

VASP - Best Practices Workshop

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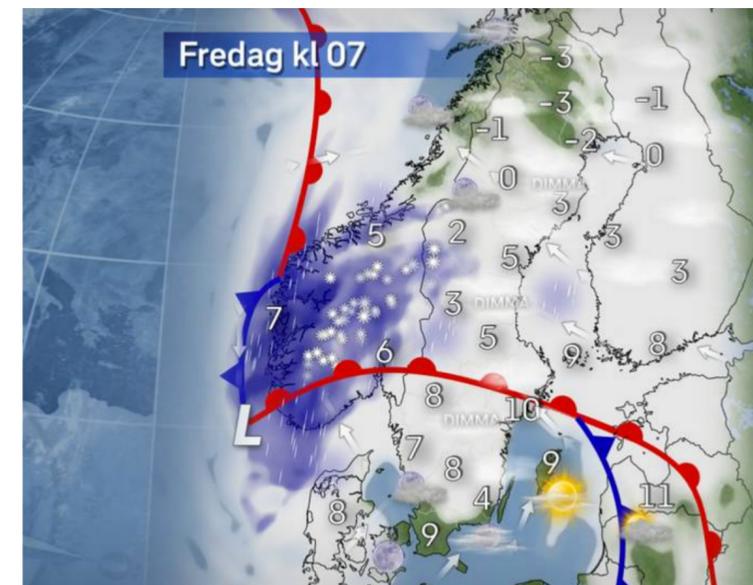
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[BerzeLiUs](#) (2021 -) Nvidia DGX SuperPOD, 60 x 8 A100 GPUs



*Knut and Alice
Wallenberg
Foundation*

[Top500](#) no. 94 (82)

About myself

- PhD in Physics 2005 @Uppsala Univ.
- PostDoc @Kyoto Univ. 4y, @Leoben Univ. 1y
- **Application Expert @NSC**, 2011 (50%), 2016 (90%)
- 10% theoretical spectroscopy @IFM, LiU
- Electronic structure calculations
- @NSC: VASP, QE, GPAW, WIEN2k, ...

Information / Schedule



https://www.nsc.liu.se/support/Events/VASP_workshop_2022/

Tuesday 22nd Feb

10:00 -11:00 Introduction & Basic Theory

11:00 -12:00 VASP - Basics

12:00 -13:00 L u n c h

13:00 -15:00 Hands-on session (guided)

15:00 -17:00 Hands-on session

Wednesday 23rd Feb

10:00 -11:00 Running & Performance

11:00 -12:00 Cont., Utilities & Summary

12:00 -13:00 L u n c h

13:00 -15:00 Hands-on session (guided)

15:00 -17:00 Hands-on session

10-15 min breaks every hour

Workshop organization

- Weine Olovsson - presentation
- Diana Iusan (UPPMAX) - helper (VASP)
- Pavlin Mitev (UPPMAX) - helper (VASP)
- Hamish Struthers - helper (general, account)
- support@nsc.liu.se - help with accounts

VASP - Best Practices Workshop

- Basic theory (PAW)
- General considerations ...at specific supercomputer centres
- Focus on practical aspects of running VASP
- Influential parameters, NPAR/NCORE, ALGO, NSIM, KPAR, ...
- Benchmarks, examples
- Common problems ... clickable links are underlined

Resources

- Wiki / Manual

Check in detail!

- Wiki
examples,
presentations
- Forum

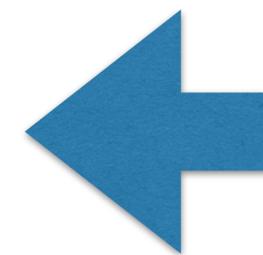


Find the links:

<https://vasp.at/>

- Peter Larsson's (old) blog at NSC:

<https://www.nsc.liu.se/~pla/>



info &
discussion

Questions/trouble? support@nsc.liu.se, ...

1. Introduction & Basic Theory

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VASP: short background

- PAW-method
- DFT, **post-DFT** (HSE06, GW, ...)
- Born-Oppenheimer Molecular Dynamics
- **widely used** in Academia/Industry
 - Efforts from [Intel](#) & [Nvidia](#) for optimization
- 20-25% of Tetralith usage

... clickable links are [underlined](#)



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Schrödinger Equation

Time-independent SE

$$H\Psi = E\Psi,$$

Born-Oppenheimer approx.
= 0

$$H = T + T_n + V_{int} + V_{nn} + V_{ext} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e} \sum_i \nabla_i^2 - \boxed{\sum_I \frac{\hbar^2}{2M_I} \nabla_I^2} +$$
$$+ \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{e^2}{|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{I \neq J} \frac{Z_I Z_J \cdot e^2}{|\mathbf{R}_I - \mathbf{R}_J|} - \sum_{i,J} \frac{Z_J \cdot e^2}{|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{R}_J|},$$

solid $\sim 10^{23}$ particles...

How to solve it?

“The general theory of quantum mechanics is now almost complete, ...”

“The underlying physical laws necessary for the mathematical theory of a large part of physics and the whole of chemistry are thus completely known, and the difficulty is only that the exact application of these laws leads to **equations much too complicated to be soluble.**”

“It therefore becomes desirable that **approximate practical methods of applying quantum mechanics should be developed**, which can lead to an explanation of the main features of complex atomic systems without too much computation”

Density Functional Theory (DFT)

Use electron probability density $n(\mathbf{r})$ instead of $\Psi \dots$

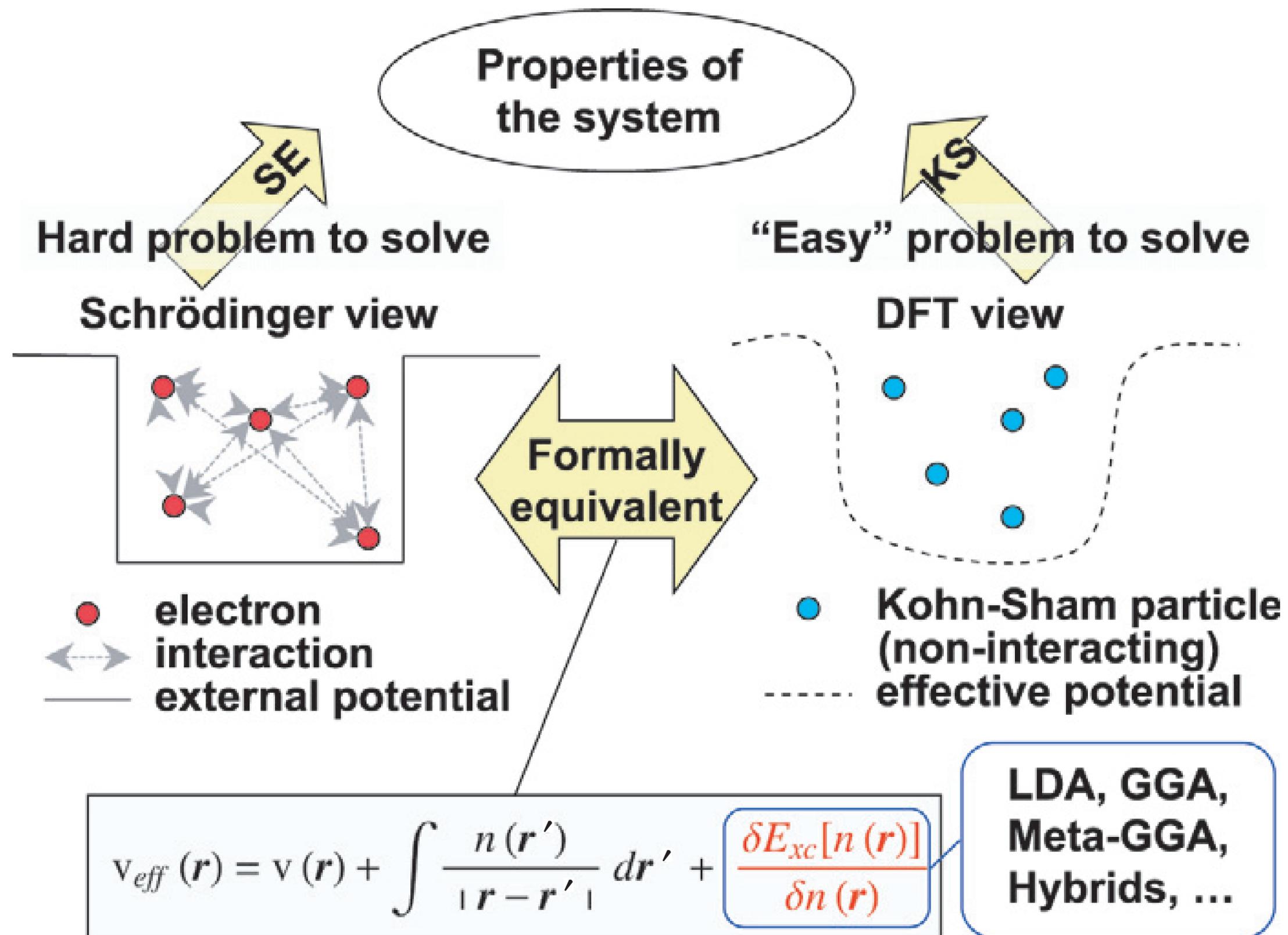
- (1) The potential V_{ext} of a system is determined uniquely, except for a constant by the ground state density $n(\mathbf{r})$
- (2) The total energy functional $E[n]$, for a given V_{ext} , assumes its minimal value for the correct electron density $n(\mathbf{r})$ of the ground state

