

An ASE Calculator for OpenMX: providing automation of running OpenMX

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Atomic Simulation Environment

a set of tools and [Python](#) modules for setting up, manipulating, running, visualizing and analyzing atomistic simulations

```
>>> # Example: structure optimization of hydrogen molecule
>>> from ase import Atoms
>>> from ase.optimize import BFGS
>>> from ase.calculators.nwchem import NWChem
>>> from ase.io import write
>>> h2 = Atoms('H2',
    positions=[[0, 0, 0],
               [0, 0, 0.7]])
>>> h2.calc = NWChem(xc='PBE')
>>> opt = BFGS(h2)
>>> opt.run(fmax=0.02)
BFGS:  0  19:10:49   -31.435229   2.2691
BFGS:  1  19:10:50   -31.490773   0.3740
BFGS:  2  19:10:50   -31.492791   0.0630
BFGS:  3  19:10:51   -31.492848   0.0023
>>> write('H2.xyz', h2)
>>> h2.get_potential_energy()
-31.492847800329216
```

Modules

ase (Atom)	ase (Atoms)	build	calculators
collections	constraints	db	dft
data	ga	geometry	gui
io	lattice	nd	neb
neighborlist	optimize	parallel	phasediagram
phonons	spacegroup	transport	thermochimistry
units	utils	vibrations	visualize

Supported calculators:



Motivation

- ASE (atomic simulation environment) is a convenient and generic python package for representing atoms.
- ASE connects with many “**Calculators**” including VASP but not OpenMX until now.
- Example python script:

```
from ase.atoms import Atoms  
from ase.calculators.openmx import OpenMX  
  
atoms = Atoms(**kwargs) # Specifies the species and geometry  
calc = OpenMX(**kwargs) # Specifies the method of solving for the system  
atoms.set_calculator(calc) # Methods of Atoms objects can now use OpenMX  
calc.calculate(atoms=atoms) # writes input file, executes OpenMX and  
# reads results from .out file  
total_energy = atoms.get_total_energy()
```



Features of the calculator

- Automatically writes a .dat input file using the keyword arguments of the calculator for OpenMX, executes and reads results from the .out file.
- Molecular dynamics can be turned on. This will automatically update the atoms object.
- Spin polarised systems: collinear or noncollinear (with constraint) methods are supported.
- (Partial) Density of States calculations as well as Band structure can be set-up and plots can be automatically generated.
- If VESTA is installed, visualising 3D molecular orbitals can be achieved using `OpenMX.get_mo()` method.
- ASE uses eV, Å and s as units. You may use other units from the `ase.units` module.



To get OpenMX to work with ASE

- Need to have OpenMX installed and openmx and mpirun executables in PATH and...
- Either set the environment variables
 - OPENMX_COMMAND (e.g. 'mpirun -np 4 openmx ./%s -nt 2 > ./%s')
 - OPENMX_VPS_PATH (directory containing the pseudo-potential files)
 - OPENMX_PAO_PATH (directory containing the pseudo-atomic orbital files)
- Or specify the number of processes and threads and directories of VPS and PAO through the calculator arguments:

```
calc = OpenMX(processes=4, threads=2, vps_path=~/lib/  
DFT_DATA13/VPS, pao_path=~/lib/DFT_DATA13/PAO)
```



Specifying the PAO, VPS and orbitals to use

- Default settings are specified as `default_dictionary` in `default_settings.py`.
- These can be overridden by specifying `dft_data_dict` in the keyword arguments.

```
from atoms.units import Bohr

data = {
    'Si': {
        'cutoff radius': 8 * Bohr # will find nearest available cutoff
        'orbitals used': [2, 2, 1] # ['s', 'p', 'd',...]
        'pseudo-potential suffix': '' # e.g. if VPS file is
        # Si_CA13_SCH2p, then pseudo-potential suffix must be '_SCH2p'
    }
}

calc = OpenMX(dft_data_dict=data)
```



