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Basic theory

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Born-Oppenheimer approximation

Based on difference in the mass, separation of the quantum mechanical motion is done. (the error scales as $(m/M)^{6/4}$.) Cf. S. Takahashi, K. Takatsuka, J. Chem. Phys. 124, 144101 (2006). *m: electron mass*

$$\begin{aligned} \left\{ \hat{H}_{el} + \hat{H}_{el-ion} + \hat{H}_{ion-ion} \right\} \Psi \rangle \otimes \left| \Phi_{ion} \left(\{ \mathbf{R}_{I} \} \right) \right\rangle \\ = \left\{ E + E_{ion-ion} \right\} \Psi \rangle \otimes \left| \Phi_{ion} \left(\{ \mathbf{R}_{I} \} \right) \right\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Existence of stable materials allows us to fix positions for the mass centers of nuclei. Then,

Multiply $\langle \{\mathbf{R}_I\} |$ to the Schrödinger equation from the left, and define the external potential $v_{ext}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{I=1}^{N_{ion}} \frac{Z_I e^2}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_I|}$ for the electrons, we have, $\left[-\sum_{\sigma}\int d^{3}r \left(\frac{\hbar^{2}}{2m}\right)\hat{\psi}_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r})\nabla^{2}\hat{\psi}_{\sigma}(\mathbf{r})+\iint d^{3}r d^{3}r'\frac{e^{2}:\hat{n}(\mathbf{r})\hat{n}(\mathbf{r}'):}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|}+\int d^{3}r v_{ext}(\mathbf{r})\hat{n}(\mathbf{r})\right]|\Psi\rangle$ $= E |\Psi\rangle$.

The Coulomb gauge is fixed as the photon propagator in a steady state.

Hamiltonian

- Static state of electron system:
 - Represented by potential:

$$V_{ext}(\mathbf{r}_i) \quad V(\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j) = \frac{e^2}{|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|}$$

Cf: Ehrenfest's theorem
$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle \Psi | \mathbf{p} | \Psi \rangle = \langle \Psi | - \nabla v_{ext}(\mathbf{r}) | \Psi \rangle$$

The Hamiltonian

- Velocities of electrons < the velocity of light,
- In a steady material, internal gauge field behaves as the Coulomb potential.

$$H = -\sum_{i=1}^{N} \left(\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \right) \nabla_{\mathbf{r}_i}^2 + \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \frac{e^2}{|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|} + \sum_{i=1}^{N} v_{ext}(\mathbf{r}_i).$$

A practice

Let's have an expression of the energy by v_{ext} . $E_{ext} = \int \prod_{l} d^{3} r_{l} \sum_{\sigma_{l}=\pm 1} \Psi^{*}(\{\mathbf{r}_{l}, \sigma_{l}\}) \sum_{i=1}^{N} v_{ext}(\mathbf{r}_{i}) \Psi(\{\mathbf{r}_{l}, \sigma_{l}\})$ $= N \int \prod_{l} d^{3} r_{l} \sum v_{ext}(\mathbf{r}_{1}) |\Psi(\{\mathbf{r}_{l}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{l}\})|^{2}$ $\sigma_{1}=+1$ $= \int d^{3}r v_{ext}(\mathbf{r}) N \int \prod_{l} d^{3}r_{l} \sum \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_{1}) |\Psi(\{\mathbf{r}_{l}, \sigma_{l}\})|^{2}$ $= \int d^3 r v_{ext}(\mathbf{r}) \int \prod_l d^3 r_l \sum_{\sigma_l=\pm 1} \Psi^* (\{\mathbf{r}_l, \sigma_l\}) \sum_{i=1}^N \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_i) \Psi(\{\mathbf{r}_l, \sigma_l\})$ $= \int d^{3}r v_{ext}(\mathbf{r}) \langle \Psi | \hat{n}(\mathbf{r}) | \Psi \rangle = \int d^{3}r v_{ext}(\mathbf{r}) n(\mathbf{r}).$

- Variation of the energy w.r.t. v_{ext} , we have the expression in the next page.
- [Problem] Derive the above expression in a different smart manner.

The density determining "order"

Energy as a functional of v_{ext}: E[v_{ext}].
 A functional derivative:

$$E[v_{ext} + \delta v_{ext}] - E[v_{ext}] = \int d^3 r \, \frac{\delta E[v_{ext}]}{\delta v_{ext}(\mathbf{r})} \delta v_{ext}(\mathbf{r}) + O(\delta^2)$$
$$= \int d^3 r \, \delta v_{ext}(\mathbf{r}) n(\mathbf{r}) + O(\delta^2). \qquad (1)$$

The order parameter : $n(\mathbf{r})$.



K.Kusakabe and I. Maruyama, J. Phys. A: Math. Theor. 44 (2011) 135305.

A theorem in quantum mechnics

- Consider two potentials, $v_1(\mathbf{r})$ and $v_2(\mathbf{r})$, which are different more than a constant from each other.
- Let |Ψ₁> and |Ψ₂> be an eigen state of a system by v₁(r) and that by v₂(r), respectively.
 Then, |Ψ₁> cannot be an eigen state of v₂(r) and vice versa.

Proof: The unique continuation theorem for the Poisson equation tells us that the statement above is correct. See the next page.

A proof

- When our system is treated by the Born-Oppenheimer approximation, nuclei are treated as fixed point charges.
- v_1 (and v_2 also) follows the Poisson equation.
- Suppose that ψ is a solution of both of two Schrödinger equations given by v_1 and v_2 , where v_1 and v_2 are different from each other more than a constant.
- We have $v_1 \psi = (v_2 + \text{const.}) \psi$.
- Let *N* be the number of electrons.
- We may find an open set S in \mathbb{R}^3 , where

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}_1 + \mathbf{r}, \sigma_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \sigma_2, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_N, \sigma_N) \neq 0$$

for $r \in S$.

