

Linear Scaling Density-Functional Theory



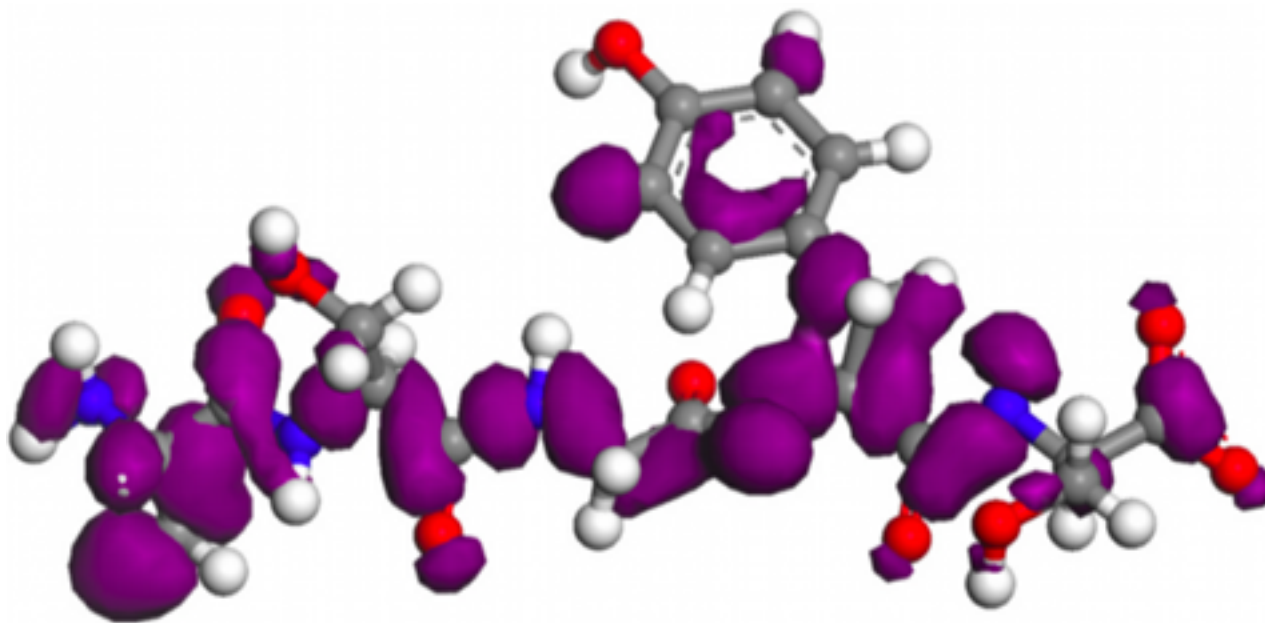
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20+ years of $O(N)$ DFT

- **Divide & conquer:** Yang, PRL **66**, 1438 (1991)
- **Local orbitals:** Galli & Parrinello, PRL **69**, 3547 (1992)
- **Density-matrix:** Li, Nunes & Vanderbilt, PRB **47**, 10891 (1993)
Hernández & Gillan, PRB **51**, 10157 (1995)
- **Orbital minimization:** Mauri, Galli & Car, PRB **47**, 9973 (1993)
Ordejón *et al.*, PRB **48**, 14646 (1993)
Kim *et al.*, PRB **52**, 1640 (1995)
- **Orbital-free:** Thomas, *Proc. Cambridge Philos. Soc.* **23**, 542 (1927)
Fermi, *Rend. Accad. Naz. Lincei* **6**, 602 (1927)
- **Multiple scattering:** Wang *et al.*, PRL **75**, 2867 (1995)
- **Nearsightedness:** Kohn, PRL **76**, 3168 (1996)
- **Reviews:** Goedecker, RMP **71**, 1085 (1999)
Bowler & Miyazaki, *Rep. Prog. Phys.* **75**, 036503 (2012)

Kohn-Sham equations

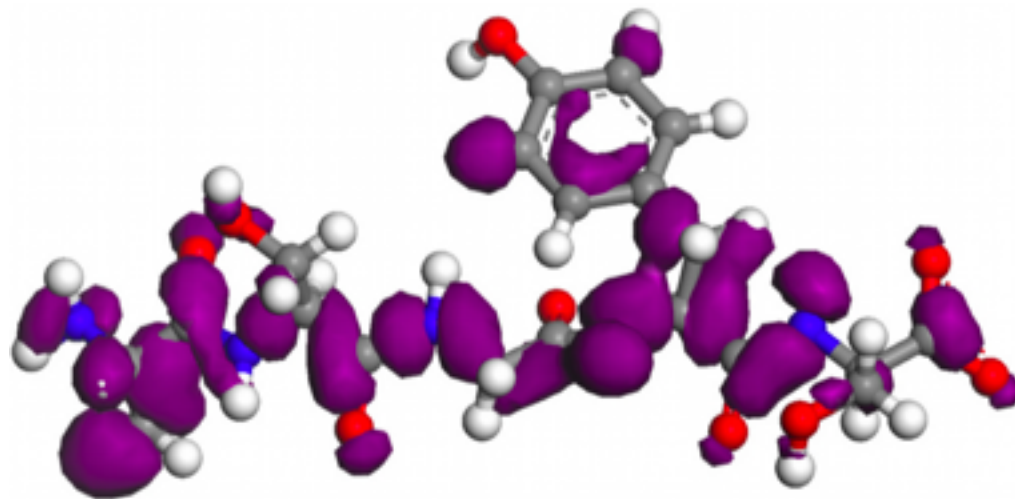


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- “Chemists”:
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 - Computational effort dominated by building the Fock matrix

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$$f_n = f(\varepsilon_n) \quad f(\varepsilon) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp\left(\frac{\varepsilon - \mu}{k_B T}\right)}$$

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$$\text{c.f.} \quad H_{ij} = \sum_n c_{in} \varepsilon_n c_{jn}^*$$

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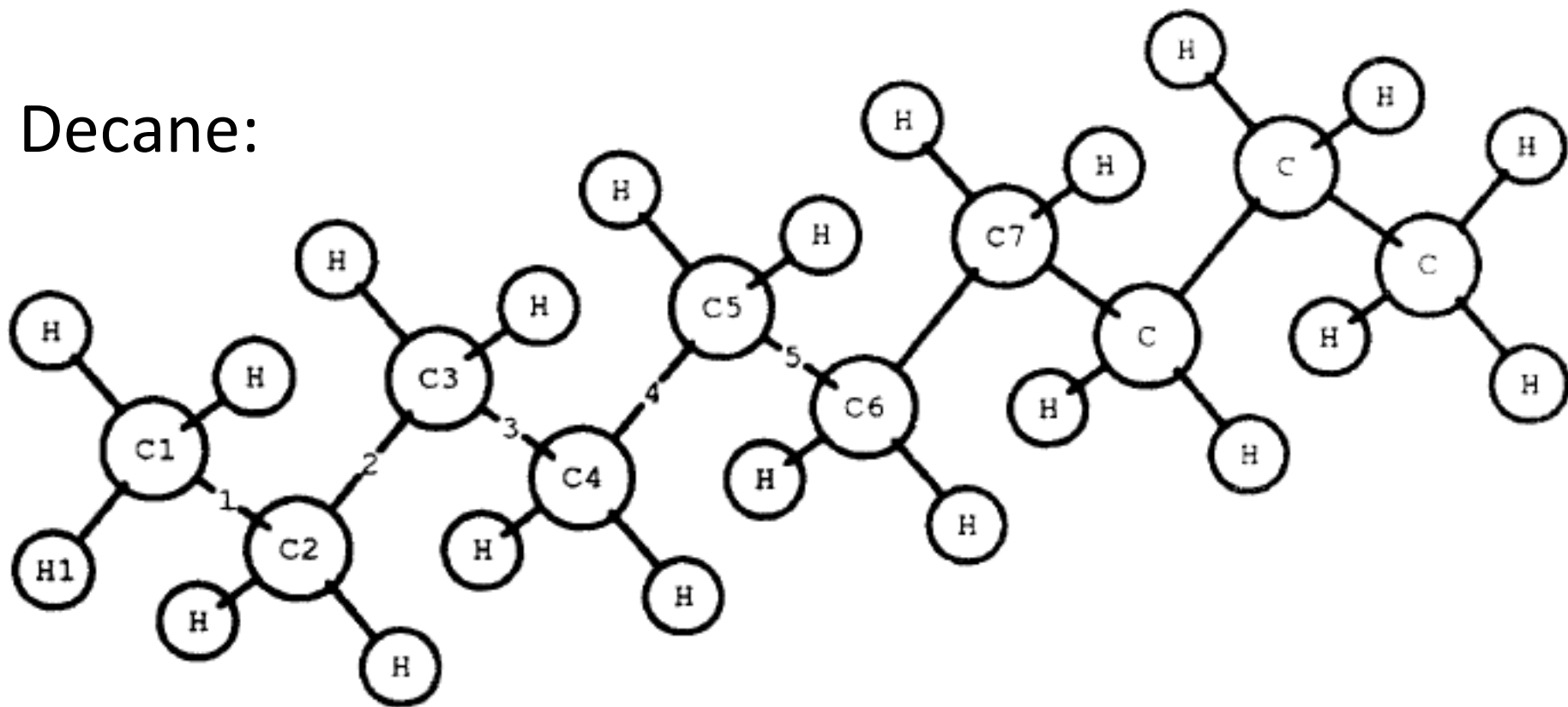
Density matrix

- F is the *single-particle* density matrix
 - F commutes with H (simultaneously diagonalizable)
 - Trace of F is the number of electrons (sum of occupation numbers)
 - At zero temperature F is idempotent: $F^2 = F$ (requires orthogonality and the Aufbau principle)
- Solving the Schrödinger equation is equivalent to finding the F that minimizes $E = \text{tr}(FH)$ subject to the above conditions

Nearsightedness

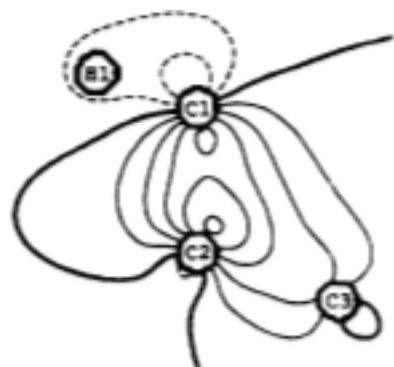
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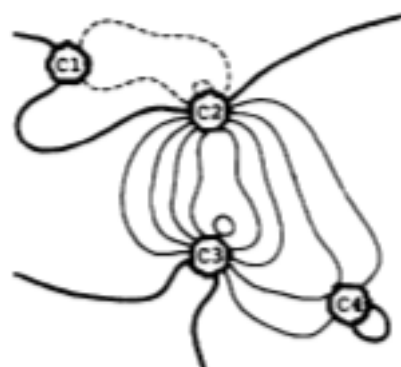


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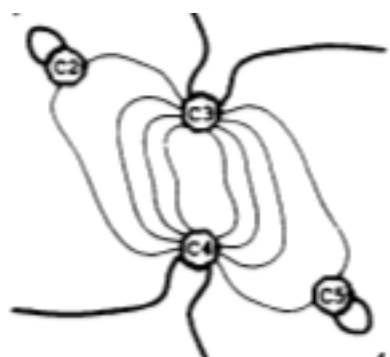
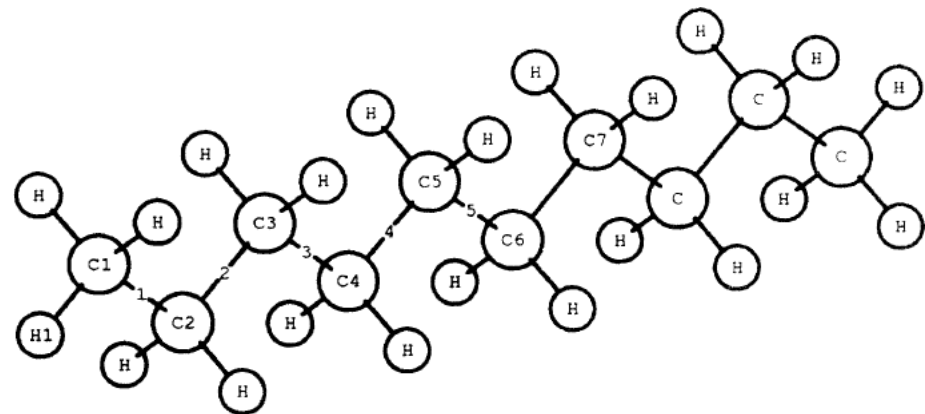
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Bond 1



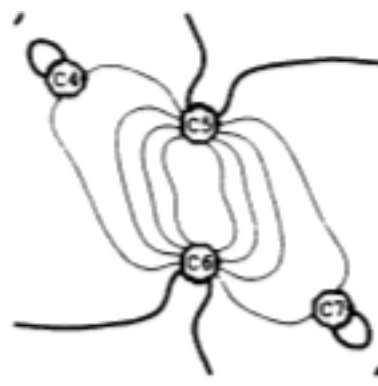
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Bond 3



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Bond 5

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TABLE I. Kohn-Sham energy errors for hydrocarbon systems, obtained from self-consistent iteration and/or orbital transfer.

System	$\Delta E_{\text{KS}}/\text{bond}$	How obtained
C-H_{16}	0.555 meV	sc iteration
$\text{C}_{10}^7\text{H}_{22}$	0.661 meV	sc iteration
$\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{26}$	0.703 meV	sc iteration
$\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{26}$	0.707 meV	first guess (transfer from $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{22}$)
$\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{26}$	0.725 meV	first guess (transfer from C_7H_{16})

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 - Brouder *et al.*,
PRL **98**, 046402 (2007)
 - See also Lecture 10, p. 41
(Frank Neese)

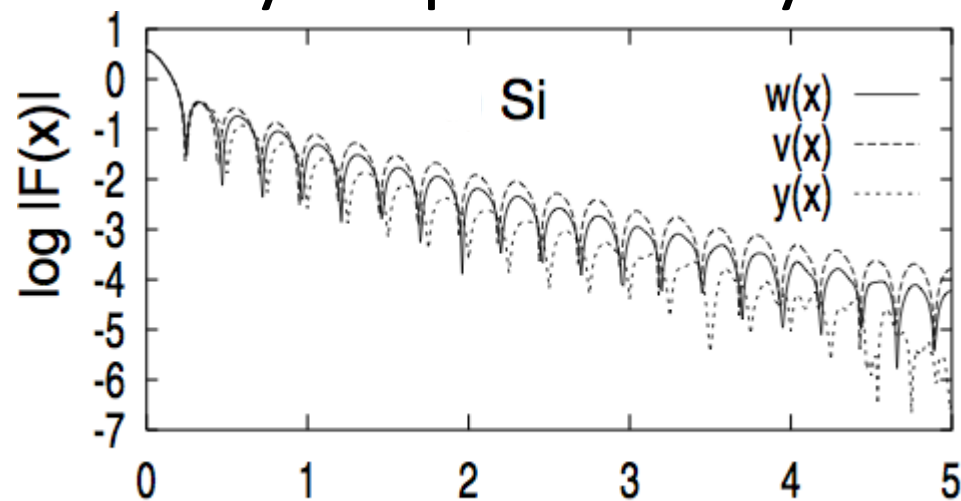


Figure from He & Vanderbilt, *PRL* **86**, 5341 (2001) x (unit cells)

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- Decay rate depends upon
 - Band gap
 - Basis quality

Divide and conquer

Yang, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **66**, 1438 (1991)

Yang & Lee, *J. Chem. Phys.* **103**, 5674 (1995)

Divide and conquer

- Consider subvolumes of the whole system
- Calculate contributions to the density (matrix)

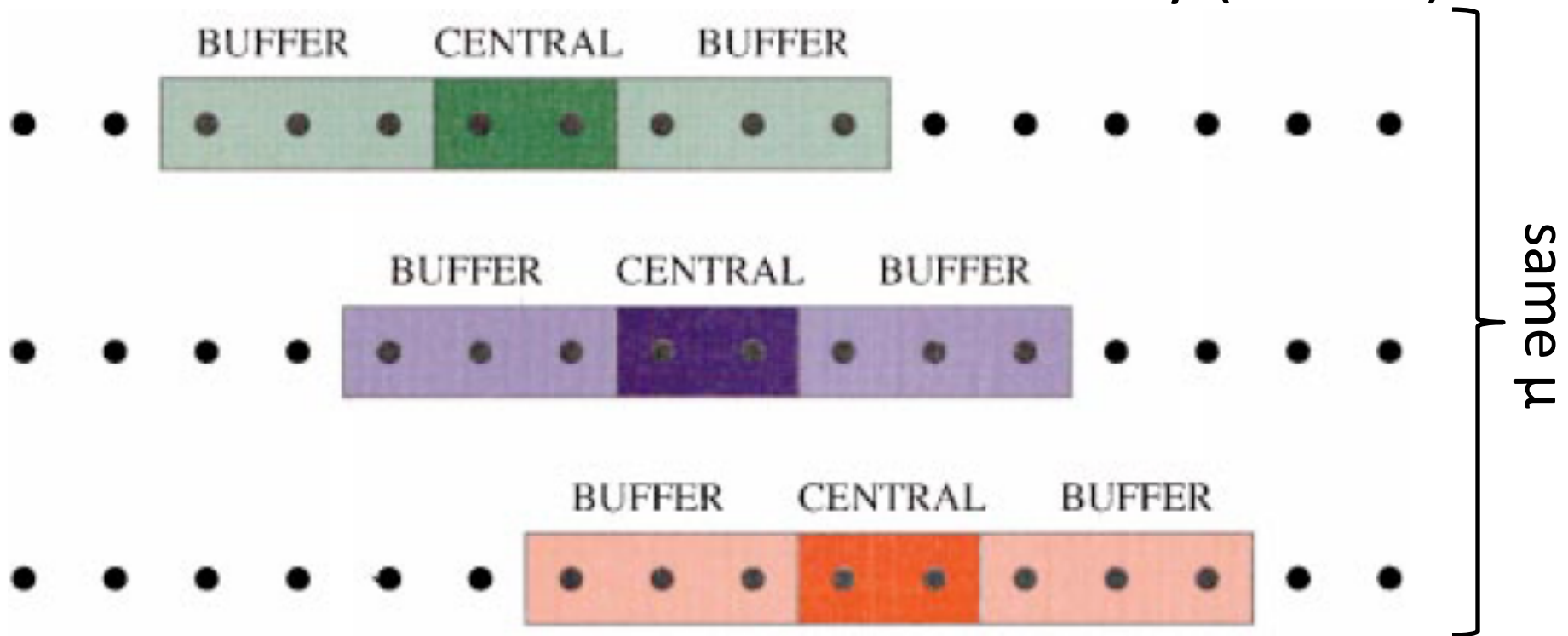


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Divide and conquer

- Trim the corners:

