

1 Orthogonalized plane-wave method

Core states → localized orbitals

$$\phi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_m e^{i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{R}_m} w_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_m) \quad (1)$$

$$\alpha = (n_c, \ell_c, m_c)$$

$$\int d^3r w_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_m)^* w_{\alpha'}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_n) = \delta_{nm} \delta_{\alpha\alpha'} \quad (2)$$

$$H |w_{\alpha}\rangle = \varepsilon_{\alpha} |w_{\alpha}\rangle \quad (3)$$

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$$\int d^3r \phi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r})^* \phi_{\alpha'}(\mathbf{k}', \mathbf{r}) = \delta_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}'} \delta_{\alpha\alpha'} \quad (4)$$

$$H |\phi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k})\rangle = \varepsilon_{\alpha} |\phi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k})\rangle \quad (5)$$

Basis functions:

$$\underline{\phi_j(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} e^{i(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_j)\mathbf{r}} - \sum_{\alpha} \mu_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_j) \phi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r})} \quad (6)$$

Condition (Gram-Schmidt type orthogonalization):

$$\langle \phi_j(\mathbf{k}) | \phi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) \rangle = 0 \quad (7)$$

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$$\underline{\mu_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_j) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} \int d^3r \phi_{\alpha}^*(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) e^{i(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_j)\mathbf{r}}} \quad (8)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{NV}} \sum_m \int d^3r w_{\alpha}^*(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_m) e^{i(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_j)(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_m)} \quad (9)$$

$$\underline{= \frac{1}{\sqrt{V_0}} \int d^3r w_{\alpha}^*(\mathbf{r}) e^{i(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_j)\mathbf{r}}} \quad (10)$$

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$$\phi_j(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} e^{i(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_j)\mathbf{r}} - \sum_{\alpha} \phi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} \int d^3r \phi_{\alpha}^*(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) e^{i(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_j)\mathbf{r}} \quad (11)$$

By introducing the projector,

$$P = \sum_{\alpha} |\phi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k})\rangle \langle \phi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k})| \quad (12)$$

$$|\phi_j(\mathbf{k})\rangle = (1 - P) |\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_j\rangle \quad (13)$$

where

$$\langle \mathbf{r} | \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_j \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} e^{i(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_j)\mathbf{r}}. \quad (14)$$

Ansatz for eigenfunctions:

$$|\psi_n(\mathbf{k})\rangle = \sum_j |\phi_j(\mathbf{k})\rangle c_{jn}(\mathbf{k}) \quad (15)$$

$$H |\psi_n(\mathbf{k})\rangle = \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}n} |\psi_n(\mathbf{k})\rangle \quad (16)$$

$$\sum_j (\langle \phi_i(\mathbf{k}) | H | \phi_j(\mathbf{k}) \rangle - \delta_{ij} \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}n}) c_{jn}(\mathbf{k}) = 0 \quad (17)$$

Secular equation:

$$\boxed{\det(H(\mathbf{k}) - \varepsilon_n \mathbf{k}I) = 0} \quad (18)$$

$$\phi_j(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} e^{i(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_j)\mathbf{r}} - \sum_{\alpha} \mu_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_j) \phi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) \quad (19)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \phi_i(\mathbf{k}) | H | \phi_j(\mathbf{k}) \rangle &= \langle \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_i | H | \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_j \rangle + \sum_{\alpha, \alpha'} \mu_{\alpha}^*(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_i) \mu_{\alpha'}(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_j) \langle \phi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) | H | \phi_{\alpha'}(\mathbf{k}) \rangle \\ &- \sum_{\alpha} (\mu_{\alpha}^*(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_i) \langle \phi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) | H | \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_j \rangle + \mu_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_j) \langle \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_i | H | \phi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) \rangle) \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

$$\langle \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_i | H | \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_j \rangle = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_i)^2 \delta_{ij} + V_{ij} \quad (21)$$

$$\langle \phi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) | H | \phi_{\alpha'}(\mathbf{k}) \rangle = \varepsilon_{\alpha} \delta_{\alpha \alpha'} \quad (22)$$

$$\langle \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_i | H | \phi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) \rangle = \varepsilon_{\alpha} \langle \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_i | \phi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) \rangle = \varepsilon_{\alpha} \mu_{\alpha}^*(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_i) \quad (23)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\langle \phi_i(\mathbf{k}) | H | \phi_j(\mathbf{k}) \rangle} &= \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_i)^2 \delta_{ij} + V_{ij} + \sum_{\alpha} \varepsilon_{\alpha} \mu_{\alpha}^*(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_i) \mu_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_j) \\ &- \sum_{\alpha} \varepsilon_{\alpha} \mu_{\alpha}^*(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_i) \mu_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_j) - \sum_{\alpha} \varepsilon_{\alpha} \mu_{\alpha}^*(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_j) \mu_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_i) \\ &= \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_i)^2 \delta_{ij} + \Gamma_{ij} \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

$$\underline{\Gamma_{ij} = V_{ij} - \sum_{\alpha} \varepsilon_{\alpha} \mu_{\alpha}^*(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_j) \mu_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_i)} \quad (25)$$