- In *S*, we have $v_1(\mathbf{r}) = v_2(\mathbf{r}) + \text{const.}$
- By the unique continuation theorem, we conclude that $v_1(\mathbf{r}) = v_2(\mathbf{r}) + \text{const in } \mathbb{R}^3$.
- This conclusion contradicts to the assumption.

Hohenberg-Kohn's theorem

By the last theorem, we have a next inequality which is a contradiction.

$$\begin{split} E_{1} &= \left\langle \Psi_{1} \left| T + V_{ee} \right| \Psi_{1} \right\rangle + \int d^{3}rnv_{1} \\ &= \left\langle \Psi_{1} \left| H_{1} \right| \Psi_{1} \right\rangle < \left\langle \Psi_{2} \left| H_{1} \right| \Psi_{2} \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \Psi_{2} \left| T + V_{ee} \right| \Psi_{2} \right\rangle + \int d^{3}rnv_{1} \\ &= \left\langle \Psi_{2} \left| T + V_{ee} \right| \Psi_{2} \right\rangle + \int d^{3}rnv_{2} + \int d^{3}rn(v_{1} - v_{2}) \\ &= \left\langle \Psi_{2} \left| H_{2} \right| \Psi_{2} \right\rangle + \int d^{3}rn(v_{1} - v_{2}) \\ &< \left\langle \Psi_{1} \left| H_{2} \right| \Psi_{1} \right\rangle + \int d^{3}rn(v_{1} - v_{2}) \\ &= \left\langle \Psi_{1} \left| T + V_{ee} \right| \Psi_{1} \right\rangle + \int d^{3}rnv_{2} + \int d^{3}rn(v_{1} - v_{2}) \\ &= \left\langle \Psi_{1} \left| H_{1} \right| \Psi_{1} \right\rangle = E_{1}. \end{split}$$

This implies existence of "one-to-one correspondence between the potential and the electron density". (by Hohenberg and Kohn (1964))

A logic tells physics

- Fixed positions of nuclei give a scalar potential v_i .
- When $v_2 \neq v_1 + \text{const.}$, $\Psi_1 \neq \Psi_2$, where Ψ_i is a ground state for a problem by v_i . (by the unique continuation theorem.)
- In this case, $n_1 \neq n_2$. (Proof by Hohenberg & Kohn.) Namely,

If "
$$n_1 = n_2 = n$$
" and " $\Psi_1 \neq \Psi_2$ ", then

$$\begin{split} E_{1} &= \left\langle \Psi_{1} \left| T + V_{ee} \right| \Psi_{1} \right\rangle + \int d^{3}rnv_{1} = \left\langle \Psi_{1} \left| H_{1} \right| \Psi_{1} \right\rangle < \left\langle \Psi_{2} \left| H_{1} \right| \Psi_{2} \right\rangle = \left\langle \Psi_{2} \left| T + V_{ee} \right| \Psi_{2} \right\rangle + \int d^{3}rnv_{1} \\ &= \left\langle \Psi_{2} \left| T + V_{ee} \right| \Psi_{2} \right\rangle + \int d^{3}rnv_{2} + \int d^{3}rn(v_{1} - v_{2}) = \left\langle \Psi_{2} \left| H_{2} \right| \Psi_{2} \right\rangle + \int d^{3}rn(v_{1} - v_{2}) \\ &< \left\langle \Psi_{1} \left| H_{2} \right| \Psi_{1} \right\rangle + \int d^{3}rn(v_{1} - v_{2}) = \left\langle \Psi_{1} \left| T + V_{ee} \right| \Psi_{1} \right\rangle + \int d^{3}rnv_{2} + \int d^{3}rn(v_{1} - v_{2}) = \left\langle \Psi_{1} \left| H_{1} \right| \Psi_{1} \right\rangle = E_{1}. \\ Thus, \quad E_{1} < E_{1}, \quad which \quad is \quad a \quad contradiction. \end{split}$$

Thus, we have a one to one correspondence between *v* and *n*.

Namely, *n* gives *v*, the Hamiltonian, and the wave function of the ground state Ψ with energy E[n].

Variational energy



$$E_{0} = \langle \Psi_{GS} | \hat{T} + \hat{V}_{ee} | \Psi_{GS} \rangle + \int n_{GS}(\mathbf{r}) v_{ext}(\mathbf{r}) d^{3}r$$

$$= \min_{n} \left\{ \min_{\Psi' \to n(\mathbf{r})} \langle \Psi | \hat{T} + \hat{V}_{ee} | \Psi \rangle + \int n(\mathbf{r}) v_{ext}(\mathbf{r}) d^{3}r \right\}$$

$$= \min_{n} \left\{ \min_{\Psi' \to n(\mathbf{r})} \langle \Psi' | \hat{T} | \Psi' \rangle + F[n] - F_{T}[n] + \int n(\mathbf{r}) v_{ext}(\mathbf{r}) d^{3}r \right\}$$

$$= \min_{n} \left\{ \min_{\Psi' \to n(\mathbf{r})} \left\{ \langle \Psi' | \hat{T} | \Psi' \rangle + F[n_{\Psi'}] - F_{T}[n_{\Psi'}] + \int n_{\Psi'}(\mathbf{r}) v_{ext}(\mathbf{r}) d^{3}r \right\} \right\}$$

$$= \min_{\Psi'} \left\{ \langle \Psi' | \hat{T} | \Psi' \rangle + \frac{e^{2}}{2} \int \frac{n_{\Psi'}(\mathbf{r}) n_{\Psi'}(\mathbf{r})}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} d^{3}r d^{3}r' + F[n_{\Psi'}] - \frac{e^{2}}{2} \int \frac{n_{\Psi'}(\mathbf{r}) n_{\Psi'}(\mathbf{r})}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} d^{3}r d^{3}r' + E_{xc}[n_{\Psi'}] \right\}$$

$$= \min_{\Psi'} \left\{ \langle \Psi' | \hat{T} | \Psi' \rangle + \frac{e^{2}}{2} \int \frac{n_{\Psi'}(\mathbf{r}) n_{\Psi'}(\mathbf{r})}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} d^{3}r d^{3}r' + E_{xc}[n_{\Psi'}] \right\}$$

$$= \min_{\Psi'} \left\{ \langle \Psi' | \hat{T} | \Psi' \rangle + \frac{e^{2}}{2} \int \frac{n_{\Psi'}(\mathbf{r}) n_{\Psi'}(\mathbf{r})}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} d^{3}r d^{3}r' + E_{xc}[n_{\Psi'}] \right\}$$

$$(3)$$

Derive differential equations

First, set up a differentiable energy functional.

