

# Vienna Ab Initio Package – Crash course

4<sup>th</sup> Lecture – 20/09/21

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# Structure of the course

Day September	Hours Madrid time	Location	Topic
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10:00-12:00	E4 / Zoom	Introduction + Handson 1 (molecules; frequencies; molecular dynamics)
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	12:00-13:00	E4 / Zoom	Tutorial Handson 1
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10:00-12:00	E4 / Zoom	Correction exercises 1 + Handson 2 (bulk optimization and electronic properties) + Instructions for python / bash project
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10:00-11:00	E3 / Zoom	Tutorial Handson 2
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> / Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Python / bash project		
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10:00-12:00	E4 / Zoom	Correction exercises 2 and python / bash project + Handson 3 (surface optimization and electronic properties)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10:00-11:00	E4 / Zoom	Tutorial Handson 3
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10:00-12:00	E4 / Zoom	Correction exercises 3 + Handson 4 (magnetic properties and Hubbard correction)
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10:00-11:00	E4 / Zoom	Tutorial Handson 4
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00-11:00	E4 / Zoom	Correction exercises 4

# Materials

- Materials available on [OneDrive](#);
- All lectures and tutorials will be registered and later available on OneDrive;
- Detailed explanation online. The current course gives only an introduction!
- Save the link to the VASP manual online:  
[https://www.vasp.at/wiki/index.php/The\\_VASP\\_Manual](https://www.vasp.at/wiki/index.php/The_VASP_Manual)

# Today's class

1. Correction of exercises of Handson 3;
2. Lecture 4 and instructions for Handson 4.

Based on:

- [0\\_vasp\\_summary](#) (summary of all the important information)

Further materials:

- [1\\_accuracy](#)
- [2\\_pseudopdatabase](#)
- [3\\_dft\\_depth](#)
- [4\\_magnetism](#)

Related handson session:

([4](#)) Magnetic properties and Hubbard correction

# Handson 3

## Question:

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$$\gamma = \frac{1}{A} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} [E_{\text{unrel}} - n \cdot (E_{\text{bulk}})] + \Delta E_{\text{rel}} \right\}$$

$A$  = Area =  $a_x \times b_y$

$E_{\text{unrel}}$  = energy of the first ionic step  
(`grep "energy w" OUTCAR | head -n 1`)

$E_{\text{rel}}$  = energy of the last ionic step  
(`grep "energy w" OUTCAR | tail -n 1`)

$\Delta E_{\text{rel}} = E_{\text{rel}} - E_{\text{unrel}}$

$E_{\text{bulk}}$  = energy of the bulk crystal structure (2\_7\_fccNi\_opt)

$n$  = number of unit cell in the surface

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Ni(100)	5	1.8	1.8	3.1	-25.6	-25.6	-0.014	0.4	5.6
<b>Ni(111)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>-25.7</b>	<b>-25.7</b>	<b>-0.001</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>3.0</b>
bulk	1					-5.6			

$\gamma (\text{J m}^{-2})$

**(111) 2.011**

(100) 2.426      2.380 <sup>c</sup>, 2.450 <sup>a</sup>

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*Surf. Sci.* **1998**, 411, 186–202.

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fdattila@tekla2:~/00-vasp-course/handson3-sol/3_8_COonNi111_freq> grep cm-1 OUTCAR
 1 f = 64.129566 THz 402.937946 2PiTHz 2139.131995 cm-1 265.218661 meV
 2 f = 12.470844 THz 78.356621 2PiTHz 415.982553 cm-1 51.575282 meV
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49.7 meV ( $401\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) for Ni–CO stretch, Exp 59.5 meV

264.0 meV ( $2129\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) for CO stretch,

40.5 meV ( $327\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) for NiCO bend.

*Surf. Sci.* **1982**, 115, 553–568.

# Handson 4 – copy the exercises (supercomputer)

- Enter the virtual machine (password: guest1\$) or AnyDesk;
- Open a terminal: *Ctrl + Alt + t*
- Enter tekla home (from ICIQ workstation): *ssh tekla2.iciq.es*
- From outside ICIQ: enable Betelgeuse tunnel and then enter tekla home  
*ssh -p2004 -X [yourusername@betelgeuse.iciq.es](mailto:yourusername@betelgeuse.iciq.es)*  
*ssh tekla2.iciq.es*
- Make a directory *handson* and a subdirectory *4*  
*mkdir handson ; mkdir handson/4*
- Copy the exercises from my tekla home to yours  
*cp -r /home/fdattila/00-vasp-course/handson4/\* ~/handson/4*
- Enter the folder and check to have successfully copied the files  
*cd handson/4 ; ls -lt ; cd ../..*

# Handson 4 – check the exercises

## Check the VASP input (supercomputer / locally)

- Enter each simulation and check INCAR / KPOINTS  
*cd handson/4 ; cd **simulation-folder** ; vi **INCAR** ; cd .. ; cd ../..*
- Use the [VASP manual](#) to understand properly all the tag of the INCAR.

# Handson 4 – submit simulation (supercomputer)

Only for Maryam!

- Create a bin directory and copy the rungen file  
`mkdir /home/yourusername/bin ; cp -r /home/fdattila/bin/rungen ~/bin/.`
- Check the file with the [vi](#) editor. Change all the fdattila to **yourusername** through the editor  
`vi ~/bin/rungen ;`
- Alternatively, replace all the fdattila in rungen with **yourusername** automatically  
`sed -i "s/fdattila/yourusername/g" ~/bin/rungen`
- Enter the handson/4 folder and create a run.sh file in each simulation to be run (e.g. 4\_1\_Ni)  
`cd handson/4/simulation-folder; ~/bin/rungen name-of-sim 4 4 5.3.5 ; sed -i "s/vasp_std/vasp/g" run.sh ; cd ../../..`
- Enter the handson folder, check that you have INCAR, KPOINTS, POTCAR, POSCAR and run.sh, submit the simulation.  
`cd handson/4/simulation-folder; qsub run.sh; cd ../../..`

**Tip:** consider iterating the creation of run.sh file and the submission of each simulation with the for command. E.g. `cd handson/4 ; for i in 4_* ; do cd $i ; action-to-be-performed ; cd .. ; done ; cd ../../`

# Handson 4 – check the VASP output (locally)

- Only if you access through virtual machine. Run the commands tunnel1 and tunnel2 in 2 terminals  
*tunnel1* *yourusername* (*terminal 1*)  
*tunnel2* *yourusername* (*terminal 2*)
- Open a new terminal and enter the tekla home folder  
*cd ~/tekla/home*
- Enter a simulation and check the structure through the p4v utility  
*cd handson/4 ; cd simulation-folder ; p4v vasprun.xml ; cd .. ; cd ../..*