu)-\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{m},\nu)]\}$$

Supercell dynamical matrix:

$$\mathbf{D}^{(SC)}(\mathbf{k};\mu,\nu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{M_\mu M_\nu}} \sum_{\mathbf{m}\in SC} \Phi^{(SC)}(0,\mu;\mathbf{m},\nu)\, exp\{-2\pi i \mathbf{k}\cdot[\mathbf{R}(0,\mu)-\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{m},\nu)]\}$$

These two matrices are equal if

$$\mathbf{D}^{(SC)}(\mathbf{k};\mu,\nu) = \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{k};\mu,\nu)$$

- **interaction range** is confined **to interior** of supercell (supercell is big enough)
- wave vector is **commensurate with the supercell** and fulfils the condition (independent of interaction range):

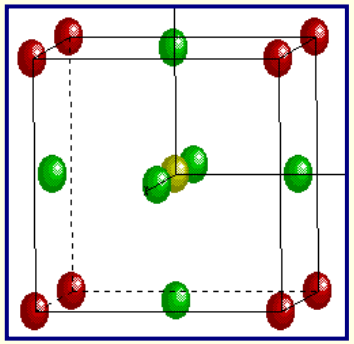
$$exp\{-2\pi i \mathbf{k}_s \cdot \mathbf{L}\} = 1$$

At wave vectors $\mathbf{k}_s$ the phonon frequencies are “exact”, provided the **supercell contains the complete list of neighbors.**

Wave vectors $\mathbf{k}_s$ are commensurate with the supercell size.