A spin non-polarized, total energy calculation

- If no arguments are specified, then OpenMX will use these defaults for the self-consistent field calculation:

```
From atoms.units import Ry, Ha

calc = OpenMX(label="openmx", xc="PBE", kgrid=(1, 1, 1),
energy_cutoff=150*Ry, electronic_temperature=300,
scf_max_iter=40, scf_criterion=1e-6*Ha,
eigenvalue_solver="Cluster", mixing_type='RMM-DIIS',
init_mixing_weight=0.3, max_mixing_weight=0.4,
mixing_history=5, mixing_start_pulay=6)
```

- Refer to OpenMX manual version 3.8 -> input files -> keywords in the SCF section for explanation of these parameters:



For collinear spin polarised systems

- If `initial_spin` (guess of the net spin of each atom in units of \hbar) is specified then spin polarisation will be turned on in OpenMX. `hubbard_u_values` should be specified as well (default to 0 for each orbital). `hubbard_occupation` can be 'dual', 'onsite' or 'full', default is 'dual'.

```
u_values = {  
    'Mn': {  
        '1d': 4.0 # eV  
    }  
}  
  
calc = OpenMX(initial_spin=[1.5, -0.5], hubbard_u_values=u_values,  
               hubbard_occupation='dual')
```



For noncollinear spin polarised systems

- If `spin_euler_angle` (guess of spin alignment for each atom) is specified, OpenMX will solve the system for noncollinear spin. To apply a constraint, `nc_spin_constraint_penalty` (energy prefactor of penalty functional) should be specified with `orbital_euler_angle` (the confinement alignment).

```
calc = OpenMX(spin_euler_angle=[(0., 0.), (45., 0.)],  
              orbital_euler_angle=[(15., 30.), (10., 0.)],  
              nc_spin_constraint_penalty=1. # eV)
```



Molecular Dynamics / Geometry Optimization

- If `md_type` is specified, OpenMX will perform molecular dynamics calculations. `md_type` can be ‘Opt’, ‘NVE’, ‘NVT_VS’ or ‘NVT_NH’.

```
from atoms.units import fs, Ha, Bohr  
calc = OpenMX(md_type='Opt', md_max_iter=1,  
time_step=0.5*fs,  
md_criterion=1e-4*Ha/Bohr)
```

- After the molecular dynamics calculation, the `atoms` object’s positions automatically update to the final geometry.



(Partial) Density of States

- To calculate the necessary information of the density of states, specify `dos_erange` as an argument.

```
calc = OpenMX(dos_erange=(-10, 10), dos_kgrid=(5, 5, 5))
```

