

# DFT Simulation with Quantum Espresso

## Psi-K Quantum-ESPRESSO School on Ab-Initio Thermal Transport

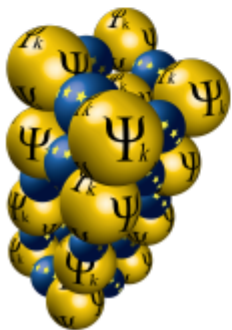
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### QUANTUM ESPRESSO V5.4.0

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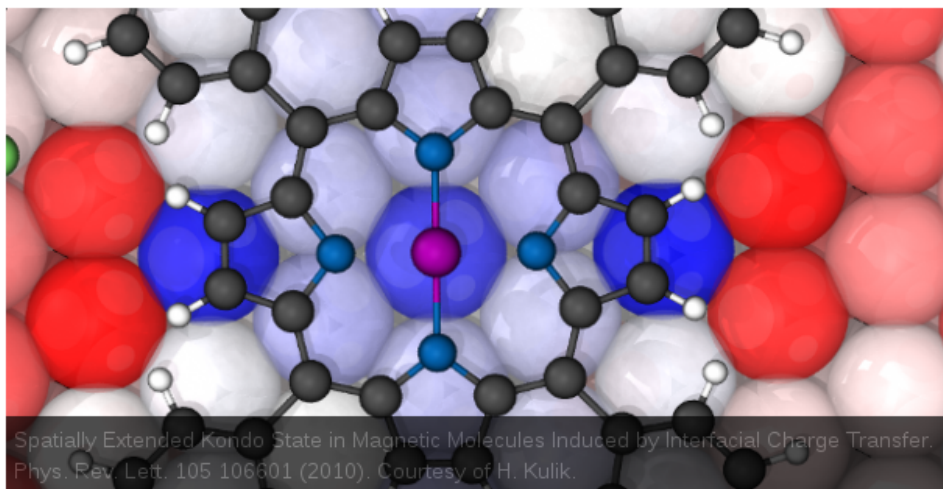
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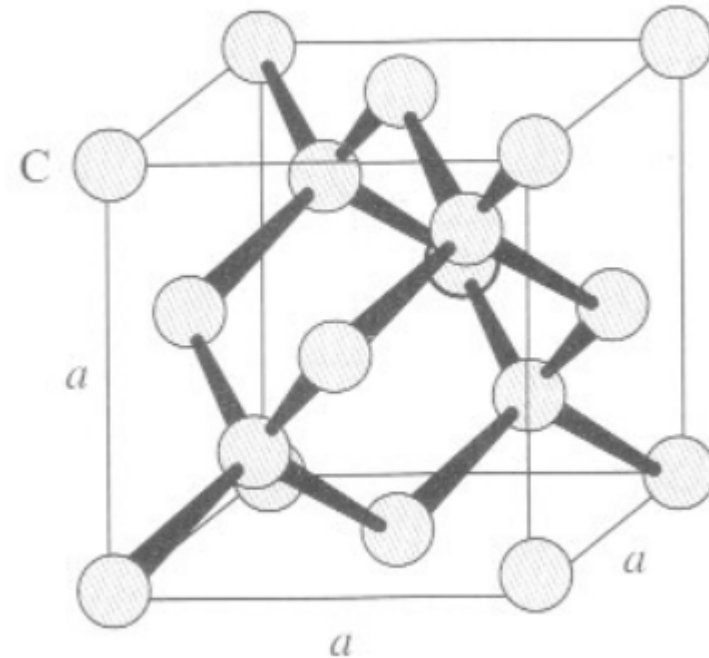
## QUANTUM ESPRESSO

is an integrated suite of Open-Source computer codes for electronic-structure calculations and materials modeling at the nanoscale. It is based on density-functional theory, plane waves, and pseudopotentials.

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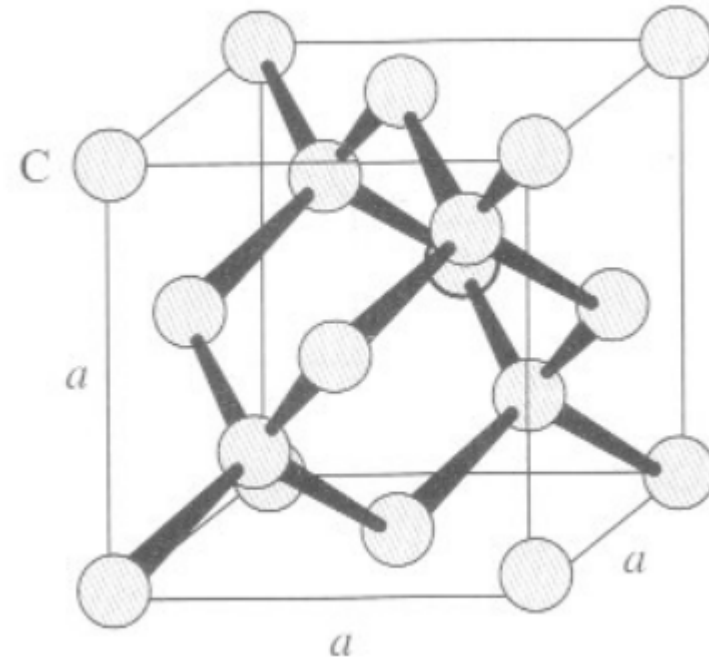
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# The Kohn-Sham Problem

## The Kohn-Sham Equation

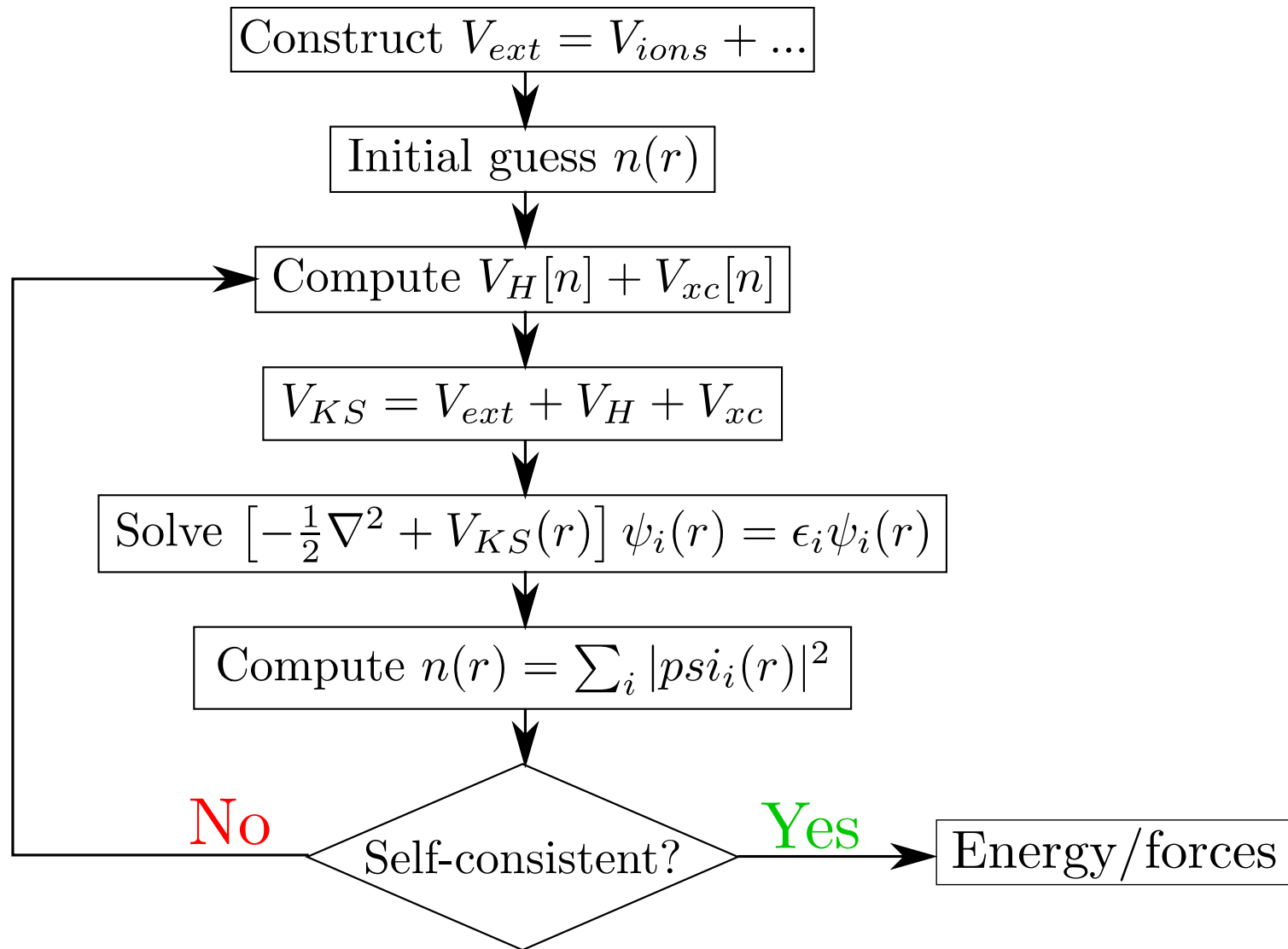
$$\left[ -\frac{1}{2}\nabla^2 + V_{\text{ext}} + V_H[n] + V_{\text{xc}}[n] \right] \psi_i(r) = \epsilon_i \psi_i(r)$$

## Self-Consistent Field procedure

$$\psi_i(r) \longrightarrow n(r) \longrightarrow H[n]$$
A horizontal arrow points from  $\psi_i(r)$  to  $n(r)$ , and another from  $n(r)$  to  $H[n]$ . A feedback loop is shown by a horizontal line with a vertical arrow pointing up from its left end to  $\psi_i(r)$  and a vertical line segment at its right end.

