

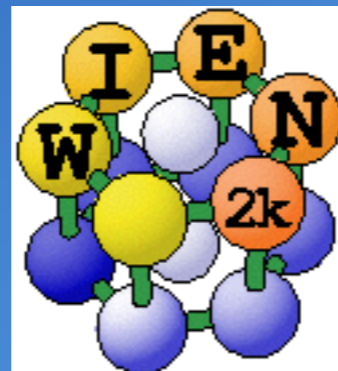
Wannier functions

Macroscopic polarization
(Berry phase) and related properties

Effective band structure of alloys

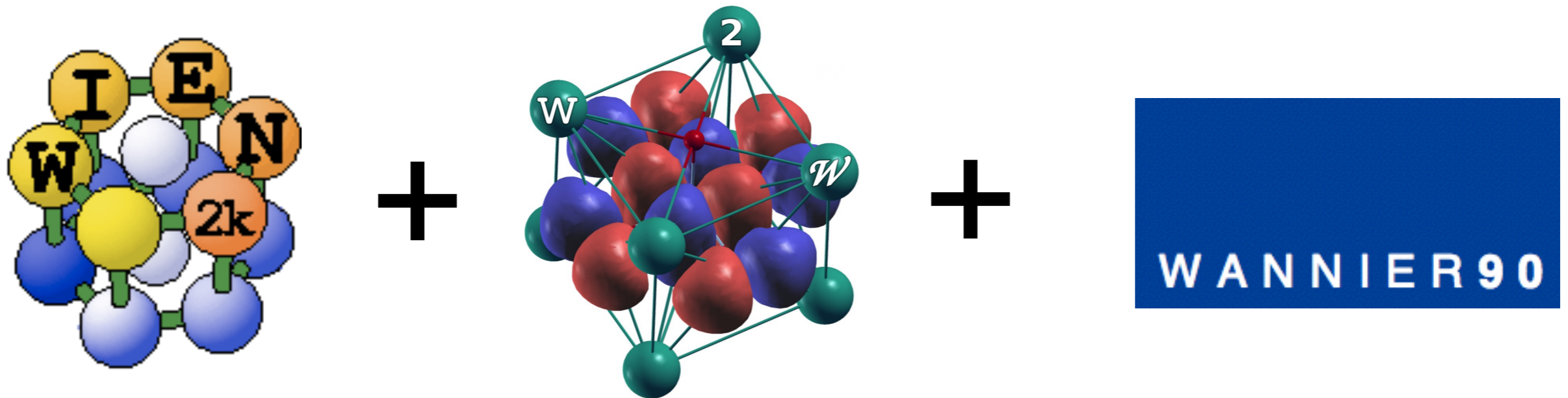
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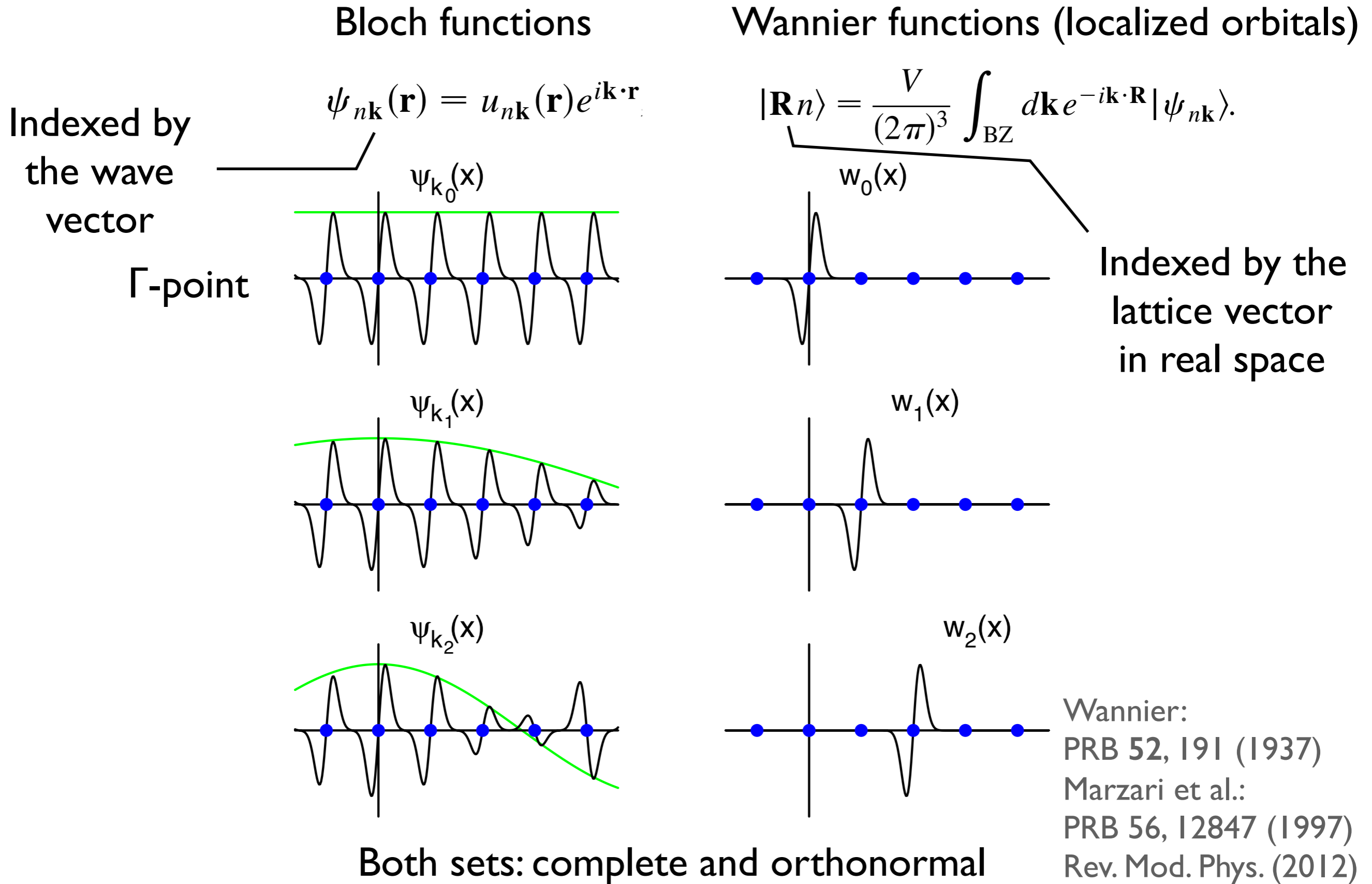


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Wannier functions



Bloch vs Wannier functions

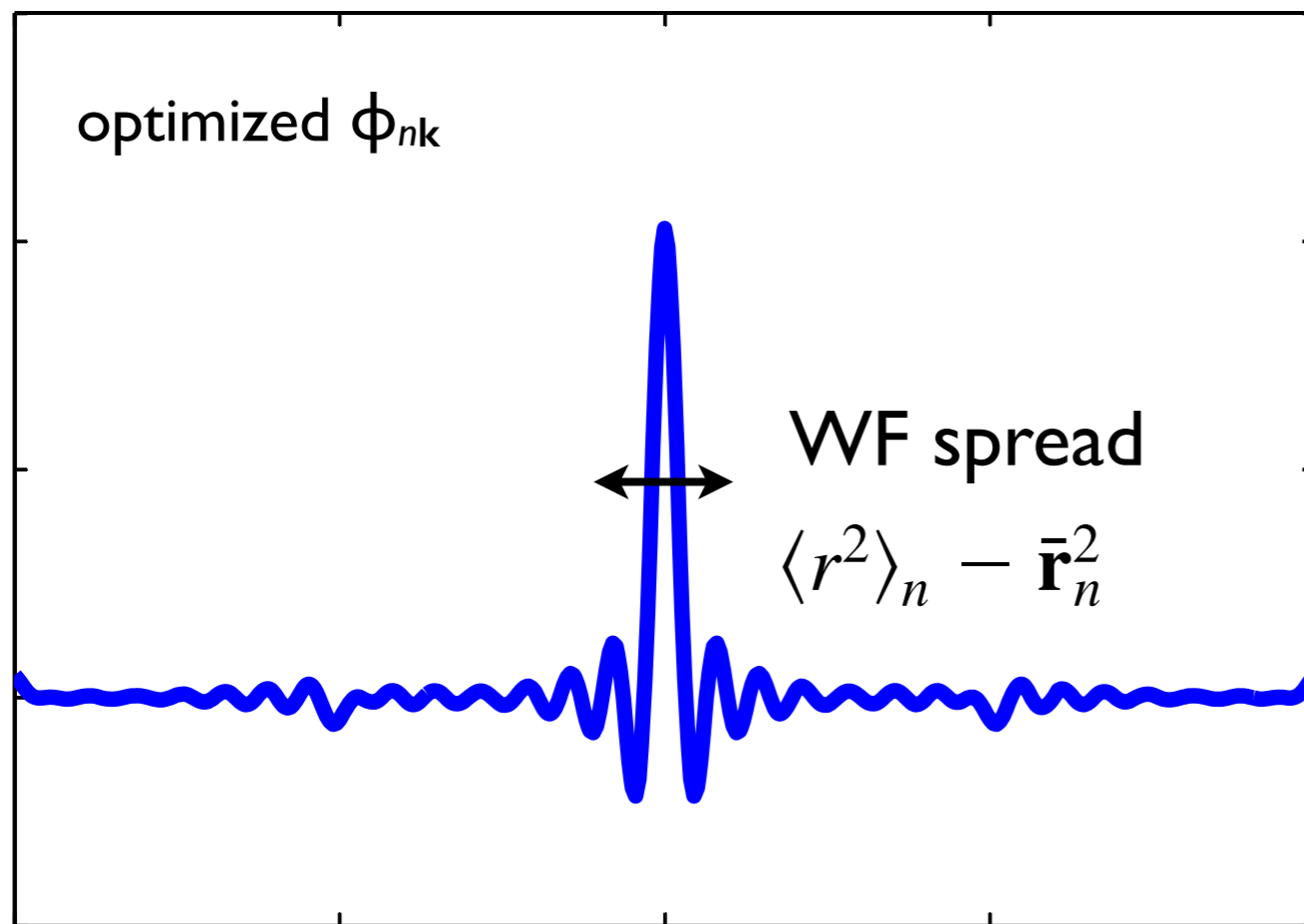


Max. localized Wannier functions (MLWF)

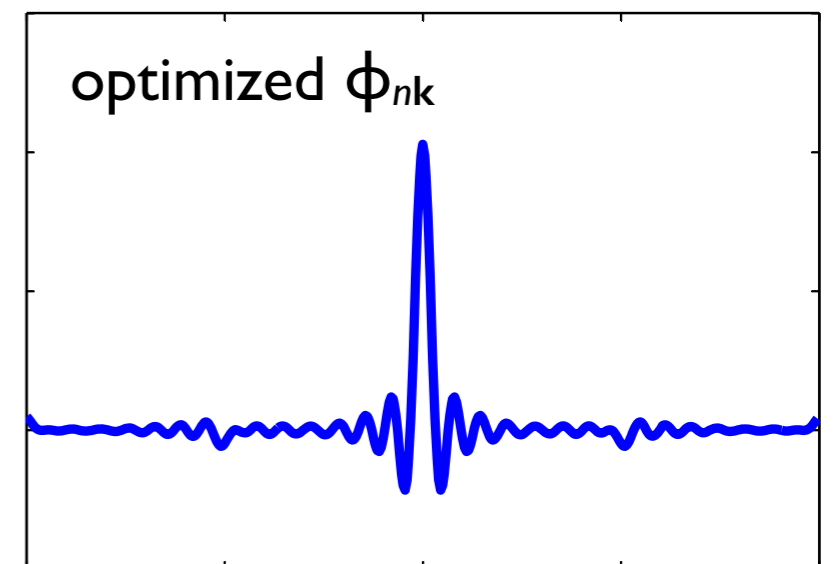
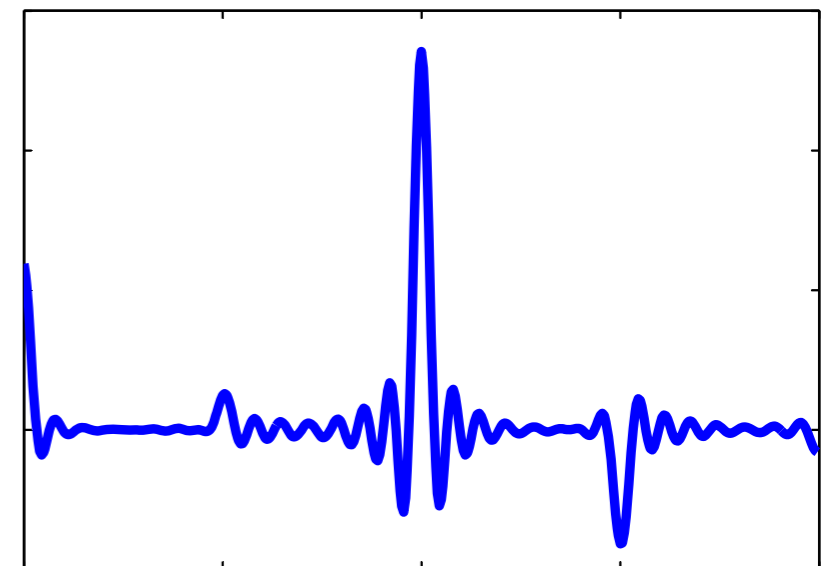
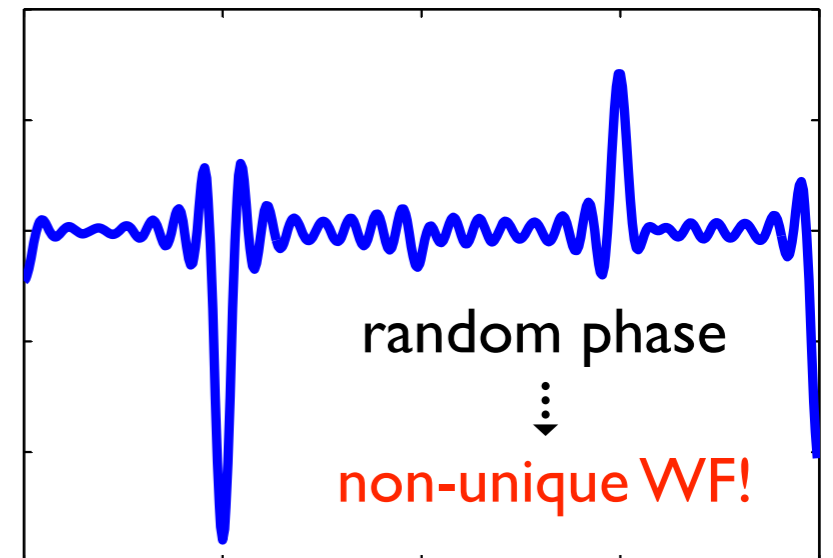
Bloch functions (more precisely):

$$\psi_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = u_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} e^{i\phi_{n\mathbf{k}}}$$

