

An obvious truth :

Any two independently written DFT codes that solve the Kohn-Sham equations in a numerically exact way, should produce identical predictions for any solid (provided the same XC-functional is used and full numerical accuracy is reached).

Goal of this work

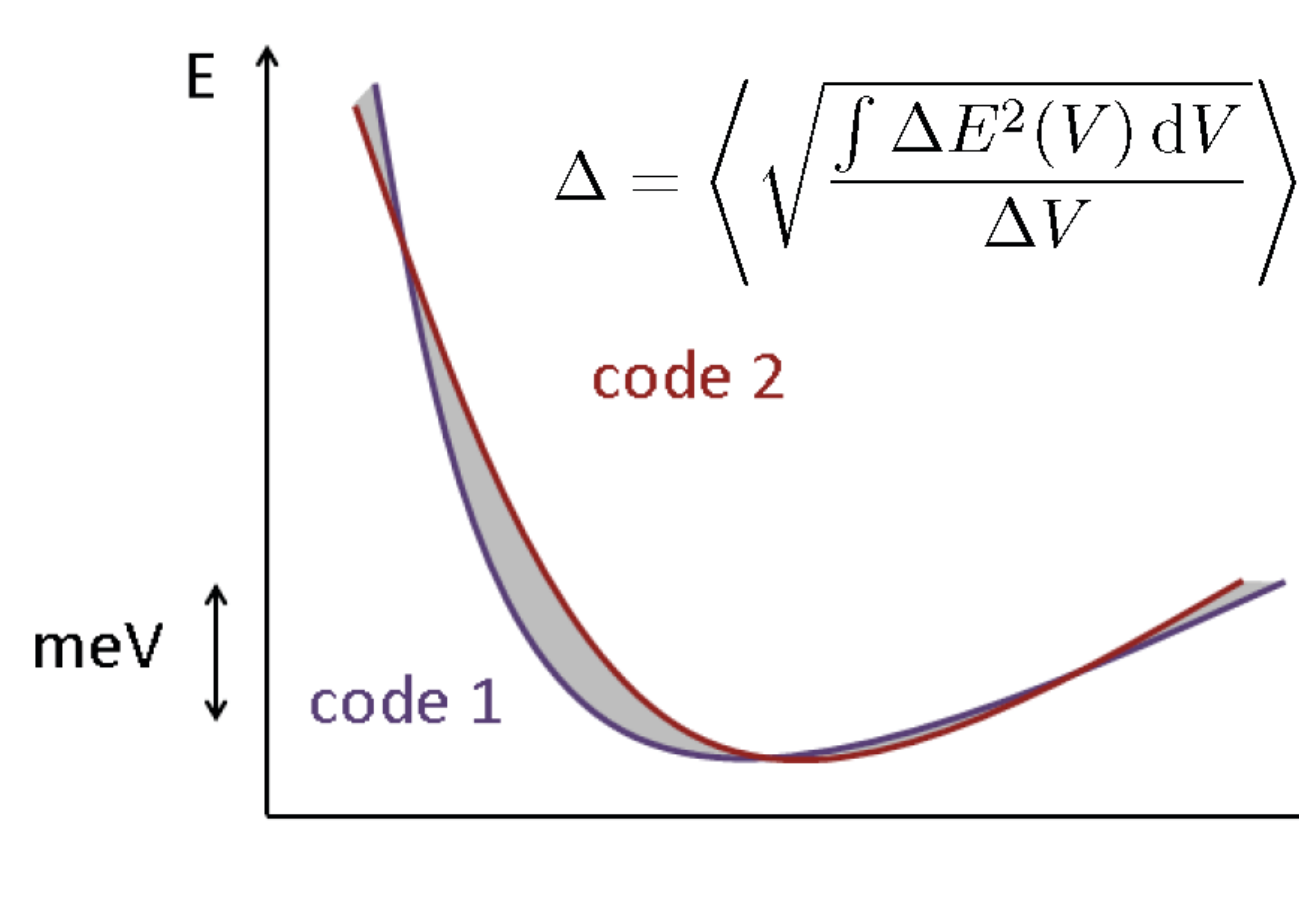
Verify this statement, by comparing predictions by different codes/methods for a standardized benchmark set of elemental solids.