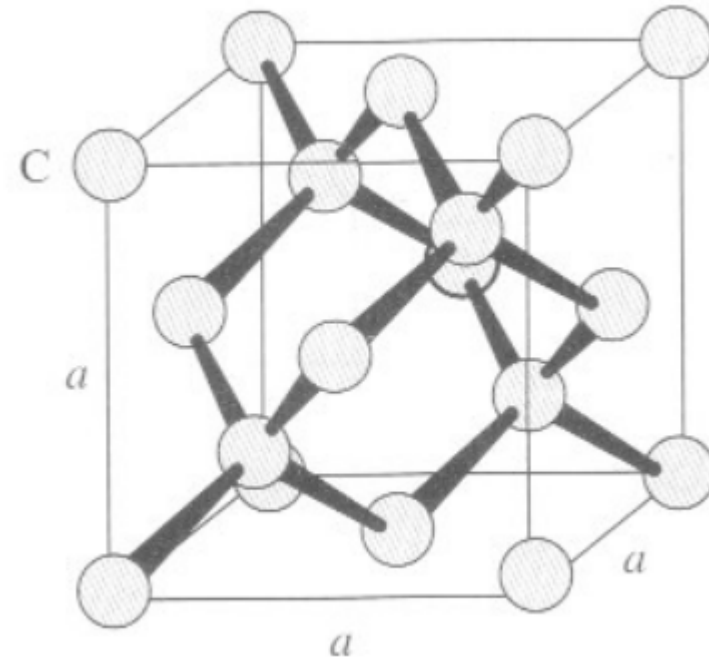
Computed by the pw.x code of QE

# Iterative Solution of the Kohn-Sham Equations



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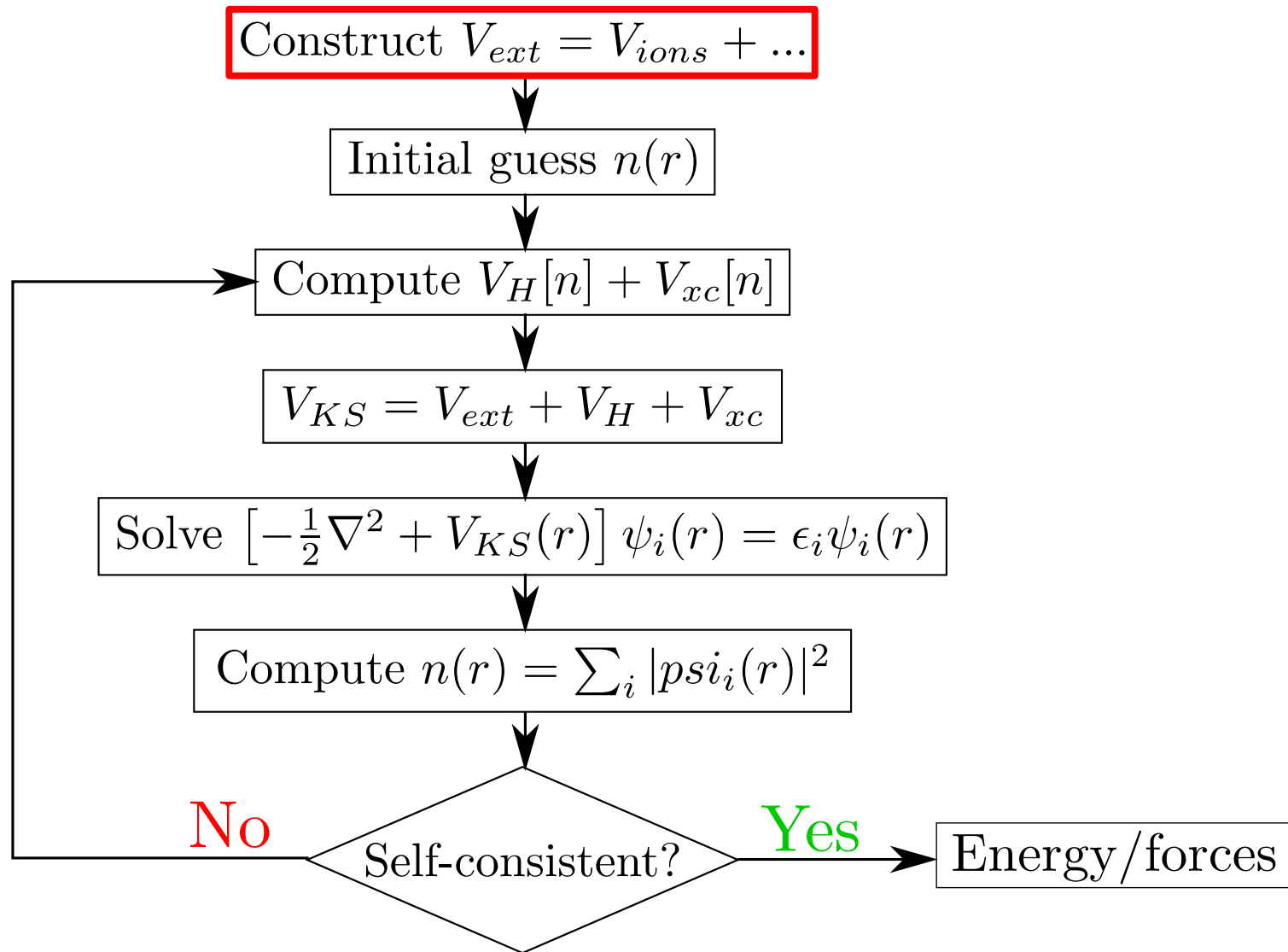
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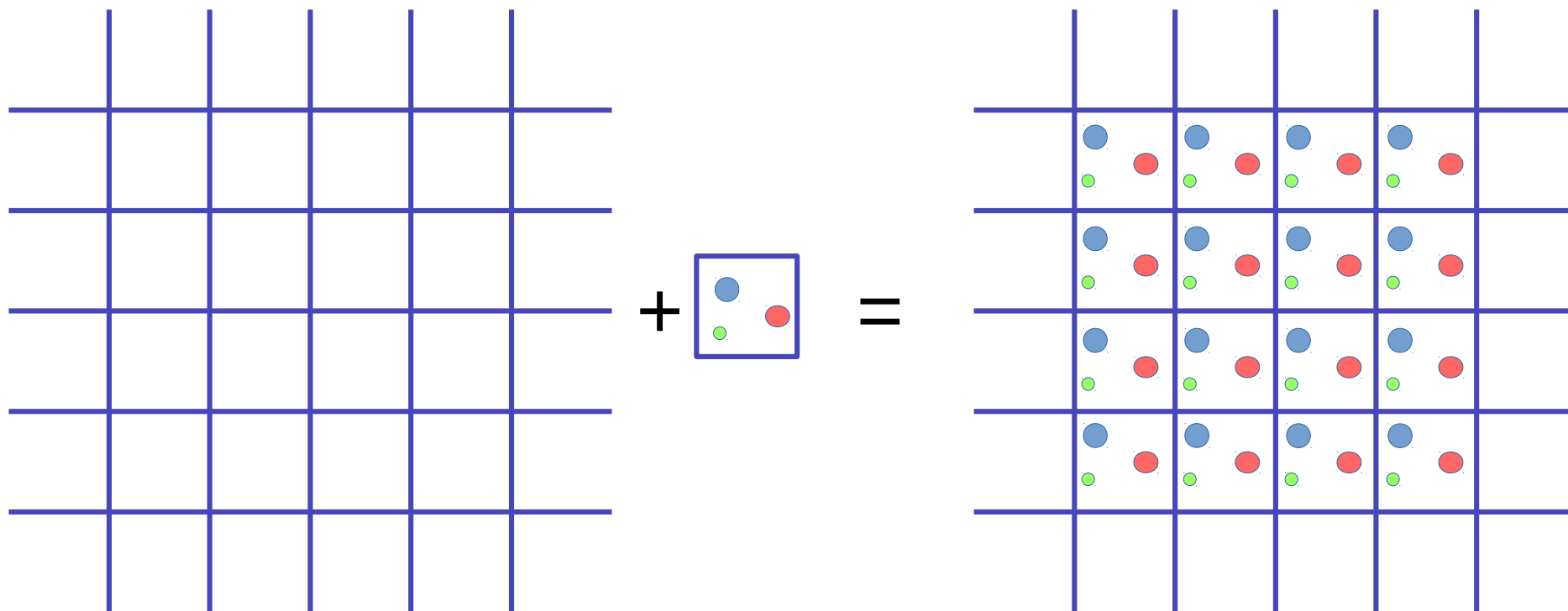
= "scf", "nscf", "relax", "md"



# Iterative Solution of the Kohn-Sham Equations



# Crystal Lattice and Basis



Periodic System = Lattice + Basis

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← **ibrav = 1: simple cubic**  
2: fcc  
4: hexagonal  
0: manual  
...

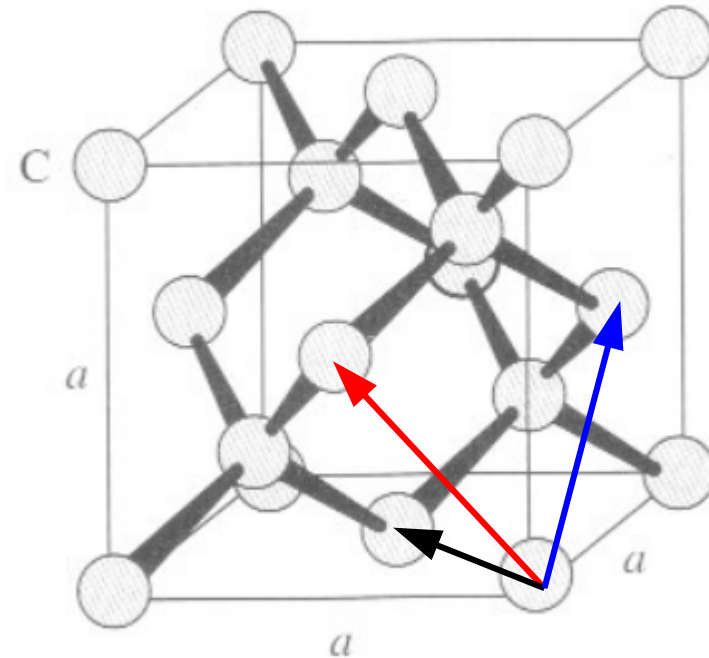
**simple cubic:**  
**a1 = a(1,0,0), a2=(0,1,0), a3=(0,0,1)**

fcc:  
a1=(a/2)(-1,0,1), a2=(a/2)(0,1,1), a3=(a/2)(-1,1,0)

hexagonal:  
a1=a(1,0,0), a2=a(-1/2,sqrt(3)/2,0) a3=a(0,0,c/a)

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fcc:

$a_1 = (a/2)(-1, 0, 1)$ ,  $a_2 = (a/2)(0, 1, 1)$ ,  $a_3 = (a/2)(-1, 1, 0)$

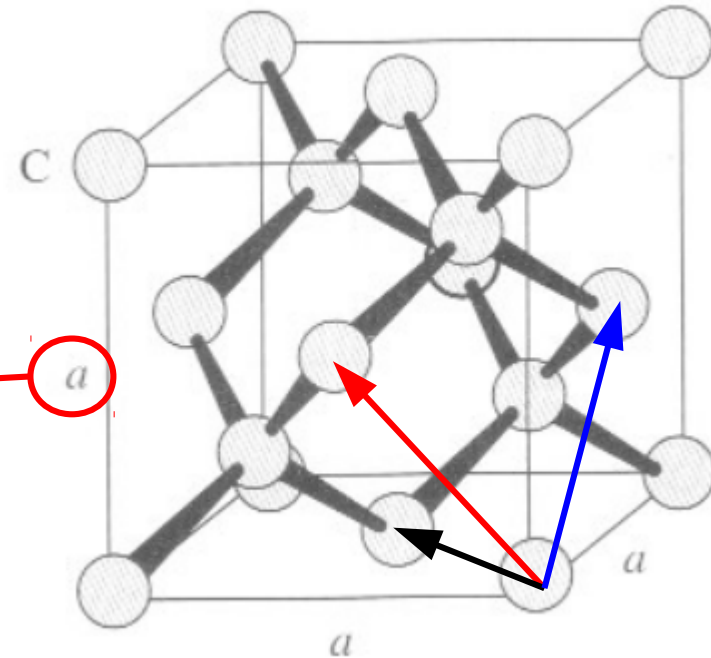
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alat, units: bohr (1 bohr = 0.521977 Å)

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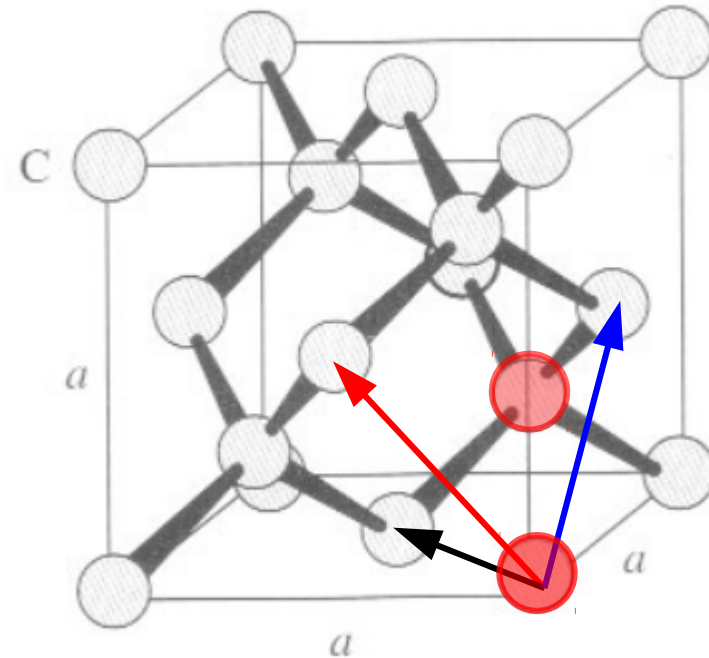


fcc:

