

# **An Introduction to OPIUM**

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# Why Construct a Pseudopotential?

- There are a handful of repositories with prefabbed pseudopotentials:
- Abinit's web site: <http://www.abinit.org>
- Rappe Group: <http://lorax.chem.upenn.edu>
- Vanderbilt's library of ultrasoft pseudopotentials:  
<http://www.physics.rutgers.edu/~dhv/uspp/uspp-734.html>

- But, it is very likely that you may want to **make your own**:
- All elements may not be available
- Pseudopotential may not give accurate results
- Pseudopotential may be too expensive to use for your problem
- Incorporate new energy functionals

- Having the ability to construct pseudopotential can be an important research tool.

# What is a Good Pseudopotential?

- For a pseudopotential to be useful, it must be both **accurate** and **efficient**

**accuracy** - reproduction of all-electron atomic properties

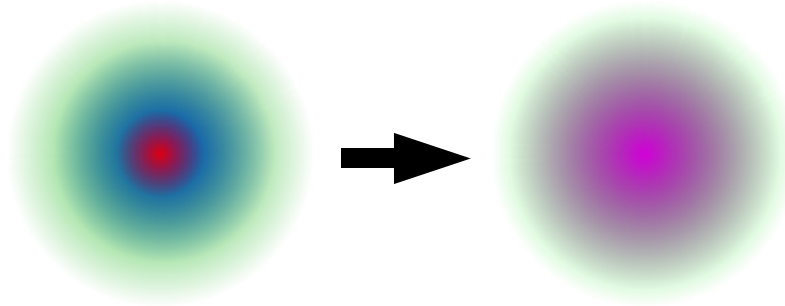
**efficiency** - cost of using the pseudopotential in solid-state calculations

- Need a self-contained program to construct and test the accuracy and efficiency of pseudopotentials

**O**pen-source **P**seudopotential **I**nterface and **U**nification **M**odule

<http://opium.sourceforge.net> - OPIUM homepage

# The OPIUM Project



**Goal:** Combine all aspects of PSP generation into one program

- Multiple generation schemes (Optimized, Troullier-Martins, Kerker)
- Interfaces with multiple solid-state codes ([ABINIT](#), PWSCF, CASTEP, etc.)
- C/Fortran – works on all platforms tried to date:  
LinuxPC, OSX, AlphaLinux, LinuxPPC, SGI/Irix, Sun/Solaris
- Xmgrace plotting interface <http://plasma-gate.weizmann.ac.il/Grace/>
- Scalar or non-relativistic pseudopotentials
- Partial core-correction
- Gonze *et al.* ghost testing
- Designed non-local procedure

# Basic OPIUM Operation

- Main input: **param** file uses **keyblocks** (“Flexilib” - *G. Theurich*)

## [Atom]

# example param file

Cu

8

100 2.00 -

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320 9.00 -

## [XC]

lda

## [Pseudo]

3 1.70 1.90 2.00

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Command syntax:

```
./opium <param> <log> <command 1> [<command 2> ...]
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```
./opium cu cu.log ae ps nl tc rpt plot vi fhi
```

