



# CECAM Tutorial on Wavelets in DFT

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*Poisson Solver, Pseudopotentials, Atomic Forces  
in the BigDFT code*

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# The Hartree potential

In the DFT calculation in the Kohn-Sham formalism we have:

Find a set of orthonormal orbitals  $\Psi_i(\mathbf{r})$  that minimizes:

$$E = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N/2} \int \Psi_i^*(\mathbf{r}) \nabla^2 \Psi_i(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r} + \frac{1}{2} \int \rho(\mathbf{r}) V_H(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r} + E_{xc}[\rho(\mathbf{r})] + \int V_{ext}(\mathbf{r}) \rho(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r}$$

where

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}) = 2 \sum_{i=1}^{N/2} \Psi_i^*(\mathbf{r}) \Psi_i(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\nabla^2 V_H(\mathbf{r}) = -4\pi\rho(\mathbf{r})$$



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# The Poisson Solver in electronic structure calculation



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During the minimization procedure we need to perform

## Poisson's equation

Calculation of the self-consistent potential:

$$\nabla^2 V_H(\mathbf{r}) = -4\pi\rho(\mathbf{r})$$

Such equation should be solved at each minimisation iteration. Need of having an efficient and accurate formalism.

## Plane waves approach

The most common approach. Uses the fourier components

$$f(x, y, z) = \sum_{p_x, p_y, p_z} e^{-2\pi i \left( \frac{p_x}{L_x} x + \frac{p_y}{L_y} y + \frac{p_z}{L_z} z \right)} f_{p_x, p_y, p_z}$$

The Poisson equation is algebraic in the Fourier coefficients

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The Laplacian is diagonal in Plane waves representation

## Immediate solution

$$V_{p_x, p_y, p_z} = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{\left(\frac{p_x}{L_x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{p_y}{L_y}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{p_z}{L_z}\right)^2} \rho_{p_x, p_y, p_z},$$

## Characteristics

- Simple and fast, easy to parallelize (FFT)
  - Automatically implement Periodic BC on a finite volume
  - Do not fix the value of  $V_{p_x, p_y, p_z}$
- ⇒ May result in problems for systems with other BC

How to solve this equation for other BC?

# Isolated BC: the Green function treatment



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Consider the Poisson equation for isolated BC. In this case the solution is given by

Green's function for Free BC (kernel)

$$\nabla^2 \frac{1}{r} = -4\pi\delta(r) \implies V(\mathbf{r}) = \int d\mathbf{r}' \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$

An unambiguous solution

Such prescription is unique and is compatible with Free BC.  
How to implement it?

Plane-wave based approaches:

- Truncated kernel, numerically or analytically
- Screening Functions

Approximate treatment, large box required.

Need of an accurate and efficient algorithm

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A convenient basis for an electrostatic problem

## Interpolating Scaling Functions

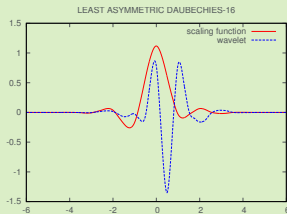
A set of localised functions centered on the nodes of a uniform mesh

$$\varphi_j(x) = \varphi_0(x - j)$$

Undergo multiscale relation

$$\varphi(x) = \sum_{j=-m}^m \underbrace{h_j}_{\text{filters}} \varphi(2x - j)$$

- ✓ The expansion coefficients are the **real space values**  
 $\rho_{j_x, j_y, j_z} = \rho(h_x j_x, h_y j_y, h_z j_z)$
- ✓ Represents exactly an order  $m$  polynomial
- ✓ The first  $m$  discrete and continuous moments coincide