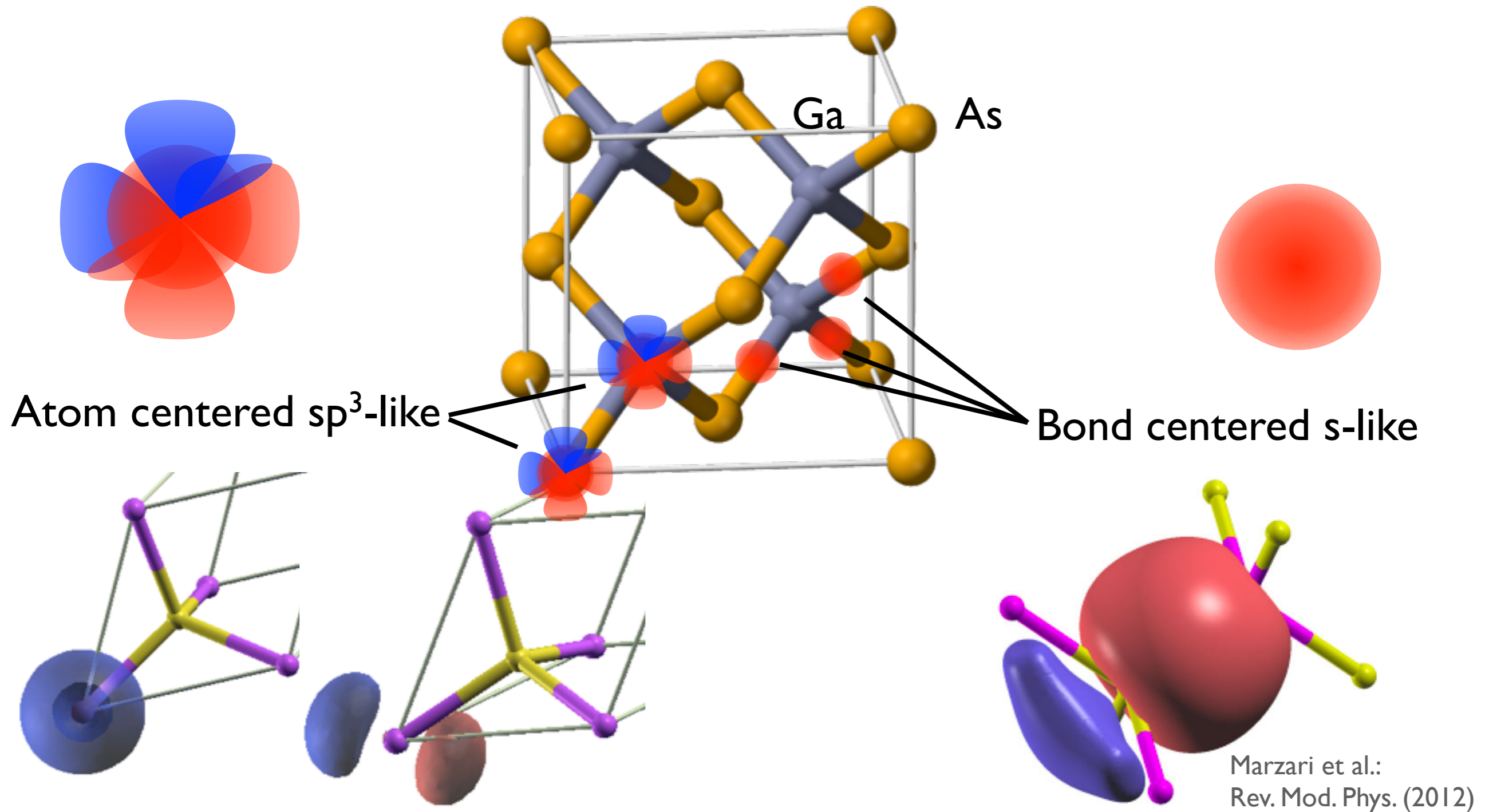
gauge freedom \rightarrow ambiguity



$$\Omega = \sum_n [\langle \mathbf{0}n | r^2 | \mathbf{0}n \rangle - \langle \mathbf{0}n | \mathbf{r} | \mathbf{0}n \rangle^2] = \sum_n [\langle r^2 \rangle_n - \bar{\mathbf{r}}_n^2]$$



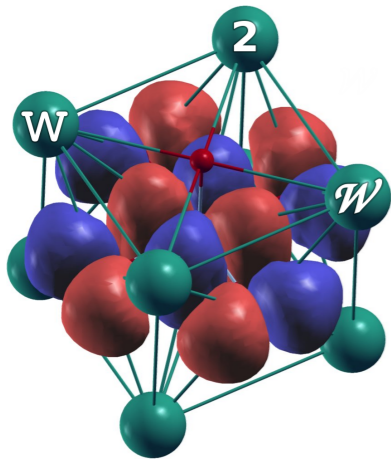
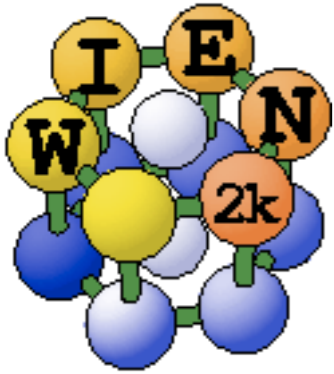
Two flavours of Wannier functions



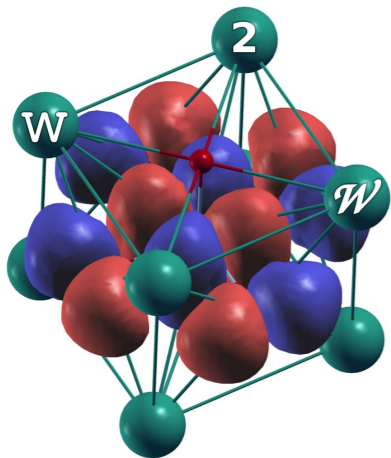
- includes *bonding* and *antibonding* states
- building effective hamiltonian

- includes *valence* states
- charge transfer and polarization

Workflow



- Regular SCF calculation
- Band structure plot
- Initialize wien2wannier (`init_w2w`):
 - select bands, init. projections, # of WF (`case.inwf` file)
 - projected band structure “bands_plot_project” (`case.win` file)
 - additional options related to entanglement (`case.win` file)
- Compute overlap matrix element S_{mn} and projections M_{mn} (`x w2w`)
- Perform Wannierization (`x wannier90`):
 - position of Wannier centers and spreads (`case.wout` file)
 - Wannier hamiltonian (`case_hr.dat` file)
- Initialize plotting, select plotting range, r-mesh (`write_inwplot`)
- Evaluate WF on the r-mesh selected (`x wplot`)
- Convert the output of `wplot` into `xcrysden` format for plotting (`wplot2xsf`)
- Plot WF



Wannier functions as a tight-binding basis (atom centered FW)

(Atom-centered WF)

\$ less GaAs-WANN_hr.dat

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0	0	0	3	1	0.000000		
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0	0	0	6	1	-1.157088		
0	0	0	7	1	-1.157088		
0	0	0	8	1	-1.157088		
...
0	0	1	1	1	-0.001219		
...

Home unit cell

Neighbour unit cell

$\langle s_1 |$

$|s_1 \rangle$

$\langle s_2 |$

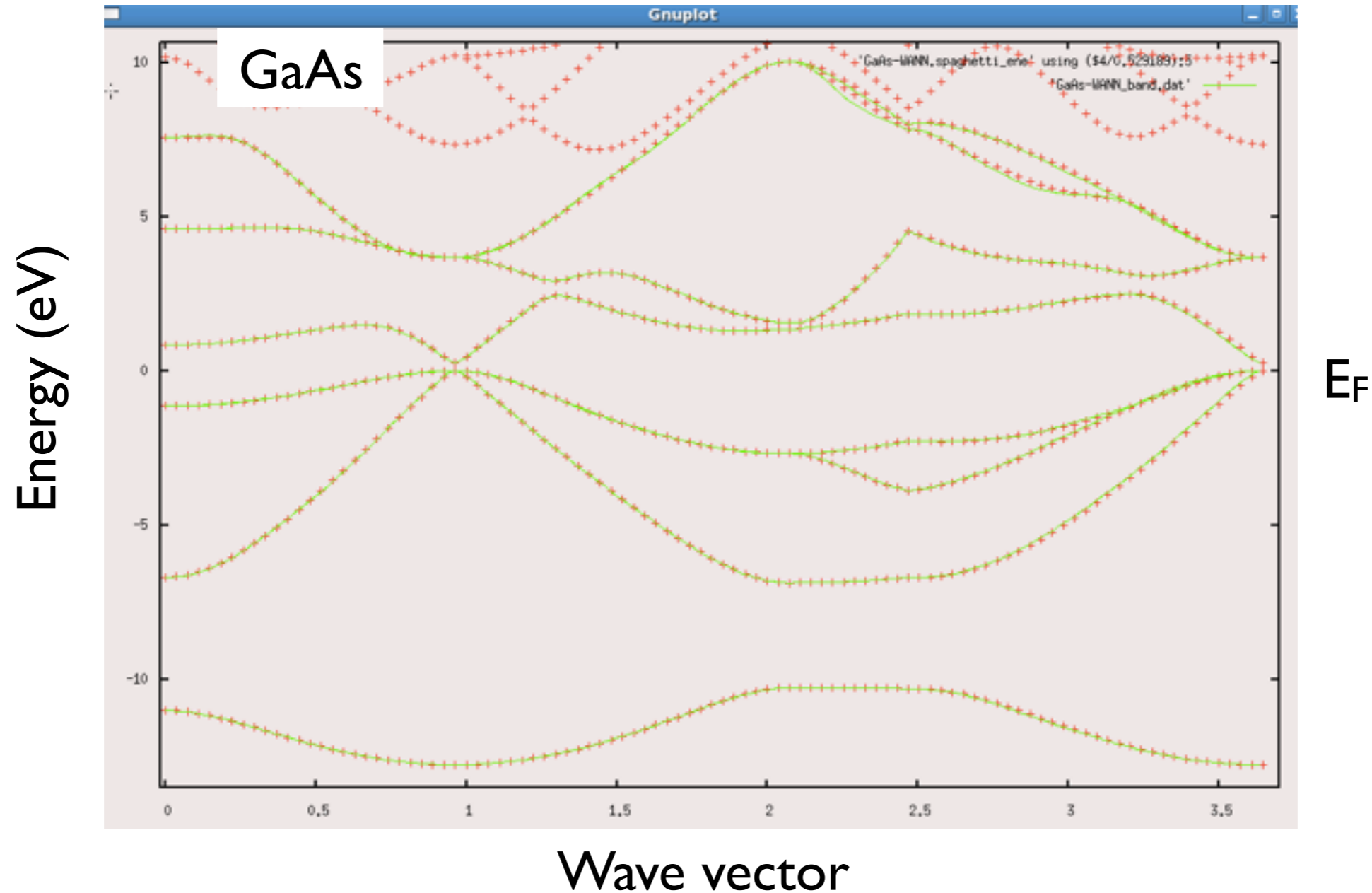
Matrix element (eV)
 $\langle s_1 | H | s_1 \rangle = E_{s_1}$

Matrix element (eV)
 $\langle s_2 | H | s_1 \rangle = V_{ss\sigma}$

$\langle p_2 | H | s_1 \rangle = V_{sp}$

WF are well localized
 \Rightarrow nearest-neighbour suffice

Band structure

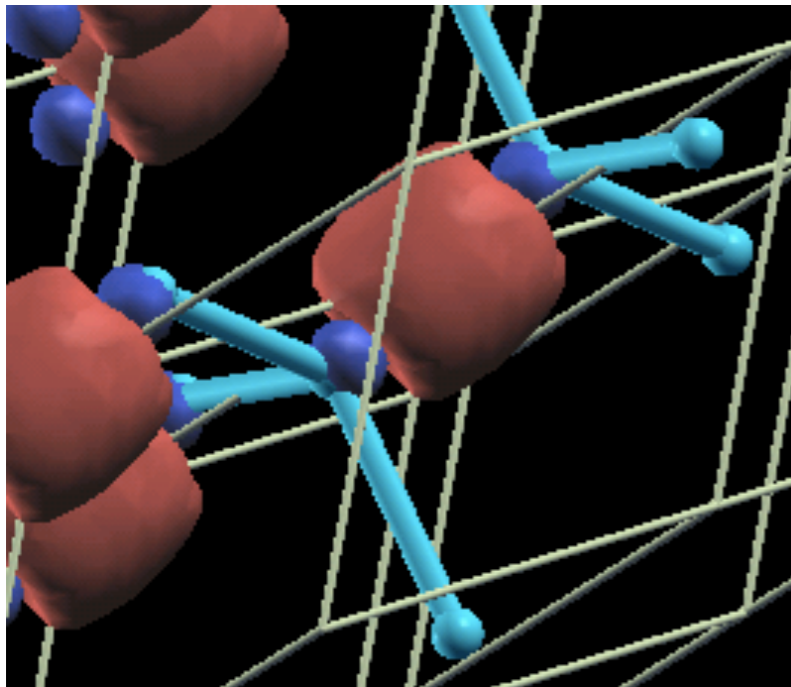


- + original Wien2k band structure
- Band structure computed from Wannier hamiltonian

Relation to polarization (bond centered WF)

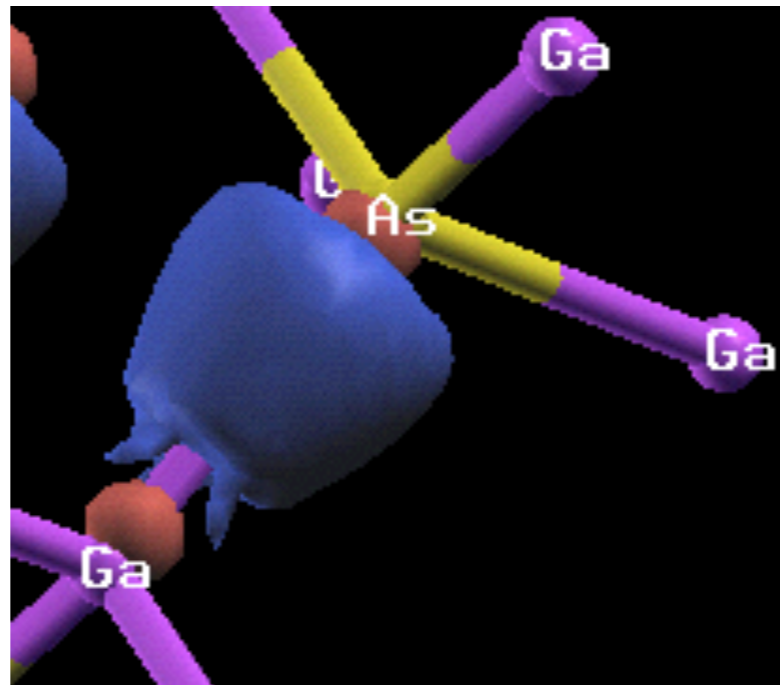
Bond-centered WF

Si



symmetric
(non-polar)

GaAs



non-symmetric
(polar)

$$\begin{aligned}
 &+ Z_{\text{Ga}} \\
 &\quad - \text{Wannier center } q_e \\
 &\quad + Z_{\text{As}}
 \end{aligned}$$

