

**Practical Session:**  
**Electron model building**

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# Goals for the practical session

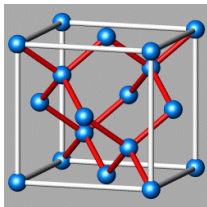
Overall objective: Generate models for Si

- ① Introduction
- ② Training set:
- ③ Running `WANNIER90`
  - ▶ Selecting the windows
  - ▶  $sp^3$  or  $s3p$
  - ▶ Visualize orbitals
- ④ Running `MODELMAKER`
  - ▶ The folder structure
  - ▶ mode 1 - cutoff bands
  - ▶ mode 2 - occupations
  - ▶ mode 3 - generate terms
  - ▶ mode 4 - fit

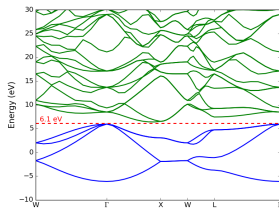
# Introduction

We seek to build a model for silicon

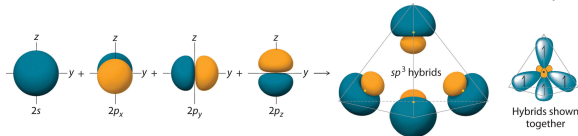
## Structure



## Electronic structure



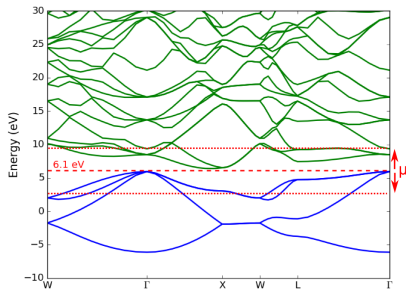
- 1 The structure is  $Fd-3m$  with 2 atoms in the primitive cell
- 2 It is a semiconductor with small indirect gap
- 3 Textbook valence + conduction bands  $\rightarrow$   $Si(3s)+Si(3p)$



<https://2012books.lardbucket.org/books/principles-of-general-chemistry-v1.0>

$sp^3$  hybridization invoked along tetrahedral coordination

# Silicon: Training set



- ▶ We will be using LDA  
Very small gap!  
Delocalized electrons  
no magnetism
- ▶ Fixed experimental geometry
- ▶ Dope electrons and holes  
holes → explore valence  
electrons → conduction

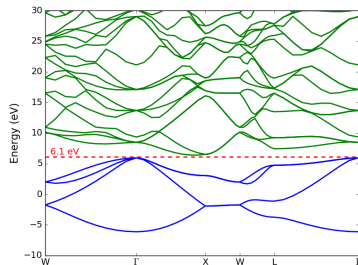
Going through full procedure, FP and SP, very time consuming:

- 1 First step Generate reasonable WF with WANNIER90
- 2 Second step Use pre-generated data to build model  
No magnetism → No J  
Fixed geometry → No electron-phonon
- 3 If time allows use the data you generated

# The WANNIER90 input

The bands for silicon using VASP are:

```
num_wann = 8 ! 2at*(Si(3s)+3 Si(3p))
num_bands = 32
dis_win_min = ???
dis_win_max = ???
dis_froz_min = ???
dis_froz_max = ???
Begin Projections
Si:????
End Projections
guiding_centres = T
hr_plot = T
wannier_plot = T
```



LDA silicon bands

- ▶ **num\_wann** is the number of Wanniers we want to get
- ▶ **num\_bands** is the number of bands in the calculation (12)
- ▶ **num\_iter** is the number of iterations in the Wannier optimization
- ▶ **wannier\_plot** activates exporting a file to plot the Wanniers using VESTA
- ▶ **dis\_win\_max//min** the energy window where we project the bands
- ▶ **dis\_froz\_max//min** the energy window where we the full band is put into WFs
- ▶ **Projections** is a block where we feed an initial guess of the Wanniers

The format is:

Center: **Atoms** (Si) or position in fractional **f=x,y,z**

Type of orbital: **s, px, py, pz, sp, sp3, sp2, ...**

# WANNIER90: Energy windows and projections

What kind of model should we construct...?

sp<sup>3</sup> model?

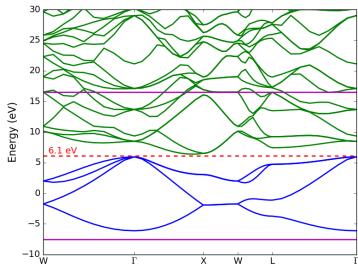
```
Begin Projections  
Si:sp3  
End Projections
```

s3p model?

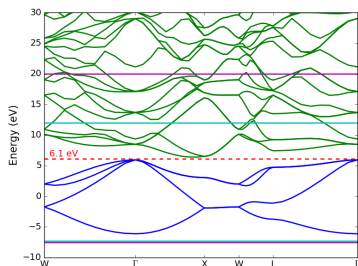
```
Begin Projections  
Si:s;px;py;pz  
End Projections
```

Where should we place the energy windows?

Small window?



Large window and freeze?



## WANNIER90: Running examples

Connect to the cluster:

```
$ ssh -X citimacguest@tejo.unican.es
```

Password: \$spDft17&

```
$ cd workshop/myname  
$cp input/* .  
$vi wannier90.win
```

Modify the windows and projections and launch the calculation

```
$ ./launch_vasp_wannier90
```

Wait and inspect the wannier90.wout at the end of the run.

