

Vienna Ab initio Simulation Package (VASP)

The Vienna Ab initio Simulation Package (VASP) is a package for performing quantum mechanical molecular dynamics (MD) using quasi-potentials and a smooth wave cut. The approach implemented in VASP is based on a finite-temperature local density approximation (with free energy as the amount of change) and a detailed evaluation of the instantaneous electronic ground state in each MD step using effective matrix designs and Pulay mixing scheme. These techniques avoid all the problems encountered in the original Car-Parrinello method based on the simultaneous integration of electrons and ionic equations of motion. Interactions between ions and electrons are described using Vanderbilt ultrasoft (US-PP) quasi-potentials or the Advanced Projector Wave Method (PAW). Both techniques allow for a significant reduction in the number of waves per atom for transition metals and first-order elements. The forces and stress can be easily calculated with VASP and used to relax the atoms in their instantaneous pitches.

Vienna Ab initio Simulation Package Features:

- Dynamics and relaxation: Oppenheimer molecular dynamics, conjugate gradient relaxation, coated molecular dynamics, dimeric climbing (transition state search)
- Linear response to electric fields: Static dielectric properties, piezoelectric tensors (including ionic)
- Optical properties: Frequency-dependent dielectric degradation in independent particle approximation, Frequency-dependent tensor in RPA and TD-DFT, Cassida equation for TD-DFT and TD-Hartree-Fock
- Magnetism: The approach of limited magnetic moments

- Linear response to ionic displacement: elastic constants (including ionic), internal stress tensors
- Steps: Macroscopic polarization and finite electric fields

System Requirements

System requirements : GNU / Linux x86_64