# A finite three-dimensional convolution



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The expression of the potential in this basis is thus intuitive:

$$V(\mathbf{i}) = \sum_{\mathbf{j}} K_{\mathbf{ij}} \rho_{\mathbf{j}}$$

Where the central object is the

Poisson Kernel in the ISF basis

$$K_{\mathbf{ij}} = K_{\mathbf{i-j}}, \quad K_{\mathbf{i}} = \int K(|\mathbf{r}|) \phi_{\mathbf{i}}(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r}, \quad K(r) = \frac{1}{r}$$

Values of the potential are obtained via a convolution

$$V(\mathbf{i}) = \sum_{\mathbf{j}} K_{\mathbf{i-j}} \rho_{\mathbf{j}}$$

It can be treated via a zero-padded FFT algorithm

- ✓ Exact, easy to parallelize (FFT)
- ✓ For a box of  $N^3$  points, it reduces the scaling from  $O(N^6)$  to  $O(N \log N)$



# Characteristics of the approach



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This approach is:

- Explicit, guarantees the good BC
- Real space-based, immediate interpretation of the expansion coefficients
- Can be combined with other real-space treatments of the density (e.g. XC) **combined with ABINIT XC routines**
- Can be used **independently** from the DFT code
- Preserves the first  $m$  (multipole) moments of the electrostatic potential

Requires only the evaluation of the kernel

We need to evaluate  $N^3$  integrals

$$K_i = \int K(|\mathbf{r}|) \varphi_i(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r}$$

# Gaussian tensor product decomposition

It can be shown that (Beylkin et al.)

## Approximation with gaussians

$$\frac{1}{r} \simeq \sum_k \omega_k e^{-\rho_k r^2}$$

with  $k = 1, \dots, 89$ ,  $\rho_k$ ,  $\omega_k$  suitably chosen

Accuracy of  $10^{-8}$  for  $r \in (10^{-9}, 1)$

We can rescale for  $R \in (0, L)$ .

The computational cost is reduced  $N^3 \rightarrow 89 \times N$

$$K_j = \sum_{k=1}^{89} \omega_k K_{j_x}(\rho_k) K_{j_y}(\rho_k) K_{j_z}(\rho_k)$$

$$K_j(\rho) = \int \varphi_0(x) e^{-\rho(x-j)^2} dx$$



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# Other properties of the scaling functions



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The computational cost is reduced  $N^3 \rightarrow 89 \times N$ .

## Moreover

The scaling property of the interpolets

$$\varphi_0(x/2) = \sum_j h_j \varphi_j(x),$$

Implies similar condition of the one-dimensional function

$$K_j(4p) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_j h_j K_{2i-j}(p).$$

Thus we can evaluate the integrals for low  $p$  (not too sharp gaussians), then rescaling.

ISF properties allows us to gain in accuracy

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Very fast with moderate memory occupation:

Elapsed Time for a  $128^3$  grid on a Cray XT3

proc	1	2	4	8	16	32	64
s	.92	.55	.27	.16	.11	.08	.09

More precise than other existing Free BC Poisson Solvers

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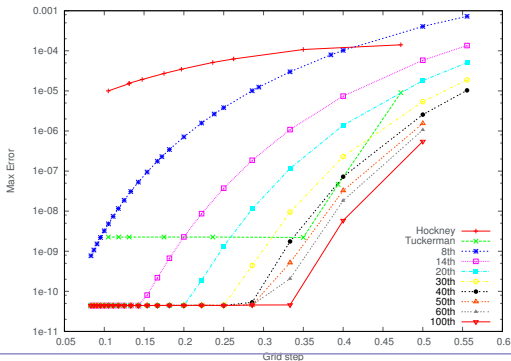
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In summary, we have developed a technique

- Free boundary conditions
- Very high accuracy
- Good computational performance, easy to parallelize
- Can be used also in other contexts and/or combined with other treatment (e.g. XC)
- Coupled with ABINIT XC routines

In BigDFT code, for big systems it represents a small amount (typical values are less than 2-3% for big systems) of the overall computation



