Quantum Espresso: Materials Modeling with Density Functional Theory

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Materials Modeling by First Principles Goals:

- Compute materials properties using only basic physics principles and their chemical composition (+crystal structure)
- Accuracy and predictivity, without relying on empirical parameters (e.g. from experiments)
- Efficiency, without compromising scientific rigor

Materials properties

- Ground state equilibrium properties:
 - Density, structural parameters, formation energy
- Nonequilibrium and excited state properties:
 - Mechanical response, vibrational response (phonons, IR and Raman spectra), chemical shift (NMR)
 - Transport coefficients (charge and thermal transport)
 - UV-visible and X-ray spectroscopy, photoemission

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Born-Oppenheimer (adiabatic) approximation: $m \ll M$

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electrons:
$$\left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla_r^2 + V_R(r) \right) \psi_R(r) = E(r, R) \psi_R(r)$$

nuclei:

$$M\frac{d^2R}{dt^2} = -\nabla_R E(r,R)$$

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What is in E_x ?

Local Density Approximation (LDA):

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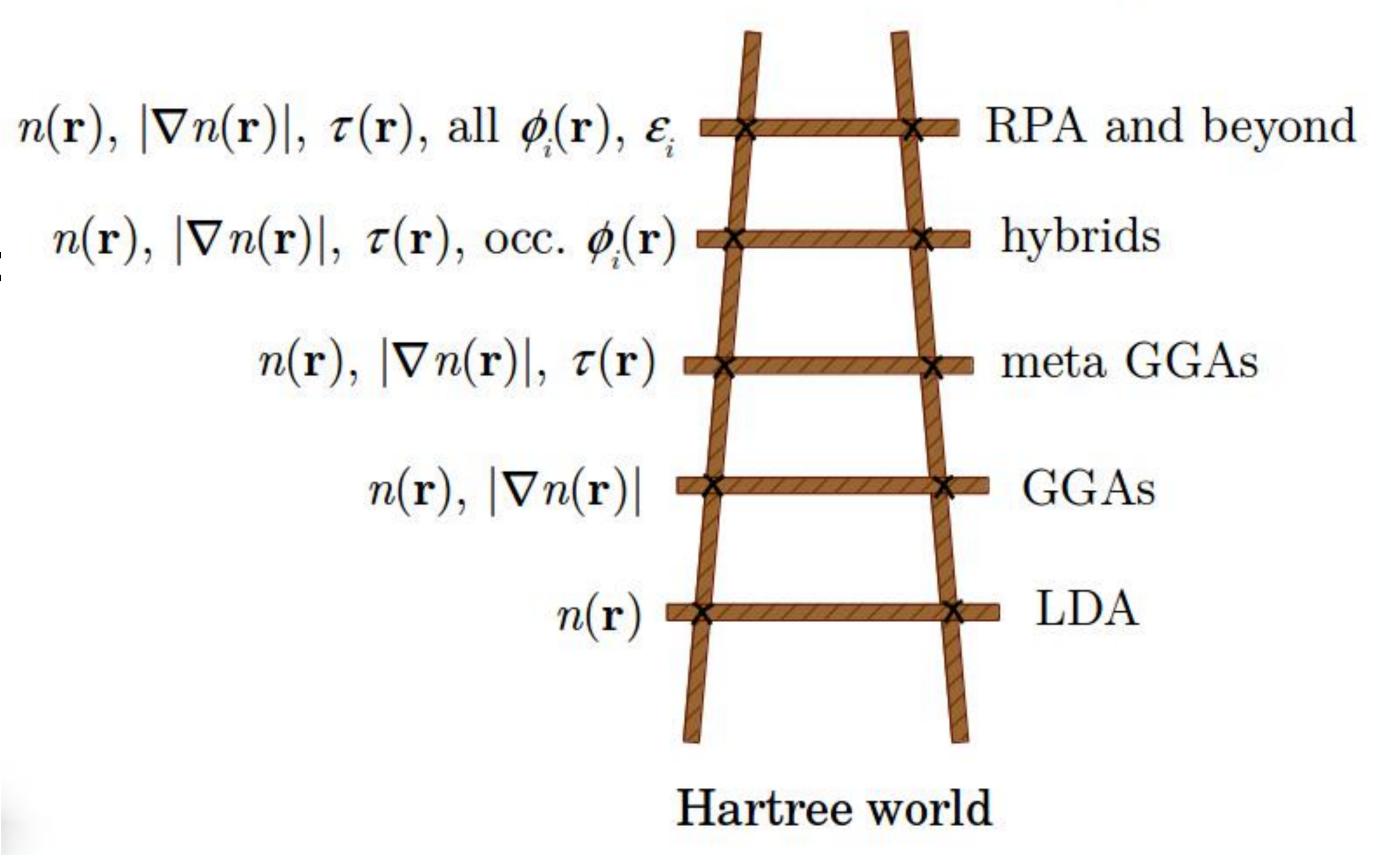
• Generalized Gradient Approx. (GGA):
$$E_{xc} = \int \epsilon_{xc}(\rho(r), \nabla(\rho))\rho(r)dr$$

vdW functionals:

$$E_{vdW} = \int \rho(r)\rho(r')\Phi_{vdW}(r,r')drdr'$$

Hybrid functionals

Heaven of chemical accuracy



Kohn-Sham equations

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$$\rho(r) = \sum_{v} |\psi_{v}(r)|^{2}$$

Represent the density in terms of singleparticle wavefunctions. The sum runs over the occupied states.

$$\left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\nabla^2 + \mathbf{v}_{KS}[\rho]\right)\psi_v(r) = \epsilon_v\psi_v(r)$$
 Self-consistent problem.

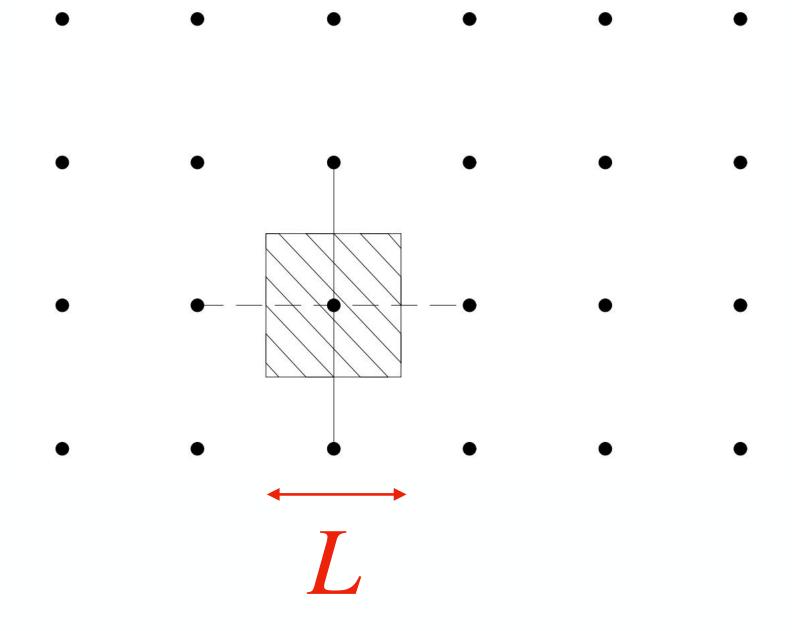
To derive the KS equations one can apply the variational principle with respect to the noninteracting wavefunctions (Kohn-Sham): $\psi_{v}(r)$

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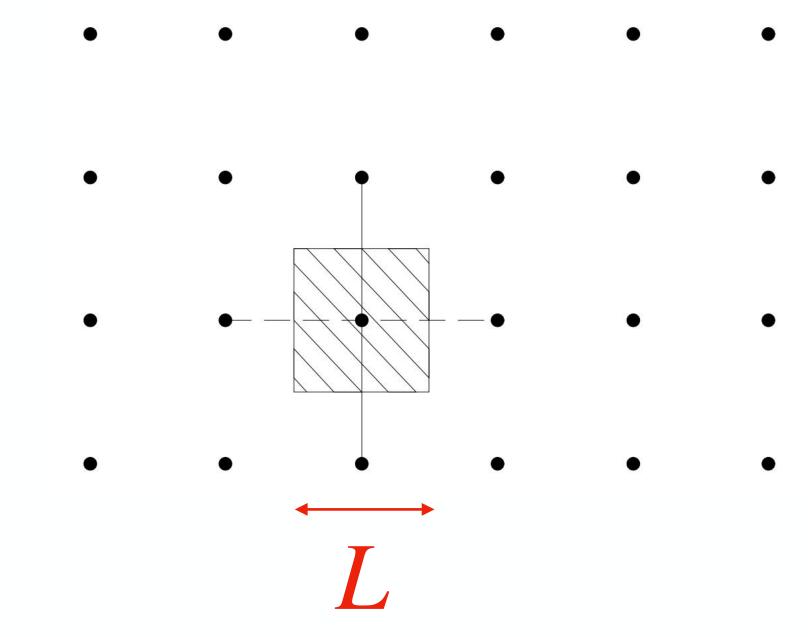


