



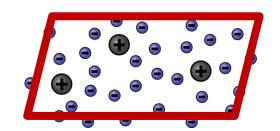
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## What is a first-principles calculation?

## **Input:**

- atomic coordinates {R<sub>A</sub>}
- unit cell (lattice constants, angles)
- number of electrons N (usually charge = 0)





### Software packages:









and many more ...

### **Output:**

- ground state energy  $E_0$  of electrons and nuclei
- optimized positions of atoms to minimize E<sub>0</sub> (geometry & cell optimization)
- statistical average over atomic positions (molecular dynamics; for liquids)
- electronic band structure of a crystal
- And much more ...

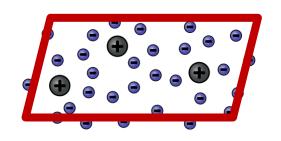
## How do I define the atomic coordinates and the cell in CP2K?

### **Input:**

atomic coordinates {R<sub>A</sub>}

```
&COORD

Mo 0.0000 0.0000 9.0635
S 1.5920 0.9191 10.6271
S 1.5920 0.9191 7.5000
&END COORD
```



unit cell (lattice constants, angles)

```
&CELL

ABC 3.184 3.184 18.127

ALPHA_BETA_GAMMA 90 90 120

PERIODIC XY

&END CELL
```

## How do we compute the ground state energy $E_0$ ?

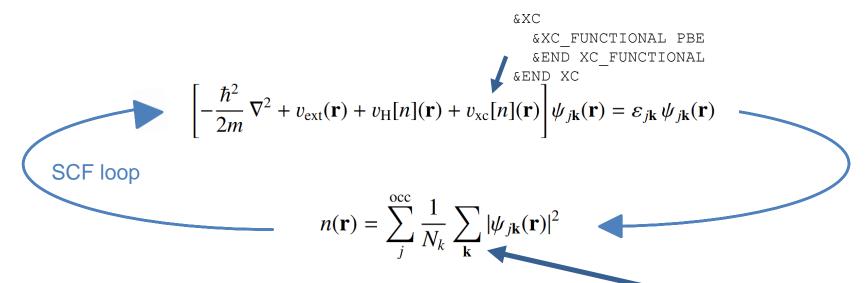
We use Kohn-Sham density functional theory (KS-DFT) with periodic boundary conditions:

$$\left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \, \nabla^2 + v_{\rm ext}(\mathbf{r}) + v_{\rm H}[n](\mathbf{r}) + v_{\rm xc}[n](\mathbf{r}) \right] \psi_{j\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = \varepsilon_{j\mathbf{k}} \, \psi_{j\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})$$
 Self-consistent field (SCF) loop Electron density 
$$n(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{j}^{\rm occ} \frac{1}{N_k} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} |\psi_{j\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})|^2$$

Once electron density n is known: compute ground state energy  $E_0$  from total energy functional E[n]:

$$E_0 = E[n]$$

## Which CP2K input parameters control the KS equations & the SCF?



#### SCF via "Diagonalization":

SCF via "Orbital Transformation" (OT, if SCF convergence problems):

```
&SCF
                         &SCF
 SCF GUESS ATOMIC
                            SCF GUESS ATOMIC
 EPS SCF 1.0E-7
                            MAX SCF 50
 MAX SCF 200
                            TO3
  &MIXING
                              PRECONDITIONER FULL SINGLE INVERSE
   METHOD BROYDEN MIXING
                              MINIMIZER CG
   ALPHA 0.1
                              LINESEARCH 3PNT
   BETA 1.5
                            &END
    NBROYDEN 8
                            EPS SCF 1.0E-7
                            &OUTER SCF
  &END
                               MAX SCF 20
&END SCF
                               EPS SCF 1.0E-7
                            &END
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&END SCF

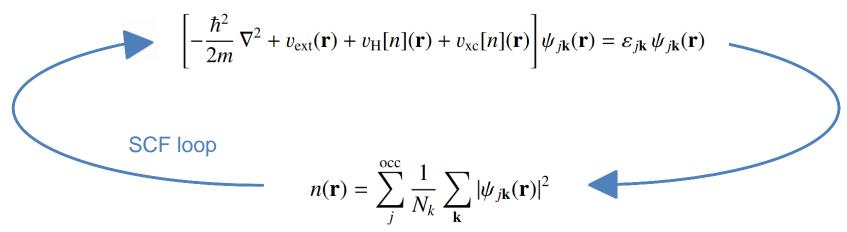
### 64 k-points (for 2D crystal)

&KPOINTS
SCHEME MONKHORST-PACK 8 8 1
&END KPOINTS

For large unit cells (e.g., liquids):

Only use a single k-point ( $\Gamma$ -point by not putting &KPOINTS at all

## How does the SCF look like in the CP2K output?



### **CP2K output:**

SCF WAVEFUNCTION OPTIMIZATION

Step	Update method	Time	Convergence	Total energy	Change
	oMix/Diag. 0.10E+00 roy./Diag. 0.10E+00	0.6 0.7	2.12775093 0.03335901	-89.0857269257 -90.7724221181	
• •	•				
56 B	roy./Diag. 0.10E+00	0.6	6.8529E-10	-88.7583628545	4.43E-09
***	SCF run converged in	56	steps ***		

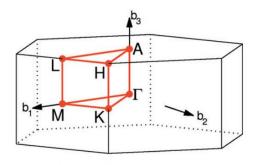
Total energy:

 $E_0 = E[n]$  -88.75836285449478 (unit: Hartree)

## How can we print the band structure with CP2K?

$$\left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + v_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}) + v_{\text{H}}[n](\mathbf{r}) + v_{\text{xc}}[n](\mathbf{r}) \right] \psi_{j\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = \varepsilon_{j\mathbf{k}} \psi_{j\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})$$
band structure

## Plot band structure along k-path in Brillouin zone:



**Fig. 13.** Brillouin zone of HEX lattice. Path:  $\Gamma$ -M-K- $\Gamma$ -A-L-H-A|K-H. An example of band structure using this path is given in Fig. 38.

$\times$ <b>b</b> <sub>1</sub>	$ imes oldsymbol{b}_2$	<b>×b</b> <sub>3</sub>	
0	0	0	Γ
1/3	1/3	0	K
1/2	0	0	M

## **CP2K** input:

```
&PRINT

&BAND_STRUCTURE

ADDED_MOS 10

FILE_NAME bandstructure.bs

&KPOINT_SET

NPOINTS 49

SPECIAL_POINT GAMMA 0.0 0.0 0.0

SPECIAL_POINT M 0.0 0.5 0.0

SPECIAL_POINT K 0.33 0.33 0.0

SPECIAL_POINT GAMMA 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0

&END KPOINT_SET

&END BAND_STRUCTURE

&END PRINT
```

W. Setyawan, S. Curtarolo, Comput. Mater. Sci. 49, 299 (2010) https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0927025610002697

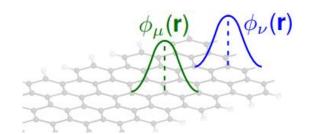
## How can we reformulate KS-DFT to get matrix equations? (drop k-index)

Basis set: 
$$\psi_n(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\nu=1}^{N_{\text{basis}}} C_{\nu n} \, \phi_{\nu}(\mathbf{r})$$

 $\phi_{\scriptscriptstyle V}({f r})$ : atom-centered Gaussian basis function

Example: Gaussian-type s-function:

$$\phi_{\nu}(\mathbf{r}) = \left(\frac{\pi}{\alpha}\right)^{3/2} \exp\left(-\alpha|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_A|^2\right)$$



Also p-, d-, ... functions, typically 30 basis functions per atom:  $N_{\text{basis}} \approx 30 N_{\text{atom}}$ 

$$\left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + v_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}) + v_{\text{H}}(\mathbf{r}) + v_{\text{xc}}(\mathbf{r}) \right] \psi_n(\mathbf{r}) = \varepsilon_n \psi_n(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\int \phi_{\mu}(\mathbf{r}) \left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + v_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}) + v_{\text{H}}(\mathbf{r}) + v_{\text{xc}}(\mathbf{r}) \right] \sum_{\nu} C_{\nu n} \phi_{\nu}(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r} = \varepsilon_n \int \phi_{\mu}(\mathbf{r}) \sum_{\nu} C_{\nu n} \phi_{\nu}(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r}$$

$$\sum_{\nu} h_{\mu\nu} C_{\nu n} = \sum_{\nu} S_{\mu\nu} C_{\nu n} \varepsilon_n \longrightarrow \mathbf{h} \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{S} \mathbf{C} \varepsilon$$

Kohn-Sham equations in Gaussian basis  $\phi_{\nu}(\mathbf{r})$  is a matrix equation (input:  $\mathbf{h}$ ,  $\mathbf{S}$  matrix; output:  $\mathbf{C}$ ,  $\mathbf{\epsilon}$ )

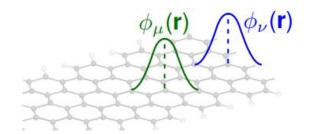
## How do we define the Gaussian basis functions in the CP2K input?

Basis set: 
$$\psi_n(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\nu=1}^{N_{\text{basis}}} C_{\nu n} \, \phi_{\nu}(\mathbf{r})$$

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### **CP2K** input:

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BASIS SET FILE NAME BASIS MOLOPT

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&KIND S

BASIS SET DZVP-MOLOPT-GTH

POTENTIAL GTH-PBE

&END KIND

&KIND Mo

BASIS SET DZVP-MOLOPT-SR-GTH

POTENTIAL GTH-PBE

&END KIND

### **CP2K** basis sets:

https://github.com/cp2k/cp2k/tree/master/data

for example BASIS\_MOLOPT:

- S SZV-MOLOPT-GTH
- S DZVP-MOLOPT-GTH
- S TZVP-MOLOPT-GTH
- S TZV2P-MOLOPT-GTH
- S TZV2PX-MOLOPT-GTH

**Increasing size** 

Increasing completeness

## How can we efficiently compute $v_{\mu\nu}^{\rm H}$ ?

$$v_{\mu\nu}^{\rm H} = \int \phi_{\mu}(\mathbf{r}) \ v_{\rm H}(\mathbf{r}) \ \phi_{\nu}(\mathbf{r}) \ d\mathbf{r}$$

$$v_{\rm H}(\mathbf{r}) = \int \frac{n(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} d\mathbf{r}'$$

## Gaussian and plane-waves scheme (GPW)

 $D_{\mu\nu} = \sum_{n}^{\text{occ}} C_{\mu n} C_{\nu n}$ 

Compute electron density on real-space grid points  $\{\mathbf{r}_i\}$ :

(CP2K source code: qs\_collocate\_density.F)

$$n(\mathbf{r}_i) = \sum_{\mu\nu} D_{\mu\nu} \phi_{\mu}(\mathbf{r}_i) \phi_{\nu}(\mathbf{r}_i)$$

Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) of electron density:

$$n(\mathbf{G}_k) = \sum_{j} e^{i\mathbf{G}_k \mathbf{r}_j} n(\mathbf{r}_j)$$

Compute Hartree potential:

$$v_{\mathrm{H}}(\mathbf{G}_k) = \frac{4\pi \, n(\mathbf{G}_k)}{|\mathbf{G}_k|^2}$$

FFT back to real space:

$$v_{\rm H}(\mathbf{r}_j) = \sum_k e^{-i\mathbf{G}_k\mathbf{r}_j} v_{\rm H}(\mathbf{G}_k)$$

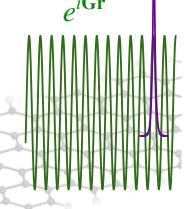
CPZK

## Can we do Fourier transforms of core level functions efficiently? No.

FFT 
$$n(\mathbf{G}_k) = \sum_j e^{i\mathbf{G}_k \mathbf{r}_j} n(\mathbf{r}_j)$$
 is discretization of integral  $n(\mathbf{G}) = \int e^{i\mathbf{G}\mathbf{r}} n(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r}$ 

$$n(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |\psi_n(\mathbf{r})|^2$$
 also contains core states; 1s state of H-like atom:

$$\psi_n(\mathbf{r}) \simeq e^{-|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{R}_A|/r_0}$$
  $r_0 = \frac{a_0}{Z}$ 



- → for heavy atoms, Z is large and core levels get extremely localized
- $\rightarrow$  one needs extremely many plane waves  $e^{i\mathbf{Gr}}$  for accurate Fourier trafo of  $n(\mathbf{r})$
- computationally very demanding
- use pseudopotential (PP) and absorb core electrons into PP:  $\frac{Ze^2}{|\mathbf{r} \mathbf{R}|} \rightarrow V_{PP}^A(\mathbf{r})$



Separable dual-space Gaussian pseudopotentials S Goedecker, M Teter, J Hutter

GTH pseudopotentials

Physical Review B 54 (3), 1703, 1996

## How can we control the Fourier transform and the pseudopotentials in the input?

**FFT** 
$$n(\mathbf{G}_k) = \sum_j e^{i\mathbf{G}_k \mathbf{r}_j} n(\mathbf{r}_j)$$

determines

&MGRID

CUTOFF 600

REL\_CUTOFF 100

&END MGRID

determines  $\max |\mathbf{G}_k|$ 

Further reading about CUTOFFs:

https://www.cp2k.org/faq:cutoff

https://manual.cp2k.org/trunk/methods/dft/cutoff.html

CUTOFF 600, REL\_CUTOFF 100 are well-converged in most applications

### **Pseudopotentials**

$$\frac{Ze^2}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_A|} \rightarrow V_{\mathrm{PP}}^A(\mathbf{r})$$

&KIND S
BASIS\_SET DZVP-MOLOPT-GTH
POTENTIAL GTH-PBE
&END KIND

### Gaussian and plane-wave scheme

&QS

METHOD GPW

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&END QS

#### Separable dual-space Gaussian pseudopotentials

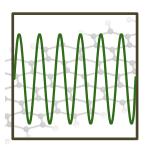
S Goedecker, M Teter, J Hutter Physical Review B 54 (3), 1703, 1996 A hybrid Gaussian and plane wave density functional scheme G Lippert, J Hutter, M Parrinello

Molecular Physics 92 (3), 477-487

## Are atom-centered basis functions the only basis set? (not in CP2K)

Plane-wave basis set for KS orbitals:

$$\psi_n(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\mathbf{G} \text{ with } |\mathbf{G}| < G_c} C_{\mathbf{G}n} e^{i\mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{r}}$$



Use all plane waves that are periodic w.r.t. simulation box and are below cutoff  $G_c$ 

### Advantage of plane waves over Gaussian basis functions:

- systematic convergence of basis set by increasing G<sub>c</sub>
- no pretabulation of basis sets necessary

### Disadvantages of plane waves compared to Gaussian basis functions:

- inefficient for all systems with large vacuum region, for example single molecule,
   2D materials, surface, metal-organic framework, some liquids
- Gaussian basis is usually smaller than plane-wave basis
  - → Usually Gaussian-based codes can deal with more atoms in the unit cell

## How can we optimize / move the atomic positions and the cell?

#### **Standard KS-DFT calculation:**