L. Genovese, T. Deutsch, A. Neelov, S. Goedecker, G. Beylkin

*Efficient solution of Poisson's equation with free boundary conditions,*

[arXiv: cond-mat/0605371], J. Chem. Phys. **125**, 074105 (2006)

# The Surfaces boundary conditions

The same formalism can be applied to other BC

## Surfaces BC

A domain isolated in one direction (say  $y$ ) and periodic in  $x$  and  $z$ , with periods  $L_x$  and  $L_z$ . A function  $f$  which lives in such a domain can be expanded as

$$f(x, y, z) = \sum_{p_x, p_z} e^{-2\pi i \left( \frac{p_x}{L_x} x + \frac{p_z}{L_z} z \right)} f_{p_x, p_z}(y)$$

without any loss of generality.

## Mixed representation

For such functions the Poisson's equation become

$$\left( \partial_y^2 - \mu_{p_x, p_z}^2 \right) V_{p_x, p_z}(y) = \rho_{p_x, p_z}(y),$$

where  $\mu_{p_x, p_z}^2 = 4\pi^2 \left( \frac{p_x}{L_x} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{p_z}{L_z} \right)^2$ .



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# A Green's function formalism



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The Green's function for the one-dimensional Helmholtz equation can be used

$$(\partial_y^2 - \mu^2) G(\mu; y) = \delta(y);$$

$$G(\mu; y) = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{2\mu} e^{-\mu|y|} & \mu > 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}|y| & \mu = 0 \end{cases},$$

the components of the potential can be carried out:

A Green's function for each Fourier component

$$V_{p_x, p_z}(y) = \int dy' G(\mu_{p_x, p_z}; y - y') \rho_{p_x, p_z}(y').$$

We can use Interpolating Scaling Functions for the Isolated direction.

# Surfaces BC with Mixed representation



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By defining the one-dimensional kernels

$$K(\mu_{\rho_x, \rho_z}; j) = \int G(\mu_{\rho_x, \rho_z}; y) \phi_j(y) dy$$

We can have a treatment similar to the Free BC case

1-dim convolution for each reciprocal space component

$$V_{\rho_x, \rho_z}(i) = \sum_j K(\mu_{\rho_x, \rho_z}; i - j) \rho_{\rho_x, \rho_z}(j)$$

From mixed representation to full real space

The calculation can be performed with a (semi-)zero-padded FFT algorithm. The I/O are function of the real domain.

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# Speed-up the calculation



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The calculation of the kernel can be improved

## Speed

The analytic form of the Green functions allows for recursion relations

→ improvement in speed of a factor of  $(N_z + 1)/3$

## Accuracy

The scaling relation will again help in the kernel

$$K(2\mu; j) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_j h_j K(2\mu, 2i - j)$$

## A “Free-Lunch” case

We have the same advantages of the Free BC treatment with an explicit formalism conceived for surfaces BC

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# Poisson Solver for surface boundary conditions



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## Elapsed Time on a Cray XT3, $128^3$ grid

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More precise than other treatments

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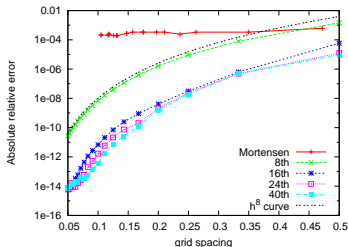
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L. Genovese, T. Deutsch, S. Goedecker

*Efficient and accurate three dimensional Poisson solver for surface problems*, [arXiv: cond-mat/0703677], J. Chem. Phys. **127**, 054704 (2007)

# A Poisson solver for surface problems



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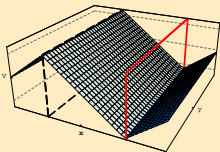
Like the Free BC case