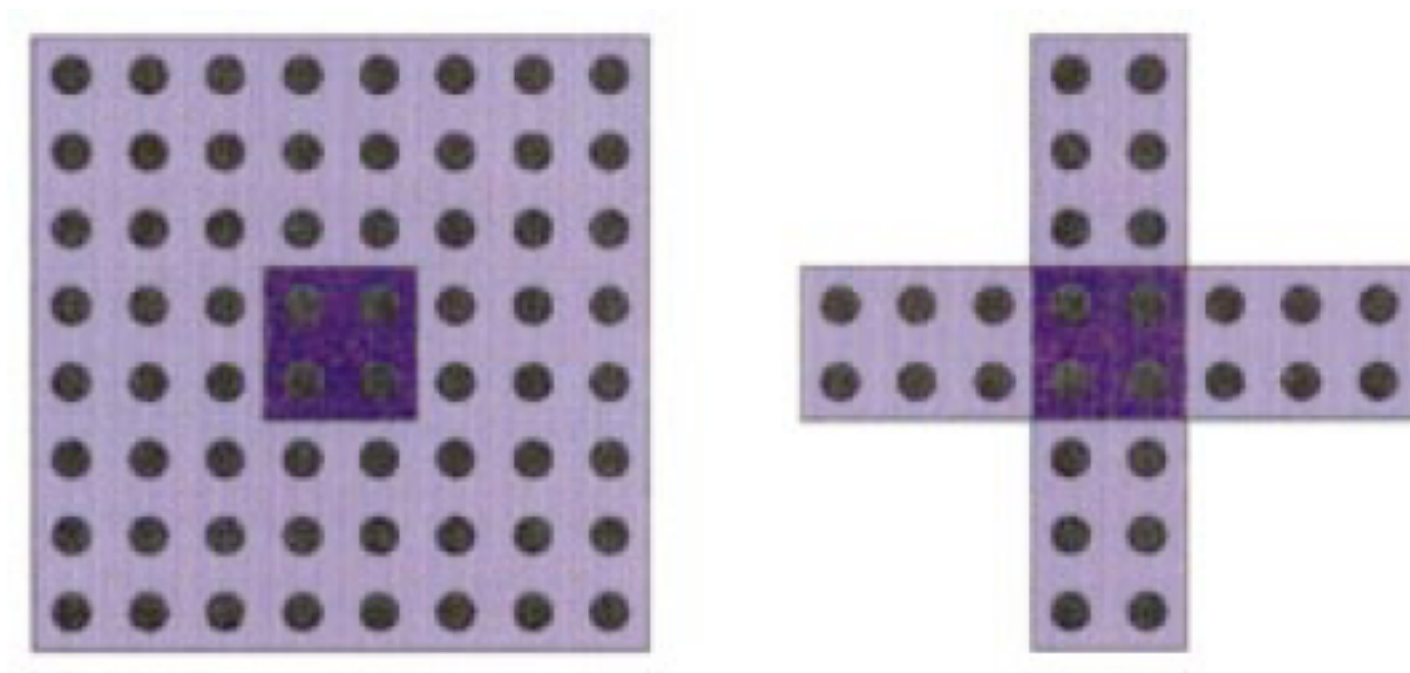


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Divide and conquer

- Combine the pieces:

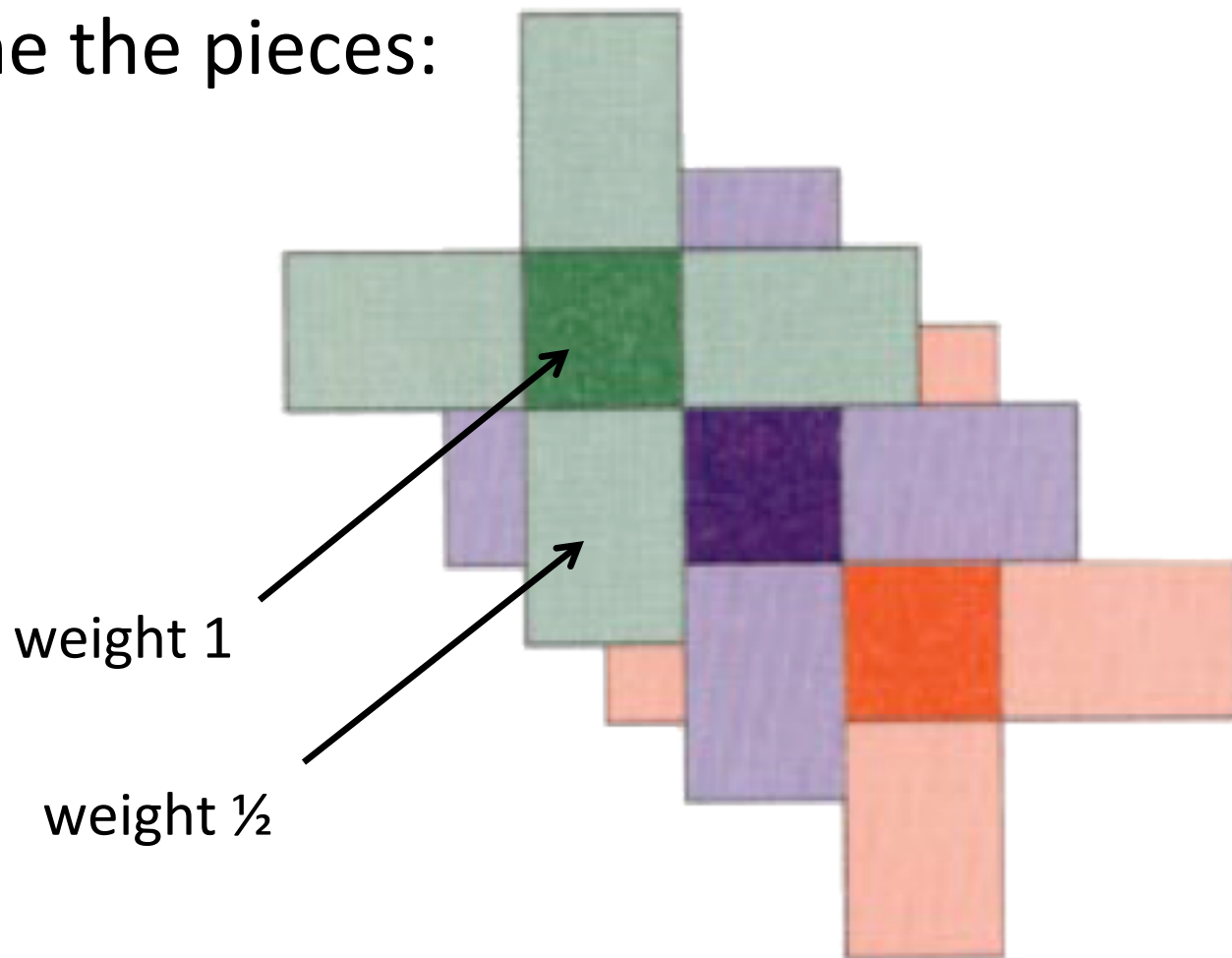


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Fermi operator expansion

Goedecker & Colombo, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **73**, 122 (1994)

Goedecker & Teter, *Phys. Rev. B* **51**, 9455 (1995)

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- Expand F as a polynomial in H i.e.
$$F \approx c_0 I + c_1 H + c_2 H^2 + \dots + c_n H^n$$
 - Coefficients are those from a power series expansion of the Fermi-Dirac distribution

Chebyshev polynomials

$$T_n(x) = \cos(n \arccos x)$$

$$T_0(x) = 1$$

$$T_1(x) = x$$

$$T_{j+1}(x) = 2xT_j(x) - T_{j-1}(x)$$

- Defined on $[-1,1]$
- Bounded between ± 1

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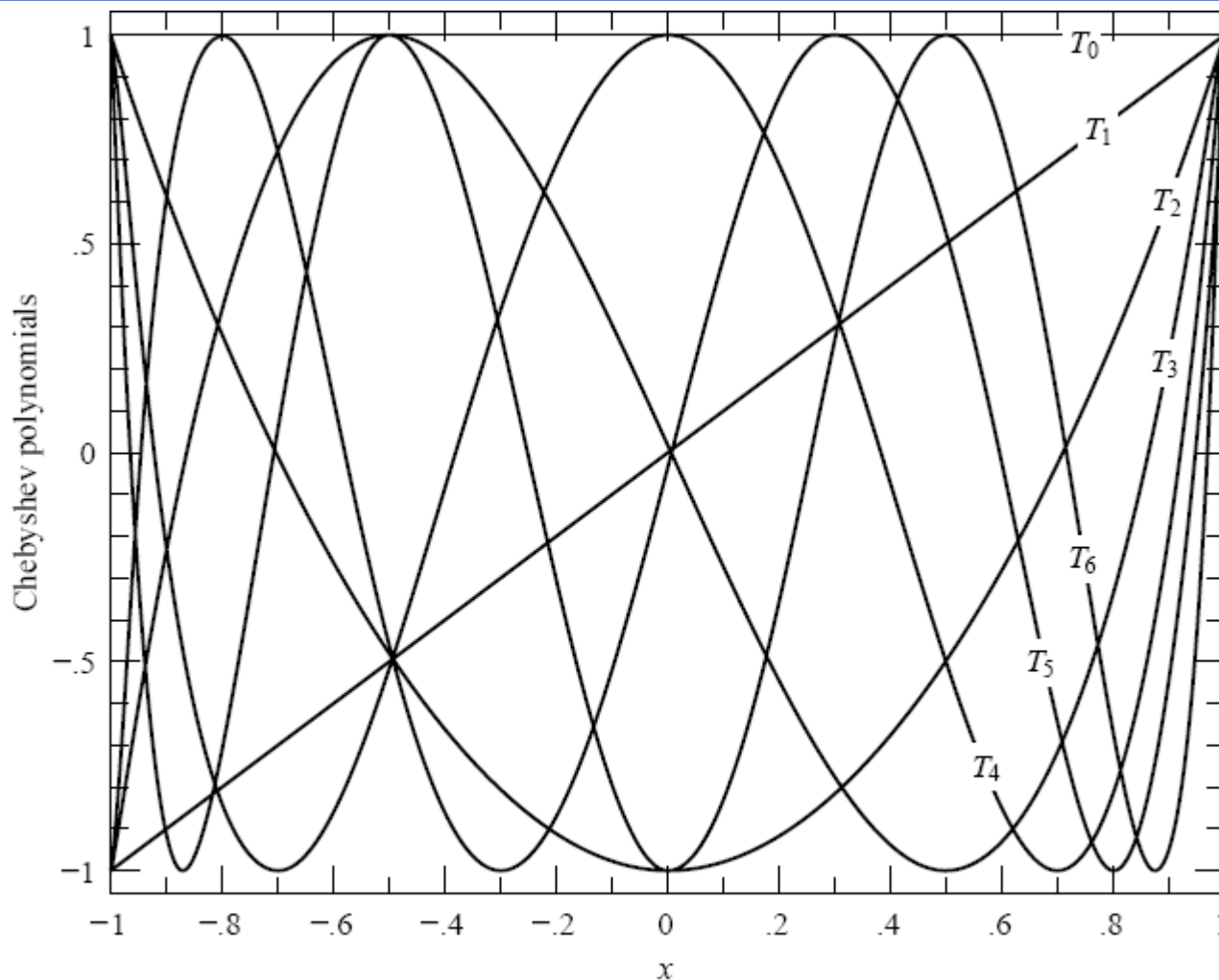


Figure 5.8.1. Chebyshev polynomials $T_0(x)$ through $T_6(x)$. Note that T_j has j roots in the interval $(-1, 1)$ and that all the polynomials are bounded between ± 1 .

Press *et al.*, Numerical Recipes,
Cambridge University Press
(1986-92)

Chebyshev expansion

- Scale and shift the Hamiltonian so eigenvalues lie on $[-1,1]$:

$$F \approx \frac{1}{2}c_0 I + \sum_{j=1}^n c_j T_j(H)$$

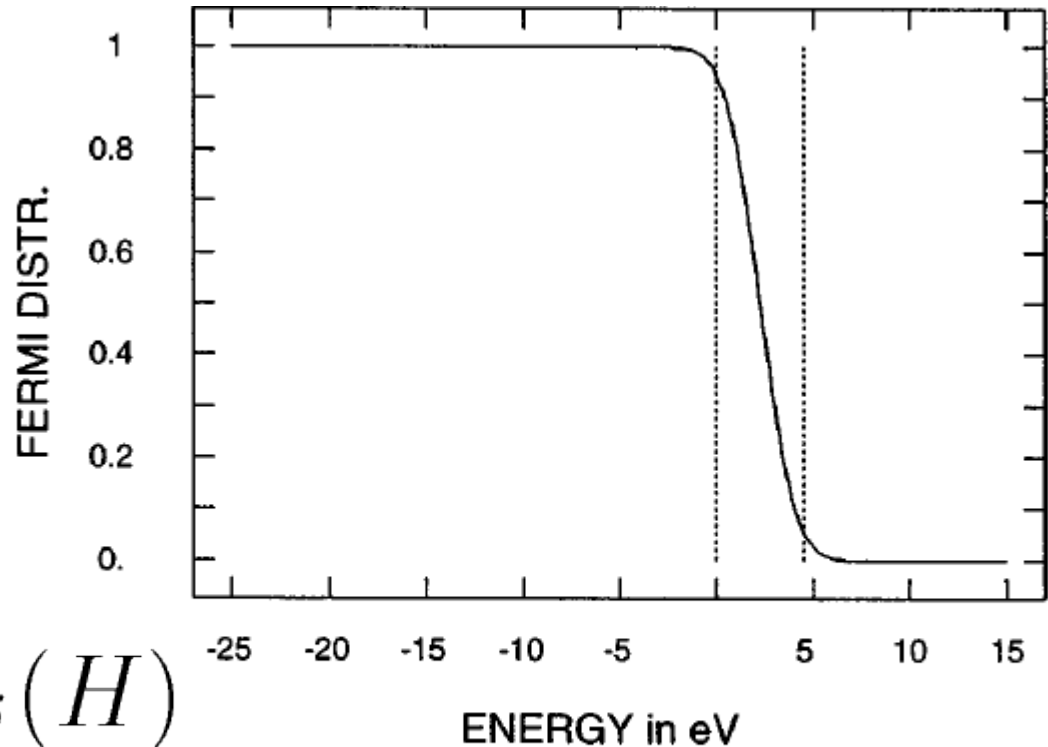


FIG. 7. The Fermi distribution as obtained by a Chebyshev fit of degree 40 in the case of a diamond structure. The band gap is in between the two vertical lines.

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Fermi operator expansion

- Region over which expansion changes from 0 to 1 is the energy resolution $\Delta\varepsilon$ (gap)
- Smaller energy resolution requires higher order expansion
- Use finite temperature distribution to avoid Gibbs oscillation
- In practice use error functions instead (decay faster to 0 and 1 away from gap)
- Rational expansion also possible

Density matrix minimization

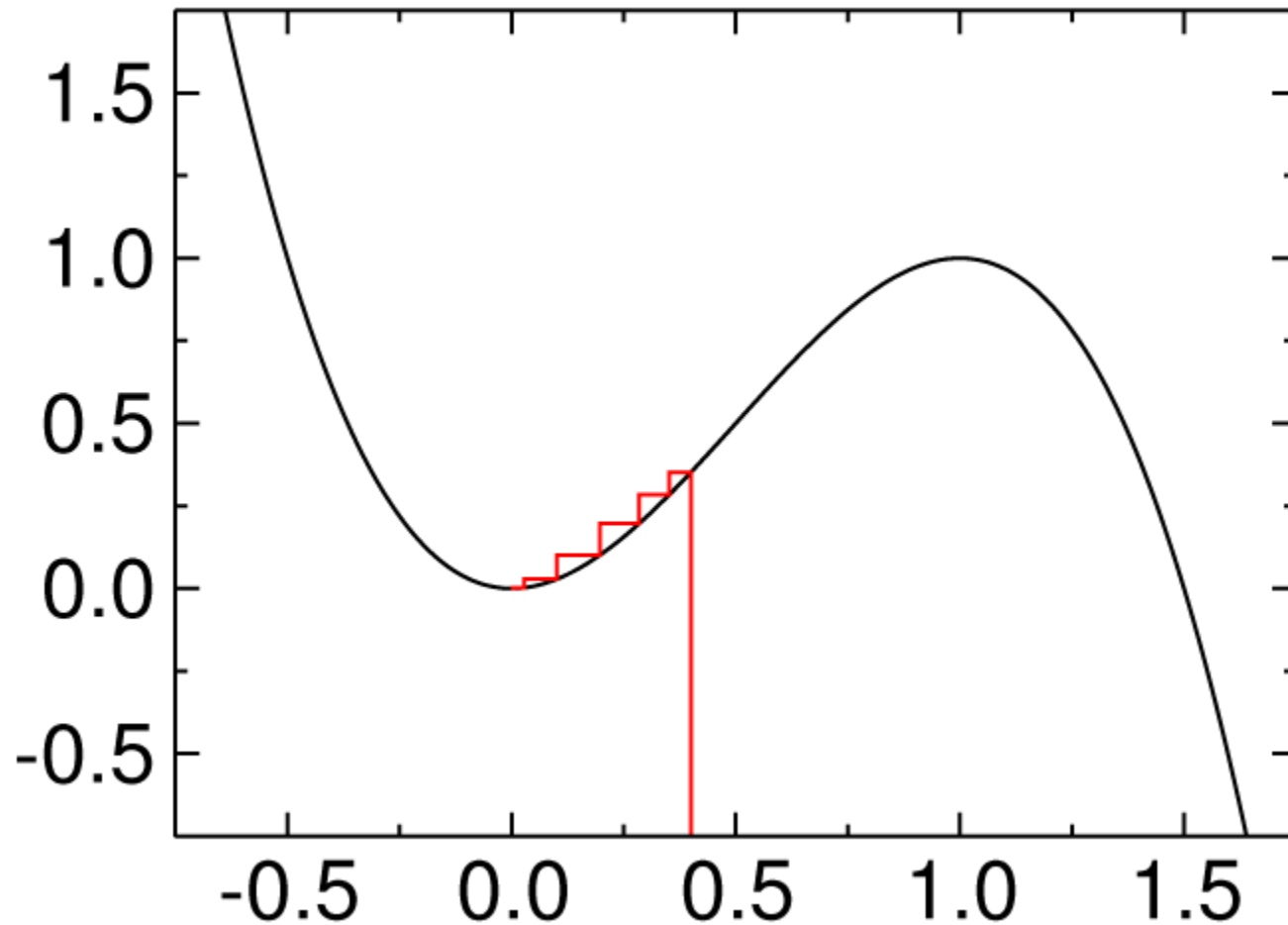
McWeeny, *Rev. Mod. Phys.* **32**, 335 (1960)

Li, Nunes & Vanderbilt, *Phys. Rev. B* **47**, 10891 (1993)