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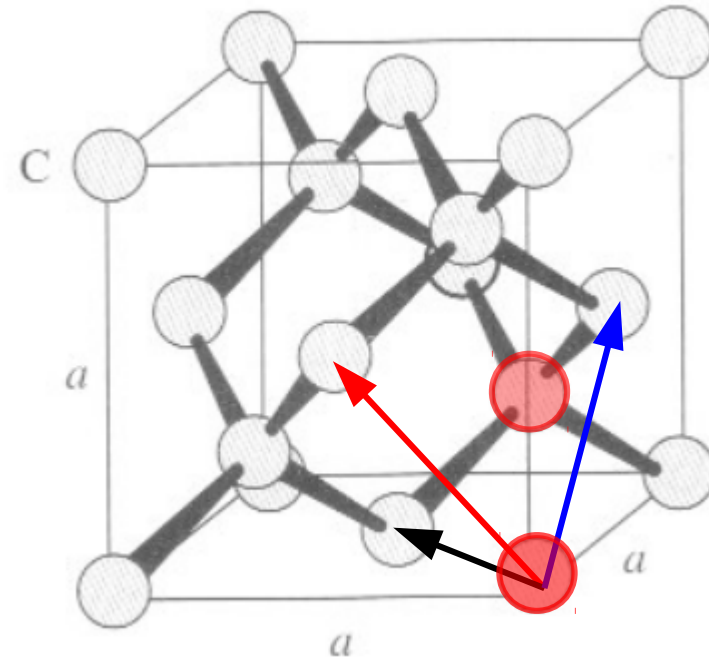


alat, crystal, bohr, angstrom

Simple mathematical expressions are allowed, i.e.  
Si 1/4 1/4 1/4 (without spaces)

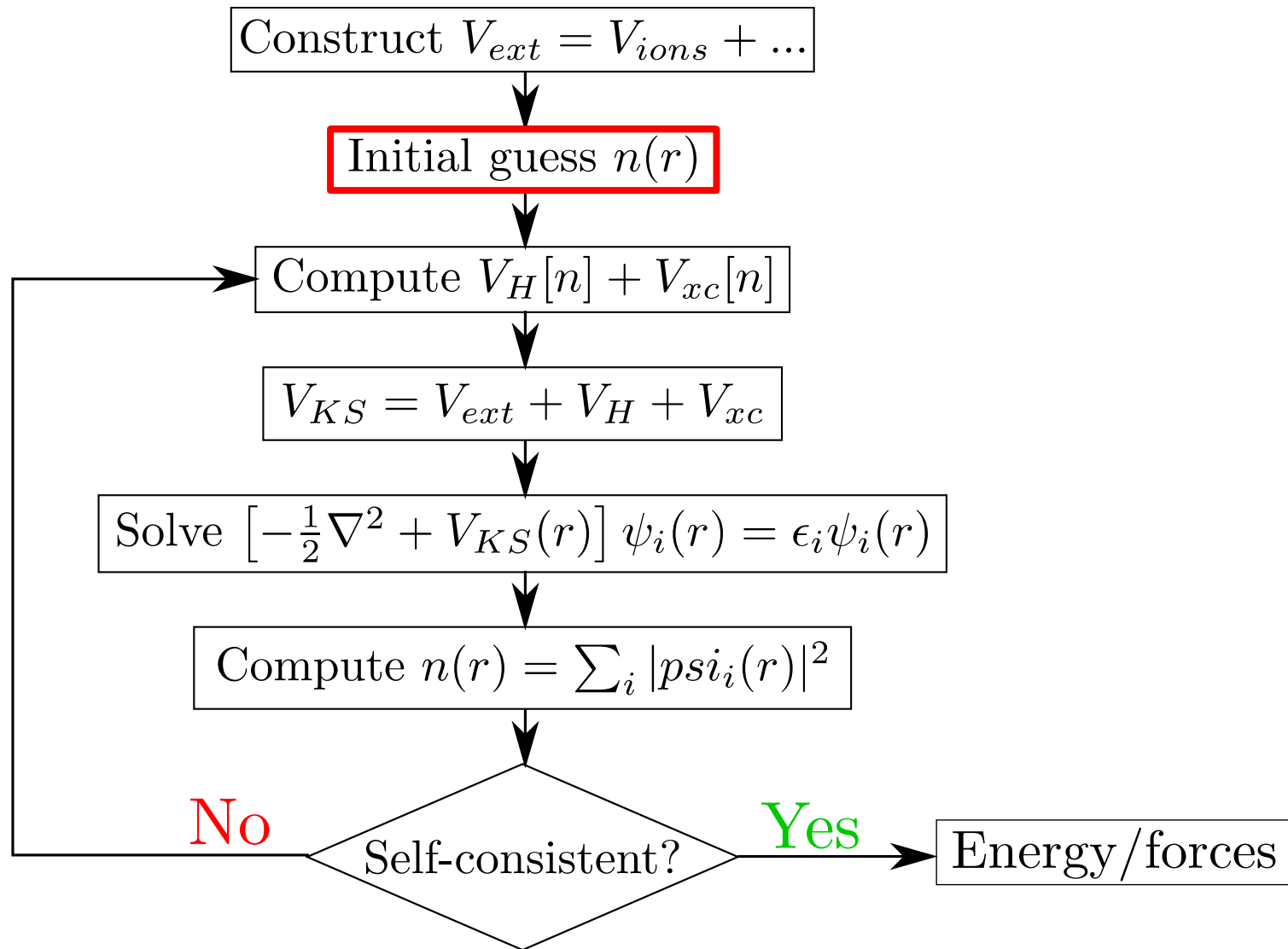
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# Iterative Solution of the Kohn-Sham Equations



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```



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= "atomic+random"

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$$\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} |\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}|^2 \leq E_{cut}$$

Units: Rydberg (1Ry = 0.5 Ha = 13.6057 eV)

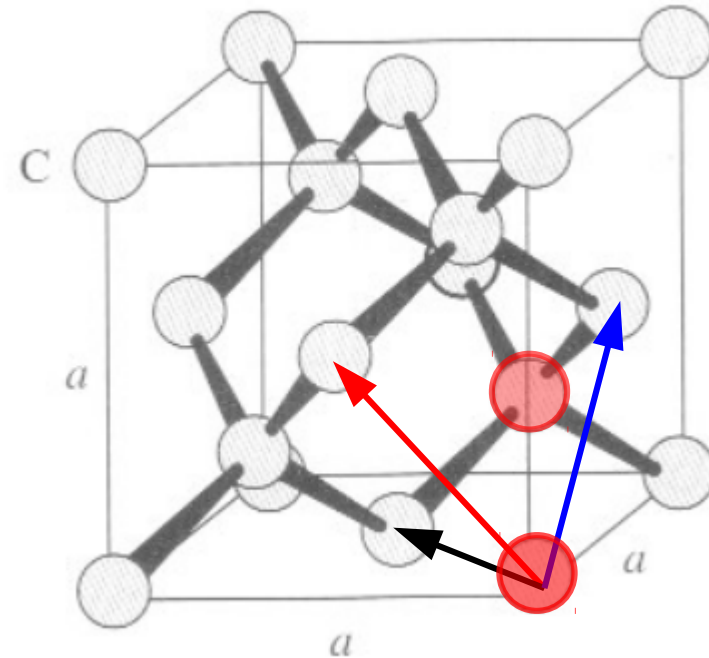
for ultrasoft pseudopotentials we have  
ecutrho = usually 8-12 \* ecutwfc (default 4\*ecutwfc)

for PAW pseudopotentials  
ecutrho = can be 4-8 \* ecutwfc

**TEST CONVERGENCE!!**

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```



Name of the pseudopotential file:  
Si.pz-rrkj.UPF

# Pseudopotential UPF format

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    Generated using "atomic" code by A. Dal Corso (espresso distribution)
    Author: ADC
    Generation date: 24May2008
    Pseudopotential type: NC
    Element: Si
    Functional: LDA

    Suggested minimum cutoff for wavefunctions: 30. Ry
    Suggested minimum cutoff for charge density: 119. Ry
    The Pseudo was generated with a Scalar-Relativistic Calculation
    L component and cutoff radius for Local Potential: 2 2.4000

    Valence configuration:
    nl pn l occ Rcut Rcut US E pseu
    3S 1 0 2.00 2.200 2.200 -0.799991
    3P 2 1 2.00 2.400 2.400 -0.306394
    Generation configuration:
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    3P 2 1 2.00 2.400 2.400 -0.306394
    3D 3 2 -2.00 2.400 2.400 0.200000