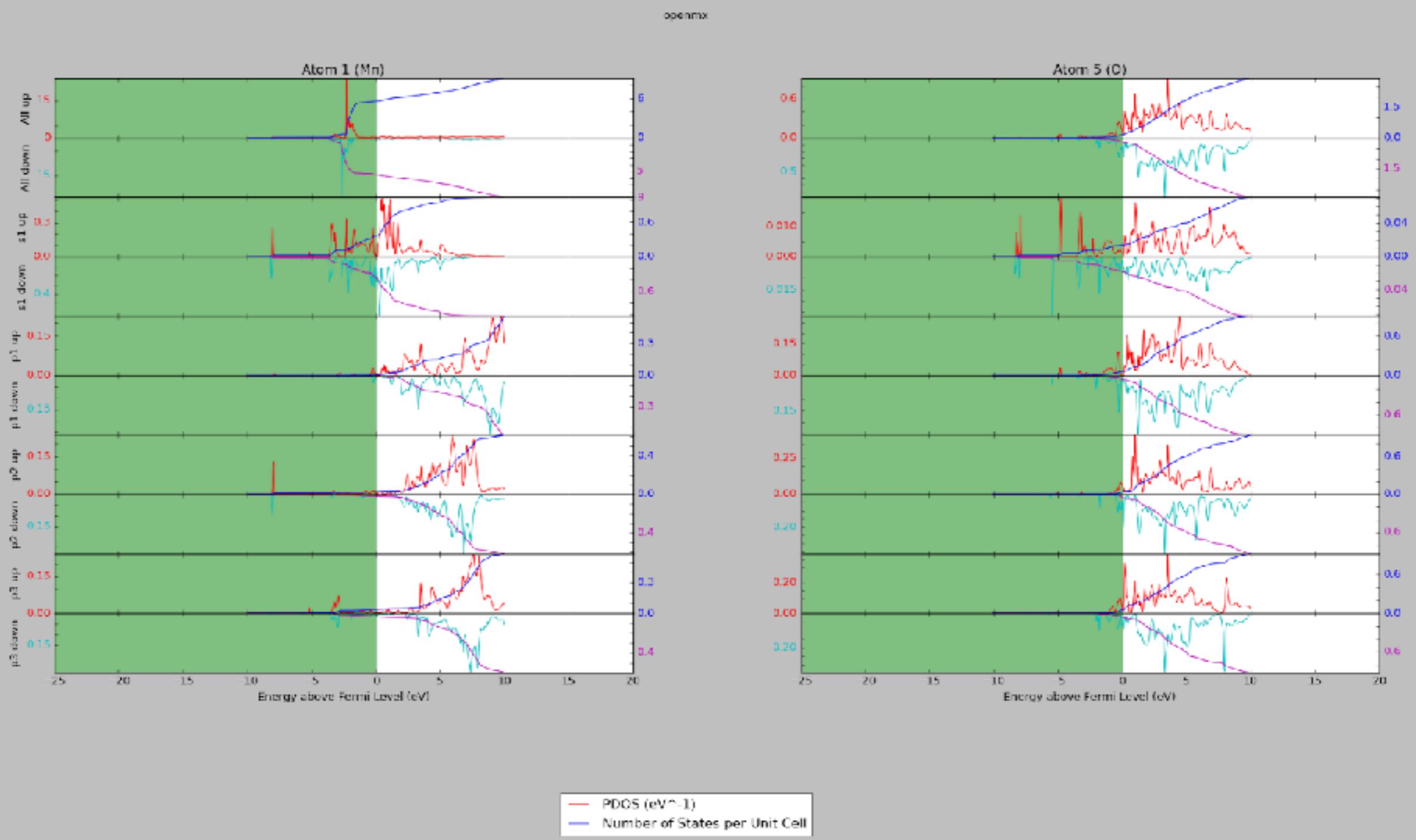
- After the calculator has solved the system, add the following line to either display or save to a file a plot of the (partial) density of states.

```
calc.get_dos(method='Tetrahedron', pdos=True,  
atom_index_list=[1], orbital_list=[''], file_format='pdf')
```



Figure 1

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Band Structure

- To calculate band structure, set `band_dispersion=True` and specify kpath.

```
kpath = [{  
    'kpts': 20, 'start_point': (0., 0., 0.), 'end_point': (1., 0., 0.),  
    'path_symbols': ('g', 'X')},  
    {'kpts': 20, 'start_point': (1., 0., 0.), 'end_point': (1., 0.5,  
0.),  
    'path_symbols': ('X', 'W')}]  
  
unit_cell = [(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1)]  
  
calc = OpenMX(band_dispersion=True, band_kpath=kpath,  
              band_kpath_unitcell=unit_cell)
```