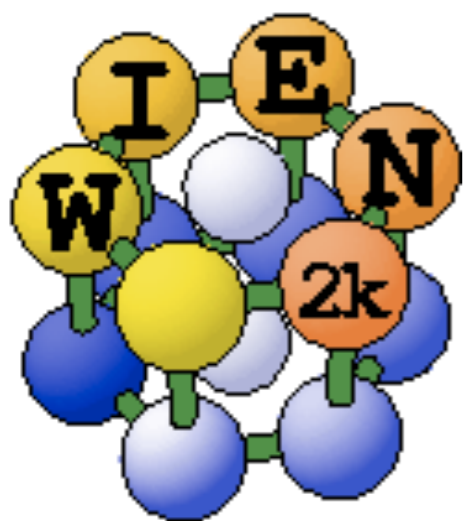
$$\mathbf{P} = \frac{e}{V} \left(\underbrace{\sum_{\tau} Z_{\tau} \mathbf{r}_{\tau}}_{\text{Ionic part}} - \underbrace{\sum_n \mathbf{r}_n}_{\text{Electronic part}} \right)$$

King-Smith & Vanderbilt,
Phys. Rev. B 47, 1651 (1993)

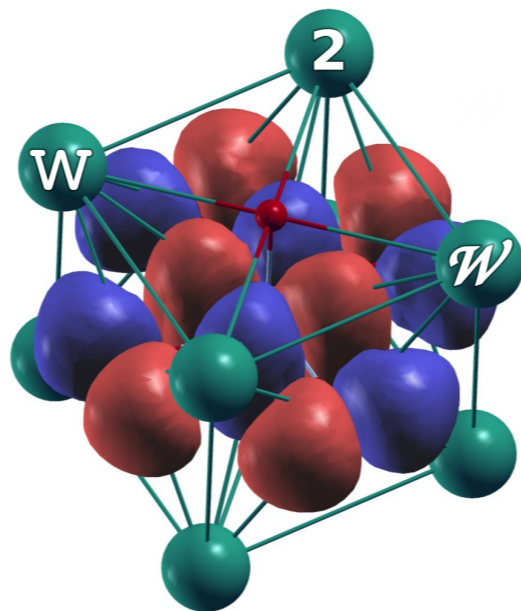
Useful resources

- Jan Kuneš *et al.* “Wien2wannier: From linearized augmented plane waves to maximally localized Wannier functions”, *Comp. Phys. Commun.* **181**, 1888 (2010).
- Wien2Wannier home and **user guide**:
<http://www.ifp.tuwien.ac.at/forschung/arbeitsgruppen/cms/software-download/wien2wannier/>
- Wannier90 home and **user guide**:
<http://www.wannier.org/>
- Nicola Marzari *et al.* “Maximally localized Wannier functions: Theory and applications”, *Rev. Mod. Phys.* **84**, 1419 (2012)

Macroscopic polarization



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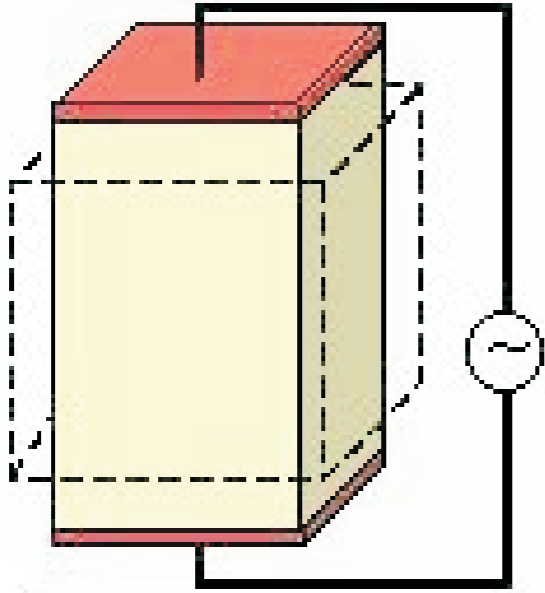


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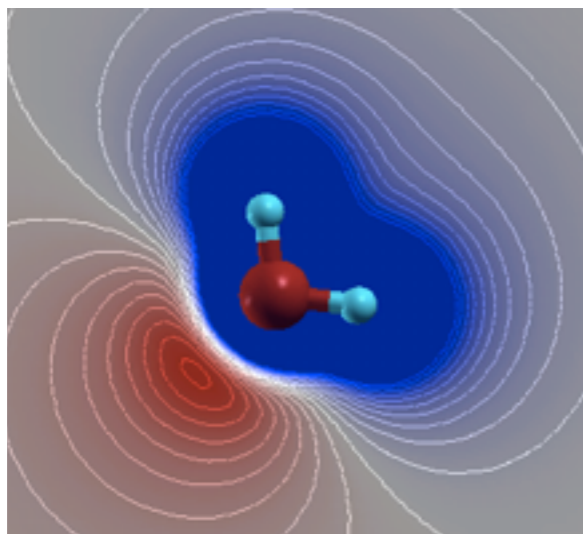
BerryPI

Material properties related to polarization

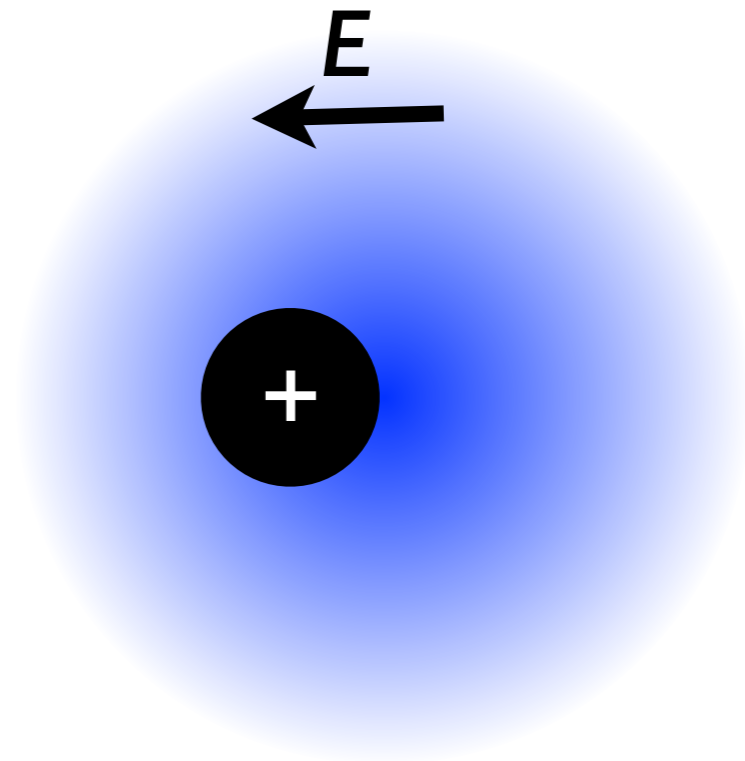
Piezo- and Ferroelectricity



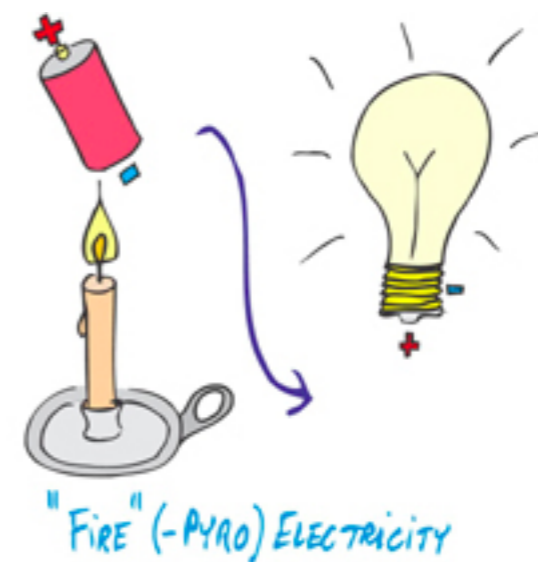
Effective charge



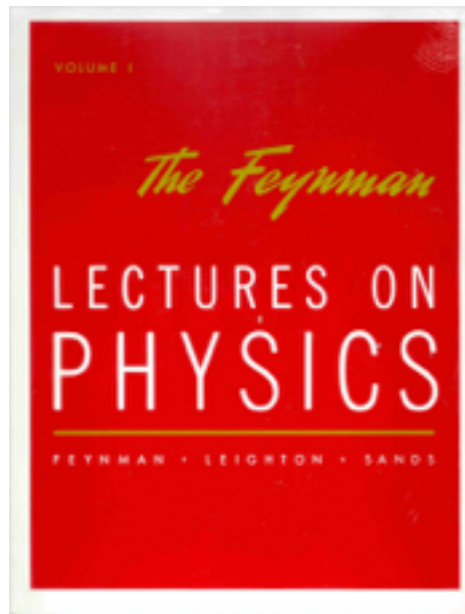
Dielectric screening



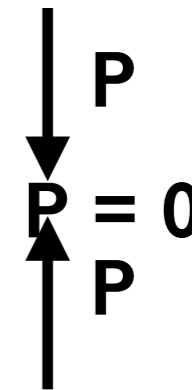
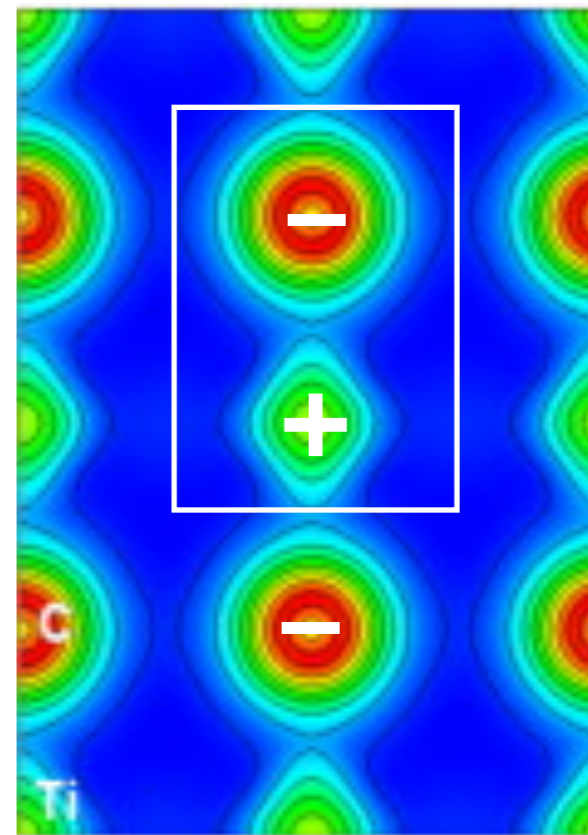
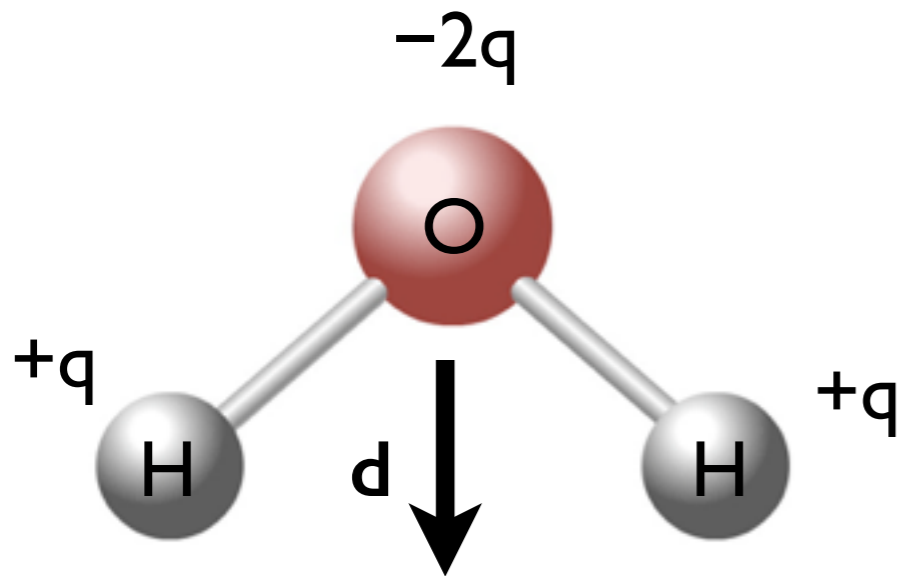
Pyroelectricity



What is polarization?



We will now assume that in each atom there are charges q separated by a distance δ , so that $q\delta$ is the dipole moment per atom. (We use δ because we are already using d for the plate separation.) If there are N atoms per unit volume, there will be a dipole moment per unit volume equal to $Nq\delta$. This dipole moment per unit volume will be represented by a vector, \mathbf{P} . Needless to say, it is in the direction of the individual dipole moments, i.e., in the direction of the charge



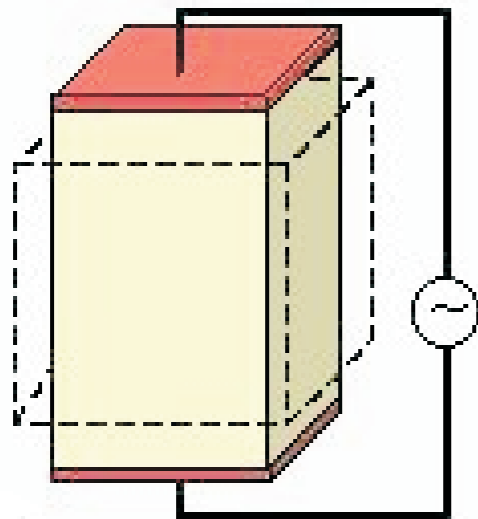
Polarization for periodic solids is undefined

Modern theory of polarization

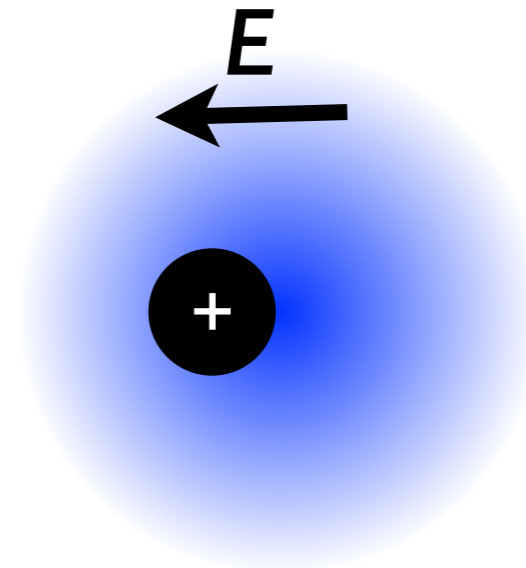
Pioneered by *King-Smith, David Vanderbilt and Raffaele Resta*

All measurable physical quantities are related to the **change** in polarization!

