

# KATILARIN ELEKTRONİK YAPISININ BENZETİŐİMİ

## Yođun Madde Fiziđinde Kullanılan Yazılımlardan ab-initio Tekniđi-1

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# VASP (Vienna Simulation Method)

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VASP Nedir?

VASP INPUTS

- POSCAR
- INCAR
- POTCAR
- KPOINTS

2D Bravais lattices

# What is VASP?

The **V**ienna **A**b initio **S**imulation **P**ackage (VASP) is a computer program for atomic scale materials modelling, e.g. electronic structure calculations and quantum-mechanical molecular dynamics, from first principles.

VASP computes an approximate solution to the many-body Schrödinger equation, either within density functional theory (DFT), solving the Kohn-Sham equations, or within the Hartree-Fock (HF) approximation.

Hybrid functionals that mix the Hartree-Fock approach with density functional theory are implemented as well.

Furthermore, Green's functions methods (GW quasiparticles, and ACFDT-RPA) and many-body perturbation theory (2nd-order Møller-Plesset) are available in VASP.

## VASP Input Files

<http://cms.mpi.univie.ac.at/vasp/vasp/vasp.html>

### POSCAR

This file contains the **lattice geometry and the ionic positions**, optionally also starting velocities and predictor-corrector coordinates for a MD-run.

### INCAR

It determines **'what to do and how to do it'**, and can contain a **relatively large number of parameters**. Most of these parameters have convenient defaults, and a user unaware of their meaning should not change any of the default values. Be very careful in dealing with the INCAR file, it is the main source of errors and false results

### POTCAR

This file contains the **pseudopotential for each atomic species** used in the calculation. If the number of species is larger than one simply concatenates the POTCAR files of the species.

### KPOINTS

The file KPOINTS must contain the **k-point coordinates and weights** or the mesh size for creating the k-point grid.

# POSCAR

POSCAR (1)

Graphene

1.000

Ratio parameter, usually I use 1.0 only; it is powerful when you try to manually find out the best lattice constants

Unit vectors of your PBC simulation model

1.2300000000	-2.1304224933	0.0000000000
1.2300000000	2.1304224933	0.0000000000
0.0000000000	0.0000000000	20.0000000000

C

2

1<sup>st</sup> type atom's name, optional for VASP 5; but this line should not be there in VASP 4

Number of 1<sup>st</sup> type atom

Selective dynamics

You can omit this line, but all atoms are free to move

Cartesian

0.0000000000	0.0000000000	0.0000000000
1.2300000000	0.7101408311	0.0000000000

F	F	F
F	F	F

Atoms' coordinates

F means fixed, T means free to move

Atom coordinates are presented in cartesian x, y, z

# POSCAR

## POSCAR (2)

Graphene

```
1.0000000000000000
1.2300000000000000 -2.1304224933000002 0.0000000000000000
1.2300000000000000 2.1304224933000002 0.0000000000000000
0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 20.0000000000000000
```

C

2

Selective dynamics

Direct

Atom coordinates are presented in direct coordinates

```
0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 F F F
0.33333333333333357 0.66666666666666643 0.0000000000000000 F F F
```