Benchmark set

H	He																	He																
194	194																	194																
hP4	hP2																	hP2																
Li	Be	B	C	N	O	F	Ne																	Ne										
166	194	166	194	205	12	15	225																	225										
hR9	hP2	hR36	hP4	cP8	mS4	mS8	cF4																	cF4										
Na	Mg	Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar																	Ar										
166	194	225	227	64	64	64	225																	225										
hR9	hP2	cF4	cF8	oS8	β-Po	oS8	cF4																	cF4										
K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr																	Kr
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cl2	cF4	hP2	hP2	cl2	cl2	fcc	cl2	hP2	cF4	cF4	hP2	oS8	cF8	hR6	hP3	oS8	cF4																	cF4
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe																	Xe
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cl2	cF4	hP2	hP2	cl2	cl2	hP2	hP2	cF4	cF4	cF4	hP2	tl2	cF8	hR6	hP3	oS8	cF4																	cF4
Cs	Ba	Lu	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn																	Rn
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cl2	cl2	hP2	hP2	cl2	cl2	hP2	hP2	cF4	cF4	cF4	tl2	hP2	cF4	hR6	cP1		cF4																	cF4

- Elemental materials in their ground state crystal structure (except for Mn and S).
- 7 data points in a range of ±6% around the equilibrium geometry predicted by VASP.
- Frozen geometry: only volume change, no cell shape or internal positions.

Gauge : Δ



Reference calculations

APW+lo as implemented in WIEN2k
 PBE functional
 $R_{mt} = 2.30$ a.u. or touching
 basis set : very large (see bottom left table)
 k-grid : corresponding to $31 \times 31 \times 31$ for Au
 $l_{max} = 14$
 $G_{max} = 3 G_{min}$
 FFT-mesh : factor 4

Raw Data

Birch-Murnaghan fits for volume per atom (\AA^3), bulk modulus (GPa) and its pressure derivative