Ansatz:
$$E_{KS}[n] = \int d^3r V_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r})n(\mathbf{r}) + T_s[n] + E_{xc}[n] + \iint d^3r d^3r' \frac{n(\mathbf{r})n(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|},$$

for *independent* electrons (mean field theory)

Hohenberg & Kohn, PRL **136**, B864 (1964)

Kohn & Sham, PRL **140**, A1133 (1965)



Exchange-Correlation Functional

All difficulties now included in the XC-functional, need to find an approximation...

$$E_{xc}^{LDA}[n] = \int d^3r n(\mathbf{r}) \epsilon_{xc}(n(\mathbf{r})),$$

Local Density Approximation (LDA)
homogeneous electron gas

$$E_{xc}^{GGA}[n] = \int d^3r n(\mathbf{r}) \epsilon_{xc}(n(\mathbf{r}), |\nabla n|),$$

Generalized Gradient Approximation (GGA)

GGA: PBE, AM05, PBEsol, ...

meta-GGA: SCAN, ...

mixing with exact-X: HSE06, ...

many choices, commonly used are e.g. PBE, HSE06, ...

Using periodicity

- The Bloch theorem states that the one-electron wavefunctions obey the equation:

$$\psi_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{R}) = \psi_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})e^{i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{R}}$$

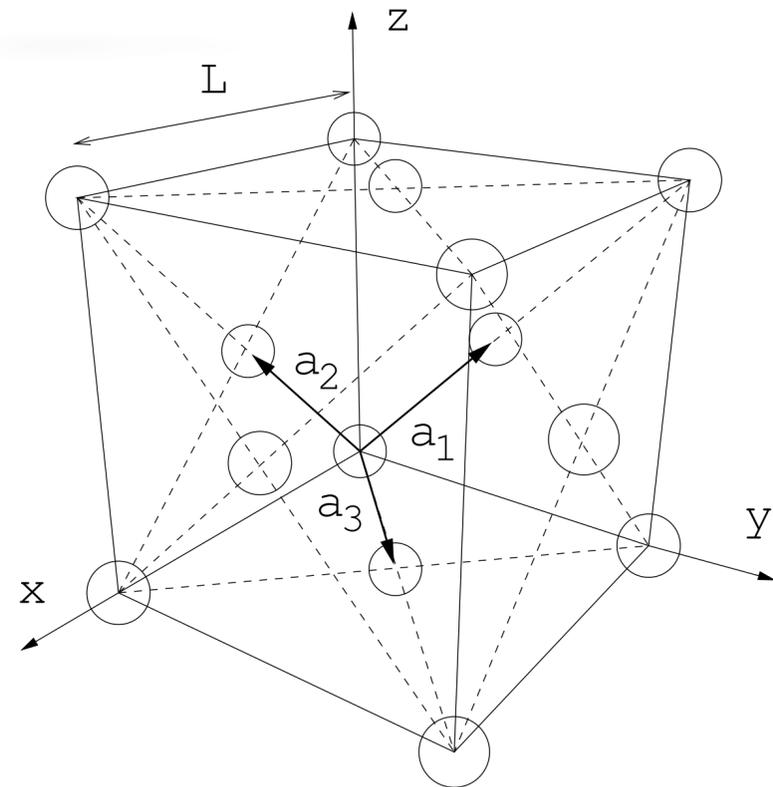
where \mathbf{R} is any translational vector leaving the Hamiltonian invariant.

- \mathbf{k} is usually constrained to lie within the first Brillouin zone in reciprocal space.

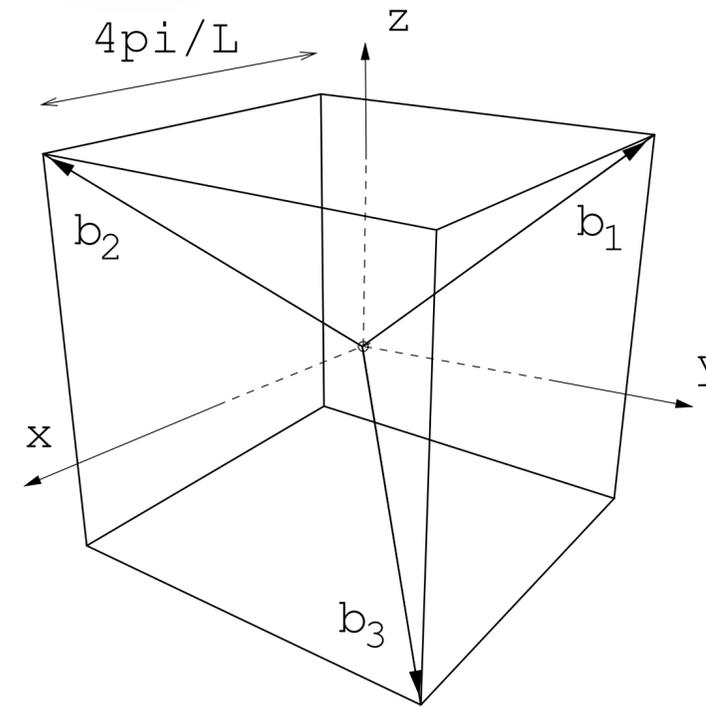


The intractable task of determining $\Psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N)$ (for $N \sim 10^{23}$) has been reduced to calculating $\psi_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})$ at a discrete set of points $\{\mathbf{k}\}$ in the first BZ, for a number of bands that is of the order of the number of electrons *per unit cell*.