    Pseudization used: rrkj
  </PP_INFO>
```

# Pseudopotential libraries

## <http://www.quantum-espresso.org/pseudopotentials/>

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### PSEUDOPOTENTIALS

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### PSEUDOPOTENTIALS

Ready-to-use pseudopotentials are available from the periodic table below. Choose the options you desire from the menus (pseudopotentials from PSLibrary are recommended), then press "Filter". Elements for which at least a pseudopotential is available will appear in red. Click on the element entry and follow the link to access the pseudopotentials and a minimal description of their characteristics.

**Standard Solid State Pseudopotentials** (SSSP), a collection of the best verified pseudopotentials, maintained by THEOS and MARVEL, can be found, together with tests, on the Materials Cloud ([materialscloud.org](http://materialscloud.org)).

**PAW datasets for rare earths** can be found on the web page of VLab at University of Minnesota.

More information about **pseudopotentials in general**, the **naming convention** adopted for pseudopotential files, the **Unified Pseudopotential Format**, and on other pseudopotential databases, can be found via the links of the menu at the left.

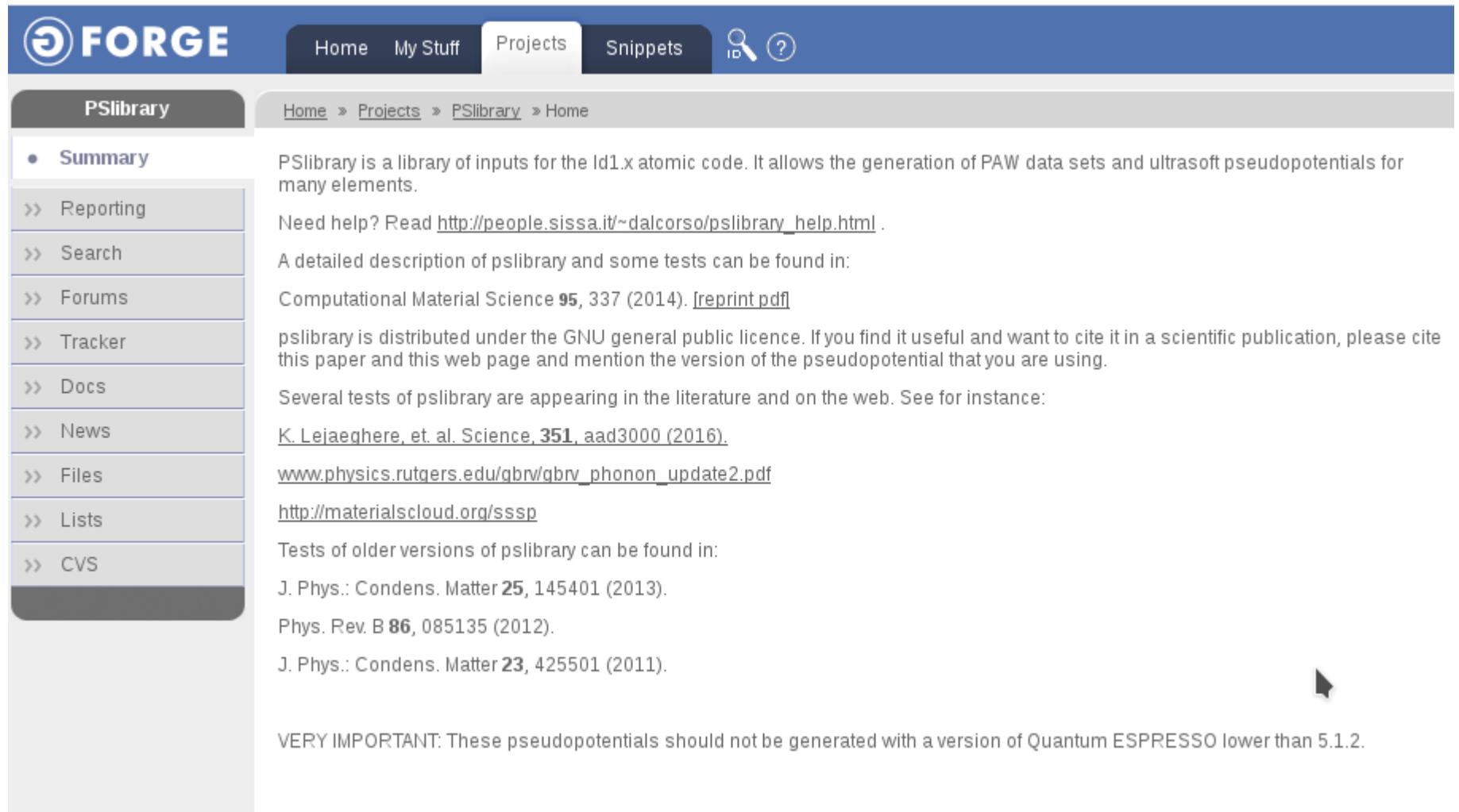
*Important Note: although most of these pseudopotentials were published or used with satisfactory results in published work, we cannot give any warranty whatsoever that they fit your actual needs.*

(last updated April 7, 2016)

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# Pseudopotential libraries

<http://www.qe-forge.org/gf/project/pslibrary/>



The screenshot shows the PSlibrary project page on the QeForge website. The page has a blue header with the QeForge logo and navigation links: Home, My Stuff, Projects (selected), and Snippets. There are also search and help icons. Below the header, a breadcrumb trail reads: Home » Projects » PSlibrary » Home. On the left side, there is a sidebar with a 'PSlibrary' section containing a list of links: Summary (selected), Reporting, Search, Forums, Tracker, Docs, News, Files, Lists, and CVS. The main content area on the right contains the following text:

PSlibrary is a library of inputs for the `Id1.x` atomic code. It allows the generation of PAW data sets and ultrasoft pseudopotentials for many elements.

Need help? Read [http://people.sissa.it/~dalcorso/pslibrary\\_help.html](http://people.sissa.it/~dalcorso/pslibrary_help.html).

A detailed description of pslibrary and some tests can be found in:

Computational Material Science **95**, 337 (2014). [\[reprint pdf\]](#)

pslibrary is distributed under the GNU general public licence. If you find it useful and want to cite it in a scientific publication, please cite this paper and this web page and mention the version of the pseudopotential that you are using.

Several tests of pslibrary are appearing in the literature and on the web. See for instance:

[K. Lejaeghere, et. al. Science, \*\*351\*\*, aad3000 \(2016\).](#)

[www.physics.rutgers.edu/qbrv/qbrv\\_phonon\\_update2.pdf](http://www.physics.rutgers.edu/qbrv/qbrv_phonon_update2.pdf)

<http://materialscloud.org/sssp>

Tests of older versions of pslibrary can be found in:

J. Phys.: Condens. Matter **25**, 145401 (2013).

Phys. Rev. B **86**, 085135 (2012).

J. Phys.: Condens. Matter **23**, 425501 (2011).

VERY IMPORTANT: These pseudopotentials should not be generated with a version of Quantum ESPRESSO lower than 5.1.2.

# Pseudopotential libraries

<https://www.physics.rutgers.edu/gbrv/>

## GBRV high-throughput pseudopotentials



by Kevin F. Garrity, Joseph W. Bennett, Karin M. Rabe, and David Vanderbilt

Updated September 23, 2015

Version 1.5 now available. See below, [here\(pdf\)](#) and [here\(pdf\)](#).

Welcome to the GBRV pseudopotential site. This site hosts the GBRV pseudopotential library, a highly accurate and computationally inexpensive open-source pseudopotential library which has been designed and optimized for use in high-throughput DFT calculations and released under the [gnu public license](#). We provide potential files for direct use with the [Quantum Espresso](#), [Abinit](#), and [JDFTx](#) plane-wave pseudopotential codes, as well as input files for the Vanderbilt [Ultrasoft](#) pseudopotential generator. Please see our paper: K.F. Garrity, J.W. Bennett, K.M. Rabe and D. Vanderbilt, *Comput. Mater. Sci.* **81**, 446 (2014) ([link](#)), for more information.

The GBRV pseudopotential library has been tested by comparing to all-electron LAPW+LO calculations performed with the [WIEN2k](#) code in a variety of chemical environments. The GBRV potential library has been found to produce lattice constants, bulk moduli, and magnetic moments which are of comparable or higher overall accuracy than other comprehensive pseudopotential libraries across a wide variety of bonding environments, while maintaining a low computational cost.

Please consult our [paper \(local preprint\)](#) for full details on our design criteria and testing procedure, and [extra notes](#) on the Abinit potentials and testing data.

While these potentials have been designed for high-throughput calculations, they should be of general use. Despite our relatively thorough testing, **we cannot guarantee that these potentials will be appropriate for every application**, but we provide testing data as well as the input files for use with the Vanderbilt Ultrasoft pseudopotential generator code, which can be used to modify the potentials to suit your needs. Please let us know if you improve on any of the potentials.

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# Pseudopotential libraries

[http://www.quantum-simulation.org/potentials/sg15\\_oncv/](http://www.quantum-simulation.org/potentials/sg15_oncv/)

quantum-simulation.org

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## SG15 ONCV Potentials

The SG15 Optimized Norm-Conserving Vanderbilt (ONCV) pseudopotentials were generated using the code ONCVSP (Optimized Norm-Conserving Vanderbilt Pseudopotential) scalar-relativistic version 2.1.1, 03/26/2014 by D. R. Hamann. The code is available at [www.mat-simresearch.com](http://www.mat-simresearch.com), and the procedure is described in

D. R. Hamann, Phys. Rev. B 88, 085117 (2013)  
<http://link.aps.org/doi/10.1103/PhysRevB.88.085117>

The parameters of the SG15 potentials were optimized to reproduce the results of all-electron calculations with high accuracy, using the procedure described in

M. Schlupf and F. Gygi, Computer Physics Communications **196**, 36 (2015).  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.cpc.2015.05.011>.

## License

The SG15 potentials are distributed under a Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike 4.0 license (CC BY-SA 4.0). See <http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/4.0/>

## Download

The SG15 collection of ONCV pseudopotentials is available in UPF and XML formats.

- [sg15\\_oncv\\_xml\\_2015-10-07.tar.gz](#) SG15 ONCV potentials in XML format
- [sg15\\_oncv\\_upf\\_2015-10-07.tar.gz](#) SG15 ONCV potentials in UPF format

The XML format conforms to the quantum-simulation.org XML Schema specification <http://www.quantum-simulation.org/schemas/species.xsd>

## Version numbers

Potential file names reflect their version number, starting with 1.0. As of 2015-10-20, some potentials have version number 1.1 after some defects were corrected. The downloadable files provided below only include the most recent version of each potential. The full collection including older versions is available as [sg15\\_oncv\\_2015-10-07.tar.gz](#)

## Revision history

[2015-10-07]  
Generated potentials for Hf, Ta, W without f electrons in valence. Updated full reference to the SG15 paper in potential files.

[2015-08-25]  
Added reference to the SG15 paper in potential files.

[2015-05-20]  
Updated potentials (version 1.1) for Ar, As, Cl, Cs, I, In, P, S, Sb, Se, Si, Sn, Te, Xe.

[2015-01-24]  
Original distribution.

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  4 4 4 0 0 0
```

$$n(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{nk} |\psi_{nk}(\mathbf{r})|^2 \theta(\epsilon_n(\mathbf{k}) - \epsilon_F)$$

**occupations = "smearing"**  
**smearing = "gaussian"** or mv, mp, fd  
**degauss = 0.01** in Ry (careful: the  
bands are printed in eV)

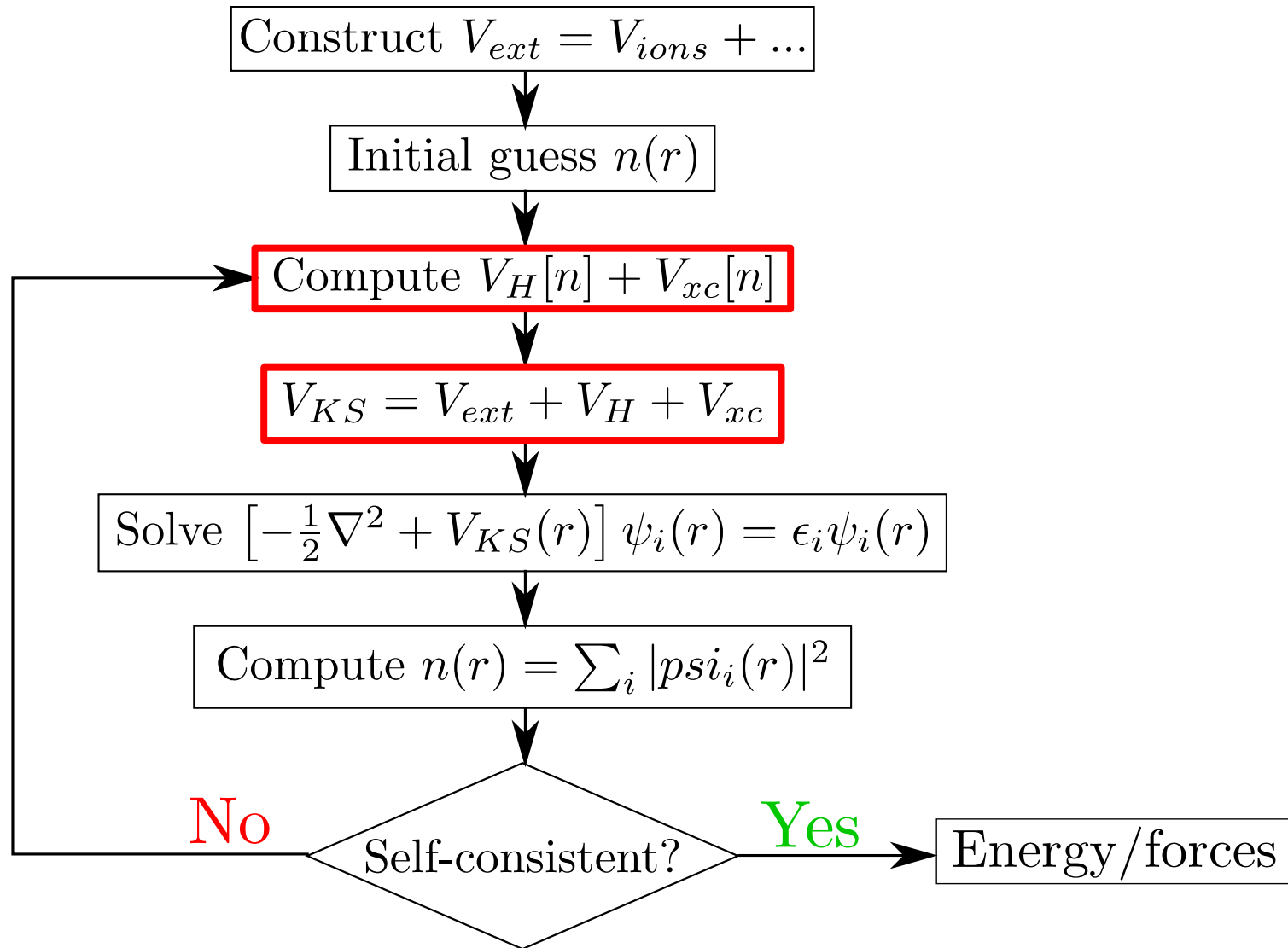
Smaller values of smearing are important for magnetic systems.