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0.00000000E+00 0.00000000E+00 0.00000000E+00
0.00000000E+00 0.00000000E+00 0.00000000E+00
```

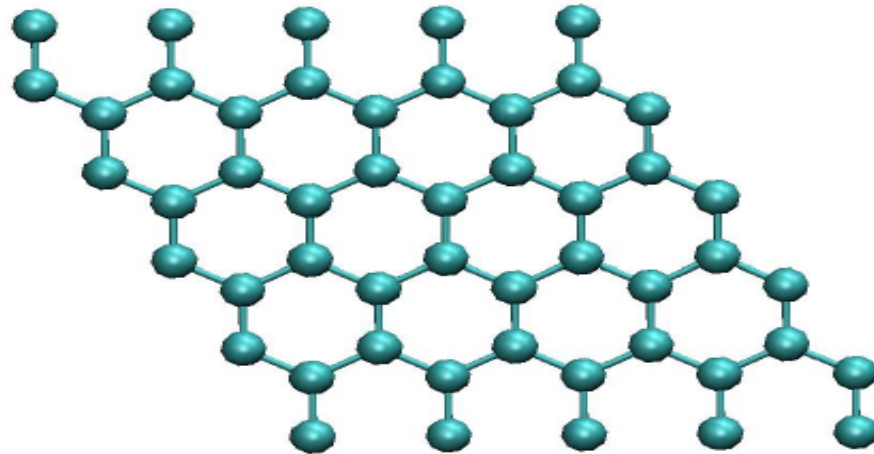
velocities



# POSCAR

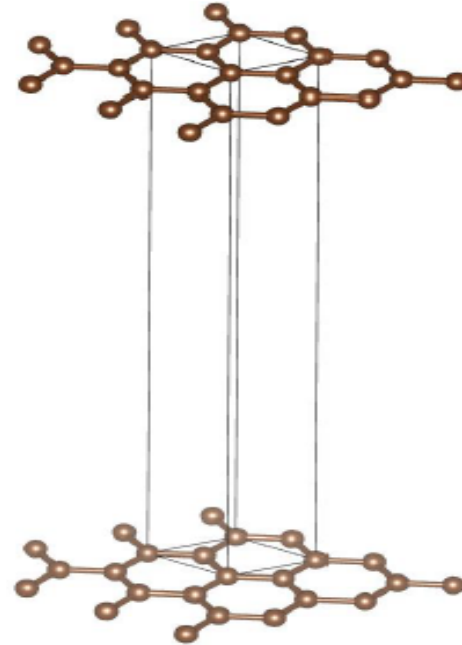
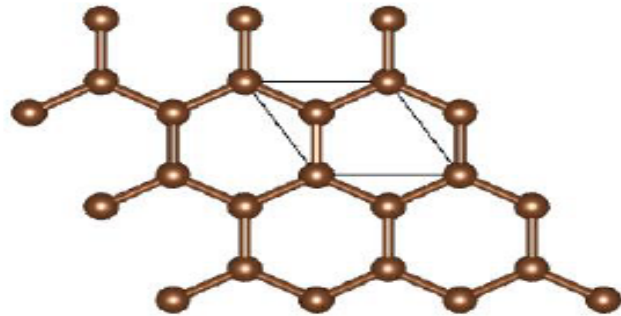
## POSCAR (4) – How to visualize the simulation structure

1. By hand drawing
2. By imagination
3. With the aid of some software
  - VMD (Visual Molecular Dynamics) <http://www.ks.uiuc.edu/Research/vmd/>