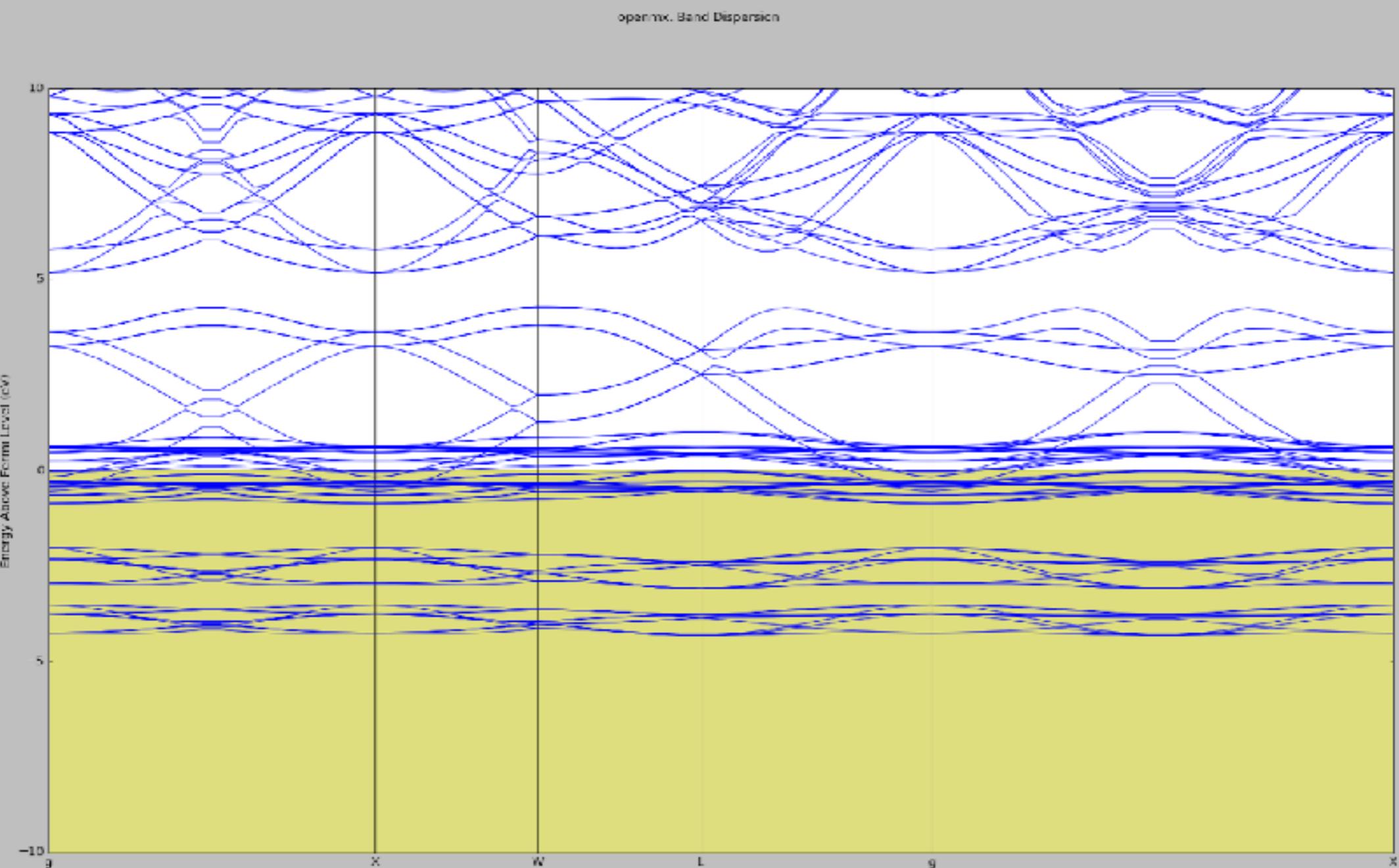
- To display or save to a file a plot of the band structure:

```
calc.get_band(erange=(-10, 10), file_format='pdf')
```