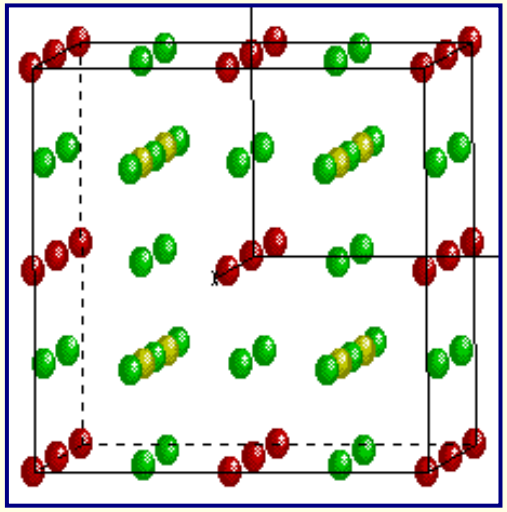
Exact wave vectors

1x1x1



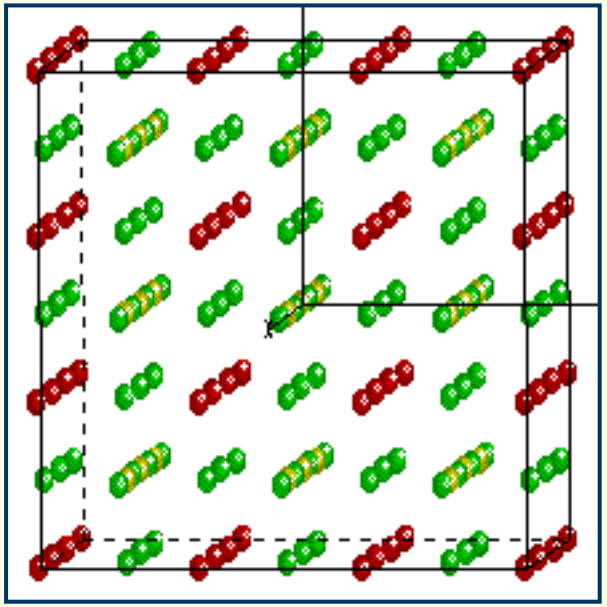
Exact: Γ

2x2x2

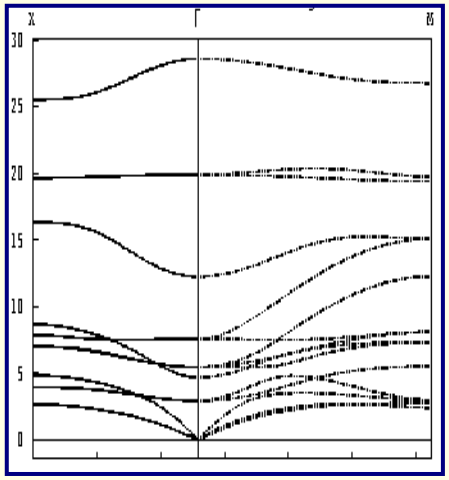


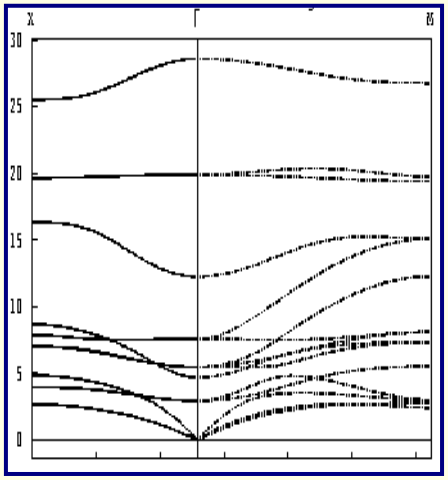
Exact: Γ, X, M, R

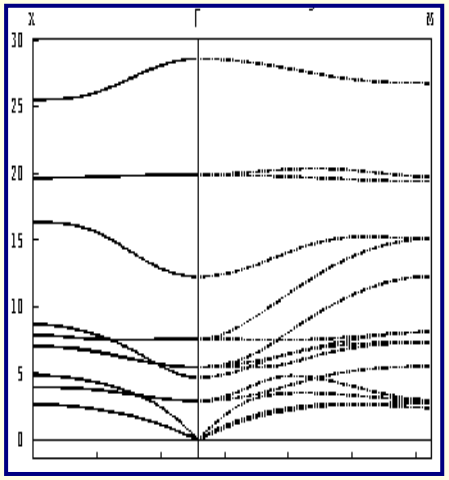
3x3x3



Exact: Γ X Γ M ⇓ Γ ⇓







Phonon dispersions + density of states

Frequency

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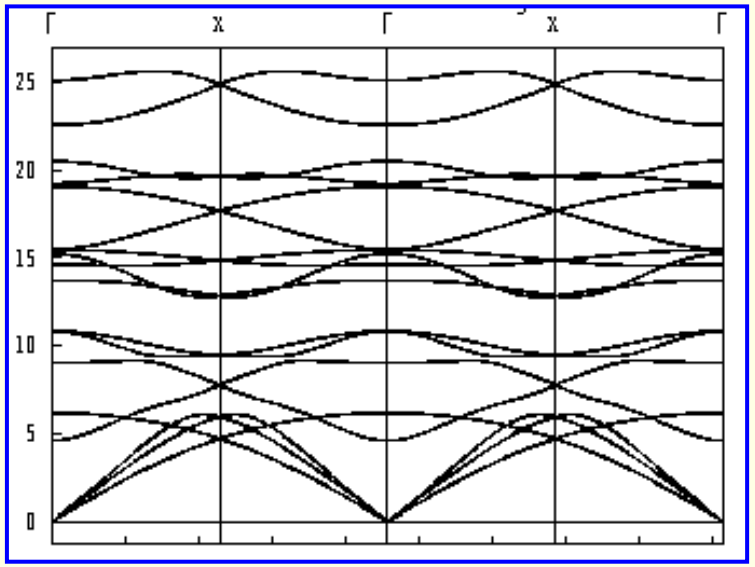
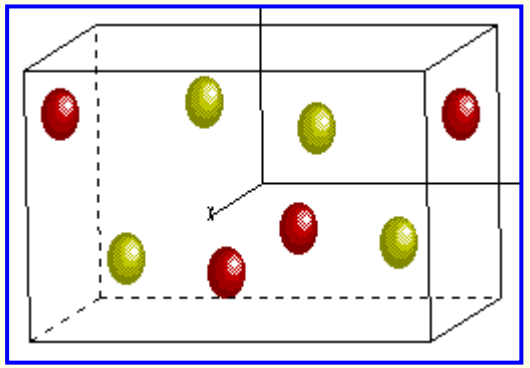
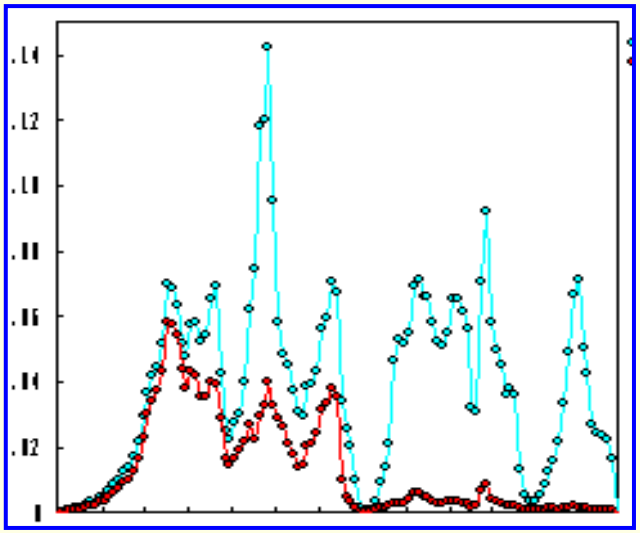


