

## ■ 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](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)**

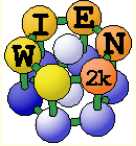


# Cohesive energy



$$E_{A_x B_y}^{cohes.} = E^{crystal} - x E_A^{atom} - y E_B^{atom}$$

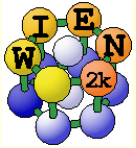
- $E^{crystal}$ : scalar-relativistic valence (or approx. SO)
- $E^{atom}$ : LSTART: fully-relativistic → inconsistent description
  - for heavier elements (2<sup>nd</sup> row):  
supercell with one atom in a ~30 bohr distorted FCC box  
(identical RMT, RKmax, 1 k-point, spinpolarized)



# 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.



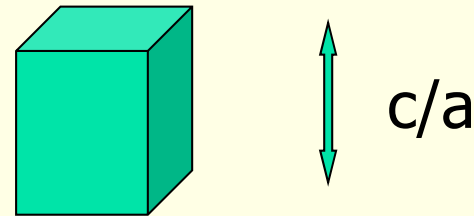
# Symmetry:



## ■ WIEN „preserves“ symmetry:

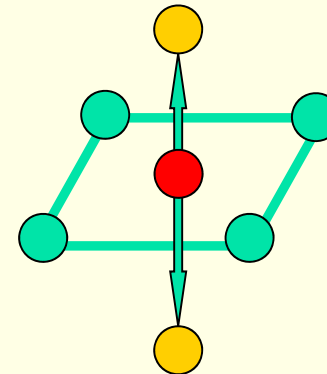
### ■ *c/a optimization of „cubic“ TiC:*

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



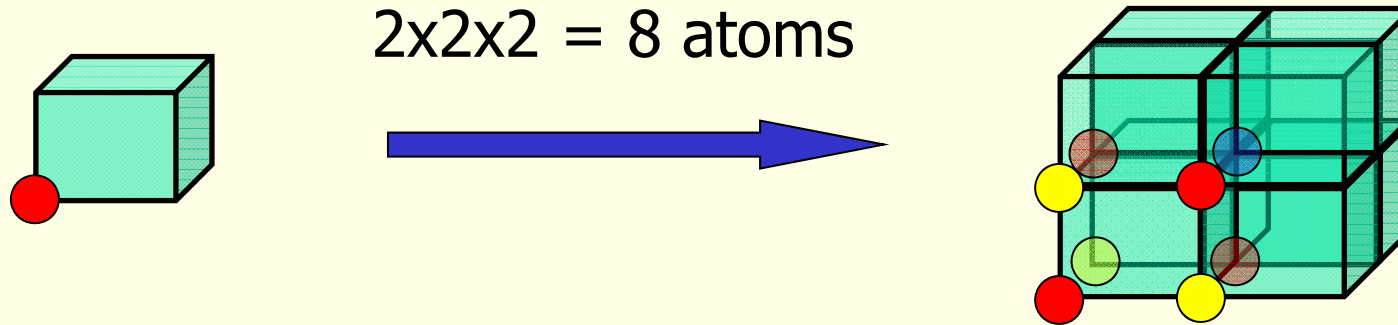
### ■ „Jahn-Teller“ distortion:

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





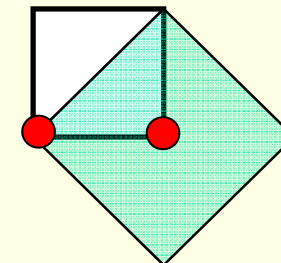
# Supercells (impurities, vacancies, alloys)



