



■ Total energy and forces

- *optimization of internal coordinates, (MD, BROYDEN)*
- *cell parameter only via E_{tot} (no stress tensor)*
- *elastic constants for cubic, hexagonal, and tetragonal cells*
- *Phonons via supercells*
 - interface to PHONON (K.Parlinski) – bands, DOS, thermodynamics, neutrons
 - interface to PHONOPY (A. Togo)
 - http://www.wien2k.at/reg_user/unsupported

■ Spectroscopy

- *core level shifts*
- *X-ray emission, absorption, electron-energy-loss (with core holes)*
 - core-valence/conduction bands including matrix elements and angular dep.
- *optical properties (dielectric function in RPA approximation, JDOS including momentum matrix elements and Kramers-Kronig)*

■ fermi surface: 2D, 3D (using XcrysDen)



Cohesive energy



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

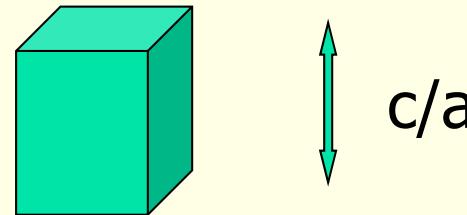
- $E^{crystal}$: scalar-relativistic valence (or approx. SO)
- E^{atom} : LSTART: fully-relativistic → inconsistent description
 - for heavier elements (2nd row): supercell with one atom in a ~30 bohr distorted FCC box (identical RMT, RKmax, 1 k-point, spinpolarized)

- 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.

■ WIEN „preserves“ symmetry:

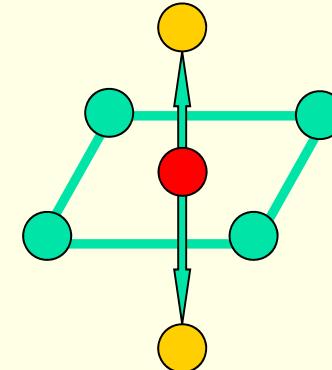
■ *c/a optimization of „cubic“ TiC:*

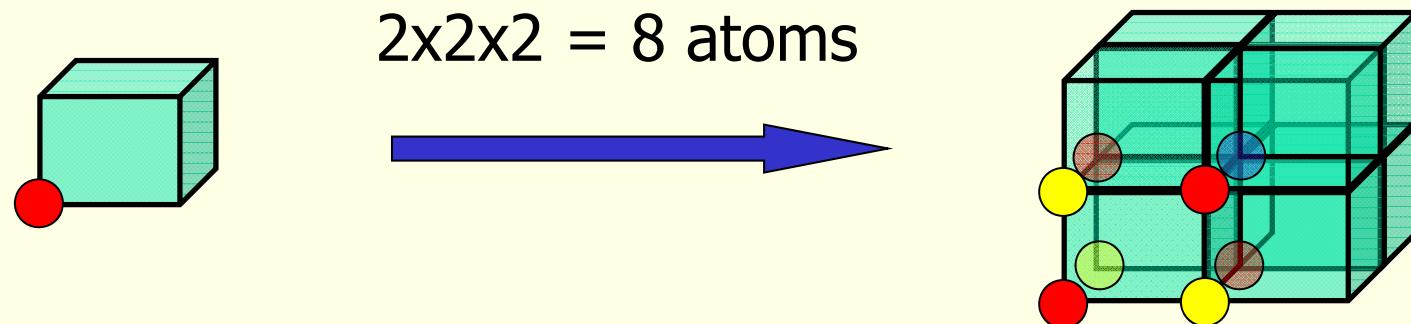
- change c lattice parameter in TiC.struct (tetragonal distortion, #sym.op=0)
- init_lapw
- change c back to cubic
- x optimize ...



■ „Jahn-Teller“ distortion:

- when you start with a perfect octahedra, you will never get any distortion
- → start with slightly distorted positions

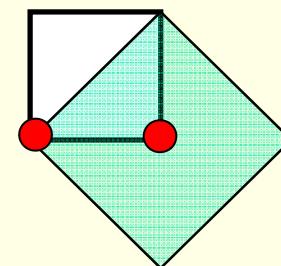


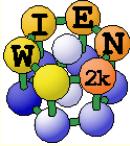


$(0,0,0)$	$P \rightarrow$	8 atoms	$(0,0,0)$	$(.5,0,0)$	$(.5,.5,0)$	$(.5,.5,.5)$
				$(0,.5,0)$	$(.5,0,.5)$	
				$(0,0,.5)$	$(0,.5,.5)$	
	$B \rightarrow$	4 atoms	yes	yes	no	no
	$F \rightarrow$	2 atoms	yes	no	no	yes

$4 \times 4 \times 4$ supercells: P (64), B (32), F (16) atoms

$\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{2}$ supercells ($1 \rightarrow 2$ atoms)

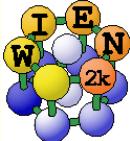




Supercells



- 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!!)*
- At present „supercell“ works only along unit-cell axes!!!



Structeditor (by R.Laskowski)



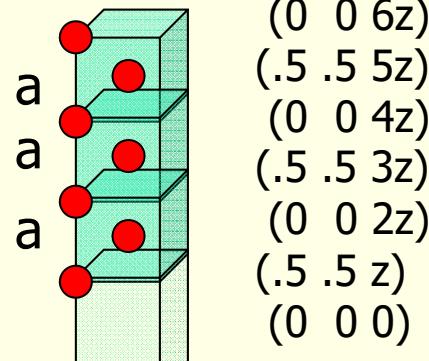
- requires octave (matlab) and xcrysden (visualization)
- allows complex operations on struct-files

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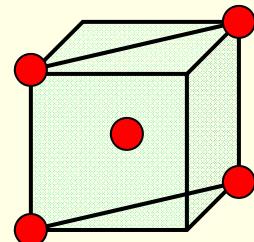
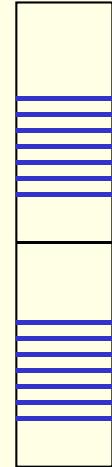
- 2D-slabs with finite number of layers with „vacuum“ in 3rd dimension

bcc (001) 7 layers:



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

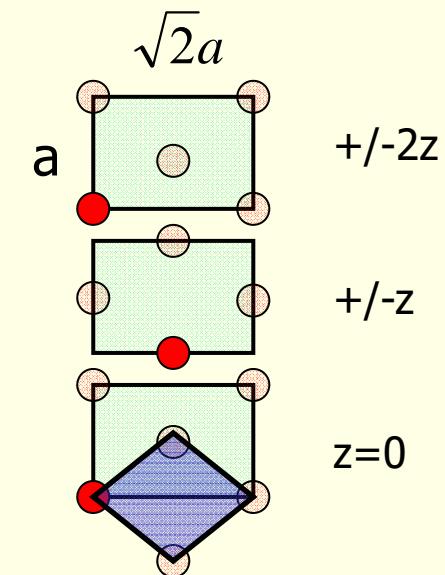
shift to $(.5 \ .5 \ +/-3z)$ with lattice parameters:
 $(0 \ 0 \ +/-2z)$ $a, a, c = (3a + 15-20 \text{ bohr vacuum})$
 $(.5 \ .5 \ +/-z)$
 $(0 \ 0 \ 0)$ $z = a/2c$



bcc (110):

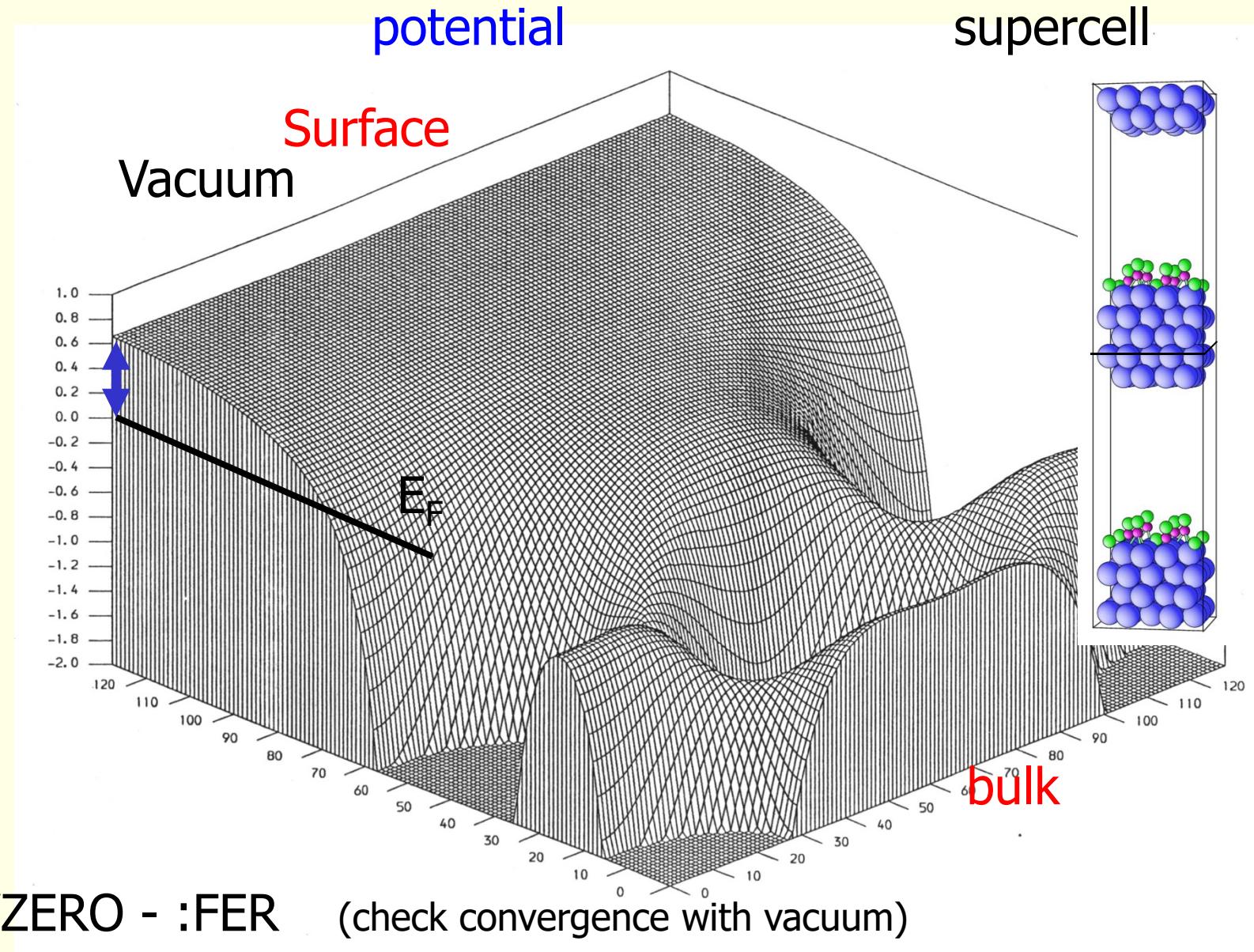
orthorhombic CXY-lattice: $a, \sqrt{2}a, c$

$(0 \ 0 \ 0)$ $z = a/\sqrt{2}a \ c$
 $(0 \ .5 \ +/-z)$
 $(0 \ 0 \ +/-2z)$



Work function

**Work
function**





Total energies and atomic forces

(Yu et al.; Kohler et al.)



