



Atomic Simulation Environment

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Atomic Simulation Environment

Toolbox for :

- Building atomic structures
- Molecular Dynamics
- Structure optimization
- Analysis
- Interface to several calculator codes:
GPAW, ASAP, Dacapo...

The Python programming language

<http://www.python.org/>

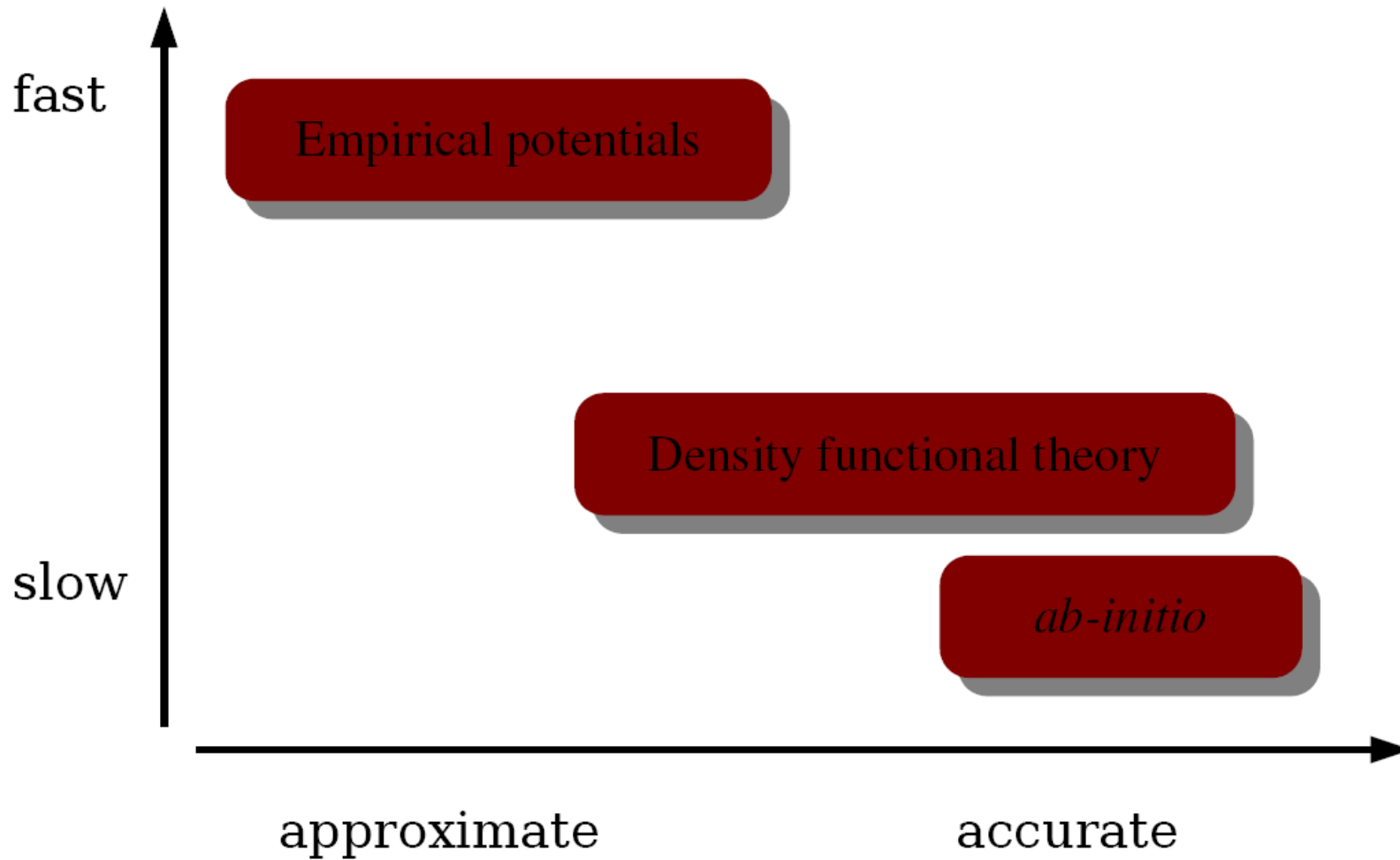
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from grocery import ingredients
from kitchen import mix, boil