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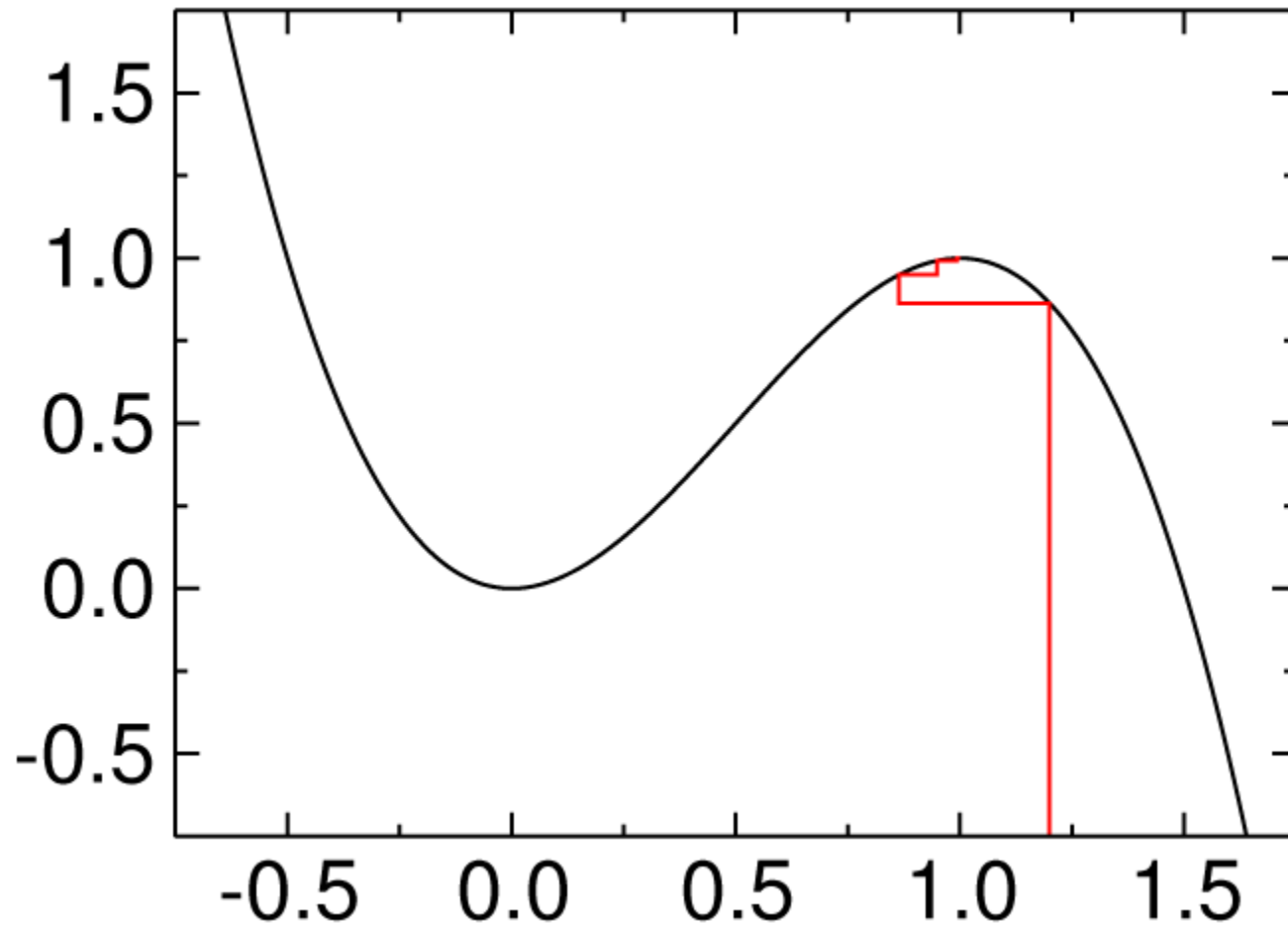
Purifying transformation

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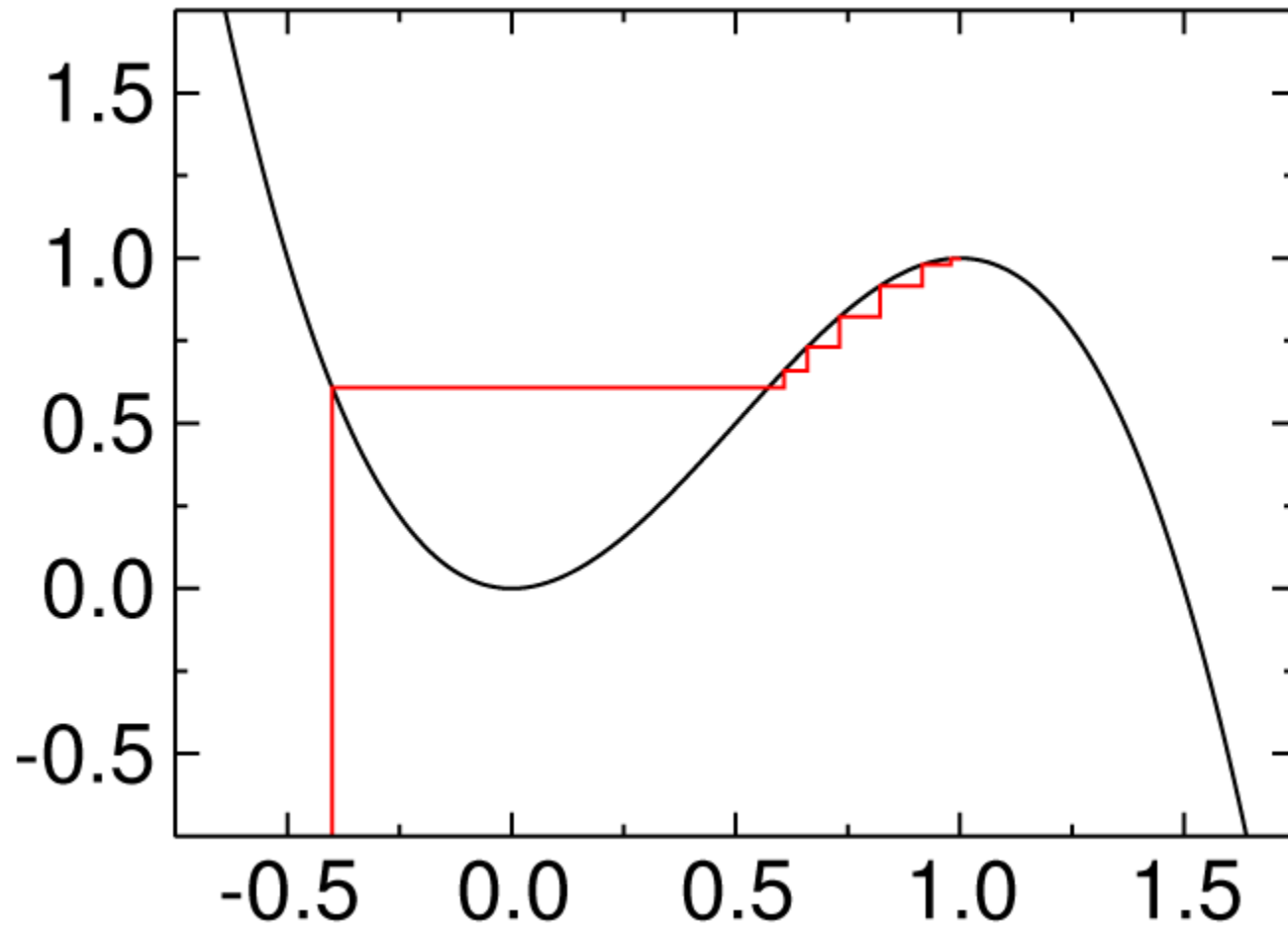
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Purifying transformation

- Apply it to the density matrix:

$$F_{k+1} = 3F_k^2 - 2F_k^3$$

- Iteration converges to 0 or 1 as long as:

$$f_n \in \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}, \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)$$

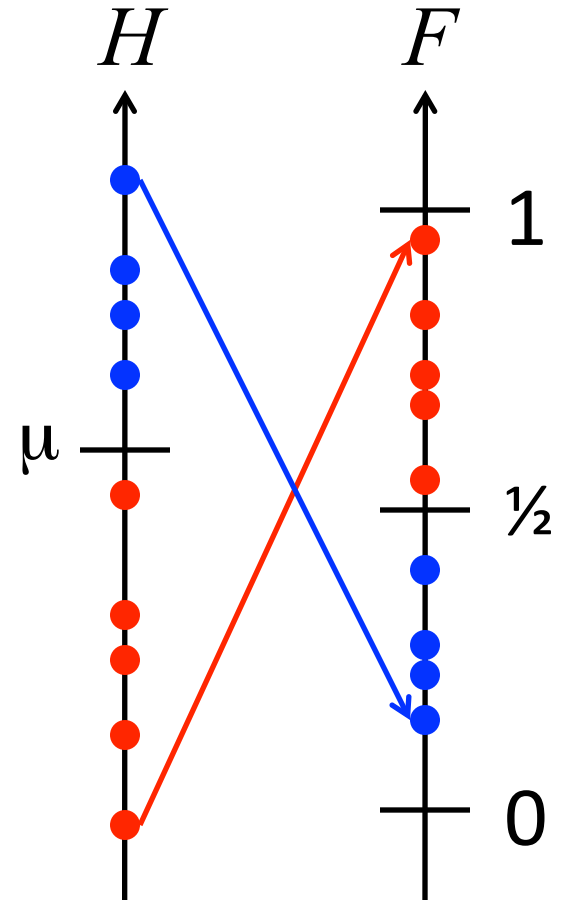
- Converges without “flipping” if:

$$f_n \in \left[\frac{1-\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{1+\sqrt{3}}{2} \right]$$

Canonical purification

Palser & Manolopoulos, *Phys. Rev. B* **58**, 12704 (1998)

- Start with Hamiltonian
- Shift, invert and scale so eigenvalues lie in $[0,1]$
- Apply purification transformation until convergence achieved



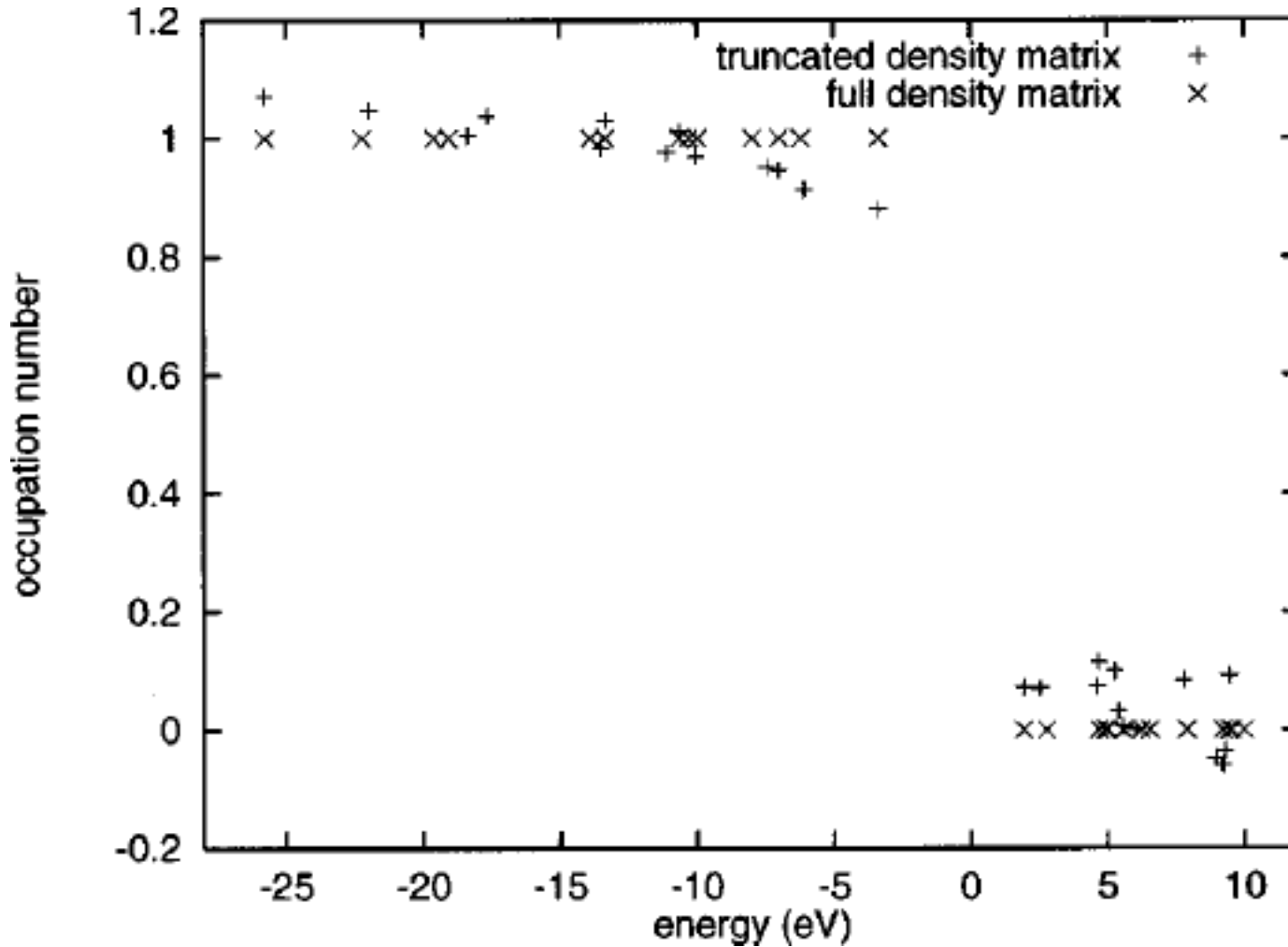
Li-Nunes-Vanderbilt

- Define a purified density matrix P

$$P = 3F^2 - 2F^3$$

- Minimize $E = \text{tr}(PH)$ with respect to F
- Truncate F to obtain linear scaling
- Variational method

Li-Nunes-Vanderbilt



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Orbital minimization

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Mauri & Galli, *Phys. Rev. B* **50**, 4316 (1994)

Ordejón *et al.*, *Phys. Rev. B* **51**, 1456 (1995)

Kim *et al.*, *Phys. Rev. B* **52**, 1640 (1995)

Orbital minimization

- Works with Wannier functions rather than density matrix
- Imposes the orthogonality constraint by expanding the inverse overlap matrix about the identity:

$$\begin{aligned} S^{-1} &= [I - (I - S)]^{-1} \\ &= I + (I - S) + (I - S)^2 + \dots \\ &\approx 2I - S \end{aligned}$$

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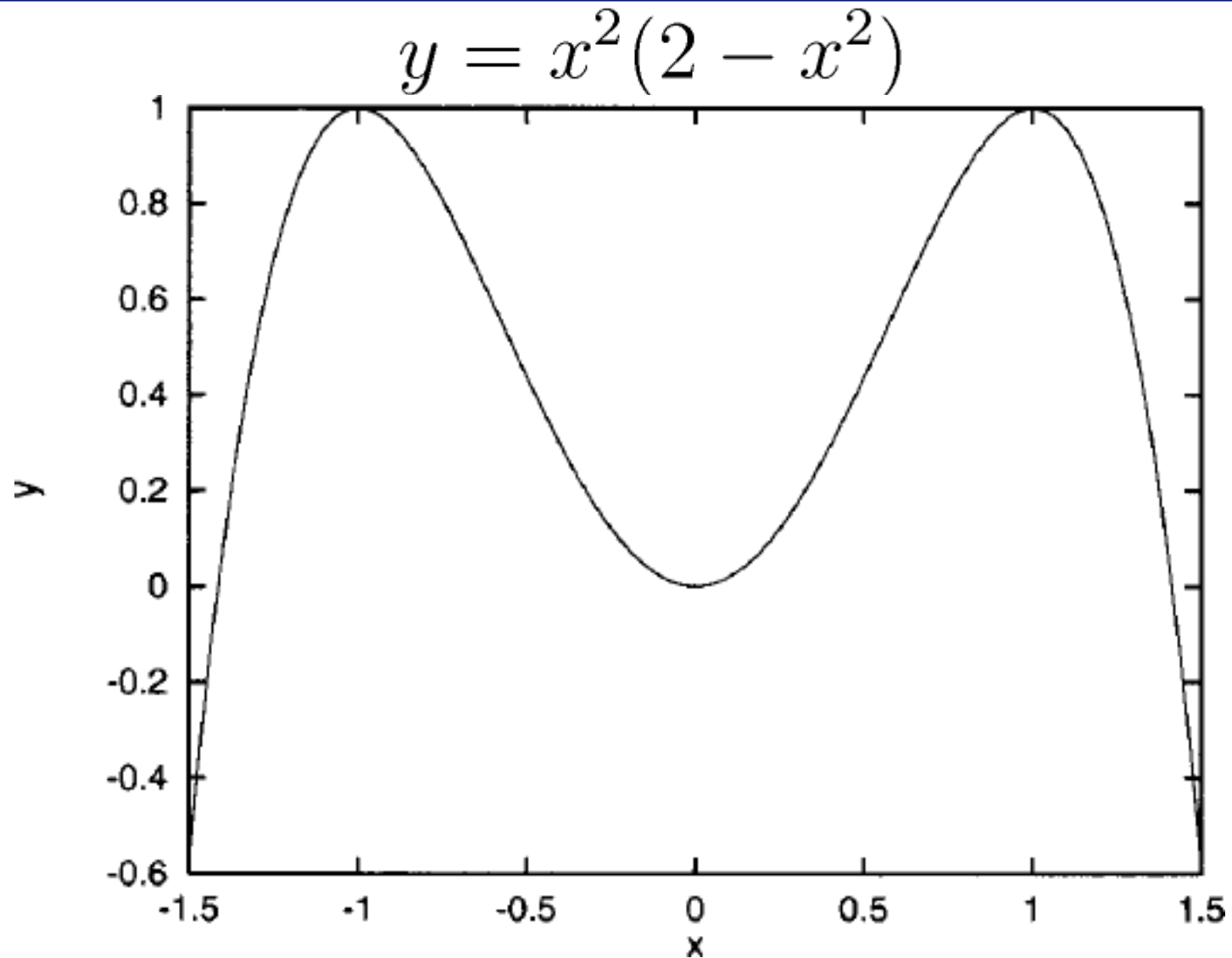
- Leads to a generalized functional:

$$\Omega = 2 \sum_n \sum_{ij} c_{in}^* H'_{ij} c_{jn} - \sum_{nm} \sum_{ij} c_{in}^* H'_{ij} c_{jm} \sum_k c_{km}^* c_{kn}$$

– where $H' = H - \mu I$

- Quartic in the coefficients c
- Solve for localized orbitals to obtain linear scaling

Orbital minimization



Orbital minimization

- With localization constraints:
 - Large number of iterations required
 - Atom-centred Wannier functions can break symmetry
 - Local minimum so runaway solutions possible
 - Problems conserving electron number
 - Generally considered more challenging than density-matrix minimization

Yang, *Phys. Rev. B* **56**, 9294 (1997)

Orbital-free DFT (metals!)

