Topics from the development of electronic structure calculation

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Electronic structure calculation was rather underdevelopd in Germany – even somewhat despised – before the establishment of a group at the MPI-FKF contributed status, money and international connections. The group there gave valuable support to the develpment of the annual European Maxi and Mini Worskshops on electronic strucure, and later the European Psi-k research network. It is interesting that Density Functional Theory was slow to catch on in practical electronic structure calculations, for reasons to be discussed.