■ Total Energy:

- *Electrostatic energy*
- *Kinetic energy*
- *XC-energy*

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

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

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

■ 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* $F_{HF}^{\alpha} = Z_{\alpha} \sum_{m=-1}^1 \lim_{r_{\alpha} \rightarrow 0} \frac{V_{1m}^{es}(r_{\alpha})}{r_{\alpha}} \nabla_{\alpha} [r_{\alpha} Y_{1m}(\hat{r})]$
- *Pulay corrections*

- Core
- Valence

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

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

$$F_{val}^{\alpha} = \int_{\alpha} V_{eff}(r) \nabla_{\alpha} \rho_{val}(r) dr + \sum_{k,i} n_i \sum_{K,K'} c_i^*(K') c_i(K) \times \\ [(K^2 - \varepsilon_i) \oint \phi_{K'}^*(r) \phi_K(r) dS_{\alpha} - i(K - K') \langle \phi_{K'} | H - \varepsilon_i | \phi_K \rangle_{\alpha}]$$



■ Forces only for “free” structural parameters:

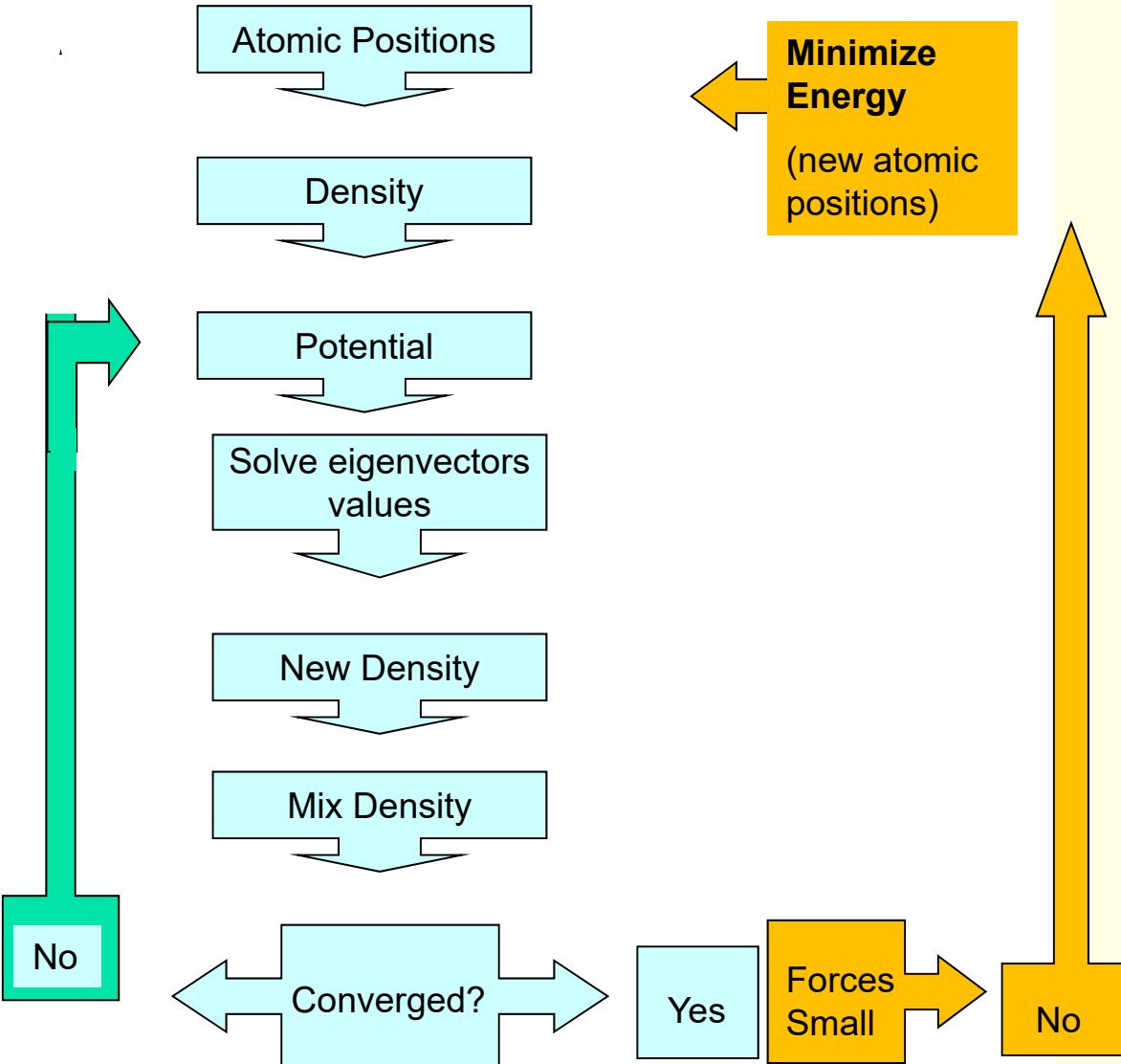
- *NaCl*: $(0,0,0)$, $(0.5,0.5,0.5)$: all positions fixed by symmetry
- *TiO₂*: Ti $(0,0,0)$, O $(u,u,0)$: one free parameter (u,x,y,z)

■ 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 forces converging
 - 122 partial \rightarrow changes “TOT” to “FOR” in case.in2
 - 121 partial $F_{HF} + F_{core} + F_{val}$, only this last number is correct
 - -12.3 **total**