$$E_{xc}[n] \implies \overline{E}_{xc}[n] \qquad \qquad G_T[\Psi] \implies \overline{G}_T[\Psi]$$

Derive a determining equations, which are to be self-consistent equations.

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta\langle\Psi|} \{\overline{G}_{T}[\Psi] - E(\langle\Psi|\Psi\rangle - 1)\} = 0, \qquad \{\widehat{T} + \int d^{3}r v_{eff}(\mathbf{r}) \hat{n}(\mathbf{r})\} |\Psi\rangle = E|\Psi\rangle,$$

$$\implies v_{eff}(\mathbf{r}) = \int d^{3}r' \frac{n(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} + \frac{\delta \overline{E}_{xc}[n]}{\delta n(\mathbf{r})} + v_{ext}(\mathbf{r}),$$

$$n(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\sigma} \langle\Psi| \hat{n}(\mathbf{r})|\Psi\rangle.$$

The local density approximation I.

Let's start from the Kohn-Sham equation.

$$\left\{-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\nabla^2 + v_{ext}(\mathbf{r}) + v_H(\mathbf{r}) + v_{xc}(\mathbf{r})\right\}\phi_i(\mathbf{r}) = \varepsilon_i\phi_i(\mathbf{r}) \ .$$

Here, v_{ext} is the static electron-ion potential, v_H is the Hartree potential given by

$$v_H(\mathbf{r}) = \int \mathrm{d}\mathbf{r}\,' rac{e^2
ho(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|} \ ,$$

and v_{xc} is given by the functional derivative

$$v_{xc}(\mathbf{r}) = rac{\delta E_{xc}[
ho(\mathbf{r})]}{\delta
ho(\mathbf{r})}$$

The electron charge density $\rho(\mathbf{r})$ is given as

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}) = 2\sum_{i} |\phi_i(\mathbf{r})|^2,$$

for a non-magnetic system. (In case of magnetic materials, we might utilize a local-spin-density approximation which provides us an effective model with a spin-dependent orbital $\phi_{i,\sigma}$.) 13

The local density approximation II.

We need to evaluate E_{xc} and v_{xc} by approximate methods. The simplest method is to use the local-density approximation (LDA).

In LDA, E_{xc} is constructed from the exchange-correlation energy per electron at a point **r** in an inhomogeneous electron gas, $\varepsilon_{xc}(\rho(\mathbf{r}))$, which is given by that of the homogeneous electron gas with the density ρ .

$$E_{xc}[\rho(\mathbf{r})] = \int \mathrm{d}\mathbf{r} \, \varepsilon_{xc}(\rho(\mathbf{r}))\rho(\mathbf{r}) \; .$$

The functional derivative of E_{xc} in LDA is obtained via the next calculation.

$$\begin{split} \delta E_{xc}[\rho(\mathbf{r})] &= \int \mathrm{d}\mathbf{r} \, \frac{\delta E_{xc}[\rho(\mathbf{r})]}{\delta \rho(\mathbf{r})} \delta \rho(\mathbf{r}) \\ &= \int \mathrm{d}\mathbf{r} \, \frac{d\varepsilon_{xc}(\rho)\rho}{d\rho} \bigg|_{\rho=\rho(\mathbf{r})} \delta \rho(\mathbf{r}) \end{split}$$

Thus v_{xc} is given by,

$$v_{xc}(\mathbf{r}) = rac{darepsilon_{xc}(
ho)
ho}{d
ho}igg|_{
ho=
ho(\mathbf{r})}$$

The local density approximation III.

The LDA energy functional is given by several authors. For example,

- 1. Wigner (1938)
- 2. Kohn and Sham (1965)
- 3. Hedin and Lundqvist (1971),
- 4. Vosko, Wilk and Nusair (1980),
- 5. Perdew and Zunger (1981)

These parametrizations use interpolation formulas to link exact results for the exchange-correlation energy of the high-density limit of the electron gas (given by RPA) and the exchange-correlation energy of intermediate and low-density electron gases obtained by some approximation methods or the Quantum Monte-Carlo calculation.

Note: there are many attempts to overcome LDA, which include the Generalized Gradient Approximation (GGA), meta GGA.

Correlation energy density for LDA



The plane-wave expansion I.

The Bloch theorem tells us that each wavefunction is given by,

$$\phi_{n,\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = \exp(i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r})u_{n,\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})$$
.

Here, **k** is a wave vector in the first Brillouin zone and $u_{n,\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})$ is a periodic function satisfying $u_{n,\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}+\mathbf{l}) = u_{n,\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})$. **l** is a lattice vector. A band index is represented by n.

Since $u_{n,\mathbf{k}}$ can be expanded as

$$u_{n,\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\mathbf{G}} \phi_{n,\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{G}) \exp(i\mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{r}) ,$$

with the reciprocal lattice vectors **G**, we have a plane-wave expansion of $\phi_{n,\mathbf{k}}$

$$\phi_{n,\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\mathbf{G}} \phi_{n,\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{G}) \exp(i(\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{G})\cdot\mathbf{r}) .$$

The plane-wave expansion II.