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

4x4x4 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.  $2 \times 2 \times 1$ )*
  - *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

```
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
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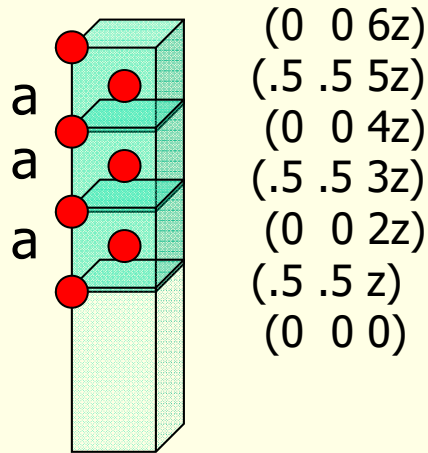


# Surfaces



- 2D-slabs with finite number of layers with „vacuum“ in 3<sup>rd</sup> 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)

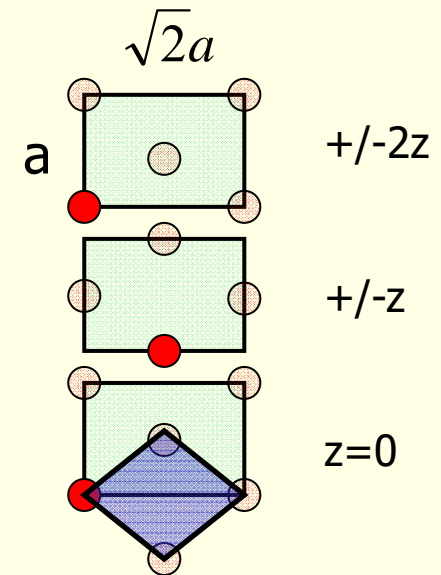
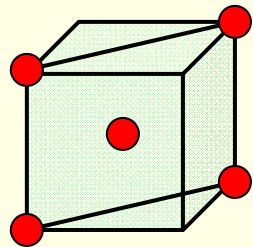
with lattice parameters:  
 $a, a, c=(3a+15-20\text{bohr vacuum})$   
 shift to  
 $(.5 .5 +/-3z)$   
 $(0 0 +/-2z)$   
 $(.5 .5 +/-z)$   
 $(0 0 0)$   
 $z= a/2c$   
 inversion



bcc (110):

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

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



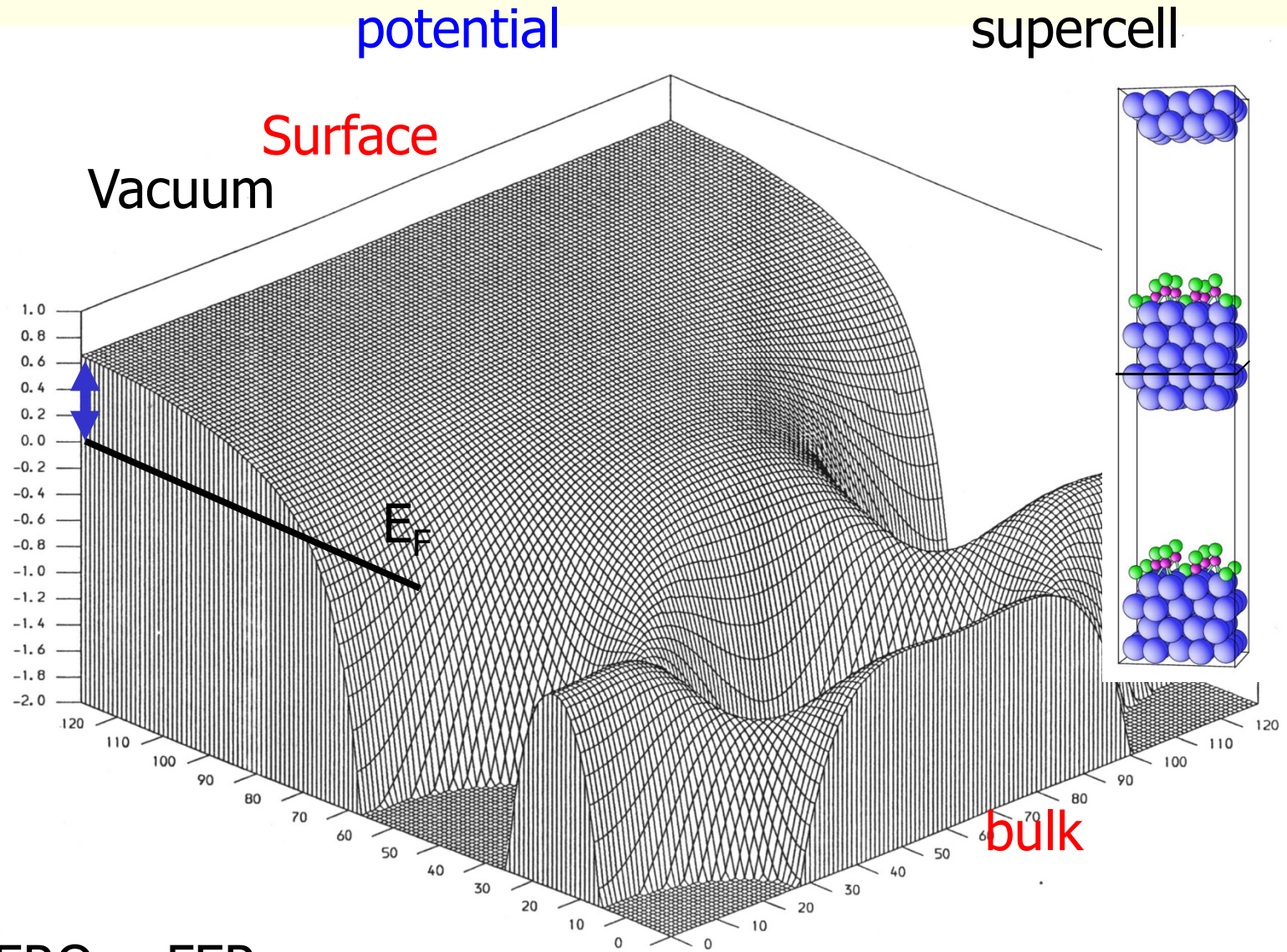




# Work function



Work  
function



$$WF = :VZERO - :FER \quad (\text{check convergence with vacuum})$$



# Total energies and atomic forces

(Yu et al.; Kohler et al.)



## Total Energy:

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

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

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