A small fictitious smearing can help convergence of molecules, small gap insulators

Some features not available for "metals" (either real or fake), i.e. dielectric constant, effective charges


**nk1, nk2, nk3, shift1, shift2, shift3**  
shift can be 0 or 1

# Iterative Solution of the Kohn-Sham Equations




# Quantum-ESPRESSO input file

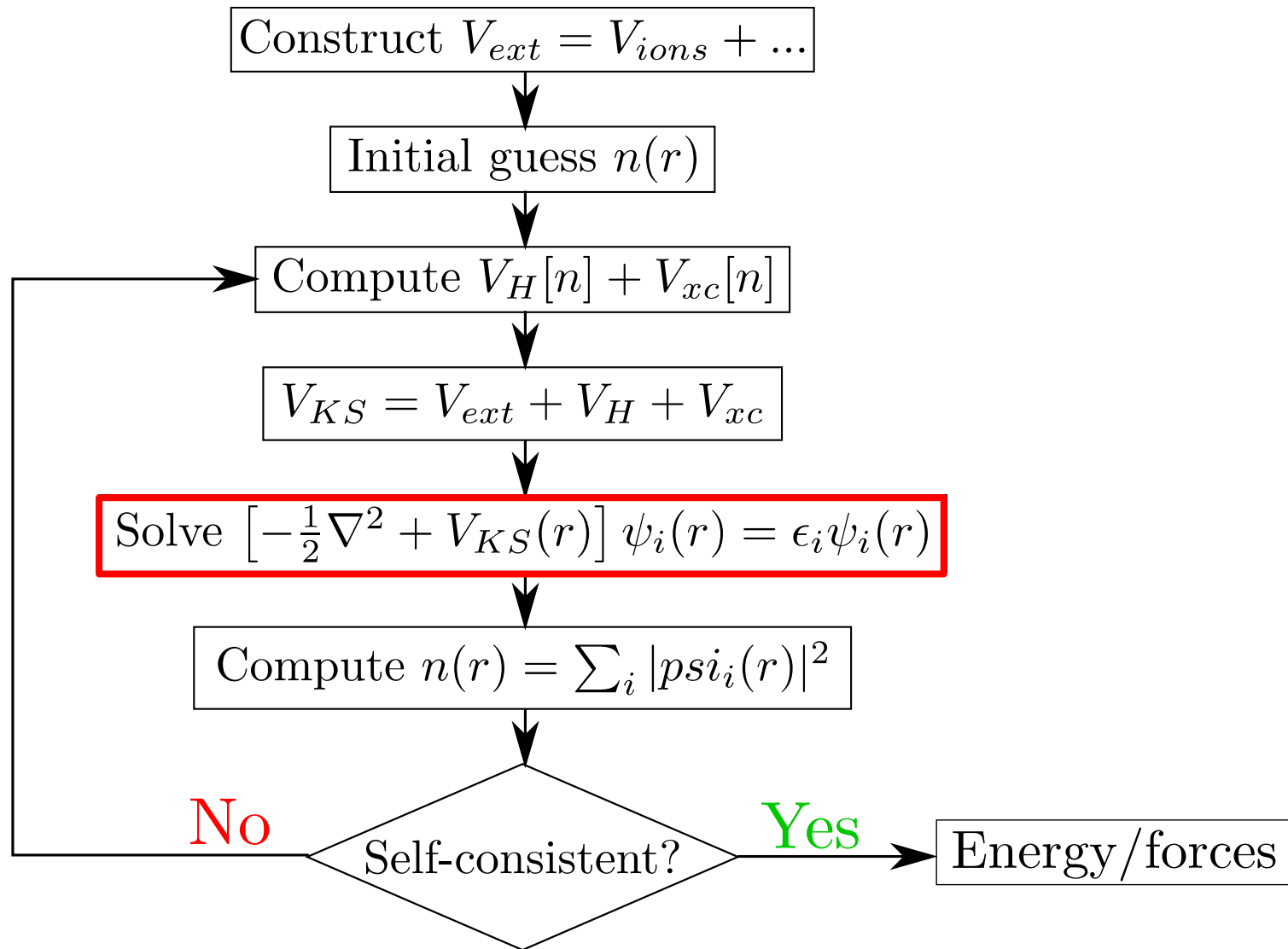
```
&control
  calculation = "scf"
  prefix = "silicon"
  outdir = "tmp"
/
&system
  ibrav = 2
  celldm(1) = 10.20
  nat = 2
  ntyp = 1
  ecutwfc = 16.0
/
&electrons
  mixing_beta = 0.7
/
ATOMIC_SPECIES
  Si 28.086 Si.pz-rrkj.UPF
ATOMIC_POSITIONS alat
  Si 0. 0. 0.
  Si 0.25 0.25 0.25
K_POINTS automatic
  4 4 4 0 0 0
```

 **input\_dft = "pbe0"**  
**"b3lyp"**  
**"rpbe"**

**Do not change the Functional unless you know what you are doing!**

 **The default value is determined by the Pseudopotential!**

# Iterative Solution of the Kohn-Sham Equations



# Quantum-ESPRESSO input file

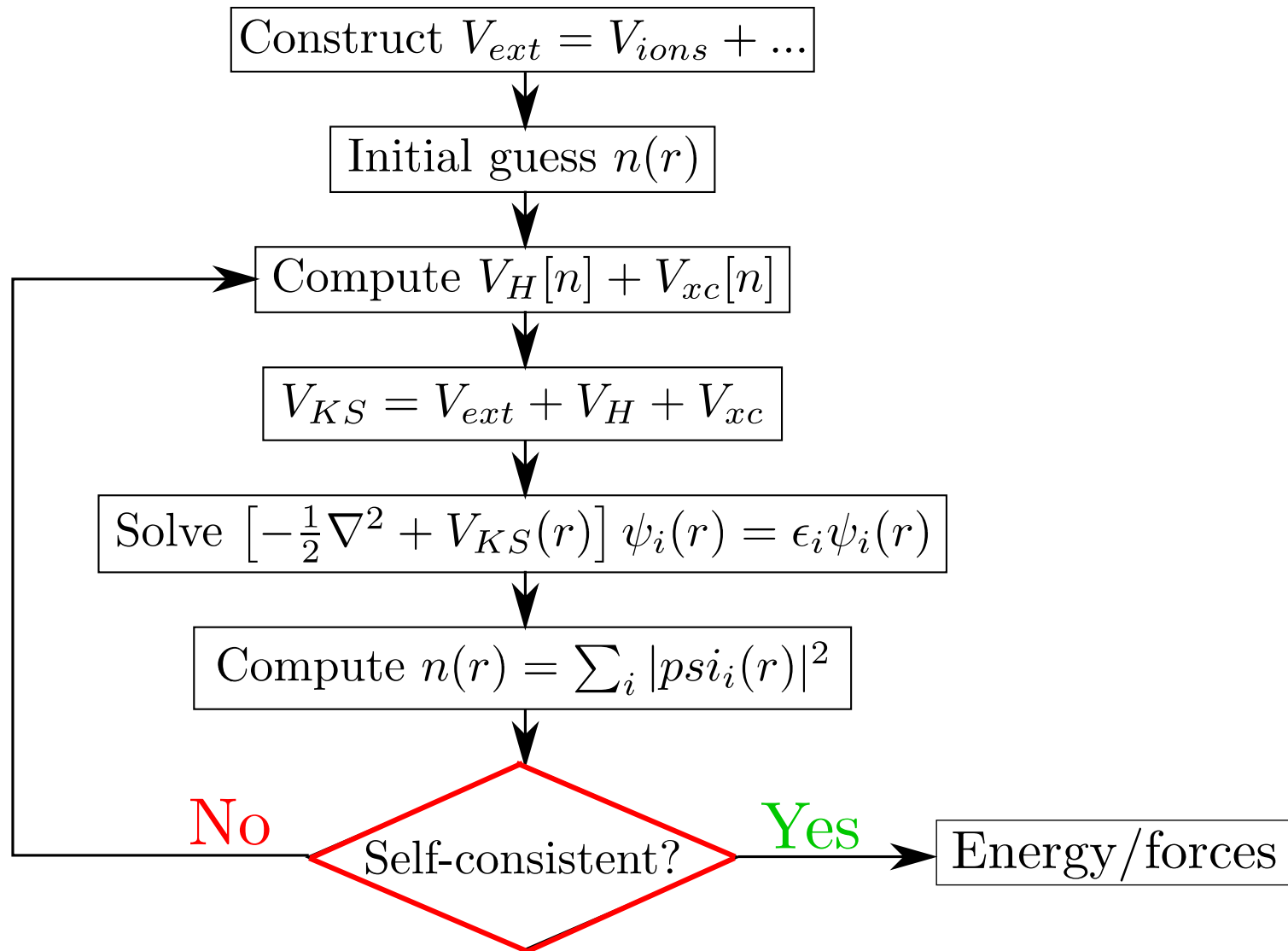
```
&control
  calculation = "scf"
  prefix = "silicon"
  outdir = "tmp"
/
&system
 ibrav = 2
  celldm(1) = 10.20
  nat = 2
  ntyp = 1
  ecutwfc = 16.0
/
&electrons
  mixing_beta = 0.7
/
ATOMIC_SPECIES
  Si 28.086 Si.pz-rrkj.UPF
ATOMIC_POSITIONS alat
  Si 0.  0.  0.
  Si 0.25 0.25 0.25
K_POINTS automatic
  4 4 4  0 0 0
```

**diagonalization = "david"**

Very robust default algorithm, effective in parallel


Recourse to conjugate-gradient "cg" should never be needed: a fault in your input or bad pseudopotential is usually the cause of convergence problems.