Wang and Carter, in *Theoretical Methods in Condensed Phase Chemistry*, edited by S.D. Schwartz (Kluwer, Dordrecht, 2000), p. 117

Orbital-free DFT

- Aim to improve upon Thomas-Fermi:

$$T_s[n] = \frac{3}{10} (3\pi^2)^{2/3} \int n(\mathbf{r})^{5/3} d^3r$$

- von Weizsäcker: *Z. Phys.* **96**, 431 (1935)

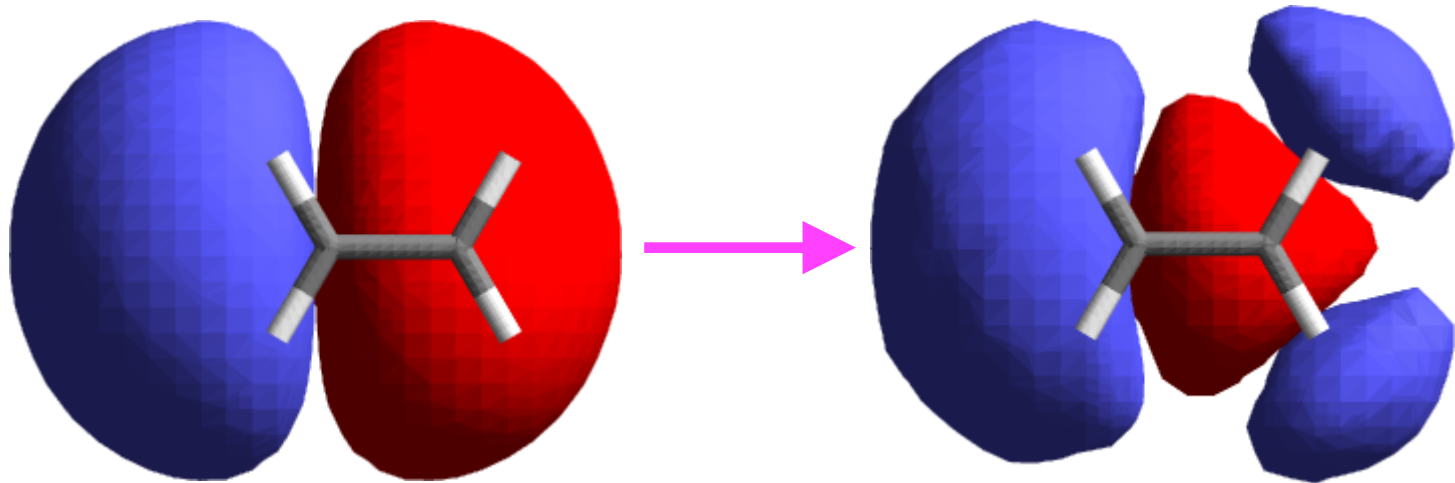
$$+ \frac{\lambda}{8} \int \frac{|\nabla n(\mathbf{r})|^2}{n(\mathbf{r})} d^3r$$

- Linear response of the electron gas (Lindhard)
- Angular momentum dependence via a muffin-tin construction:

Ke et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **111**, 066402 (2013)

Brief overview of ONETEP

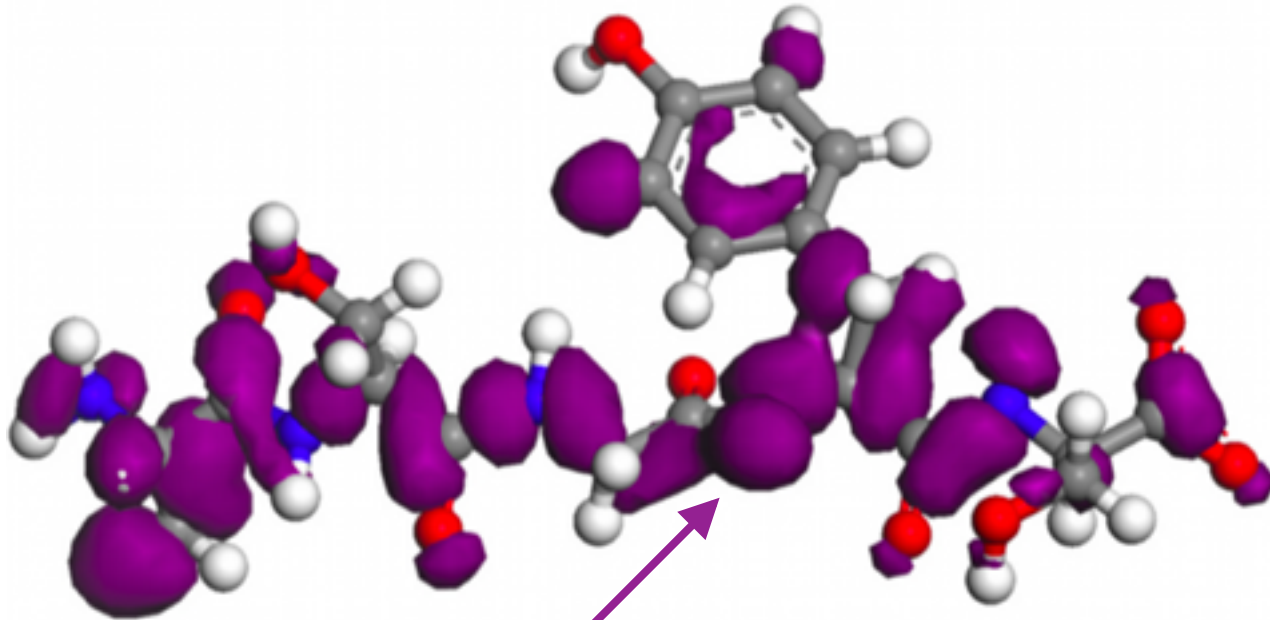
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J. Chem. Phys. **122**, 084119 (2005)

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Density-matrix formulation

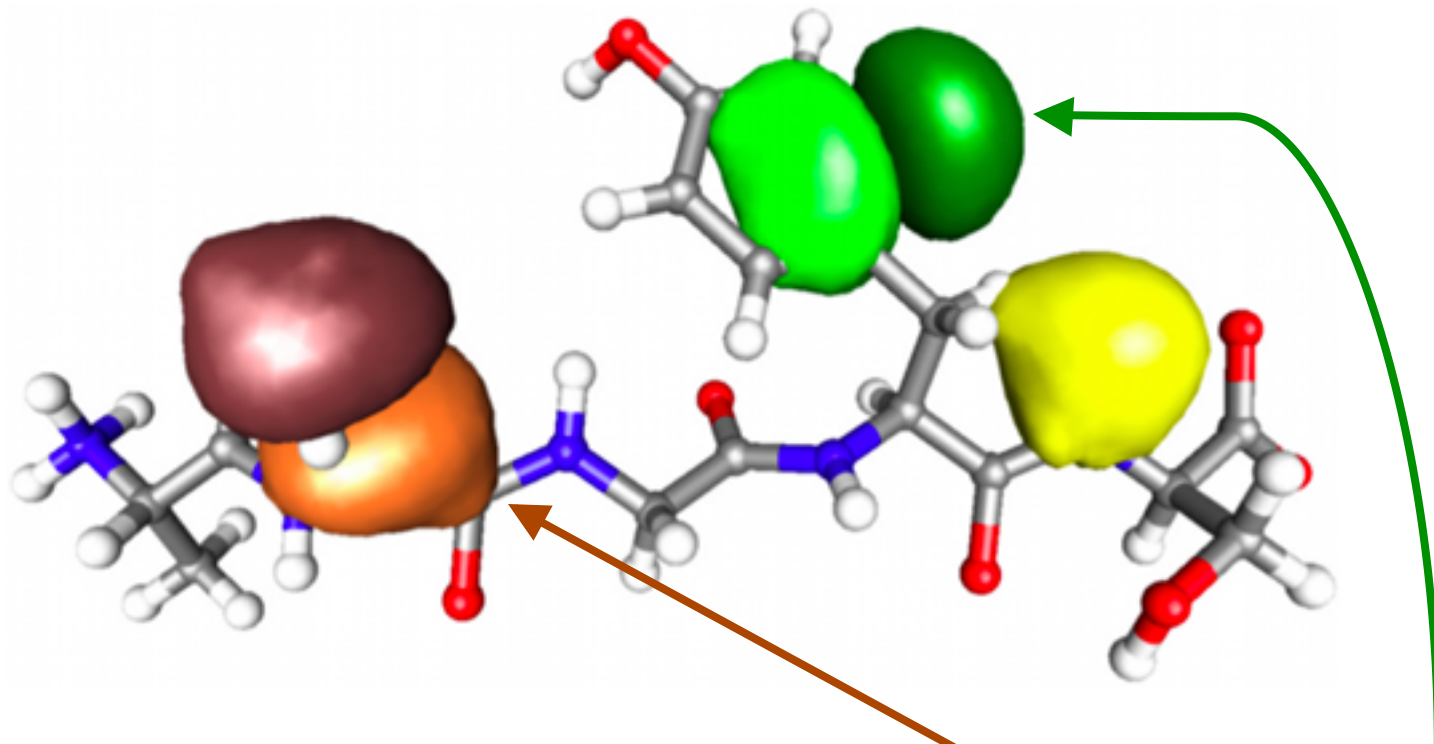


$$\rho(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = \sum_n f_n \psi_n(\mathbf{r}) \psi_n^*(\mathbf{r}')$$

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Galli & Parrinello, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **69**, 3547 (1992)

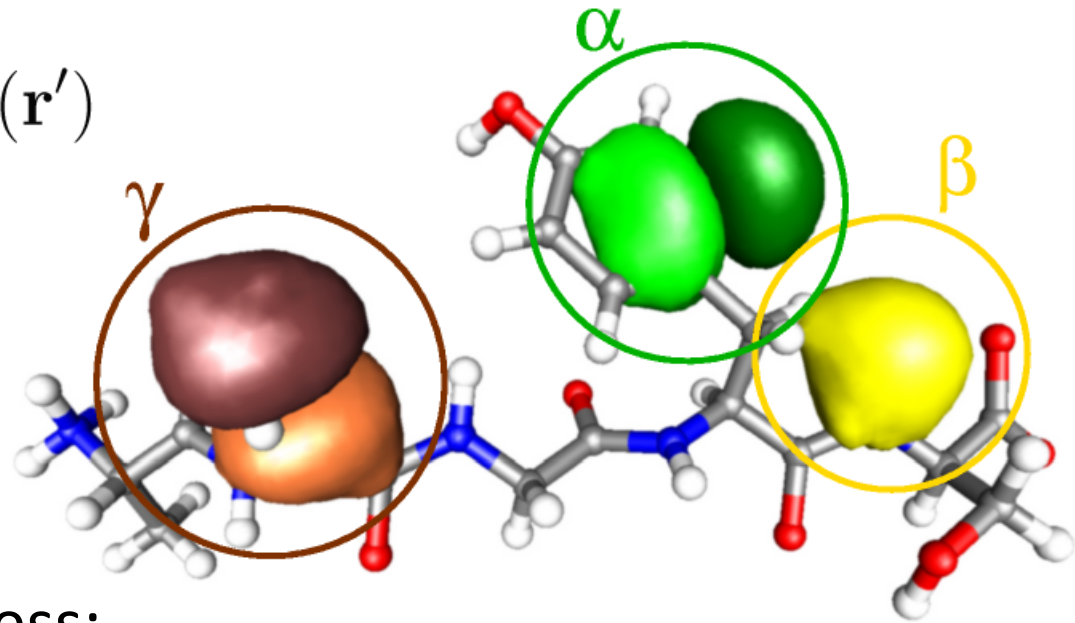
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$$\rho(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = \sum_n f_n \psi_n(\mathbf{r}) \psi_n^*(\mathbf{r}') = \sum_{\alpha\beta} \phi_\alpha(\mathbf{r}) K^{\alpha\beta} \phi_\beta^*(\mathbf{r}')$$

Density-matrix formulation

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = \sum_{\alpha\beta} \phi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}) K^{\alpha\beta} \phi_{\beta}(\mathbf{r}')$$



- Exploit near-sightedness:

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \longrightarrow 0 \quad \text{as} \quad |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'| \longrightarrow \infty$$

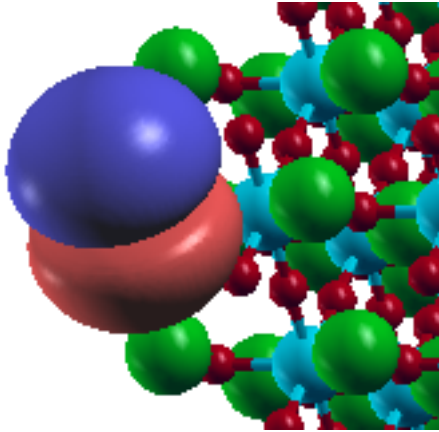
by imposing spatial cut-offs:

- non-orthogonal generalised Wannier functions
- sparse density kernel K

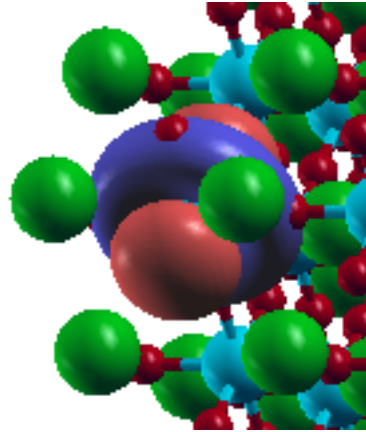
Local orbital optimization

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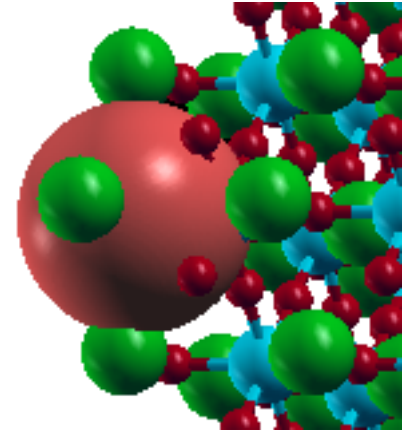
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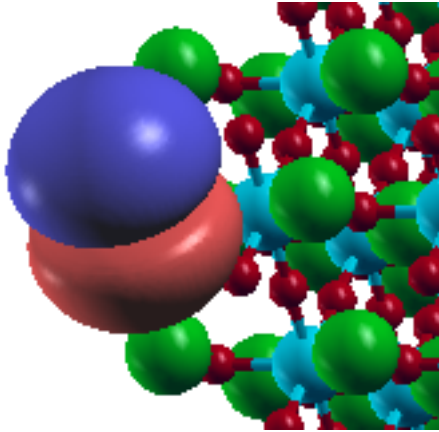
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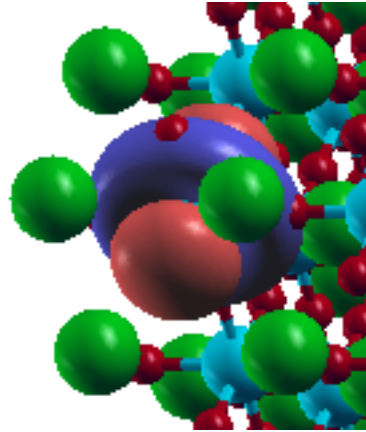
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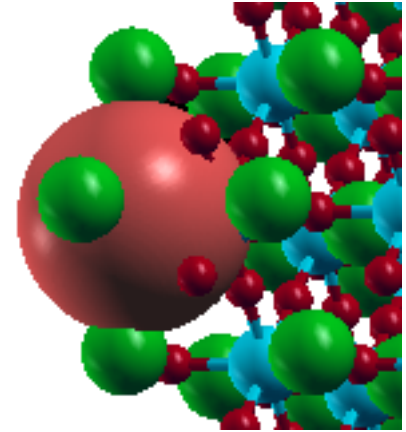
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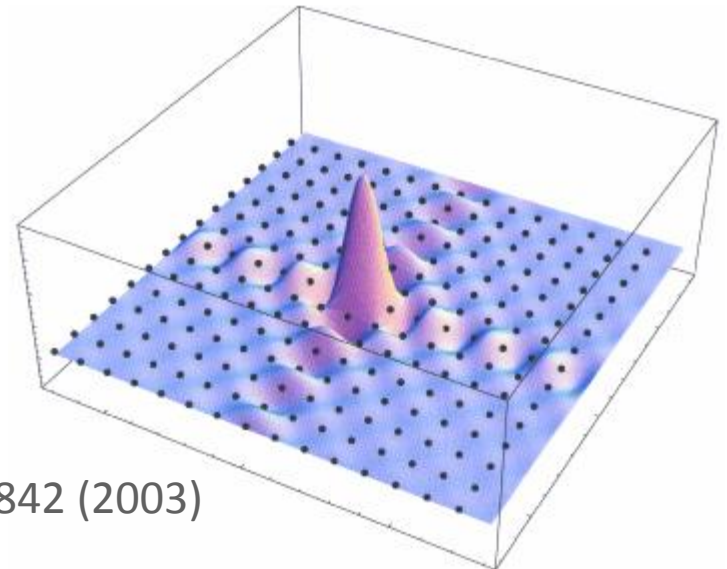
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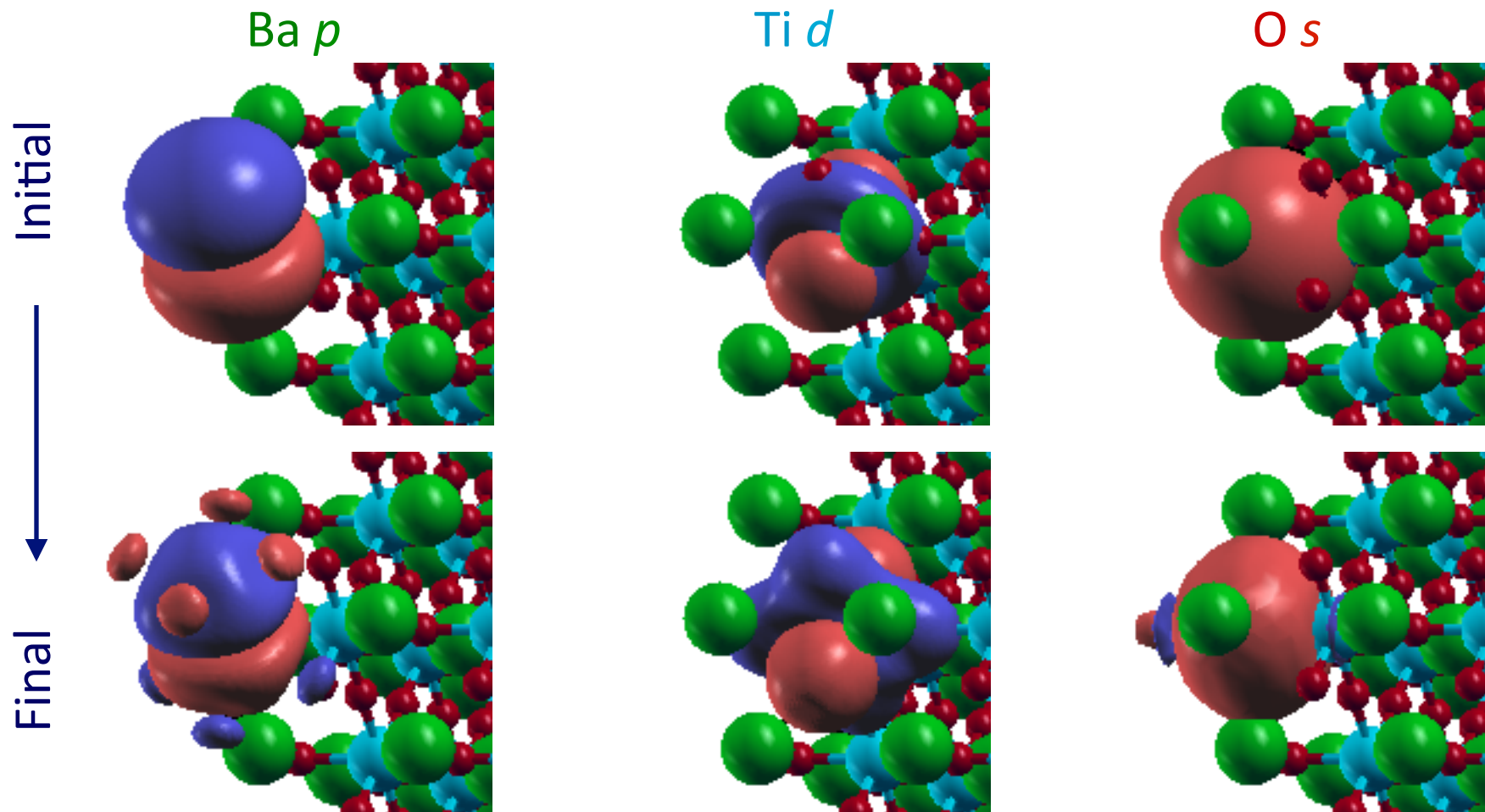
- Expand in terms of a “psinc” basis set (equivalent to plane-waves)