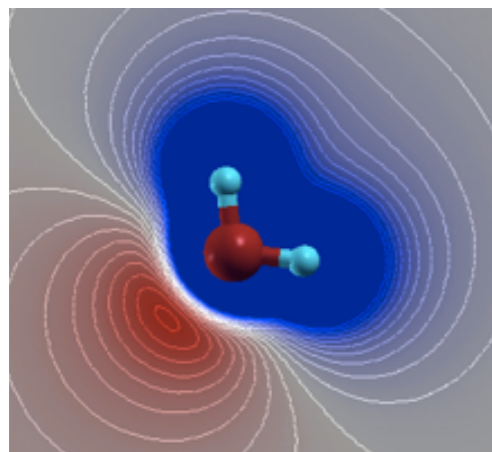
$$\Delta\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}^{(0)} - \mathbf{P}^{(1)}$$



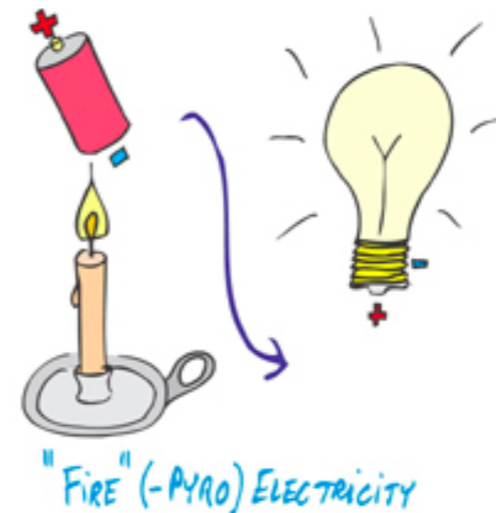
$$\frac{\Delta\mathbf{P}}{\Delta\text{strain}}$$



$$\frac{\Delta\mathbf{P}}{\Delta\mathbf{E}}$$

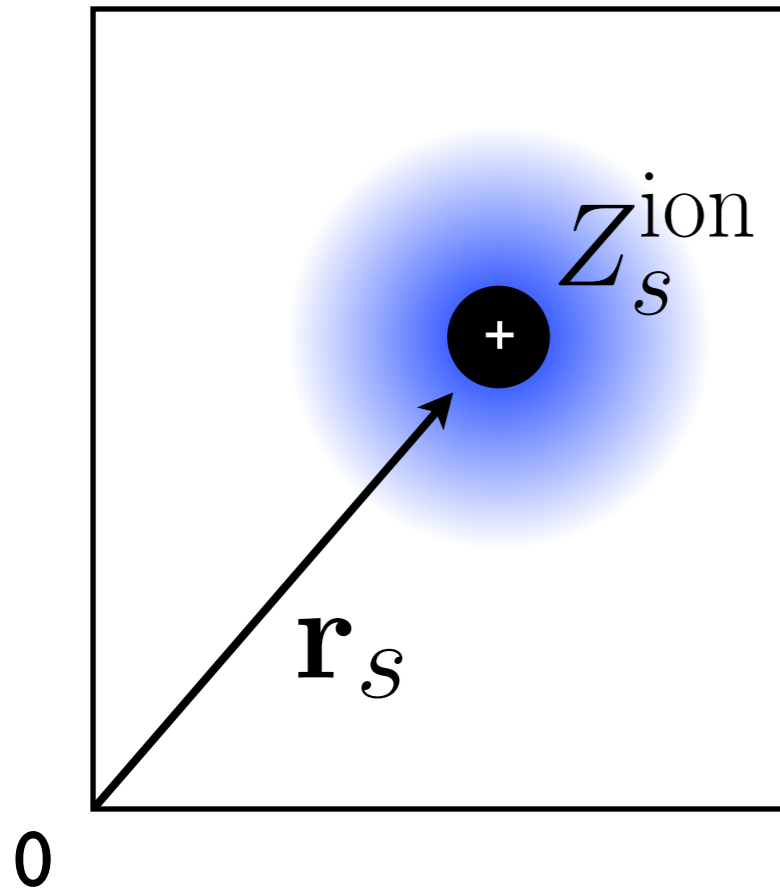


$$\frac{\Delta\mathbf{P}}{\text{displacement}}$$



$$\frac{\Delta\mathbf{P}}{\Delta T}$$

Components of polarization



$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}_{\text{ion}} + \mathbf{P}_{\text{el}}$$

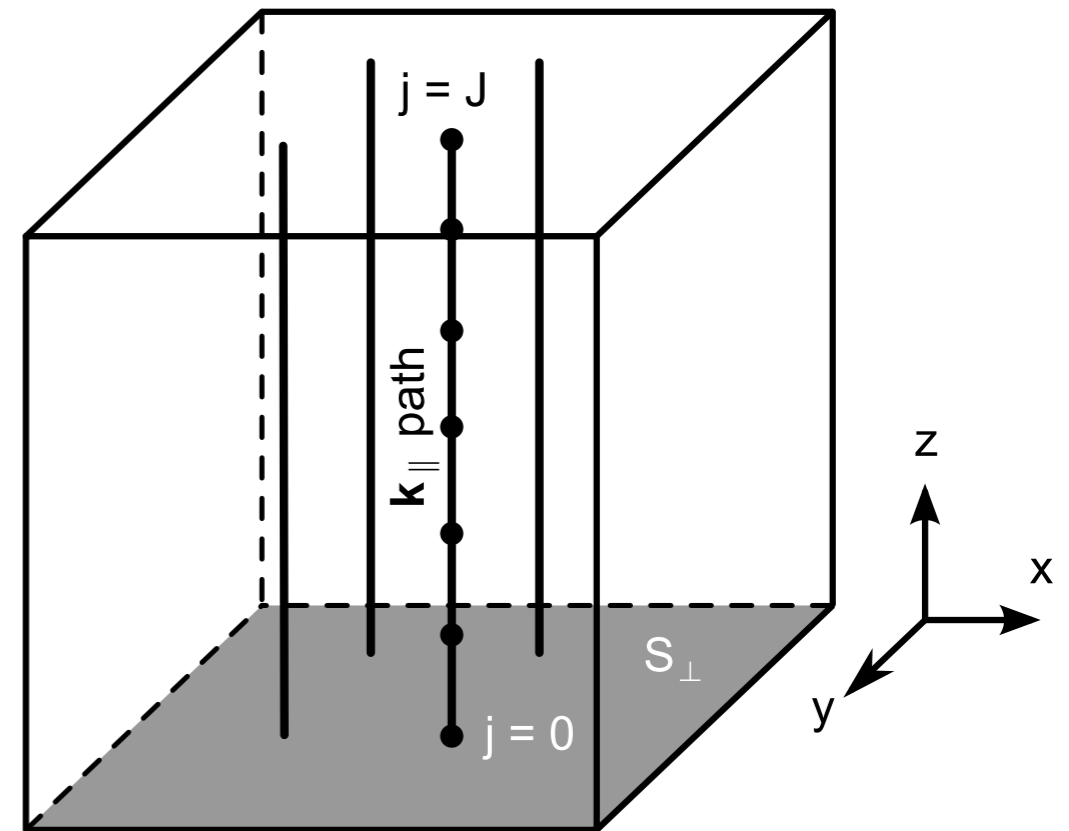
ionic
electronic

$$\mathbf{P}_{\text{ion}} = \frac{e}{\Omega} \sum_s^{\text{atoms}} Z_s^{\text{ion}} \mathbf{r}_s$$

In Wien2k Z_s^{ion} is the core charge

$$-\mathbf{P}_{\text{el}} = \Omega^{-1} \int d\mathbf{r} \mathbf{r} \rho(\mathbf{r}) = \Omega^{-1} \sum_n^{\text{occ. bands}} \langle \psi_n | \mathbf{r} | \psi_n \rangle$$

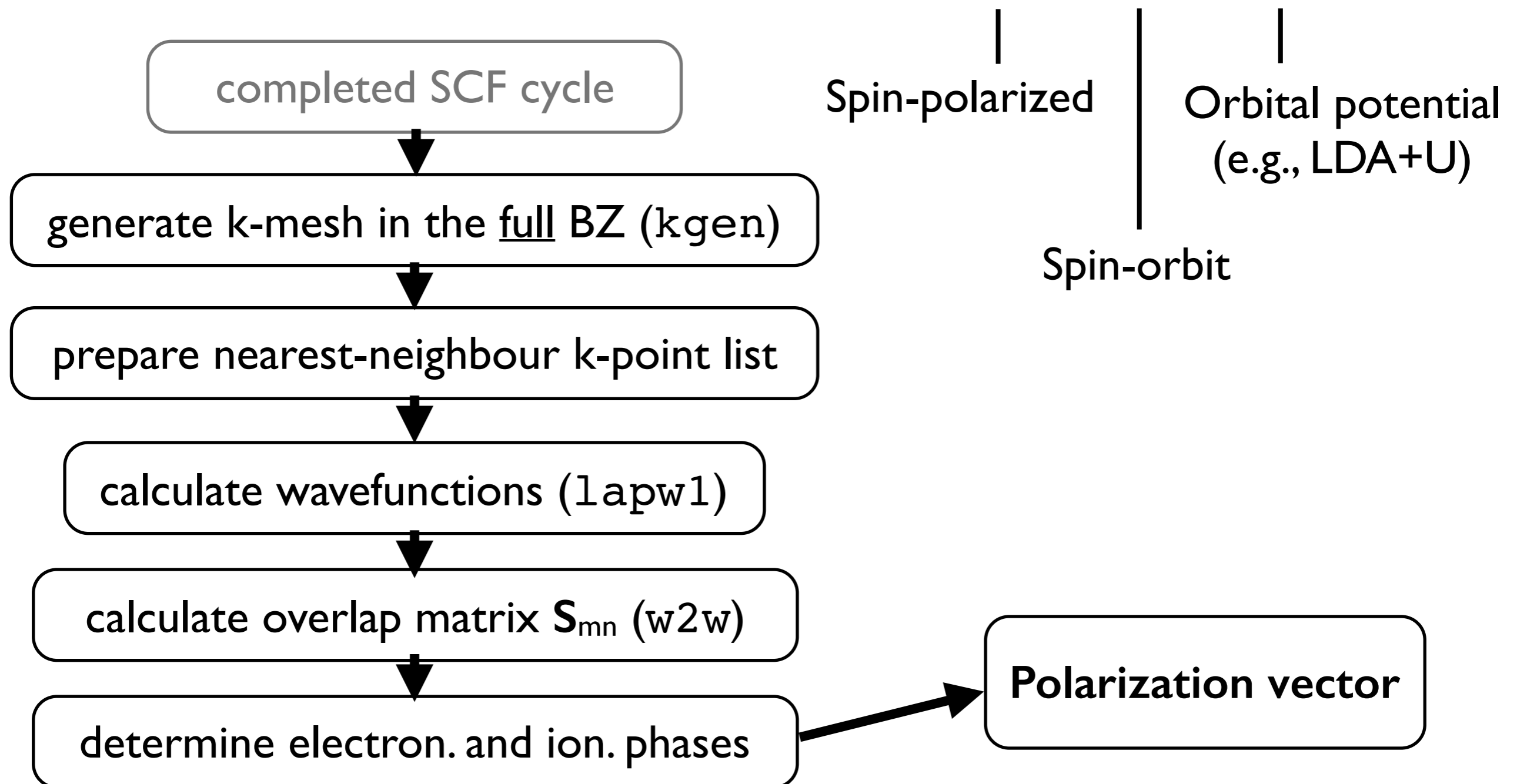
$$\equiv \frac{2ei}{(2\pi)^3} \sum_n^{\text{occ. bands}} \int_{\text{BZ}} d\mathbf{k} \langle u_{n\mathbf{k}} | \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} | u_{n\mathbf{k}} \rangle$$



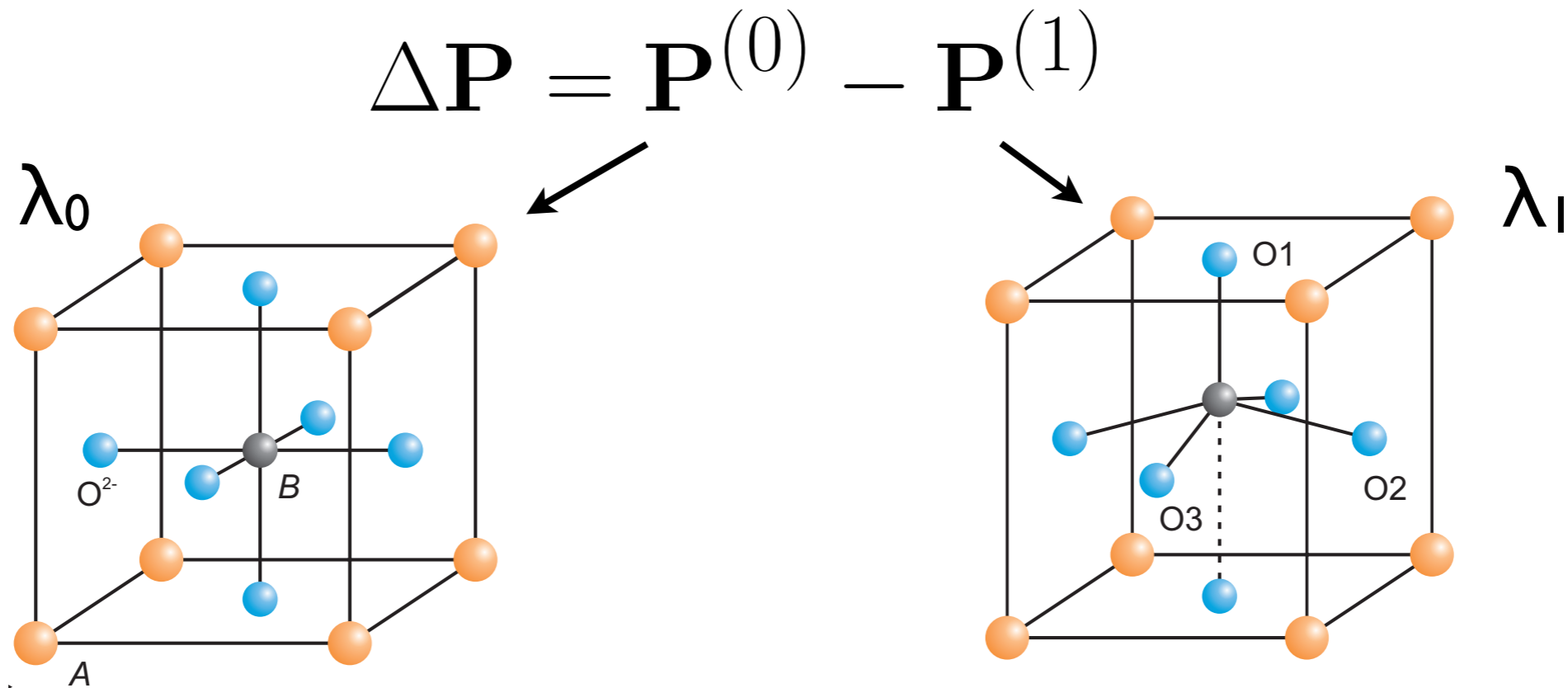
BerryPI workflow

Need `wien2k`, `wien2wannier`, `python 2.7.x` and `numpy`

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[command line]$ berrypi -k 6:6:6 [-s] [-j] [-o]
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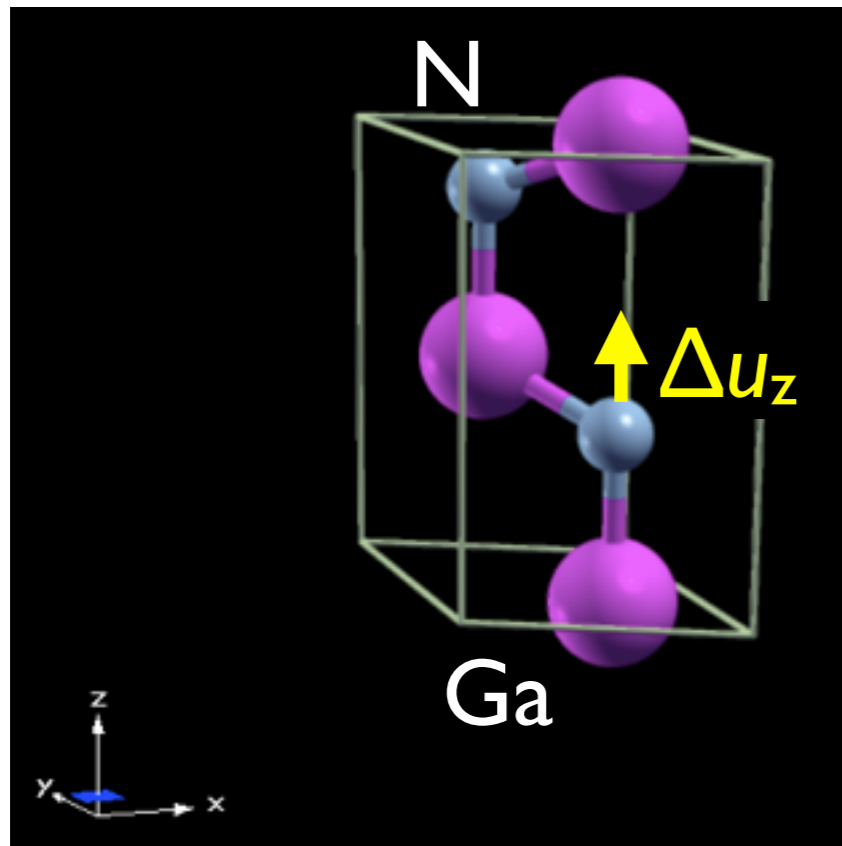