# Start cooking ...
soup = mix(ingredients)

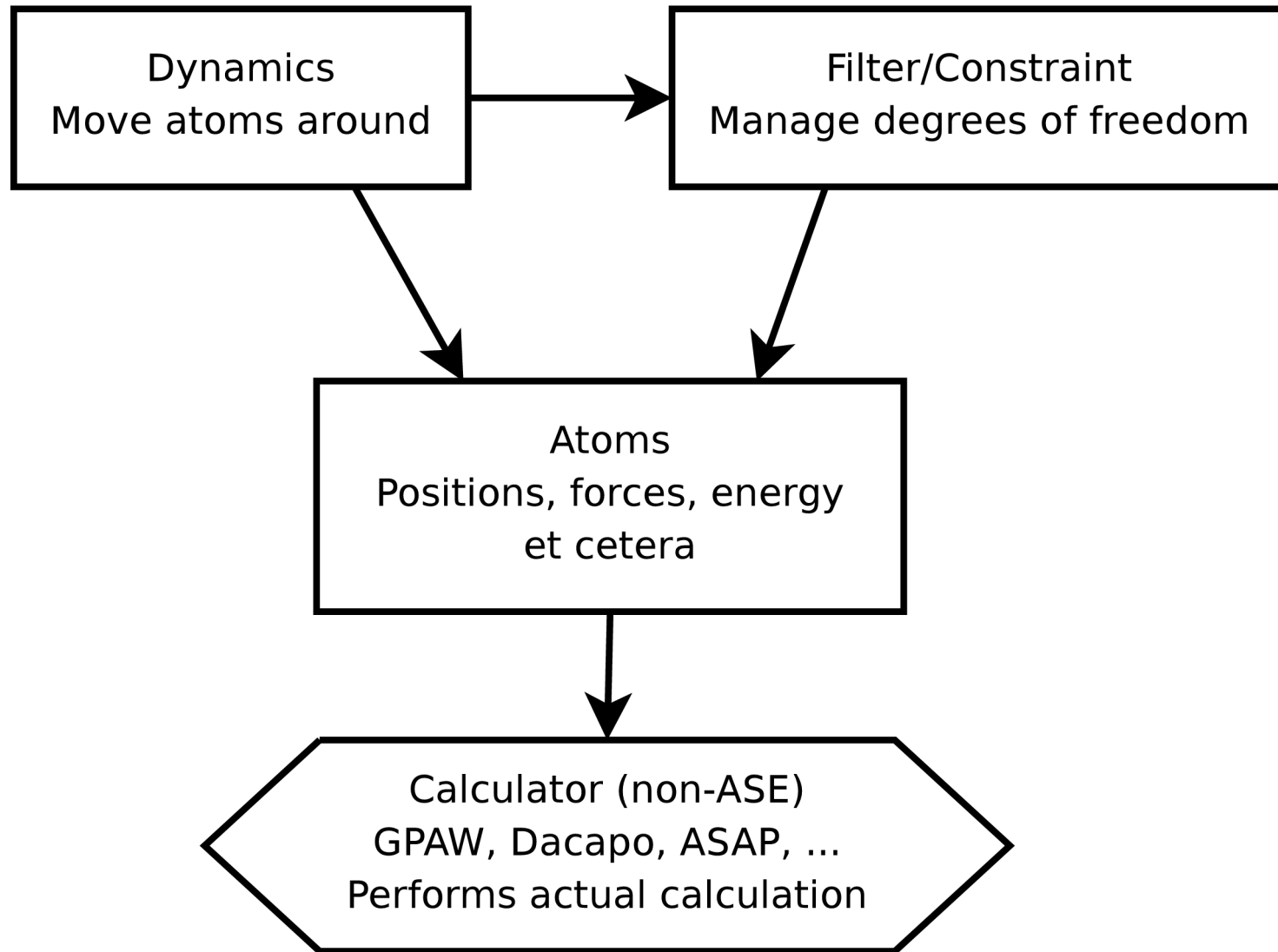
done = False
while not done:
    done = boil(soup)
    print 'boiling ...'