highest core	lowest valence	RKmax	WIEN2k			ABINIT PAW 0.9			OpenMX			GPAW PAW 0.9			VASP			GPAW PAW 0.6			DACAPO			ABINIT FHI-PP		
			V/at	B'	B''	V/at	B'	B''	V/at	B'	B''	V/at	B'	B''	V/at	B'	B''	V/at	B'	B''	V/at	B'	B''	V/at	B'	B''
H	1s	5.0	10.315	3.025	17.454	10.309	2.770	17.334	10.251	2.727	17.459	10.340	2.705	17.445	10.101	3.032	17.465	10.332	2.932	17.683	10.617	2.728	16.894	10.145	2.618	
He	1s	10.0	17.387	6.047	30.915	17.378	6.037	30.871	16.437	6.215	31.662	17.264	6.060	31.721	16.923	7.416	31.693	17.416	6.728	17.685	10.617	2.728	16.894	10.145	2.618	
Li	1s	10.0	20.216	13.879	37.54	20.260	14.038	3.371	19.943	14.719	3.900	20.259	14.058	3.365	20.286	13.801	3.159	20.278	14.000	3.412	22.156	12.196	3.532	19.715	13.526	3.199
Be	1s	10.0	7.915	123.039	3.154	8.005	123.602	3.348	7.852	126.196	3.278	8.008	123.494	3.348	7.920	123.305	3.293	8.009	123.300	3.371	11.572	11.609	3.598	11.509	208.886	3.541
B	1s	7.5	7.245	237.599	3.476	7.231	237.908	3.469	7.234	236.297	3.405	7.241	237.967	3.464	7.251	237.006	3.467	7.242	237.100	3.527	7.228	236.231	3.450	7.152	238.116	3.613
C	1s	7.5	11.654	209.648	3.565	11.627	209.526	3.566	11.656	210.013	3.585	11.645	209.686	3.566	11.661	208.405	3.558	11.648	208.700	3.623	11.572	211.609	3.598	11.509	208.886	3.541
N	1s	7.5	28.896	54.288	3.757	28.780	54.363	3.772	29.499	54.725	3.559	28.797	54.159	3.640	29.648	56.413	3.859	28.910	54.000	3.666	30.218	55.628	3.389	28.320	53.958	3.639
O	1s	7.5	18.564	51.231	3.927	18.403	52.101	3.876	18.947	50.166	3.860	18.525	51.715	3.895	19.186	51.428	4.058	19.280	53.600	3.964	19.338	53.354	3.722	18.434	50.633	3.735
F	1s	8.0	19.947	35.015	4.246	19.164	34.603	4.141	19.323	32.960	4.648	19.049	37.197	3.735	19.541	34.185	4.209	19.207	33.700	4.501	19.872	35.781	4.621	18.873	26.594	4.434
Ne	1s	10.0	24.349	1.242	8.664	24.342	1.219	8.348	24.118	1.287	6.759	23.938	1.430	6.456	24.606	1.071	14.475	23.751	2.100	20.674	24.242	1.281	7.040	Ne	1s	10.0
Na	1s	25	37.089	7.728	3.736	37.078	7.688	3.745	37.232	8.238	2.672	37.321	7.609	3.136	37.074	7.688	3.044	37.045	7.800	3.913	35.524	8.072	3.724	36.882	7.559	3.608
Mg	1s	25	22.934	35.748	4.263	22.917	36.110	3.964	23.104	36.052	3.981	22.892	36.231	4.033	22.847	36.471	3.919	22.971	36.255	4.182	23.058	35.951	4.052	22.801	35.795	4.025
Al	1s	25	16.903	77.512	4.667	16.519	77.528	4.612	16.356	76.493	4.150	16.517	77.660	4.609	16.447	77.287	4.651	16.515	78.209	4.610	16.455	77.260	5.027	16.565	76.010	4.504
Si	1s	25	20.553	88.673	4.227	20.523	88.388	4.310	20.520	88.302	4.380	20.520	88.516	4.326	20.486	88.790	4.296	20.520	88.830	4.361	20.403	88.872	4.307	20.399	87.921	4.280
P	1s	25	21.614	68.863	4.416	21.519	68.108	4.352	21.441	68.790	4.206	21.532	68.002	4.348	21.359	68.513	4.338	21.231	68.072	4.436	21.427	67.695	4.196	23.861	40.815	4.611
S	1s	25	17.346	85.495	4.440	17.207	83.940	4.210	17.231	86.014	4.272	17.167	84.008	4.207	17.167	83.524	4.136	17.224	83.735	4.316	17.041	83.932	4.452	17.107	84.292	4.204
Cl	1s	25	19.324	4.489	38.862	19.091	4.257	39.211	18.857	4.349	38.949	19.718	4.378	38.207	19.154	4.334	38.953	19.016	4.590	38.077	19.690	6.753	38.591	19.134	4.362	
Ar	1s	25	52.209	0.704	7.838	52.295	0.661	7.758	48.559	2.241	11.119	52.201	0.788	7.033	52.652	0.788	7.351	52.661	0.838	3.274	52.248	0.777	8.446	Ar	1s	25
K	2p	3s	10.0	73.710	3.586	3.734	73.649	3.521	3.645	73.486	3.550	4.456	73.563	3.608	3.772	73.844	3.592	3.818	73.782	3.600	2.491	73.872	3.893	1.431	66.621	3.979
Ca	2p	3s	10.0	42.208	17.300	3.167	42.383	17.424	3.332	42.190	17.130	3.331	42.395	17.422	3.273	42.169	17.518	3.017	42.456	17.400	3.193	42.217	17.175	1.979	42.760	17.826
Sc	2p	3s	10.0	24.621	54.559	3.402	24.662	54.274	3.446	24.633	54.814	3.279	24.573	54.613	3.393	24.659	54.370	3.406	24.659	54.200	3.097	24.643	54.266	3.418	25.173	54.732
Ti	2p	3s	10.0	17.451	112.712	3.591	17.444	112.007	3.564	17.329	115.575	3.969	17.437	112.194	3.594	17.371	112.521	3.599	17.257	114.000	3.714	17.404	111.643	3.831	11.818	111.345
V	2p	3s	10.0	13.517	185.231	3.731	13.553	180.517	3.935	13.454	193.477	3.947	13.543	182.429	3.802	13.484	181.621	4.020	13.729	185.500	4.379	13.470	180.486	3.601	14.510	172.570
Cr	2p	3s	10.0	11.910	183.841	3.734	11.803	180.850	7.061	11.915	167.075	7.939	11.852	161.406	7.241	11.834	176.757	7.166	11.870	161.800	6.665	12.246	172.588	4.972	Cr	2p
Mn	2p	3s	10.0	11.611	131.159	0.852	11.370	111.339	2.648	11.733	126.605	-1.022	11.471	121.430	0.493	11.569	115.449	0.354	11.746	126.600	1.116	10.748	277.287	4.329	12.309	178.916
Fe	2p	3s	10.0	11.451	196.127	6.137	11.511	189.140	4.951	11.420	186.257	8.095	11.420	186.257	8.095	11.375	185.742	4.910	11.478	196.700	5.034	11.626	162.557	8.238	12.309	178.916
Co	2p	3s	10.0	10.948	216.191	5.076	10.917	212.332	5.378	10.929	214.191	4.807	10.910	215.828	5.115	10.875	210.783	4.994	10.921	212.400	4.997	10.973	214.957	5.157	10.839	161.396
Ni	2p	3s	10.0	10.096	204.685	4.852	10.093	204.230	4.744	10.060	201.770	4.822	10.082	203.940	4.947	10.042	201.861	4.919	10.917	203.600	4.602	10.954	203.148	4.772	10.975	79.369
Cu	2p	3s	10.0	12.01																						