# Iterative Solution of the Kohn-Sham Equations



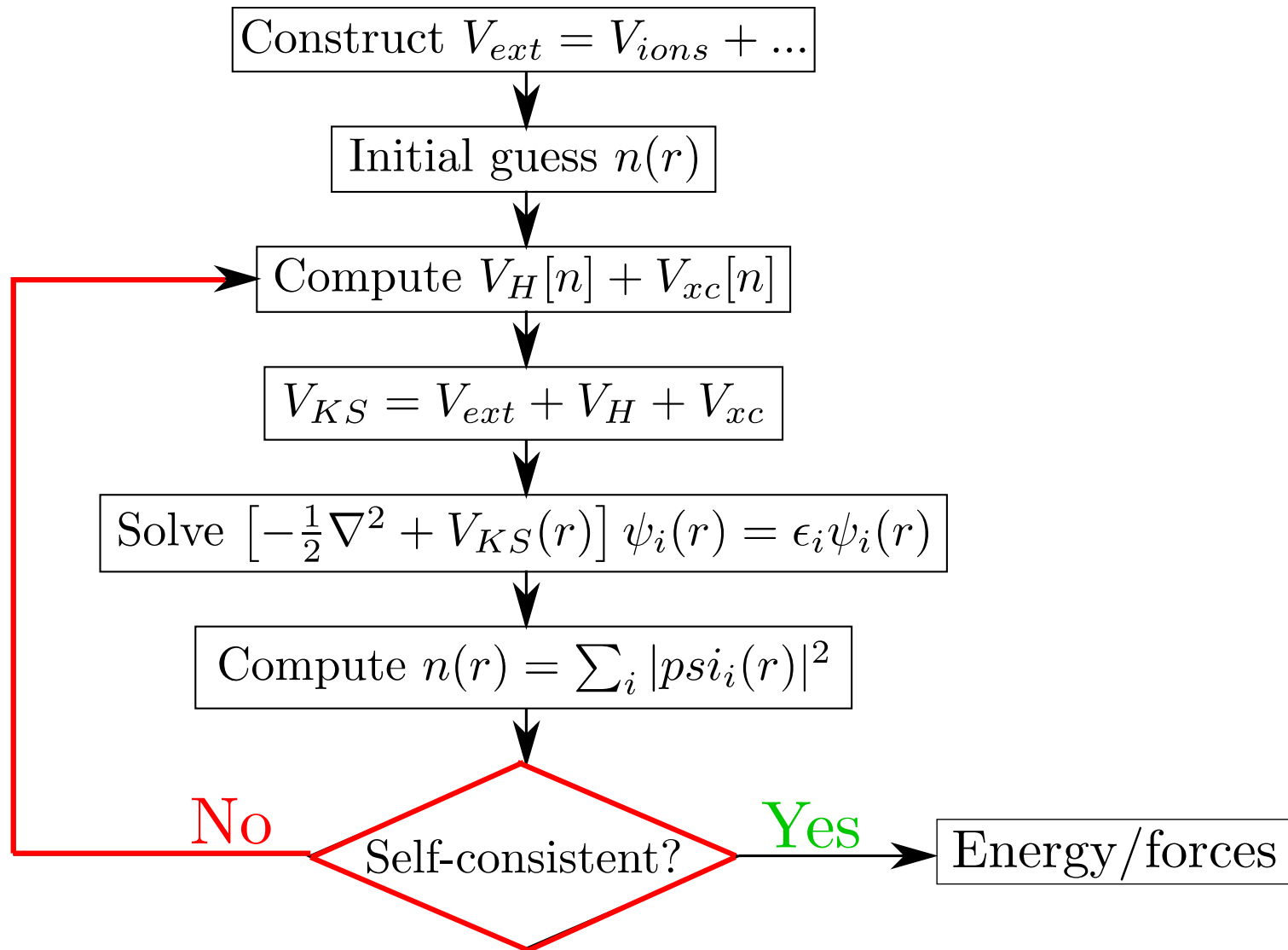
# Quantum-ESPRESSO input file

```
&control
  calculation = "scf"
  prefix = "silicon"
  outdir = "tmp"
/
&system
 ibrav = 2
  celldm(1) = 10.20
  nat = 2
  ntyp = 1
  ecutwfc = 16.0
/
&electrons
  mixing_beta = 0.7
/
ATOMIC_SPECIES
  Si 28.086 Si.pz-rrkj.UPF
ATOMIC_POSITIONS alat
  Si 0.  0.  0.
  Si 0.25 0.25 0.25
K_POINTS automatic
  4 4 4  0 0 0
```

 **conv\_thr = 1.d-6 (DEFAULT)**  
**1.d-10 (tight, good for phonons)**



# Iterative Solution of the Kohn-Sham Equations



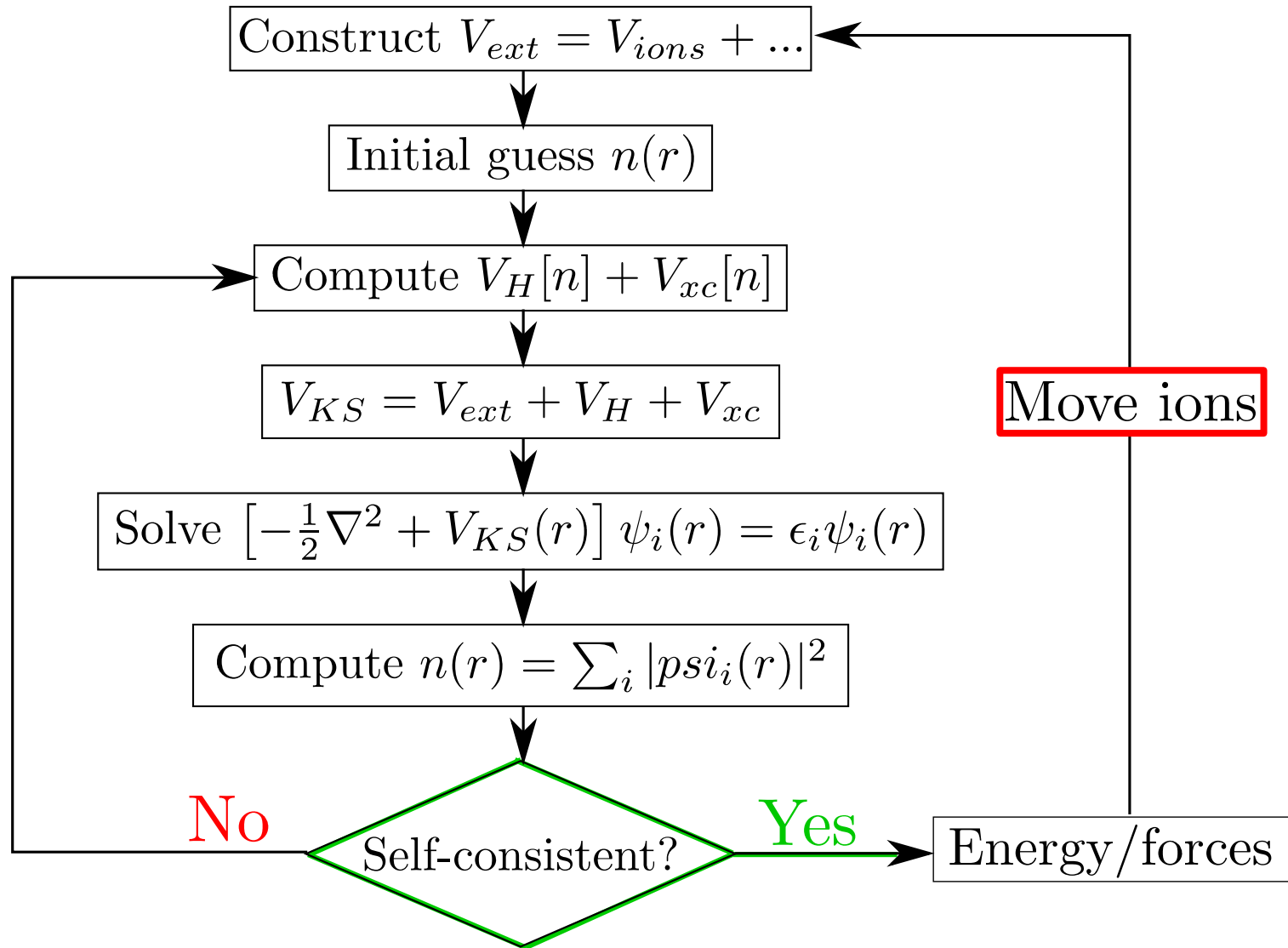
# Quantum-ESPRESSO input file

```
&control
  calculation = "scf"
  prefix = "silicon"
  outdir = "tmp"
/
&system
 ibrav = 2
  celldm(1) = 10.20
  nat = 2
  ntyp = 1
  ecutwfc = 16.0
/
&electrons
  mixing_beta = 0.7
/
ATOMIC_SPECIES
  Si 28.086 Si.pz-rrkj.UPF
ATOMIC_POSITIONS alat
  Si 0. 0. 0.
  Si 0.25 0.25 0.25
K_POINTS automatic
  4 4 4 0 0 0
```

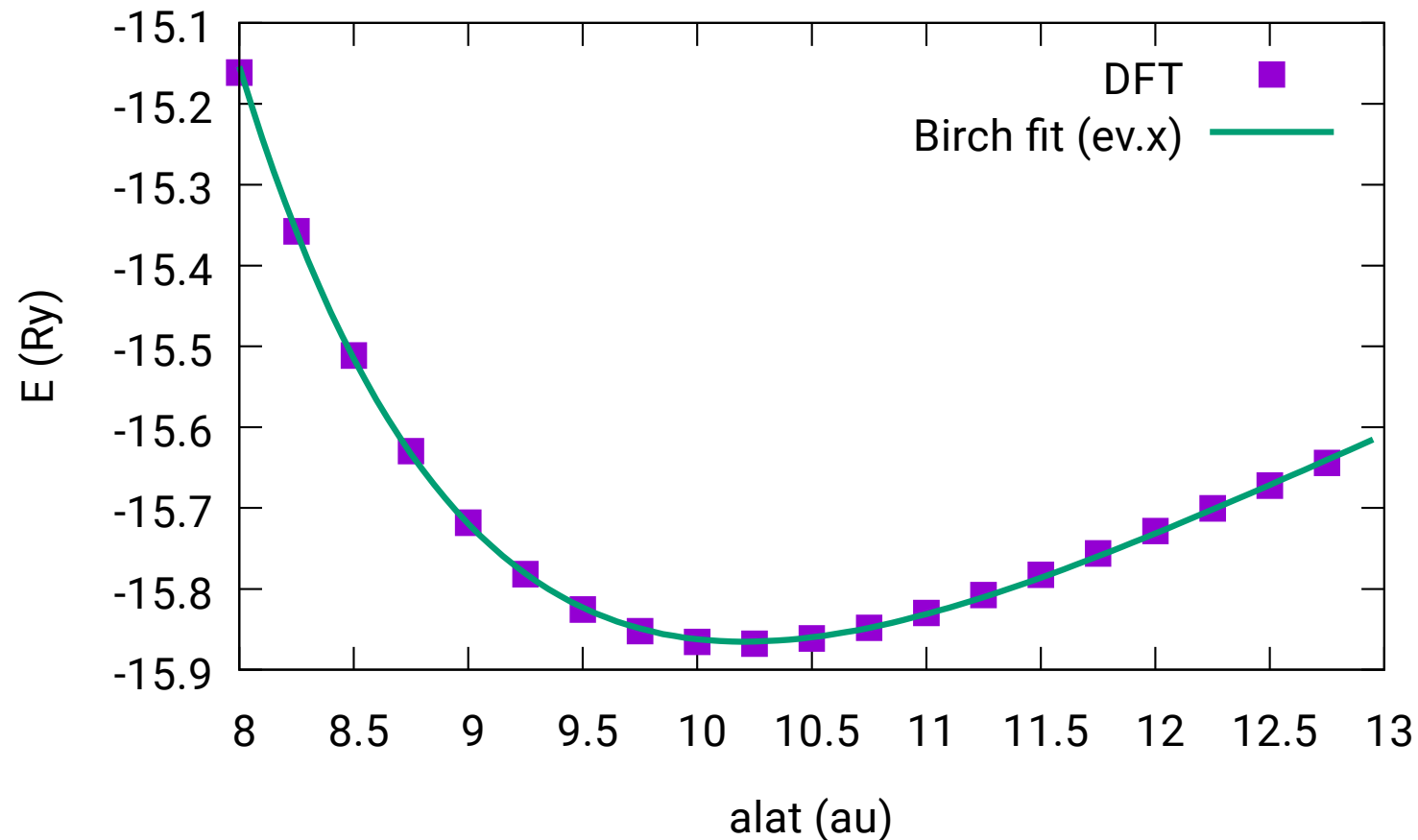
**Mix new and old charge density using  
Broyden scheme**

**Lower the parameter for difficult systems  
(check also mixing\_ndim)**

# Iterative Solution of the Kohn-Sham Equations



# Equation of State



Series of DFT calculations, fitted with the ev.x utility

```
# equation of state: birch 1st order.  chisq = 0.8242D-05
# a0 = 10.2054 a.u., k0 = 869 kbar, dk0 = 4.08 d2k0 = 0.000 emin = -15.86534
# a0 = 5.40044 Ang, k0 = 86.9 GPa, V0 = 265.72 (a.u.)^3, V0 = 39.38 A^3
```

# Quantum-ESPRESSO input file

```
&control  
  calculation = "relax"  
  prefix = "silicon"  
  outdir = "tmp"  
  nstep = 50  
  etot_conv_thr = 1.d-4  
  forc_conv_thr = 1.d-3
```

vc-relax, md, vc-md

pw.x can move the ions according to many different schemes: check the documentation and literature.