print 'done!'
```

Energy Calculations



ASE Objects



Demonstration

Atomization energy of a H₂ molecule

```
atomize.py - emacs@neumann.fysik.dtu.dk (på neumann.fysik.dtu.dk)
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from ase import Atoms
from gpaw import GPAW

a = 4.0 # Size of unit cells (Angstroms)
c = a / 2

# Hydrogen atom
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            cell=(a, a, a), pbc=False)

# GPAW calculator
calc = GPAW(h=0.2, nbands=1, xc='PBE', txt='H.log')
atom.set_calculator(calc)

e1 = atom.get_potential_energy()
calc.write('H.gpw')

# Hydrogen molecule
d = 0.74 # Experimental bond length
molecule = Atoms('2H', positions=[(c, c, c - d / 2),
                                   (c, c, c + d / 2)],
                cell=(a, a, a), pbc=False)

calc.set(txt='H2.log')
molecule.set_calculator(calc)
e2 = molecule.get_potential_energy()
calc.write('H2.gpw')

print 'atomic energy:      %5.2f eV' % e1
print 'molecular energy:   %5.2f eV' % e2
print 'atomization energy: %5.2f eV' % (e2 - 2 * e1)
```

```
[askhl@neumann ~]$ python atomize.py
atomic energy:      -0.74 eV
molecular energy:   -6.35 eV
atomization energy: -4.86 eV
```

Script

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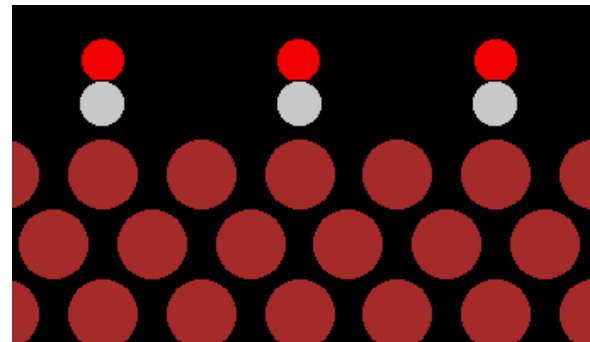