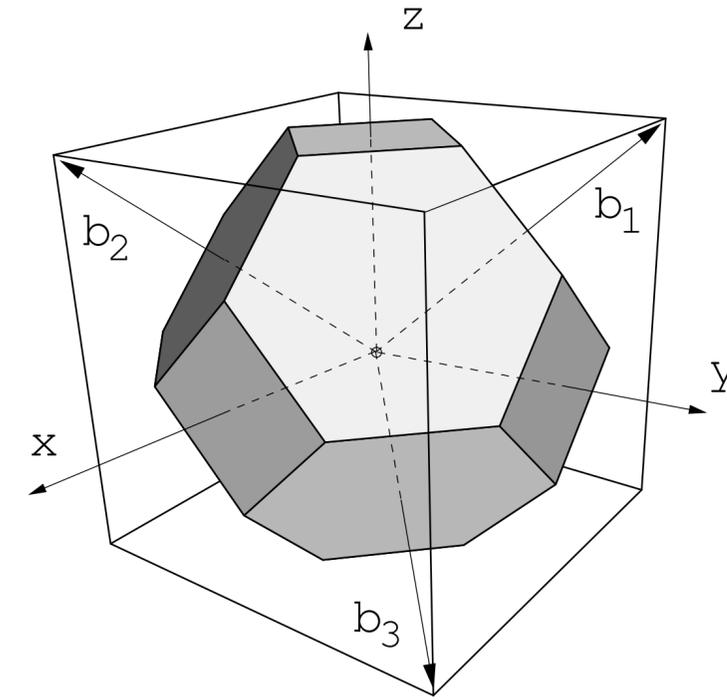
Using periodicity



A



B

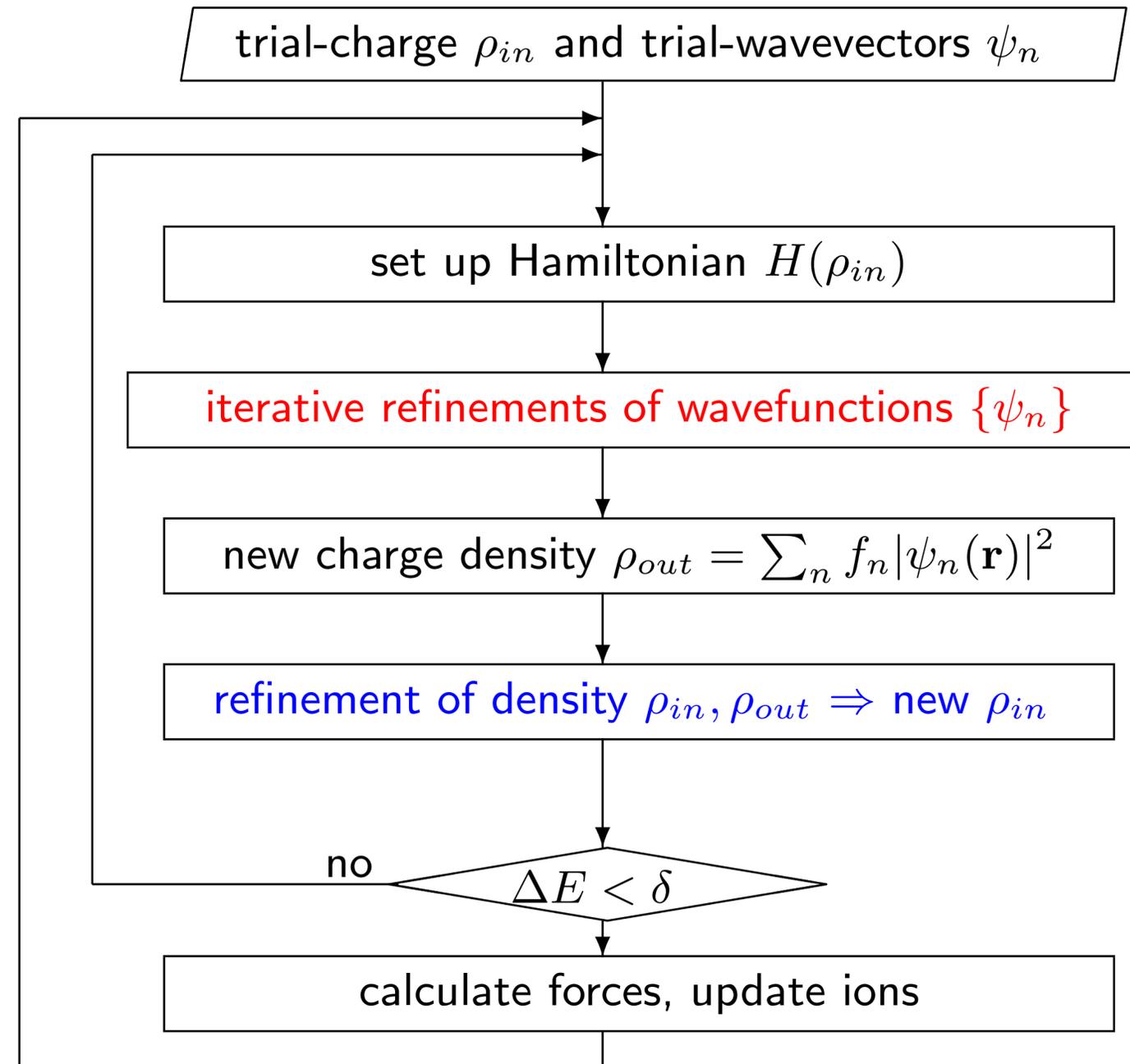


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$$\mathbf{b}_1 = \frac{2\pi}{\Omega} \mathbf{a}_2 \times \mathbf{a}_3 \quad \mathbf{b}_2 = \frac{2\pi}{\Omega} \mathbf{a}_3 \times \mathbf{a}_1 \quad \mathbf{b}_3 = \frac{2\pi}{\Omega} \mathbf{a}_1 \times \mathbf{a}_2$$

$$\Omega = \mathbf{a}_1 \cdot \mathbf{a}_2 \times \mathbf{a}_3 \quad \mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{b}_j = 2\pi \delta_{ij}$$

Self-consistent iterations



- two subproblems optimization of $\{\psi_n\}$ and ρ_{in}
- refinement of density:
DIIS algorithm
P. Pulay, Chem. Phys. Lett. 73, 393 (1980)
- refinement of wavefunctions:
DIIS or Davidson algorithm

Why PAW?

- **Goal:** both **accurate** (LAPW) and **fast** (e.g. USPP) method
- Want to *keep* all-electron (AE) wave function
- Focus on *valence electrons* (frozen core) - chemical bonding
- Fast calculation in *reciprocal space* using FFT (plane waves)
- **Solution:** Projector Augmented Wave (PAW) method

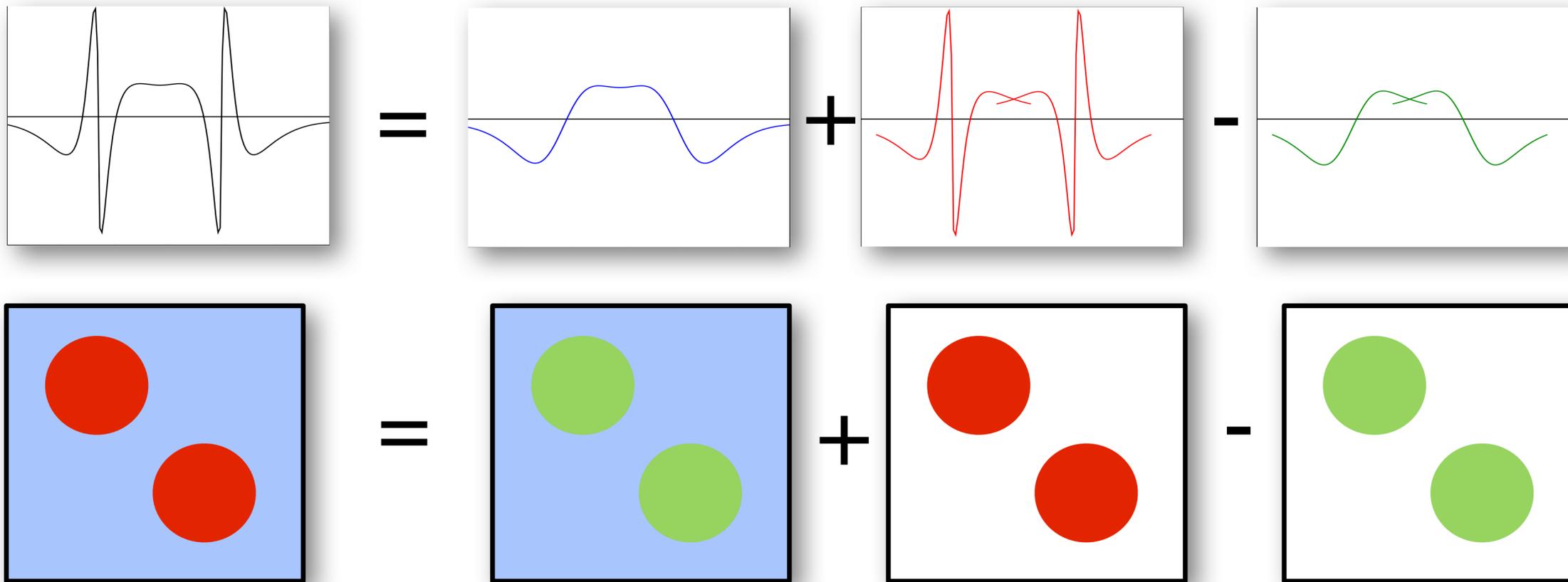
Plane waves & Augmentation

- Rapid wave oscillations close to nucleus
need too many plane waves!
- Strongly localised states at atoms
therefore ->
- Split into *interstitial* and *augmentation* (sphere) regions
smooth pw
- No overlap between spheres (one-centre expansion)
- PAW: Energy and potential *independent* wave functions

PAW Augmentation

$$\underbrace{|\psi\rangle}_{\text{all-electron}} = \underbrace{|\tilde{\psi}\rangle}_{\text{pseudo}} + \underbrace{|\psi^1\rangle}_{\text{1-center, all-el.}} - \underbrace{|\tilde{\psi}^1\rangle}_{\text{1-center, pseudo}}$$

$$\sum_{\alpha} |\phi_{\alpha}\rangle \langle \tilde{p}_{\alpha} | \tilde{\psi} \rangle \quad \sum_{\alpha} |\tilde{\phi}_{\alpha}\rangle \langle \tilde{p}_{\alpha} | \tilde{\psi} \rangle$$



Transformation theory

True AE wave function and *auxiliary* PS wf related via **transformation operator**:

$$|\Psi_n\rangle = \mathcal{T}|\tilde{\Psi}_n\rangle$$

Kohn-Sham equation:

$$H|\Psi_n\rangle = |\Psi_n\rangle\epsilon_n$$

Can write Schrödinger-like equation:

$$\mathcal{T}^\dagger H \mathcal{T}|\tilde{\Psi}_n\rangle = \mathcal{T}^\dagger \mathcal{T}|\tilde{\Psi}_n\rangle\epsilon_n$$

$$\langle A \rangle = \sum_n f_n \langle \Psi_n | A | \Psi_n \rangle = \sum_n f_n \langle \tilde{\Psi}_n | \mathcal{T}^\dagger A \mathcal{T} | \tilde{\Psi}_n \rangle$$