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

## Force on atom $\alpha$ :

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

- *Hellmann-Feynman-force*
- *Pulay corrections*

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

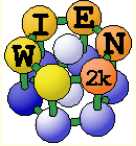
- *Core*
- *Valence*

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

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

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

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



## ■ Forces only for "free" structural parameters:

- *NaCl: (0,0,0), (0.5,0.5,0.5) : all positions fixed by symmetry*
- *TiO<sub>2</sub>: 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`

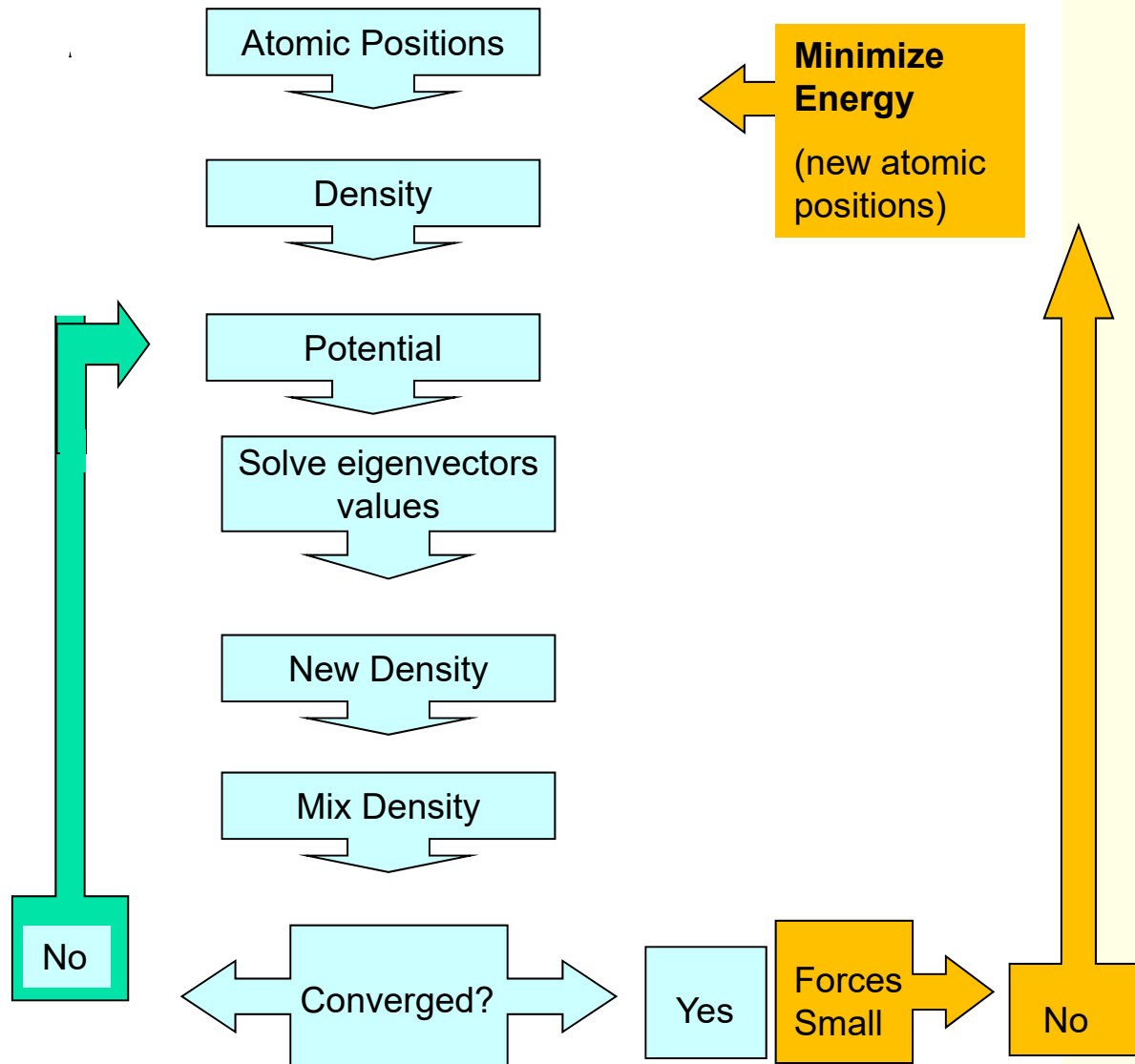
- 200. partial
- -130. partial
- 140. partial
- 135 partial only  $F_{\text{HF}} + F_{\text{core}}$
- 120 partial
- 122 partial forces converging
- 121 partial → changes "TOT" to "FOR" in case.in2
- -12.3 **total**  $F_{\text{HF}} + F_{\text{core}} + F_{\text{val}}$ , only this last number is correct

## ■ 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

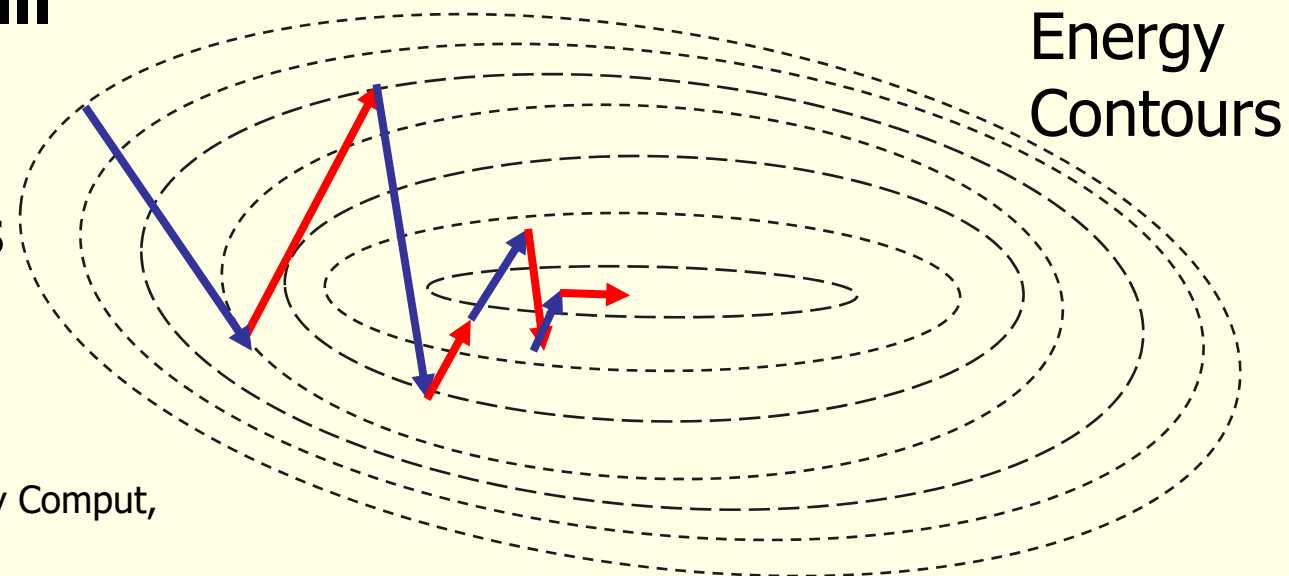


# Current algorithms



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

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