**cu** – cu.param is the input file (.param is optional)

**cu.log** – collect output

**ae, ps, nl** – steps of the PSP calculation

**tc** – test configurations

**rpt** – generates “summary of output”

**plot** – indicates next token is plot type

**vi** – plot ionic potential

**fhi** – output in “fhi” psp style

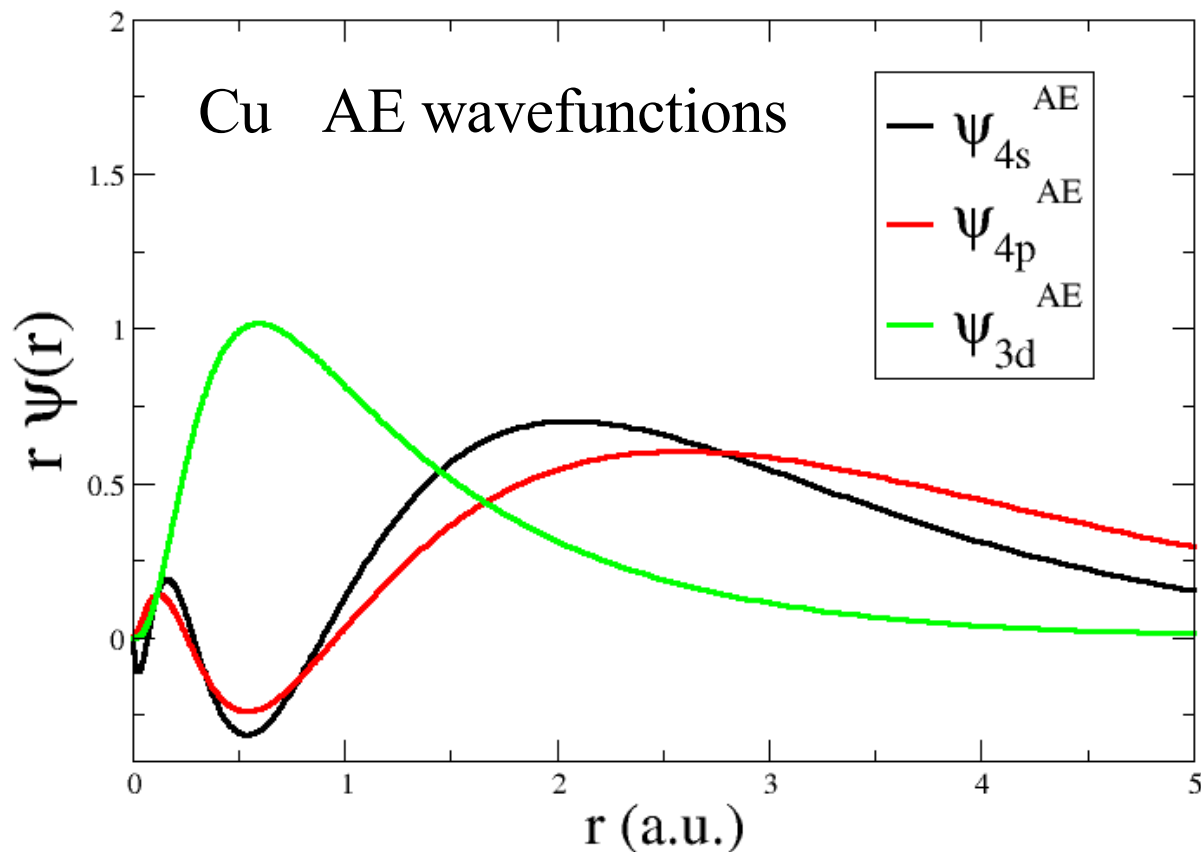
**./opium -h** - online help

# Pseudopotential Construction: AE

$\{\phi_l^{\text{AE}}(r)\}, \{\epsilon_l^{\text{AE}}\}$

• Get the all-electron eigenvalues and wavefunctions.

$$\left( -\frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} - \frac{2Z}{r} + V_{\text{hxc}}[\rho(r)] \right) \phi_l(r) = \epsilon_l \phi_l(r)$$



Command line:

```
./opium cu cu.log ae plot wa  
wa – AE wavefunction plot
```

# Pseudopotential Construction: PS

- First step of construction is to design pseudowavefunctions
- Choose reference configuration and cutoff radii ( $r_c$ )

## 5 rules for a good pseudopotential :

D. R. Hamann, M. Schlüter, and C. Chiang,  
*PRL* **43**, 1494 (1979)

1.  $\{\epsilon_l^{\text{AE}}\}_{\text{ref}} = \{\epsilon_l^{\text{PS}}\}_{\text{ref}}$
2.  $\psi_{l,\text{ref}}^{\text{AE}} = \psi_{l,\text{ref}}^{\text{PS}} \quad r \geq r_c$
3.  $N_{l,\text{ref}}^{\text{AE}} = N_{l,\text{ref}}^{\text{PS}}$
4.  $D_l^{\text{AE}}(\epsilon, r_c) = D_l^{\text{PS}}(\epsilon, r_c)$
5.  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \epsilon} D_l^{\text{AE}}(\epsilon, r_c) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \epsilon} D_l^{\text{PS}}(\epsilon, r_c)$

$$N_l = \int_0^{r_c} r^2 \psi_l^2(r) dr$$
$$D_l(\epsilon, r) = r \frac{d}{dr} \ln \psi_l(\epsilon, r)$$

**Norm conservation  
guarantees**

**Pseudowavefunctions are nodeless and satisfy (at least) the above criteria**

# Pseudopotential Construction: PS

Invert the KS equation to find the **screened** semi-local pseudopotential:  $V_l^{\text{scr}}(r)$

$$V_l^{\text{scr}}(r) = \epsilon_l - \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} + \frac{1}{\phi_l(r)} \frac{d^2 [\phi_l(r)]}{dr^2}$$

Descreen the screened pseudopotential to give the **ionic** pseudopotential:

$$V_l^{\text{ps}}(r) = V_l^{\text{scr}}(r) - V_{\text{hxc}}[\rho^{\text{val}}(r)]$$