2 Pseudopotentials

Similar to the OPW method, let us introduce the Bloch functions of the core-states, $\phi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r})$, and additional Bloch functions (not plane-waves), $\tilde{\phi}_j(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r})$, such that the basis functions,

$$\phi_j(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) = \tilde{\phi}_j(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) - \sum_{\alpha} \mu_{\alpha j}(\mathbf{k}) \phi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) \quad (26)$$

are required to be orthogonal to $\phi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r})$. This implies,

$$\mu_{\alpha j}(\mathbf{k}) = \int d^3 r \phi_{\alpha}^*(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) \tilde{\phi}_j(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) \quad (27)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \int d^3 r w_{\alpha}^*(\mathbf{r}) \tilde{\phi}_j(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) . \quad (28)$$

The eigenfunctions of the Hamiltonian are expanded with respect to $\phi_j(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r})$,

$$|\psi_n(\mathbf{k})\rangle = \sum_j |\phi_j(\mathbf{k})\rangle c_{jn}(\mathbf{k}) \quad (29)$$

$$= \sum_j \left[\left| \tilde{\phi}_j(\mathbf{k}) \right\rangle - \sum_{\alpha} \mu_{\alpha j}(\mathbf{k}) |\phi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k})\rangle \right] c_{jn}(\mathbf{k}) \quad (30)$$

$$H |\psi_n(\mathbf{k})\rangle = \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}n} |\psi_n(\mathbf{k})\rangle \quad (31)$$

We obtain the following equation,

$$\begin{aligned} & H \sum_j \left| \tilde{\phi}_j(\mathbf{k}) \right\rangle c_{jn}(\mathbf{k}) + \sum_j \sum_\alpha (\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}n} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}) \mu_{\alpha j}(\mathbf{k}) |\phi_\alpha(\mathbf{k})\rangle c_{jn}(\mathbf{k}) \\ &= \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}n} \sum_j \left| \tilde{\phi}_j(\mathbf{k}) \right\rangle c_{jn}(\mathbf{k}) . \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

By introducing the *pseudo-wavefunction*,

$$\underline{\left| \tilde{\psi}_n(\mathbf{k}) \right\rangle = \sum_j \left| \tilde{\phi}_j(\mathbf{k}) \right\rangle c_{jn}(\mathbf{k}) ,} \quad (33)$$

we get

$$\underline{H \left| \tilde{\psi}_n(\mathbf{k}) \right\rangle + W \left| \tilde{\psi}_n(\mathbf{k}) \right\rangle = \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}n} \left| \tilde{\psi}_n(\mathbf{k}) \right\rangle} \quad (34)$$

where W is a non-local *pseudopotential*,

$$W = \sum_\alpha (\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}n} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}) |\phi_\alpha(\mathbf{k})\rangle \langle \phi_\alpha(\mathbf{k})| \quad (35)$$

or

$$\underline{W(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = \sum_\alpha (\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}n} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}) \phi_\alpha^*(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}') \phi_\alpha(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r})} \quad (36)$$

and

$$\langle \mathbf{r} | W \left| \tilde{\psi}_n(\mathbf{k}) \right\rangle = \int d^3 r' W(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \tilde{\psi}_n(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}') . \quad (37)$$

Let us look at the local part of W ,

$$W(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}) = \sum_\alpha (\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}n} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}) |\phi_\alpha(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r})|^2 . \quad (38)$$

This is always (strongly) positive, since $\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}n} \gg \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}$. Adding this to the Coulomb potential of the positively charged ion causes screening which can be approximated, e.g., by

$$V'(\mathbf{r}) = \begin{cases} \text{const.} & r < r_0 \\ A \frac{e^{-\kappa r}}{r} & r > r_0 \end{cases} \quad (39)$$

with suitably chosen parameters, A , κ and r_0 .

3 Augmented plane-waves (APW)

Muffin-tin potential

$$V_c(\mathbf{r}) = \begin{cases} v_a(r) & r \leq r_{MT} \\ \sim \text{const.} & r > r_{MT} \end{cases} \quad (40)$$

The wafunction inside the muffin-tin ($r \leq r_{MT}$),

$$\phi(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\ell, m} C_{\ell m} R_\ell(r) Y_\ell^m(\vartheta, \varphi) \quad (41)$$

$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left(\partial_r^2 + \frac{2}{r} \partial_r \right) + \frac{\hbar^2 \ell(\ell+1)}{2mr^2} + v_a(r) - \varepsilon \right] R_\ell(r) = 0 . \quad (42)$$

Out of the muffin-tin ($r > r_{MT}$):

$$\phi_i(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} e^{i(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_i)\mathbf{r}} \quad (43)$$