■ Forces are useful for

- *structural optimization (of internal parameters)*
- *phonons*

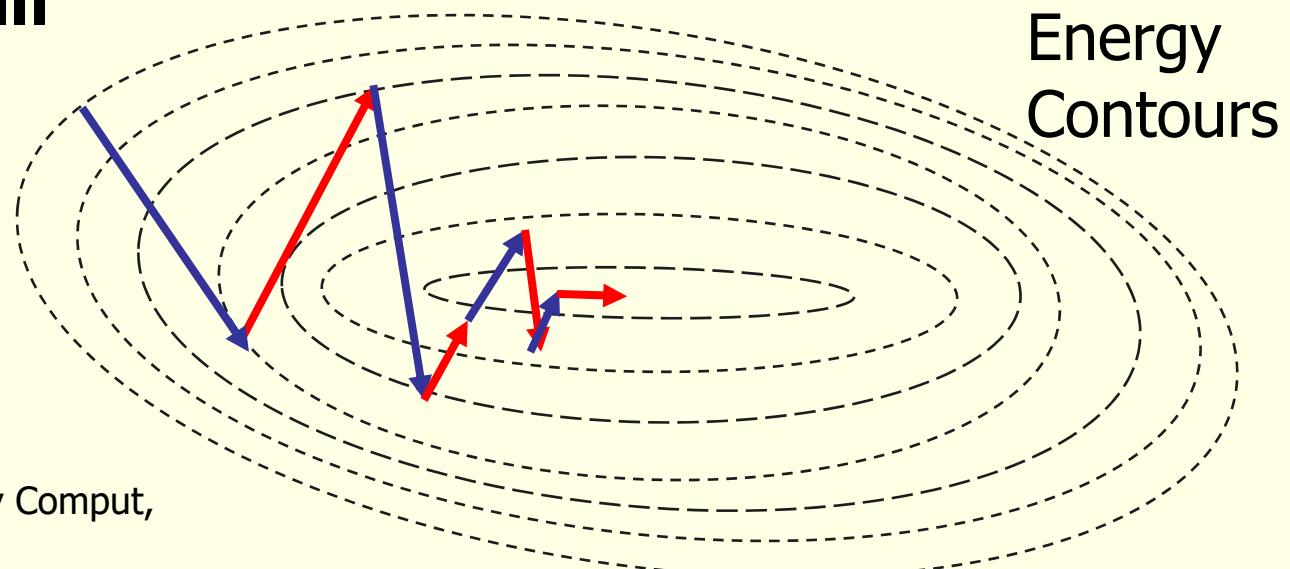


Traditional way:

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

- 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 $N_{SCF} * N_{BFGS} * T_0$

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

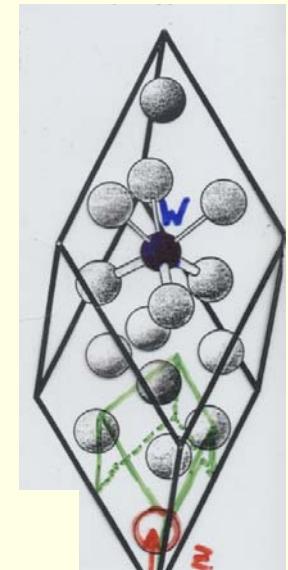
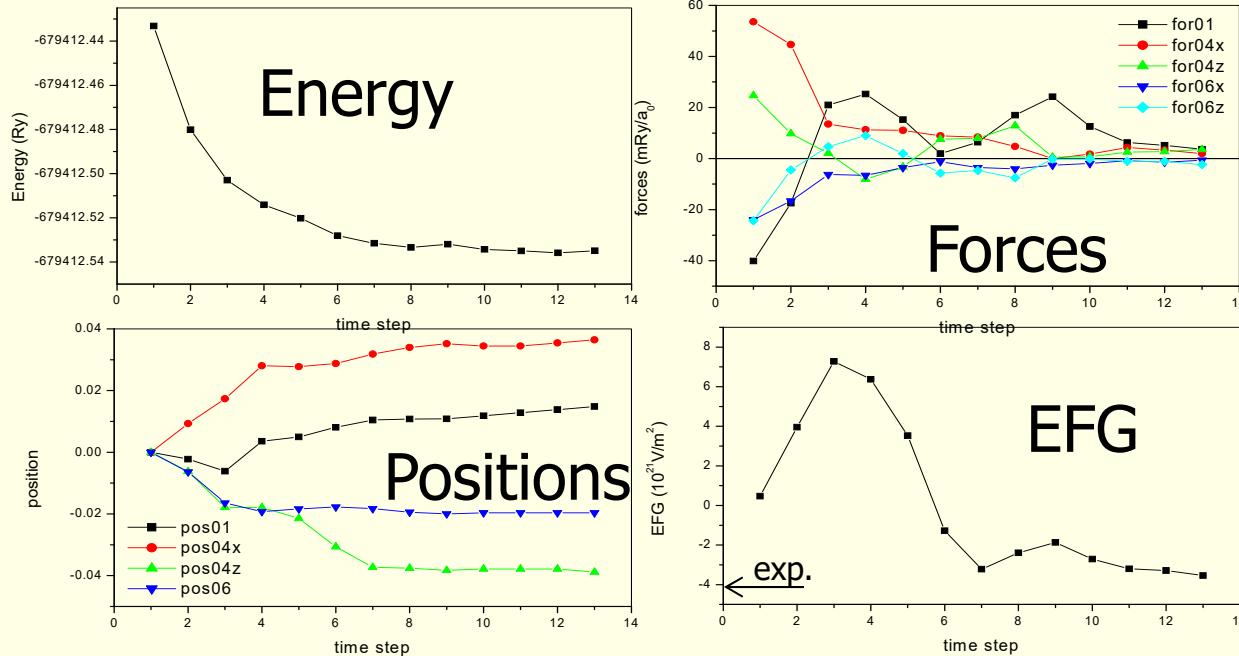




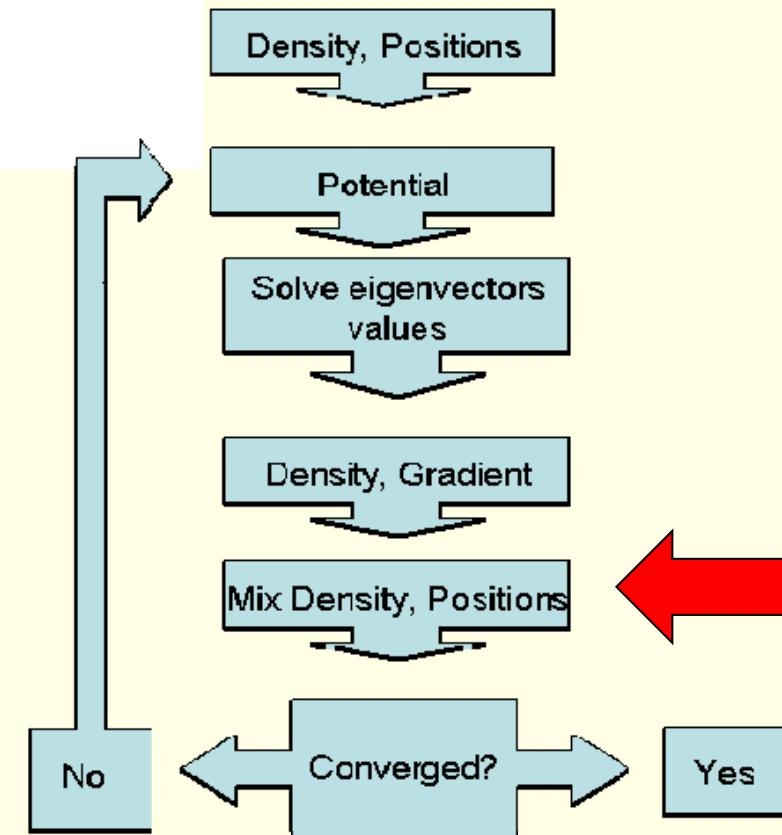
- `/home/pblaha/tio2> min_lapw [-p -it -sp] [-j "run -fc 1 -p -it"] [-NI]`
 - *performs scf-cycle for fixed positions*
 - *get forces and move atoms along forces (building an approximate Hessian) and writing a new case.struct file*
 - *extrapolate density (case.clmsum)*
 - *perform next scf cycle and 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)`