GeO_2 P4_2/mnm



Total + Germanium



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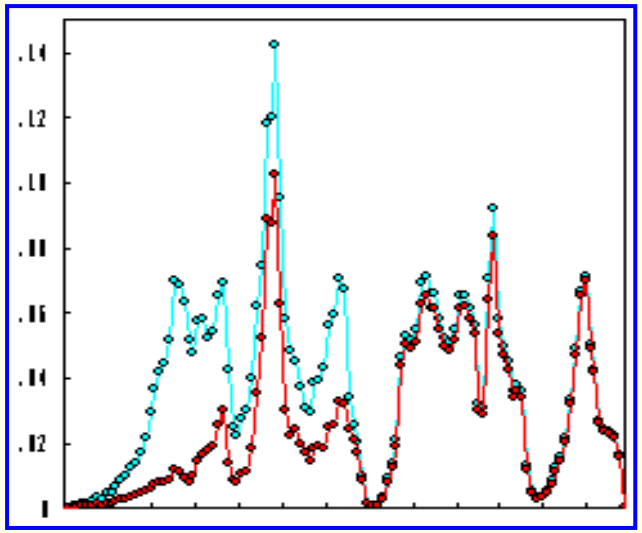
Total + Oxygen



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Thermodynamic functions of phonon vibrations

Internal energy:

$$E = \frac{1}{2} r \int_0^\infty d\omega\, g(\omega)\, (\hbar\omega)\, coth\left(\frac{\hbar\omega}{2k_B T}\right)$$

Free energy:

$$F = r k_B T \int_0^\infty d\omega\, g(\omega)\, ln\left[2sinh\left(\frac{\hbar\omega}{2k_B T}\right)\right]$$

Entropy:

$$S = r k_B \int_0^\infty d\omega\, g(\omega) \left\{\left(\frac{\hbar\omega}{2k_B T}\right)\left[coth\left(\frac{\hbar\omega}{2k_B T}\right) - 1\right] - ln\left[1 - exp\left(-\frac{\hbar\omega}{k_B T}\right)\right]\right\} \quad (79)$$

Heat capacity C_v:

$$C = r k_B \int_0^\infty d\omega\, g(\omega) \left(\frac{\hbar\omega}{k_B T}\right)^2 \frac{exp(\frac{\hbar\omega}{k_B T})}{\left[exp\left(\frac{\hbar\omega}{k_B T}\right) - 1\right]^2}$$