  - VESTA (Visualization for Electronic and Structural Analysis) <http://jp-minerals.org/vesta/en/>



## POSCAR (4) – VESTA

1. Download VESTA and install it.
2. Download POSCAR or CONTCAR via Secure Shell or MobaXterm to some temp directory on your computer.
3. Open VESTA and "file" -> "open" -> load CONTCAR
4. Click "Edit" -> "Bond..." -> "New"; Click "Object" -> "Boundary..." ->  $x_{\min} = -1, y_{\min} = -1$



# Primitive Unit Cell for Graphene

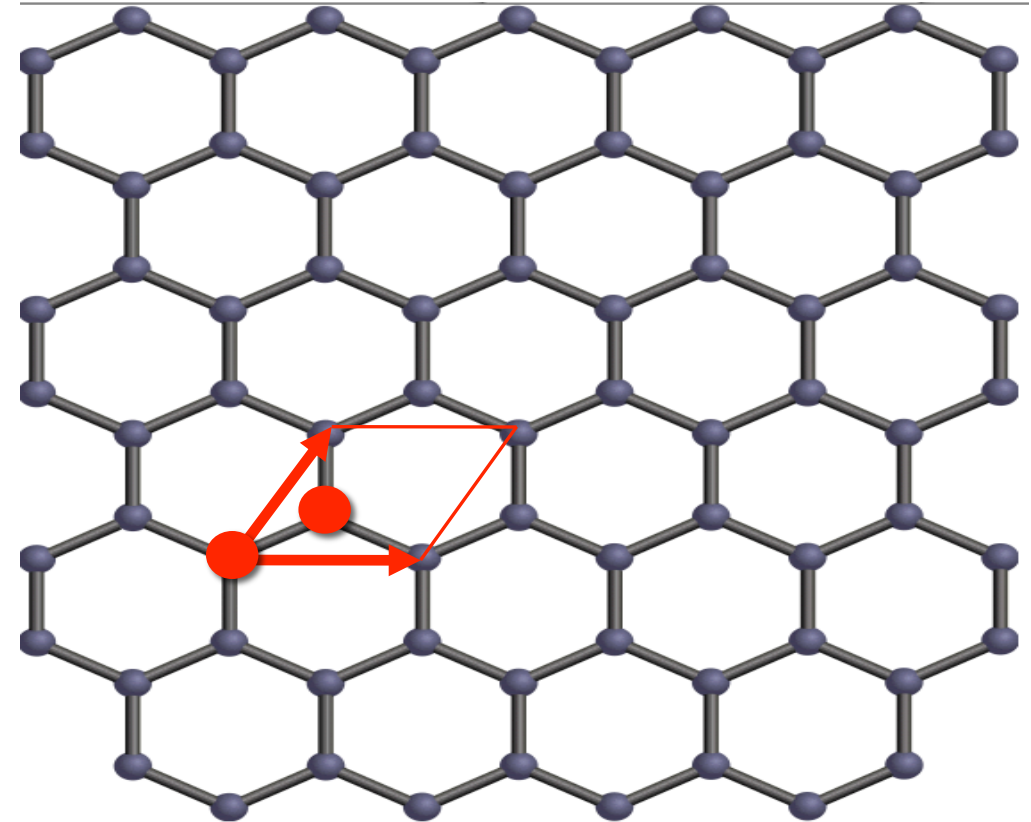
## POSCAR

### ----- Direct Tag -----

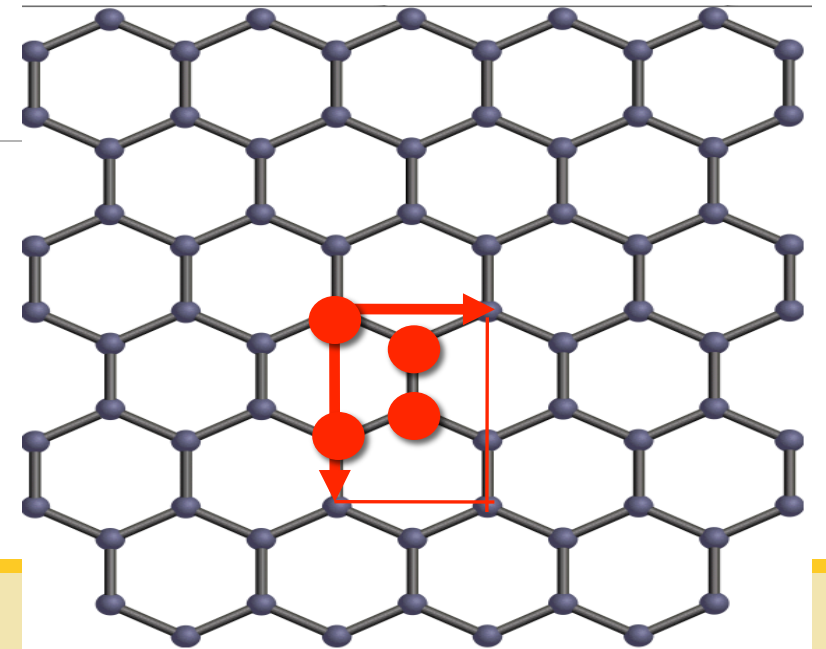