Mostofi, Haynes, Skylaris & Payne, *J. Chem. Phys.* **119**, 8842 (2003)

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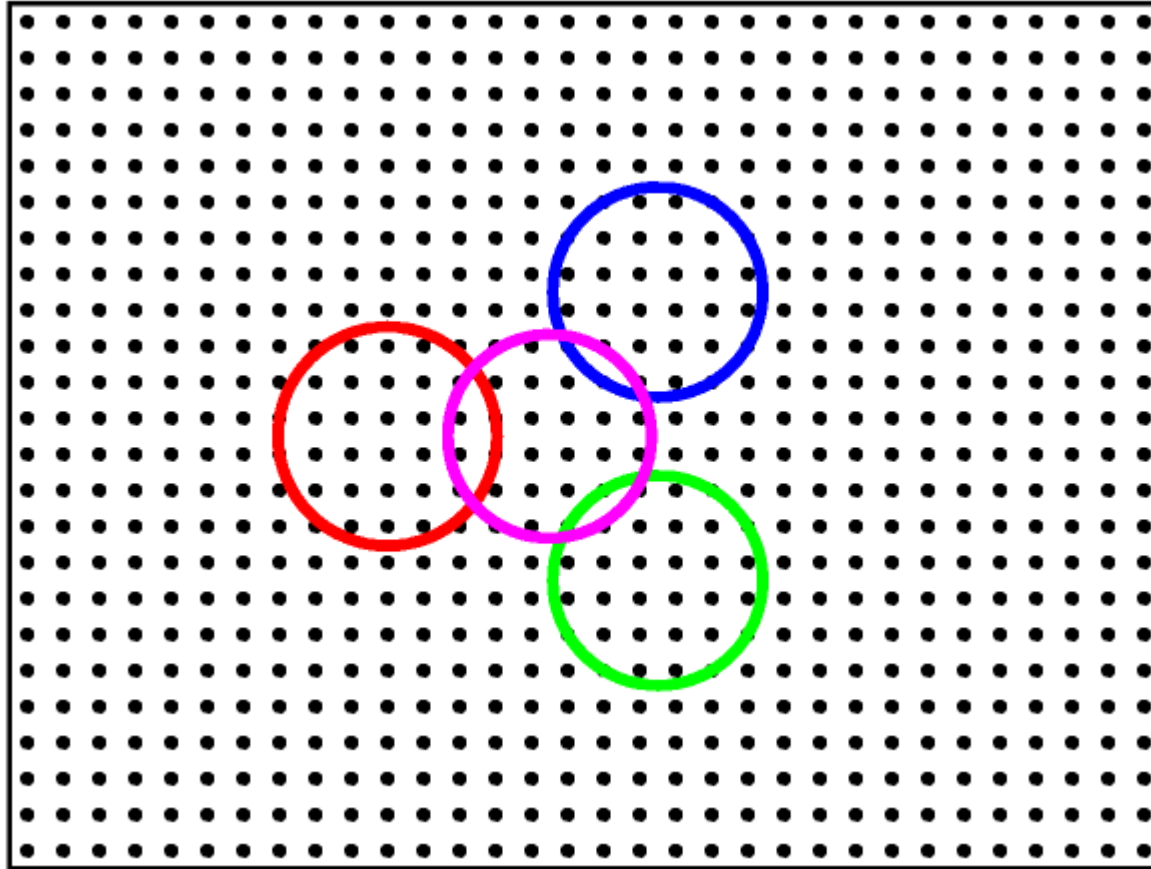
Local orbital optimization



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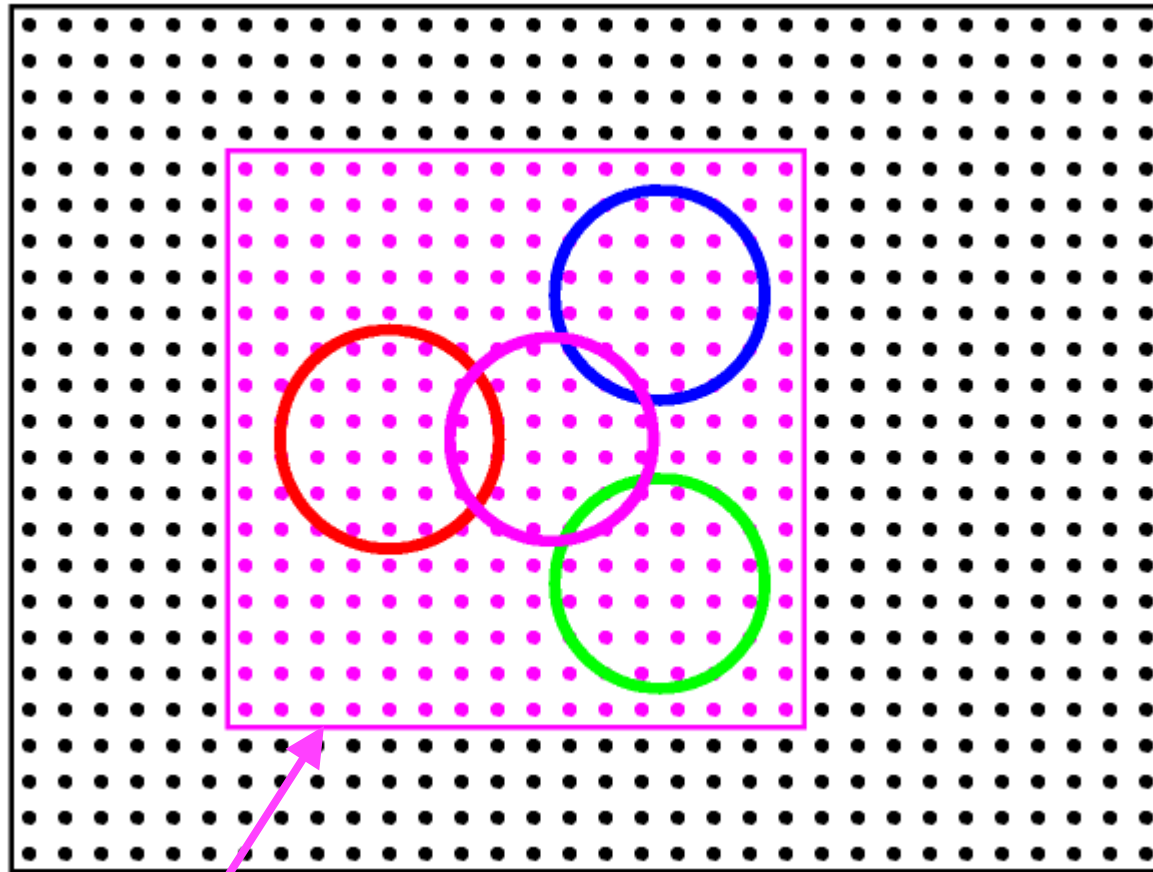
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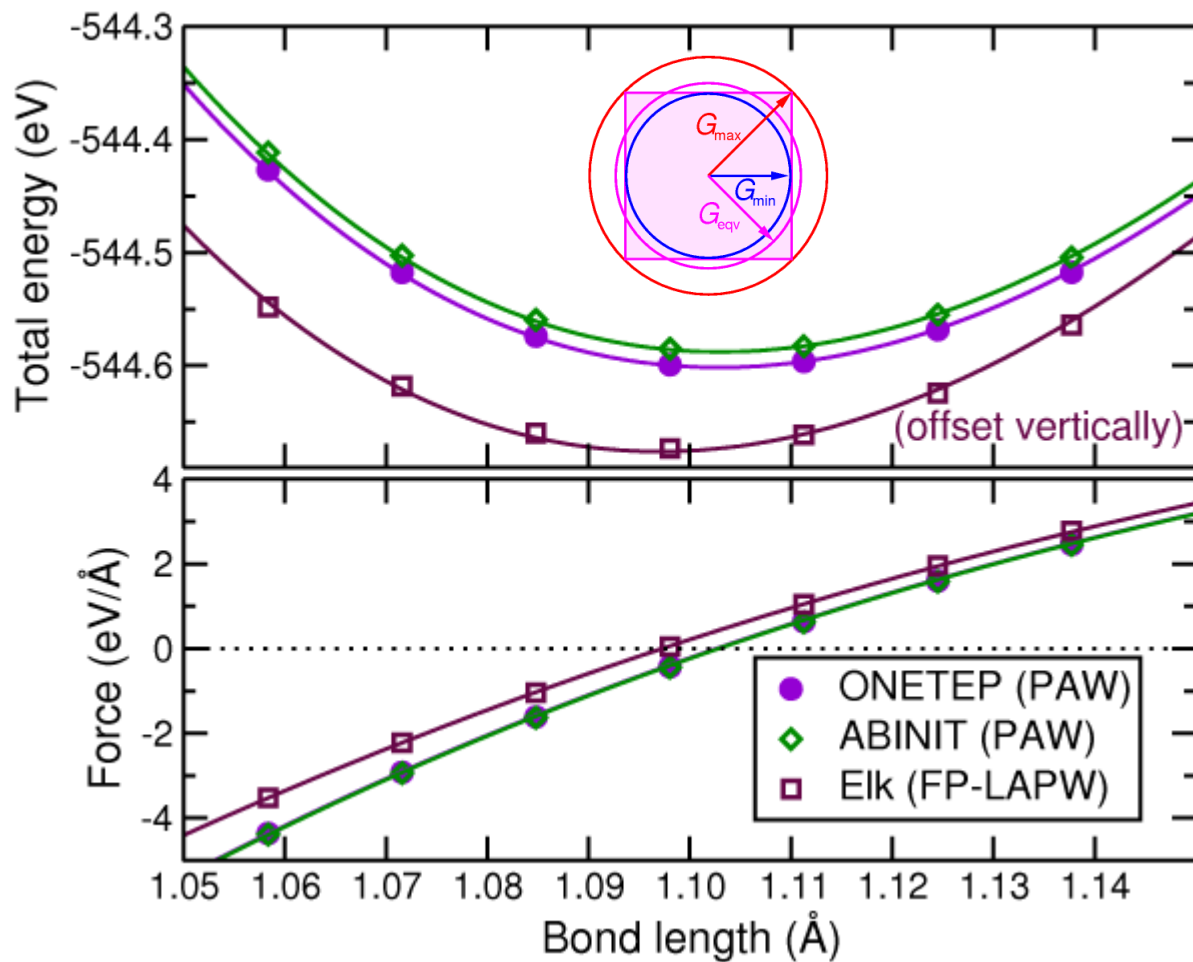


FFT box technique



FFT box

Accuracy: N₂ dimer



Data from Nicholas Hine (unpublished)

	Bond length (Å)
ONETEP	1.1032
ABINIT	1.1035
Elk	1.0974

	Vibrational frequency (cm ⁻¹)
ONETEP	2522
ABINIT	2521
Elk	2481

<http://elk.sourceforge.net/>

Structural properties

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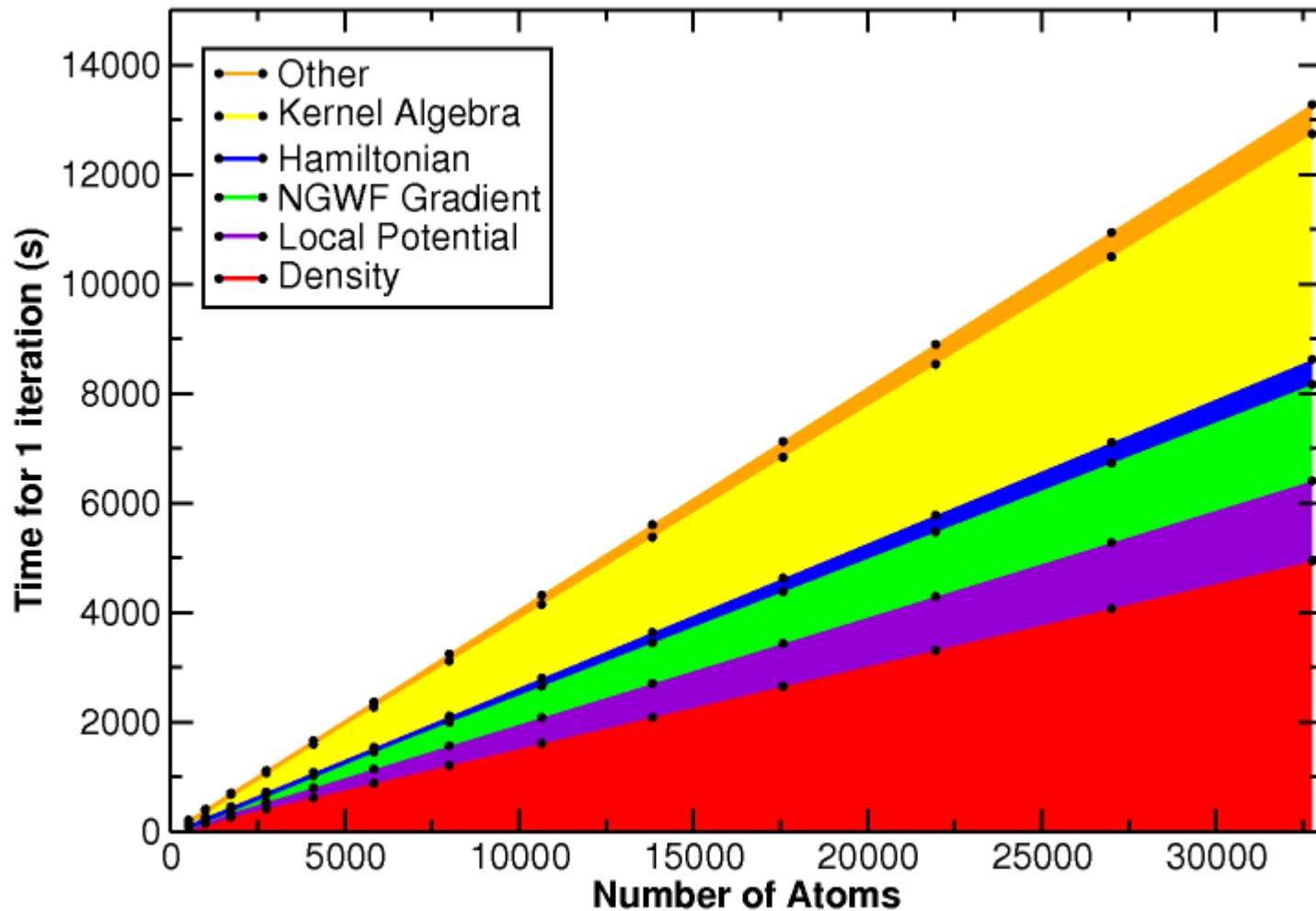
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Linear scaling: bulk Si

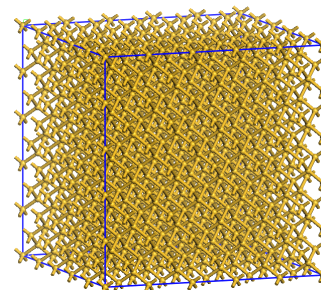
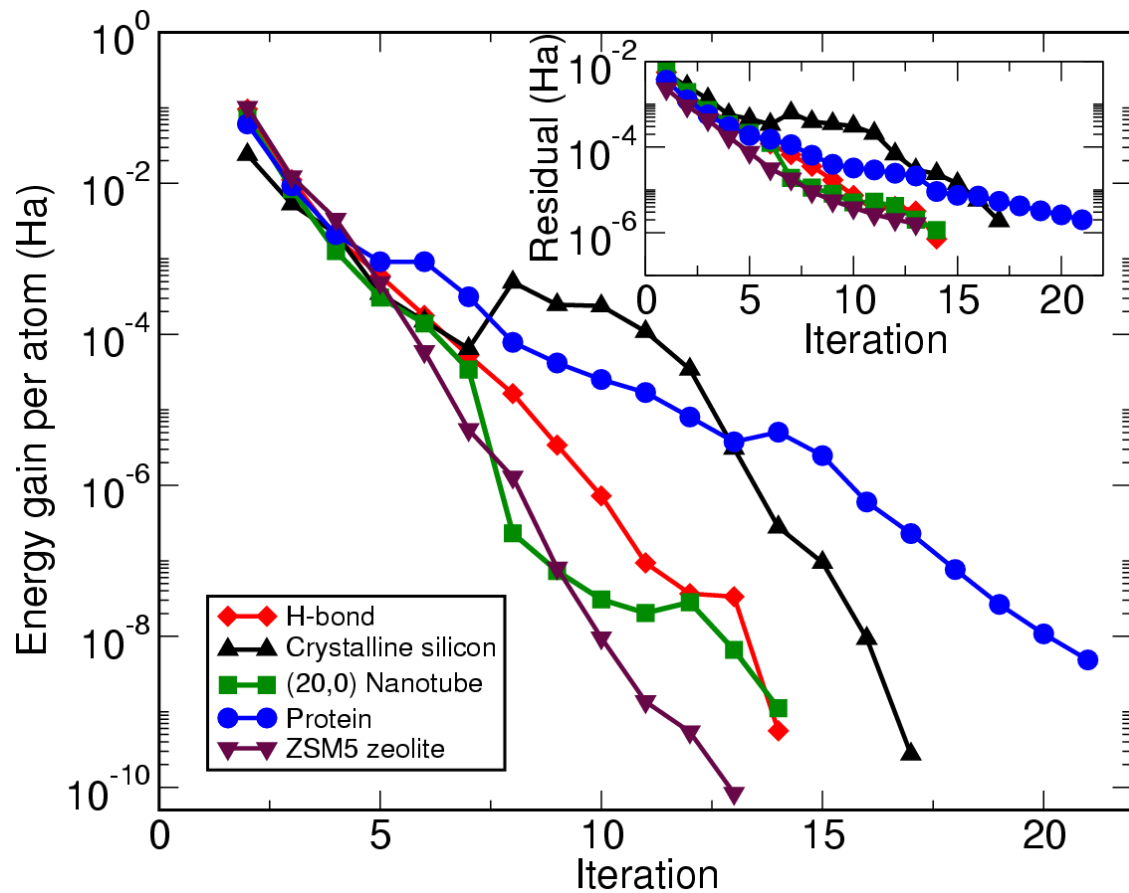
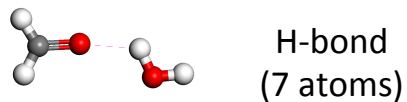


Single NGWF iteration
128 cores of CX2

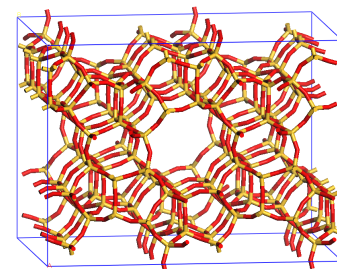
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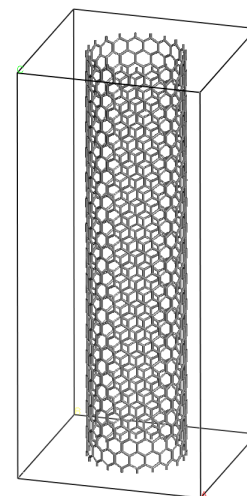
True linear scaling



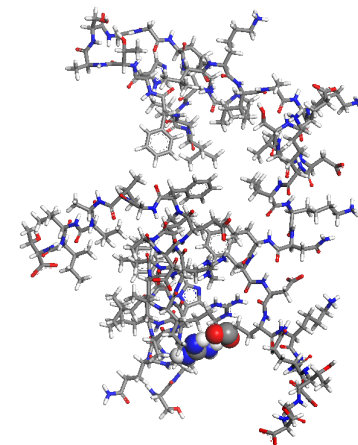
Crystalline silicon
(1000 atoms)



