### Computational Materials Physics Density Functional Theory

### **Physics Concerto**

### 2023 November 8th

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### **Computational Materials Physics**

$$\left(-\sum_{i} \frac{\nabla_i^2}{2} - \sum_{I} \frac{\nabla_I^2}{2M_I} - \sum_{i,I} \frac{Z_I}{|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{R}_I|} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{I \neq J} \frac{Z_I Z_J}{|\mathbf{R}_I - \mathbf{R}_J|}\right) \Psi = E_{\text{tot}} \Psi.$$



Thousands of Physicists Billions of dollars Bad for environment





### What would you do first?

Some chemists \$5 Eco-friendly



Generalized gradient approximation made simple

Authors John P Perdew, Kieron Burke, Matthias Ernzerhof





**1964** Hohenberg–Kohn theorem and Kohn–Sham formulation

- 1972 Relativistic extension of density functional theory
- 1980 Local density approximation for exchange and correlation
- 1984 Time-dependent density functional theory
- 1985 First-principles molecular dynamics
- 1986 Quasiparticle corrections for insulators
- 1987 Density functional perturbation theory
- 1988 Towards quantum chemistry accuracy
- 1991 Hubbard-corrected density functional theory
- **1996** The generalized gradient approximation



You've never heard spin today... but works perfectly for a magnetic system as well.

$$\left(-\sum_{i}\frac{\nabla_{i}^{2}}{2}-\sum_{I}\frac{\nabla_{I}^{2}}{2M_{I}}-\sum_{i,I}\frac{Z_{I}}{|\mathbf{r}_{i}-\mathbf{R}_{I}|}+\frac{1}{2}\sum_{i\neq j}\frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}_{i}-\mathbf{r}_{j}|}+\frac{1}{2}\sum_{I\neq J}\frac{Z_{I}Z_{J}}{|\mathbf{R}_{I}-\mathbf{R}_{J}|}\right)\Psi=E_{\text{tot}}\Psi.$$

Clamped nuclei

$$\left(-\sum_{i} \frac{\nabla_i^2}{2} - \sum_{i,I} \frac{Z_I}{|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{R}_I|} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|}\right) \Psi = E \Psi. \qquad E = E_{\text{tot}} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{I \neq J} \frac{Z_I Z_J}{|\mathbf{R}_I - \mathbf{R}_J|}.$$

single-electron

many-electron

$$\hat{H}(\mathbf{r}_1,\ldots,\mathbf{r}_N) = \sum_i \hat{H}_0(\mathbf{r}_i) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|} \qquad \qquad n(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_i |\phi_i(\mathbf{r})|^2$$

$$\Psi(\mathbf{r}_1,\mathbf{r}_2,\cdots,\mathbf{r}_N)=\phi_1(\mathbf{r}_1)\cdots\phi_N(\mathbf{r}_N)$$

$$\Psi({f r}_1,{f r}_2) = rac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left| egin{array}{cc} \phi_1({f r}_1) & \phi_1({f r}_2) \ \phi_2({f r}_1) & \phi_2({f r}_2) \end{array} 
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Independent electron approximation

Slater determinant



$$\begin{pmatrix} -\sum_{i} \frac{\nabla_{i}^{2}}{2} - \sum_{i,I} \frac{Z_{I}}{|\mathbf{r}_{i} - \mathbf{R}_{I}|} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}_{i} - \mathbf{r}_{j}|} \end{pmatrix} \Psi = E \Psi. \quad \Psi(\mathbf{r}_{1}, \mathbf{r}_{2}, \cdots, \mathbf{r}_{N}) = \phi_{1}(\mathbf{r}_{1}) \cdots \phi_{N}(\mathbf{r}_{N})$$
single-electron many-electron

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{\nabla^2}{2} + V_n(\mathbf{r}) + V_H(\mathbf{r}) \end{bmatrix} \phi_i(\mathbf{r}) = \varepsilon_i \underline{\phi_i(\mathbf{r})} \quad \text{Hartree or mean-field approximation} \\ n(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_i |\phi_i(\mathbf{r})|^2, \\ \nabla^2 V_H(\mathbf{r}) = -4\pi n(\mathbf{r}). \quad \text{Self-consistent field method}$$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} -\sum_{i} \frac{\nabla_{i}^{2}}{2} - \sum_{i,I} \frac{Z_{I}}{|\mathbf{r}_{i} - \mathbf{R}_{I}|} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}_{i} - \mathbf{r}_{j}|} \end{pmatrix} \Psi = E \Psi. \quad \Psi(\mathbf{r}_{1}, \mathbf{r}_{2}, \cdots, \mathbf{r}_{N}) = \phi_{1}(\mathbf{r}_{1}) \cdots \phi_{N}(\mathbf{r}_{N})$$
single-electron many-electron