Ghost testing performed for all possible choices of **local potential**



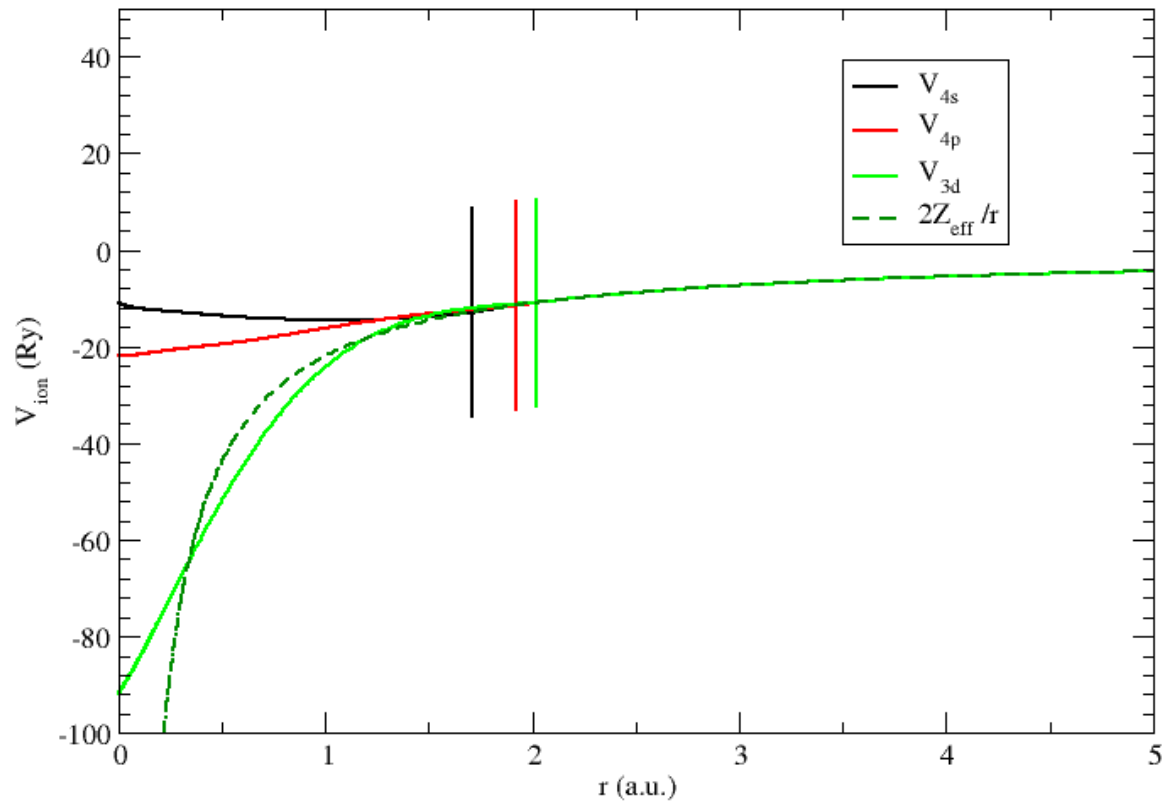
# Pseudopotential Construction: PS

Command line:

```
./opium cu cu.log ae ps plot vi
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Ionic pseudopotential for Cu

Kerker Pseudopotential Method



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# Pseudopotential Construction: NL

$$\hat{V}_{NL} = V_{\text{loc}}(r) + \sum_l \frac{|\Delta V_l(r)\psi_l^{\text{ref}}\rangle\langle\psi_l^{\text{ref}}\Delta V_l(r)|}{\langle\psi_l^{\text{ref}}|\Delta V_l(r)|\psi_l^{\text{ref}}\rangle}$$

Kleinman-Bylander  
non-local form  
*PRL* **48**, 1425 (1982).

- More efficient than semi-local in planewave calculations
- Used in **ABINIT**

$$\Delta V_l(r) = V_l^{\text{ps}}(r) - V_{\text{loc}}(r) \quad \text{Select local potential}$$

Action of non-local potential on reference:

$$\hat{V}_{NL}|\psi_l^{\text{ref}}\rangle = V_{\text{loc}}(r)|\psi_l^{\text{ref}}\rangle + \sum_l \frac{|\Delta V_l(r)\psi_l^{\text{ref}}\rangle\langle\psi_l^{\text{ref}}\Delta V_l(r)||\psi_l^{\text{ref}}\rangle}{\langle\psi_l^{\text{ref}}|\Delta V_l(r)|\psi_l^{\text{ref}}\rangle}$$