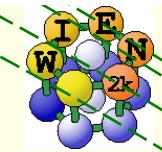
- damped Newton mechanics scheme (NEW1: with variable step)
- quite efficient quasi-Newton (PORT) scheme
 - minimizes E (using forces as gradients and construct approx. Hessian)
 - If minimizations gets stuck or oscillates: (because E and F_i are inconsistent):
 - touch .minstop; min -nohess (or rm case.tmpM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

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



- 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





Fused Loop



Residual Contours

Energy Contours

each step is a **single**
scf cycle producing
only **approximate**
forces

Zero-Force
Surface

Born-
Oppenheimer
Surface



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"

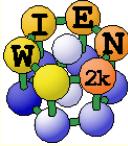
$$B_{k+1} = B_k + \frac{(y_k - B_k s_k)s_k^T}{s_k^T s_k} \quad H_{k+1} = H_k + \frac{(s_k - H_k y_k)s_k^T}{s_k^T y_k}$$

- 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,



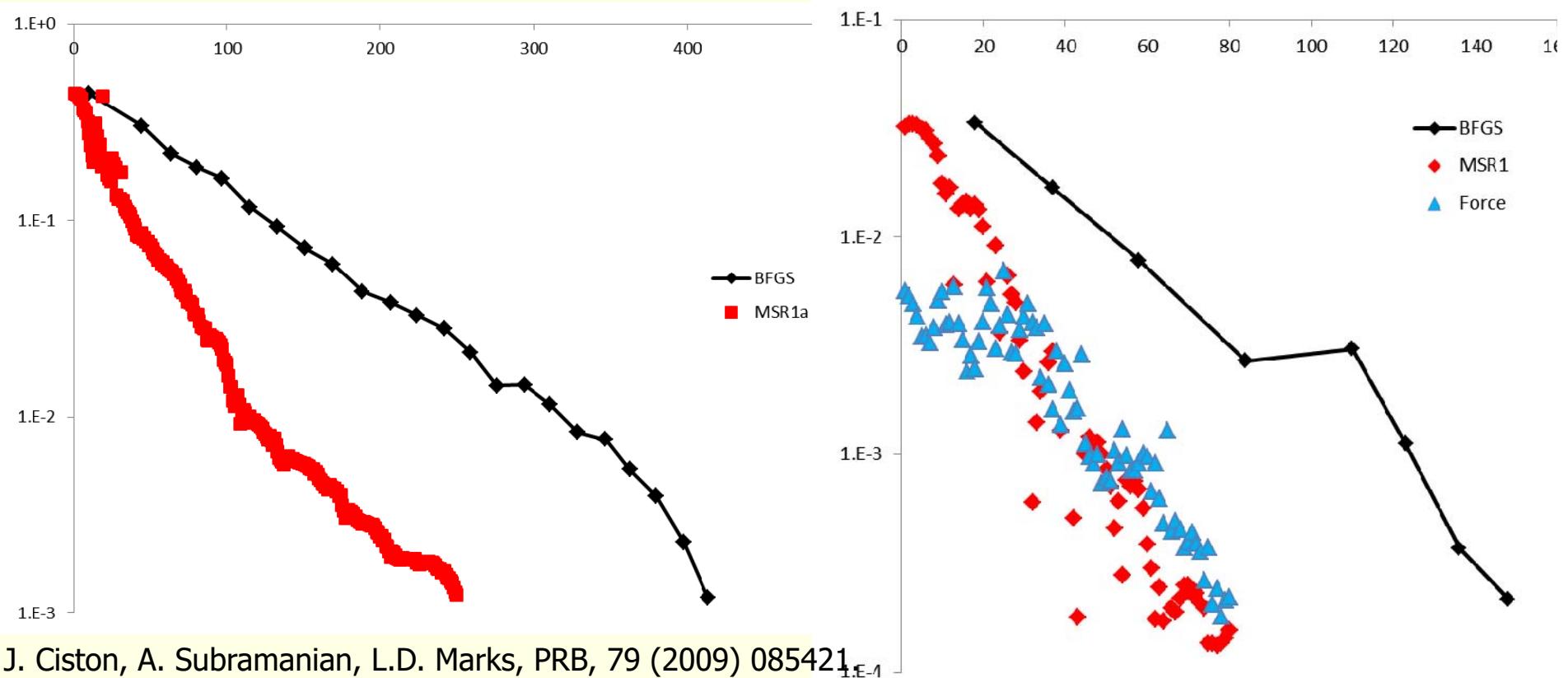
Comparison of the 2 methods



Larger Problems:

52 atoms, MgO (111)+H₂O

108 atoms AlFe



J. Ciston, A. Subramanian, L.D. Marks, PRB, 79 (2009) 085421

J. Chem. Theory
Comput, DOI:
10.1021/ct4001685

Lyudmila V. Dobysheva (2011)



- `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).



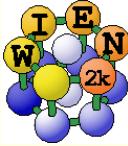
WIEN2k + Phonon

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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

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

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

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

\mathbf{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

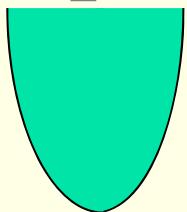
$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{n}, \mu) = -\partial E / \partial \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{n}, \mu)$$

on all other atoms. Hence

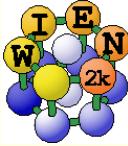
$$F_i(\mathbf{n}, \mu) = -\sum_{\mathbf{m}, \nu, j} \Phi_{i,j}(\mathbf{n}, \mu, \mathbf{m}, \nu) U_j(\mathbf{m}, \nu)$$

Master equation of direct method.