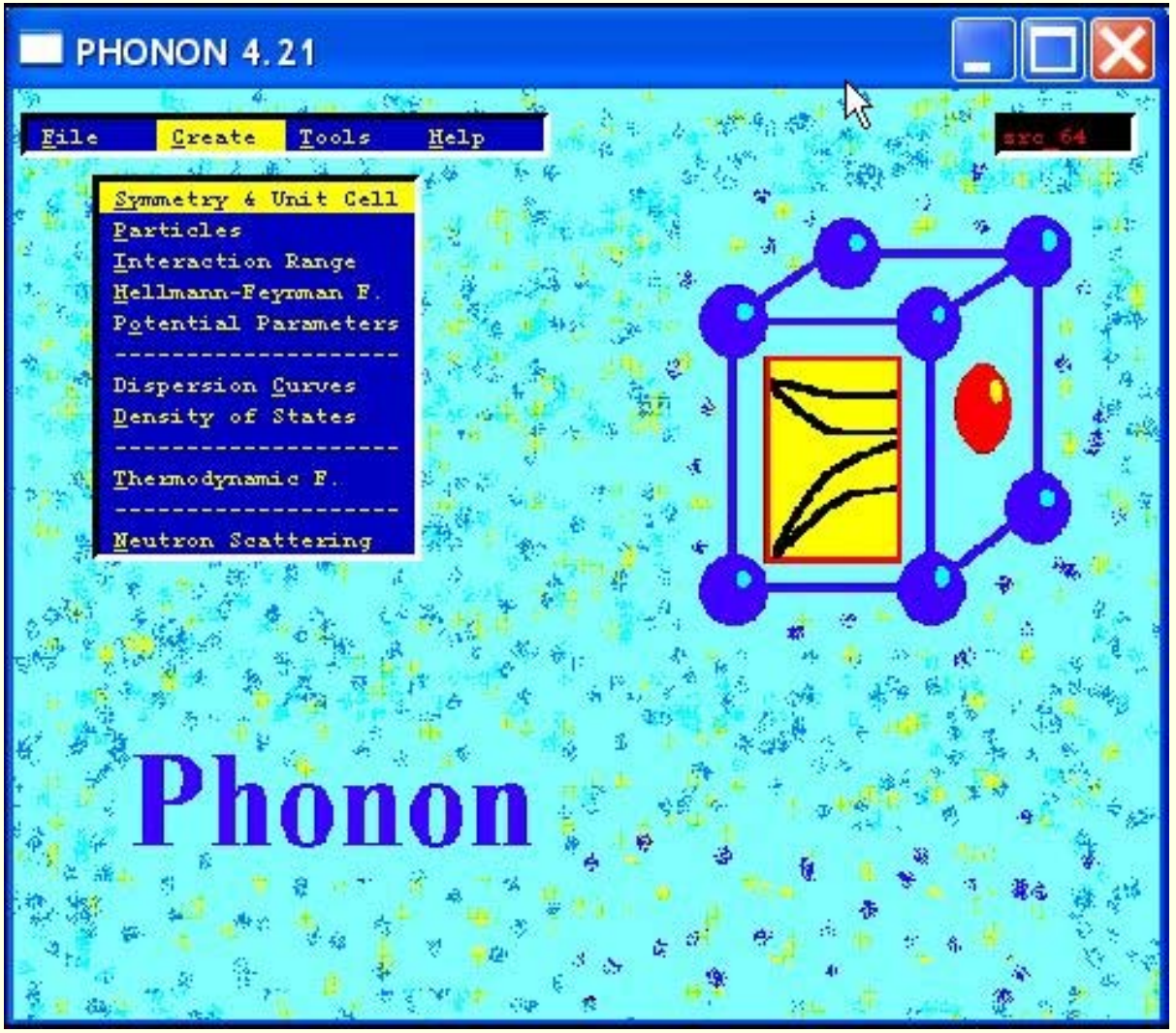
Thermal displacements:

$$B_{ij}(\mu) = < U_i(\mu)\, U_j(\mu) >$$

$$B_{il}(\mu) = \frac{\hbar r}{2M_\mu} \int_0^\infty d\omega\, g_{il,\mu}(\omega) \frac{1}{\omega} coth\left(\frac{\hbar\omega}{2k_B T}\right)$$

PHONON-I

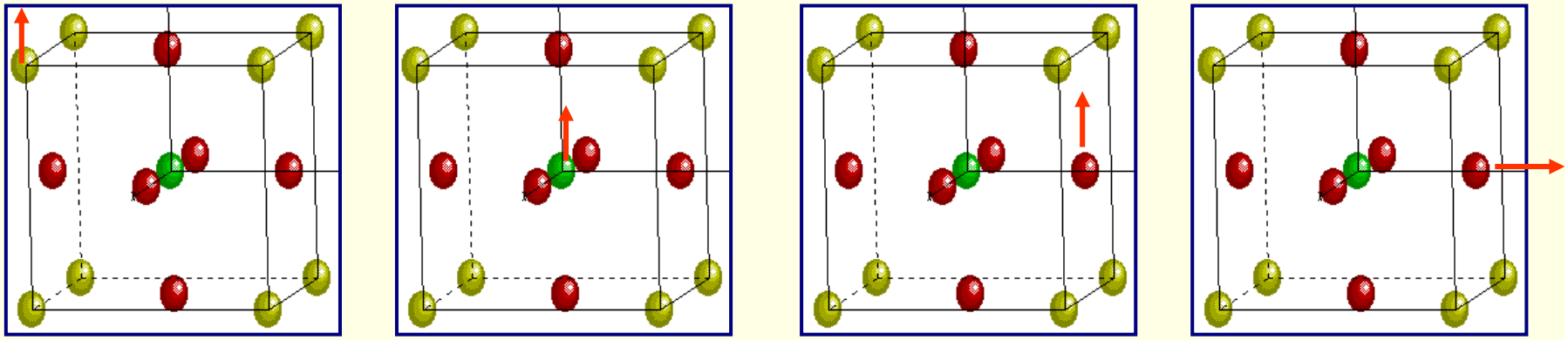
- PHONON
  - *by K.Parlinski (Crakow)*
  - *Linux or MS-windows*
  - *uses a „direct" method to calculate Force-constants with the help of an ab initio program*
  - *with these Force-constants phonons at arbitrary k-points can be obtained*
- Define your spacegroup
- Define all atoms