ZSM5 zeolite
(576 atoms)



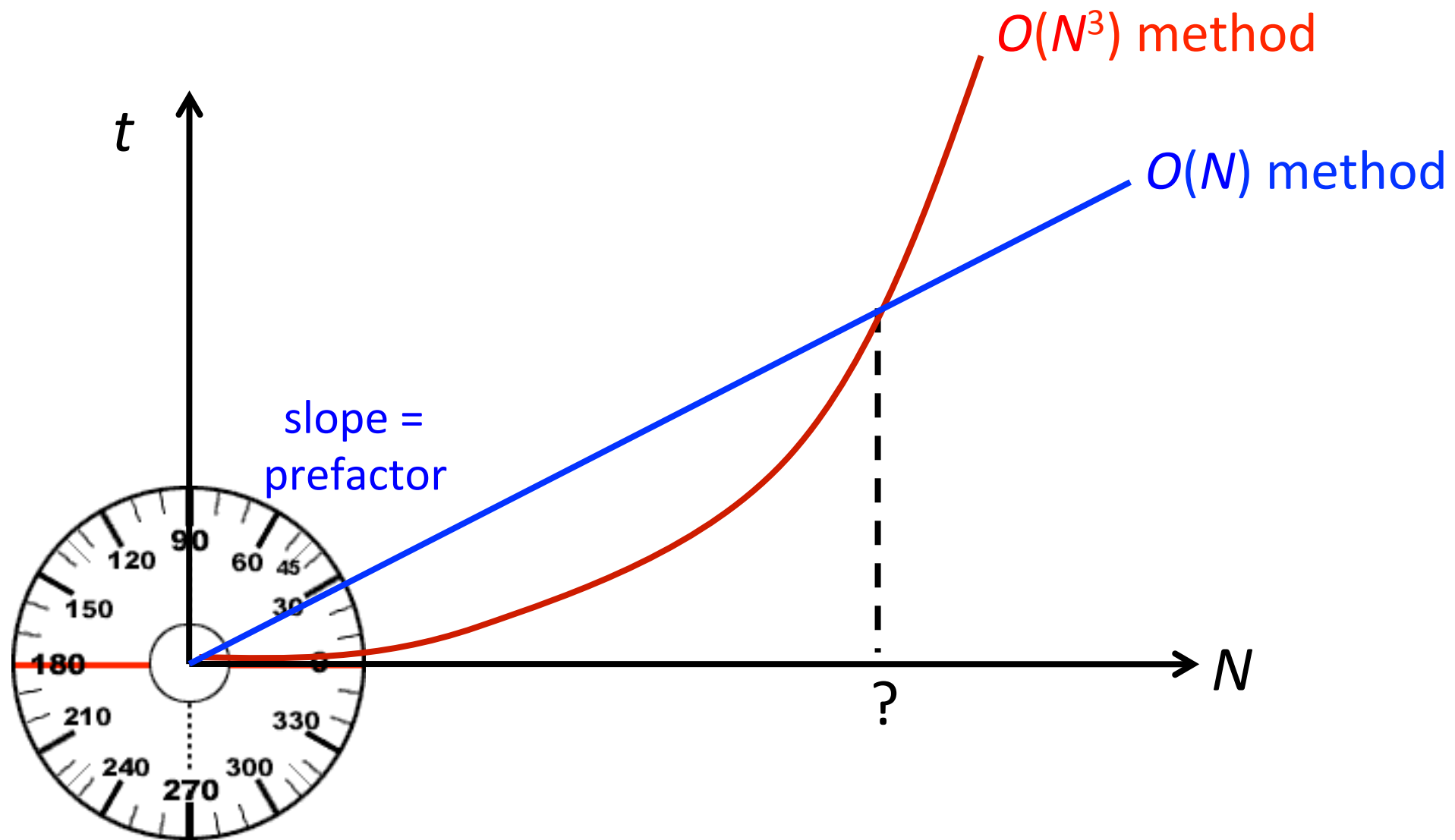
(20,0) Nanotube
(1280 atoms)



Protein (988
atoms)

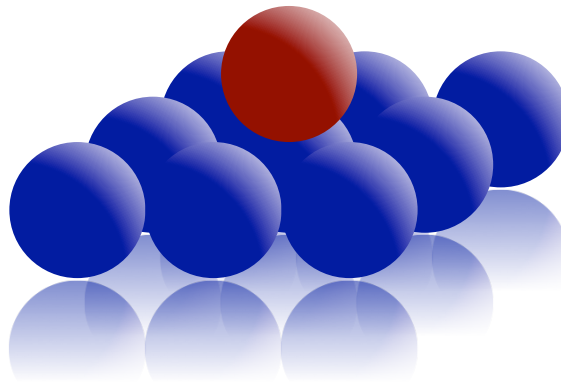
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What's the cross-over?



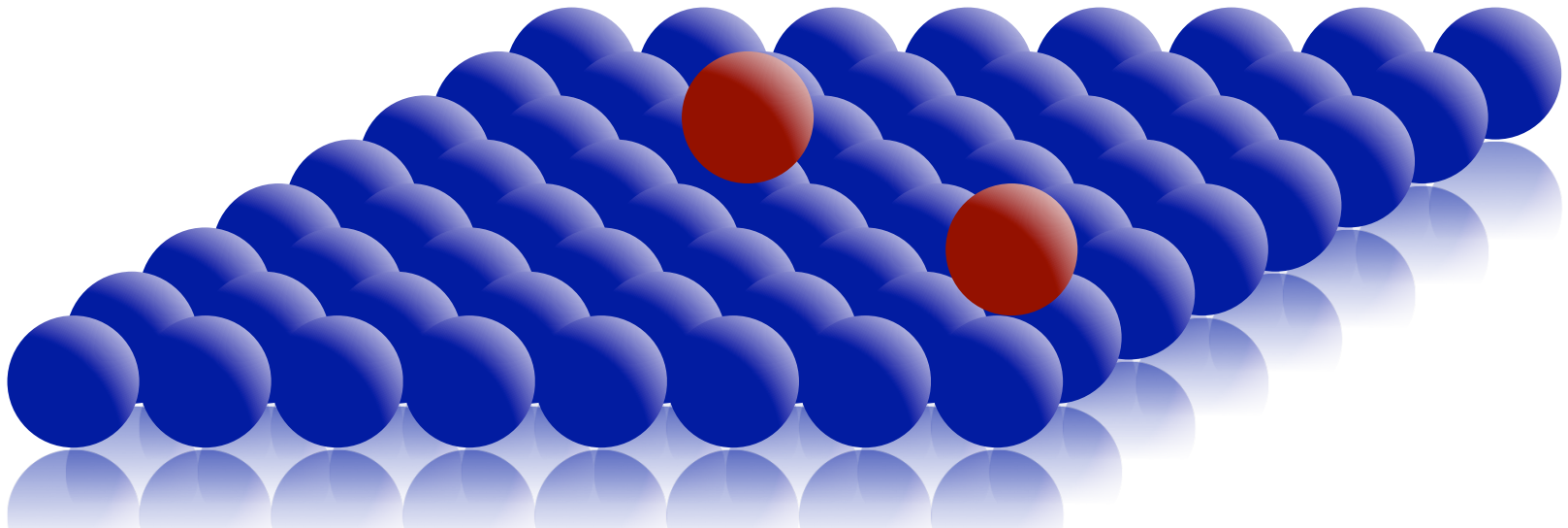
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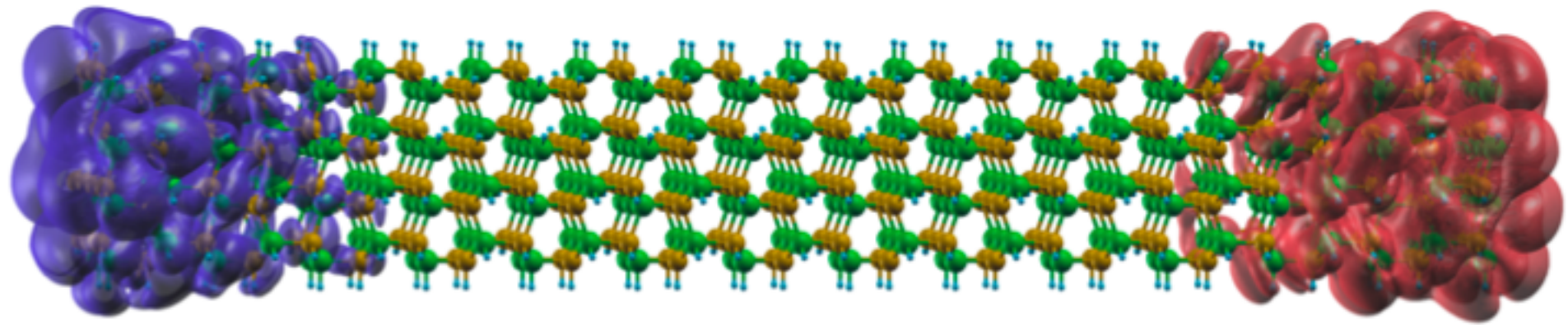
2. Energy and forces are not enough

- That is all most $O(N)$ codes output
 - but vastly more information is generated
 - e.g. optimized local orbitals (Wannier functions)
- Importance of link to experiment

So what is linear-scaling DFT good for?

1. Specific systems that exploit the advantages of the method

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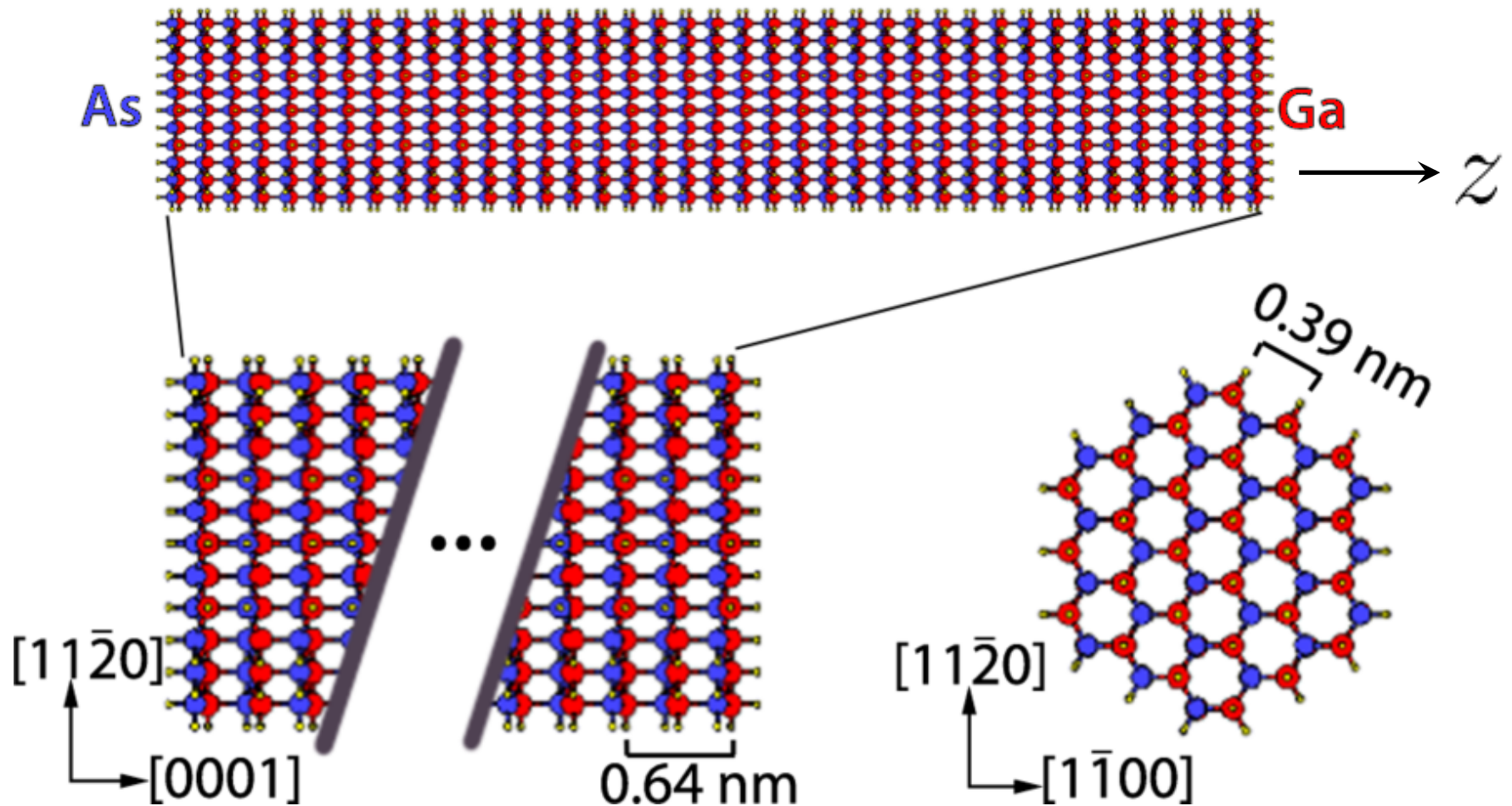


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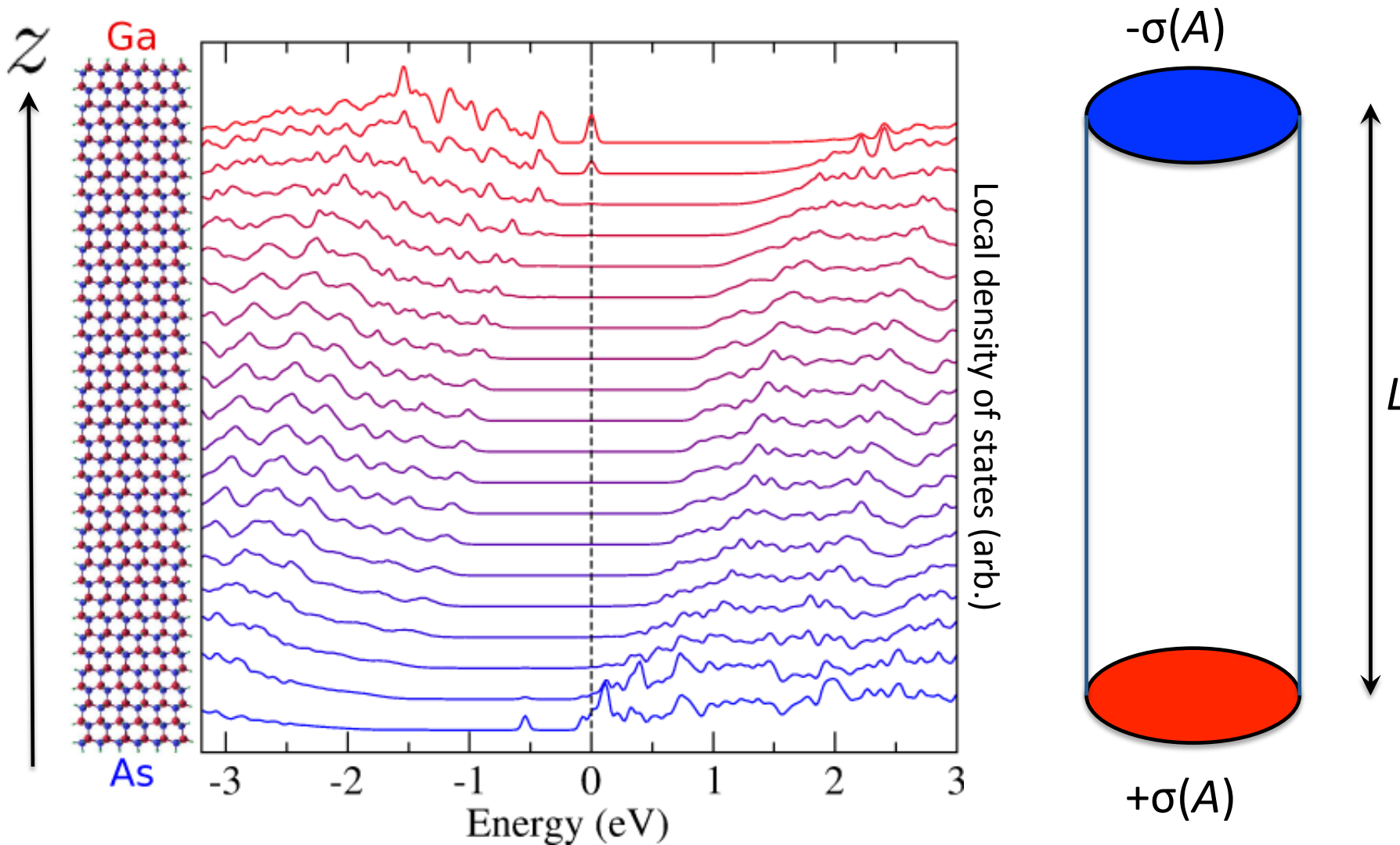
Model polar nanorod

Variety of surface terminations: bare, H, “pseudo-atoms”



Correct treatment of electrostatics: [Hine et al., J. Chem. Phys. 135, 204103 \(2011\)](#)