$$\begin{split} & \left[ -\frac{\nabla^2}{2} + V_{\rm n}(\mathbf{r}) + V_{\rm H}(\mathbf{r}) \right] \phi_i(\mathbf{r}) + \int d\mathbf{r}' \, V_{\rm X}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \, \phi_i(\mathbf{r}') = \varepsilon_i \, \phi_i(\mathbf{r}), \\ & n(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_i |\phi_i(\mathbf{r})|^2, \qquad \text{Including exchange interaction} \\ & \nabla^2 V_{\rm H}(\mathbf{r}) = -4\pi n(\mathbf{r}). \end{split}$$

$$V_{\rm H}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{j} \int d\mathbf{r}' \frac{|\phi_j(\mathbf{r}')|^2}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}, \qquad V_{\rm X}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = -\sum_{j} \frac{\phi_j^*(\mathbf{r}')\phi_j(\mathbf{r})}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}.$$
Self-interaction for localized orbitals Nonlocal



#### Walter Kohn



Nobel prize in Chemistry 1998 Schwinger's student

*E* is the energy of the ground state:  $n(\mathbf{r}) \xrightarrow{F} E \quad E = F[n(\mathbf{r})]$  Hohenberg-Kohn theorem *E* is the energy of an excited state:  $\Psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} E \quad E = \mathcal{F}[\Psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N)]$   $\frac{\delta F[n]}{\delta n}\Big|_{n_0} = 0.$ 

$$E = \langle \Psi | \hat{H} | \Psi \rangle = \int d\mathbf{r}_1 \dots d\mathbf{r}_N \, \Psi^*(\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N) \, \hat{H} \, \Psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N).$$
(3.1)

$$\hat{H}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \cdots, \mathbf{r}_N) = -\sum_i \frac{1}{2} \nabla_i^2 + \sum_i V_n(\mathbf{r}_i) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|}.$$
(3.2)

1) In the ground state the electron density determines uniquely the external potential  $V_n$  in eqn 3.2:  $n \rightarrow V_n$ .

- 2) In any quantum state the external potential,  $V_n$ , determines uniquely the many-electron wavefunction:  $V_n \rightarrow \Psi$ .
- 3) In any quantum state the total energy, E, is a functional of the many-body wavefunction through eqn 3.1:  $\Psi \rightarrow E$ .

The ground state energy of a many-electron system is expressed as a functional of the electron density!

### **Density Functional Theory!**



 $E \text{ is the energy of the ground state:} \qquad n(\mathbf{r}) \xrightarrow{F} E \quad E = F[n(\mathbf{r})] \qquad \text{Hohenberg-Kohn theorem} \quad \frac{\delta F[n]}{\delta n}\Big|_{n_0} = 0.$   $\left[ \left( -\sum_i \frac{\nabla_i^2}{2} - \sum_I \frac{\nabla_I^2}{2M_I} - \sum_{i,I} \frac{Z_I}{|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{R}_I|} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{I \neq J} \frac{Z_I Z_J}{|\mathbf{R}_I - \mathbf{R}_J|} \right) \Psi = E_{\text{tot}} \Psi.$ 

$$F[n] = \int d\mathbf{r} \, n(\mathbf{r}) V_{\mathrm{n}}(\mathbf{r}) - \sum_{i} \int d\mathbf{r} \, \psi_{i}^{*}(\mathbf{r}) rac{
abla^{2}}{2} \psi_{i}(\mathbf{r}) + rac{1}{2} \iint d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' rac{n(\mathbf{r})n(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} + E_{xc}[n]$$

$$\left[-\frac{1}{2}\nabla^2 + V_{\rm n}(\mathbf{r}) + V_{\rm H}(\mathbf{r}) + V_{xc}(\mathbf{r})\right]\phi_i(\mathbf{r}) = \varepsilon_i\phi_i(\mathbf{r}).$$

Kohn-Sham equation



#### Nothing but just Hartree potential...

'The Kohn-Sham theory may be regarded as the formal exactification of Hartree theory. With the exact  $E_{xc}$  and  $V_{xc}$  all many-body effects are in principle included. Clearly this directs attention to the functional  $E_{xc}[n]$ . The practical usefulness of ground-state DFT depends entirely on whether approximations for the functional  $E_{xc}[n]$  could be found, which are at the same time sufficiently simple and sufficiently accurate.'