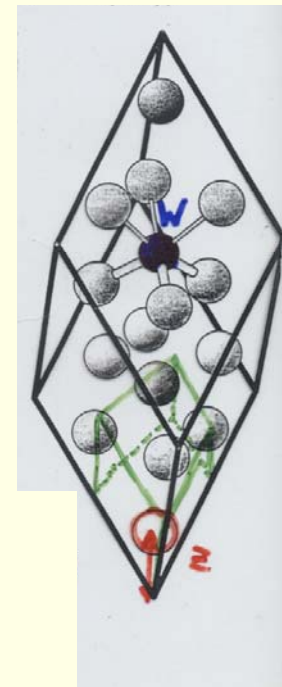
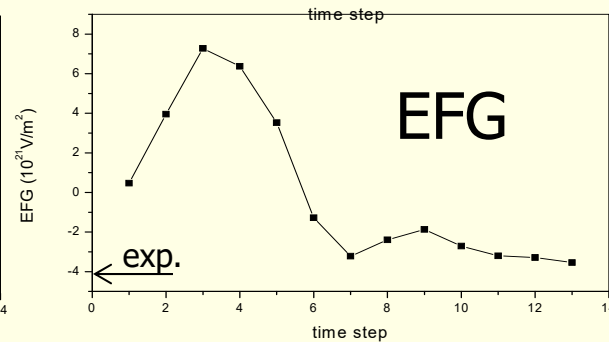
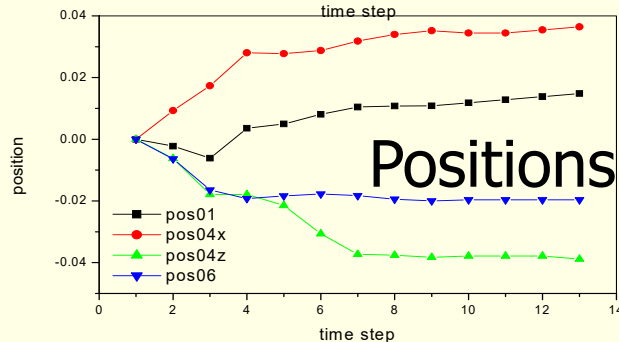
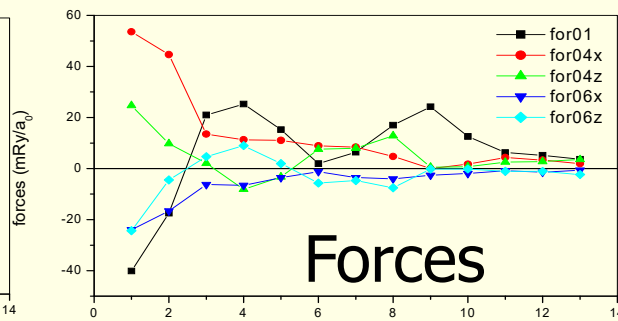
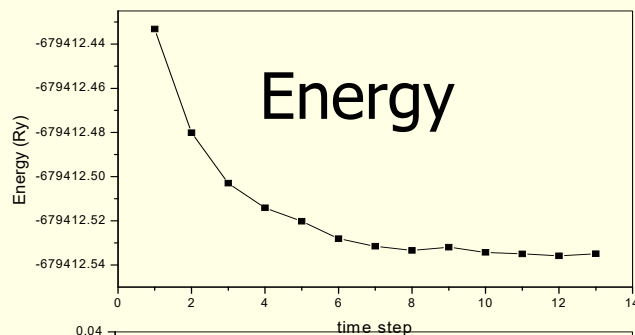
- `/home/pblaha/tio2> min_lapw [-p -it -sp] [-j "run -fc 1 -p -it"] [-NI]`
  - *performs scf-cycle for fixed positions*
  - *get forces and move atoms along forces (building an approximate Hessian) and writing a new case.struct file*
  - *extrapolate density (case.clmsum)*
  - *perform next scf cycle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

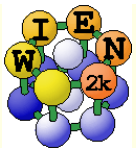




- damped Newton mechanics scheme (NEW1: with variable step)
- **quite efficient quasi-Newton (PORT) scheme**
  - minimizes E (using forces as gradients and construct approx. Hessian)
  - If minimizations gets stuck or oscillates: (because E and  $F_i$  are inconsistent):
    - touch .minstop; min -nohess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

## W impurity in Bi (2x2x2 supercell: $\text{Bi}_{15}\text{W}$ )

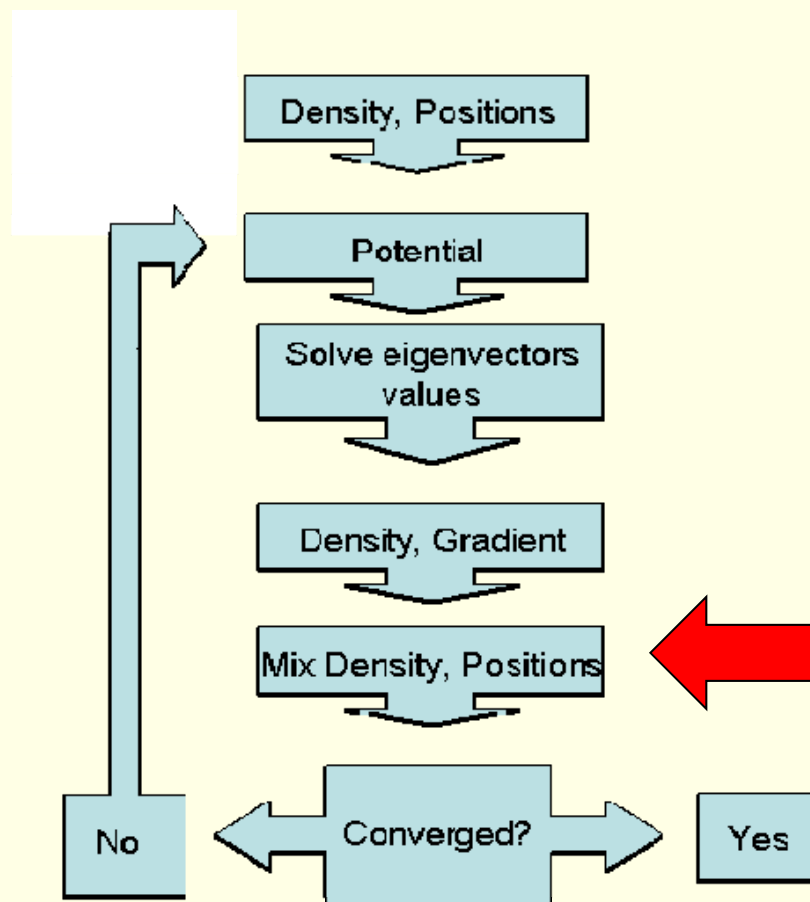




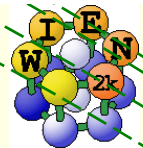
# Alternative method: **Fused Loop**



- 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







# 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 multiseccant method (better,



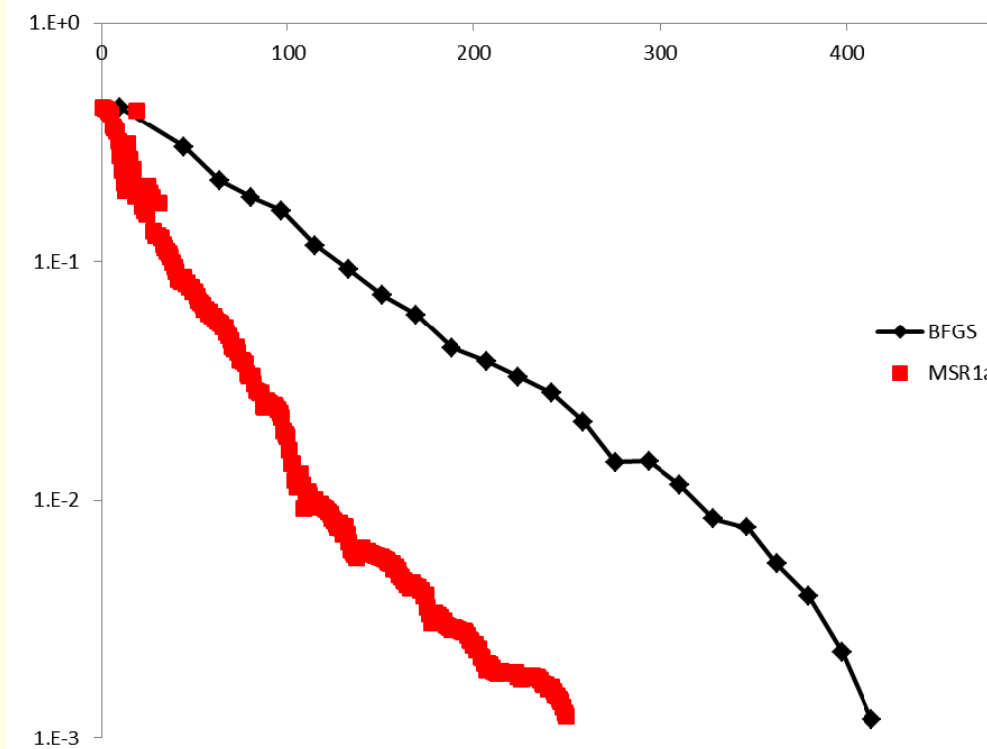