Choice of a reference structure



- structure file must preserve the symmetry
- begin with the lowest symmetry (λ_1) case
- copy case λ_1 to case λ_0
- edit structure file for case λ_0
- do not initialize calculation (`init_lapw`)
- update density (`x dstart`)
- run SCF cycle (`run[sp]_lapw [-so -orb]`)
- run BerryPI

Demonstration: Effective charge of GaN



$$Z_{s,ij}^* = \frac{\Omega}{e} \frac{\Delta P_i}{\Delta r_{s,j}}$$

General definition

$$\varphi = \varphi_{\text{el}} + \varphi_{\text{ion}}$$

$$\Delta\varphi = \varphi(\text{perturbed}) - \varphi(\text{unperturbed})$$

$$Z_{s,ii}^* = \frac{\Delta\varphi_i}{2\pi\Delta u_{s,i}}$$

“Shortcut” (i=j, no volume change)

Reality check

GaN: effective charge, dielectric constants - Springer

link.springer.com/content/pdf/10.1007%2F978-3-642-14148-5_230.pdf

by D Strauch - 2011 - [Related articles](#)

gallium nitride (GaN) property: **effective charge**, dielectric constants (lattice properties). Born **effective charge** (wurtzite structure). Physical. Property. Numerical.

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GaN: effective charge, dielectric constants

substance:	gallium nitride (GaN)
property:	effective charge, dielectric constants (lattice properties)

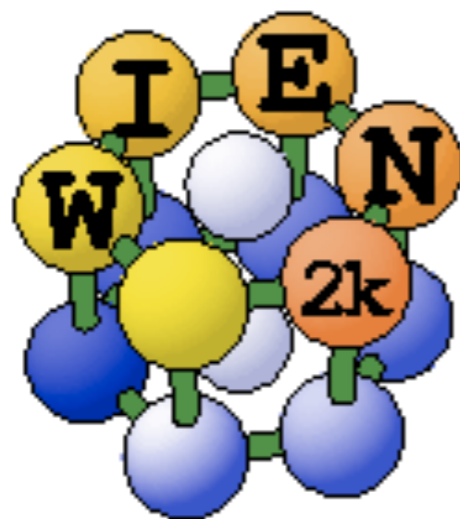
Born effective charge (wurtzite structure)

Physical Property	Numerical Values	Remarks	Ref.
Z^*	2.73(3)	from LO-TO splitting, Raman scattering from bulk GaN	01G
	2.51	ab initio DFT(LDA) calculation	01Z
	2.67	ab initio DFT(GGA) calculation	
Z_{xx}^*	2.60	ab initio DFT(LDA) calculation	02W
Z_{zz}^*	2.74		
$Z_{B,xx}^*$	1.14	$Z_{B,ij}^* = Z_{ij}^* / \sqrt{\epsilon_{\infty,ij}}$	
$Z_{B,zz}^*$	1.18		
Z_{xx}^*	2.51	ab-initio DFT(LDA) calculation	06S
Z_{zz}^*	2.75		

Useful resources

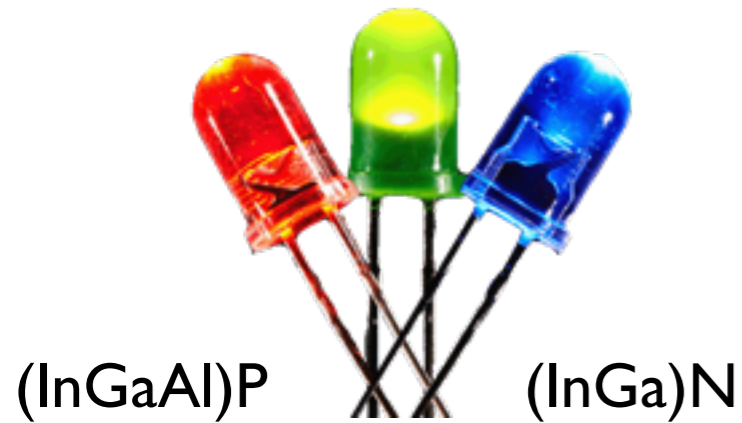
- Sheikh J. Ahmed *et al.* “BerryPI: A software for studying polarization of crystalline solids with WIEN2k density functional all-electron package”, *Comp. Phys. Commun.* **184**, 647 (2013).
- BerryPI home and **tutorials**:
<https://github.com/spichardo/BerryPI/wiki>
- Raffaele Resta “Macroscopic polarization in crystalline dielectrics: the geometric phase approach” *Rev. Mod. Phys.* **66**, 899 (1994)
- Raffaele Resta and David Vanderbilt “Theory of Polarization: A Modern Approach” in *Physics of Ferroelectrics: a Modern Perspective* (Springer, 2007)

Effective band structure of alloys



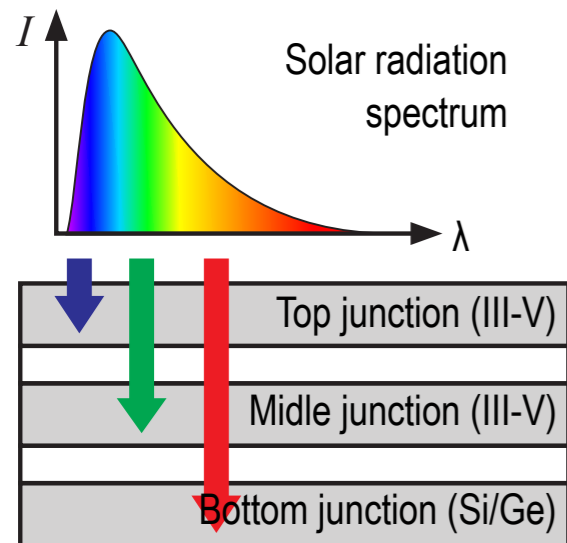
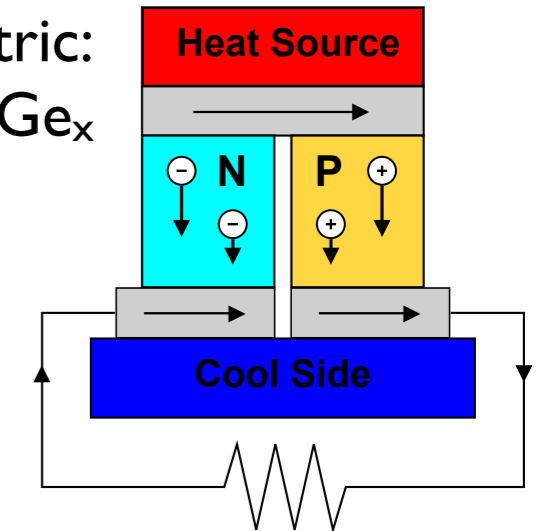
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Semiconductor alloys

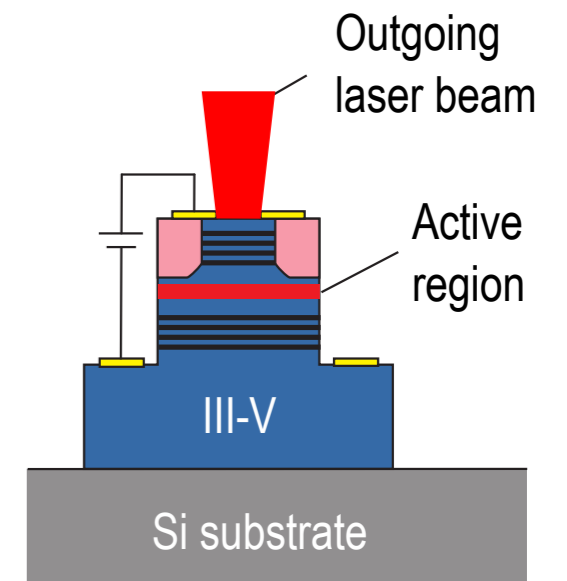
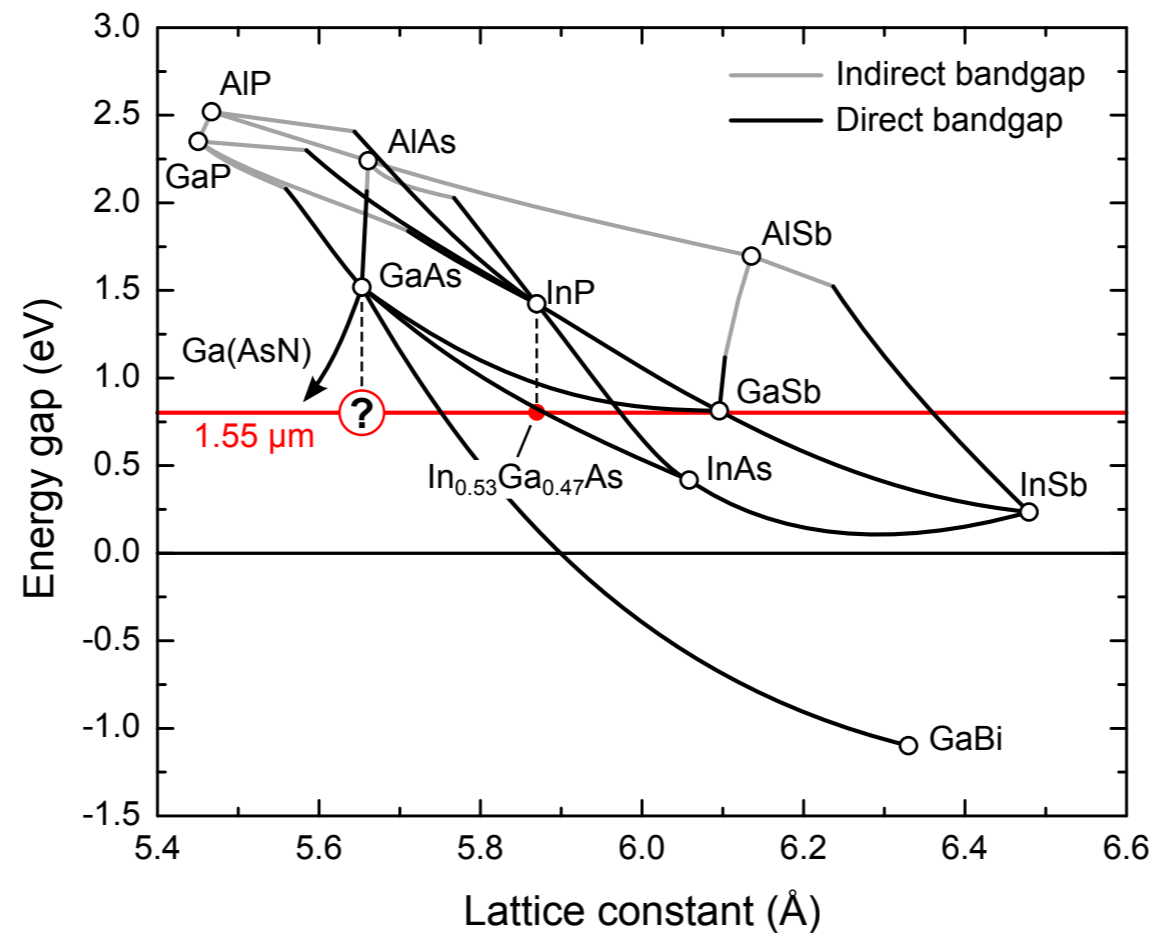


IR detector:
(HgCd)Te

Thermoelectric:
 $\text{Si}_{1-x}\text{Ge}_x$

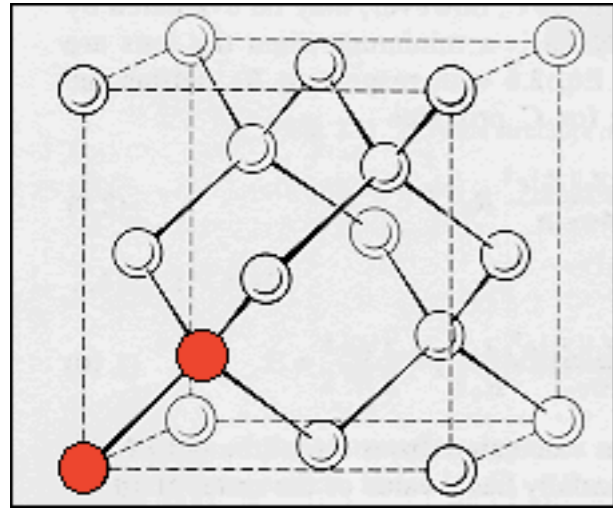


$E_g = 1 \text{ eV}$ junction:
(InGa)(NAs)



1.55 μm lasers:
(InGa)As
(InGa)(NAsSb)
Ga(AsBi)