Using the momentum-space representation, the Kohn-Sham equation reads,

$$\sum_{\mathbf{G}'} \left[\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} |\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}|^2 \delta_{\mathbf{G},\mathbf{G}'} + v_{ext} (\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{G}') + v_H (\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{G}') + v_{xc} (\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{G}') \right] \phi_{n,\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{G}')$$

=
$$\sum_{\mathbf{G}'} H_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{G},\mathbf{G}') \phi_{n,\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{G}') = \varepsilon_{n,\mathbf{k}} \phi_{n,\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{G})$$

We can obtain eigenvalues $\varepsilon_{n,\mathbf{k}}$ and eigenvectors $\phi_{n,\mathbf{k}}$ by diagonalizing a Hamiltonian matrix $H_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{G},\mathbf{G}')$.

- Dimension of the matrix can be $O(10^3)$ or $O(10^4)$.
- The diagonalization is often performed using the Housholder method or the conjugate gradient method (CG).

However,

• the process to find the ground state is regarded as an optimization process for the energy functional in the function space.

The Car-Parrinello method (Conceptually different idea)

The pseudopotential I.

To construct a pseudopotential, we need a pseudo-wavefunction whose radial wave function R_l^{PP} satisfies $\varepsilon_l^{PP} = \varepsilon_l^{AE}$ and,

$$R_l^{PP}(r) = R_l^{AE}(r) \qquad \text{for } r > r_{cl}$$

and



The pseudopotential II.

The norm-conserving property of the pseudo-potential ensures that the logarithmic derivative D_l of the wavefunction is maintaind up to its first order derivative against the energy, when we construct the pseudo potential.

 D_l is defined as,

$$D_l(\varepsilon) = \left. rac{1}{R_l(r;\varepsilon)} rac{\partial R_l(r;\varepsilon)}{\partial r}
ight|_{r=r_{cl}}$$

The Kohn-Sham equation in a polar coordinate is,

$$\left\{-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{l(l+1)\hbar^2}{2mr^2} + v_{\text{eff}}(r)\right\} r R_l(r;\varepsilon) = \varepsilon r R_l(r;\varepsilon) \ .$$

We are searching for v_{eff}^{PP} which satisfies that artificial $\frac{\partial D_l^{PP}}{\partial \varepsilon}$ of the pseudo wavefunctions is the same as the $\frac{\partial D_l^{AE}}{\partial \varepsilon}$. The condition is identical to the norm conserving condition as follows.

The pseudopotential III.

Making a derivative of the Kohn-Sham equation with respect to ε . Multiply $rR_l(r;\varepsilon)$ to the result and subtract $r\frac{\partial R_l(r;\varepsilon)}{\partial \varepsilon}$ times the Kohn-Sham equation, we have,

$$\{rR_l(r;\varepsilon)\}^2 = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left[rR_l(r;\varepsilon) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} r \frac{\partial R_l(r;\varepsilon)}{\partial \varepsilon} - r \frac{\partial R_l(r;\varepsilon)}{\partial \varepsilon} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} rR_l(r;\varepsilon) \right]$$

Integrate this expression with respect to r from 0 to r_{cl} , we have

$$\int_{0}^{r_{cl}} \left| R_{l}(r;\varepsilon) \right|^{2} r^{2} dr = -\frac{\hbar^{2}}{2m} \left\{ r R_{l}(r;\varepsilon) \right\}^{2} \left. \frac{\partial D_{l}}{\partial \varepsilon} \right|_{r=r_{cl}}$$

Thus, if we keep continuity of the pseudo potential and the norm conserving condition, the resulting pseudo potential reproduces the all electron results up to the first order derivative around the reference energy where the pseudo wavefunction is given.

The pseudopotential IV.

Once the pseudo-wavefunction is obtained, the screened pseudopotential is recovered by inversion of the radial equation,

$$V_{scr,l}^{PP}(r) = \varepsilon_l - \frac{l(l+1)}{2r^2} + \frac{1}{2rR_l^{PP}(r)} \frac{d^2}{dr^2} [rR_l^{PP}(r)] .$$

To make a pseudopotential which is transferable for a variety of environment, we make an ionic pseudopotential by unscreening.

$$V_{ion,l}^{PP}(r) = V_{scr,l}^{PP}(r) - V_{H}^{PP}(r) - V_{xc}^{PP}(r) .$$

Here V_{H}^{PP} and V_{xc}^{PP} are the Hartree and the exchange-correlation potentials calculated from the valence pseudo-wavefunctions. This is the unscreening process.

The pseudopotential V.

The ionic pseudopotential operator is given as,

$$\hat{V}_{ion}^{PP}(r) = V_{ion,local}^{PP}(r) + \sum_{l} V_{nonlocal,l} \hat{P}_{l} ,$$

where $V_{ion,local}^{PP}(r)$ is the local potential and

$$V_{nonlocal,l}(r) = V_{ion,l}^{PP}(r) - V_{ion,local}^{PP}(r)$$

is the semilocal potential for the angular-momentum component l and \hat{P}_l projects out the *l*th angular-momentum component.

The semilocal potential can be transformed into a nonlocal form by the Kleinman-Bylander construction,

$$V_{nonlocal,l}^{KB}(r) = \frac{|V_{nonlocal,l}(r)\Phi_l^{PP,0}(r)\rangle\langle\Phi_l^{PP,0}(r)V_{nonlocal,l}(r)|}{\langle\Phi_l^{PP,0}(r)|V_{nonloal,l}(r)|\Phi_l^{PP,0}(r)\rangle} ,$$

where $\Phi_l^{PP,0}(r)$ is the atomic pseudo-wavefunction.