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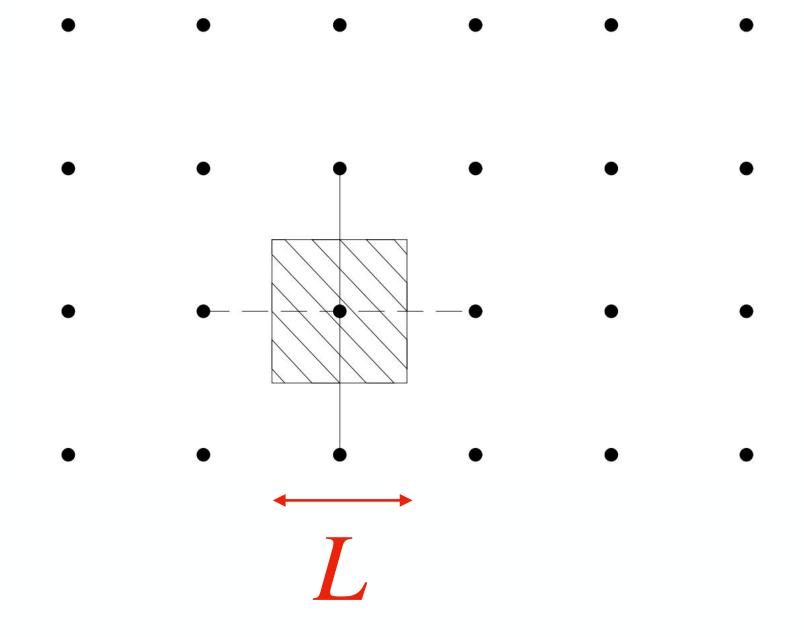


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How many PW shall we take?

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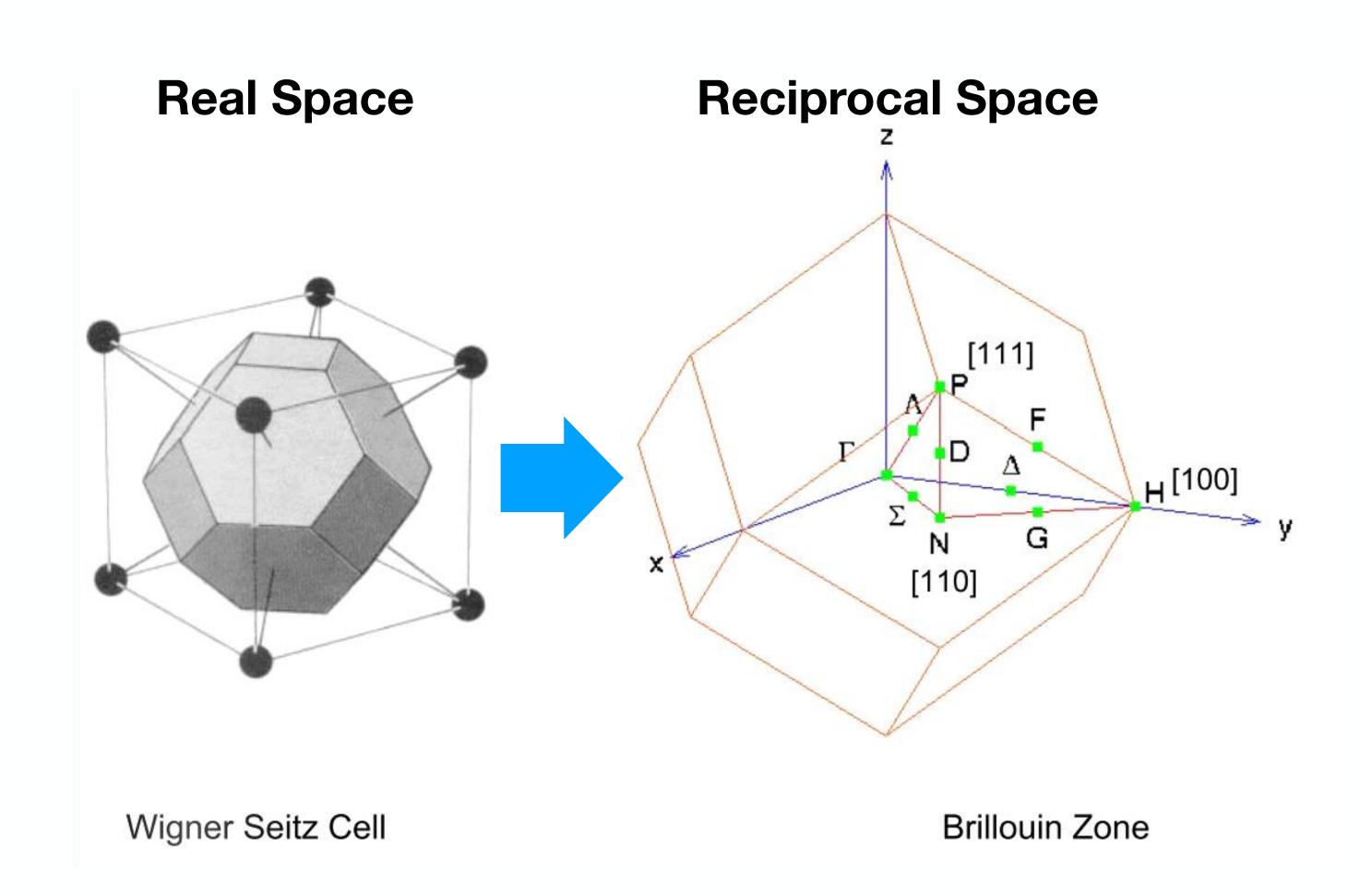
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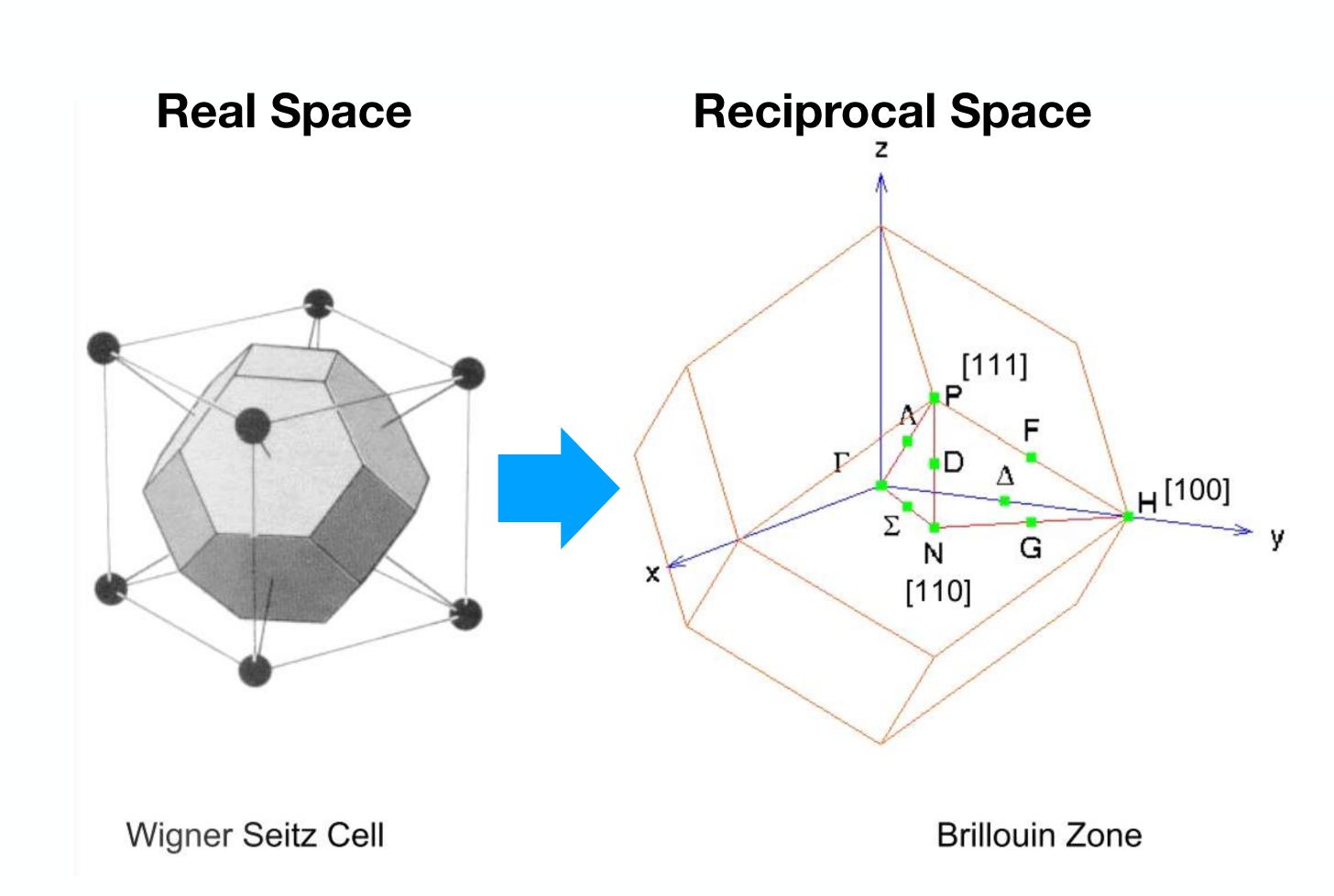
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Using plane waves:

$$\psi_{v,k}(r) = e^{ik \cdot r} \sum_{G} c_{v,k}(G) e^{iG \cdot r}$$



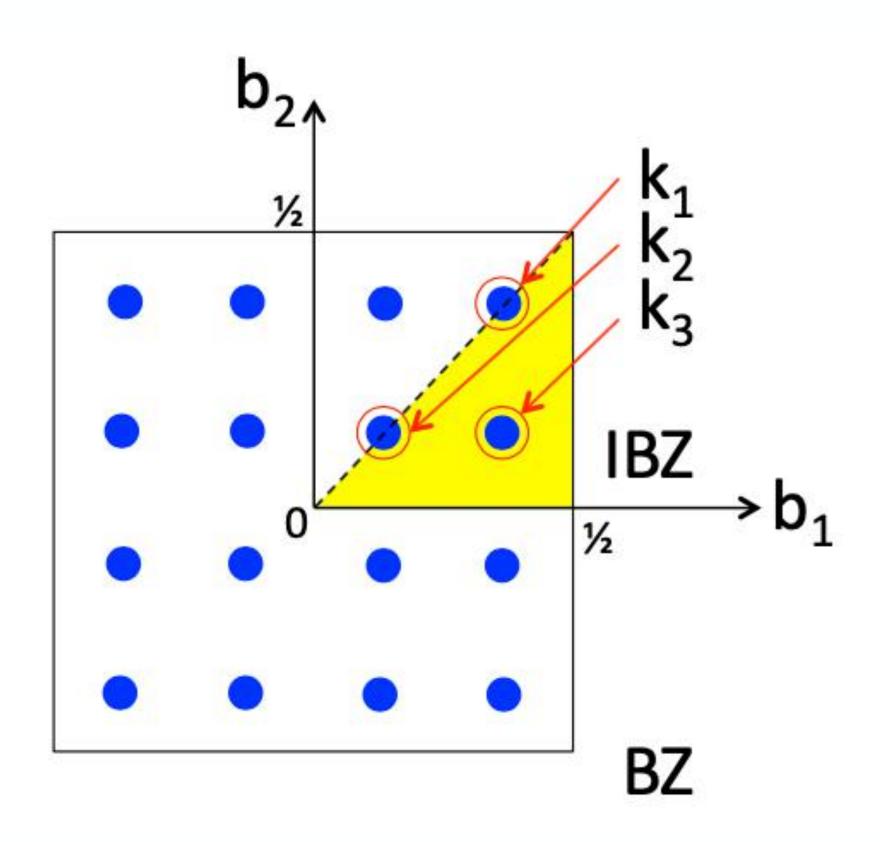
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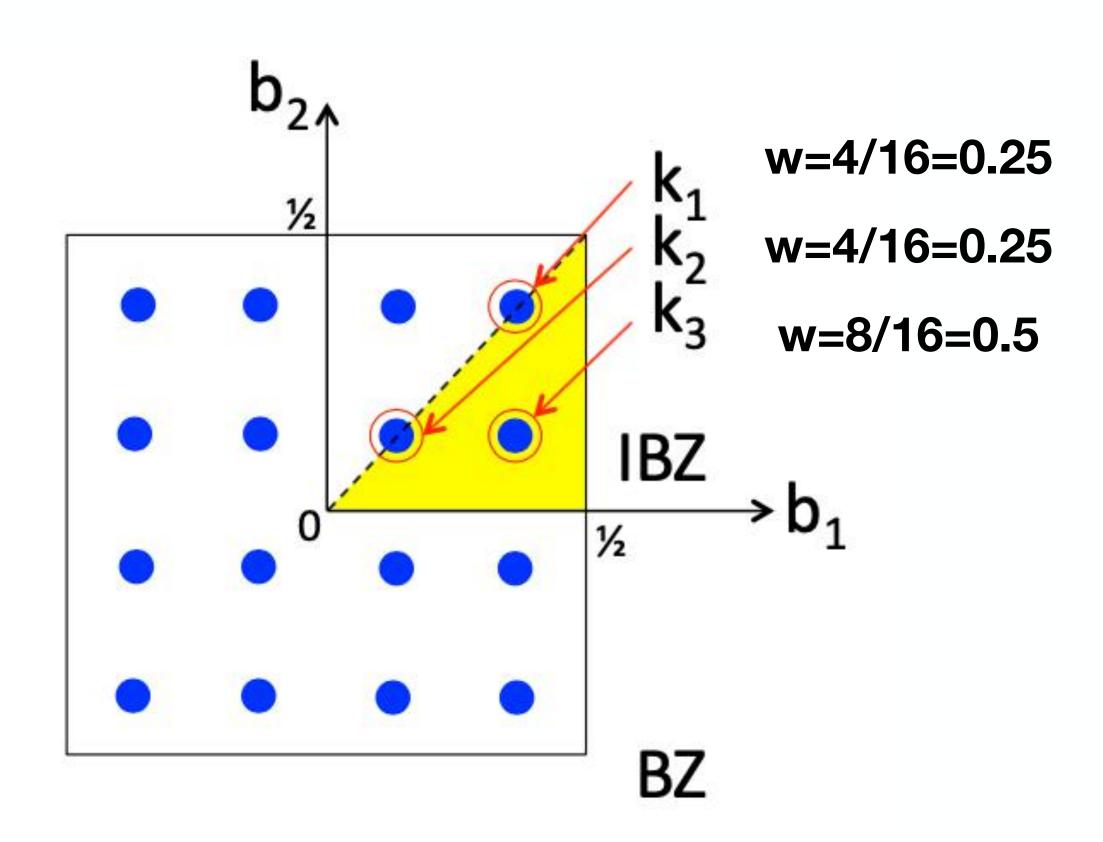
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- ullet Convergence checked by tuning only E_{cut}
- Basis set independent of nuclear positions: no "Pulay forces"
- Use Fourier transform to solve Poisson equation: $\nabla^2 V = 4\pi \rho$
- Density, Hartree, and XC potentials easily calculated
- PWs are orthonormal (normalization: $1/\sqrt{\Omega}$)