http://wolf.ifj.edu.pl/phonon/

Phonons:

- *selects symmetry adapted atomic displacements (4 displacements in cubic perovskites)*



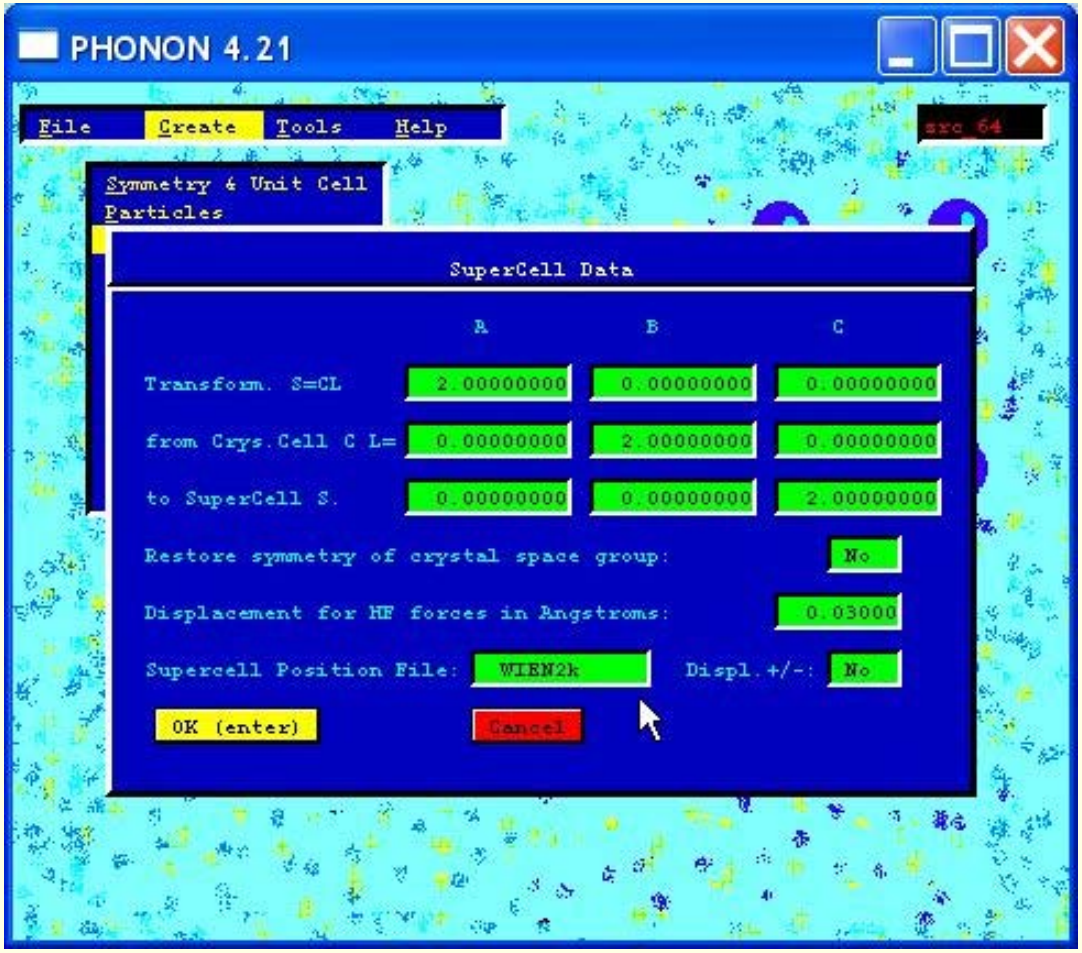
(Displacement pattern for cubic perovskite)