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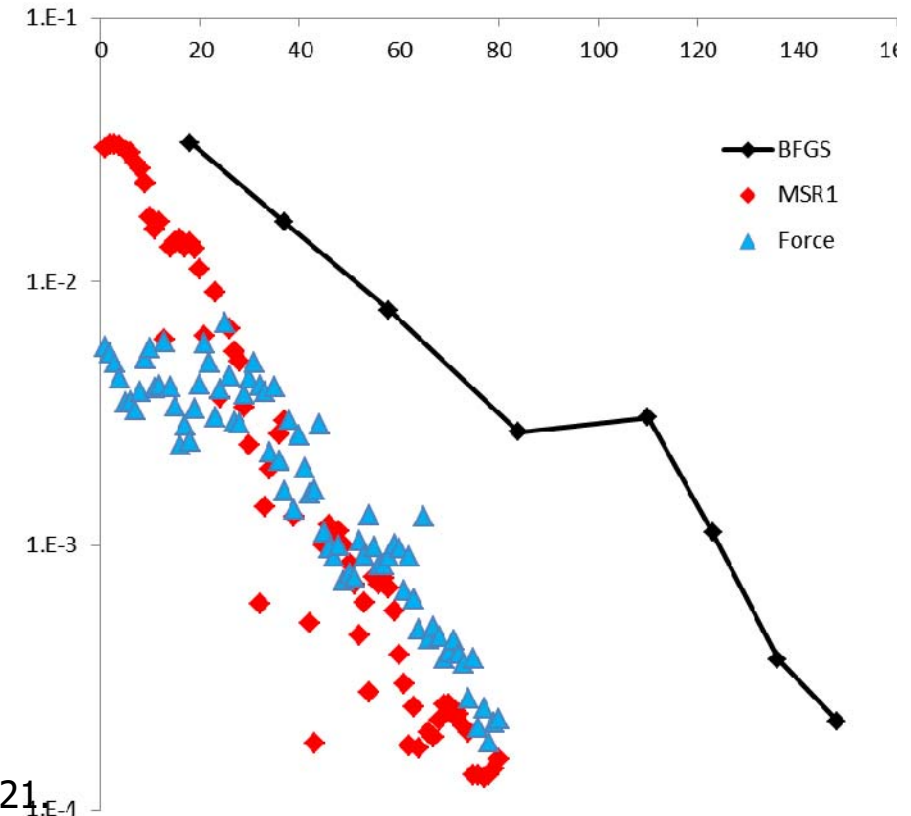
Larger Problems:

52 atoms, MgO (111)+H<sub>2</sub>O

108 atoms AlFe

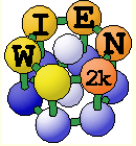


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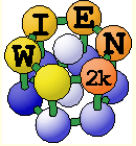


Lyudmila V. Dobysheva (2011)

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- `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).

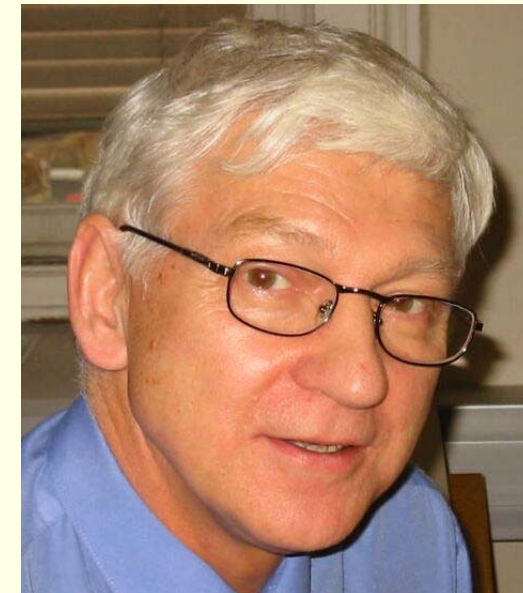


# Calculations of Phonons: The Direct Method



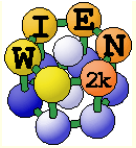
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<http://wolf.ifj.edu.pl/phonon/>

alternatively use A.Togo`s PHONOPY code  
(see [www.wien2k.at/unsupported](http://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

$$E(\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{n}, \mu), \dots, \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{m}, \nu), \dots) = E_0 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{n}, \mu, \mathbf{m}, \nu} \Phi(\mathbf{n}, \mu, \mathbf{m}, \nu) \mathbf{U}(\mathbf{n}, \mu) \mathbf{U}(\mathbf{m}, \nu)$$

where the *force constant matrix* are

$$\Phi_{i,j}(\mathbf{n}, \mu, \mathbf{m}, \nu) = \left. \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial R_i(\mathbf{n}, \mu) \partial R_j(\mathbf{m}, \nu)} \right|_0$$