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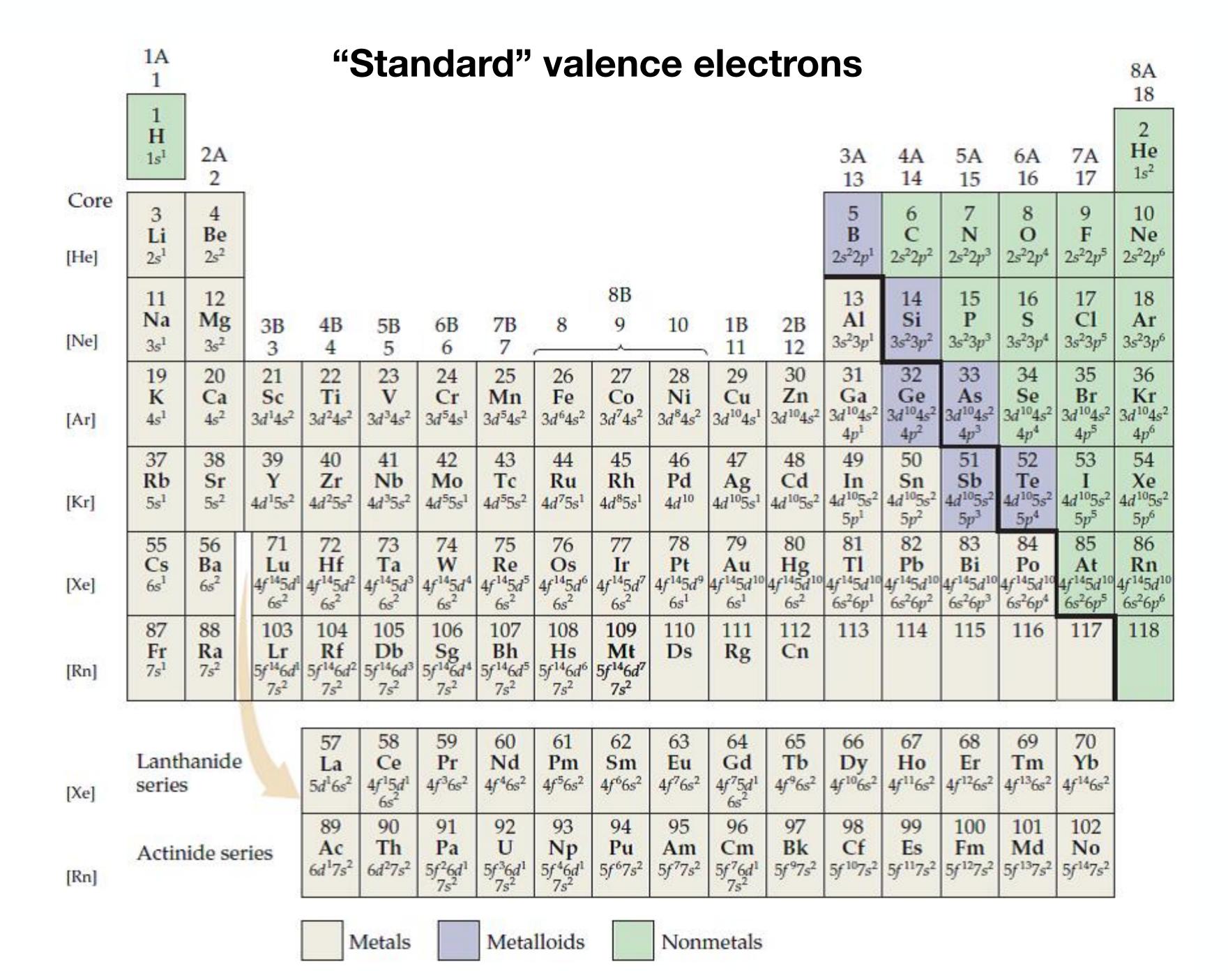
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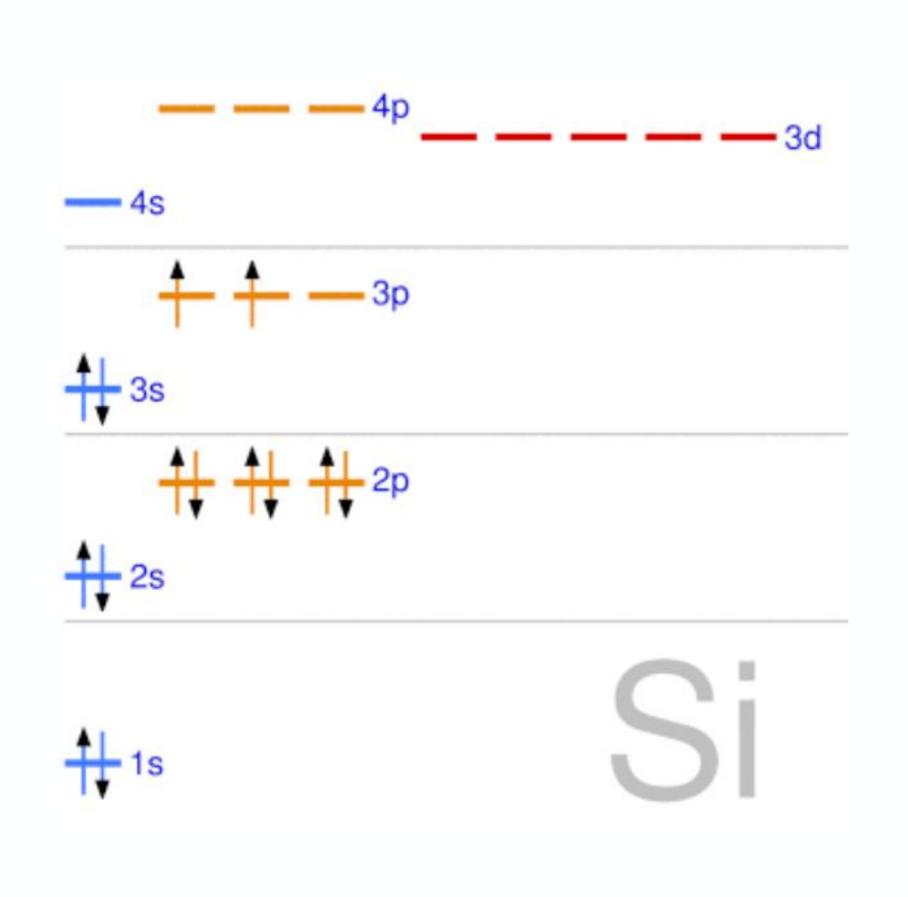
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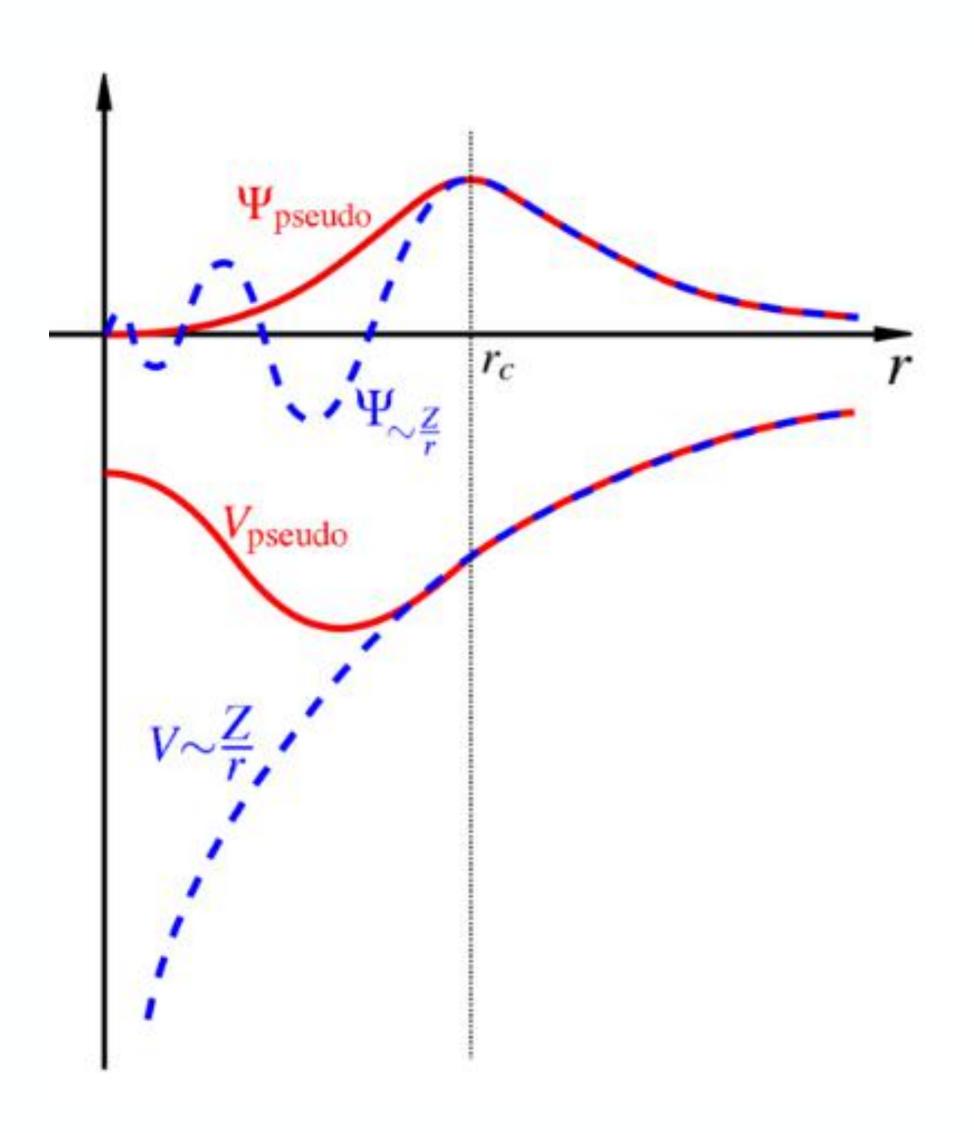
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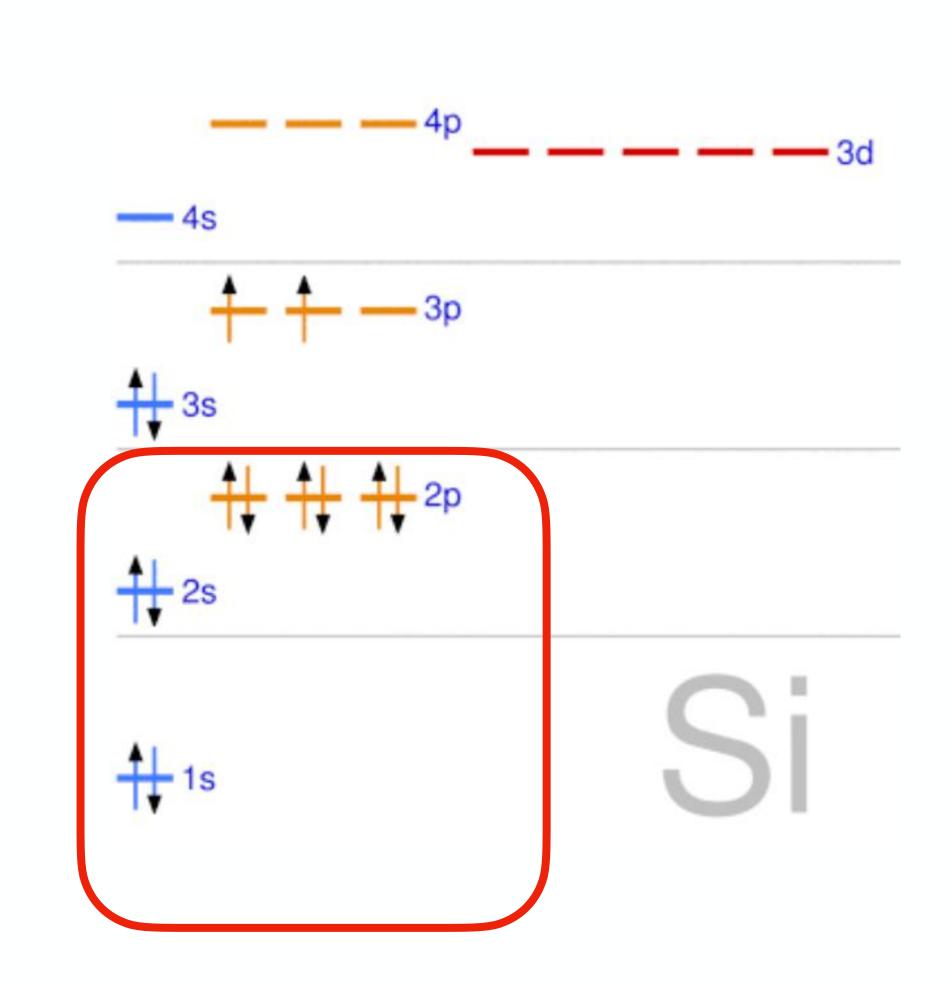