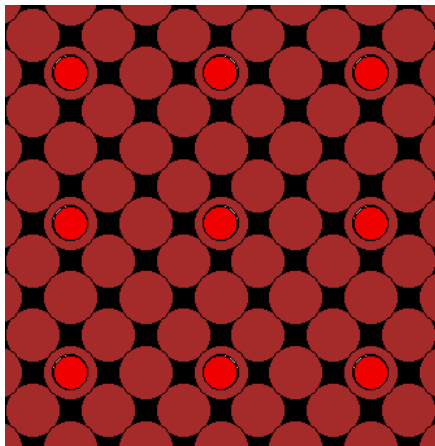
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Simple example: CO on Cu(100)

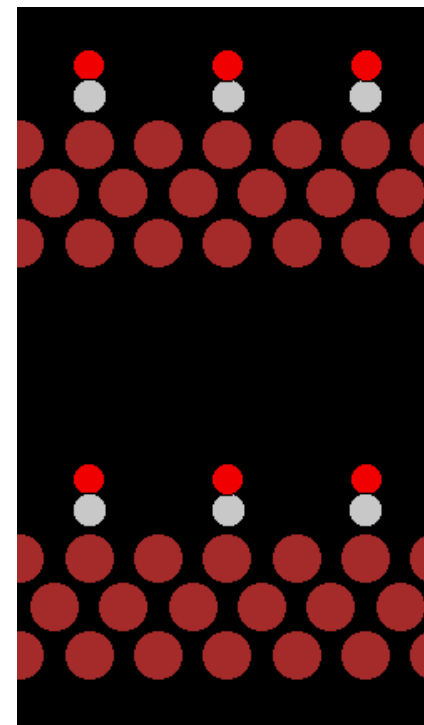
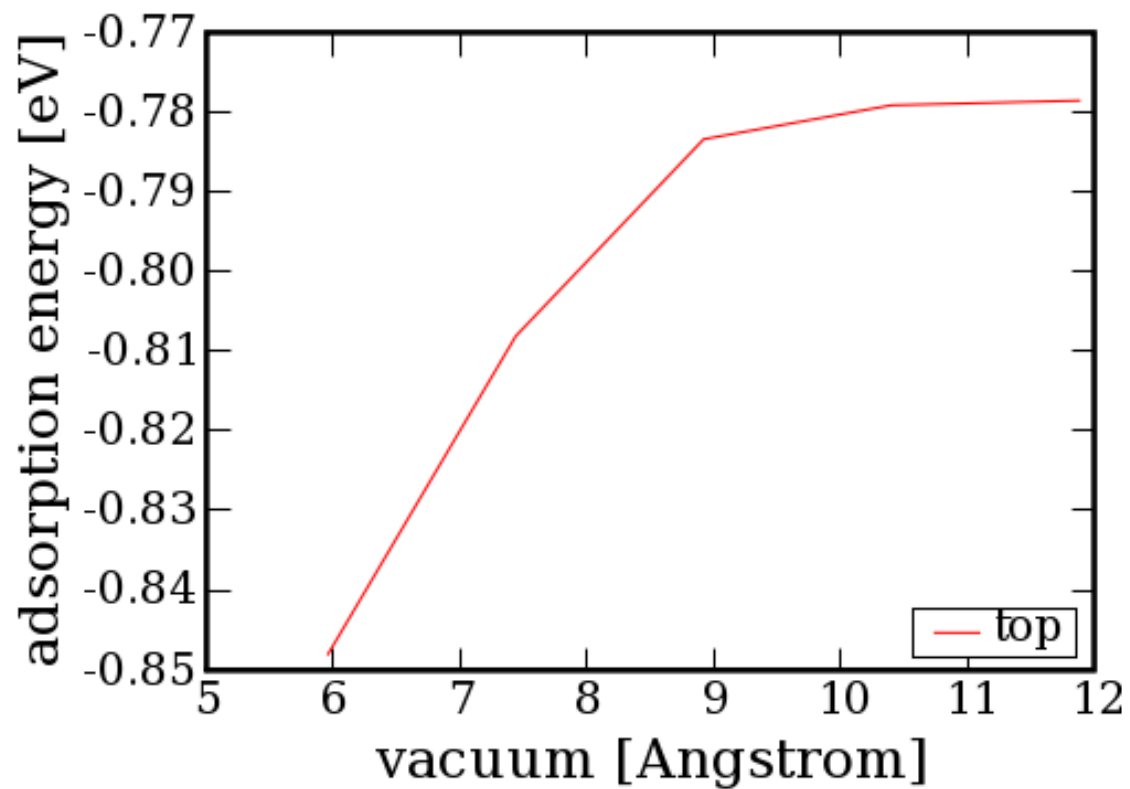
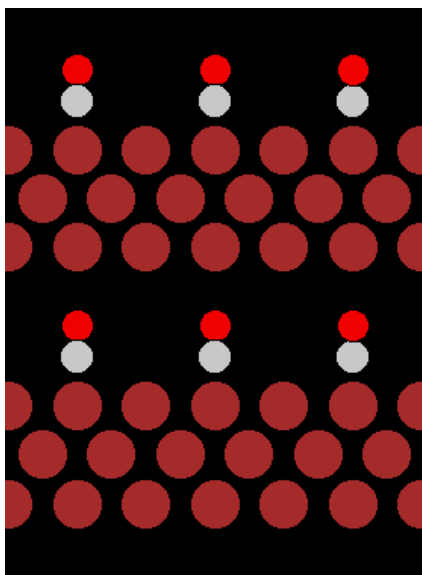
Part II

Example: CO/Cu(100)

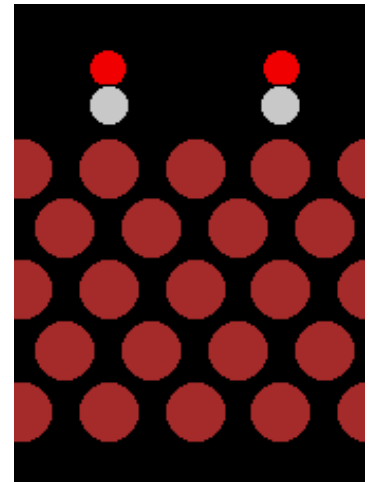
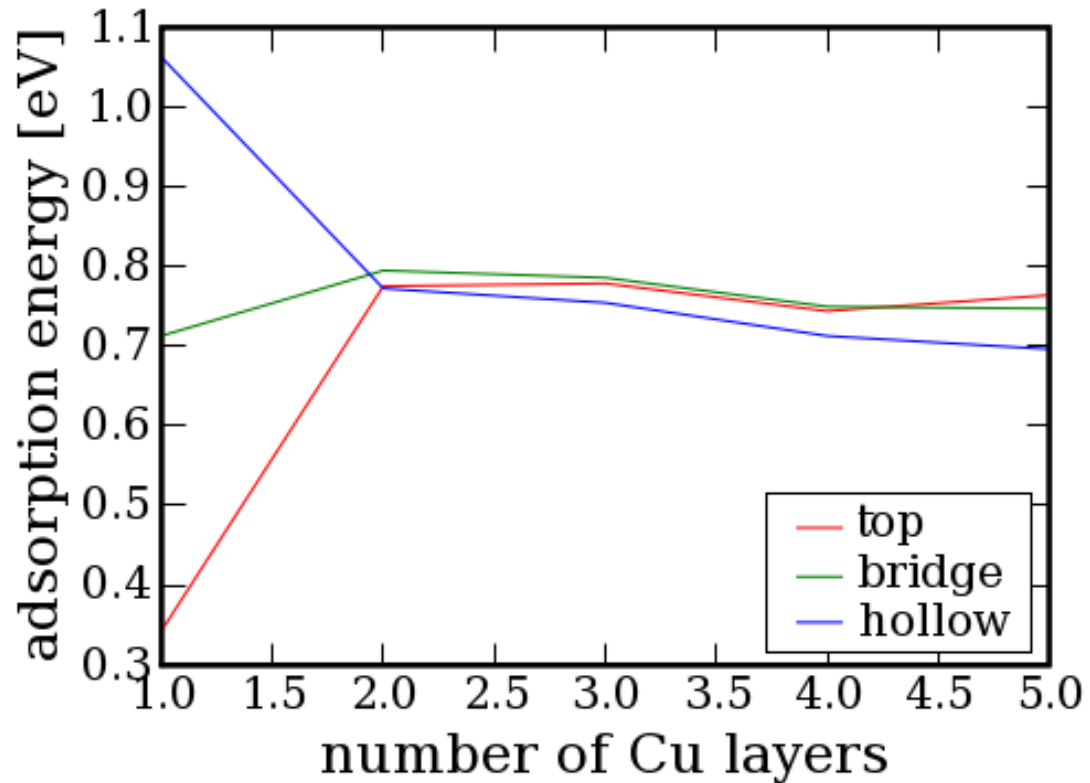
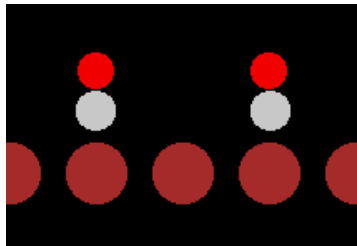
- Calculate adsorption energies for the p(2x2) structure using the PBE functional.
- This will be done by means of a structure relaxation.
 - Calculate forces, move atoms in general direction of forces, repeat until geometry converges.