is defined at  $\left. \frac{\partial E}{\partial R_i(\mathbf{n}, \mu)} \right|_0 = 0$ .

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

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

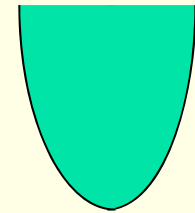
on all other atoms. Hence

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

Master equation of direct method.

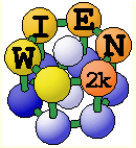


$$V = \frac{1}{2} k x^2$$



$n, m$ : cells  
 $\mu, \nu$ : atoms





## CUMMULANT FORCE CONSTANTS

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

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

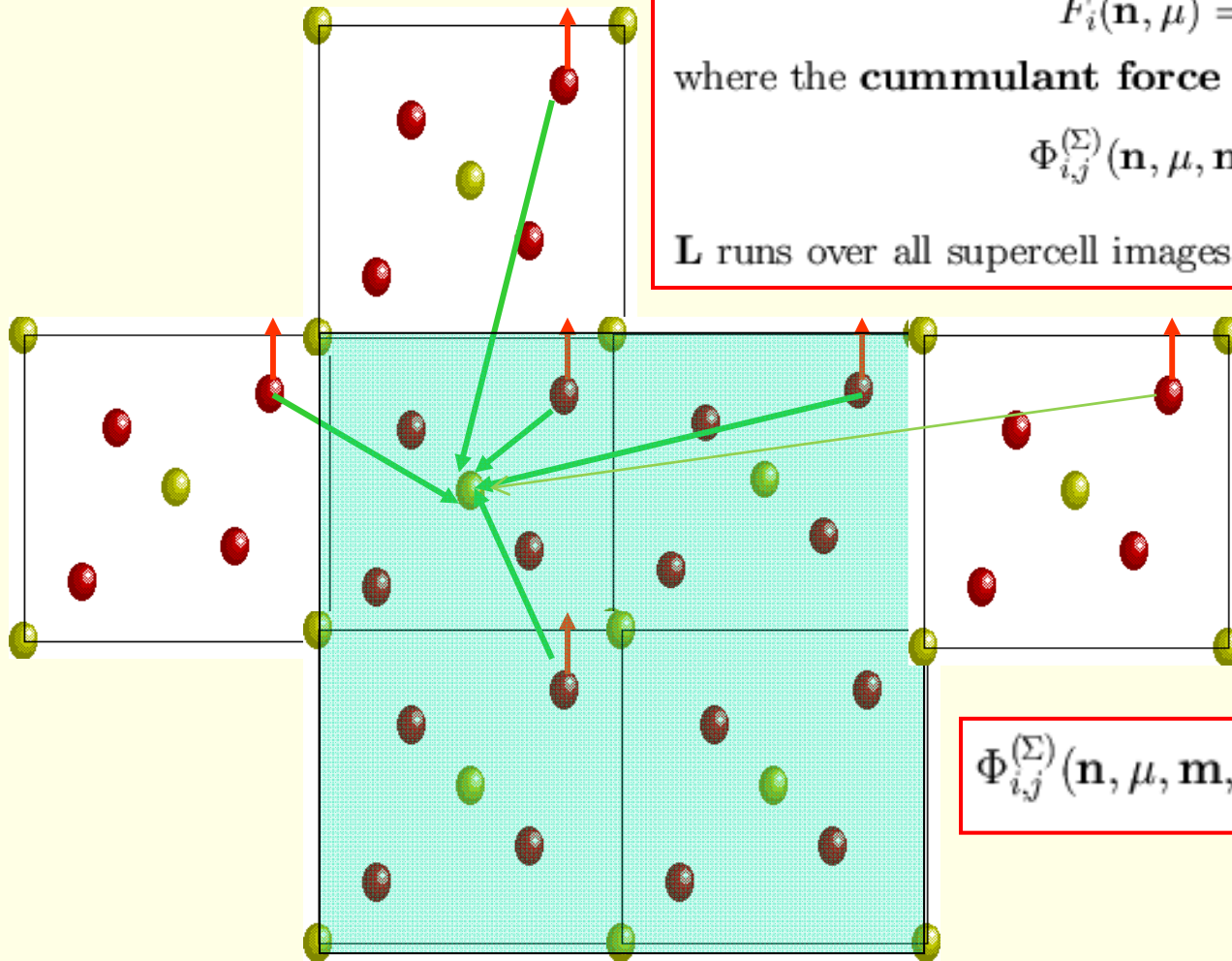
$\mathbf{L} = (L_a, L_b, L_c)$  are the indices of supercell lattice constants.  
or

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

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:

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

Supercell dynamical matrix:

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

These two matrices are equal if

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

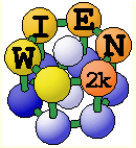
- **interaction range** is confined to **interior** of supercell (supercell is big enough)