We developed a technique

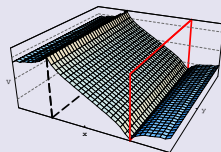
- ✓ Accurate and fast, easy to parallelize
- ✓ Can be applied both in real or reciprocal space codes
- ✓ **Explicit treatment** No supercell or screening functions
- ✓ More precise than other existing approaches
- ✓ Allows comparisons between different backgrounds  
(**charged systems**)

Example of the plane capacitor:

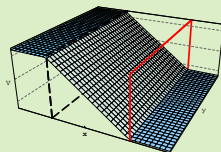
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Our approach



# Pseudopotential treatment

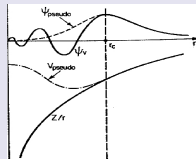


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## Smooth the wavefunction

Eliminate the rapid variations of the valence wavefunction in the core region.

Thanks to them, **only two levels of resolutions** are enough for good accuracy



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## Pseudopotentials in BigDFT

The pseudopotential used are of GTH-HGH type

$$V_{\text{loc}}(\mathbf{r}) = -\frac{Z_{\text{eff}}}{r} \frac{\text{erf}(r/r_c)}{r} + e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{r}{r_c}\right)^2} P \left[ \left(\frac{r}{r_c}\right)^2 \right]$$

$$V_{\text{nonloc}} = \sum_{\ell} \sum_{ij} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} h_{ij}^{(\ell)} |p_i^{\ell,m}\rangle \langle p_j^{\ell,m}|$$

$$\langle \mathbf{r} | p_i^{\ell,m} \rangle = Y_{\ell,m}(\theta, \varphi) f_i^{(\ell)}(r_c) e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{r}{r_c}\right)^2}$$

# Representation of the pseudopotential operators

These terms act differently on the energy calculation

## Different treatment

- $E_{\text{loc}} = \int V_{\text{loc}}(\mathbf{r})\rho(\mathbf{r})d\mathbf{r}$   
 $V_{\text{loc}}(\mathbf{r})$  can be expressed in interpolating scaling functions basis (real space values)
- $E_{\text{nonloc}} = \sum_{\ell} \sum_{ij} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} h_{ij}^{(\ell)} \langle \Psi | p_i^{\ell,m} \rangle \langle p_j^{\ell,m} | \Psi \rangle$   
The important quantities are scalar products

The general term which appear in the application of the nonlocal operator is of the form

$$\int d\mathbf{r} \psi(\mathbf{r}) P(\mathbf{r})$$

where  $P(\mathbf{r})$  is a gaussian times a **separable** polynomial

The projector is a tensor product

$$P(\mathbf{r}) = P_x(x)P_y(y)P_z(z)$$



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# Agrees with the wavefunction representation



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For a wavefunction expressed in Daubechies wavelets

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i_x, i_y, i_z} c_{i_x, i_y, i_z} \phi_{i_x}(x) \phi_{i_y}(y) \phi_{i_z}(z)$$

the calculation of the scalar product can be decomposed

From  $N^3$  to  $3N$  calculations

$$\int d\mathbf{r} \psi(\mathbf{r}) P(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i_x, i_y, i_z} c_{i_x, i_y, i_z} \int \phi_{i_x}(x) P_x(x) dx \int \phi_{i_y}(y) P_y(y) dy \int \phi_{i_z}(z) P_z(z) dz$$

The numbers  $\int \phi_{i_x}(x) P_x(x)$  are the expansion coefficients in Daubechies basis of the projectors.

Treatment simple and accurate

The application of the nonlocal projectors is **easy** and **exact** in the basis representation (no intrinsic approx.)

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Suppose we find the ground state energy of an electronic system. The forces on an atom in the position  $\mathbf{R}$  are

## Gradient of the energy

$$F_i = -\frac{dE}{dR_i}$$

The DFT Hamiltonian is given in the Bohr-Oppenheimer approximation. For this approach it is valid the

## Feynman-Hellmann theorem

$$\frac{dE}{dR_i} = \left\langle \Psi \left| \frac{\partial H}{\partial R_i} \right| \Psi \right\rangle$$

for the normalised ground state eigenfunction

Equivalently, for this case we can write  $F_i = -\frac{\partial E_{\text{ext}}}{\partial R_i}$

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Which terms depend *explicitly* of the atomic positions?