Expectation values can be evaluated for *true* AE or *auxiliary* PS waves

Transformation operator

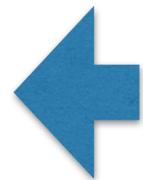
$$\mathcal{T} = 1 + \sum_R \mathcal{S}_R$$

TO unity in *interstitial*, outside *augmentation sphere R*

$$\Psi(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i \in R} \phi_i(\mathbf{r}) c_i \quad \text{for } |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_R| < r_{c,R}$$

Inside sphere R, describe by **AE partial waves**, undetermined coefficients c_i

$$\begin{aligned} |\phi_i\rangle &= (1 + S_R) |\tilde{\phi}_i\rangle \quad \text{for } i \in R \\ S_R |\tilde{\phi}_i\rangle &= |\phi_i\rangle - |\tilde{\phi}_i\rangle \end{aligned}$$



Relate AE partial wave with **PS partial wave**, through *local* transformation operator S

$$\tilde{\Psi}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i \in R} \tilde{\phi}_i(\mathbf{r}) \langle \tilde{p}_i | \tilde{\Psi} \rangle \quad \text{for } |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_R| < r_{c,R} \quad \text{Expand PS wf in PS partial waves}$$

projector function

$$\langle \tilde{p}_i | \tilde{\phi}_j \rangle = \delta_{i,j} \quad \text{for } i, j \in R \quad \text{requirement for above to hold}$$

Transformation operator

$$S_R|\tilde{\Psi}\rangle = \sum_{i \in R} S_R|\tilde{\phi}_i\rangle\langle\tilde{p}_i|\tilde{\Psi}\rangle = \sum_{i \in R} \left(|\phi_i\rangle - |\tilde{\phi}_i\rangle \right) \langle\tilde{p}_i|\tilde{\Psi}\rangle \quad \text{From using the previous relations}$$

$$\mathcal{T} = 1 + \sum_i \left(|\phi_i\rangle - |\tilde{\phi}_i\rangle \right) \langle\tilde{p}_i| \quad \leftarrow \text{Final expression for the transformation operator}$$

$$|\Psi\rangle = |\tilde{\Psi}\rangle + \sum_i \left(|\phi_i\rangle - |\tilde{\phi}_i\rangle \right) \langle\tilde{p}_i|\tilde{\Psi}\rangle = |\tilde{\Psi}_n\rangle + \sum_R \left(|\Psi_R^1\rangle - |\tilde{\Psi}_R^1\rangle \right)$$

$$|\Psi_R^1\rangle = \sum_{i \in R} |\phi_i\rangle\langle\tilde{p}_i|\tilde{\Psi}\rangle$$

$$|\tilde{\Psi}_R^1\rangle = \sum_{i \in R} |\tilde{\phi}_i\rangle\langle\tilde{p}_i|\tilde{\Psi}\rangle$$

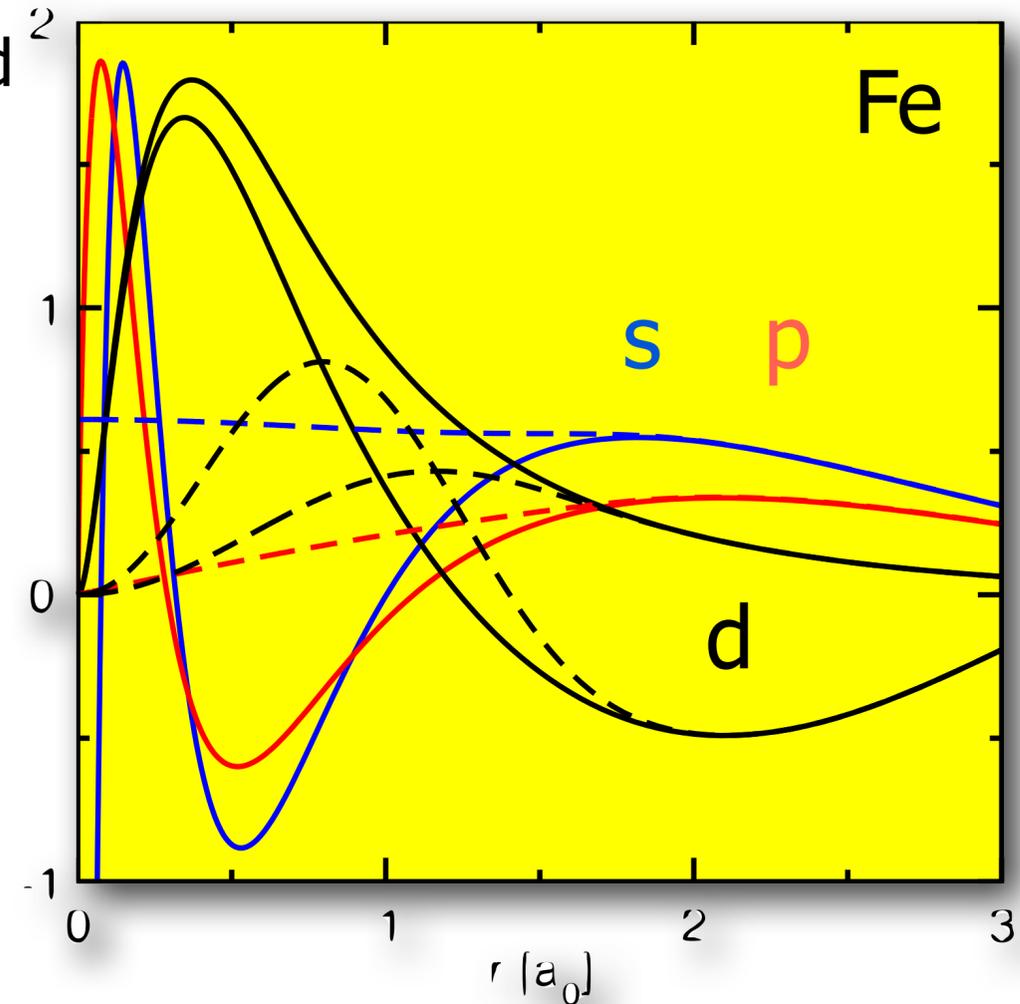
Final expression for the *true* AE wf:

- one PS wf expanded in plane waves

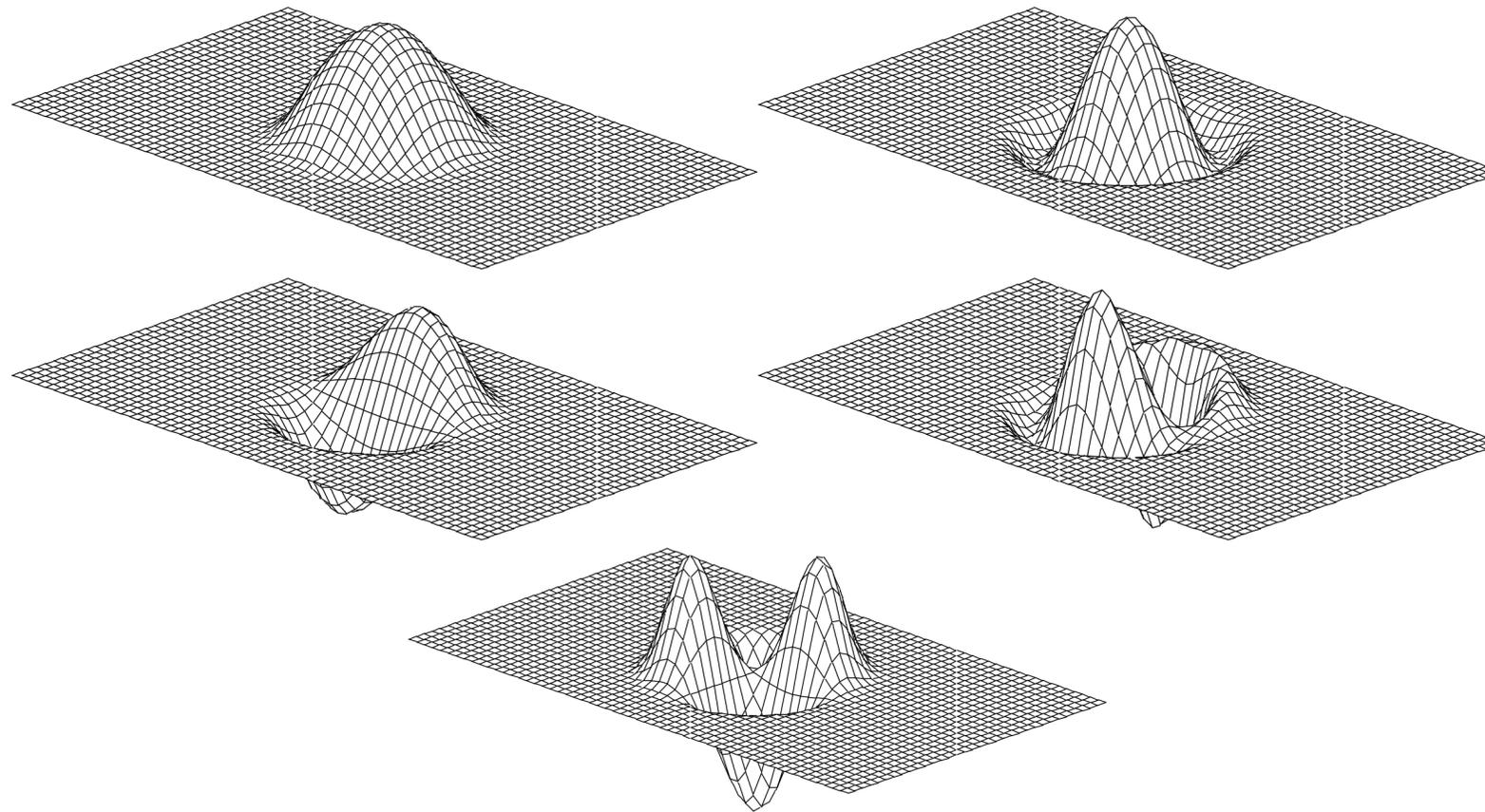
- two atom centred localised functions

Partial waves

- all-electron partial waves $|\phi_\alpha\rangle$
 - integrate Schrödinger equation outward
 - have the correct nodal structure
- pseudo partial waves $|\tilde{\phi}_\alpha\rangle$
 - smooth inside
 - identical to ae partial waves outside
 - $n-n_{\text{core}}$ nodes