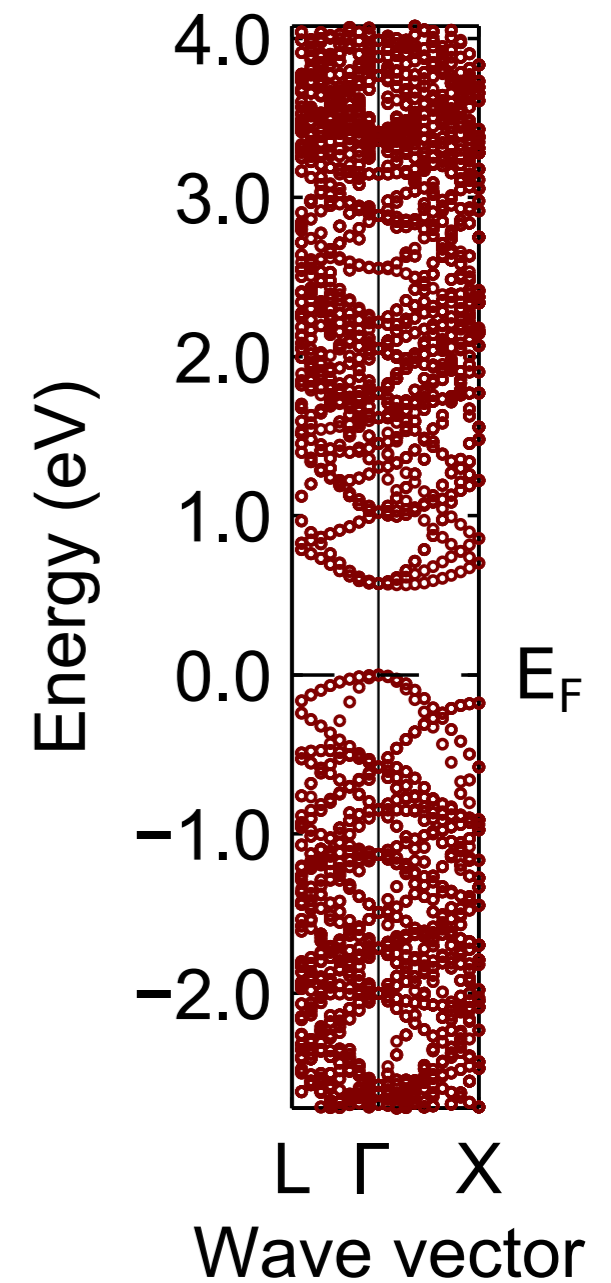
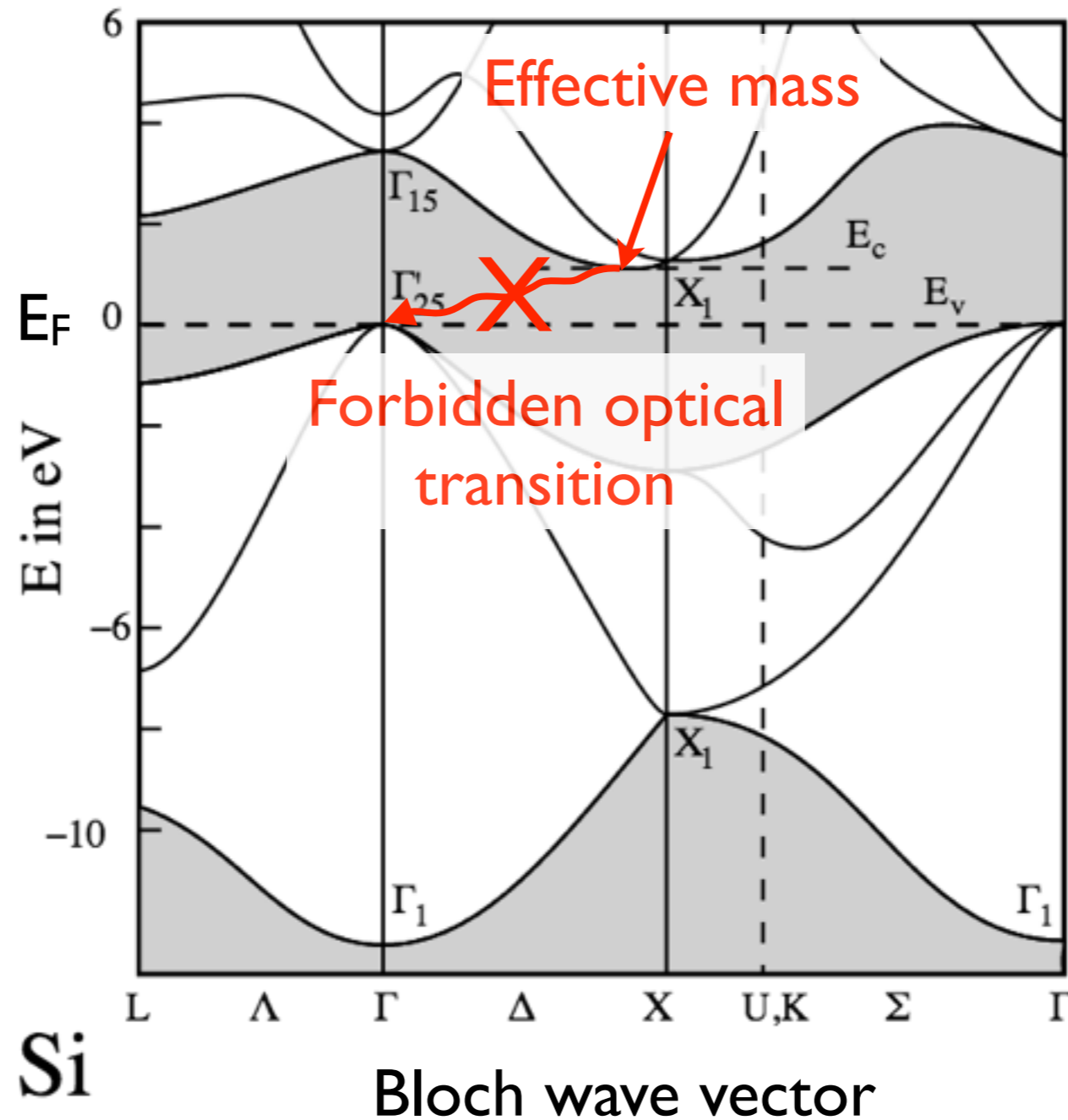
Band structure



Silicon
2-atom basis

Silicon
250-atom supercell

Energy gap \updownarrow



Unfolding the first-principle band structure

Plane wave expansion

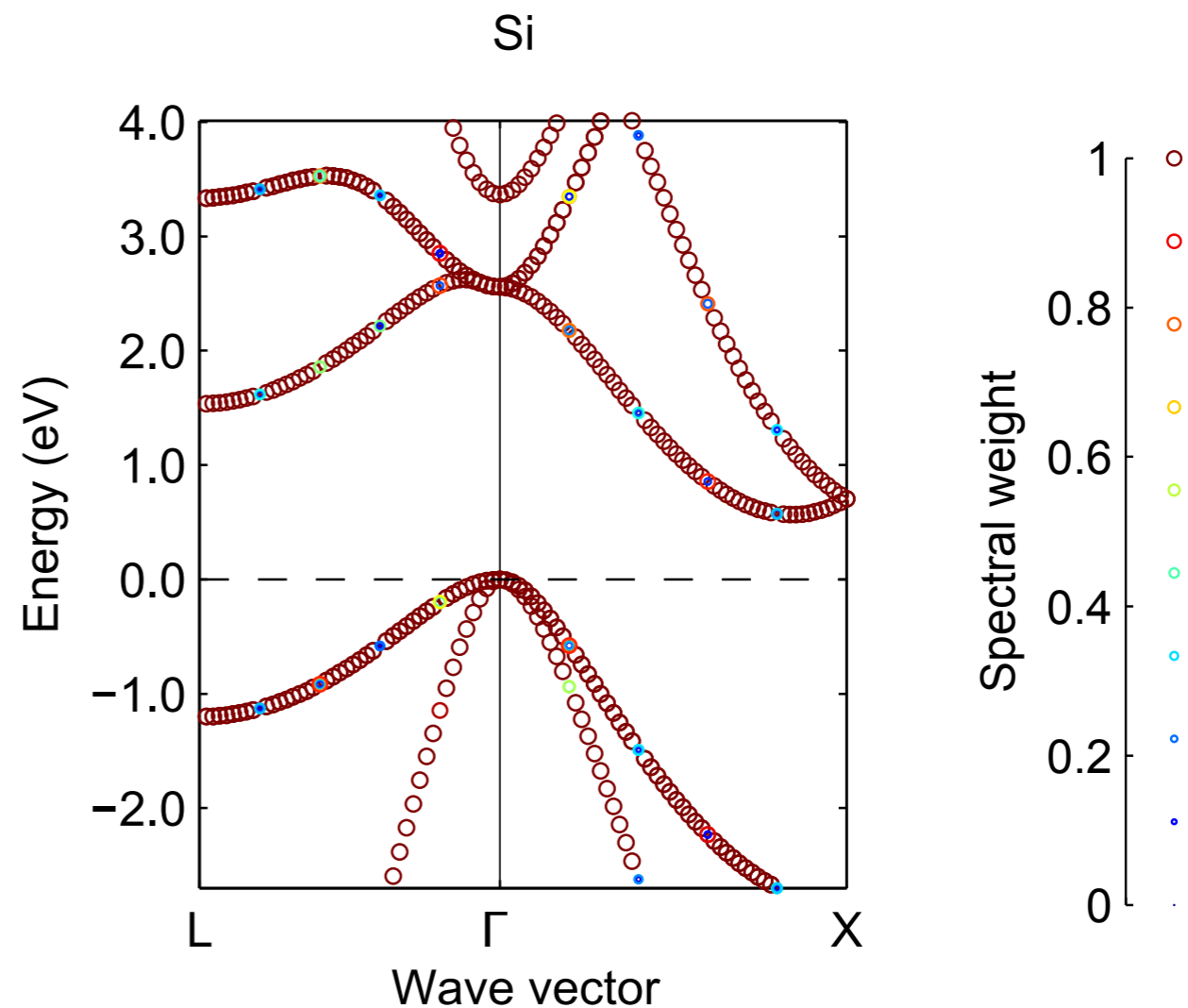
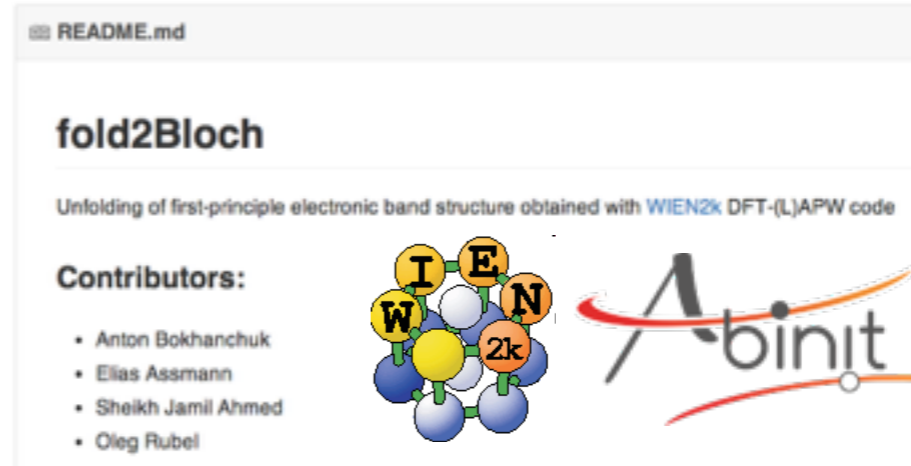
$$\Psi_{n,\mathbf{K}}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\mathbf{G}} C_{n,\mathbf{K}}(\mathbf{G}) e^{i(\mathbf{K}+\mathbf{G})\cdot\mathbf{r}}$$

Bloch spectral weight

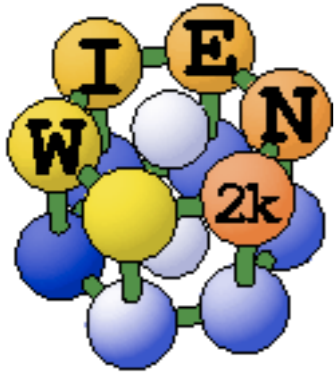
$$w_n(\mathbf{k}) = \sum_{\mathbf{g}} |C_{n,\mathbf{K}}(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{g})|^2$$

Popescu & Zunger:
Phys. Rev. Lett. **104**, 236403 (2010)

Rubel *et al.*
Phys. Rev. B **90**, 115202 (2014)



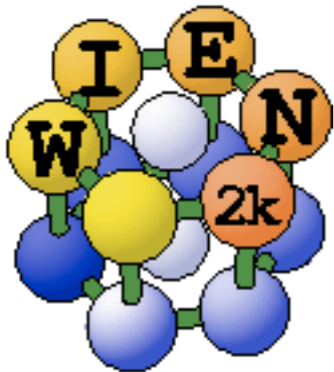
Workflow



- Construct primitive unit cell
- Make supercell (`supercell`)
- Run SCF calculation

XCRYSDEN

- Create k-path (`case.klist_band` file)



- Compute wave functions (`case.vector[so]` file) for the selected k-path:
 - `x lapw1 [-p]`
 - `x lapwso [-p]` (in the case of spin-orbit coupling)