- *select a supercell: (eg. 2x2x2 atom P-type cell)*
- *calculate all forces for these displacements with high accuracy(WIEN2k)*

- → *force constants between all atoms in the supercell*
- → *dynamical matrix for arbitrary q-vectors*
- → *phonon-dispersion ("bandstructure") using PHONON (K.Parlinski)*

PHONON-II

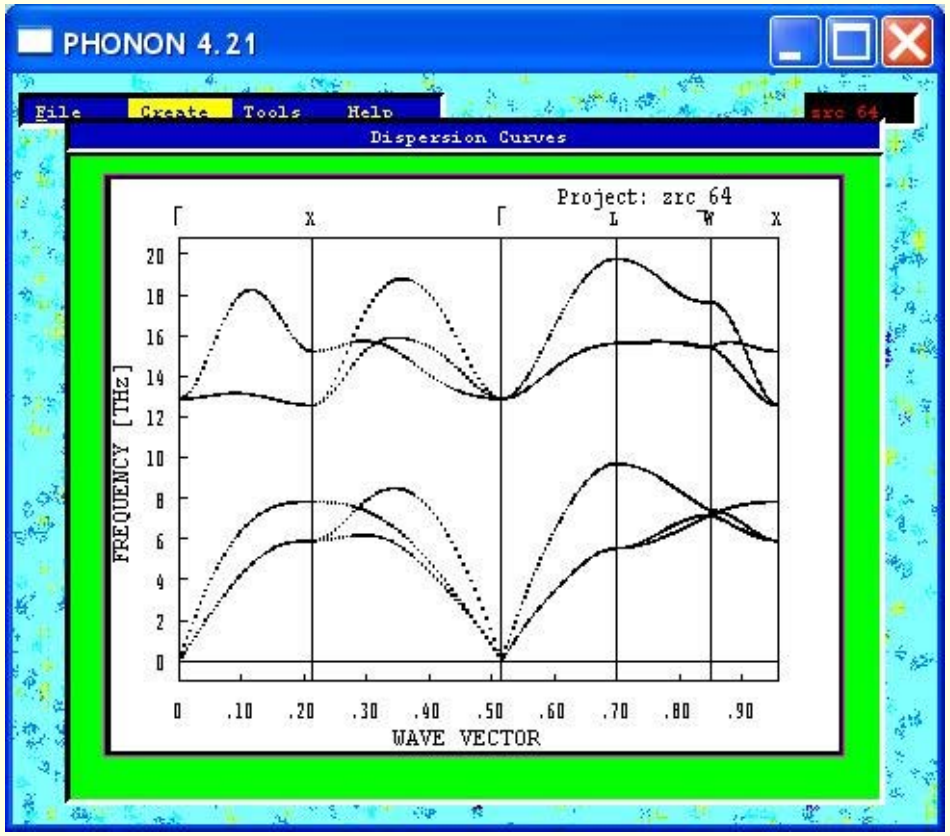
- Define an interaction range (supercell)
  - *create displacement file*
  - *transfer case.d45 to Unix*
- Calculate forces for all required displacements
  - *init_phonon_lapw*
    - for each displacement a case_XX.struct file is generated in an extra directory
    - runs nn and lets you define RMT values like:
      - 1.85 1-16



- init_lapw: either without symmetry (and then copies this setup to all case_XX)
  or with symmetry (must run init_lapw for all case_XX) (Do NOT use SGROUP)
- run_phonon: run_lapw –fc 0.1 –i 40 for each case_XX

PHONON-III

- analyze_phonon_lapw
  - *reads the forces of the scf runs*
  - *generates „Hellman-Feynman" file case.dat and a „symmetrized HF-file case.dsy (when you have displacements in both directions)*
    - check quality of forces:
    - sum F_x should be small (0)
    - abs(F_x) should be similar for +/- displacements
- transfer case.dat (dsy) to Windows
- Import HF files to PHONON
- Calculate force constants
- Calculate phonons, analyze phonons eigenmodes, thermodynamic functions



Applications:

- phonon frequencies (compare with IR, raman, neutrons)
- identify dynamically unstable structures, describe phase transitions, find more stable (low T) phases.
- free energies at T>0; quasiharmonic approximation

Pyrochlore structure of $Y_2Nb_2O_7$: strong phonon instabilities → phase transition