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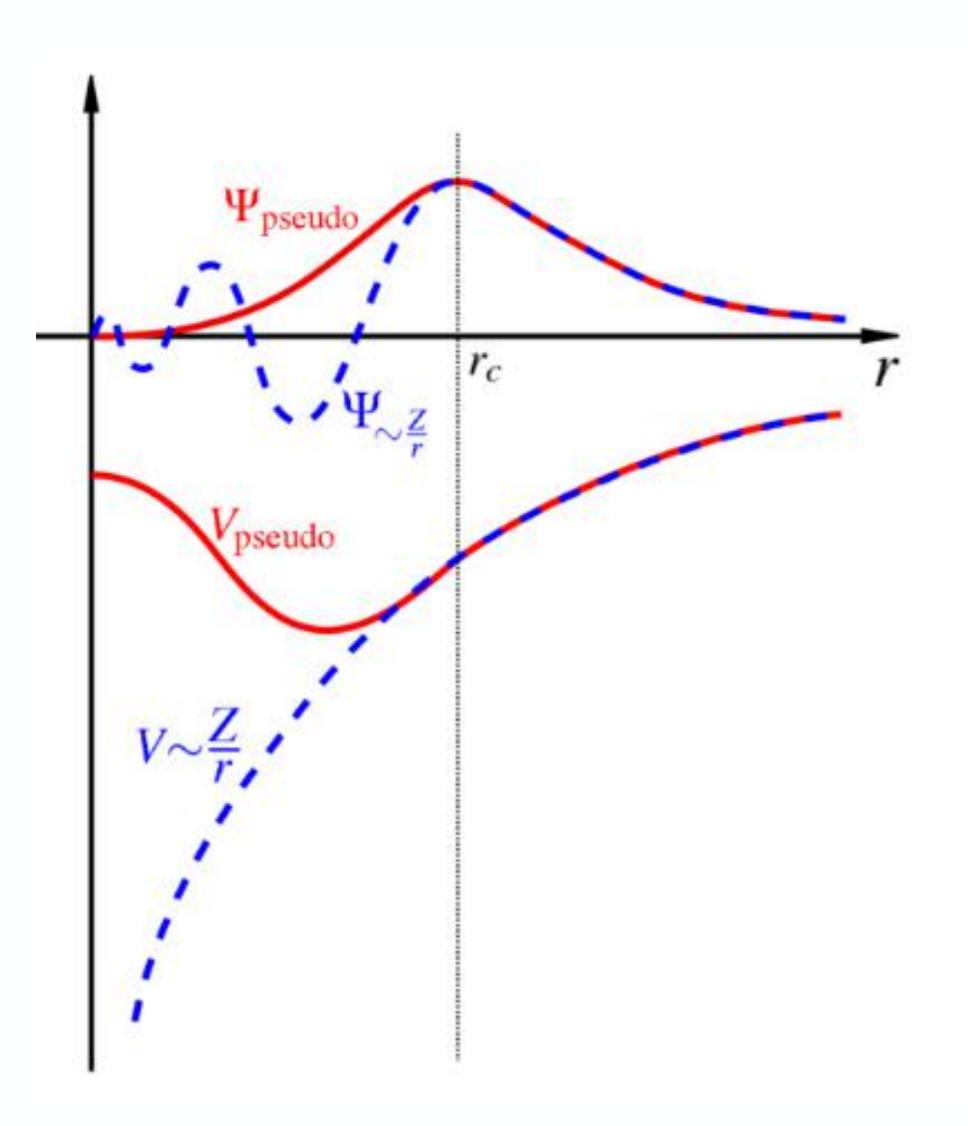
- Define a "pseudo-atom" = nucleus + core states (screened nucleus)
- Valence states are the lowest states with a given angular symmetry:
 - ψ^{pp} is smooth and has no nodes
- The chemical behavior of the pseudo-atom has to be the same as the actual atom:
 - Same orbital energies: $\epsilon_{\rm v}^{PP} = \epsilon_{\rm v}^{AE}$
 - Same wave function outside the "nuclear region": $\psi_{\rm v}^{pp}(r) = \psi_{\rm v}^{AE}(r)$ for $r > r_C$