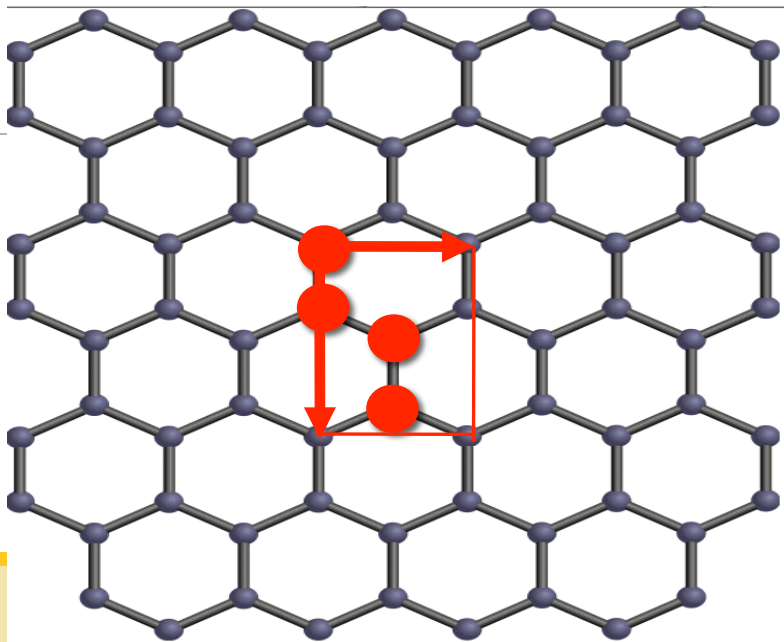
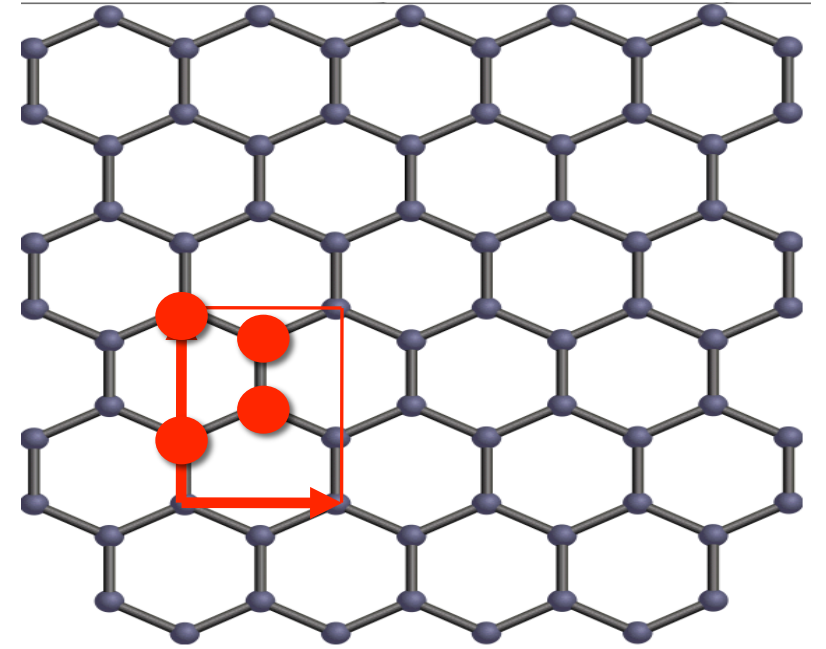
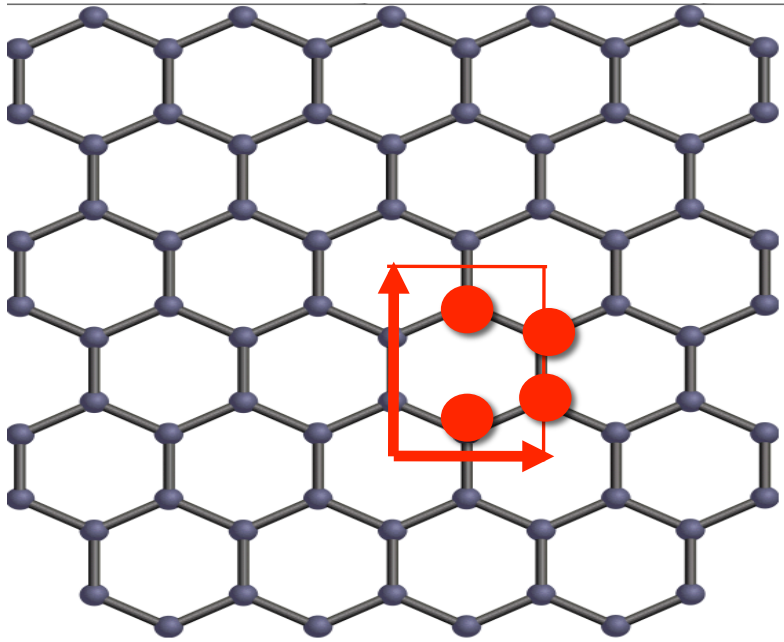
```
C
1.0000000000000000
2.4670806653457333 0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000
1.2335403326728667 2.1365545293748203 0.0000000000000000
0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 14.0000000000000000
C
2
Direct
0.3333333333333357 0.3333333333333357 0.5000000000000000
0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 0.5000000000000000
```

### ----- CartesianTag -----