 - usually constructed by adjusting an dependent potential



Projector functions



- Localised
- Angular momentum of partial waves

Figure 1: Top: projector functions of the Cl atom for two s-type partial waves, middle: p-type, bottom: d-type.

Wave functions

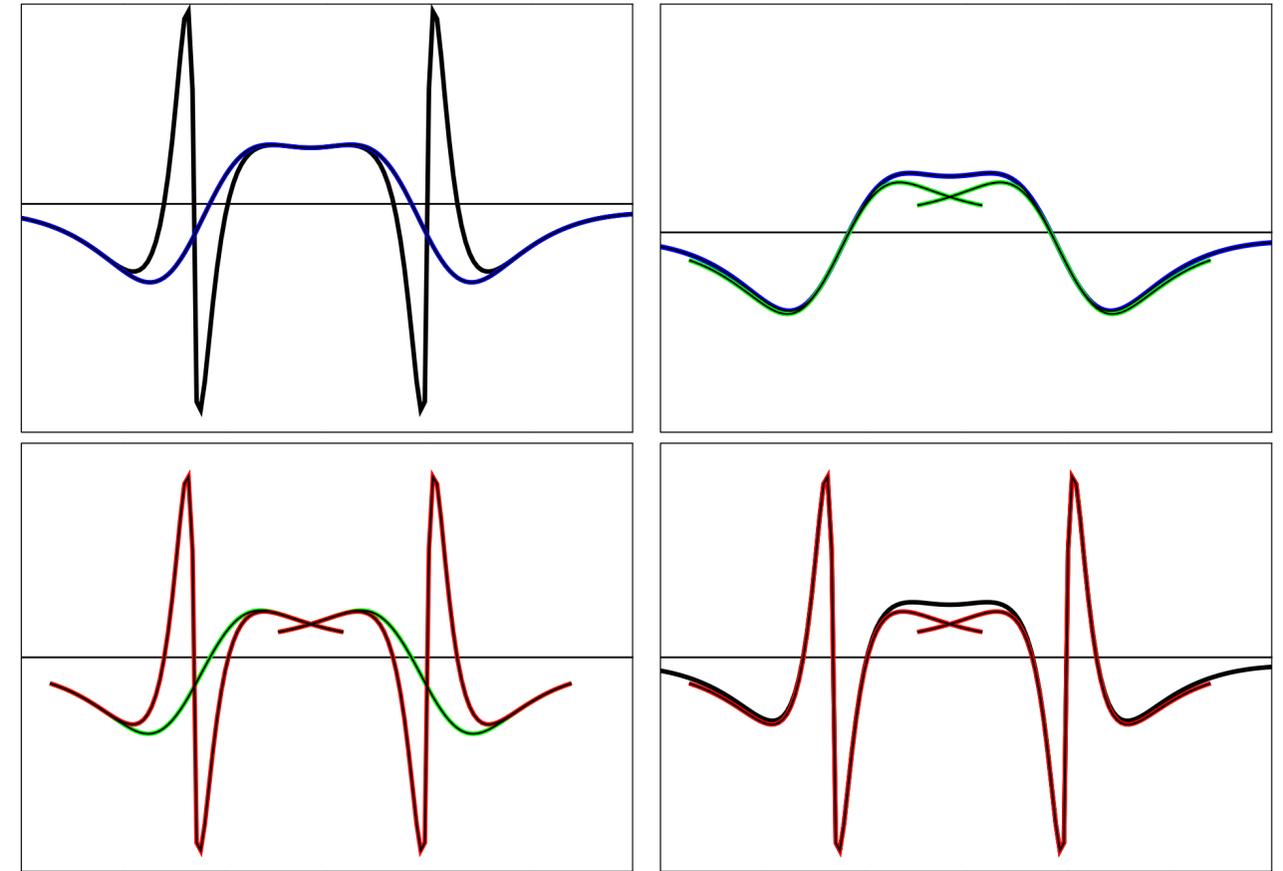
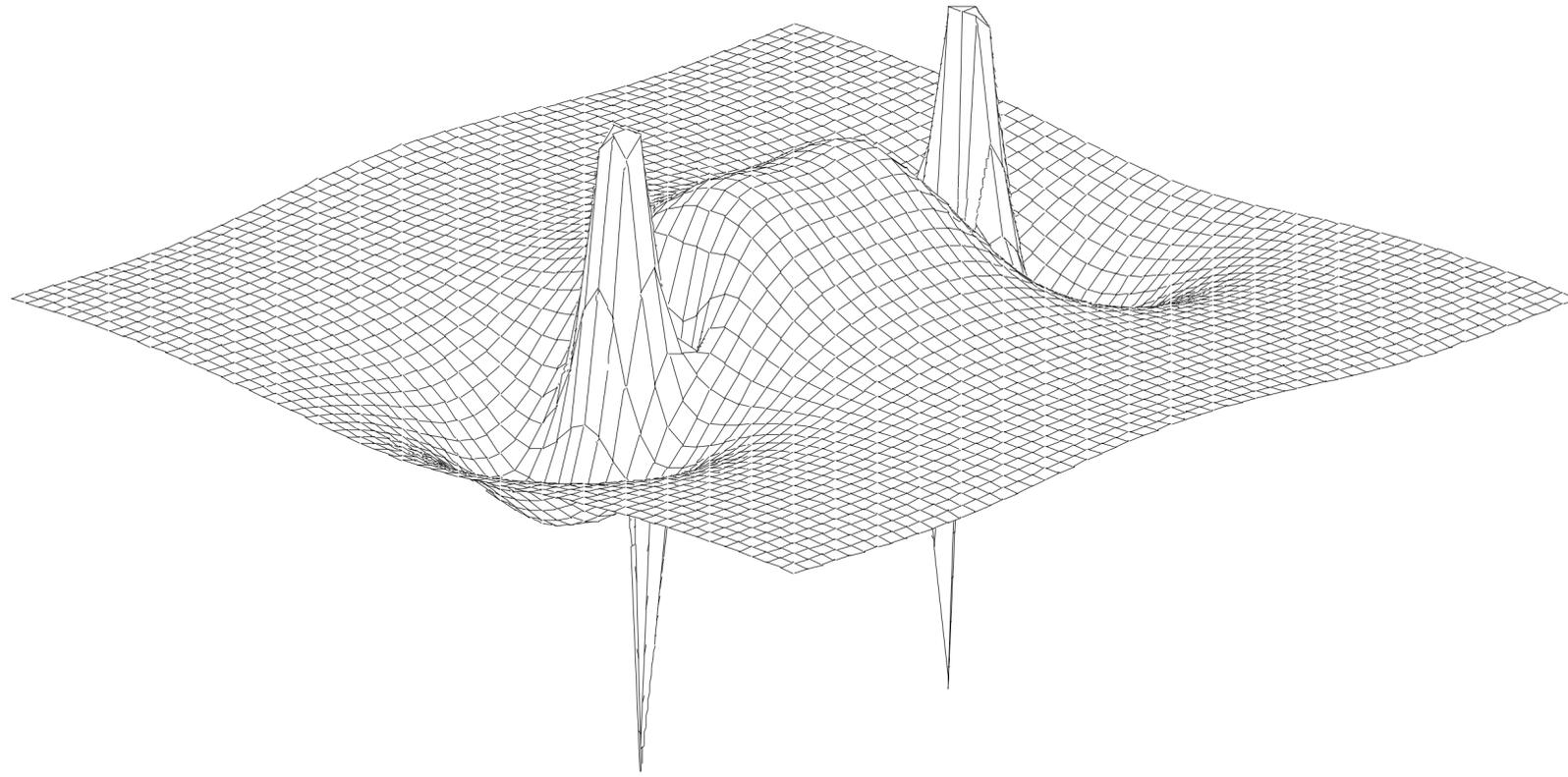
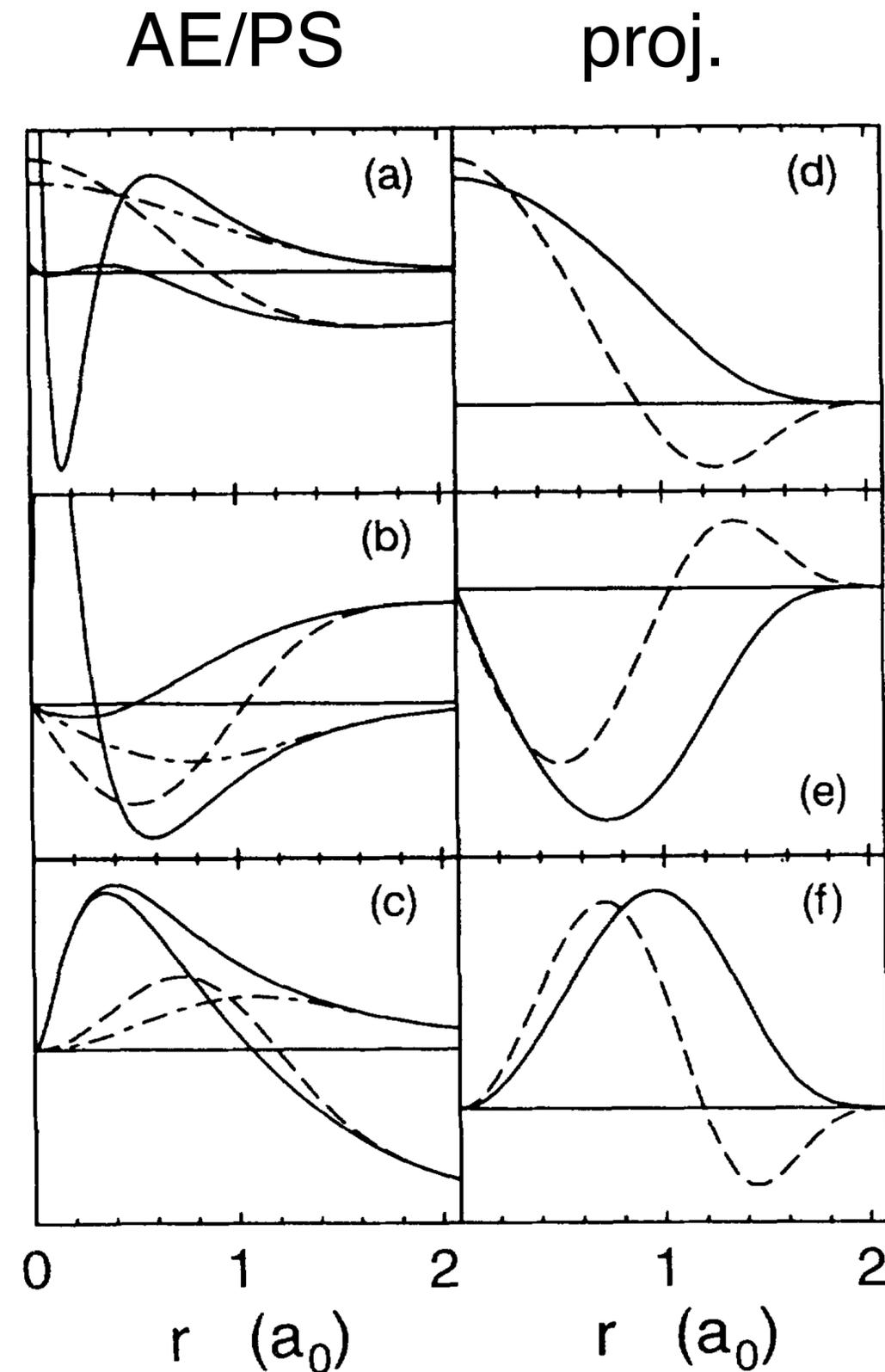