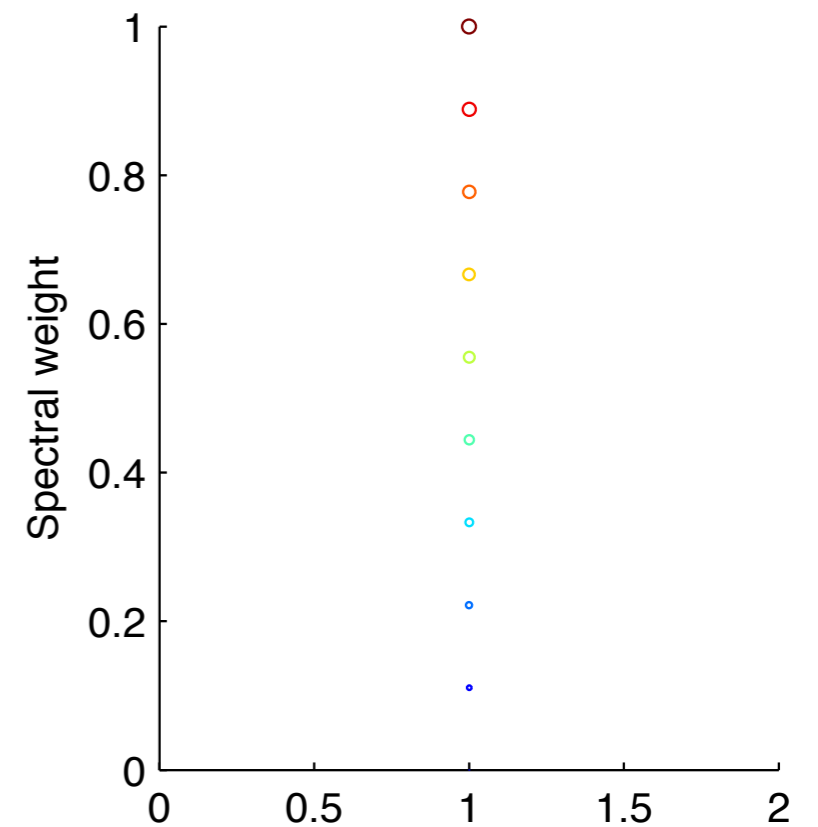
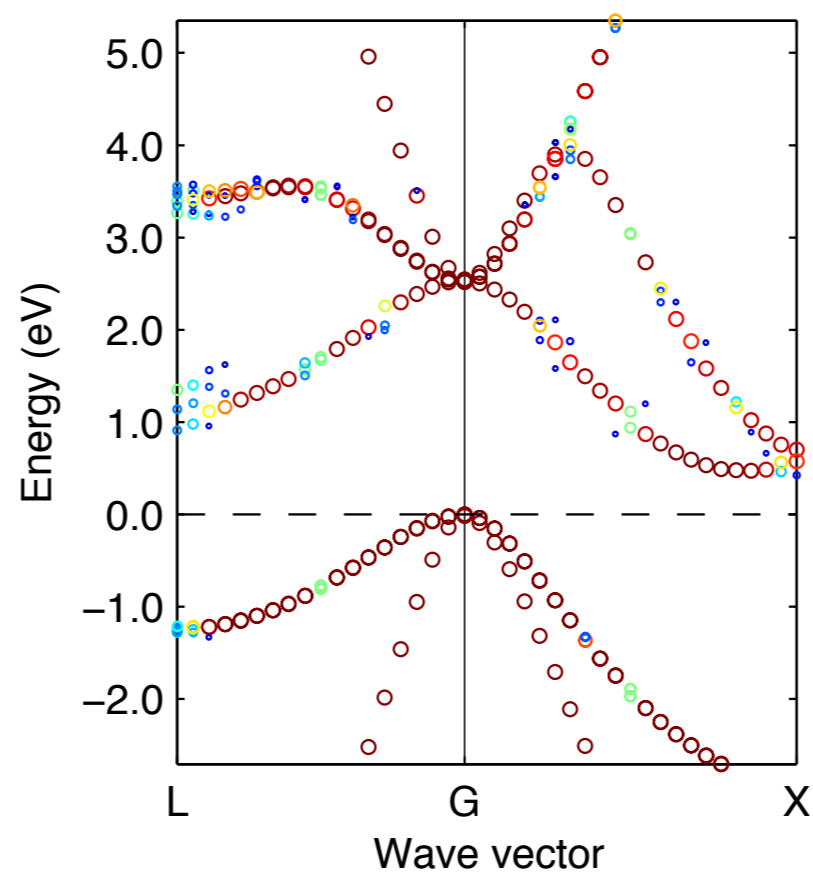
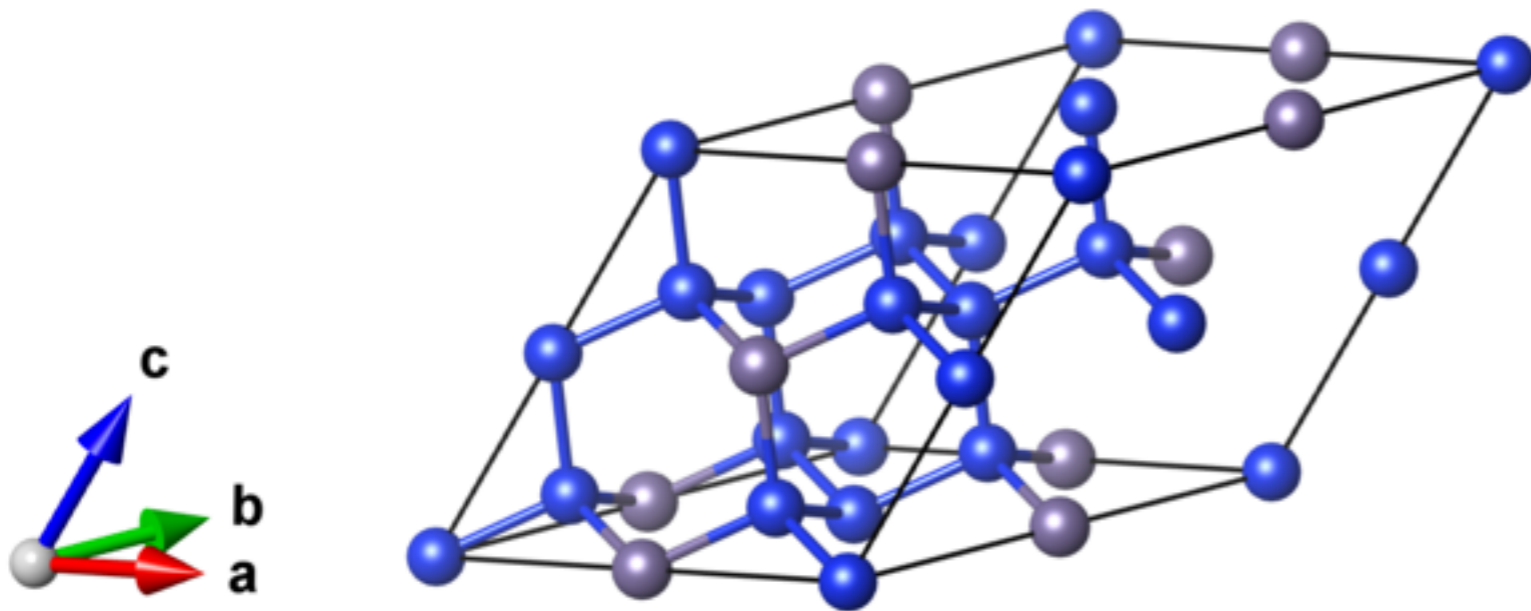
fold2Bloch

- Unfold band structure (`fold2Bloch`)

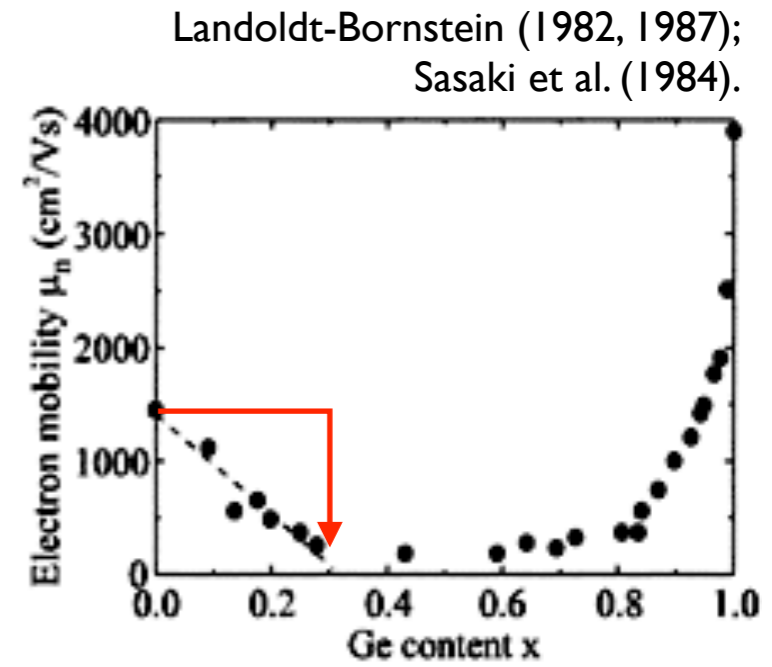
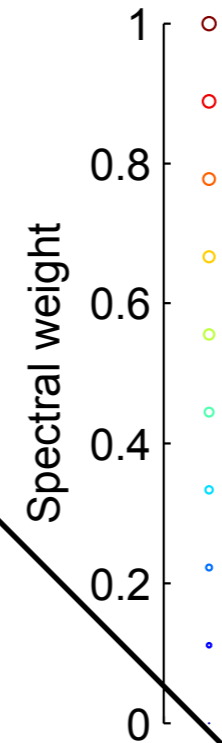
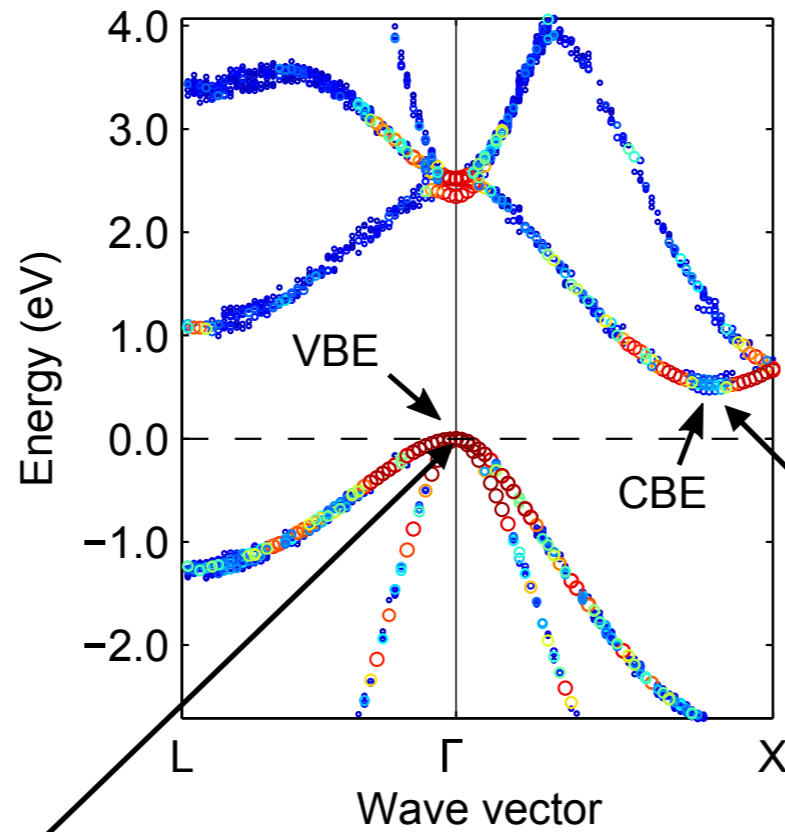
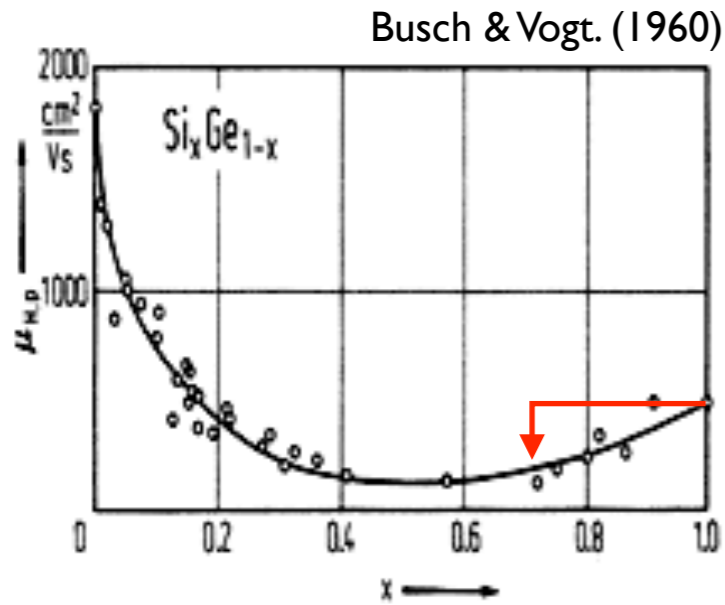


- Plot effective band structure (`ubs_dots*.m`)

Demonstration: Band structure of $\text{Si}_{1-x}\text{Ge}_x$ alloy ($x \sim 0.2$)

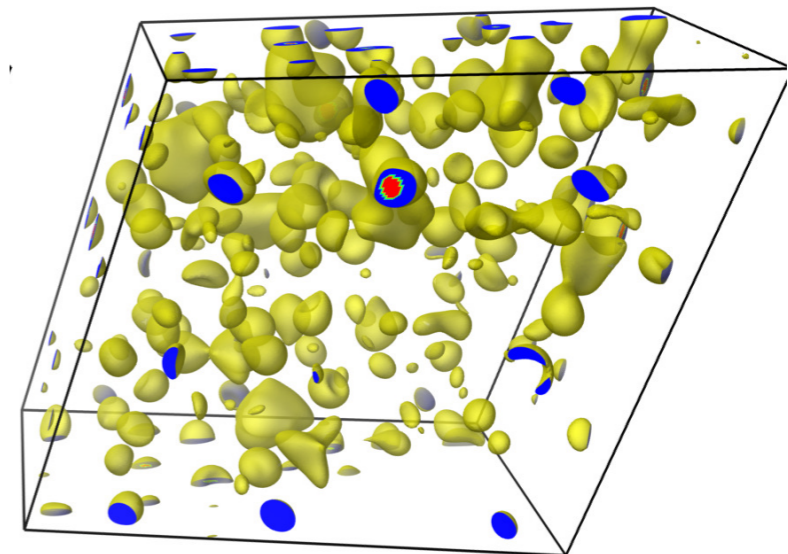
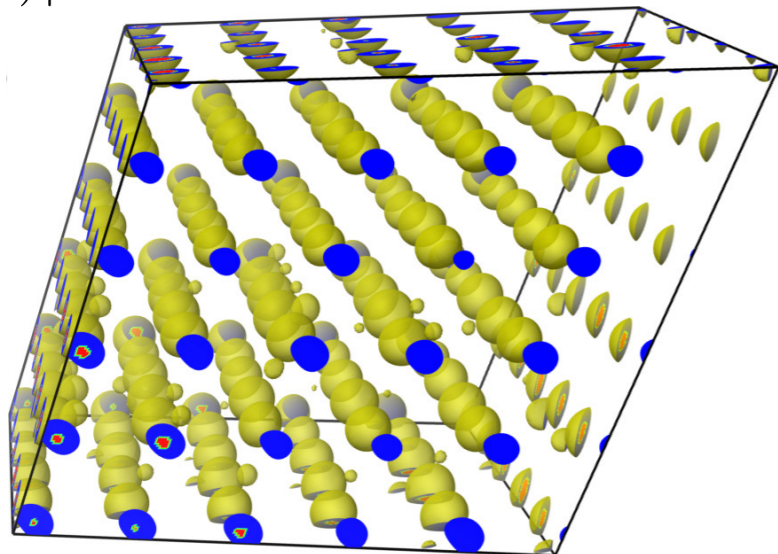