Continuity at $r = r_{MT}$ implies,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} e^{i(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_i)\mathbf{r}} &= \frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{V}} \sum_{\ell,m} i^\ell j_\ell(|\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_i| r) Y_\ell^m(\vartheta_k, \varphi_k)^* Y_\ell^m(\vartheta, \varphi) \\ &= \sum_{\ell,m} C_{\ell m}(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_i) R_\ell(r) Y_\ell^m(\vartheta, \varphi) \end{aligned}$$

with j_ℓ and Y_ℓ^m being the spherical Bessel functions and complex spherical harmonics, (ϑ_k, φ_k) and (ϑ, φ) are the azimuthal and polar angles of the vectors \mathbf{k} and \mathbf{r} , respectively. From the above equation,

$$C_{\ell m}(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_i) = \frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{V}} i^\ell Y_\ell^m(\vartheta_k, \varphi_k)^* \frac{j_\ell(|\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_i| r)}{R_\ell(r)}. \quad (44)$$

Note, however, that the derivative of these *augmented plane-waves* is not continuous at $r = r_{MT}$.

Ansatz for the eigenfunction:

$$\psi(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) = \sum_j \phi_j(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) c_j(\mathbf{k}) \quad (45)$$

Variational principle $\rightarrow c_j(\mathbf{k})$

$$\min(\langle \psi(\mathbf{k}) | H | \psi(\mathbf{k}) \rangle - \varepsilon \langle \psi(\mathbf{k}) | \psi(\mathbf{k}) \rangle) \quad (46)$$

The integral should be taken over a Wigner-Seitz cell:

$$\langle \psi(\mathbf{k}) | H - \varepsilon | \psi(\mathbf{k}) \rangle = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \int_{WS} d^3r \psi^*(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) \Delta \psi(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) + \int_{WS} d^3r \psi^*(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) (V(\mathbf{r}) - \varepsilon) \psi(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) \quad (47)$$

$$\int_{WS} d^3r \psi^*(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) \Delta \psi(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) = \int_{WS} d^3r \nabla(\psi^*(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) \nabla \psi(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r})) - \int_{WS} d^3r |\nabla \psi(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r})|^2 \quad (48)$$

$$\int_{WS} d^3r \nabla(\psi^*(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) \nabla \psi(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r})) = \int_{\Gamma_{WS}} d\mathbf{S} \psi^*(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) \nabla \psi(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) = 0 \quad (49)$$

since

$$\psi^*(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{R}_m) = e^{-i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{R}_m} \psi^*(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) \quad (50)$$

$$\nabla \psi(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{R}_m) = e^{i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{R}_m} \nabla \psi(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) \quad (51)$$

while the normal vektor of the surface of the Wigner-Seitz cell at $\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{R}_m$ is just the opposite the one at \mathbf{r} . Therefore, we conclude that

$$\langle \psi(\mathbf{k}) | H - \varepsilon | \psi(\mathbf{k}) \rangle = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \int_{WS} d^3r |\nabla \psi(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r})|^2 + \int_{WS} d^3r \psi^*(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) (V(\mathbf{r}) - \varepsilon) \psi(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}). \quad (52)$$

The ansatz for $\psi(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r})$ can now be substituted into the above equation, from which a quadratic expression of $c_j(\mathbf{k})$ can be obtained. Variation upon $c_j^*(\mathbf{k})$ results then in a matrix equation,

$$\left(\left[\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_i)^2 - \varepsilon \right] \delta_{ij} + M_{ij}^{APW}(\varepsilon, \mathbf{k}) \right) c_j(\mathbf{k}) = 0, \quad (53)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} M_{ij}^{APW}(\mathbf{k}) &= -\frac{4\pi r_{MT}^2}{V_0} \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left\{ \left[(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_i)(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_j) - \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \right] \frac{j_\ell(|\mathbf{G}_i - \mathbf{G}_j| r_{MT})}{|\mathbf{G}_i - \mathbf{G}_j|} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \sum_\ell (2\ell + 1) P_\ell(\cos \vartheta_{ij}) j_\ell(|\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_i| r_{MT}) j_\ell(|\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_j| r_{MT}) L_\ell(\varepsilon) \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (54)$$

with the Legendre functions P_ℓ , the azimuthal angle ϑ_{ij} of the vector $\mathbf{G}_i - \mathbf{G}_j$ and

$$L_\ell(\varepsilon) = \frac{dR'_\ell(\varepsilon, r_{MT})}{dr} / R_\ell(\varepsilon, r_{MT}) . \quad (55)$$

The eigenenergies are obtained by solving the secular equation,

$$\det \left(\left[\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_i)^2 - \varepsilon \right] \delta_{ij} + M_{ij}^{APW}(\varepsilon, \mathbf{k}) \right) = 0 \quad (56)$$

Note that this is not an ordinary matrix eigenvalue problem, since $M_{ij}^{APW}(\varepsilon, \mathbf{k})$ depends on ε . Thus, an exact solution can be achieved by iteration. Nevertheless, $L_\ell(\varepsilon)$ can well be approximated by $L_\ell(\varepsilon_\ell) + A_\ell(\varepsilon - \varepsilon_\ell)$, where ε_ℓ is a conveniently chosen energy (resonance) in the valence band. Thus we obtain a linear method, called *Linearized APW (LAPW)* method.