- The external ionic energy:

$$E_{\text{ion}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{a \neq b} \frac{Z_a Z_b}{|\mathbf{R}_a - \mathbf{R}_b|}$$

- The local pseudopotential energy:

$$E_{\text{loc}} = \int d\mathbf{r} V_{\text{loc}}(\mathbf{r}, \{\mathbf{R}_a\}) \rho(\mathbf{r})$$

- The nonlocal (separable) one:

$$E_{\text{nonloc}} = \sum_{i,j} h_{i,j} \langle \psi | p_i(\mathbf{R}) \rangle \langle p_j(\mathbf{R}) | \psi \rangle$$

Let us see the procedure used for each term separately



# The calculation of each term



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## Immediate ionic force calculation

The contribution coming from the ionic energy is analytical

## Local pseudopotentials

The local pseudopotential term can be separated in two parts:

$$V_{\text{loc}}(\mathbf{r}) = -\frac{Z_{\text{eff}}}{r} \frac{\text{erf}(r)}{r} + e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{r}{r_{\ell}}\right)} P \left[ \left(\frac{r}{r_{\ell}}\right)^2 \right] = V_e + V_g$$

where

- $V_g$  is a gaussian times a polynomial
- $V_e$  is the solution of the isolated Poisson's equation

$$\nabla^2 V_e = -4\pi\rho_e$$

where  $\rho_e \propto e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{r}{r_{\ell}}\right)}$  is a gaussian



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The contribution from the local term is thus

## Local pseudopotentials

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{F}_a &= \int \vec{\nabla}_a V_g \rho + \vec{\nabla}_a \int d\mathbf{r} V_e(\mathbf{r}) \rho(\mathbf{r}) \\ &= \int \vec{\nabla}_a V_g \rho + \vec{\nabla}_a \int d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \frac{\rho_e(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} \rho(\mathbf{r}) \\ &= \int \vec{\nabla}_a V_g \rho + \int d\mathbf{r} \vec{\nabla}_a \rho_e(\mathbf{r}) V_H(\mathbf{r})\end{aligned}$$

This approach

- Preserves locality
- Easy to parallelize
- Is of  $O(n)$  scaling



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## Same treatment of the energy calculation

The projectors of the separable part are gaussian times polynomials (spherical harmonics). Their derivatives are still gaussian times polynomials. For each projector

$$|p(\mathbf{R})\rangle$$

its derivative

$$\left| \frac{\partial p}{\partial \mathbf{R}} \right\rangle$$

is a function of the same kind and can thus be expressed with the same technique. We calculate the forces contribution by applying the Leibnitz rule to the energy expression

# In Summary



Poisson  
Solver,  
Pseudo,  
Atomic  
Forces

We implemented the calculation of

$$F_i = -\frac{\partial E_{\text{ext}}}{\partial R_i}$$

where  $E_{\text{ext}} = E_I + E_L + E_S$

Ionic

$$E_I = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{Z_i Z_j}{|\mathbf{R}_{ij}|}$$

Local

$$E_L = \int d\mathbf{r} V_{\text{loc}}(\mathbf{r}) \rho_{\text{el}}(\mathbf{r})$$

Separable

$$E_S = \sum_o n_o \langle \psi_o | H_S | \psi_o \rangle$$

Each term is calculated with a different method.

The complete implementation

- Preserves the locality (easy to parallelize)
- Compatible with the adaptivity
- The calculation can be performed with **arbitrary** accuracy (no intrinsic approximations)

Poisson  
Solver

Hartree Potential

Free BC

ISF basis

Poisson Kernel

Performances

Surfaces BC

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Pseudopotentials

Representation

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Forces

Different terms