Fermi level pinning



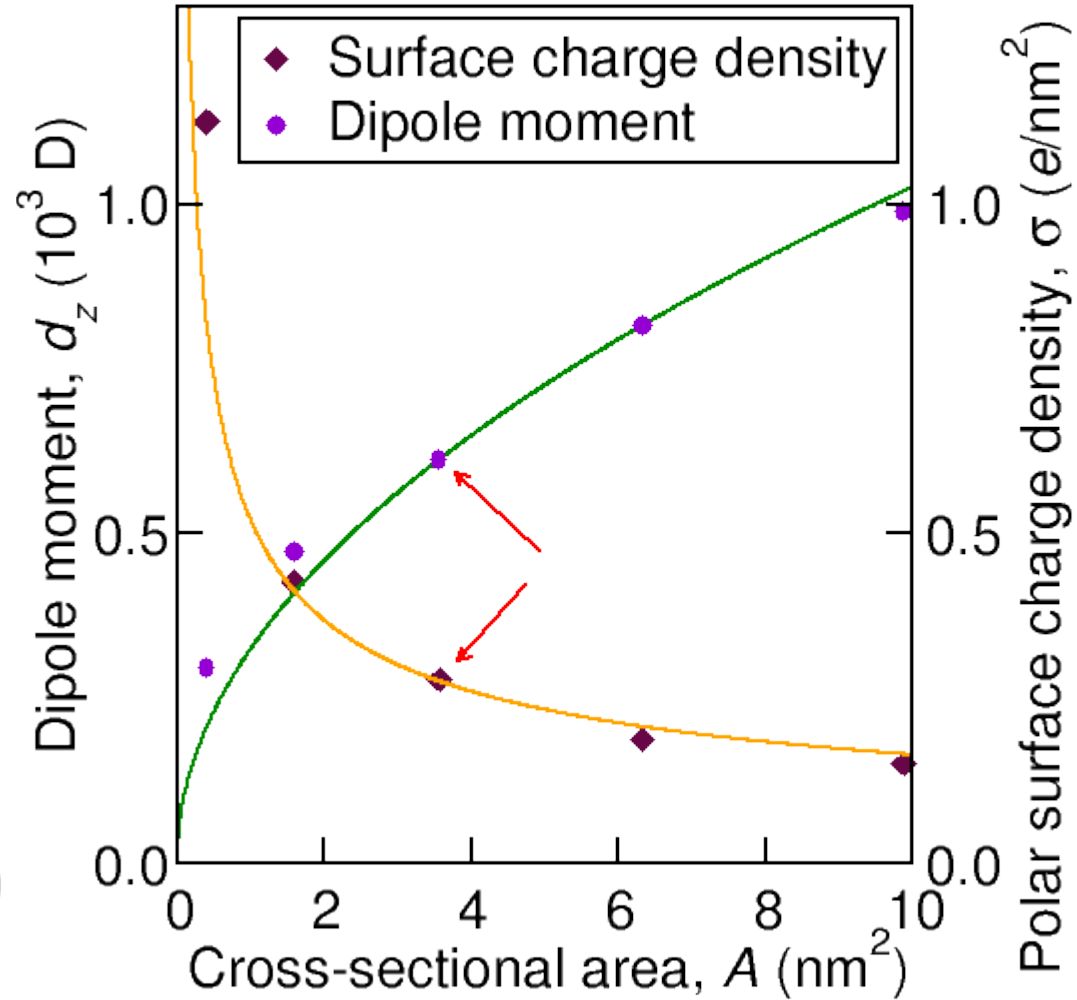
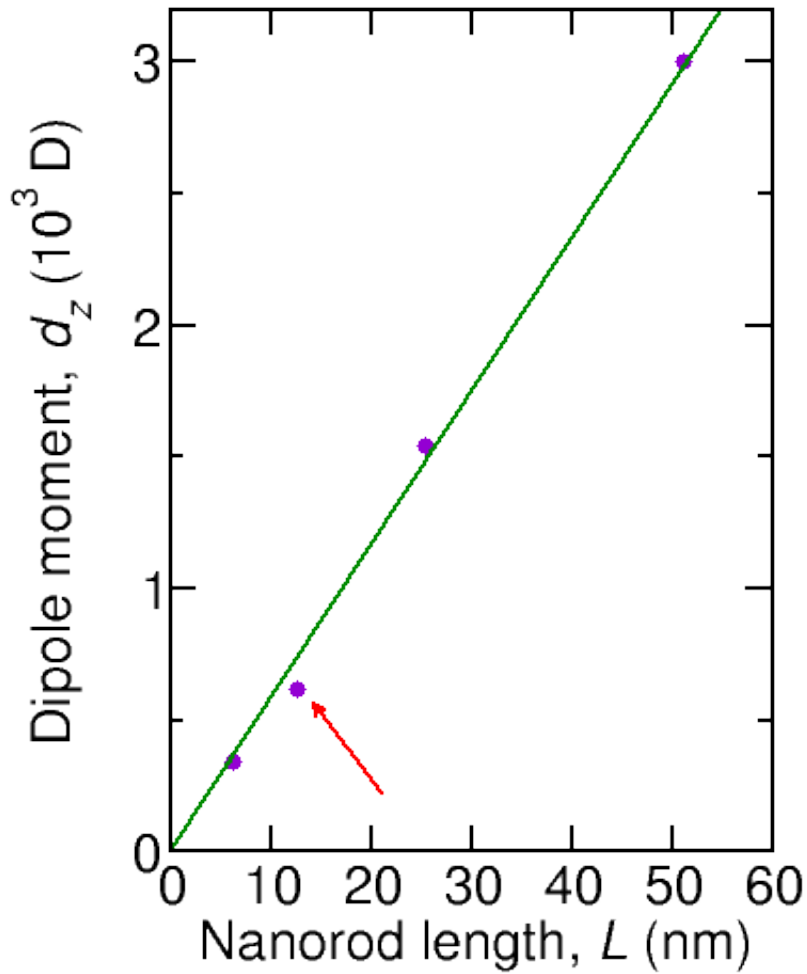
Model predictions

- Fermi level pinning requires (for rod radius a):

$$\sigma \approx \frac{E_g}{4\pi \left(a + L - \sqrt{a^2 + L^2} \right)}$$

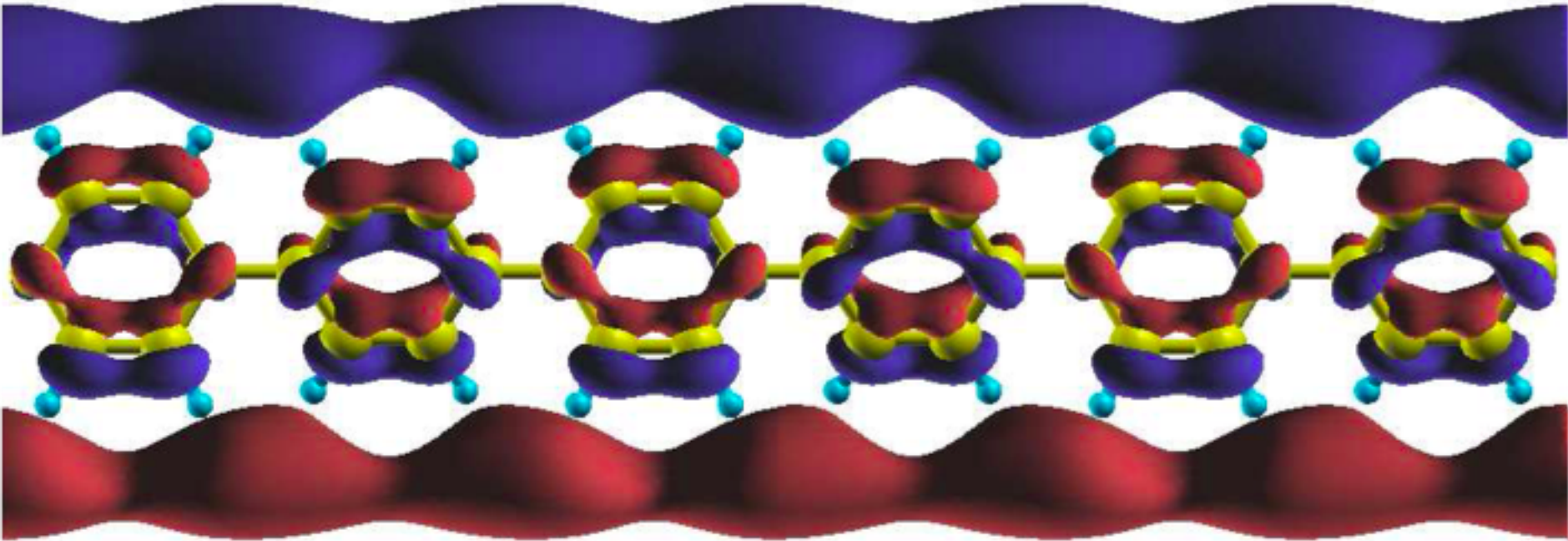
- Predicts dipole moment: $d_z = \sigma AL$
 - $d_z \propto E_g \sqrt{AL}$ (thin rods)
 - $d_z \propto E_g A$ (thick rods)

How good is the model?



2. Theoretical spectroscopy?

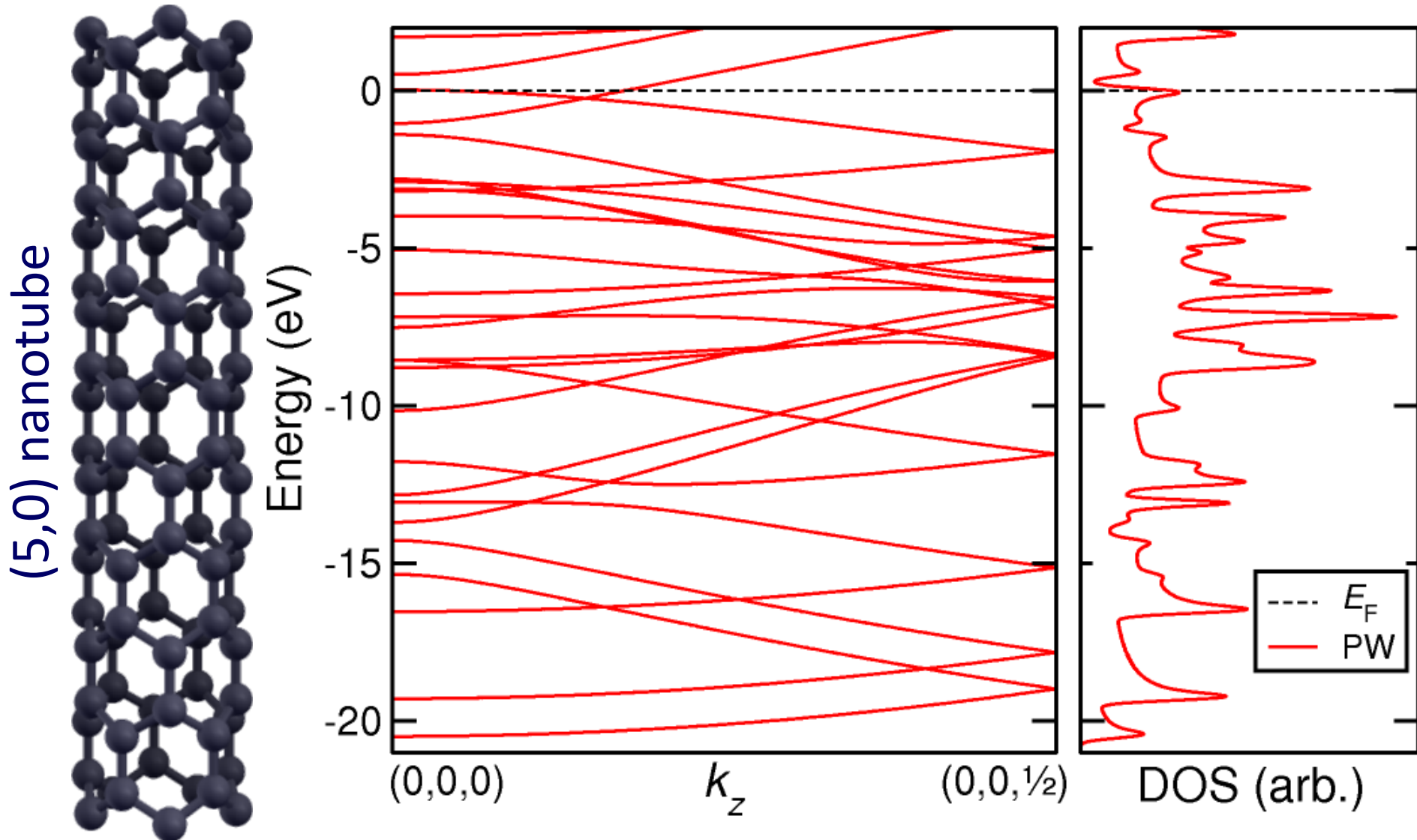
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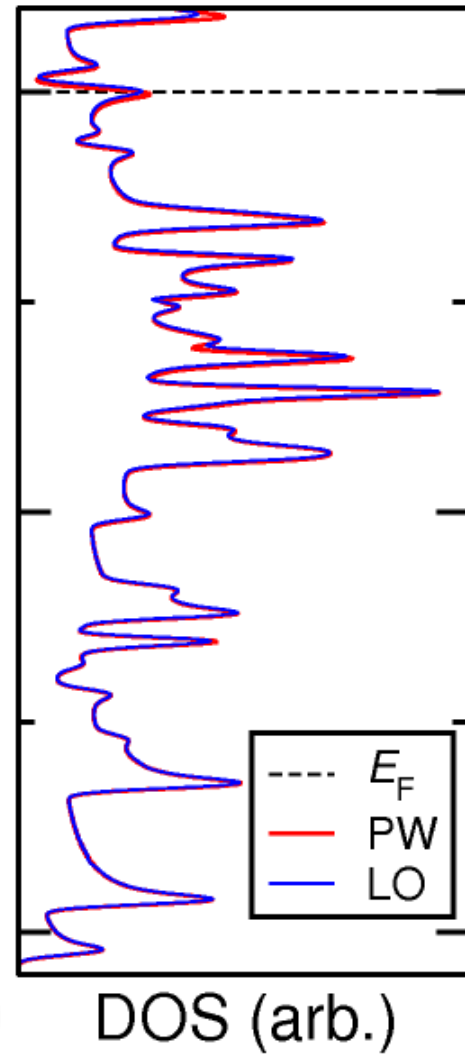
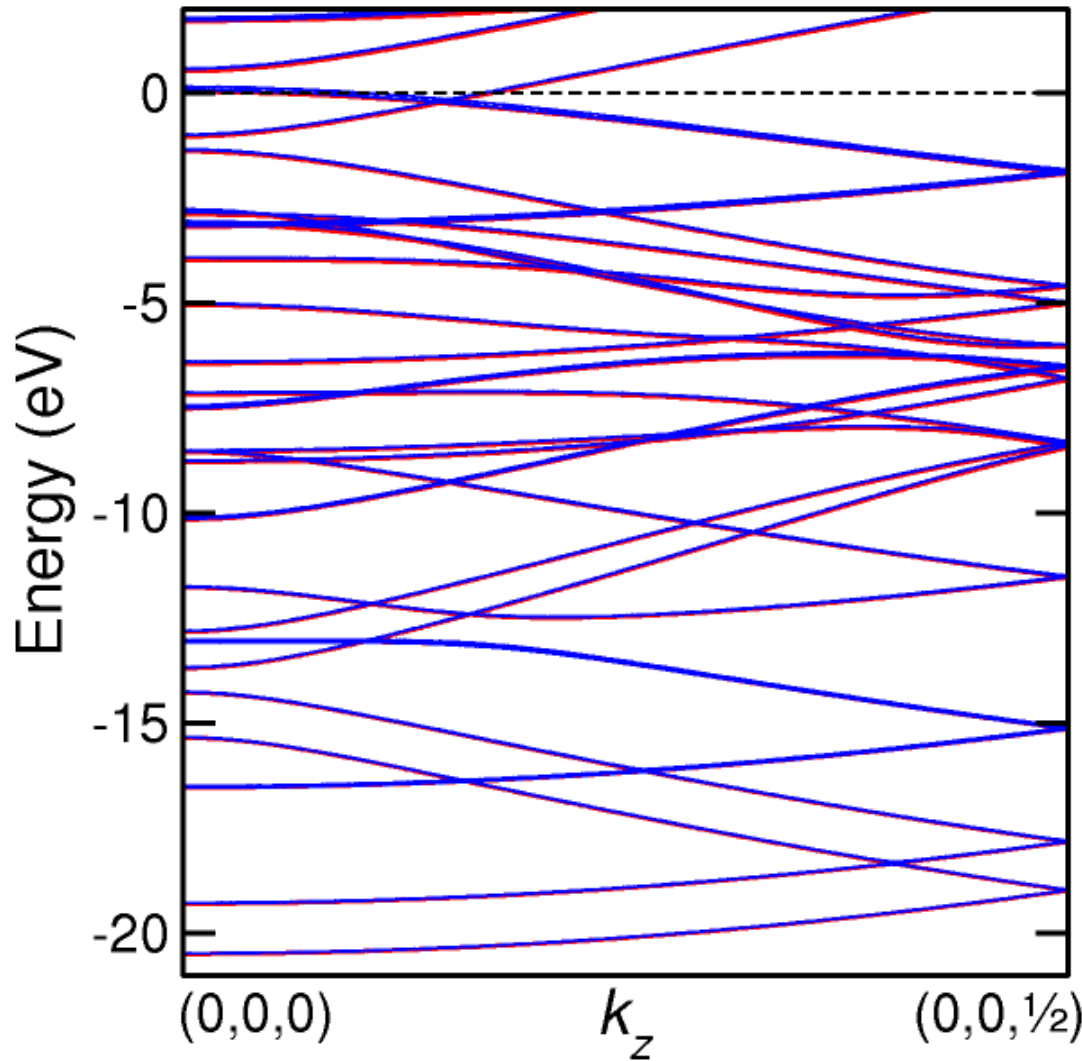
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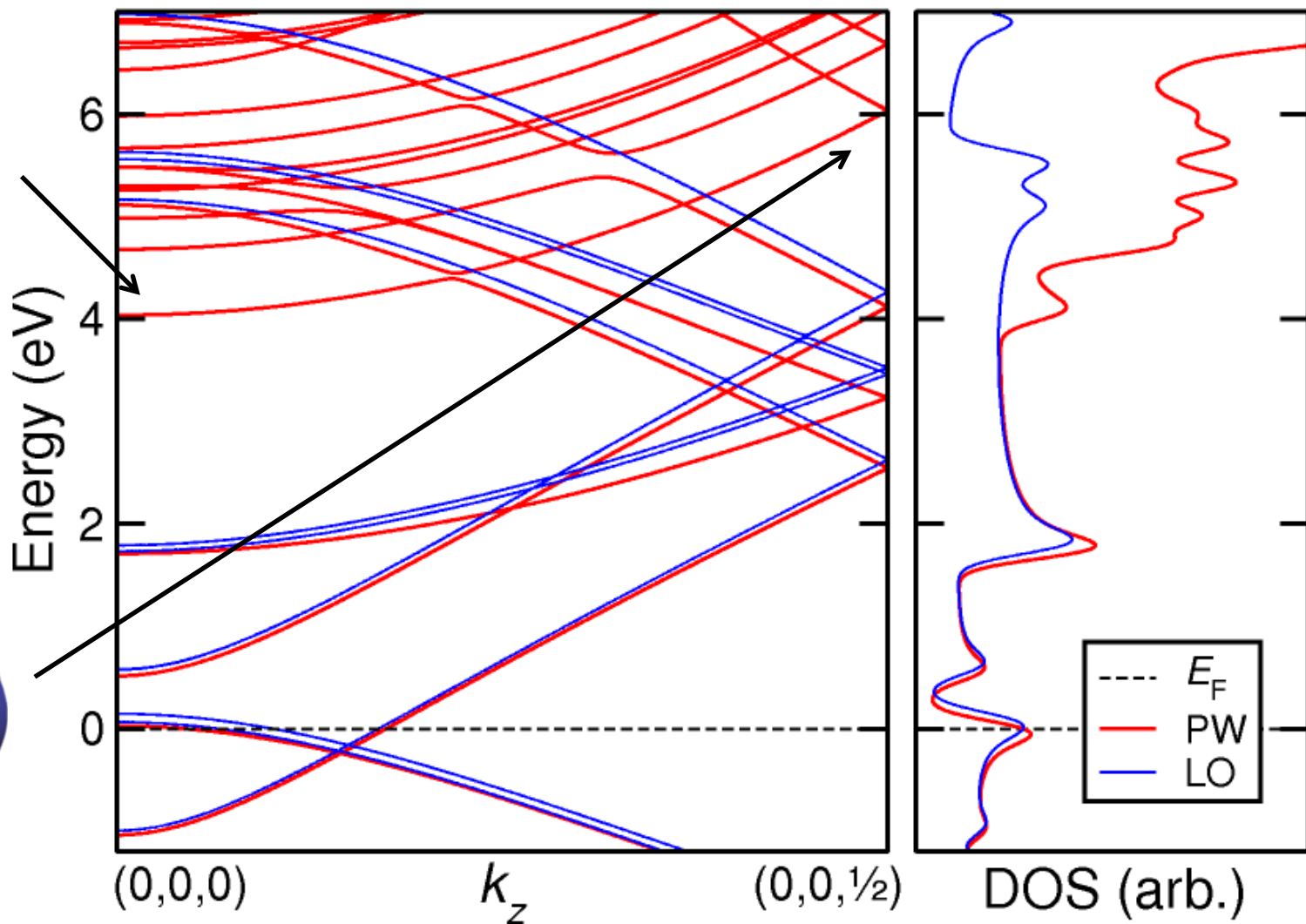
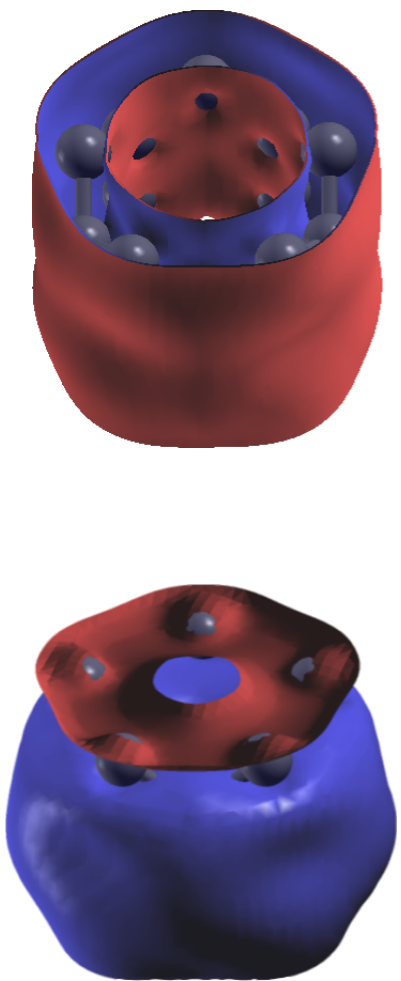
Plane-wave valence band structure