Application for a metal

- The band structure of AI (FCC)
 - The plane-wave expansion with a pseudo-potentialGGAPBE96





Diamond and Graphite as covalent crystals.





Diamond structure

Graphite structure

Band structure of cubic diamond



An energy gap appears and the system is a wide-gap semiconductor.

Bonding charge in hex-diamond

In a covalent crystal, we can see charge density of electrons at each bond connection.

Yellow object represents charge density and white spheres are carbons.



Band structure of graphite



The π -band is half-filled and there are small Fermi pockets both for electrons and holes. (Semimetal)

Bonding charge in graphite

- Bonding charge comes from σelectrons.
- This system is a semimetal where the Fermi surface is made of π-bands.



Techniques in the molecular dynamics

- Constant-Temperature Scheme (Nosè & Hoover)
 - Average of the kinetic energy is made constant by introduction of interaction between the system and an imaginative heat bath.
 - An equation of motion with dissipative term written by an artificial variable is solved.
- Constant-Pressure Scheme (Parrinello & Rahman)
 - The volume (cell parameters) of the system is made a variable.
 - MD and structural optimization is performed using the enthalpy, H=E+PV.



The Hellmann-Feynman force

The force acting on the *I*-th atom \mathbf{F}_{I} is given by,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F}_{I} &= -\frac{dE}{d\mathbf{R}_{I}} \\ &= -\sum_{i} \left[\langle \phi_{i} | (\frac{d}{d\mathbf{R}_{I}}H) | \phi_{i} \rangle + (\frac{d}{d\mathbf{R}_{I}}\langle \phi_{i} |)H | \phi_{i} \rangle + \langle \phi_{i} | H(\frac{d}{d\mathbf{R}_{I}} | \phi_{i} \rangle \right] \,. \end{aligned}$$

Here $E = \Sigma_i \langle \phi_i | H | \phi_i \rangle$ is the Kohn-Sham energy.

When each electronic wave function ϕ_i is an eigenstate of the Hamiltonian, $H|\phi_i\rangle = \varepsilon_i |\phi_i\rangle$, the last two terms (called the Pulay force) in the above expression cancel with each other. This is because,

$$\sum_{i} \left[\left(\frac{d}{d\mathbf{R}_{I}} \langle \phi_{i} | \right) H | \phi_{i} \rangle + \langle \phi_{i} | H \left(\frac{d}{d\mathbf{R}_{I}} | \phi_{i} \rangle \right] = \sum_{i} \varepsilon_{i} \frac{d \langle \phi_{i} | \phi_{i} \rangle}{d\mathbf{R}_{I}} = 0$$

Thus the expression of the force becomes,

$$\mathbf{F}_{I} = -\sum_{i} \langle \phi_{i} | rac{dH}{d\mathbf{R}_{I}} | \phi_{i}
angle = -rac{\partial E}{\partial \mathbf{R}_{I}}$$

The internal stress I

The expression of internal quantum stress is given by the same variational method as force. We consider a many-electron system in a certain unit cell with volume Ω_{cell} . The total energy is $E(\{\psi_{\mathbf{k},i}(\mathbf{r})\}, \{\mathbf{R}_I\})$. The variational principle tells us that the ground state energy E_{tot} is the minimum of $E(\{\psi_{\mathbf{k},i}(\mathbf{r})\}, \{\mathbf{R}_I\})$ with respect to $\{\psi_{\mathbf{k},i}(\mathbf{r})\}, \{\mathbf{R}_I\}$.

To derive the stress, we introduce a symmetric (rotation-free) two-rank strain tensor, ε . The infinitesimal homogeneous scaling given by ε is applied as,

$$\mathbf{R}_{I} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}'_{I} = (1+\varepsilon)\mathbf{R}_{I},$$

$$\psi_{\mathbf{k},i}(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow \psi_{\mathbf{k},i}(\mathbf{r}') = \det(1+\varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}}\psi_{\mathbf{k},i}(\mathbf{r}).$$

The ground state energy changes as,

$$E_{tot} \to E(\varepsilon) = E_{tot} + \Delta E(\varepsilon).$$

The internal stress II

The shift in energy $\Delta E(\varepsilon)$ is expanded in a series of the power of ε . The stress in the stress tensor σ is defined as the coefficient of the first order in the series and thus we have,

$$\Delta E(\varepsilon) = -\operatorname{Tr}(\sigma\varepsilon)\Omega_{cell} + O(\varepsilon^2),$$

$$\sigma_{\alpha\beta} = -\frac{1}{\Omega_{cell}} \frac{\partial E(\varepsilon)}{\partial \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}}\Big|_{\varepsilon \to 0}.$$
(1)

If the strain and the stress are isotropic, the above expression reduces to the well-known theromorphic formula, $P = -\frac{dE}{d\Omega_{cell}}$.

Due to introduction of the strain tensor $\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}$, which is a symmetric tensor, we have a modified **G** to be $(1 - \varepsilon)$ **G** in the first order and Ω_{cell} becomes det $(1 + \varepsilon)\Omega_{cell}$. Since $\Omega_{cell}n(\mathbf{G})$ and $S_I(\mathbf{G})$ are invariant, we have the next expressions.