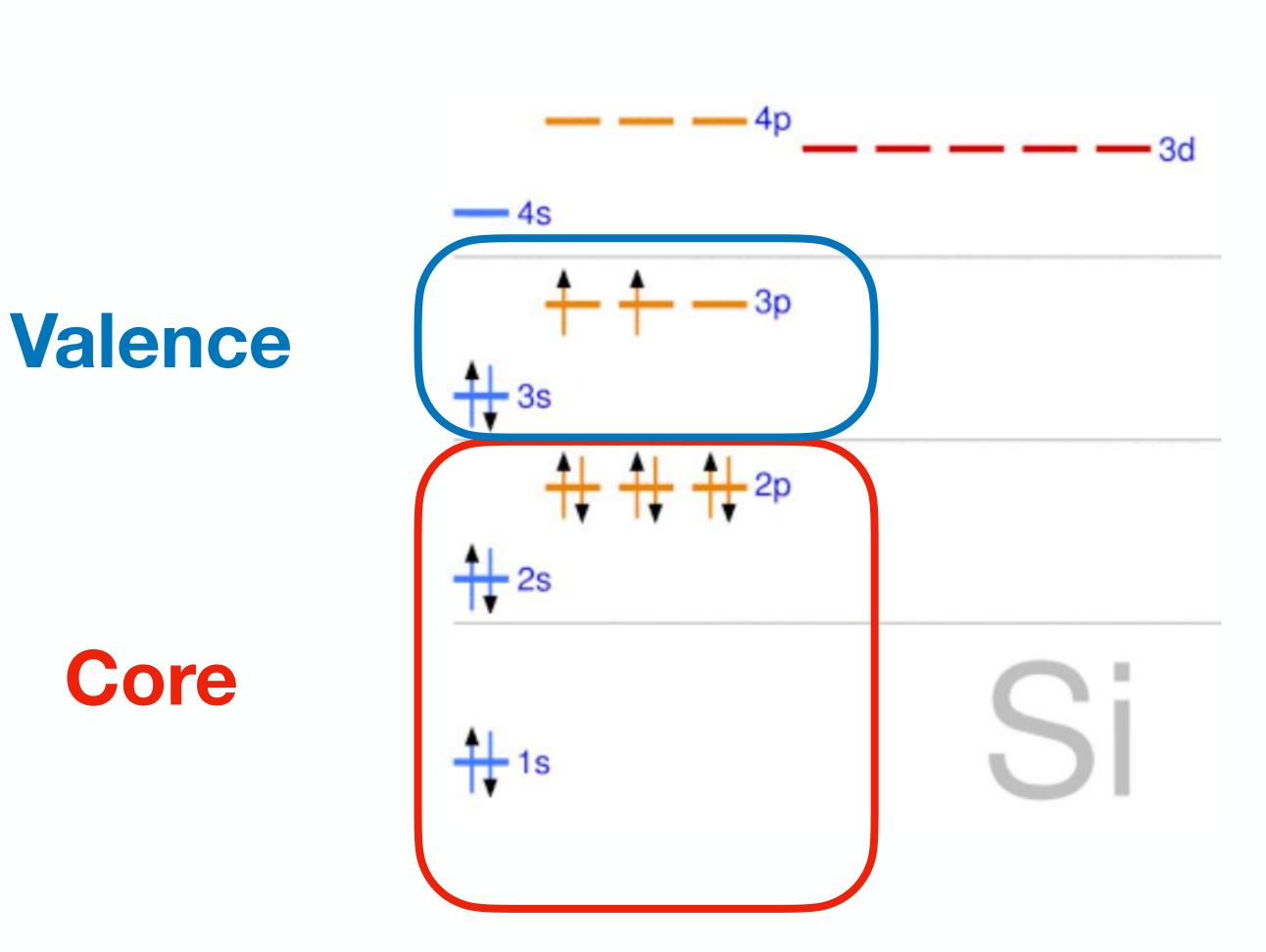


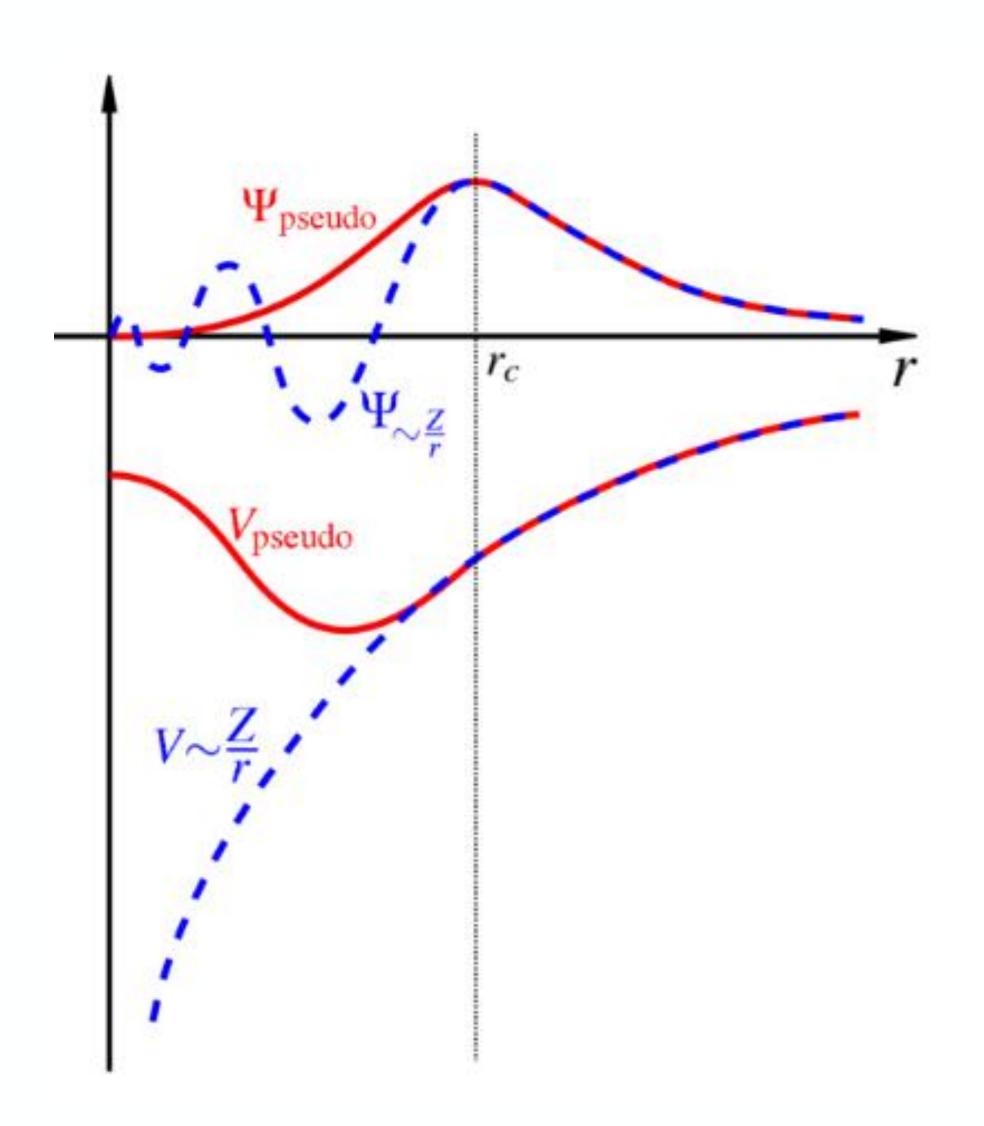




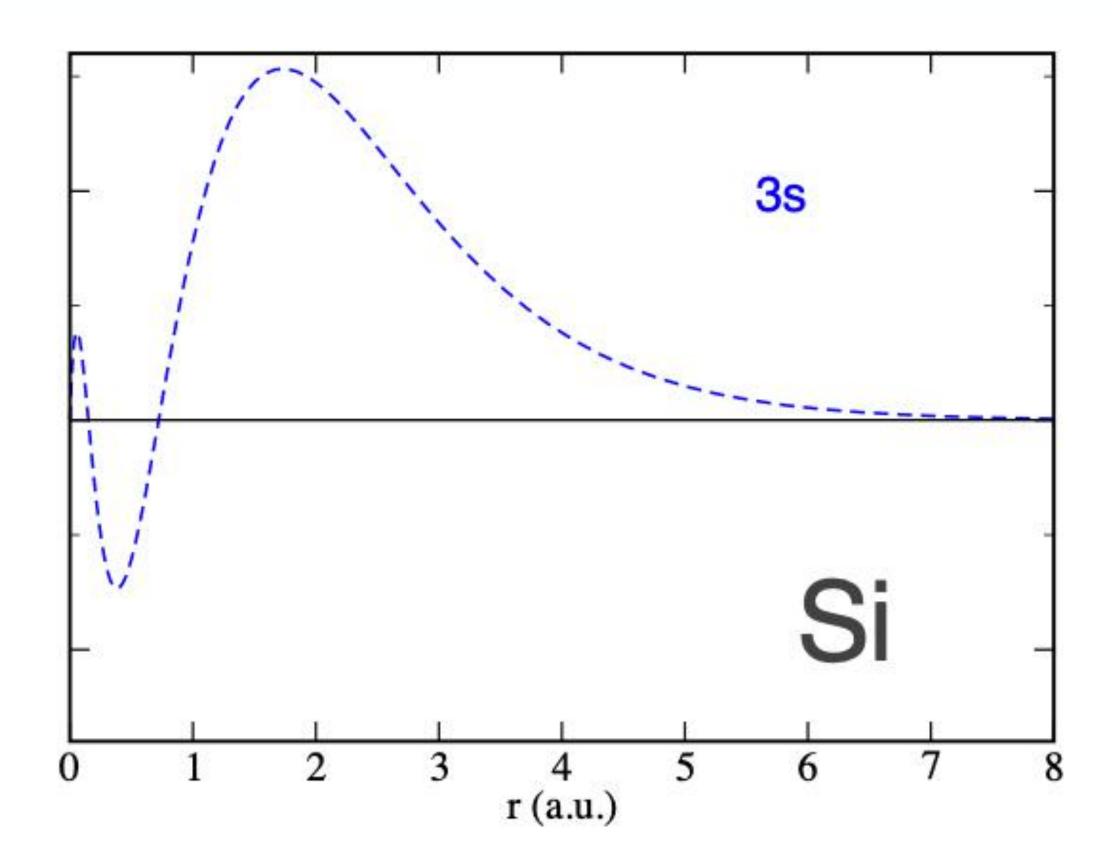
Core