But how can we determine exchange-correlation potential?

Assume homogeneous electron gas first

$$E_{
m X} = -rac{3}{4} \Big(rac{3}{\pi}\Big)^{rac{1}{3}} \, n^{rac{4}{3}} V$$

$$E_{\rm C} = nV \cdot \begin{cases} 0.0311 \ln r_s - 0.0480 + 0.002 \, r_s \ln r_s - 0.0116 \, r_s & \text{if } r_s < 1, \\ -0.1423 & \text{if } r_s \ge 1. \end{cases}$$
 if  $r_s \ge 1$ .





Feliciano Giustino, Materials Modeling using Density Functional Theory (2014) Richard D. Mattuck, A Guide to Feynman Diagrams in the Many-Body Problem (1992)



$$\begin{split} & \left[-\frac{1}{2}\nabla^2 + V_{\text{tot}}(\mathbf{r})\right]\phi_i(\mathbf{r}) = \varepsilon_i\phi_i(\mathbf{r}), \\ & V_{\text{tot}}(\mathbf{r}) = V_{\text{n}}(\mathbf{r}) + V_{\text{H}}(\mathbf{r}) + V_{xc}(\mathbf{r}), \\ & V_{\text{n}}(\mathbf{r}) = -\sum_{I}\frac{Z_I}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_I|}, \\ & \nabla^2 V_{\text{H}}(\mathbf{r}) = -4\pi n(\mathbf{r}), \\ & V_{xc}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\delta E_{xc}[n]}{\delta n}(\mathbf{r}), \\ & n(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_i |\phi_i(\mathbf{r})|^2. \end{split}$$



Self-consistent calculation!

Energy, charge density



### **Planewaves Representation**

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2}\nabla^{2} + V_{n}(\mathbf{r}) + V_{H}(\mathbf{r}) + V_{xc}(\mathbf{r}) \end{bmatrix} \phi_{i}(\mathbf{r}) = \varepsilon_{i}\phi_{i}(\mathbf{r}).$$

$$6\Phi(p,q,r) - [\Phi(p+1,q,r) + \Phi(p-1,q,r) + \Phi(p,q+1,r) + \Phi(p,q-1,r)$$

$$+\Phi(p,q,r+1) + \Phi(p,q,r-1)] + 2\left(\frac{a}{N_{p}}\right)^{2}V_{tot}(p,q,r)\Phi(p,q,r) = 2\left(\frac{a}{N_{p}}\right)^{2}\varepsilon\Phi(p,q,r).$$

$$H\begin{bmatrix} \Phi(1) \\ \Phi(2) \\ \dots \\ \Phi(N_{p}^{3}) \end{bmatrix} = \varepsilon\begin{bmatrix} \Phi(1) \\ \Phi(2) \\ \dots \\ \Phi(N_{p}^{3}) \end{bmatrix}, \quad N_{p} \sim 200$$

real space representation requires too many data points to solve the differential equation

$$\phi(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\mathbf{G}} c(\mathbf{G}) \exp(i\mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{r}).$$

 $G = m_1 b_1 + m_2 b_2 + m_3 b_3$ , with  $m_1, m_2, m_3$  integers.

$$c(\mathbf{G}) = \frac{1}{a^3} \int d\mathbf{r} \exp(-i\mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{r}) \phi(\mathbf{r}) . \qquad \exp[i\mathbf{G} \cdot (\mathbf{r} + a\mathbf{u}_x)] = \exp(i\mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{r}) + \exp(i\mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{r}) \exp(i$$

Periodicity is implemented automatically

$$\frac{|\mathbf{G}|^2}{2}c(\mathbf{G}) + \sum_{\mathbf{G}'} v_{\text{tot}}(\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{G}')c(\mathbf{G}') = \varepsilon c(\mathbf{G}),$$
  
Expensive part



### **Pseudopotential**





Norm-conserved Pseudopotential **Ultrasoft Pseudopotential Projector Augmented Wave** 

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# **Total Energy and Eigenfunctions**





### **Taylor Expansion of the Total Energy**

What are we going to do with the energy?