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



n,m: cells
μ,ν: atoms



CUMMULANT FORCE CONSTANTS

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

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

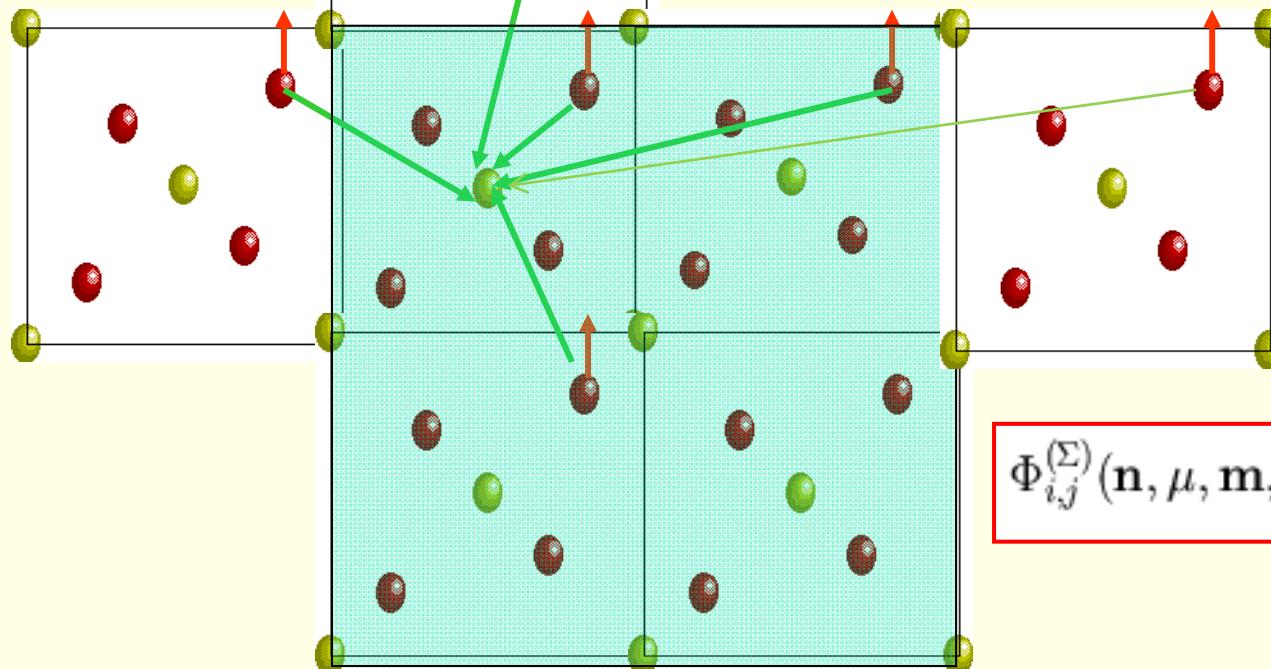
$\mathbf{L} = (L_a, L_b, L_c)$ are the indices of supercell lattice constants.
or

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

where the **cummulant force constant** is

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

\mathbf{L} runs over all supercell images.



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



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 fulfills the condition (independent of interaction range):

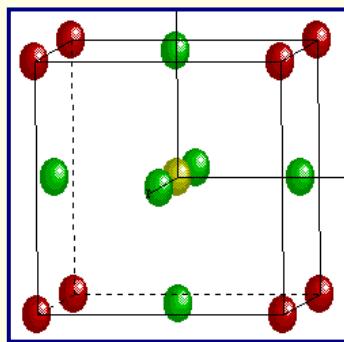
$$\exp\{-2\pi i \mathbf{k}_s \cdot \mathbf{L}\} = 1$$

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.