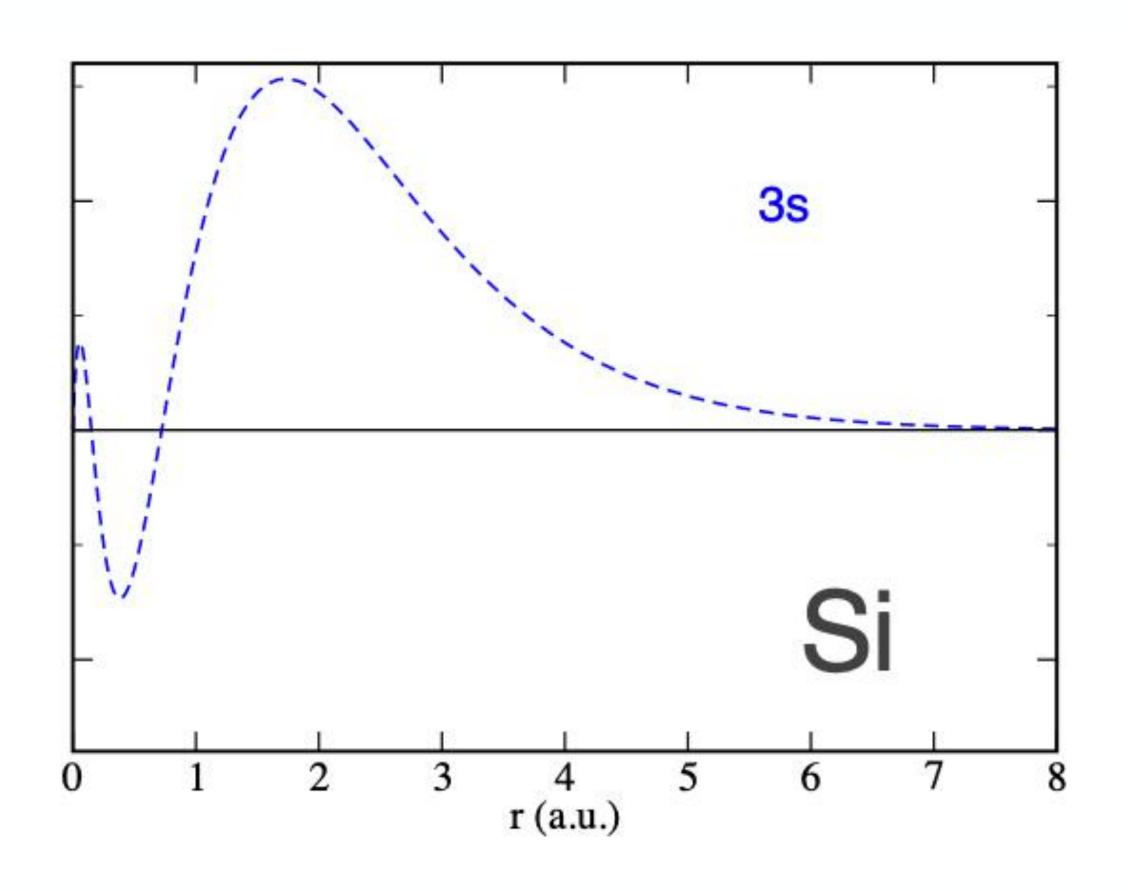


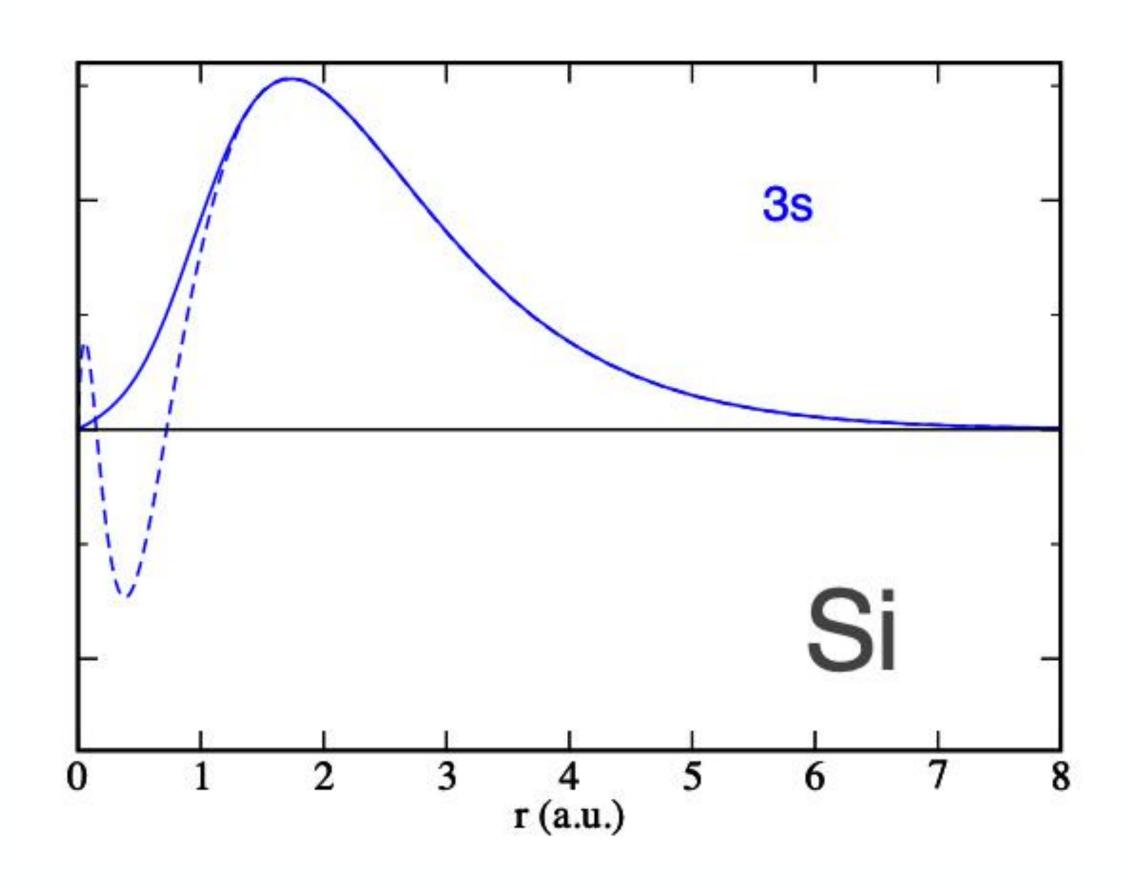
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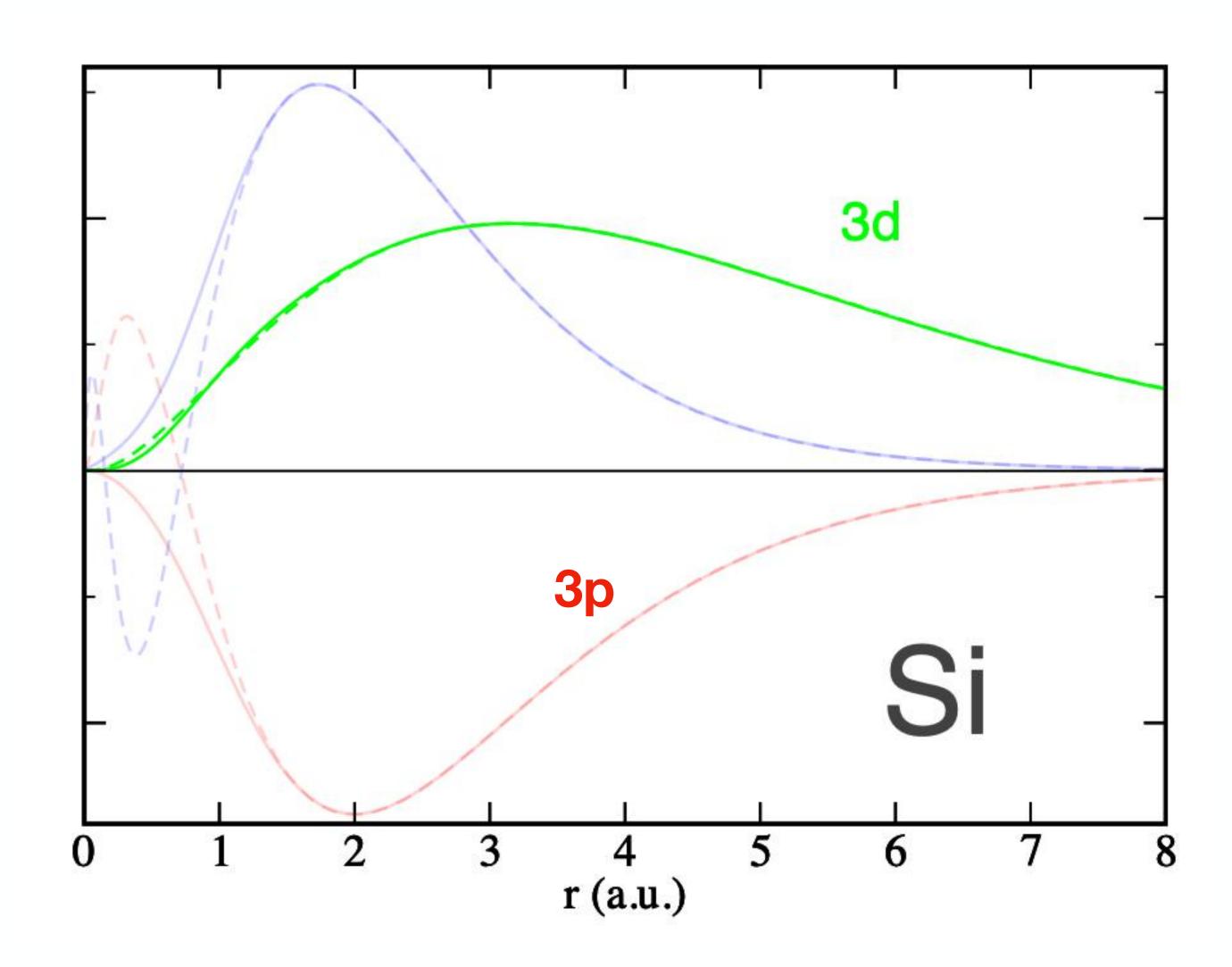