 $E(u, \mathcal{E}, \eta) = E_0 +$ 





# **Taylor Expansion of the Total Energy**

 $E(u, \mathcal{E}, \eta) = E_0 +$ 





# **Taylor Expansion of the Total Energy**

Finite difference method  $E(u, \mathcal{E}, \eta) = E_0 +$  $p_{ij\mu\nu} \approx \frac{\Delta(\varepsilon_{ij}^{-1})(\eta^+) - \Delta(\varepsilon_{ij}^{-1})(\eta^-)}{2n\dots} + \mathcal{O}(\eta^2).$  $\frac{\partial E}{\partial u_m}u_m + \frac{\partial E}{\partial \mathcal{E}_{\alpha}}\mathcal{E}_{\alpha} + \frac{\partial E}{\partial \eta_j}\eta_j +$ Hellmann-Stress Feynman Theory of Theorem Polarization  $\frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial u_m \partial u_n}u_m u_n + \frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial \mathcal{E}_\alpha \partial \mathcal{E}_\beta}\mathcal{E}_\alpha \mathcal{E}_\beta + \frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial \eta_i \partial \eta_j}\eta_i \eta_j + \frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial u_m \partial \mathcal{E}_\alpha}u_m \mathcal{E}_\alpha + \frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial u_m \partial \eta_j}u_m \eta_j + \frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial \mathcal{E}_\alpha \partial \eta_j}\mathcal{E}_\alpha \eta_j + \frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial \mathcal{E}_\alpha \partial \mathcal{E}_\beta}\mathcal{E}_\alpha \mathcal{E}_\beta + \frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial \eta_j}\mathcal{E}_\alpha \eta_j + \frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial \mathcal{E}_\alpha \partial \eta_j}\mathcal{E}$ DFPT DFPT DFPT DFPT DFPT DFPT Finite electric field Finite electric field Finite electric field  $\frac{1}{6} \frac{\partial^{3} E}{\partial \mathcal{E}_{\alpha} \partial \mathcal{E}_{\beta} \partial \mathcal{E}_{\gamma}} \mathcal{E}_{\alpha} \mathcal{E}_{\beta} \mathcal{E}_{\gamma} + \frac{1}{6} \frac{\partial^{3} E}{\partial \mathcal{E}_{\alpha} \partial \mathcal{E}_{\beta} \partial u_{m}} \mathcal{E}_{\alpha} \mathcal{E}_{\beta} u_{m} + \frac{1}{6} \frac{\partial^{3} E}{\partial \mathcal{E}_{\alpha} \partial \mathcal{E}_{\beta} \partial \eta_{i}} \mathcal{E}_{\alpha} \mathcal{E}_{\beta} \eta_{i} + \cdots$ 2n+1 theorem 2n+1 theorem 2n+1 theorem Finite electric field Finite electric field Finite electric field





# First-Principles Study of Pockels Effect in Tetragonal BaTiO<sub>3</sub>

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### **Magnetic Property**



#### Large enhancement of magnetic moment in nitridated CeFe<sub>12</sub>

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### **Dynamics at a phase boundary**

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### Dynamics at a phase boundary

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#### Article

Atomic-scale operando observation of oxygen diffusion during topotactic phase transition of a perovskite oxide



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#### Highlights

Operando atomic-scale imaging of oxygen diffusion during SrFeO<sub>3</sub>-SrFeO<sub>2.5</sub> transition

Hyper-stoichiometric  $\mbox{SrFeO}_{2.5}$  with excess oxygen emerging at phase boundary

Oxygen diffusion along FeO<sub>4</sub> chains via modification of oxygen coordination

Steady-state diffusion via interstitialcy diffusion across fastdiffusion channels





### **Linear Electro-Optic response**

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#### Nature of electro-optic response in tetragonal BaTiO<sub>3</sub>

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Barium titanate, BaTiO<sub>3</sub> (BTO), has emerged as a promising electro-optic material with applications in silicon photonics. It boasts one of the largest known electro-optic coefficients; however, the origin of this giant electro-optic response has not been investigated in detail and is poorly understood. Here we report on a first-principles study of the electro-optic or Pockels tensor in tetragonal *P4mm* BTO. We find good agreement with experiment if the *P4mm* structure is viewed as a dynamic average of four lower symmetry *Cm* structures. The large value of the Raman component of the EO coefficient is attributed to a low frequency and strong electron-phonon coupling of the lowest optical mode, and we trace the equally large piezoelectric contribution to the large components of the piezoelectric and elasto-optic tensors.