Figure 2

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Molecular Orbitals

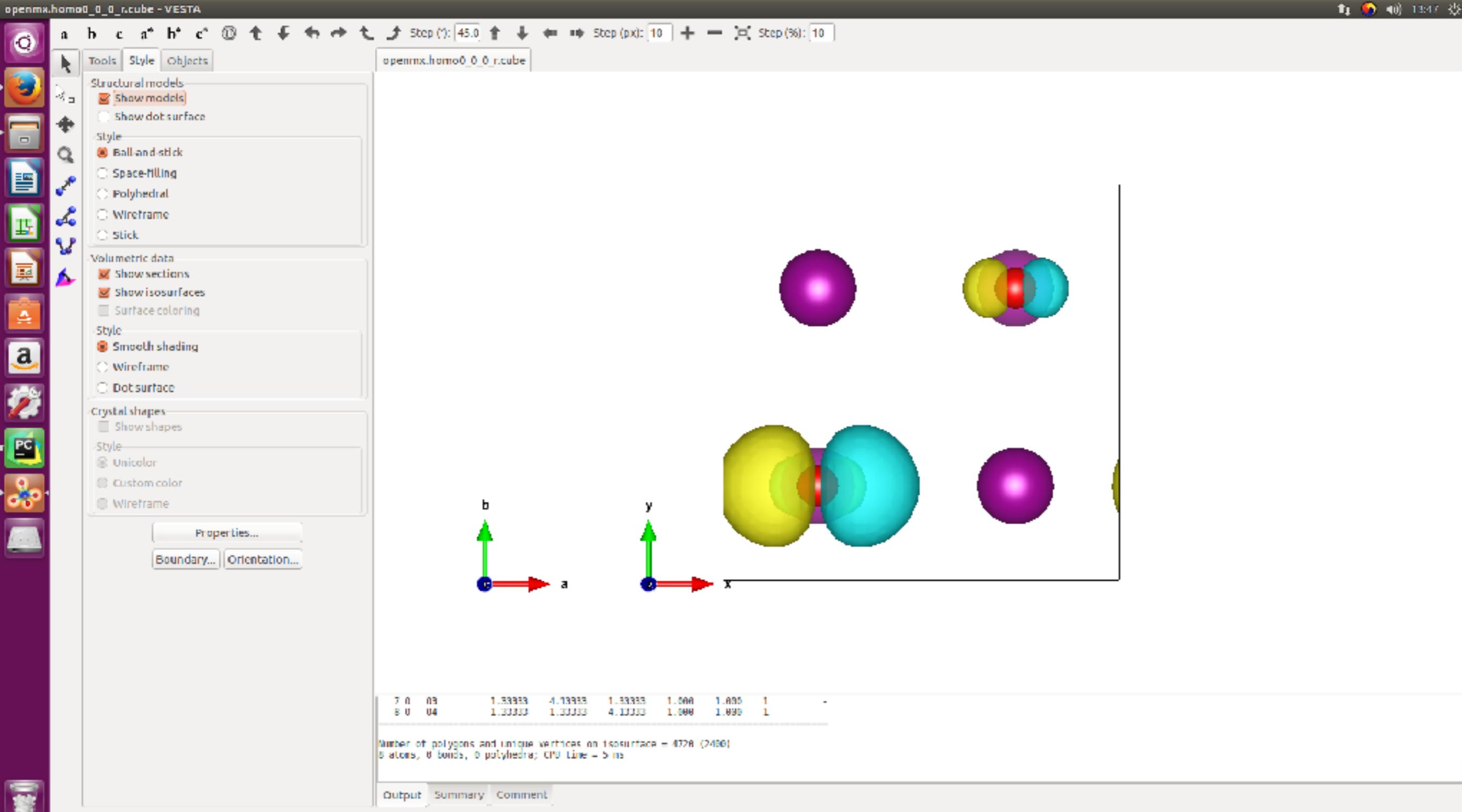
- To calculate molecular orbitals, specify at least either homos or lumos as a positive integer. If you want to visualise the orbitals, you need to have a VESTA* executable located at `absolute_path_of_vesta`.
- If `eigenvalue_solver='Cluster'`, `kpts` can only have one point.

```
kpts = [(0, 0, 0), (1, 0, 0), (1, 1, 0), (1, 1, 1)]  
calc = OpenMX(homos=3, lumos=3, mo_kpts=kpts,  
absolute_path_of_vesta=HOME_DIRECTORY/src/VESTA-x86_64/VESTA)
```

*see <http://jp-minerals.org/vesta/> for information about this 3D visualization program for structural models.