```
C
1.0000000000000000
2.4670806653457333 0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000
1.2335403326728667 2.1365545293748203 0.0000000000000000
0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 14.0000000000000000
C
2
Cartesian
1.2335400000000000 0.7121848000000000 7.0000000000000000
0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 7.0000000000000000
```



# Orthogonal Unit Cell for Graphene



# Orthogonal Unit Cell for Graphene

## POSCAR

-----Cartesian Coordinate-----

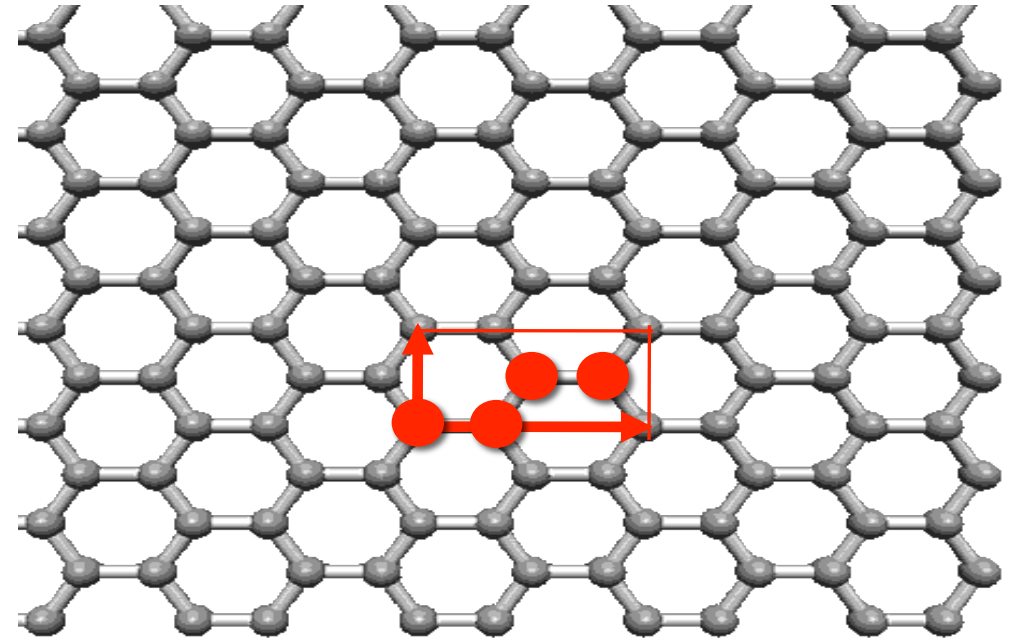
C  
1.00000000  
4.27500000 0.00000000 0.00000000  
0.00000000 2.46817240 0.00000000  
0.00000000 0.00000000 14.00000000

C  
4  
Cartesian  
0.00000000 0.00000000 7.00000000  
1.42500000 0.00000000 7.00000000  
2.13750000 1.23408620 7.00000000  
3.56250000 1.23408620 7.00000000

-----Direct Coordinate-----

C  
1.00000000  
4.27500000 0.00000000 0.00000000  
0.00000000 2.46817240 0.00000000  
0.00000000 0.00000000 14.00000000

C  
4  
Cartesian  
0.00000000 0.00000000 0.50000000  
0.33333333 0.00000000 0.50000000  
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0.83333333 0.50000000 0.50000000

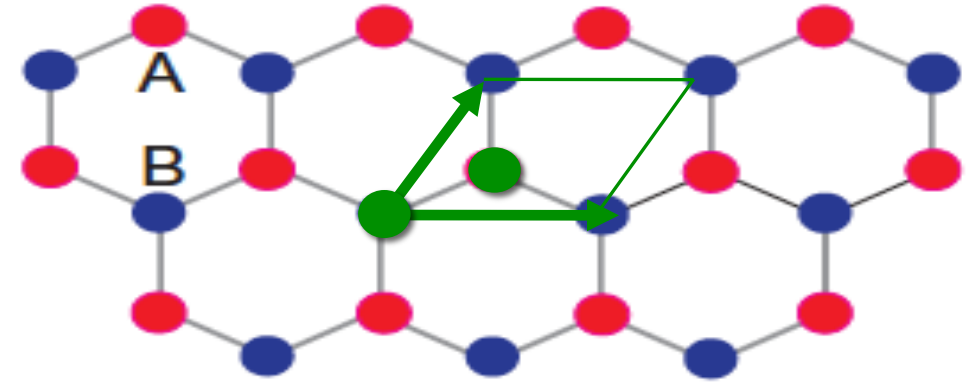


# Primitive Unit Cell for Silicene

## POSCAR

----- Direct Tag -----  
Si  
1.0000000000000000  
3.8600000000000000 0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000  
1.9300000000000000 3.3428580590000000 0.0000000000000000  
0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 10.0000000000000000  
Si  
2  
Direct  
0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 0.5000000000000000  
0.3333330000000000 0.3333330000000000 0.5440000000000000

----- CartesianTag -----  
Si  
1.0000000000000000  
3.8600000000000000 0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000  
1.9300000000000000 3.3428580590000000 0.0000000000000000  
0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 10.0000000000000000  
Si  
2  
Direct  
0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 5.0000000000000000  
1.9300000000000000 1.1142849050000000 5.4400000000000000



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# INCAR

## INCAR

All list at [http://cms.mpi.univie.ac.at/vasp/vasp/All\\_parameters\\_or\\_at\\_least\\_most.html](http://cms.mpi.univie.ac.at/vasp/vasp/All_parameters_or_at_least_most.html)

### Important parameters

- ISTART = 0, 1, 2, or 3
- ICHARG = 0, 1, 2, 11, or 12
- ISYM = 0, 1, 2, or 3
- NELM = 60 or larger integer number