$$\hat{V}_{NL}|\psi_l^{\text{ref}}\rangle = \sum_l V_l^{\text{ps}}(r)|\psi_l^{\text{ref}}\rangle$$

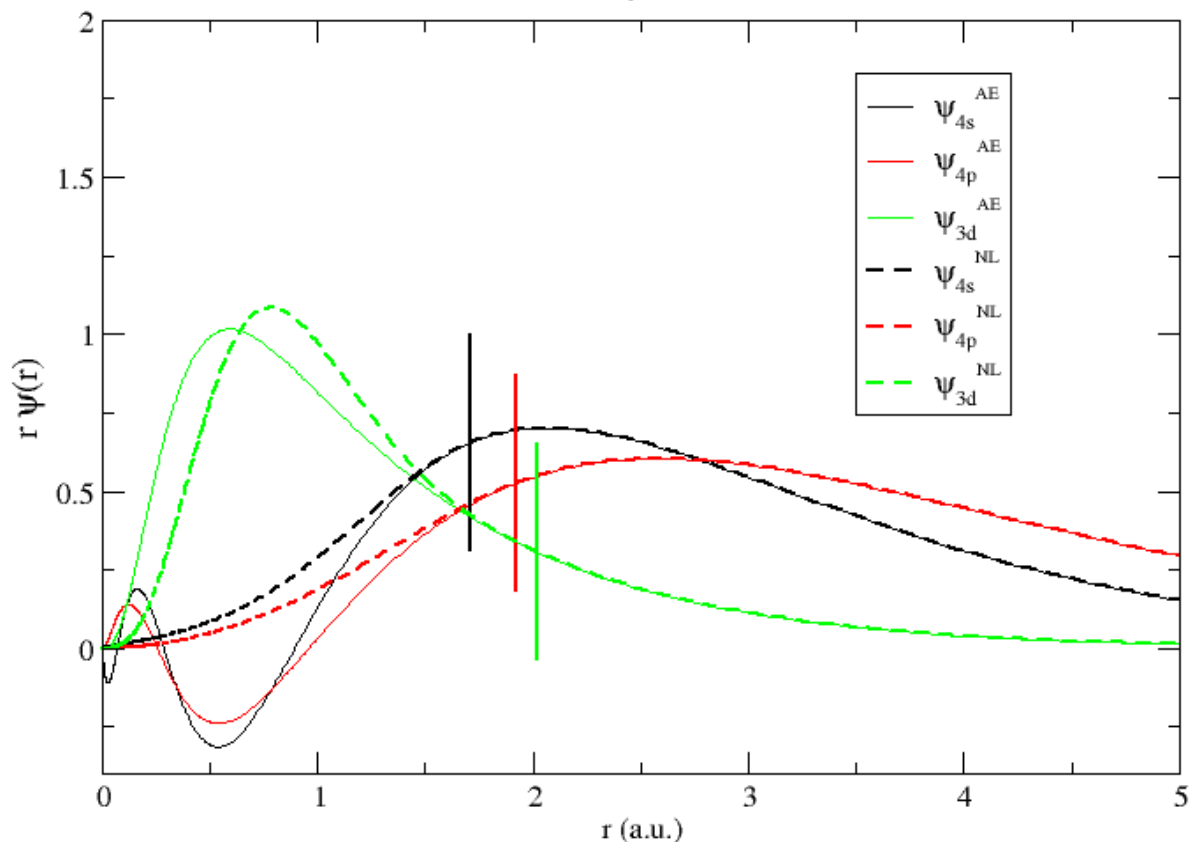
KB form equivalent to semi-local  
for **reference** configuration

# Pseudopotential Construction: NL

Command line:

```
./opium cu cu.log ae ps nl plot wp
```

Valence wavefunctions for Cu  
Kerker Pseudopotential Method



[Atom]

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# example param file
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[Pseudo]

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# Pseudopotential Construction: TC

Command line:

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./opium cu cu.log ae ps nl tc
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- OPIUM allows for a set of test configurations to be defined and tested
- **AE** and **NL** solutions are found and compared

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# Pseudopotential Construction

Command line:

```
./opium cu cu.log ae ps nl tc fhi
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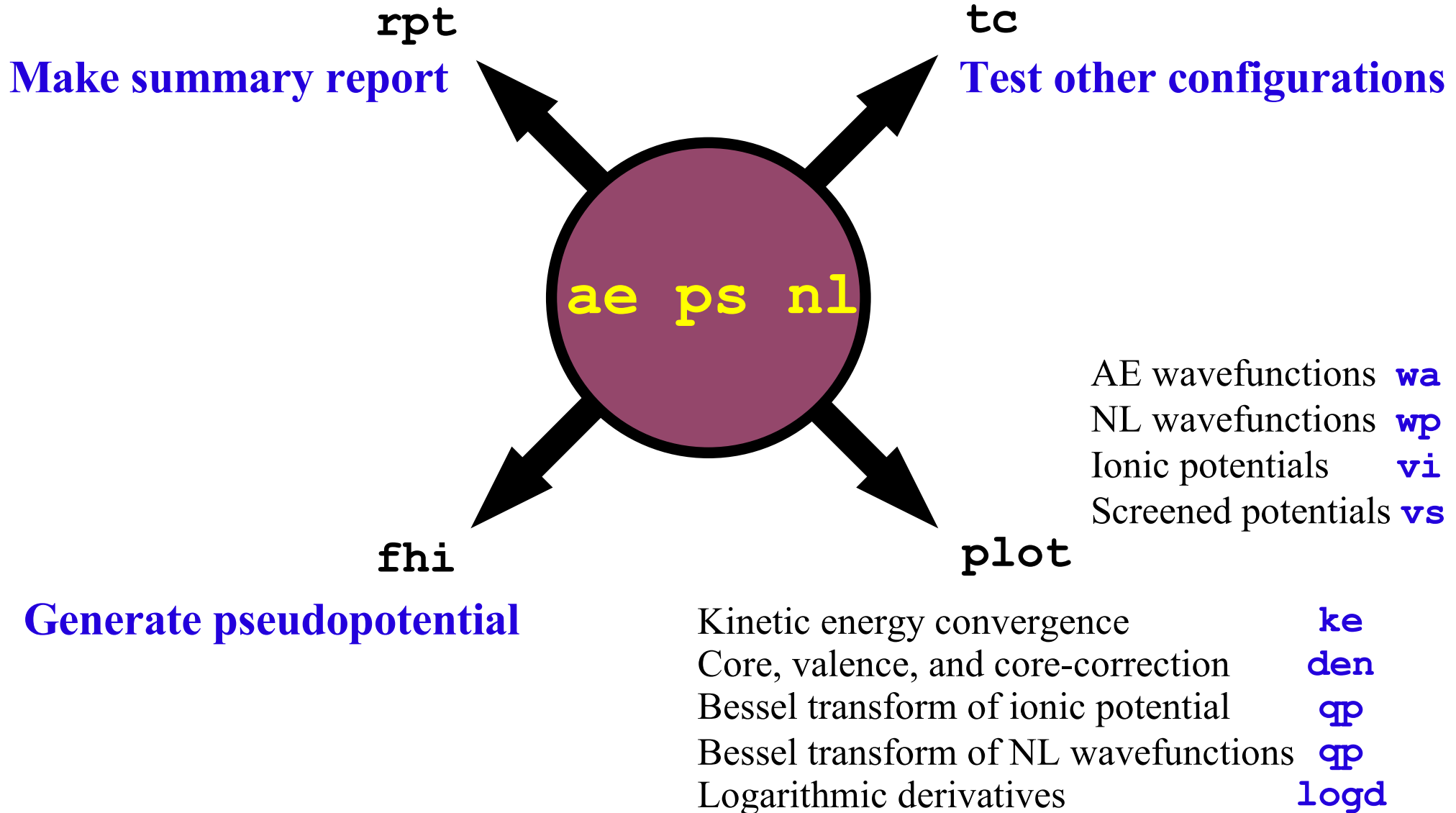
- Writing out the pseudopotential to a file is **trivial**
- The **fhi** command writes to a format that is compatible with **ABINIT**
- Able to create pseudopotentials for **multiple programs**

FCC Al total energy

	Energy (eV)
<b>ABINIT</b>	-57.935217
<b>PWSCF</b>	-57.934777
<b>BH</b>	-57.934650