$$\begin{split} \sigma_{\alpha\beta} &= \sigma_{\alpha\beta}^{kin} + \sigma_{\alpha\beta}^{el-el} + \sigma_{\alpha\beta}^{xc} + \sigma_{\alpha\beta}^{local} + \sigma_{\alpha\beta}^{non-local} + \sigma_{\alpha\beta}^{\alpha} + \sigma_{\alpha\beta}^{ewald}.\\ \sigma_{\alpha\beta}^{kin} &= 2\sum_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{G},i} |\psi_i(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G})|^2 (\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G})_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G})_{\beta},\\ \sigma_{\alpha\beta}^{el-el} &= -\frac{1}{2}\sum_{\mathbf{G}}' \frac{4\pi |n(\mathbf{G})|^2}{|\mathbf{G}|^2} \left(\frac{2\mathbf{G}_{\alpha}\mathbf{G}_{\beta}}{|\mathbf{G}|^2} - \delta_{\alpha\beta}\right),\\ \sigma_{\alpha\beta}^{sc} &= \delta_{\alpha\beta}\frac{1}{\Omega_{cell}}\int_{\Omega_{cell}} d\mathbf{r}n(\mathbf{r})(\mu_{xc}(n) - \varepsilon_{xc}(n)),\\ \sigma_{\alpha\beta}^{local} &= -\sum_{\mathbf{G},I}' n^*(\mathbf{G})S_I(\mathbf{G})\frac{\partial V_I^{local}(\mathbf{G})}{\partial \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}},\\ \sigma_{\alpha\beta}^{non-local} &= -2\sum_{\mathbf{k},i}\sum_{\mathbf{G},\mathbf{G}'}\sum_{I,l}S_I(\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{G}')\psi_{\mathbf{k},i}^*(\mathbf{G})\psi_{\mathbf{k},i}(\mathbf{G}')\frac{\partial\delta\hat{V}_I^l(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}, \mathbf{k}' + \mathbf{G}')}{\partial\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}}\\ \sigma_{\alpha\beta}^{\alpha} &= \delta_{\alpha\beta}n^*(\mathbf{0})\sum_{I}\alpha_I, \qquad \sigma_{\alpha\beta}^{ewald} - \frac{1}{\Omega_{cell}}\frac{\partial\gamma_{ewald}}{\partial\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}}. \end{split}$$

We have introduced a reference coordinate of atomic positions, \mathbf{q}_I , which satisfies $\mathbf{R}_I(t) = (1 + \varepsilon)\mathbf{q}_I(t)$.

The calculation scheme of FPMD at a constant pressure



Nose-Hoover method (Introduction)

For constant temperature calculations, we want to reproduce the canonical distribution.



The equation for continuity

Let $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{r}, t)$ be a velocity at space-time coordinates \mathbf{r}, t . Consider a density (or a distribution function) $f(\mathbf{r}, t)$ of particles.

- $\int_{V_0} f dV$: a mass in a volume V_0 .
- $\int_{\partial V_0} f \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$: a mass flow out of the volume V_0 .
- $-\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\int_{V_0} f dV$: a reduction ratio of the mass.

We equate the reduction ratio and the mass flow and obtain

$$rac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{V_0} f dV = -\int_{\partial V_0} f \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = -\int_{V_0} \operatorname{div}(f \mathbf{v}) dV.$$

Thus,

$$\int_{V_0} \left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \operatorname{div}(f \mathbf{v}) \right] dV = 0.$$

Since this equation should hold in any volume V_0 , we have

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \operatorname{div}(f\mathbf{v}) = 0.$$

Classical dynamics

Consider a classical system with N particles. They are described by the Hamiltonian $H_0(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p})$ which is a function of coordinates $\mathbf{q} = (\mathbf{q}_1, \dots, \mathbf{q}_N)$ and momenta $\mathbf{p} = (\mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \mathbf{p}_N)$.

We assume that,

$$H_0 = \sum_i \frac{\mathbf{p}_i^2}{2m_i} + V(\mathbf{q}).$$

where the mass of the *i*-th particle is m_i and $V(\mathbf{q})$ is a scalar potential.

The canonical equations of motion are

$$egin{aligned} &rac{d\mathbf{q}_i}{dt} \,=\, rac{\partial H_0}{\partial \mathbf{p}_i} \,=\, rac{\mathbf{p}_i}{m_i}, \ &rac{d\mathbf{p}_i}{dt} \,=\, -rac{\partial H_0}{\partial \mathbf{q}_i} \,=\, -rac{\partial V}{\partial \mathbf{q}_i} \,=\, \mathbf{F}_i, \end{aligned}$$

where t is the time.

We obtain the Newton equations as

$$m_i \frac{d^2 \mathbf{q}_i}{dt^2} = \frac{d \mathbf{p}_i}{dt} = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial \mathbf{q}_i} = \mathbf{F}_i.$$

Liouville's equation

Consider a phase space of space coordinates \mathbf{q}_i and momenta \mathbf{p}_i of N particles specified by $i \ (i = 1, \dots, N)$.

Consider the distribution function $f(\mathbf{q}_i, \mathbf{p}_i, t)$ of the particles. We have a continuity equation,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \sum_{i} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{q}_{i}} (f \dot{\mathbf{q}}_{i}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{p}_{i}} (f \dot{\mathbf{p}}_{i}) \right] = 0.$$

This is the Liouville's equation.

If the system is stationary, $\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = 0$, then we have

$$\sum_{i} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{q}_{i}} (f \dot{\mathbf{q}}_{i}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{p}_{i}} (f \dot{\mathbf{p}}_{i}) \right] = 0.$$

We can rewrite the equation into

$$\sum_{i} \left[\dot{\mathbf{q}}_{i} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{q}_{i}} + \dot{\mathbf{p}}_{i} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{p}_{i}} \right] + f \sum_{i} \left[\frac{\partial \dot{\mathbf{q}}_{i}}{\partial \mathbf{q}_{i}} + \frac{\partial \dot{\mathbf{p}}_{i}}{\partial \mathbf{p}_{i}} \right] = 0.$$

The Liouville theorem

If the system follows the equation of motion given by the Hamiltonian H_0 , we have

$$\frac{\partial \dot{\mathbf{q}}_i}{\partial \mathbf{q}_i} = \frac{\partial^2 H_0}{\partial \mathbf{q}_i \partial \mathbf{p}_i} = -\frac{\partial \dot{\mathbf{p}}_i}{\partial \mathbf{p}_i}$$

Note that the total derivative is given as

$$\frac{d}{dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \sum_{i} \dot{\mathbf{q}}_{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{q}_{i}} + \dot{\mathbf{p}}_{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{p}_{i}}.$$

Then for the stationary system, we have

$$\frac{df}{dt} = \sum_{i} \left[\dot{\mathbf{q}}_{i} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{q}_{i}} + \dot{\mathbf{p}}_{i} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{p}_{i}} \right] = 0.$$

This is the Liouville theorem.