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### **Linear Electro-Optic response**

#### Galactic Axion Laser Interferometer Leveraging Electro-Optics: GALILEO

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We propose a novel experimental method for probing light dark matter candidates. We show that an electro-optical material's refractive index is modified in the presence of a coherently oscillating dark matter background. A high-precision resonant Michelson interferometer can be used to read out this signal. The proposed detection scheme allows for the exploration of an uncharted parameter space of dark matter candidates over a wide range of masses – including masses exceeding a few tens of microelectronvolts, which is a challenging parameter space for microwave cavity haloscopes.





### And hopefully paper 4 and 5 this year...

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# **Outline of the Qualifier Presentation**

- Linear electro-optic effect and Silicon photonics
- Tetragonal BaTiO<sub>3</sub> as a promising EO material
- Structural consideration
- Clamped Pockels tensor Ionic contribution
- Unclamped Pockels tensor Piezo contribution



## **Introduction: Silicon Photonics**





Original data up to the year 2010 collected and plotted by M. Horowitz, F. Labonte, O. Shacham, K. Olukotun, L. Hammond, and C. Batten New plot and data collected for 2010-2015 by K. Rupp



- Moore's law is still working!
- However, both power dissipation and clock speed are currently limiting factors.



### **Introduction: Silicon Photonics**

Mach-Zehnder interferometer





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### Introduction: Electro-Optically Active Materials



For BTO system

- Bulk tetragonal BaTiO<sub>3</sub> is one of the best candidates for the EO material for Si photonics platform
- More theoretical studies are needed to understand the electro-optic properties of BTO



### **Introduction: Ferroelectric**

Displacive type BaTiO<sub>3</sub> Order-disorder type LiNbO<sub>3</sub>

- Linear electro-optic effect is only allowed in a crystal without inversion symmetry
- More theoretical studies are needed to understand the electro-optic properties of BTO



# **Computational Details**

DFT and DFPT calculation:

LDA exchange-correlation with norm-conserving pseudopotentials

For non-linear term, 2n+1 theorem with PEAD formulation

12x12x12 k-point

1000 eV energy cut off

10<sup>-5</sup> eV/Angstrom

3x3x3 supercell

3x3x3 k-point

Nudged elastic band (NEB) calculation

LO-TO splitting (non-analytical term) is considered







# Self-consistent phonon

Harmonic phonon:

the force acting on atom *l* to *alpha* direction when atom *m* is moved along *beta* direction and all the other atoms are fixed.

 $\Phi_{\alpha\beta}(lm)$ 

In contrast, self-consistent phonon:

the force acting on atom *l* should rather be derived by regarding the other atoms as moving. This gives rise to the notion of an effective restoring force. It is defined as a thermodynamical average of the restoring forces, taken over all configurations of the other atoms and weighted with the probability of each configurations.

SCHA is formally again harmonic, the true lattice system is to be approximated by some other effective harmonic lattice whose force constants and lattice parameter are to be optimally adjusted.

The renormalized force constants are obtained from a self-consistency condition. Self-consistency is achieved by replacing the normal harmonic force constants by *effective* force constants which are thermal averages with respect to the *effective* harmonic Hamiltonian.



$$\Delta\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right) = \Delta\left(\varepsilon^{-1}\right)_{ij} = \sum_{\gamma} r_{ij\gamma} E_{\gamma}$$

$$\Delta \left( \varepsilon^{-1} \right)_{ij} = -\varepsilon_{im}^{(-1)} \Delta \varepsilon_{mn} \varepsilon_{nj}^{(-1)}$$



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$$\Delta \left( \varepsilon^{-1} \right)_{ij} = -\varepsilon_{im}^{(-1)} \Delta \varepsilon_{mn} \varepsilon_{nj}^{(-1)}$$



Unclamped EO tensor



Electric enthalpy is defined as,





### Phonon part







### Phonon part





### Raman susceptibility part

 $\sum_{\mathbf{k},m} \frac{\partial \chi_{ij}^{(1)}(\mathbf{R},\eta_0)}{\partial \tau_{\kappa\alpha}} u_m(\kappa\alpha) \right)$ 

Raman susceptibility tensor



## Mode polarity part





### **Piezoelectric part**





### **Elasto-optic part**





### **Pockels response in rhombohedral BaTiO**<sub>3</sub>



Imaginary phonon modes in the P4mm phase make the calculation difficult



### **Structural Problem:** imaginary phonon mode in *P4mm* BaTiO<sub>3</sub>



Imaginary phonon modes in the P4mm phase make the calculation difficult



### Structural Problem: P4mm as average Cm structure



- In recent experiments, the high symmetry structures are microscopically averaged over low-symmetry phase
- We assume our tetragonal structure is microscopically averaged over [111]-displacement.