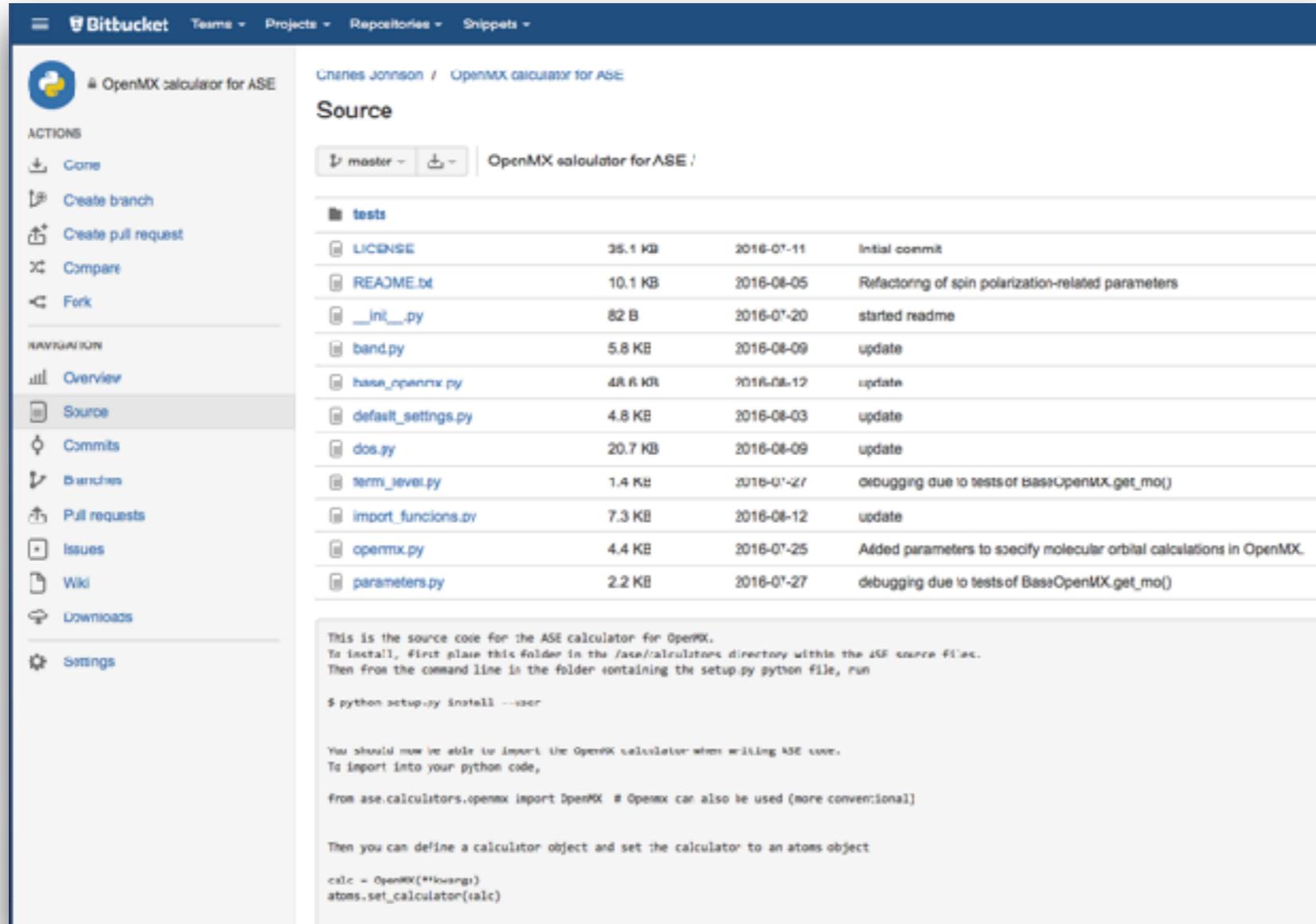
- To visualise the orbitals:

```
calc.get_mo(real=True, imaginary=False)
```



Developments

<https://bitbucket.org/>



The screenshot shows the Bitbucket interface for a repository named 'OpenMX calculator for ASE'. The repository was created by 'Chanes Johnson' on 'OpenMX calculator for ASE'. The 'Source' tab is selected, showing the file structure and commit history.