- wave vector is **commensurate with the supercell** and fulfils the condition (independent of interaction range):

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

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.

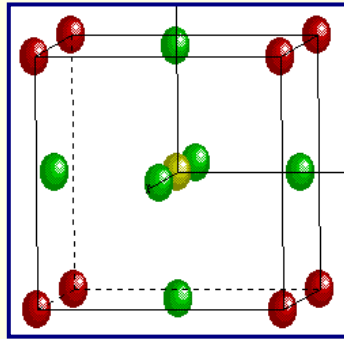




# Exact wave vectors

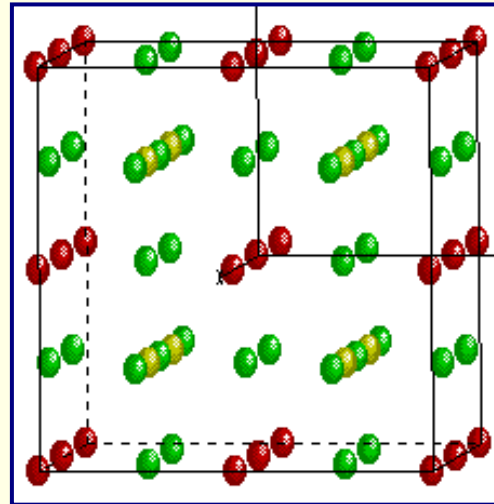


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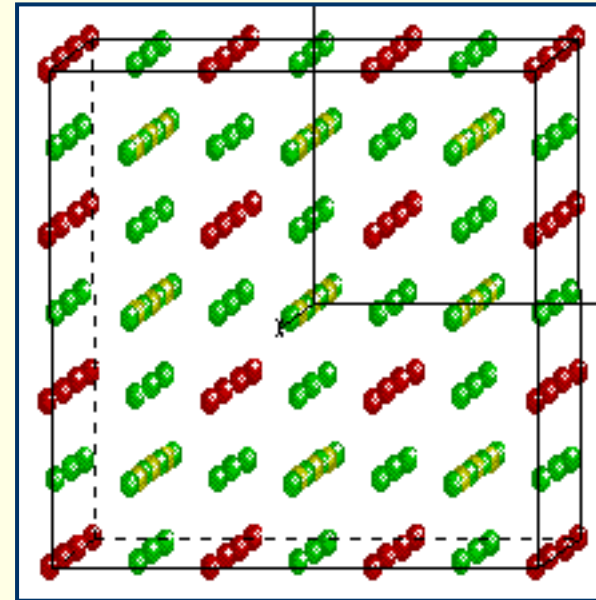
Exact:  $\Gamma$

2x2x2

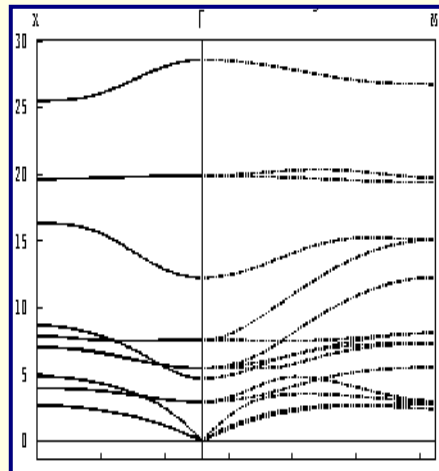


Exact:  $\Gamma, X, M, R$

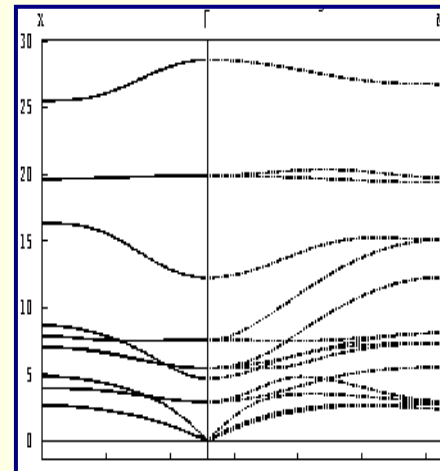
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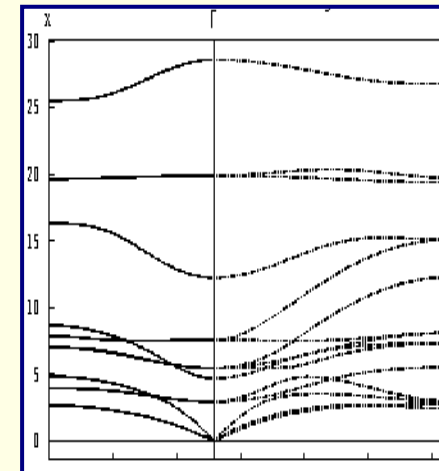
Exact:  $\Gamma$



Exact:  $X, \Gamma, M$



$\Gamma$

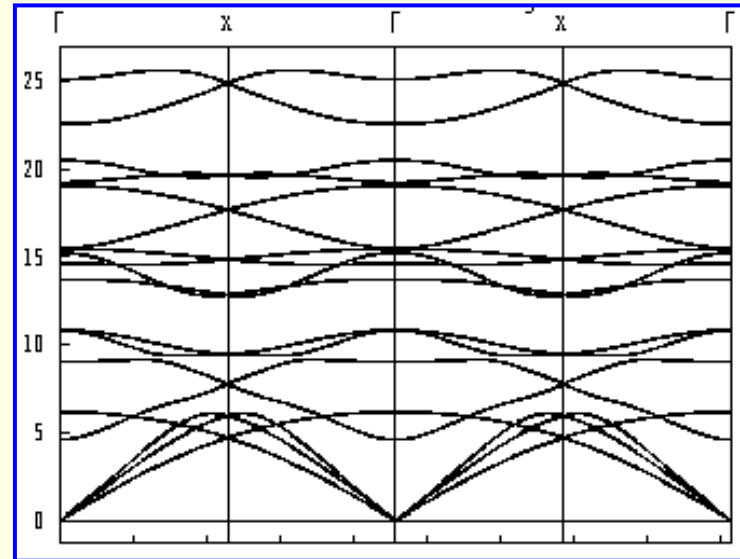




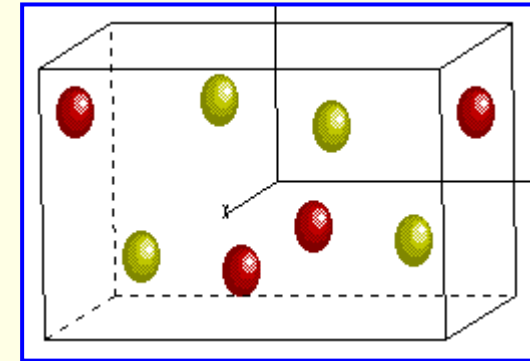
# Phonon dispersions + density of states



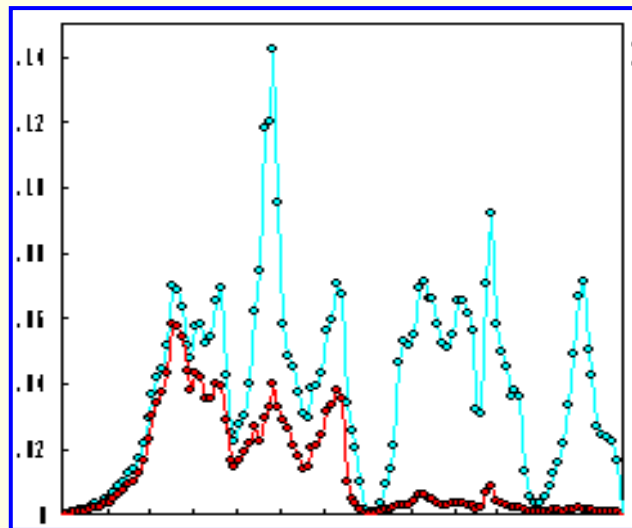
Frequency  
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GeO<sub>2</sub> P4<sub>2</sub>/mm

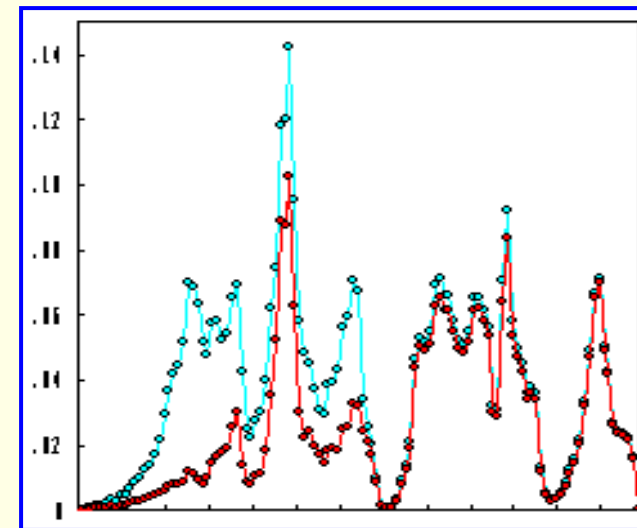


Total + Germanium



$\omega$

Total + Oxygen



$\omega$



# Thermodynamic functions of phonon vibrations



Internal energy:

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

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:

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