Figure 2: Bonding $p\text{-}\sigma$ orbital of the Cl_2 molecule and its decomposition of the wave function into auxiliary wave function and the two one-center expansions. Top-left: True and auxiliary wave function; top-right: auxiliary wave function and its partial wave expansion; bottom-left: the two partial wave expansions; bottom-right: true wave function and its partial wave expansion.

More examples

FIG. 1. Partial waves and projectors for Mn. Left panel: AE partial waves (solid lines) and PS partial waves (dashed and dash-dotted lines). The “first” PS partial wave is a dash-dotted line. Right panel: first (solid line) and second (dashed line) projector functions. (a) and (d) show the results for the first and the second partial wave of the s angular momentum channel, respectively, (b) and (e) for the p channel, and (c) and (f) for the d channel. $3s$ and $3p$ functions are treated as valence states. Functions are scaled individually.

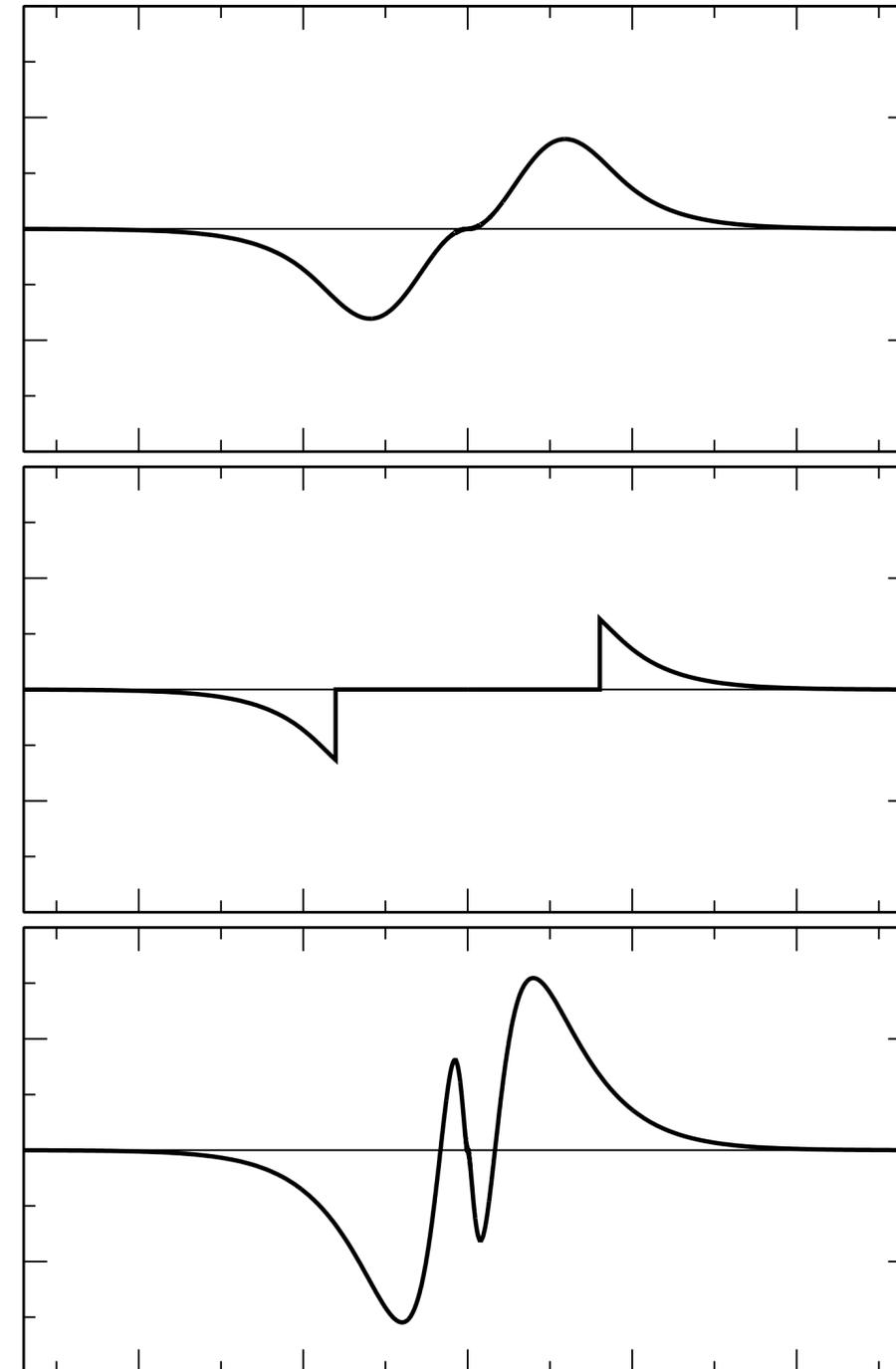


PAW Augmentation

$$|\tilde{\psi}_n\rangle$$

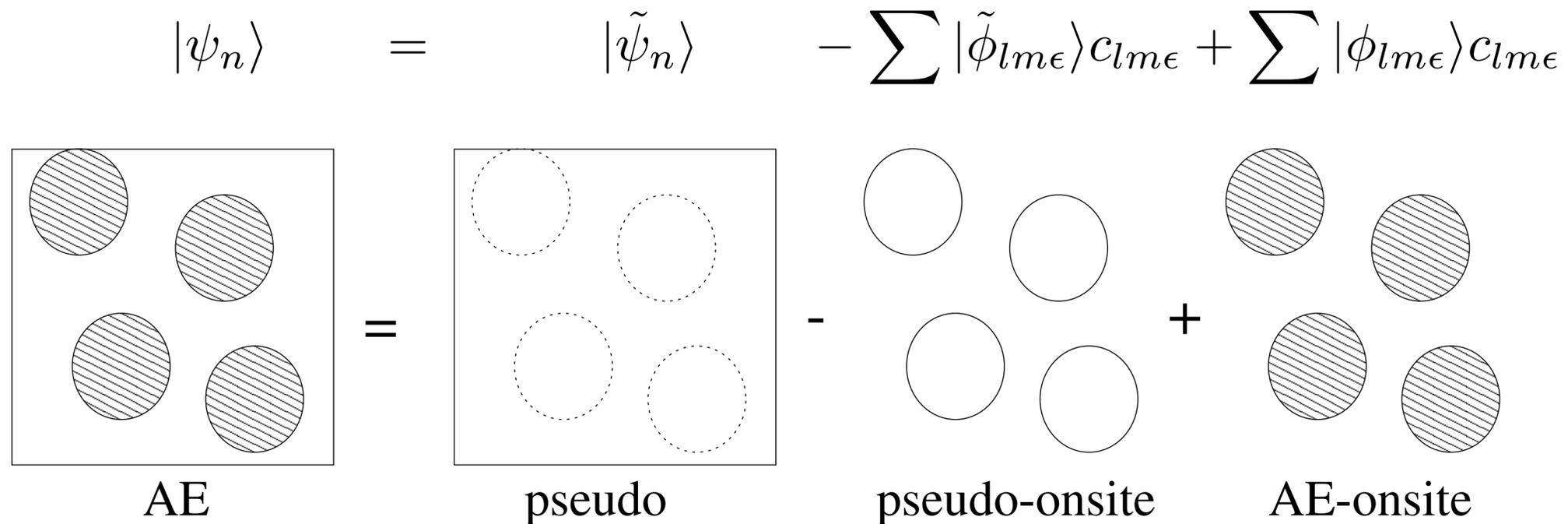
$$|\tilde{\psi}_n\rangle - \sum_i |\tilde{\phi}_i\rangle \langle \tilde{p}_i | \tilde{\psi}_n \rangle$$

$$|\tilde{\psi}_n\rangle - \sum_i |\tilde{\phi}_i\rangle \langle \tilde{p}_i | \tilde{\psi}_n \rangle + \sum_i |\phi_i\rangle \langle \tilde{p}_i | \tilde{\psi}_n \rangle$$



PAW Augmentation

- Character of wavefunction: $c_{lm\epsilon} = \langle \tilde{p}_{lm\epsilon} | \tilde{\psi}_n \rangle$



- Same trick works for

- Wavefunctions
- Charge density

- Kinetic energy
- Exchange correlation energy
- Hartree energy

Total Energy

$$E = \tilde{E} + E^1 - \tilde{E}^1$$

three terms

PW grid

$$\tilde{E} = \sum_n f_n \langle \tilde{\psi}_n | -\frac{1}{2} \Delta | \tilde{\psi}_n \rangle + E_{xc}[\tilde{\rho} + \hat{\rho} + \tilde{\rho}_c] + E_H[\tilde{\rho} + \hat{\rho}] + \int v_H[\tilde{\rho}_{Zc}] (\tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{r}) + \hat{\rho}(\mathbf{r})) d^3\mathbf{r} + U(\mathbf{R}, Z_{\text{ion}})$$

local radial grid

$$\tilde{E}^1 = \sum_{\text{sites}} \left\{ \sum_{(i,j)} \rho_{ij} \langle \tilde{\phi}_i | -\frac{1}{2} \Delta | \tilde{\phi}_j \rangle + \overline{E_{xc}[\tilde{\rho}^1 + \hat{\rho} + \tilde{\rho}_c]} + \overline{E_H[\tilde{\rho}^1 + \hat{\rho}]} + \int_{\Omega_r} v_H[\tilde{\rho}_{Zc}] (\tilde{\rho}^1(\mathbf{r}) + \hat{\rho}(\mathbf{r})) d^3\mathbf{r} \right\}$$

local radial grid

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from Marsman: <https://www.vasp.at/mmars/day1.pdf>

What are the approximations?

- Frozen core can be relaxed: Marsman & Kresse, JCP 125, 104101 (2006)
- Plane wave expansion, energy cut-off $\frac{1}{2}|\mathbf{G} + \mathbf{k}|^2 < E_{\text{cutoff}}$
- Partial wave expansion (1-2 per angular momentum)

PAW: Things to note

- *All-electron method* (valence states orthogonal to core)
- Frozen core approximation
- Plane waves: FFT in reciprocal space, **fast calculations**
- **Forces** from total energy expression
- PAW point-of-view: LAPW *special case*, PP an *approximation*

Accuracy

Compare with FPLAPW method (WIEN2k):

$\Delta(\text{PAW})_{(\text{VASP})} = 1.9 \text{ meV/atom}$

H																		He
0.1																		0.0
Li	Be											B	C	N	O	F		Ne
0.2	0.1											0.3	0.3	10.6	8.3	1.5		0.1
Na	Mg											Al	Si	P	S	Cl		Ar
0.0	0.7											0.3	2.0	3.8	3.3	4.0		0.1
K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br		Kr
0.1	0.2	0.4	0.9	1.3	3.1	1.4	3.4	3.4	2.0	0.4	0.3	0.2	2.4	1.7	1.5	1.5		0.1
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I		Xe
0.1	0.1	0.5	2.7	7.3	5.5	8.3	2.3	5.4	4.4	4.1	1.4	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.9		0.1
Cs	Ba	Lu	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At		Rn
0.3	0.7	4.3	1.2	1.0	3.5	4.3	3.8	1.9	2.5	5.9	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.4			0.0

Lejaeghere et al. Science 351, 1415 (2016)