**Better than 1 meV agreement  
among multiple solid-state codes**

# Construction Summary

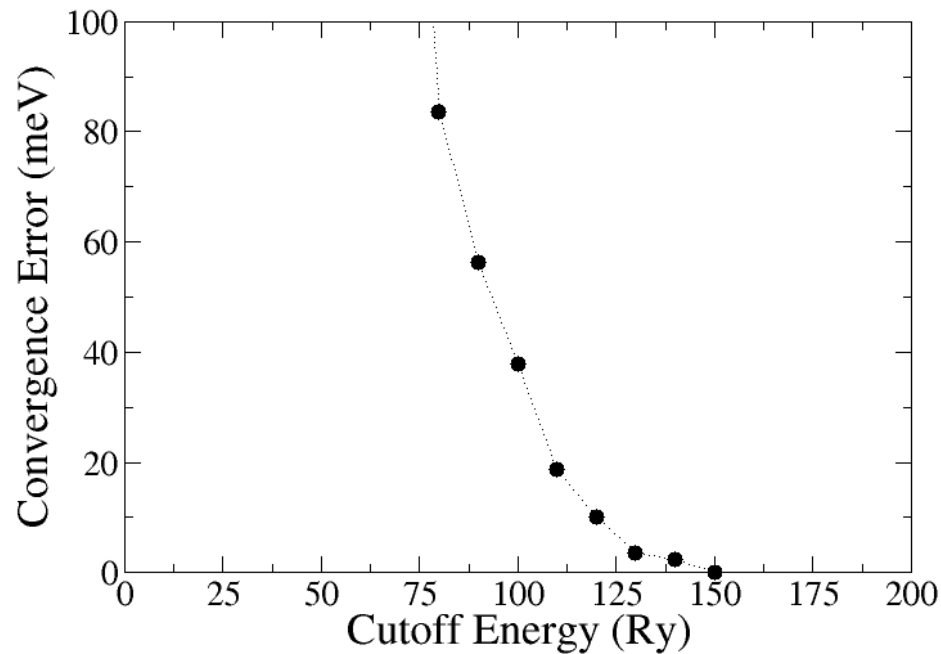


# Pseudopotential Convergence

OPIUM will give convergence information

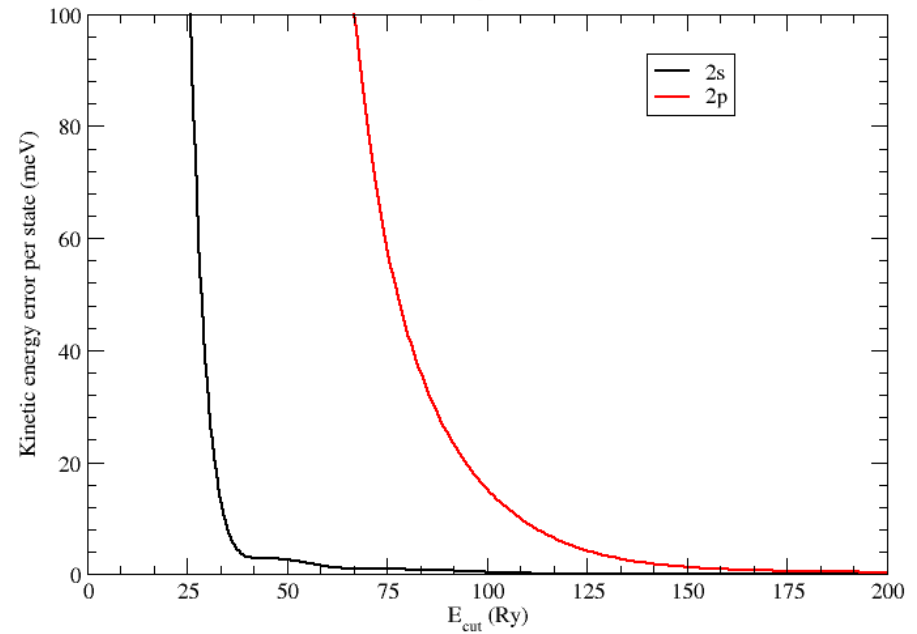
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Command line:  
./opium c c.log plot ke
```

Error in Total Energy vs. PSP Cutoff energy ( $E_{\text{cut}}$ )



From ABINIT

Kinetic energy convergence for C  
Kerker Pseudopotential Method



From OPIUM

- Want to minimize cutoff energy
- Optimized method delivers highly **efficient** pseudopotentials

# Optimized Pseudopotentials

Excellent convergence obtained when high Fourier components of kinetic energy are minimized

$$\psi_l(r) = \begin{cases} \sum_i c_i j_l(q_i r) & r < r_c \\ \phi_l(r) & r \geq r_c \end{cases}$$

Pseudowavefunction expanded in series of Bessel functions

$$\Delta E_l^{\text{conv}}(c_1, c_2, \dots, q_c) = - \int_0^\infty d\vec{r} \psi(\vec{r}) \nabla \psi(\vec{r}) - \int_0^{q_c} d\vec{q} q^2 |(\psi(q))|^2$$

Convergence error = Total kinetic energy -  $q < q_c$  contribution

$q_c$  is selected to yield small convergence error