### Structural Problem: P4mm as average Cm structure





- In experiments, the P4mm tetragonal structure is microscopically averaged over [111]-displacement.
- Energy barrier is much higher to flip the macroscopic polarization direction.



### Ionic Electro-Optic Response: Phonon

$$4\pi \sum_{m} \frac{1}{\omega_m^2} \left( \sum_{\kappa,\alpha} \frac{\partial \chi_{ij}^{(1)}(\mathbf{R},\eta_0)}{\partial \tau_{\kappa\alpha}} u_m(\kappa\alpha) \right) \times \left( \sum_{\kappa',\beta} Z_{\kappa',\gamma\beta}^* u_m(\kappa'\beta) \right)$$

Mode Number	P4mm SR (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$P4mm LR (cm^{-1})$	$Cm \ SR \ (cm^{-1})$	$Cm  LR  (cm^{-1})$	SCPH ( $cm^{-1}$ )	Exp. $[54]$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )
4	-176 i	-176 i	17	57	161	34
5	-176 i	-176 i	78	170	171	180
6	164	170	170	174	174	189
7	170	170	174	175	174	
8	170	185	175	235	264	
9	287	287	236	284	281	
10	287	287	284	294	281	304
11	291	291	294	296	282	308
12	315	453	295	452	465	471
13	457	457	471	472	490	498
14	457	457	471	492	510	
15	515	718	495	674	710	725

NO imaginary values



### Ionic Electro-Optic Response: Raman and Mode Polarity



- The lowest frequency mode shows the strongest Raman response.
- Combined with the mode polarity, mode 4 contributes to Pockels tensor significantly.

### **Ionic Pockels tensor for** *Cm* **BaTiO**<sub>3</sub>

$$4\pi \sum_{m} \frac{1}{\omega_m^2} \left( \sum_{\kappa,\alpha} \frac{\partial \chi_{ij}^{(1)}(\mathbf{R},\eta_0)}{\partial \tau_{\kappa\alpha}} u_m(\kappa\alpha) \right) \times \left( \sum_{\kappa',\beta} Z^*_{\kappa',\gamma\beta} u_m(\kappa'\beta) \right)$$

[111]	[11]	[111]	[11]
$\begin{bmatrix} 1812 & -1583 & -25\\ -1584 & 1812 & -25\\ -11 & -11 & 41\\ -767 & 824 & -6\\ 817 & -760 & -6\\ 22 & 52 & -12 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1811 & 1582 & -25 \\ -1583 & -1810 & -25 \\ -11 & 11 & 41 \\ 767 & 824 & 6 \\ 817 & 759 & -6 \\ -22 & 52 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} -1806 & -1578 & -25 \\ 1578 & 1806 & -25 \\ 11 & -11 & 41 \\ 765 & 822 & -6 \\ 815 & 757 & 6 \\ 22 & -52 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} -1810 & 1581 & -25\\ 1582 & -1809 & -25\\ 11 & 11 & 41\\ -766 & 823 & 6\\ 816 & -758 & 6\\ -22 & -52 & -12 \end{bmatrix}$

Electro	onic Poc	ckels 7	Tensor (pm/V)	Ioni	c Pocke	els Tens	sor (pm	/V)
Γ 0	0	0.7			[ 1.8	0.5	-257	
0	0	0.7			-1.8	0.25	-25	
0	0	2			0	0	41	
0	0.76	0			0.25	823	0	
0.76	0	0			816	0.5	0	
0	0	0 _			0	0	0 ]	

Exp. 
$$r_{42}^{\text{clamped}} = 730 \text{ pm/V}$$



### Difference between Raman active and inactive mode





- Active mode changes the orbital overlap and bond length significantly.
- Inactive mode shows the translation characteristic.