```
&GLOBAL
...
RUN_TYPE ENERGY
&END GLOBAL
```

### Geometry optimization (optimize atomic positions, keep cell fixed):

```
&GLOBAL
...
RUN_TYPE GEO_OPT
&END GLOBAL
```

### Cell optimization (optimize atomic positions and unit cell):

```
&GLOBAL
...
RUN_TYPE CELL_OPT
&END GLOBAL
```

### Molecular dynamics (move atoms according to temperature):

```
&GLOBAL
...
RUN_TYPE MD
&END GLOBAL
```

# The full CPEK input

GLOBAL PROJECT MoS2 RUN_TYPE ENERGY END GLOBAL	&PRINT  &BAND_STRUCTURE  ADDED_MOS 10			
	FILE_NAME bandstructure.bs			
FORCE_EVAL &DFT	&KPOINT_SET			
	NPOINTS 49         SPECIAL_POINT GAMMA 0.0 0.0 0.0         SPECIAL_POINT K       0.3333333 0.333333 0.0         SPECIAL_POINT M       0.0 0.5 0.0			
BASIS_SET_FILE_NAME BASIS_MOLOPT				
POTENTIAL_FILE_NAME GTH_POTENTIALS				
&MGRID				
CUTOFF 500	SPECIAL_POINT GAMMA 0.0 0.0 0.0 &END KPOINT SET			
REL_CUTOFF 100				
&END MGRID	&END BAND STRUCTURE			
&QS	&END PRINT			
METHOD GPW	&END DFT			
EPS_DEFAULT 1.0E-12	&SUBSYS			
EPS_PGF_ORB 1.0E-12	&CELL			
&END QS &SCF	ABC 3.184 3.184 18.127			
	ALPHA_BETA_GAMMA 90 90 120			
SCF_GUESS ATOMIC	PERIODIC XY			
EPS_SCF 1.0E-9	&END CELL			
MAX_SCF 500	&KIND S			
&MIXING	BASIS_SET DZVP-MOLOPT-GTH			
METHOD BROYDEN_MIXING	POTENTIAL GTH-PBE			
ALPHA 0.1	&END KIND			
BETA 1.5	&KIND Mo			
NBROYDEN 8	BASIS_SET DZVP-MOLOPT-SR-GTH			
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&END SCF	&END KIND			
&XC	&COORD			
&XC_FUNCTIONAL PBE	Mo 0.0000000 0.0000000 9.0635563			
&END XC_FUNCTIONAL	Mo 0.0000000 0.0000000 9.0635563 S 1.59203323 0.91916082 10.6271126			
&END XC	s 1.59203323 0.91916082 7.5000000			
&KPOINTS	&END COORD			
SCHEME MONKHORST-PACK 8 8 1	&TOPOLOGY			
&END KPOINTS	&CENTER COORDINATES			
	END -			
•	&END			
	&END SUBSYS			

&END FORCE\_EVAL

## Summary of KS-DFT algorithm in

• Expand Kohn-Sham orbitals in Gaussian basis:

$$\psi_n(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\nu=1}^{N_{\mathrm{basis}}} C_{\nu n} \, \phi_{\nu}(\mathbf{r})$$

 $\phi_{\mu}(\mathbf{r})$ 

Iterate Kohn-Sham equations; for crystals with k-index:

SCF loop 
$$\left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + v_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}) + v_{\text{H}}[n](\mathbf{r}) + v_{\text{xc}}[n](\mathbf{r}) \right] \psi_{j\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = \varepsilon_{j\mathbf{k}} \psi_{j\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$n(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{j}^{\text{occ}} \frac{1}{N_k} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} |\psi_{j\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})|^2$$

• Compute electron density  $n(\mathbf{r})$  from  $\psi_n(\mathbf{r})$  on real-space grid  $\mathbf{r}_j$  and Fourier transform  $n(\mathbf{r})$  to compute Hartree potential (Gaussian and plane waves scheme)

$$n(\mathbf{G}_k) = \sum_j e^{i\mathbf{G}_k \mathbf{r}_j} n(\mathbf{r}_j) \qquad v_{\mathbf{H}}(\mathbf{G}_k) = \frac{4\pi n(\mathbf{G}_k)}{|\mathbf{G}_k|^2} \qquad v_{\mathbf{H}}(\mathbf{r}_j) = \sum_k e^{-i\mathbf{G}_k \mathbf{r}_j} v_{\mathbf{H}}(\mathbf{G}_k)$$

## **Question to you:**

Why is the Gaussian and plane-wave scheme (GPW) in CP2K named this way?

(a) Because KS orbitals are expanded in a basis of Gaussians and plane waves:

$$\psi_n(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\mu} C_{\mu n} \, \phi_{\mu}(\mathbf{r}) + \sum_{\mathbf{G}} C_{\mathbf{G}n} \, e^{i\mathbf{G}\cdot\mathbf{r}}$$

(b) Because KS orbitals are expanded in Gaussians:

$$\psi_n(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\mu} C_{\mu n} \, \phi_{\mu}(\mathbf{r})$$

whereas plane waves are used for the Fourier transformation of the electron density *n*:

$$n(\mathbf{G}_k) = \sum_j e^{i\mathbf{G}_k \mathbf{r}_j} n(\mathbf{r}_j)$$

Correct answer: (b).

The KS orbitals are only expanded in Gaussians, not in plane waves!