ACTIONS:

- Gone
- Create branch
- Create pull request
- Compare
- Fork

NAVIGATION:

- Overview
- Source (selected)
- Commits
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- Pull requests
- Issues
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Source Details:

Branch: master | OpenMX calculator for ASE |

tests

File	Size	Date	Description
LICENSE	35.1 kB	2016-01-11	Initial commit
README.txt	10.1 kB	2016-08-05	Refactoring of spin polarization-related parameters
__init__.py	82 B	2016-01-20	started readme
band.py	5.8 kB	2016-08-09	update
base_OpenMX.py	48.6 kB	2016-08-12	update
default_settings.py	4.8 kB	2016-08-03	update
dos.py	20.7 kB	2016-08-09	update
term_level.py	1.4 kB	2016-01-27	debugging due to tests of BaseOpenMX.get_mo()
import_functions.py	7.3 kB	2016-08-12	update
openmx.py	4.4 kB	2016-01-25	Added parameters to specify molecular orbital calculations in OpenMX.
parameters.py	2.2 kB	2016-01-27	debugging due to tests of BaseOpenMX.get_mo()

This is the source code for the ASE calculator for OpenMX.
To install, first place this folder in the /ase/calculators directory within the ASE source files.
Then from the command line in the folder containing the setup.py python file, run

\$ python setup.py install --user

You should now be able to import the OpenMX calculator when writing ASE code.
To import into your python code,

From ase.calculators.openmx import OpenMX # OpenMX can also be used (more conventional)

Then you can define a calculator object and set the calculator to an atoms object

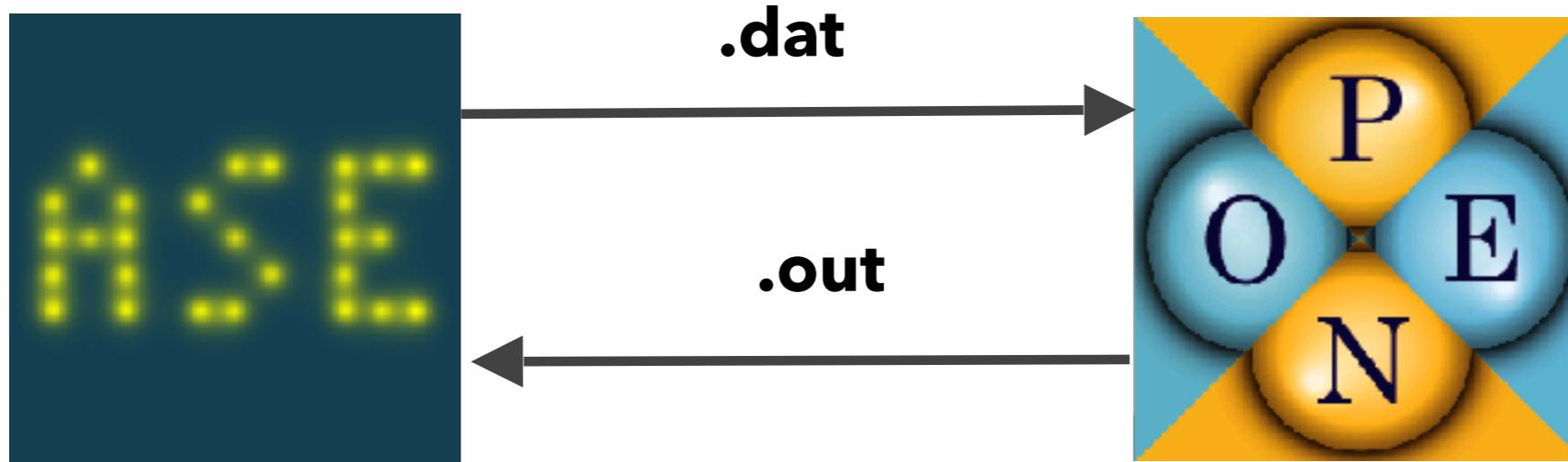
calc = OpenMX(**kwargs)
atoms.set_calculator(calc)

If you like to join, please send a message to Prof. Jaejun Yu at <jyu@snu.ac.kr>.

Prospects

- Tools:
 - Make an easier learning curve
 - Interactive monitoring SCF and MD loops
 - Importing DB like ICSD and cross-checking
 - Proper choice of PAO's and pseudo-potentials
- Applications:
 - High-throughput screening calculations
 - materials design
 - Automated Interactive control of calculations
 - in conjunction with other tools like AiiDA





Questions or Comments?

Ref.:

<https://wiki.fysik.dtu.dk/ase/> - ASE

<http://www.openmx-square.org/> - OpenMX