Thermoelectric material: Si_{0.7}Ge_{0.3}

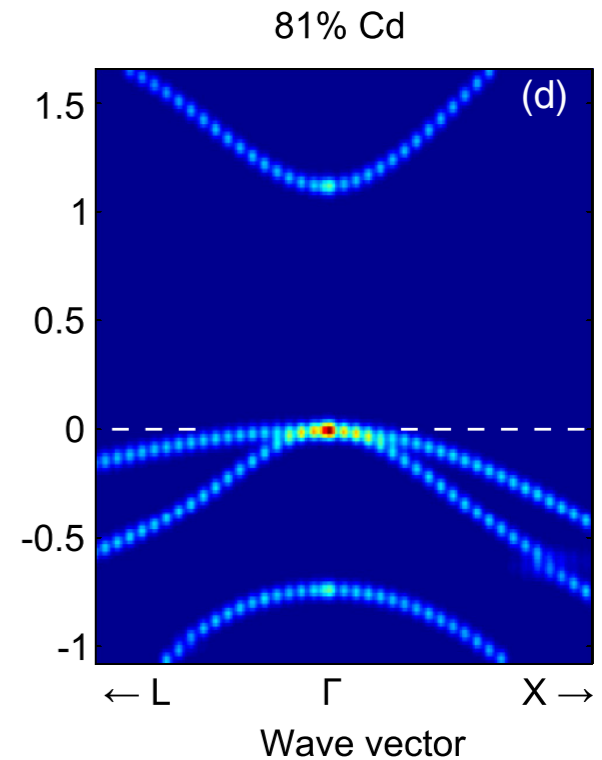
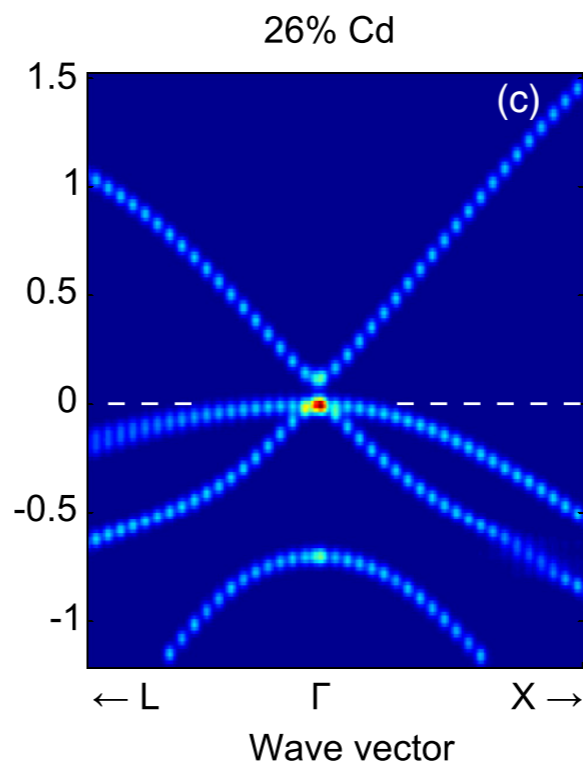
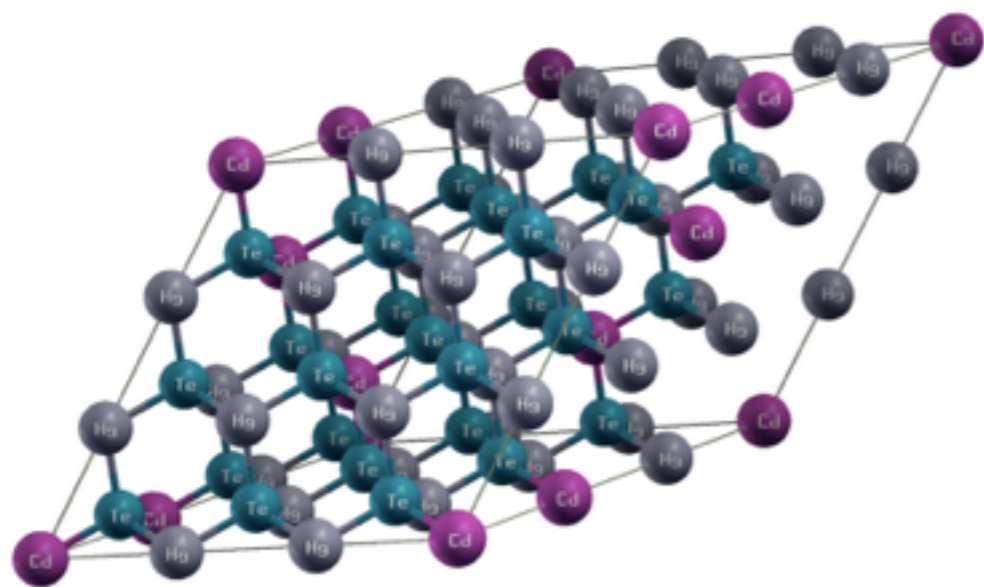
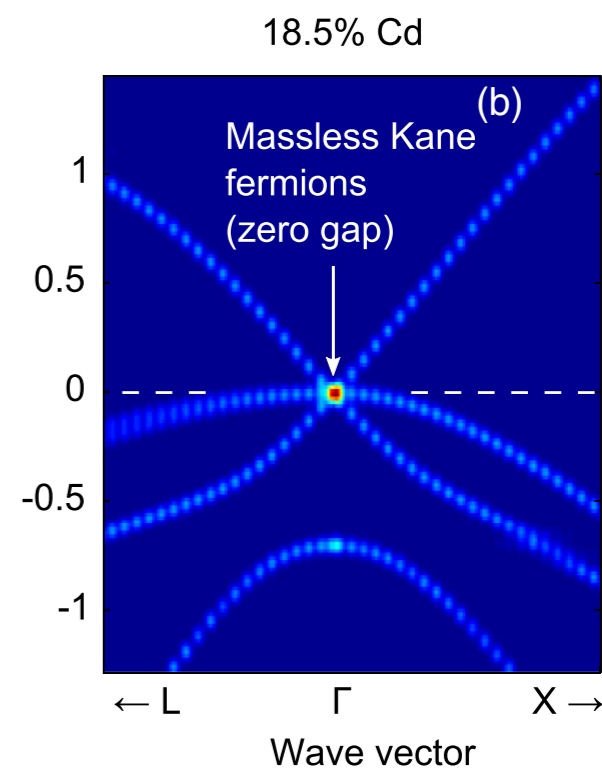
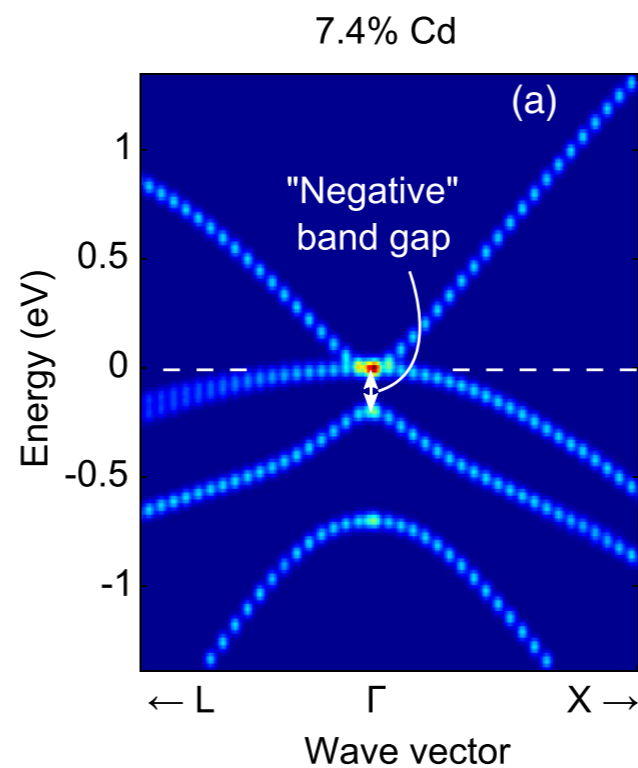
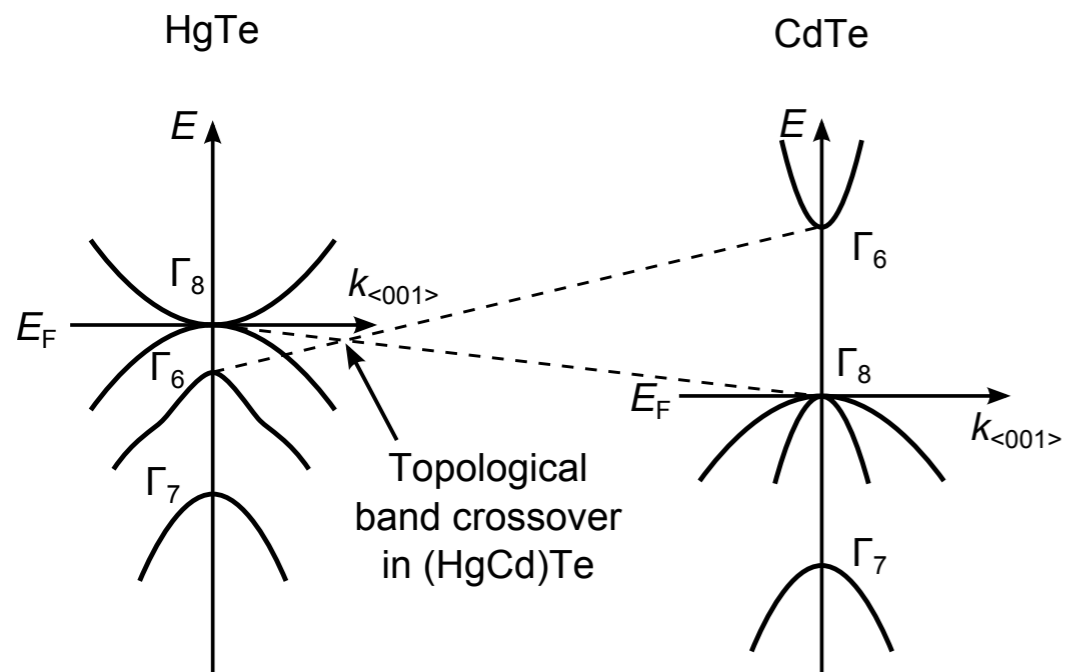


$$\Delta r \Delta k \sim 1$$

$$|\psi(\mathbf{r})|^2$$

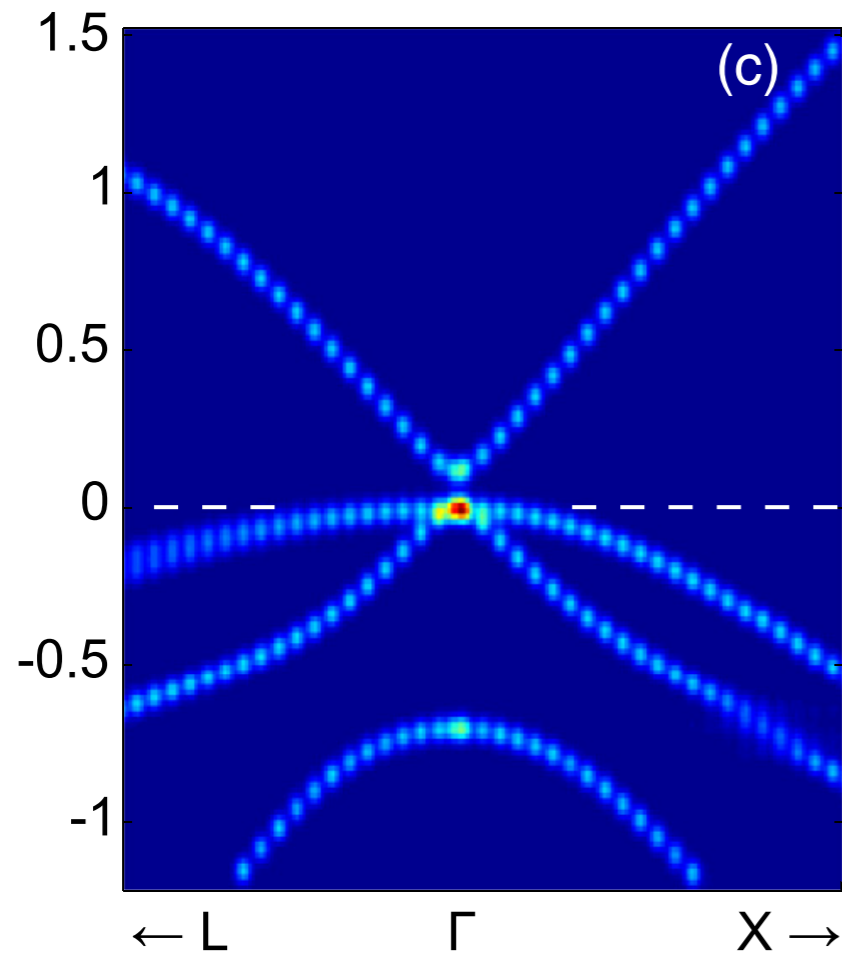


(Hg,Cd)Te band structure evolution



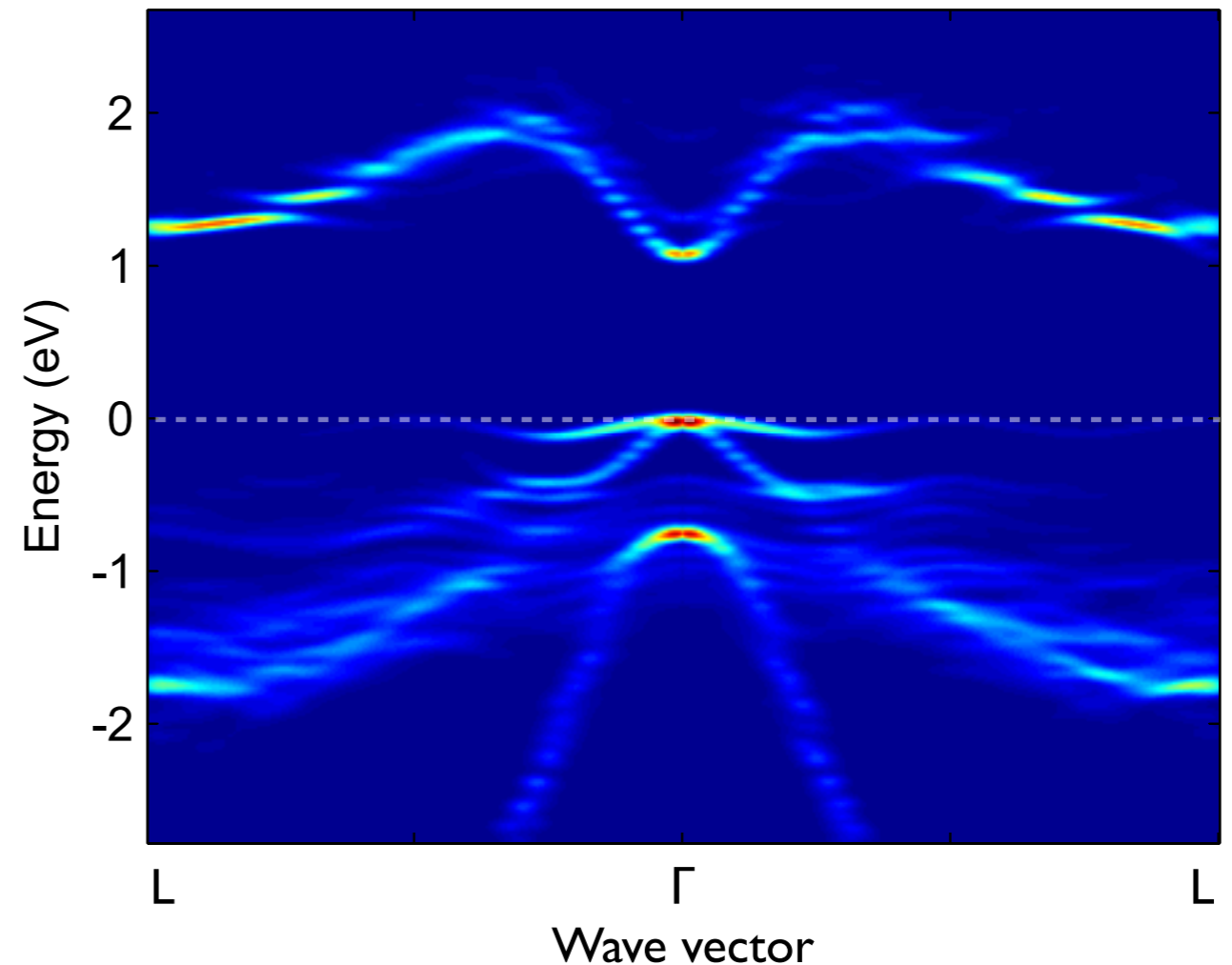
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CdTe \rightarrow (HgCd)Te



$$\mu_e = 1,100 \rightarrow 1,000,000 \text{ cm}^2\text{V}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$$

GaAs \rightarrow Ga(AsBi)



$$\mu_h = 200 \rightarrow 10 \text{ cm}^2\text{V}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$$

$$\mu_e = 4,000 \rightarrow 2,500 \text{ cm}^2\text{V}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$$

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