Nose-Hoover dynamics

In Nosé-Hoover dynamics, an extra variable η is introduced. The set of dynamical equations are

$$\begin{split} \dot{\mathbf{q}}_{i} &= \frac{\mathbf{p}_{i}}{m_{i}}, \\ \dot{\mathbf{p}}_{i} &= -\frac{\partial V(\mathbf{q})}{\partial \mathbf{q}_{i}} - \mathbf{p}_{i} \frac{p_{\eta}}{Q}, \\ \dot{p}_{\eta} &= \sum_{i}^{N} \frac{\mathbf{p}_{i}^{2}}{m_{i}} - 3NkT, \\ \dot{\eta} &= \frac{p_{\eta}}{Q}, \end{split}$$

where Q is a constant to control temperature fluctuation.

Canonical ensemble simulated by Nosé-Hoover dynamics

Consider a distribution function $f(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}, \eta, p_{\eta})$ in an extended phase space.

$$f(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}, \eta, p_{\eta}) = C \exp\left[-\frac{1}{kT} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{\mathbf{p}_{i}^{2}}{2m_{i}} + V(\mathbf{q}) + \frac{p_{\eta}^{2}}{2Q}\right)\right].$$

If f is given by Nosé-Hoover dynamics and if the dynamics is ergodic, then f satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{df}{dt} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \sum_{i} \left[\dot{\mathbf{q}}_{i} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{q}_{i}} + \dot{\mathbf{p}}_{i} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{p}_{i}} \right] + \sum_{i} \left[\dot{\eta} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \eta} + \dot{p}_{\eta} \frac{\partial f}{\partial p_{\eta}} \right] \\ &+ f \sum_{i} \left[\frac{\partial \dot{\mathbf{q}}_{i}}{\partial \mathbf{q}_{i}} + \frac{\partial \dot{\mathbf{p}}_{i}}{\partial \mathbf{p}_{i}} \right] + f \sum_{i} \left[\frac{\partial \dot{\eta}}{\partial \eta} + \frac{\partial \dot{p}_{\eta}}{\partial p_{\eta}} \right] \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, f is the static probability distribution generated by the dynamics.

The proof is necessary but not sufficient for a general system.

Nose-Hoover chain method

The Nosé-Hoover chain method is expressed by the next set of equations.

$$\begin{split} \dot{\mathbf{q}}_{i} &= \frac{\mathbf{p}_{i}}{m_{i}}, \\ \dot{\mathbf{p}}_{i} &= -\frac{\partial V(\mathbf{q})}{\partial \mathbf{q}_{i}} - \mathbf{p}_{i} \frac{p_{\eta_{1}}}{Q_{1}}, \\ \dot{p}_{\eta_{1}} &= \sum_{i}^{N} \frac{\mathbf{p}_{i}^{2}}{m_{i}} - 3NkT - p_{\eta_{1}} \frac{p_{\eta_{2}}}{Q_{2}}, \\ \dot{p}_{\eta_{j}} &= \frac{p_{\eta_{j-1}}^{2}}{Q_{j-1}} - kT - p_{\eta_{j}} \frac{p_{\eta_{j+1}}}{Q_{j+1}}, \\ \dot{\eta}_{j} &= \frac{p_{\eta_{j}}}{Q_{j}}. \end{split}$$

Heat-bath is represented by a chain of variables η .

Parrinello-Rahman method (Introduction)

To determine lattice structure automatically, or to simulate structural transformation, we want to simulate a system with a variable unit cell.



Definitions

Let us define lattice vectors $\{\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}\}$ and a 3×3 matrix $\hat{h} = (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c})$. The volume of the unit cell is

$$V = ||\hat{h}|| = \mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}).$$

The position \mathbf{r}_i of a particle *i* is written in terms of \hat{h} and a column vector $\mathbf{s}_i = (\xi_i, \eta_i, \zeta_i)$ as

$$\mathbf{r}_i = \hat{h}\mathbf{s}_i = \xi_i\mathbf{a} + \eta_i\mathbf{b} + \zeta_i\mathbf{c}.$$

Variables ξ_i, η_i, ζ_i are called internal coordinates and satisfy $0 < \xi_i, \eta_i, \zeta_i < 1$. Square of the distance between *i* and *j* is given by

$$r_{ij}^2 =^t (\mathbf{s}_i - \mathbf{s}_j) \hat{G}(\mathbf{s}_i - \mathbf{s}_j),$$

where $\hat{G} = {}^t \hat{h} \hat{h}$ is the metric tensor. We note also that $V = \hat{\sigma}^t \hat{h}$ where $\hat{\sigma} \equiv \{\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{c}\}.$

Parrinello-Rahman Lagrangian

Parrinello and Rahman introduced a Lagrangian

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i} m_i^t \dot{\mathbf{s}}_i \hat{G} \dot{\mathbf{s}}_i - \sum_{j>i} U(r_{ij}) + \frac{1}{2} W \operatorname{tr}^t \dot{\hat{h}} \dot{\hat{h}} - pV.$$

Here U is inter-particle potential and W is a constant determining motion of the cell and p is the pressure.