- EDIFF =  $10^{-4}$  or some smaller number
- ENCUT = largest ENMAX or larger number
- ISPIN = 1, 2
- MAGMOM = specify the magnetization of each atom
- PREC = low, medium, high, normal, accurate
- ISMEAR = -5, -4, -3, -2, 0, 1, 2 ..., 5
- SIGMA = 0.2 or smaller number
- NSW = some integer, the total ionic steps for configuration change
- EDIFFG = some small number (like  $10^{-4}$  or -0.01)
- IBRION = -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8
- POTIM = 0.5 or some number, size for atoms' moving
- ISIF = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
- LWAVE = .F. or .T.
- LCHARG = .F. or .T.
- NPAR = some integer

# INCAR

## INCAR (1)

- `ISTART = 0, 1, 2, or 3`
  - 0: Start job: begin 'from scratch'. Initialize the orbitals according to the flag `INIWAV` (usually choose this one)
  - 1: restart with constant energy cut-off". Continuation job -- read orbitals from file `WAVECAR`
  - 2: 'restart with constant basis set': Continuation job -- read orbitals from the file `WAVECAR`
  - 3: 'full restart including orbitals and charge prediction' ; Same as `ISTART=2` but in addition a valid file `TMPCAR` must exist
- `ICHARG = 0, 1, 2, 11, or 12`
  - 0: Calculate charge density from initial orbitals. (`WAVCAR`)
  - 1: Read the charge density from file `CHGCAR`
  - 2: Take superposition of atomic charge densities (usually choose this one)
  - 11: To obtain the eigenvalues (for band structure plots) or the DOS for a given charge density read from `CHGCAR`.
  - 12: Non-selfconsistent calculations for a superposition of atomic charge densities.



# INCAR

## INCAR (2)

- ISYM = 0, 1, 2, or 3  
Switch symmetry on (ISYM=1, 2 or 3) or off (ISYM=0). For ISYM=2 a more efficient, memory conserving symmetrisation of the charge density is used. For ISYM=3, the forces and the stress tensor only are symmetrized, whereas the charge density is left unsymmetrized (VASP.5.1 only).
- NELM = 60 or larger integer number; too big (like 200) is already not OK for SC steps  
NELM gives the maximum number of electronic SC (self consistency) steps which may be performed.
- EDIFF =  $10^{-4}$  or some smaller number  
Specifies the global break condition for the electronic SC-loop.
- ENCUT = largest ENMAX or larger number  
Cut-off energy for plane wave basis set in eV. All plane-waves with a kinetic energy smaller than ENCUT are included in the basis set: i.e.