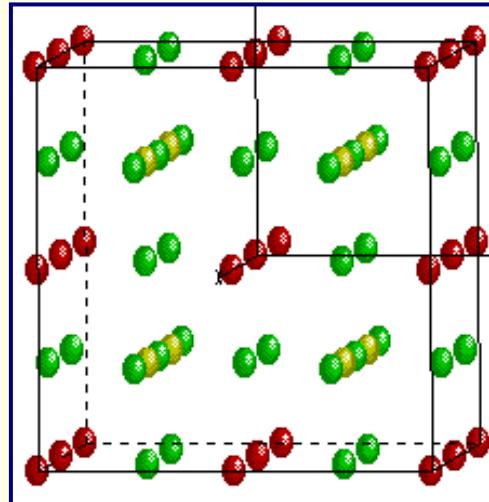
Exact wave vectors

$1 \times 1 \times 1$



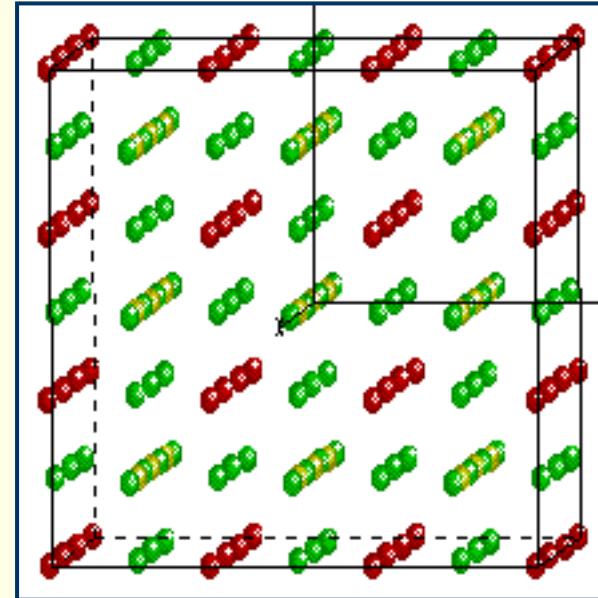
Exact: Γ

$2 \times 2 \times 2$



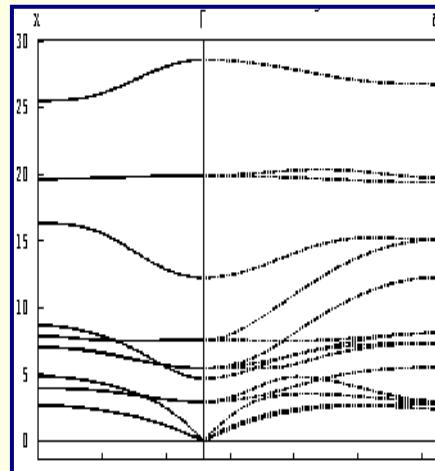
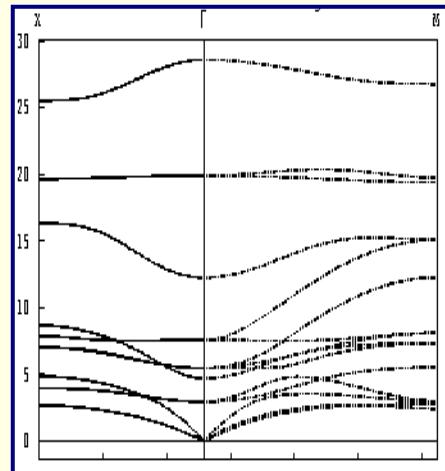
Exact: Γ, X, M, R

$3 \times 3 \times 3$

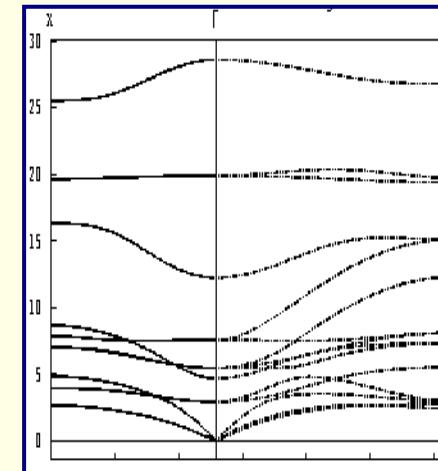


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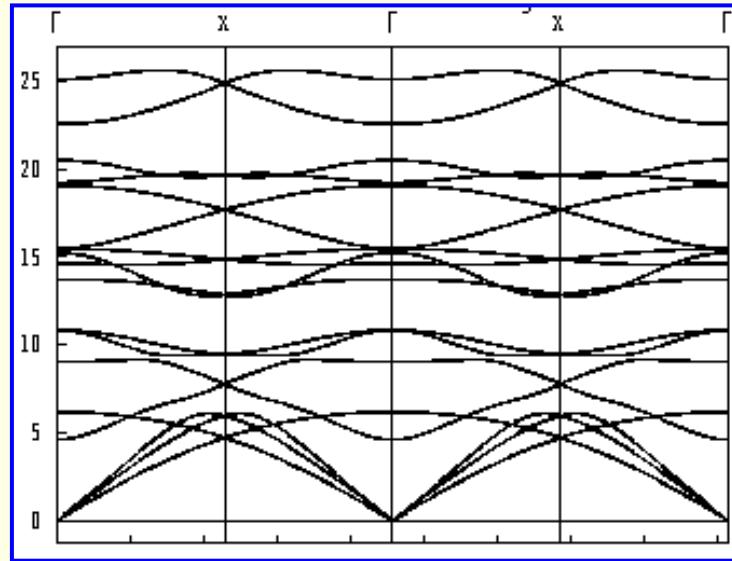
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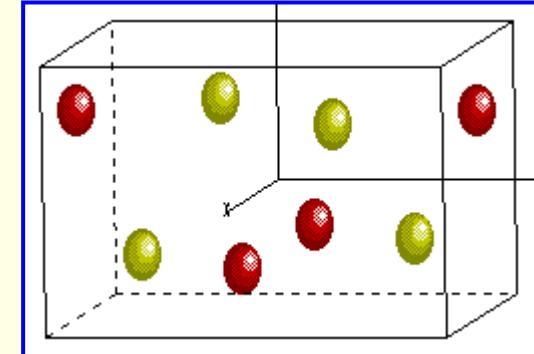
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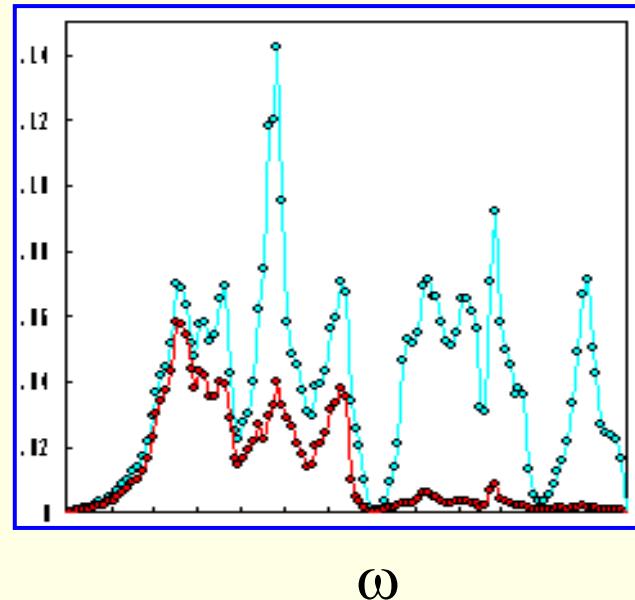
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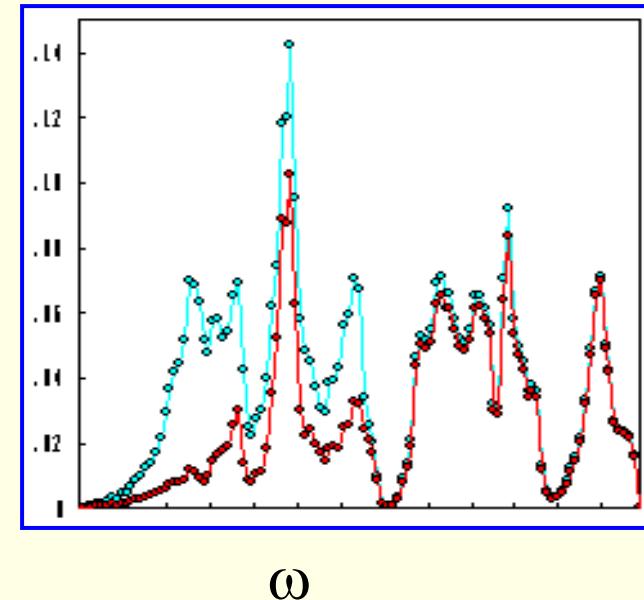
GeO₂ P4_2/mnm