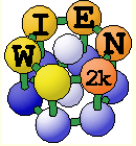
Heat capacity  $C_V$ :

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

Thermal displacements:

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

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



# PHONON-I



## ■ PHONON

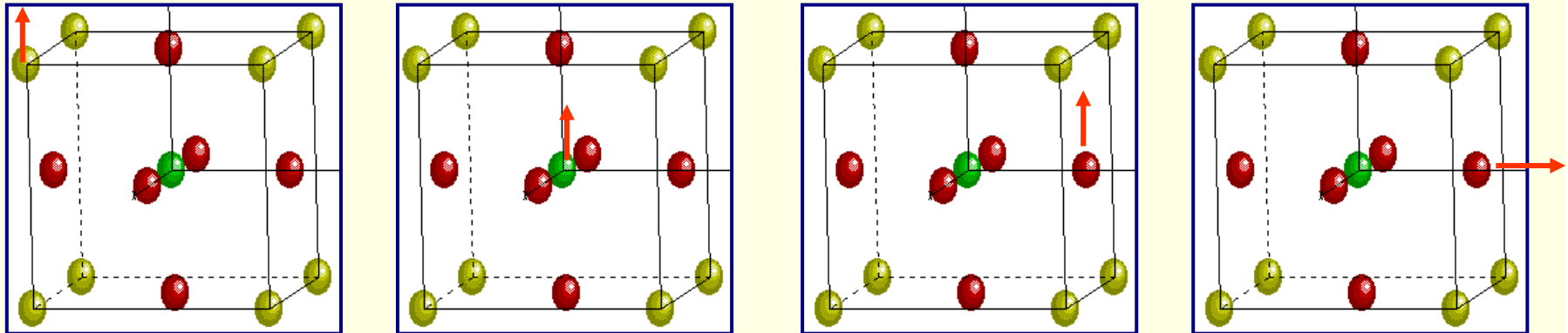
- *by K.Parlinski (Crakow)*
- *Linux or MS-windows*
- *uses a „direct“ method to calculate Force-constants with the help of an ab initio program*
- *with these Force-constants phonons at arbitrary k-points can be obtained*

- Define your spacegroup
- Define all atoms



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

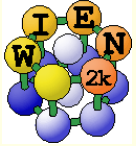
- *selects symmetry adapted atomic displacements (4 displacements in cubic perovskites)*



(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



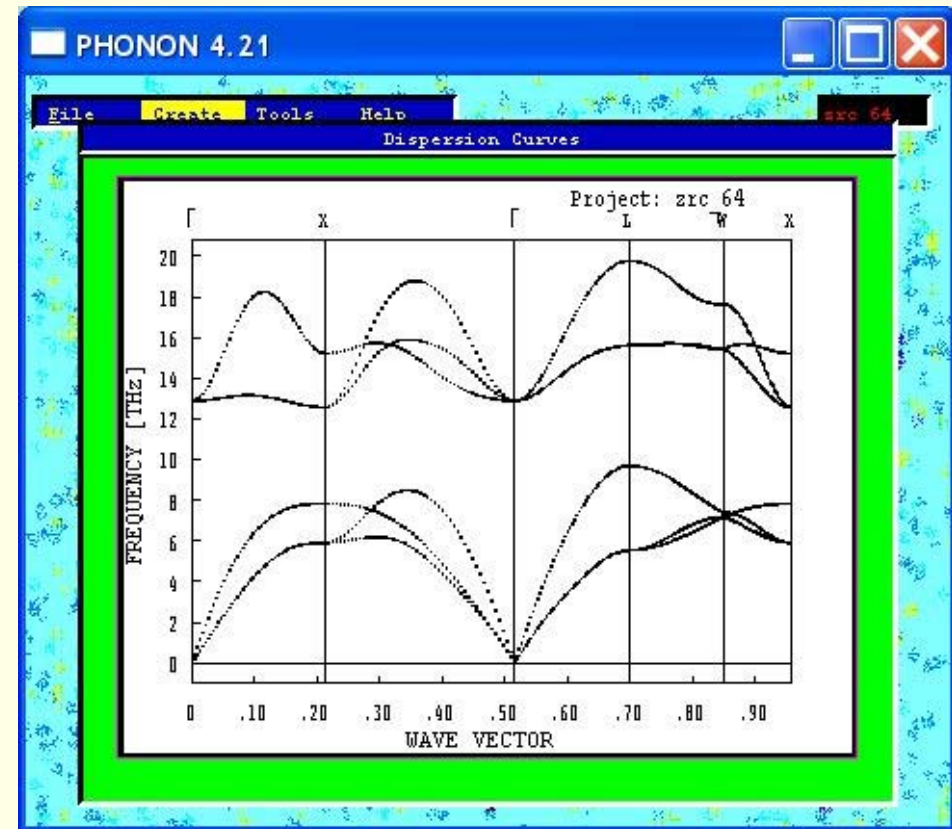
- *init\_lapw*: either *without symmetry* (and then copies this setup to all *case\_XX*) or *with symmetry* (must run *init\_lapw* for all *case\_XX*) (Do **NOT** use *SGROUP*)
- *run\_phonon*: *run\_lapw -fc 0.1 -i 40* for each *case\_XX*



# 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)
    - $\text{abs}(F_x)$  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  $\rightarrow$  phase transition