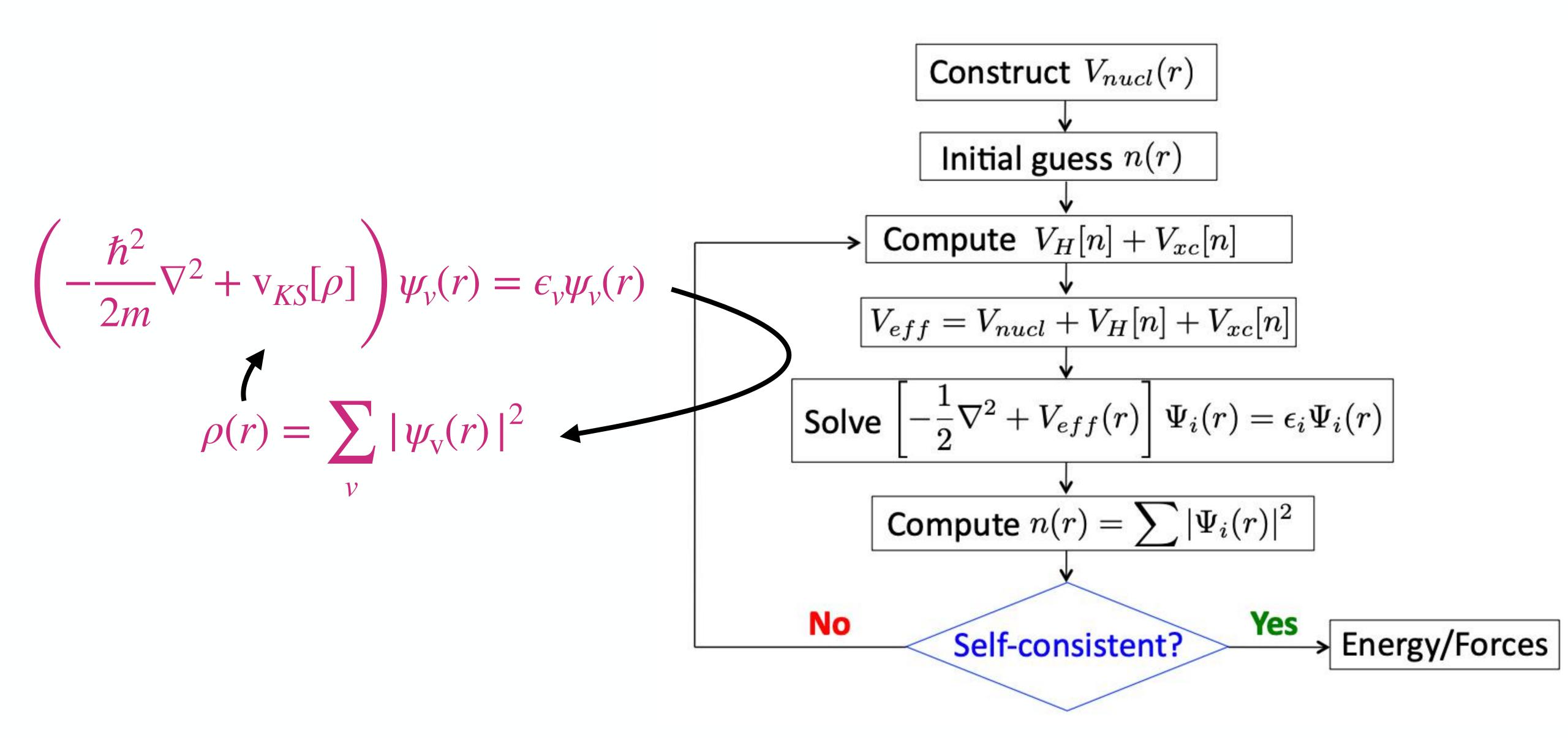
Pseudo wavefunctions of Si

3p and 3d* channels

* 3d is empty



Self consistent calculation



Hands-on Tutorial

Where to start

https://www.quantum-espresso.org/pseudopotentials

PSEUDOPOTENTIALS

More about pseudopotentials

SSSP on Materials Cloud

Pseudo DoJo

ONCV Potentials

SCAN pseudopotentials

PSlibrary table

Original QE PP table

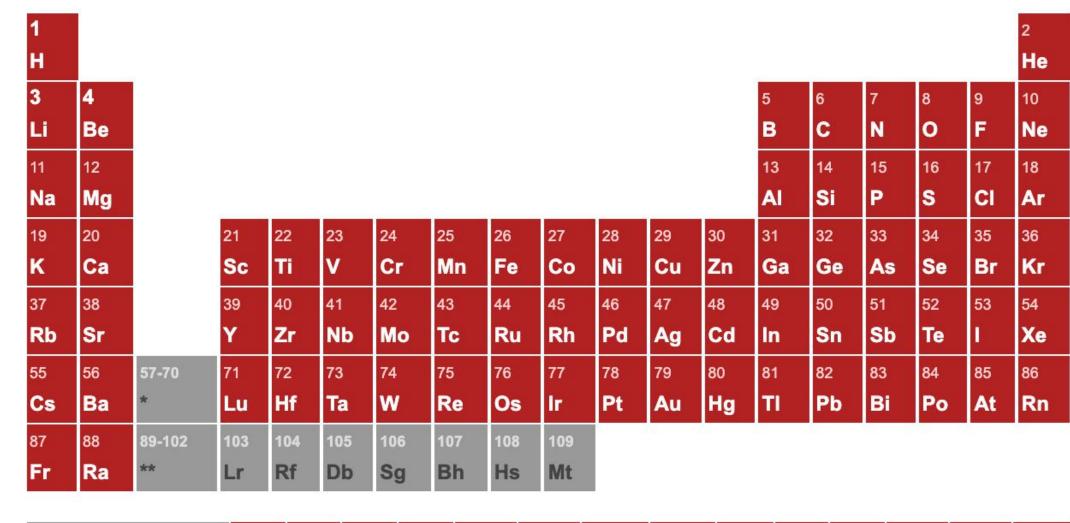
Hartwigesen-Goedecker-Hutter PP table

Old FHI PP table

PSLIBRARY

Ready-to-use pseudopotentials from PSlibrary (recommended). For other ready-to-use tables, follow the links of the menu at the left. For more info, see here.

Please cite the pseudopotentials used and give proper credit to their authors (see this page for a rather complete list of acknowledgments).



*	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
Lanthanoids	La	Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Но	Er	Tm	Yb
**	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102
Actinoids	Ac	Th	Pa	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No

Get pseudopotentials:

Pseudopotentials file

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Generated using "atomic" code by A. Dal Corso v.6.3
Author: ADC
Generation date: 6Sep2018
Pseudopotential type: PAW
Element: Ga
Functional: SLA PW
                      PBX PBC
   Suggested minimum cutoff for wavefunctions: 43. Ry
   Suggested minimum cutoff for charge density: 240. Ry
   The Pseudo was generated with a Scalar-Relativistic Calculation
   Local Potential by smoothing AE potential with Bessel fncs, cutoff radius:
                                                                                1.9000
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   Valence configuration:
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  rel=1,
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  iswitch=3,
  dft='PBE'
 & inputp
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  use xsd=.FALSE.,
   pseudotype=3,
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   author='ADC',
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  rcloc=1.9,
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  nlcc=.true.,
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  tm=.true.
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Input file example: GaAs

Namelist (FORTRAN)

Sections

Variables

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    prefix='GaSb',
    tstress = .true.
    tprnfor = .true.
    pseudo_dir = '../../Pseudo/',
    outdir='./tmp'
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&system
    ibrav= 2,
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&system
ibrav= 2,
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nat= 2,
ntyp= 2,
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ecutrho = 300. ! energy in Ry
/
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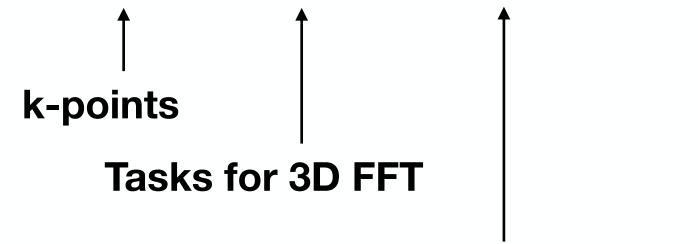
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  mixing_beta = 0.4
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 Ga 69.723000d0 Ga.pbe-dnl-kjpaw_psl.1.0.0.UPF
 As 74.921600d0 As.pbe-n-kjpaw_psl.1.0.0.UPF
ATOMIC_POSITIONS crystal
Ga -0.125 -0.125 -0.125
As 0.125 0.125 0.125
K_POINTS automatic
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Running pw.x

mpirun -np 4 pw.x -nk 2 < scf.in > scf.out

For bigger systems (and bigger computers)

mpirun -np 4096 pw.x -nk 8 -nt 4 -nd 144 < <u>scf.in</u>



Subspace diagonalization

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This program is part of the open-source Quantum ESPRESSO suite
for quantum simulation of materials; please cite
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    "P. Giannozzi et al., J. Phys.: Condens. Matter 29 465901 (2017);
    URL http://www.quantum-espresso.org",
in publications or presentations arising from this work. More details at
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Parallel version (MPI), running on
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MPI processes distributed on
                                 1 nodes
Waiting for input...
Reading input from standard input
Current dimensions of program PWSCF are:
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Max number of k-points (npk) = 40000
Max angular momentum in pseudopotentials (lmaxx) = 3
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Subspace diagonalization in iterative solution of the eigenvalue problem:
a serial algorithm will be used
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bravais-lattice index
lattice parameter (alat) =
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unit-cell volume
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number of atoms/cell
number of atomic types
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number of electrons
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kinetic-energy cutoff
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- 0 Run your first SCF calculation for GaAs
- 1 Test convergence of the total energy against the k-point mesh
- 2 Compute the equation of state (energy vs. volume):
 - Run a sequence of SCF calculations with different lattice parameter
 - Fit to the Murnaghan equation of state (code: ev.x) and compare to experiments
- 3 Compute the bands and the electronic density of states.
 - How large is the band gap? Does it compare well to experiments?
- 4 Repeat the band gap calculation using a hybrid functional (HSE)

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 - Test the plane waves cutoff
 - Test the effect of the smearing
- 4 Compute the bands and the electron,

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ecutwfc = 20.d0,
ecutrho =160.0,

occupations='smearing',
degauss=0.02,
smearing='mp',
```

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Exercise 3: Geometry of Al surface

- 1. Optimize the geometry of an Al (111) slab (4 layers thick)
- 2. Compute the band diagram and the density of states of the slab

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&control
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    prefix='Alsurf',
    tstress = .true.
    tprnfor = .true.
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    outdir='./tmp'
    forc_conv_thr = 1.d-3
/
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&ions
   ion_dynamics = 'bfgs',
   ! pot_extrapolation = 'second_order',
   wfc_extrapolation = 'second_order',
/
```

Challenge:

Compute the adsorption energy of H₂ on Al(111)

Hints:

Adsorption energy:

$$E_{ads} = E(Al(111) + H_2) - E(Al(111)) - E(H_2)$$

Put H2 in atop position (see example NOT CONVERGED!!!)

Compute $E(H_2)$ in the same cell as Al(111)

Check convergence with PW cutoff and k-points