Total + Germanium



Total + Oxygen





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:

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

Entropy:

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

Heat capacity C_v:

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

Thermal displacements:

$$B_{ij}(\mu) = \langle U_i(\mu) U_j(\mu) \rangle$$

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

■ PHONON

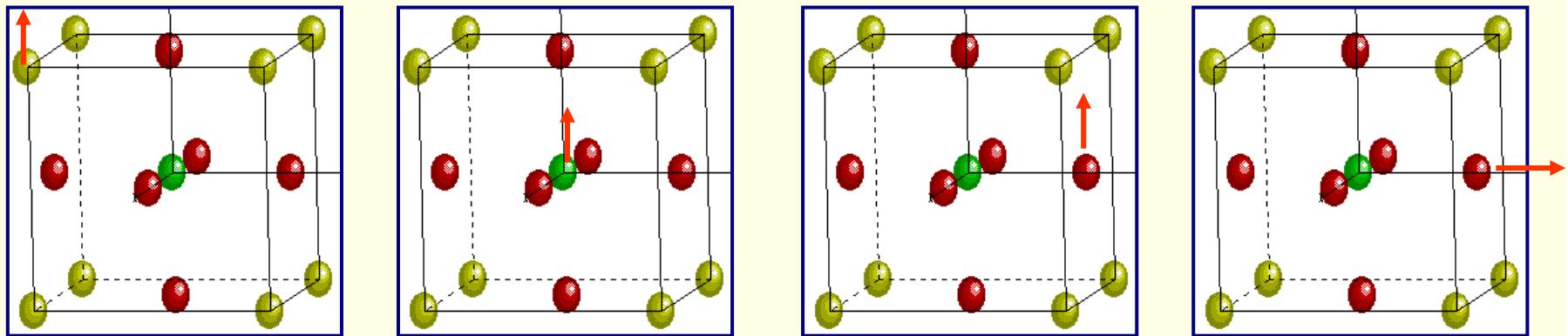
- by K.Parlinski (Crakow)
- Linux or MS-windows
- uses a „*direct*“ method to calculate *Force-constants* with the help of an *ab initio* program
- with these *Force-constants* phonons at arbitrary *k-points* can be obtained

- Define your spacegroup
- Define all atoms



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

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



(Displacement pattern for cubic perovskite)

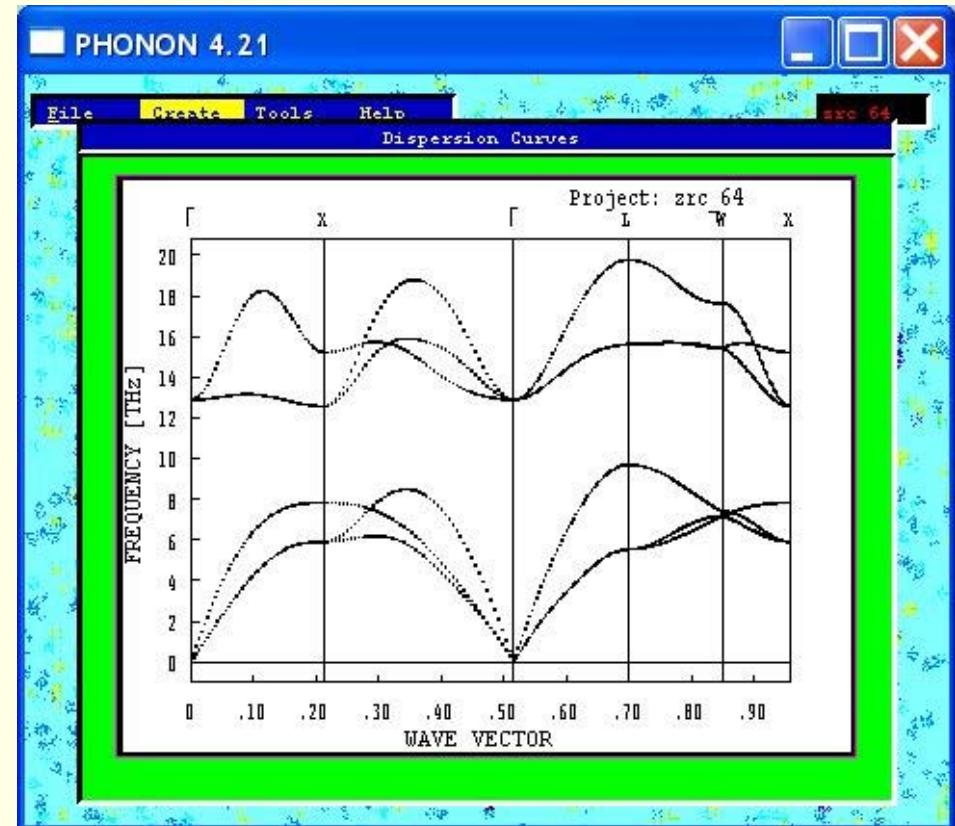
- select a supercell: (eg. $2 \times 2 \times 2$ atom P-type cell)
 - calculate all forces for these displacements with high accuracy (WIEN2k)
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- → force constants between all atoms in the supercell
 - → dynamical matrix for arbitrary q -vectors
 - → phonon-dispersion ("bandstructure") using PHONON (K.Parlinski)

- 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**

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



- 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 $\text{Y}_2\text{Nb}_2\text{O}_7$: strong phonon instabilities → phase transition