Consider Car-Parrinello

**Move the atoms by hand!**

```
/  
...  
&electrons  
  conv_thr = 1.d-8
```

```
/  
&ions  
  ion_dynamics = "bfgs"  
  upscale = 100
```

damp, verlet, langevin, ...

```
pot_extrapolation="atomic"
```

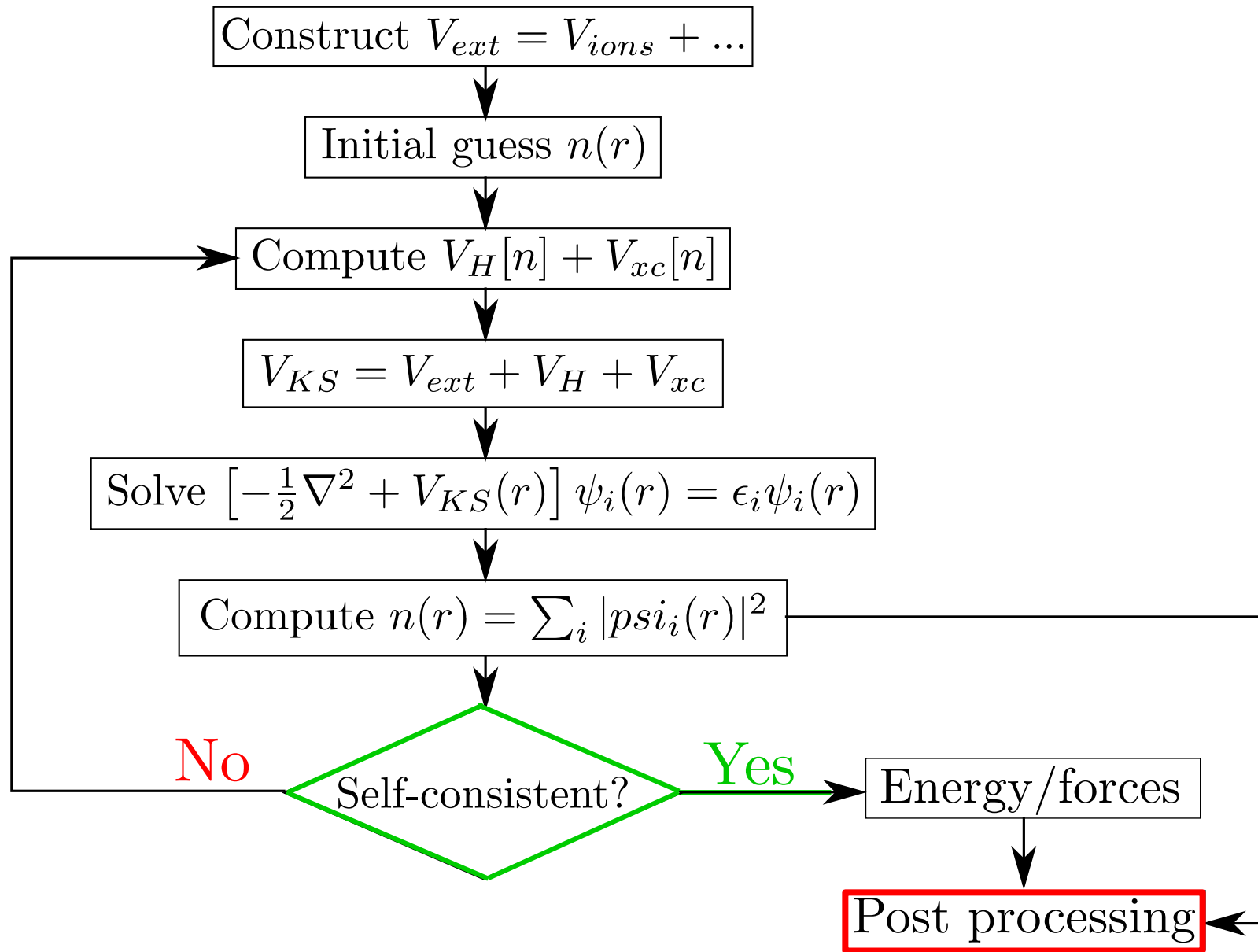
none, first\_order, second\_order

```
/  
&cell  
  press = 0.0
```

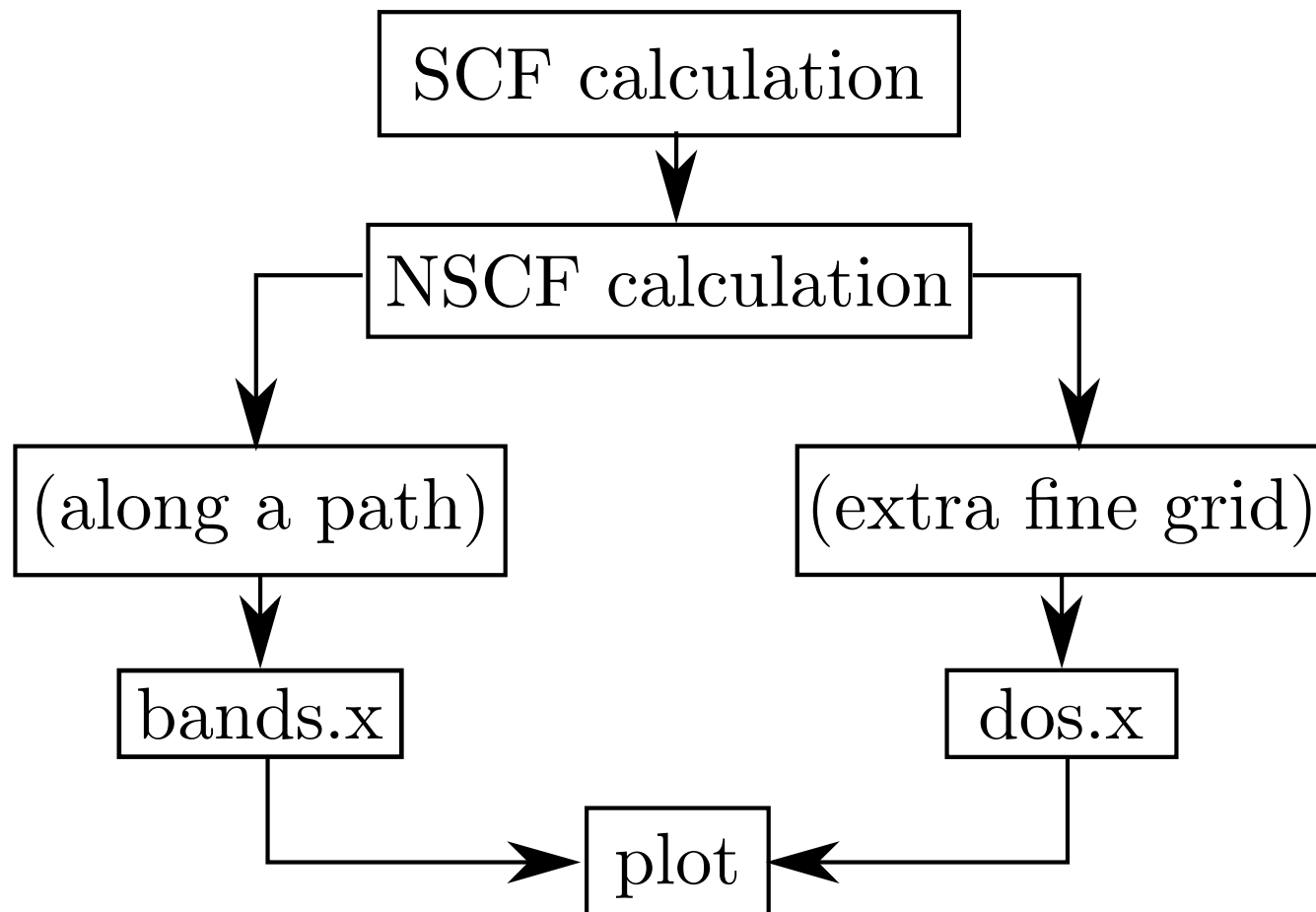
target pressure in kbar

```
/  
...
```

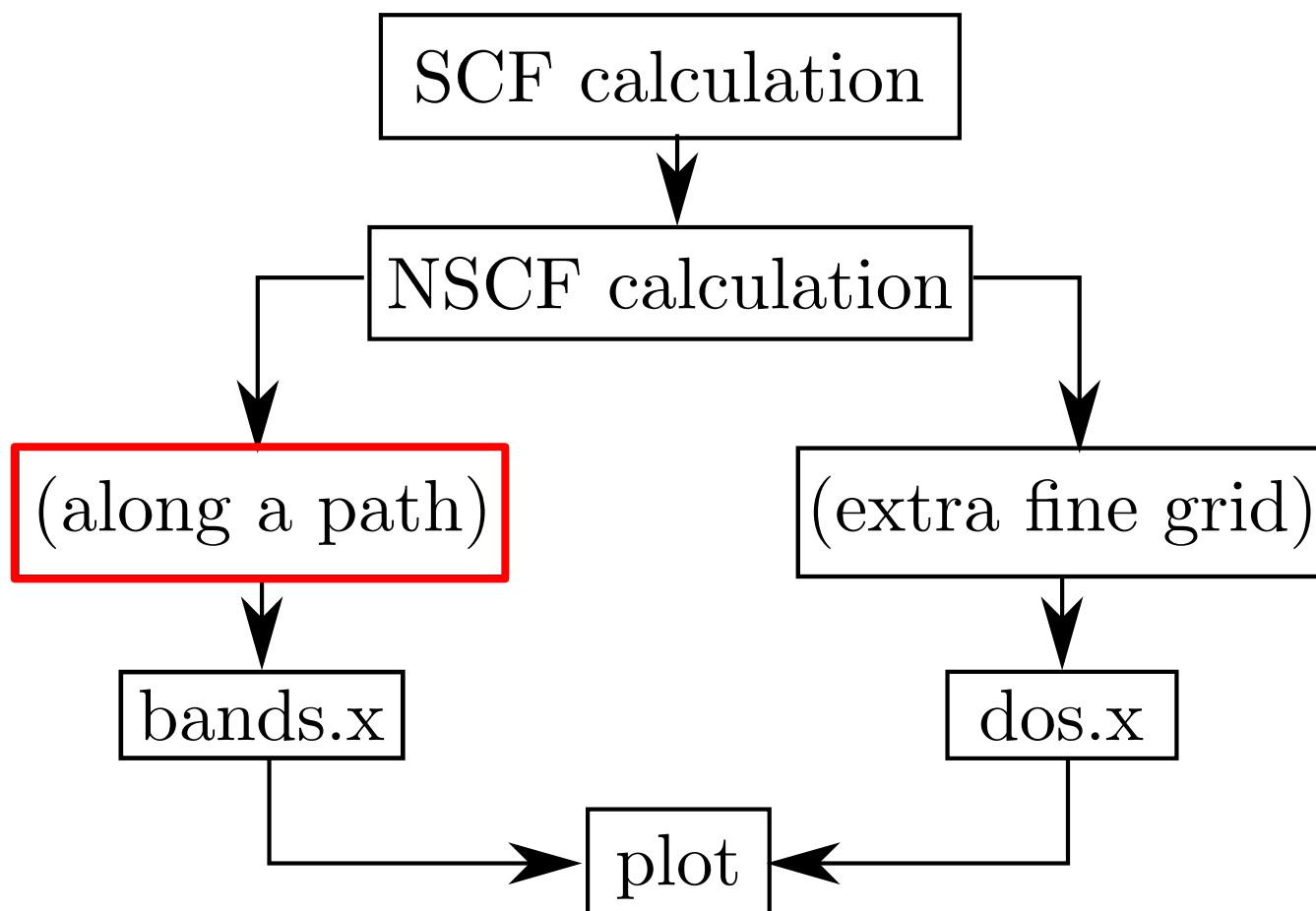
# Iterative Solution of the Kohn-Sham Equations