[Plot the wannier functions and get Hamiltonian file](#)

```
$ sftp citimacguest@tejo.unican.es  
$ mget workshop/myname/*xsf  
$ quit  
$ xcrysden
```

If you have time prepare the input for MODELMAKER.PY

```
$ sftp citimacguest@tejo.unican.es  
$ get wannier90_tb.dat
```

# Step 0 - Check the folders and files

- 1 Go to `systemref` This folder contains the most symmetric calculation and closest to what the reference state should be

```
$ cd systemref
$ vi silicon.info
...
```

- ▶ Pay attention to the format of the files
- ▶ Check particularly `silicon.info` and `silicon.wann`
- ▶ `silicon.info` keywords used to converge this calculation
- ▶ `silicon.wann` definition of the reference state

- 2 Go to `training`

```
$ cd ../training
$ vi silicon_m01.info
...
```

- ▶ Note that each calculation has its own name

```
$ ls
```

- ▶ Note that there is no `.wann` files **not reference state!**

- 3 Check `input.mmaker`

```
$ cd ..
$ vi input.mmaker
```



## Step 0 - input.mmaker

- ▶ `model_file silicon.xml`  
the name of the output file
- ▶ `!lattice_file silicon_lat.xml`  
if previous lattice model add electron over its file (commented)
- ▶ `cutoff word word=energy/atom`  
parameters selected only on energy criterion or all interactions from atom with 1 interaction below threshold
- ▶ `cutoff_h value`  
the cutoff for the 1-electron hamiltonian
- ▶ `cutoff_pos value`  
add element if  $|\vec{r}_{ab}|$  is large enough even if  $\gamma_{ab}$  below `cutoff_h`
- ▶ `cutoff_ee value`  
the cutoff for the 2-electron hamiltonian
- ▶ `ksampling value value value`  
the internal k-sampling used to generate occupations, etc.
- ▶ `neutral_model word word=yes/no`  
Create model so that atoms are neutral (recommended)

# Step 1 - The general quality of the model

Goal: Set the right value for `cutoff_h`

- 1 Edit the input file:

```
$ vi input.mmaker
```

Set the value of `cutoff_h` to some large value (0.5 should do)

- 2 Run modelmaker:

```
$ python $SCALEUPHOME/scripts/modelmaker.py 1
```

Plot: black line→FP, green→best possible SP

How good is the representation of the bands?

- 3 Edit the input file again and lower `cutoff_h` (0.1?)

```
$ vi input.mmaker
```

```
$ python $SCALEUPHOME/scripts/modelmaker.py 1
```

- 4 Iterate until satisfied with bands

We look for insulator with indirect gap

How many terms include each value of `cutoff_h`?

## Step 2 - The occupations

**Goal:** Decide occupations of reference state

① Run modelmaker:

```
$ python $SCALEUPHOME/scripts/modelmaker.py 2
```

Look at the occupation of each WF **Does it look ok?**

② Edit the input file:

```
$ vi input.mmaker
```

Make the reciprocal grip finer and rerun modelmaker

③ Iterate until reasonable

- ▶ **Is the ground state in SP going to be the reference state**
- ▶ **What is the most reasonable reference state?**

④ Edit the **systemref/silicon.wann** file to set the reference

```
$ vi systemref/silicon.wann
```

## Step 3 - Selecting the terms

Goal: Decide which terms enter in the model

- 1 Select `cutoff_ee` and run modelmaker:

```
$ vi input.mmaker  
$ python $SCALEUPHOME/scripts/modelmaker.py 3 j out_3
```

Look at the output file:

```
$ vi out_3
```

- 2 Check the one-electron terms:

The Gamma representatives:

The one-electron degrees of freedom **Are the ones expected?**

**Very small values? → check cutoff\_pos**

- 3 Check the two-electron terms:

Printing `_u_list.dat` vs interactions with largest 2e variations

Compare with `D(h_U)` in Printing table with all data

Is it reasonable?

- ▶ **YES** Proceed to fit (step 4)
- ▶ **NO** Check `cutoff_ee` or edit `_u_list.dat/_gamma_list.dat`

```
$ vi _u_list.dat
```

## Step 4 - The fit

Goal: Generate the model file

- 1 Run the fit:

```
$ unbuffer python $SCALEUPHOME/scripts/modelmaker.py 4 —  
tee -a out_4
```

or

```
$ python $SCALEUPHOME/scripts/modelmaker.py 4
```

This can take a long time!

- 2 **Something failed?** Check output in `run_scaleup` directory
- 3 Look at the parameters: **Do they make sense?** if **NOT**:  
Edit the parameter files and enter better initial guesses:

```
$ vi _u_list.dat
```

and rerun:

```
$ python $SCALEUPHOME/scripts/modelmaker.py 4
```

- 4 **Problems still?** Choose better terms/change training set:  
Many problems come from having too many parameters!
- 5 At the end of the fit always check the error of the parameters  
Large error indicates a weak parameter!

# Practical session summary

- ▶ 1-Wannier functions

Calculate the WFs of silicon using LDA and decide the adequate windows and projections

- ▶ 2-TB model of silicon

Go to `1_silicon_tb` and obtain a TB model of silicon using modelmaker

While step 4 runs move to the next example

- ▶ 2-Hubbard model of silicon

Look at training set to obtain U and check selected U terms

```
$ python $SCALEUPHOME/scripts/modelmaker.py mymode
```