Using the Euler-Lagrange equation, we obtain equations of motion. To derive the equations, we introduce some quantities and an equation.

$$\begin{split} \hat{\sigma} &\equiv V^t \hat{h}^{-1}, \qquad \mathbf{v}_{i,\alpha} \equiv \hat{h}_{\alpha,\beta} \dot{\mathbf{s}}_{i,\beta}, \\ \hat{\pi}_{\alpha,\beta} &\equiv \frac{1}{V} \left(\sum_i m_i \mathbf{v}_{i,\alpha} \mathbf{v}_{i,\beta} - \sum_{j>i} \frac{U(r_{ij})'}{r_{ij}} \mathbf{r}_{ij,\alpha} \mathbf{r}_{ij,\beta} \right). \\ \hat{\pi}_{\alpha,\beta} \hat{\sigma}_{\beta\gamma} \\ &= \sum_i m_i \hat{h}_{\alpha,\delta} \dot{\mathbf{s}}_{i,\delta} \hat{h}_{\beta,\mu} \dot{\mathbf{s}}_{i,\mu}{}^t \hat{h}_{\beta,\gamma}^{-1} - \sum_{i>j} \frac{U(r_{ij})'}{r_{ij}} \mathbf{r}_{ij,\alpha} \mathbf{r}_{ij,\beta}{}^t \hat{h}_{\beta,\gamma}^{-1} \\ &= \sum_i m_i \hat{h}_{\alpha,\delta} \dot{\mathbf{s}}_{i,\delta} \dot{\mathbf{s}}_{i,\gamma} - \sum_{i>j} \frac{U(r_{ij})'}{r_{ij}} \mathbf{r}_{ij,\alpha} (\mathbf{s}_i - \mathbf{s}_j)_{\gamma}. \end{split}$$

Equations of motion for CPMD

Equations for \mathbf{s}_i :

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{s}}_i} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{s}_i} = 0,$$

yields

$$\ddot{\mathbf{s}}_i = -\sum_{j=i} m_i^{-1} \frac{U(r_{ij})'}{r_{ij}} (\mathbf{s}_i - \mathbf{s}_j) - \mathbf{G}^{-1} \dot{\mathbf{G}} \dot{\mathbf{s}}_i$$

Equations for \hat{h} :

$$\frac{d}{dt}\left(\!\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\hat{h}}}\!\right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \hat{h}} = 0,$$

yields

$$W\ddot{\hat{h}} = (\hat{\sigma} - p)\hat{\sigma},$$

where $\hat{\sigma}$ is the internal stress tensor.

This set of equations allows us to perform the molecular dynamics at a constant pressure.

The equations of motion for CP-FPMD

Here, we introduce the reference coordinates \mathbf{q}_I for the position of atoms and let $\mathbf{R}_I(t) = (1 + \varepsilon)\mathbf{q}_I(t)$.

The Lagrangian proposed by Wentzcovitch is utilized. The equations of motion are given by the followings.

$$\begin{split} L &= \sum_{I} \frac{1}{2} m_{I}^{t} \dot{\mathbf{q}}_{I} d\dot{\mathbf{q}}_{I} - E_{tot}(\{\mathbf{q}_{I}\}(t), \varepsilon) + \frac{1}{2} W \operatorname{Tr}(^{t} \dot{\varepsilon} \dot{\varepsilon}) - P_{ext} \Omega_{cell}, \\ \ddot{\mathbf{q}} &= -\frac{1}{m_{I}} (1+\varepsilon)^{-1} \mathbf{F}_{I} - d^{-1} \dot{d} \dot{\mathbf{q}}_{I}, \\ \ddot{\varepsilon} &= \frac{\Omega_{cell}}{W} (\Pi - P_{ext})^{t} (1+\varepsilon)^{-1}, \\ \Pi &= \frac{1}{\Omega_{cell}} \sum_{I} m_{I} \mathbf{v}_{I}^{t} \mathbf{v}_{I} - \frac{1}{\Omega_{cell}} \frac{\partial E_{tot}}{\partial \varepsilon}. \end{split}$$

Graphite-diamond transformation in a FPMD simulation

At ambient pressure



At high pressure



Formation of new bondings at the transformation



- White objects are carbon atoms and yellow isosurfaces represent charge density of electrons.
- We see new bonding represented by bonding charge between graphite layers.
- Sliding of layers occurs due to formation of sp3 bond connections.

Graphitic structure stable in 40GPa range

- G-ball has a concentric structure made of graphitic sheets.
- The ball does not show any structural transformation up to ~ 40GPa.
- The conductance of the ball becomes high at high pressure.



TEM image of the graphite ball by F. Kokai et al. (2001).

Lattice constants of graphitic system in high pressure



Exp: by Nakayama et al.

 Calculation has been done for hexagonal graphite with AB stacking of graphene layers.

2. Since we assume the graphite structure in calc., no phase transformation is seen and the structure is meta-stable up to 60GPa.

What is ESopt?

- Based on "opt" by ISSP, Univ. of Tokyo, we revised the program to have Esopt.
 - Plane wave expansion method.
 - Pseudo potential (Norm-conserving P.P.)
 - Exchange correlation: PW91
- Some merits of "opt" succeed to ESopt.
 - Readability of the source code
 - Optimization of the wavefunction by the original CG method

Characteristics of basis sets for DFT calculation

- Plane-wave expansion method with pseudo-potentials
 - Since plane waves are independent of position of atoms, the result is accurate with respect to the valence electrons.
 - Accuracy of the calculation is determined by the maximum energy of plane waves.
 - The kinetic energy is diagonal in the Fourier space, while the potential energy is diagonal in the real space. FFT is used to connect two spaces.
 - The Hellmann-Feynman force and the quantum stress are easily obtained.
- FLAPW (Full-potential linearlized augmented plane wave)
 - The wave functions in an atomic sphere are expanded in spherical waves. Otherwise, they are written in the plane waves.
 - Accuracy is determined by number of spherical waves and the maximum energy of plane waves.
 - Less ambiguity compared to the pseudo-potential method.
 - Pulay force has to be evaluated.