# Transferability

$$\eta_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 E[\rho]}{\partial f_i \partial f_j} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial \epsilon_i}{\partial f_j}$$

Chemical hardness

$$\epsilon_i^{\text{ae}} - \epsilon_i^{\text{ps}} \propto \eta_{ij}^{\text{ae}} - \eta_{ij}^{\text{ps}}$$

transferability  $\longleftrightarrow$  hardness

$$\gamma_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial N_i}{\partial f_j}$$

Can define tail norm tensor

$$N_i^{\text{ae}} - N_i^{\text{ps}} \propto \gamma_{ij}^{\text{ae}} - \gamma_{ij}^{\text{ps}}$$

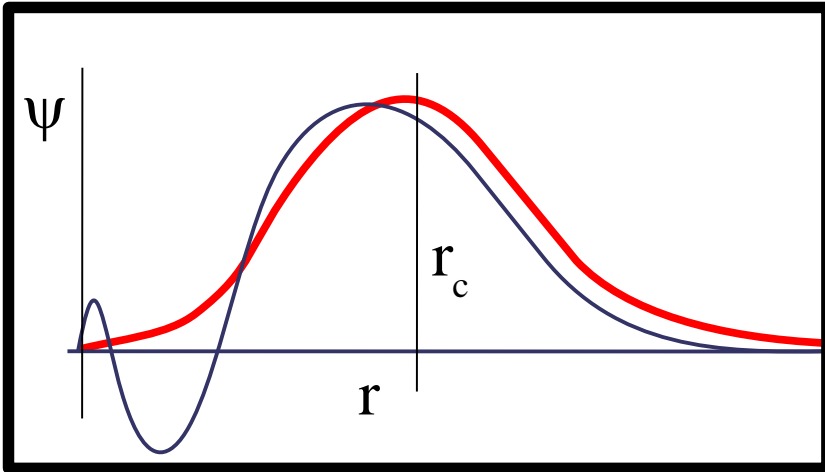
Improving **eigenvalues** and **tail norms** at **multiple** configurations increases pseudopotential performance

$$N_l = \int_{r_c}^{\infty} r^2 \psi_l^2(r) dr$$

Tail norm

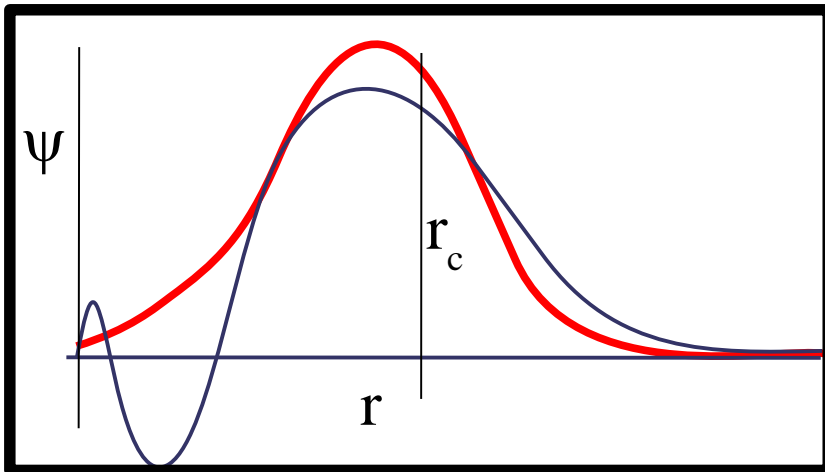
finite changes more informative

# Eigenvalues and Tail Norm



$$\epsilon^{\text{ae}} = \epsilon^{\text{ps}}$$

$$N^{\text{ae}} \neq N^{\text{ps}}$$



$$\epsilon^{\text{ae}} \neq \epsilon^{\text{ps}}$$

$$N^{\text{ae}} = N^{\text{ps}}$$