- Experimental value: 0.53 eV - 0.57 eV



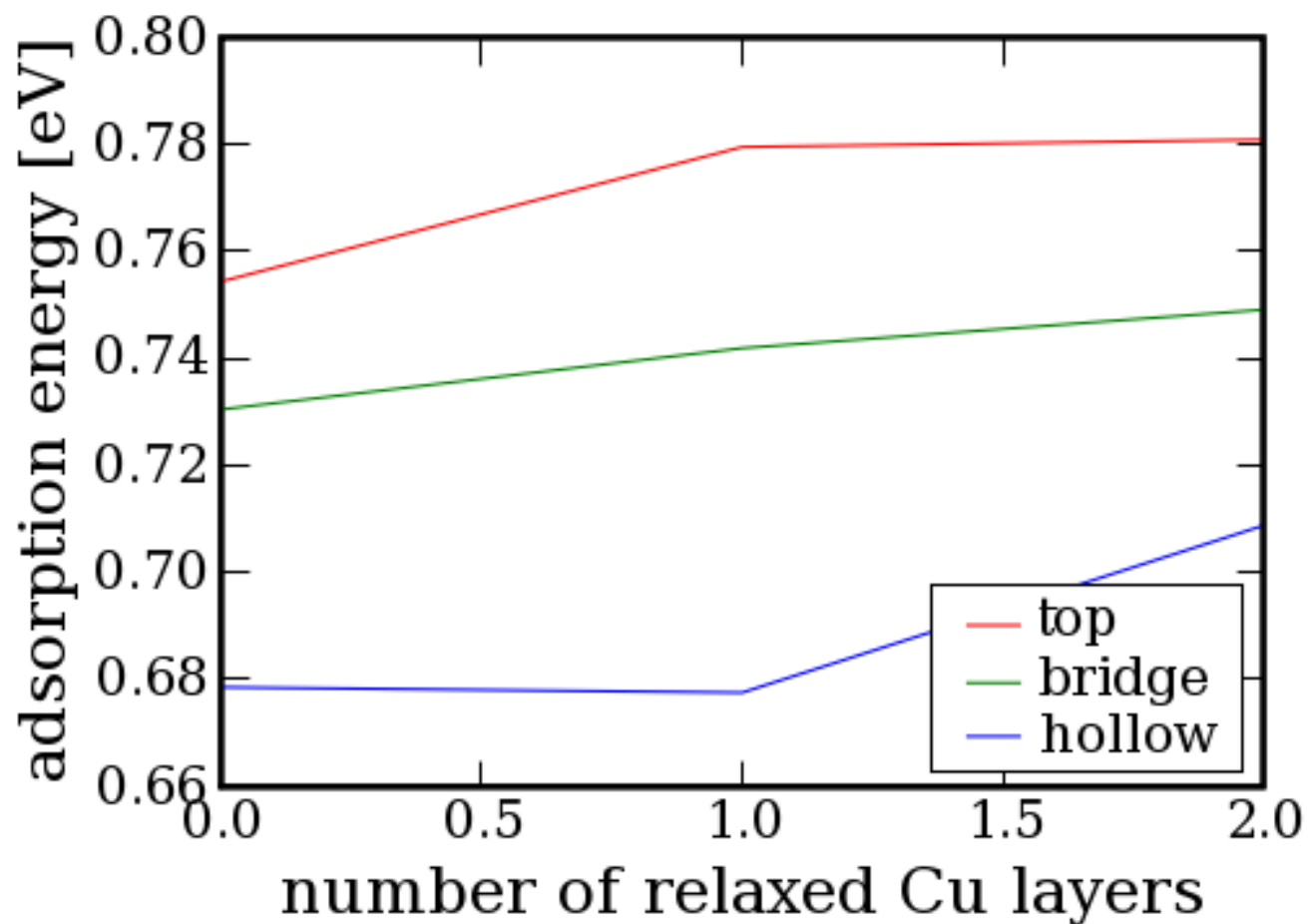
How much vacuum?



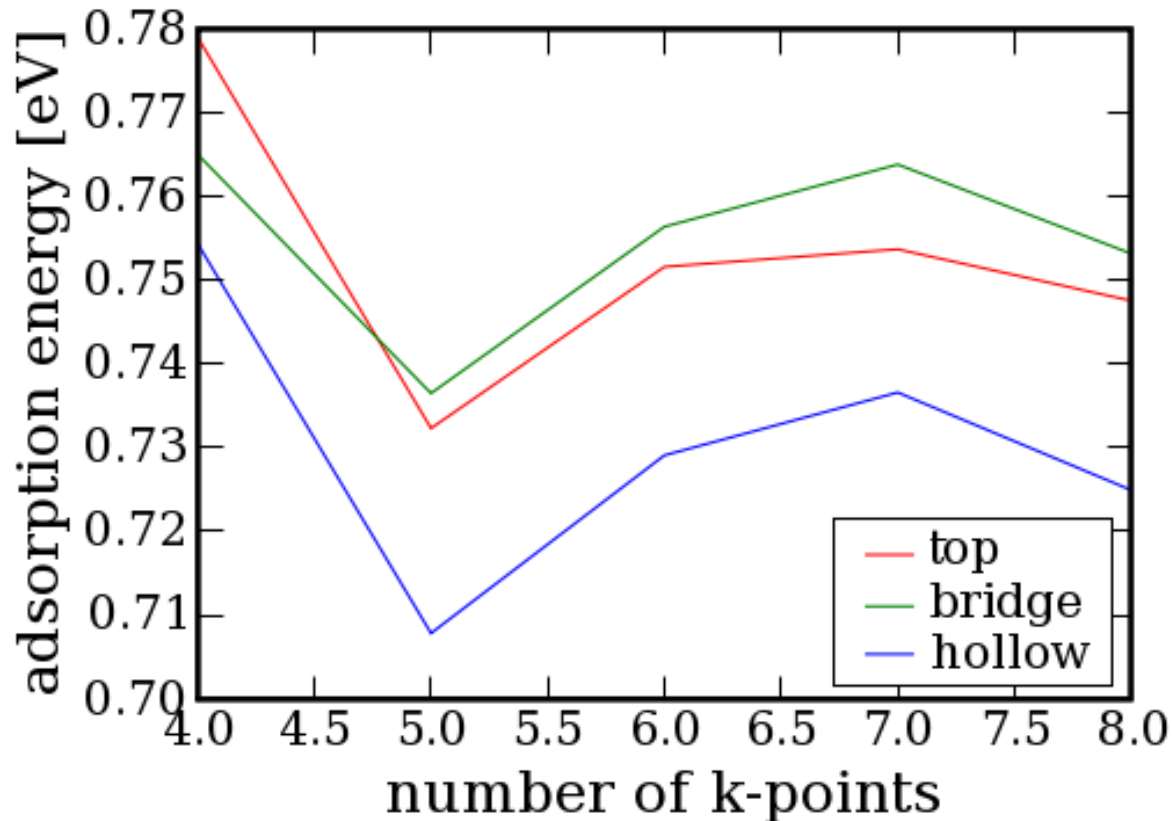
How thick should the slab be?



Surface relaxations



Number of k-points



- The 2D surface Brillouin zone is sampled uniformly with $N \times N$ points.
- GPAW language:
 $kpts=(N, N, 1)$

Useful Software and Websites

Part III

<https://wiki.fysik.dtu.dk>

CAMP OS-Wiki

IT-Wiki	Tips and tricks for CAMP computer users
ASE	Atomic simulation environment
Asap	Asap-calculator
Dacapo	Dacapo-calculator
GPAW	Grid-based PAW-calculator
Niflheim	Niflheim Linux supercomputer cluster

- Exercises can be found on
[GPAW-> Exercises](#)

Software

- Python – The language that ASE uses
<http://www.python.org> and
- Scientific Python – Addon with nice tools
<http://www.scipy.org>
- Jmol – Java based molecular viewer
<http://jmol.sourceforge.net/download/>
- VMD – Multiplatform Visualization tool
<http://www.ks.uiuc.edu/Research/vmd/>

Software for remote access

- You need a SHELL and X11



- Putty: <http://www.chiark.greenend.org.uk/~sgtatham/putty/>

- Xming:

<http://sourceforge.net/projects/xming>



- OSX and GNU/Linux run X11 and terminals natively



- Use your Campusnet login to connect to bohr.gbar.dtu.dk

Example:

```
ssh -X s021864@bohr.gbar.dtu.dk
```