# Post-processing



## Post-processing





# Quantum-ESPRESSO input file

```
&control
  calculation = "bands"
  prefix = "silicon"
  outdir = "tmp"
/
&system
  ibrav = 2
  celldm(1) = 10.20
  nat = 2
  ntyp = 1
  ecutwfc = 16.0
  nbnd = 20
/
...
K_POINTS tpiba_b
3
0.50 0.50 0.50 50
0.00 0.00 0.00 40
0.00 0.00 1.00 20
```

Non-self consistent calculation for a series of q-points  
Fermi energy is not recomputed

DEFAULT : only valence bands are used  
(a few more for metals)

Or set-up a path to compute the bands

L  
X  
Γ

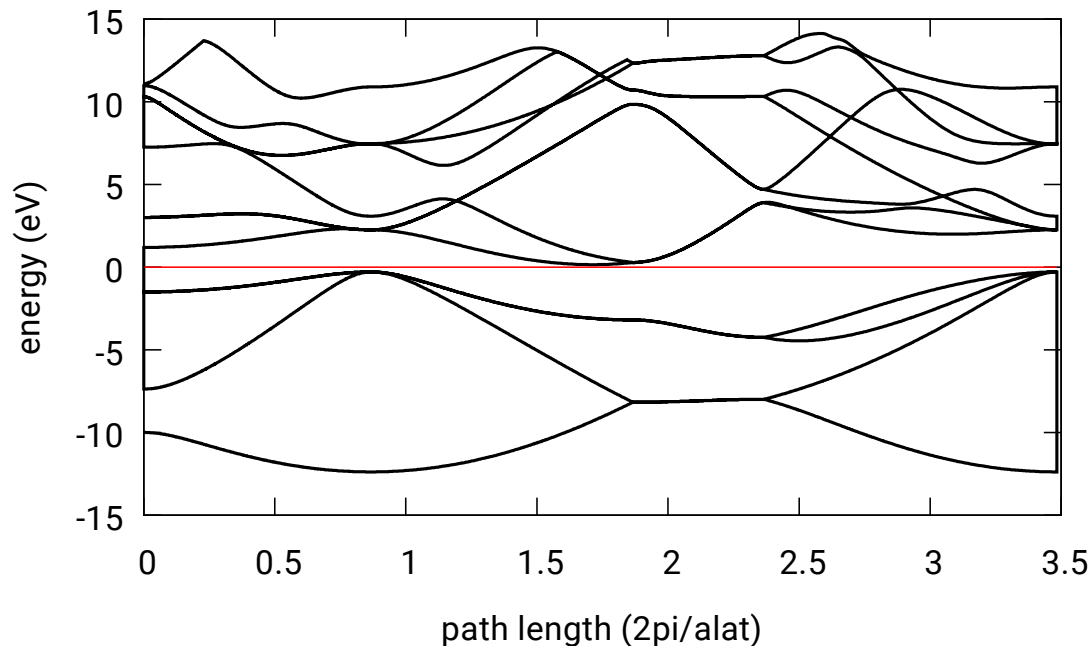
## bands.x input file

```
&bands
  prefix = "silicon"
  outdir = "tmp/"
  filband= "siband.dat"

  lsym = .true.
  no_overlap = .true.
/
```

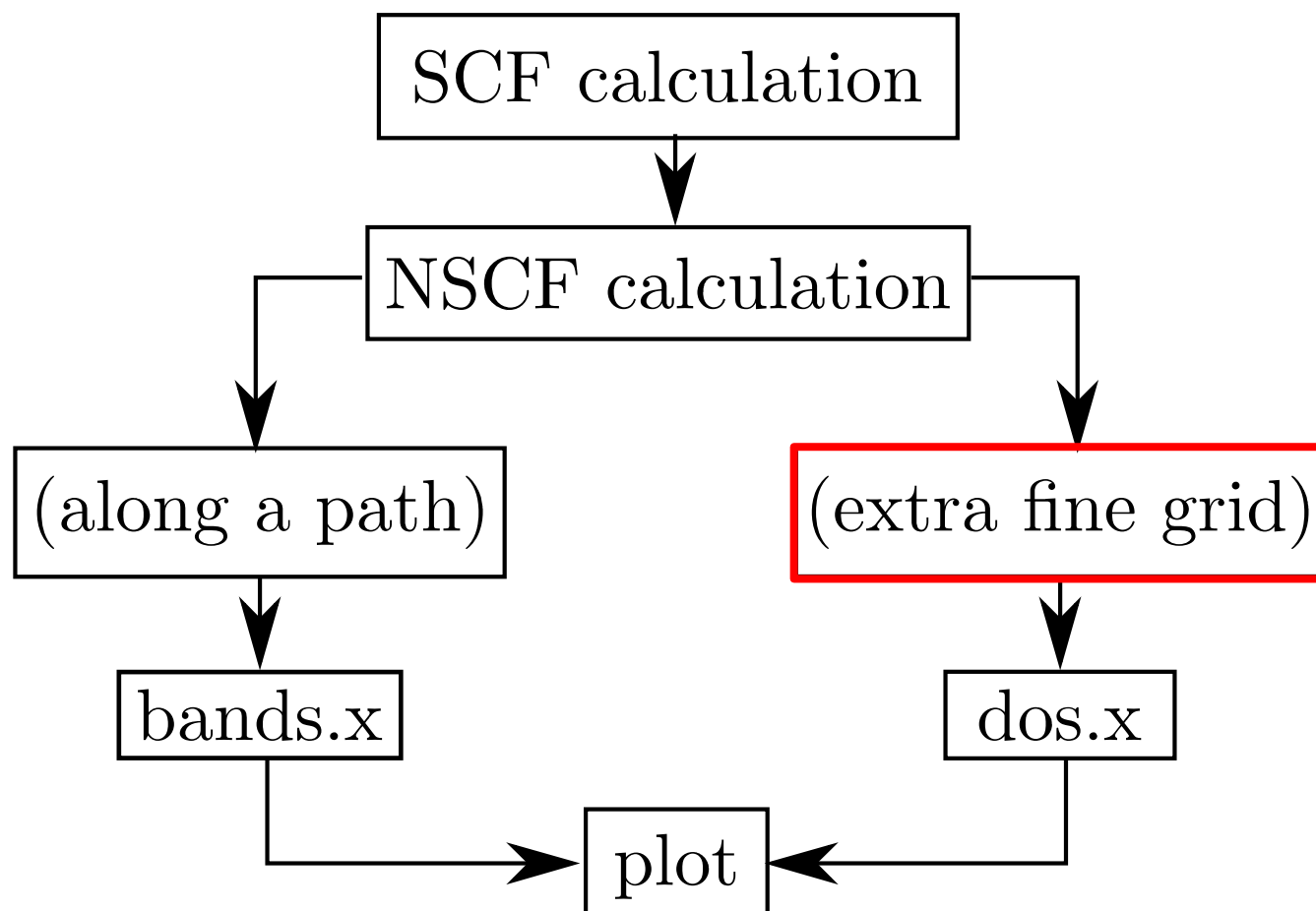
Many available options, depending on the kind of plot you want: see **PP/Doc/INPUT\_BANDS.txt**

Can classify bands by symmetry or computing overlap between wavefunction at subsequent points



Output can be plot directly (file ".gnu") or further processed with **plotbands.x**

## Post-processing



# Quantum-ESPRESSO input file

```
&control
  calculation = "nscf"
  prefix = "silicon"
  outdir = "tmp"
/
&system
 ibrav = 2
  celldm(1) = 10.20
  nat = 2
  ntyp = 1
  ecutwfc = 16.0
  nbnd = 20
  occupation="tetrahedra"
/
...
K_POINTS automatic
16 16 16 0 0 0
```

Simple integration scheme without any free parameter, otherwise:

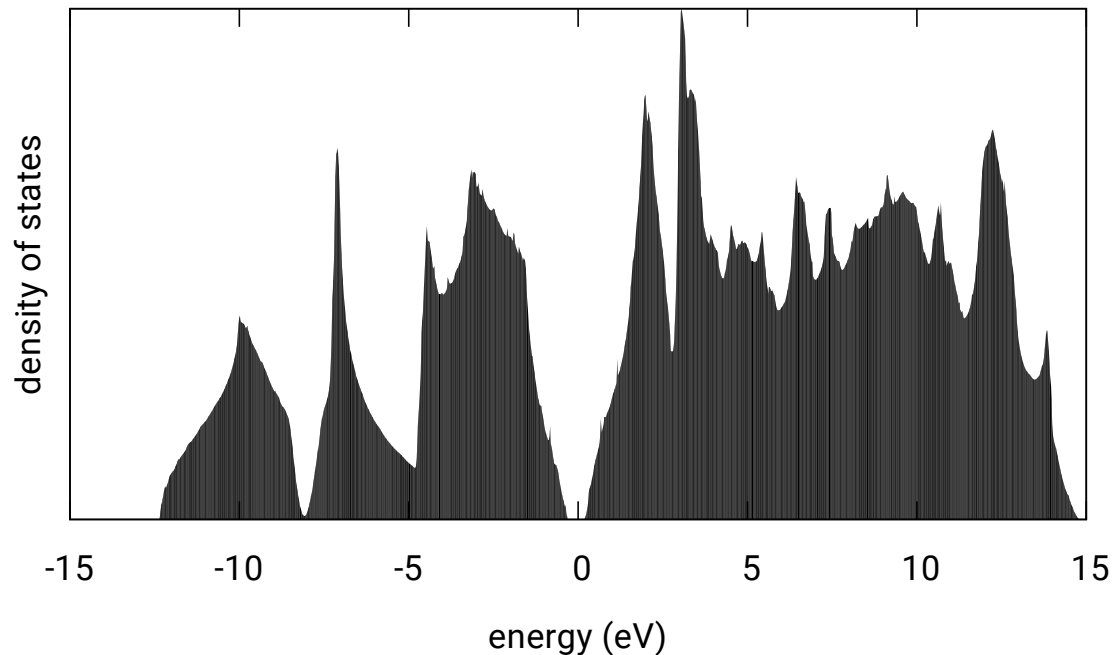
```
occupation= "smearing"
smearing    = "gaussian"
degauss     = 0.01
```

## dos.x input file

```
&dos  
  prefix = "silicon"  
  outdir = "tmp/"  
  fildos = "sidos.dat"  
  
/
```

**You can also change the kind and value of smearing used in pw.x, many more options**

**(see PP/Doc/INPUT\_PP.txt)**



**Output can be plot directly  
(e.g. with gnuplot)**

## Tips

- Read the instructions
  - <http://www.quantum-espresso.org/users-manual/>
  - [www.quantum-espresso.org/tutorials/](http://www.quantum-espresso.org/tutorials/)
- Do not expect setting up a calculation to be fast and easy
- Ask for help:
  - [http://www.qe-forge.org/mailman/listinfo/pw\\_forum](http://www.qe-forge.org/mailman/listinfo/pw_forum)

Hands-on session starting at 1PM  
Computer Room 119, Atrium Building

Slides material: Simone Piccinin, Paolo Giannozzi, Stefano de Gironcoli, ...