**Must enforce conservation of both!**

# Designed Non-local

$$\hat{V}_{NL} = V_{\text{loc}}(r) + \sum_l \frac{|\Delta V_l(r) \psi_l^{\text{ref}}\rangle \langle \psi_l^{\text{ref}} \Delta V_l(r)|}{\langle \psi_l^{\text{ref}} | \Delta V_l(r) | \psi_l^{\text{ref}} \rangle}$$

KB **non-local** form

Add augmentation function,  $A(r)$ , to local potential:

$$\hat{V}_{NL} = V_{\text{loc}}(r) + A(r) + \sum_l \frac{|(\Delta V_l(r) - A(r)) \psi_l^{\text{ref}}\rangle \langle \psi_l^{\text{ref}} (\Delta V_l(r) - A(r))|}{\langle \psi_l^{\text{ref}} | (\Delta V_l(r) - A(r)) | \psi_l^{\text{ref}} \rangle}$$

- Will change transferability for **non-reference states**
- **Does not affect reference state**

## Designed Non-local PSPs

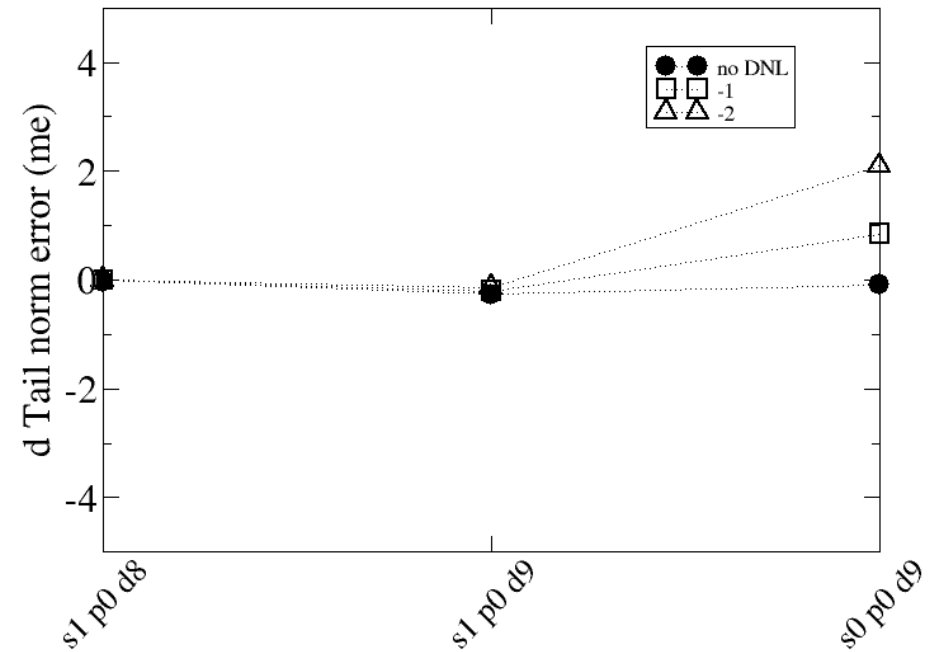
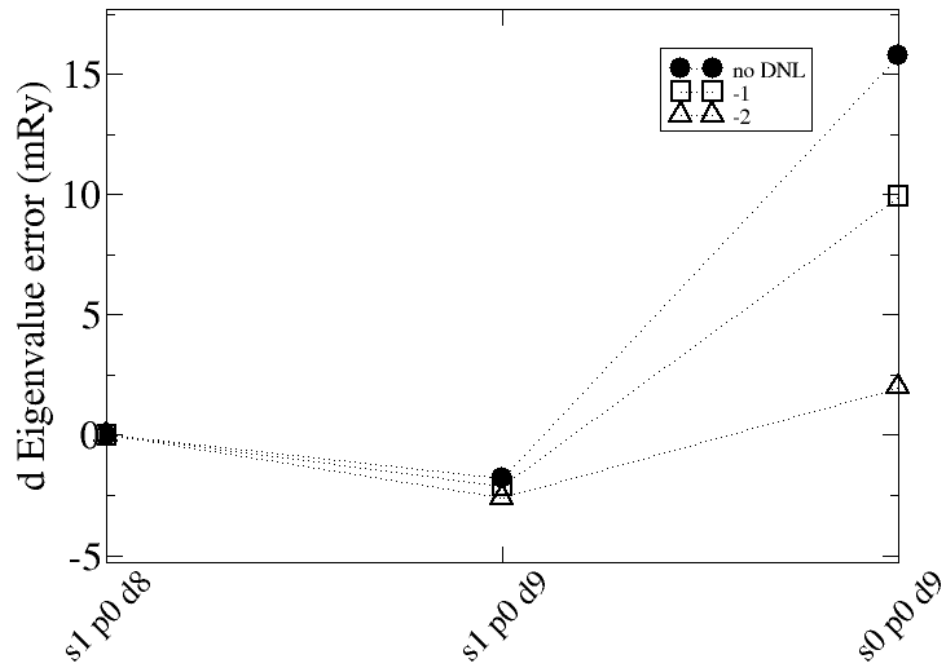
Ramer and Rappe  
*PRB* **59**, 12471 (1999).

**Tunable** enhancement of transferability

# Designed Non-local in OPIUM

Eigenvalues

Rh *s1p0d8*



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au 0.0 2.0 -2.0
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[Pseudo]
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**DNL can greatly enhance transferability**

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