	AE													PAW								USPP						NCPP													
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	exciting	0.3		0.5	0.5	0.1	0.5	3.9	1.0	0.9	0.8	1.7	1.8	0.2	0.8	3.8	1.3	1.5	1.2	0.6	1.6	0.8	2.1	0.6	0.4	1.0	1.1	1.0	2.5	0.5	0.3	6.4	6.3	13.4	2.2	1.1	2.1	0.7	1.4	1.3	1.4
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	FLEUR	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.5		3.6	0.8	0.8	0.6	1.4	1.5	0.4	0.9	3.5	1.3	1.5	1.0	0.6	1.5	0.8	1.9	0.7	0.6	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.6	0.7	0.5	6.5	6.3	13.2	2.0	1.0	1.9	0.6	1.3	1.3	1.3
	FPLO/default	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.6		3.1	3.6	3.3	2.9	2.5	3.9	4.0	3.1	4.1	4.1	3.4	3.6	3.3	3.9	2.8	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.1	5.8	4.1	3.9	7.9	7.2	13.0	4.9	3.6	3.2	3.7	4.1	4.1	4.1
	FPLO/T+F	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	3.1		0.8	0.7	1.4	1.4	0.9	1.3	3.4	1.7	1.9	1.0	0.9	1.5	1.3	1.9	1.2	1.0	1.3	1.3	1.3	3.1	1.1	1.0	6.6	6.4	13.7	2.4	1.2	1.8	1.0	1.6	1.6	1.6
	FPLO/T+F+s	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.1	0.9	0.8	3.6	0.8		0.9	1.5	1.5	0.9	1.3	3.5	1.7	1.8	1.2	0.9	1.4	1.3	1.9	1.2	1.0	1.4	1.4	1.4	2.9	1.0	0.9	6.4	6.4	13.0	2.3	1.2	1.8	1.0	1.6	1.6	1.6
	RSpt	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.6	3.3	0.7	0.9		1.3	1.3	0.8	1.1	3.4	1.5	1.7	0.9	0.7	1.6	1.1	1.9	1.0	0.8	1.2	1.3	1.3	3.0	1.0	0.8	6.7	6.5	13.2	2.2	1.1	1.8	0.8	1.5	1.5	1.5
	WIEN2k/default	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.4	2.9	1.4	1.5	1.3		0.9	1.7	1.9	3.2	2.2	2.3	1.3	1.5	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9	3.8	1.8	1.6	7.1	7.0	13.0	2.8	1.7	1.9	1.6	2.1	2.1	2.1
	WIEN2k/enhanced	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.5	2.5	1.4	1.5	1.3	0.9		1.8	2.0	2.6	2.1	2.2	1.1	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.4	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.8	2.0	1.7	6.9	6.9	12.3	2.8	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.9	1.9	1.9
WIEN2k/acc	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.4	3.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	1.7	1.8		0.8	3.8	1.3	1.5	1.2	0.5	1.6	0.8	2.0	0.7	0.3	0.9	1.0	1.0	2.5	0.5	0.3	6.4	6.2	13.4	2.1	1.0	2.0	0.6	1.4	1.3	1.4	
PAW	GBRV12/ABINIT	0.9	0.8	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.9	4.0	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.9	2.0	0.8		4.1	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.1	2.0	1.1	2.3	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.7	2.8	1.0	0.7	6.4	6.3	15.1	2.5	1.5	2.4	1.1	1.8	1.7	1.8
	GPAW06/GPAW	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.5	3.1	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.2	2.6	3.8	4.1		3.6	3.5	3.2	3.5	3.0	3.8	2.8	3.7	3.8	4.0	3.8	4.0	5.6	3.9	3.6	7.4	7.6	12.3	4.5	3.0	3.0	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.7
	GPAW09/ABINIT	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	4.1	1.7	1.7	1.5	2.2	2.1	1.3	1.5	3.6		0.6	1.5	1.4	2.0	1.5	2.4	1.4	1.3	1.6	1.6	1.6	2.5	1.4	1.3	6.5	6.1	13.6	2.3	1.7	2.3	1.2	1.7	1.7	1.7
	GPAW09/GPAW	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.5	4.1	1.9	1.8	1.7	2.3	2.2	1.5	1.6	3.5	0.6		1.6	1.5	2.1	1.6	2.5	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.7	2.7	1.5	1.4	6.5	6.1	13.6	2.5	1.8	2.3	1.5	1.8	1.8	1.8
	JTH01/ABINIT	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.0	3.4	1.0	1.2	0.9	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.5	3.2	1.5	1.6		0.9	1.5	1.4	1.9	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.5	3.0	1.4	1.1	6.5	6.5	13.0	2.2	1.3	1.5	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.4
	JTH02/ABINIT	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	3.6	0.9	0.9	0.7	1.5	1.5	0.5	1.1	3.5	1.4	1.5	0.9		1.4	0.9	1.9	0.7	0.7	1.2	1.2	1.2	2.6	0.7	0.6	6.3	6.2	13.4	2.2	1.2	1.9	0.7	1.4	1.4	1.4
	PSlib031/QE	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.5	3.3	1.5	1.4	1.6	1.8	1.6	1.6	2.0	3.0	2.0	2.1	1.5	1.4		1.6	1.5	1.6	1.6	2.0	1.9	2.0	3.1	1.6	1.5	6.1	5.8	12.8	2.4	1.6	1.7	1.5	2.1	2.2	2.1
	PSlib100/QE	0.9	0.8	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.8	3.9	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.8	1.8	0.8	1.1	3.8	1.5	1.6	1.4	0.9	1.6		1.7	1.0	0.8	1.1	1.2	1.2	2.2	0.9	0.7	6.1	5.9	13.5	2.1	1.4	1.9	0.9	1.6	1.6	1.6
	VASP2007/VASP	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.0	1.9	2.8	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.4	2.0	2.3	2.8	2.4	2.5	1.9	1.9	1.5	1.7		1.8	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.1	3.5	2.1	1.9	6.5	6.1	12.4	3.0	2.2	1.7	1.9	2.5	2.4	2.5
	VASP2012/VASP	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.7	3.9	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.8	1.9	0.7	1.0	3.7	1.4	1.6	1.4	0.7	1.6	1.0	1.8		0.7	1.1	1.2	1.1	2.5	0.8	0.6	6.5	6.3	13.4	2.2	1.2	2.1	0.9	1.6	1.5	1.6
VASPGW2015/VASP	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.6	4.0	1.0	1.0	0.8	1.8	2.0	0.3	0.9	3.8	1.3	1.5	1.3	0.7	1.6	0.8	2.1	0.7		1.1	1.1	1.1	2.6	0.5	0.4	6.6	6.2	13.7	2.2	1.1	2.2	0.7	1.5	1.4	1.5	
USPP	GBRV12/QE	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.1	0.9	1.0	4.0	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.9	2.0	0.9	0.7	4.0	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.2	2.0	1.1	2.1	1.1	1.1		0.4	0.1	2.6	1.0	0.8	6.3	6.4	15.3	2.3	1.4	2.1	1.2	1.6	1.5	1.6
	GBRV14/CASTEP	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0	4.0	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.9	2.0	1.0	0.8	3.8	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.2	1.9	1.2	2.2	1.2	1.1	0.4		0.3	2.6	0.9	0.9	6.2	6.3	15.0	2.4	1.6	2.1	1.1	1.5	1.5	1.5
	GBRV14/QE	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	0.9	1.0	4.1	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.9	2.0	1.0	0.7	4.0	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.2	2.0	1.2	2.1	1.1	1.1	0.1	0.3		2.6	1.0	0.8	6.3	6.3	15.2	2.3	1.4	2.1	1.2	1.6	1.5	1.5
	OTFG7/CASTEP	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.6	5.8	3.1	2.9	3.0	3.8	3.8	2.5	2.8	5.6	2.5	2.7	3.0	2.6	3.1	2.2	3.5	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6		2.2	2.4	4.8	5.7	14.5	2.7	2.9	3.4	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.6
	OTFG9/CASTEP	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.7	4.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.8	2.0	0.5	1.0	3.9	1.4	1.5	1.4	0.7	1.6	0.9	2.1	0.8	0.5	1.0	0.9	1.0	2.2		0.6	6.3	6.2	13.6	2.2	1.1	2.1	0.8	1.5	1.4	1.5
	SSSP/QE	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.5	3.9	1.0	0.9	0.8	1.6	1.7	0.3	0.7	3.6	1.3	1.4	1.1	0.6	1.5	0.7	1.9	0.6	0.4	0.8	0.9	0.8	2.4	0.6		6.4	6.2	13.6	2.1	1.0	2.0	0.7	1.4	1.2	1.3
	Vdb/CASTEP	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.5	6.4	6.5	7.9	6.6	6.4	6.7	7.1	6.9	6.4	6.4	7.4	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.3	6.1	6.1	6.5	6.5	6.6	6.3	6.2	6.3	4.8	6.3	6.4		9.6	16.3	6.6	6.1	6.6	6.4	5.7	5.8	5.7
	Vdb2/DACAP0	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	7.2	6.4	6.4	6.5	7.0	6.9	6.2	6.3	7.6	6.1	6.1	6.5	6.2	5.8	5.9	6.1	6.3	6.2	6.4	6.3	6.3	5.7	6.2	6.2	9.6		17.9	6.2	5.9	6.4	6.1	6.5	6.5	6.5
NCPP	FHI98pp/ABINIT	13.5	13.4	13.6	13.6	13.4	13.2	13.0	13.7	13.0	13.2	13.0	12.3	13.4	15.1	12.3	13.6	13.6	13.0	13.4	12.8	13.5	12.4	13.4	13.7	15.3	15.0	15.2	14.5	13.6	13.6	16.3	17.9		14.3	8.5	13.0	13.3	13.3	13.6	13.4
	HGH/ABINIT	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.0	4.9	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.8	2.8	2.1	2.5	4.5	2.3	2.5	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.1	3.0	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.7	2.2	2.1	6.6	6.2	14.3		0.9	2.6	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
	HGH-NLCC/BigDFT	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.0	3.6	1.2	1.																															

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