$$\psi_{j,\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\mathbf{G}} c_{j,\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{G}} e^{i(\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{G})\cdot\mathbf{r}}. \quad |\mathbf{G} + \mathbf{k}| < G_{\text{cut}} \quad \text{with} \quad E_{\text{cut}} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} G_{\text{cut}}^2$$

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# INCAR

## INCAR (3)

- ISPIN = 1, 2  
ISPIN=1 **non spin polarized** calculations are performed; ISPIN=2 **spin polarized** calculations are performed.
- MAGMOM = **specify the magnetization of each atom**  
**Default: all atoms are assigned with magnetization 1.0 for ISPIN = 2**
- PREC = low, medium, high, normal, accurate  
**Setting the detail number of plane waves expansion** according to ENCUT and this tag.
- ISMEAR = -5, -4, -3, -2, 0, 1, 2 ..., 5  
Determines how the **partial occupancies** are set for each orbital; each number indicates one method.
- SIGMA = 0.2 or smaller number  
The smearing **width parameter**.

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# INCAR

## INCAR (4)

- NSW = some integer, the **total ionic steps** for configuration change  
NSW sets the maximum number of ionic steps.
- EDIFFG = some small number (like  $10^{-4}$  or -0.01)  
**Optimization break criteria**; positive: total energy difference, negative: force on each atom.
- IBRION = -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8  
**-1: fix all atoms; 0: molecular dynamics; 1: quasi-Newton (variable metric) algorithm optimization, 2: conjugate-gradient algorithm, 5~8: determine the Hessian matrix**
- POTIM = 0.5 or some number, **size for atoms' moving**
- LWAVE = .F. or .T. (print out the WAVECAR (wave functions) or not)
- LCHARG = .F. or .T. (print out the CHGCAR (charge density) or not)

# INCAR

## INCAR (5)

- NPAR = some integer

NPAR is set to 1. This implies distribution over plane wave coefficients only: all cores will work on every individual band, by distributing the plane wave coefficients over all cores. NPAR usually is set to be about the square root of the total cpu number. Then NPAR bands will run in MPI with NCORE/NPAR on one band.

- ISIF = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

ISIF	calculate force	calculate stress tensor	relax ions	change cell shape	change cell volume
0	yes	no	yes	no	no
1	yes	trace only *	yes	no	no
2	yes	yes	yes	no	no
3	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
4	yes	yes	yes	yes	no
5	yes	yes	no	yes	no
6	yes	yes	no	yes	yes
7	yes	yes	no	no	yes

**THANK YOU.**