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### **Piezo Electro-Optic tensor**



Main contribution for  $r_{42}$ 

Cm phase provides a better explanation of piezo EO tensor compared to P4mm phase



 $p_{11}$ 

 $p_{12}$ 

 $p_{13}$ 

 $p_{31}$ 

 $p_{33}$ 

 $p_{44}$ 

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#### Nature of electro-optic response in tetragonal BaTiO<sub>3</sub>

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Barium titanate, BaTiO<sub>3</sub> (BTO), has emerged as a promising electro-optic material with applications in silicon photonics. It boasts one of the largest known electro-optic coefficients; however, the origin of this giant electro-optic response has not been investigated in detail and is poorly understood. Here we report on a first-principles study of the electro-optic or Pockels tensor in tetragonal *P4mm* BTO. We find good agreement with experiment if the *P4mm* structure is viewed as a dynamic average of four lower symmetry *Cm* structures. The large value of the Raman component of the EO coefficient is attributed to a low frequency and strong electron-phonon coupling of the lowest optical mode, and we trace the equally large piezoelectric contribution to the large components of the piezoelectric and elasto-optic tensors.

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## Conclusions



- Piezoelectric electro-optic response contributes almost a half of the Pockels tensor
- Cm averaged tetragonal phase better explains the linear electro-optic response than P4mm
- Strong EO response comes from the combination of a low phonon frequency and Raman-active mode.



### **Future work**



- Identifying microscopic origin in LiNbO<sub>3</sub>
- Calculating Pockels response in KTa<sub>0.5</sub>Nb<sub>0.5</sub>O<sub>3</sub>
- Calculating ionic and piezo Pockels response in VASP using finite difference
- Exploring the how the domain structure affect the Pockels response



# Supplementary materials

$$\Delta\left(rac{1}{n^2}
ight) = \Delta\left(arepsilon^{-1}
ight)_{ij} = \sum_{\gamma} r_{ij\gamma} E_{\gamma}$$

 $r_{ij\gamma}$ : Pockels coefficient (tensor) or electro-optic tensor

$$\Delta \left( \varepsilon^{-1} \right)_{ij} = -\varepsilon_{im}^{(-1)} \Delta \varepsilon_{mn} \varepsilon_{nj}^{(-1)}$$



Expand the full differential of the dielectric tensor into electronic, ionic, and piezoelectric contributions

# Clamped Electro-Optic Response

Electroni	c Pockels tensor $\binom{pm}{V}$		Ionic Pockels tensor $\binom{pm}{v}$ $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -25\\ 0 & 0 & -25\\ 0 & 0 & 40\\ 0 & 820 & 0\\ 820 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$		
0 0 0 0.76 0	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0.7 \\ 0 & 0.7 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 0.76 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	[	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -25 \\ 0 & 0 & -25 \\ 0 & 0 & 40 \\ 0 & 820 & 0 \\ 320 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$		
-	Clamped 1	Pockels tensor (exp.) $\binom{pm}{V}$			
	0 0 0 720	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$			

• *Cm* phase provides a better explanation of piezo EO tensor compared to *P4mm* phase

### **Elasto-Optic Tensor Test Calculations**

$$r^{piezo}_{ij\gamma} = p_{ij\mu
u}$$

$$p_{ij\mu
u}d_{\gamma\mu
u}$$

$$p_{ij\mu\nu} \approx \frac{\Delta(\varepsilon_{ij}^{-1})(\eta^+) - \Delta(\varepsilon_{ij}^{-1})(\eta^-)}{2\eta_{\mu\nu}} + \mathcal{O}(\eta^2)$$

	LDA	PBE	PBEsol	LDA (QE)	Other theory references	Experiment
Si						
$p_{11}$	-0.0914	-0.105	-0.0971	-0.101	-0.098, -0.111	-0.094
$p_{12}$	0.0124	0.0121	0.0152	0.010	0.007, 0.020	0.017
Diamond						
$p_{11}$	-0.261	-0.268	-0.262	-0.263	-0.264	-0.248
$p_{12}$	0.0734	0.0471	0.0717	0.061	0.076	0.044
NaCl						
$p_{11}$	0.0727	0.101	0.0943	0.058	0.077	0.155
$p_{12}$	0.16	0.163	0.171	0.153	0.157	0.161
MgO						
$p_{11}$	-0.3	-0.292	-0.2859	-0.299	-0.310, -0.218	-0.259
$p_{12}$	-0.42	-0.0545	-0.04627	-0.042	-0.050, 0.013	-0.011

• Finite difference to calculate the elasto-optic tensor (Voigt notation)

• The test calculation describes the elasto-optic tensor fairly well compared to corresponding experiment value