4x 3.7 Å NGWFs / C



Conduction band structure



Calculating unoccupied states

- Ground state DM defines a projection operator:

$$\hat{P} = \sum_{\alpha\beta} |\phi_\alpha\rangle K^{\alpha\beta} \langle\phi_\beta|$$

- Use this to define a projected Hamiltonian:

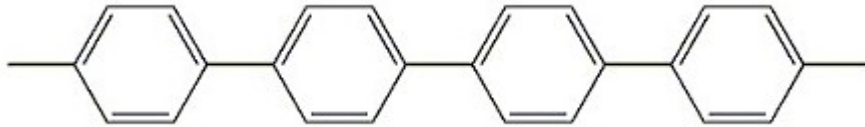
$$\hat{\mathcal{H}} = \left(\hat{H} - \epsilon \hat{1} \right) - \hat{P} \left(\hat{H} - \epsilon \hat{1} \right) \hat{P}$$

- Solve (non-self-consistently) for the new DM:

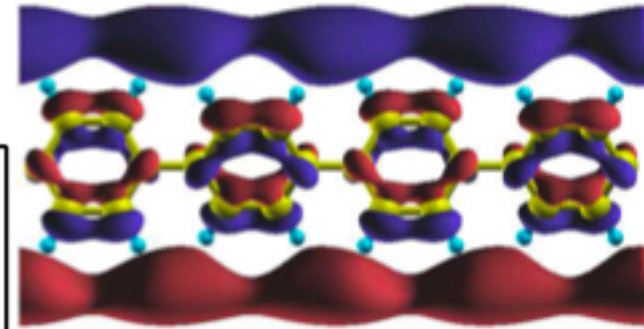
$$\hat{Q} = \sum_{\alpha\beta} |\chi_\alpha\rangle M^{\alpha\beta} \langle\chi_\beta|$$

that minimises $\mathcal{E} = \text{tr} (Q\mathcal{H})$

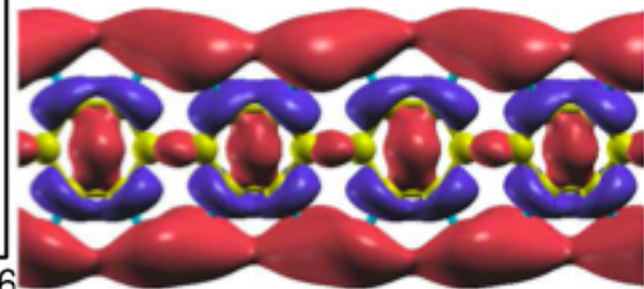
poly(*para*-phenylene) chain



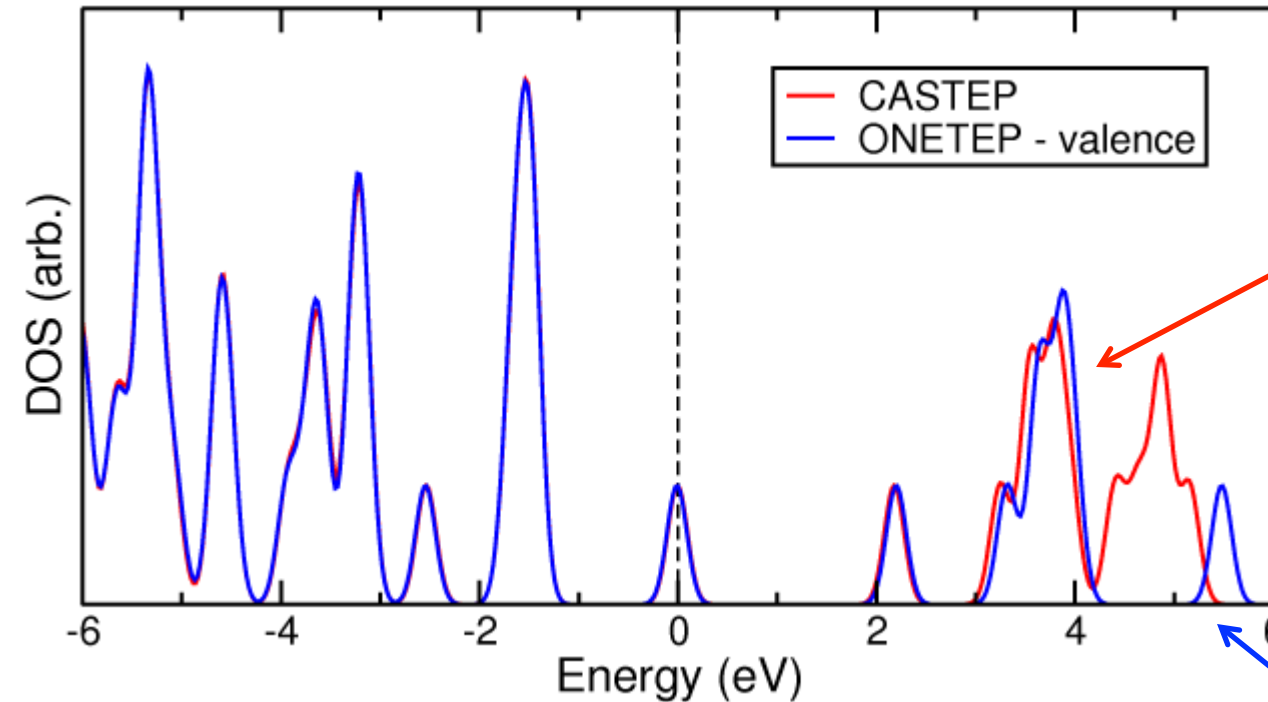
LUMO+8:



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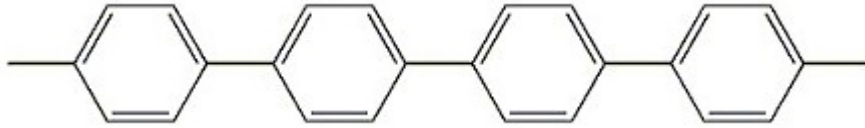


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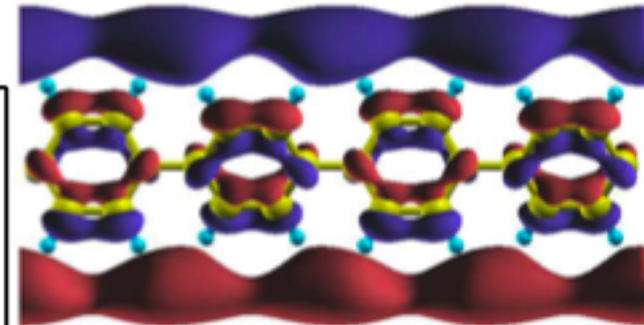
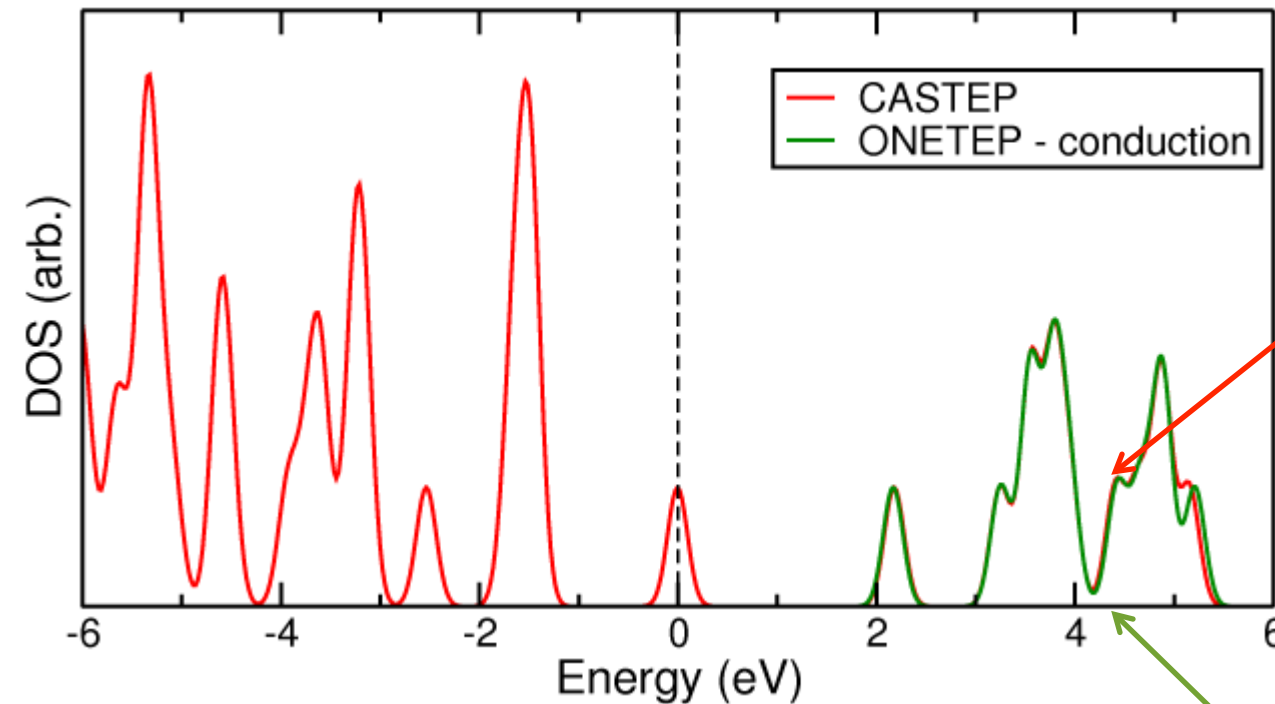


Valence only NGWFs → wrong ordering of conduction states!

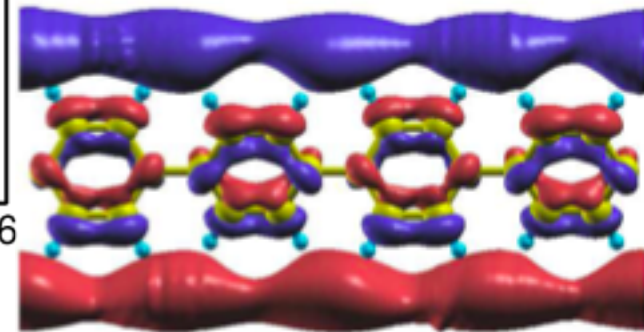
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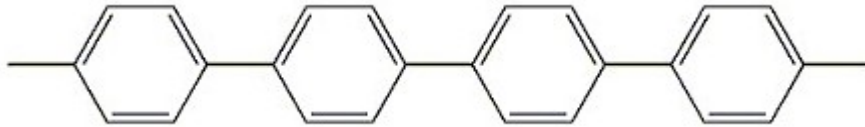


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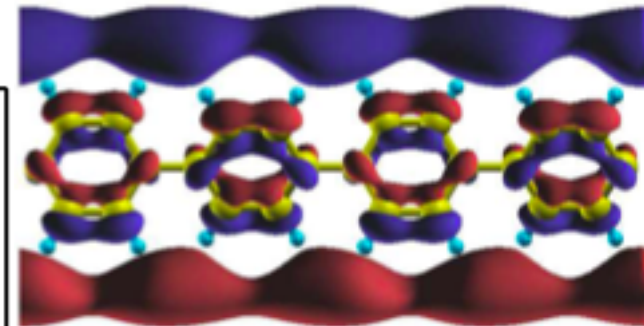


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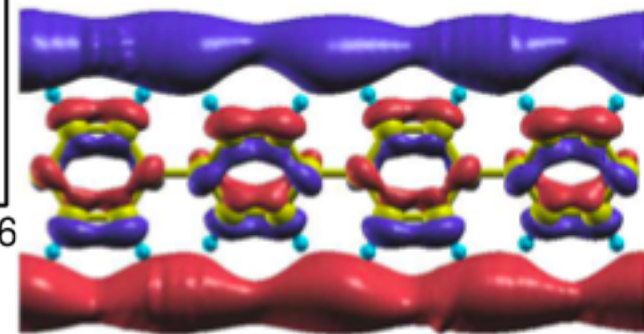
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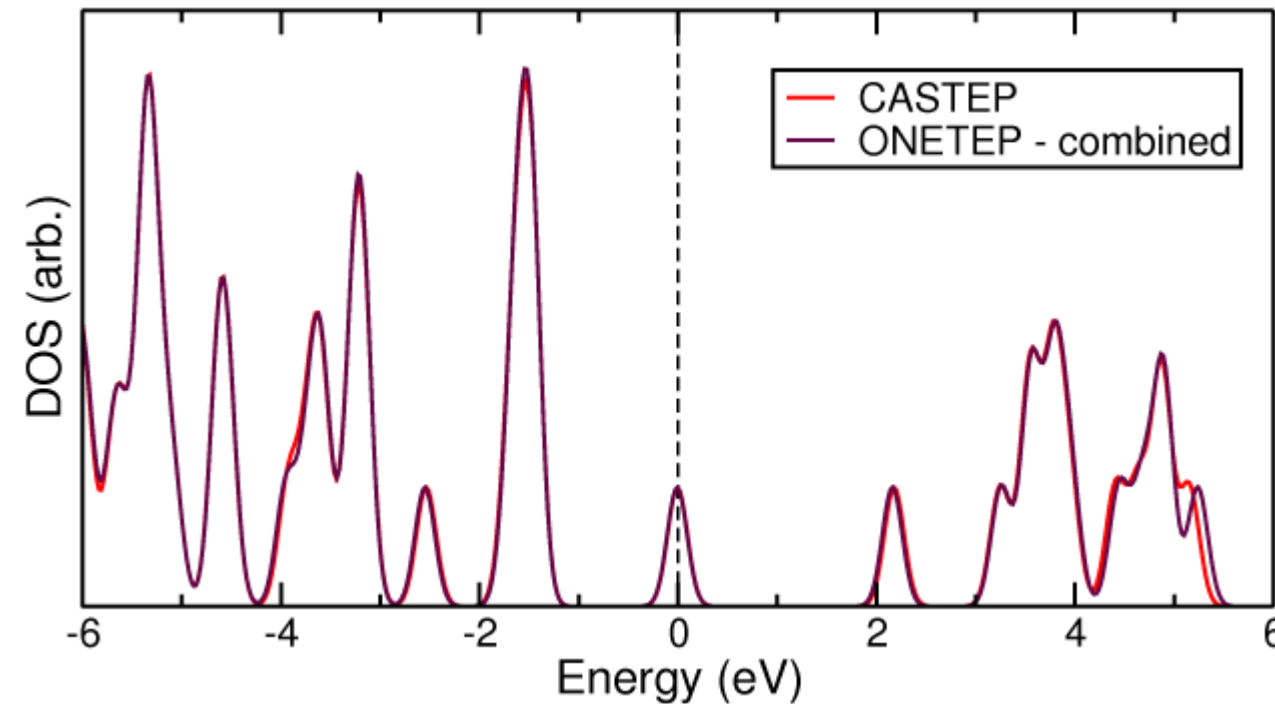
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Time-dependent DFT

- TDDFT in the linear response formalism
- ALDA xc kernel
- Tamm-Dancoff approximation
- $O(N)$ per excitation

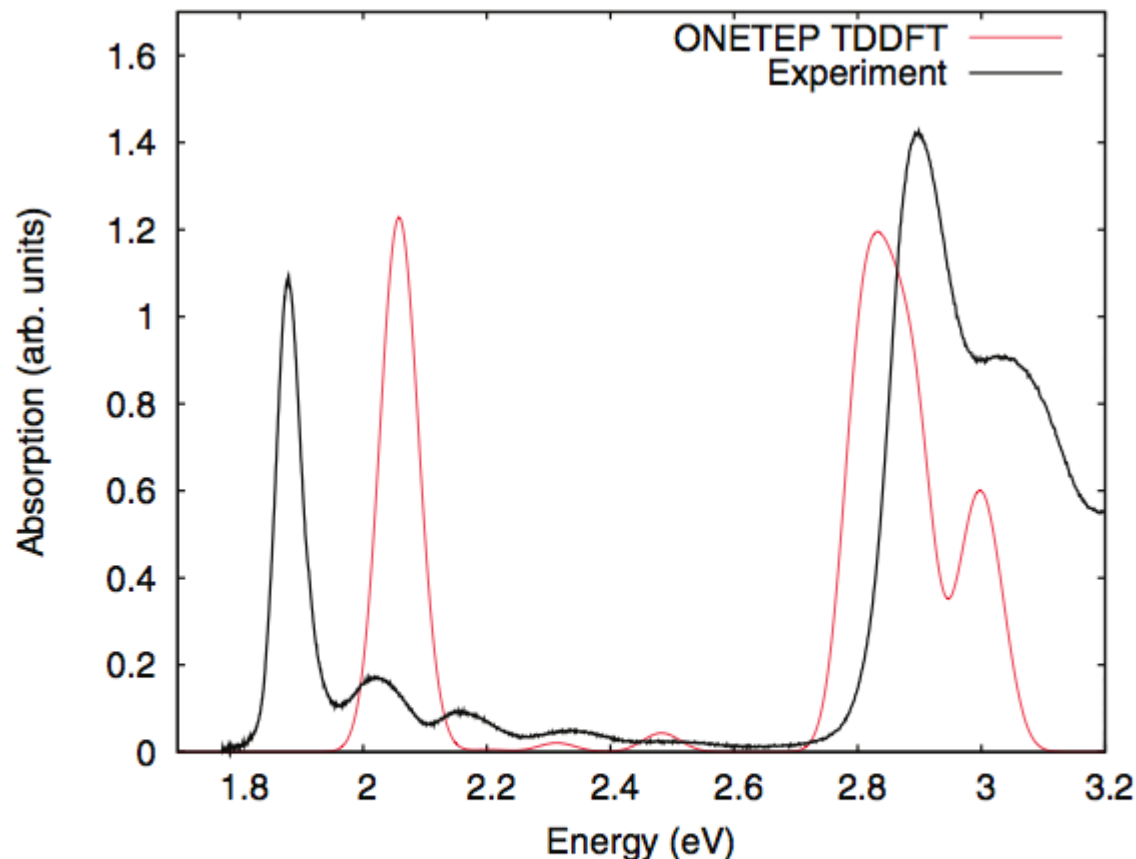
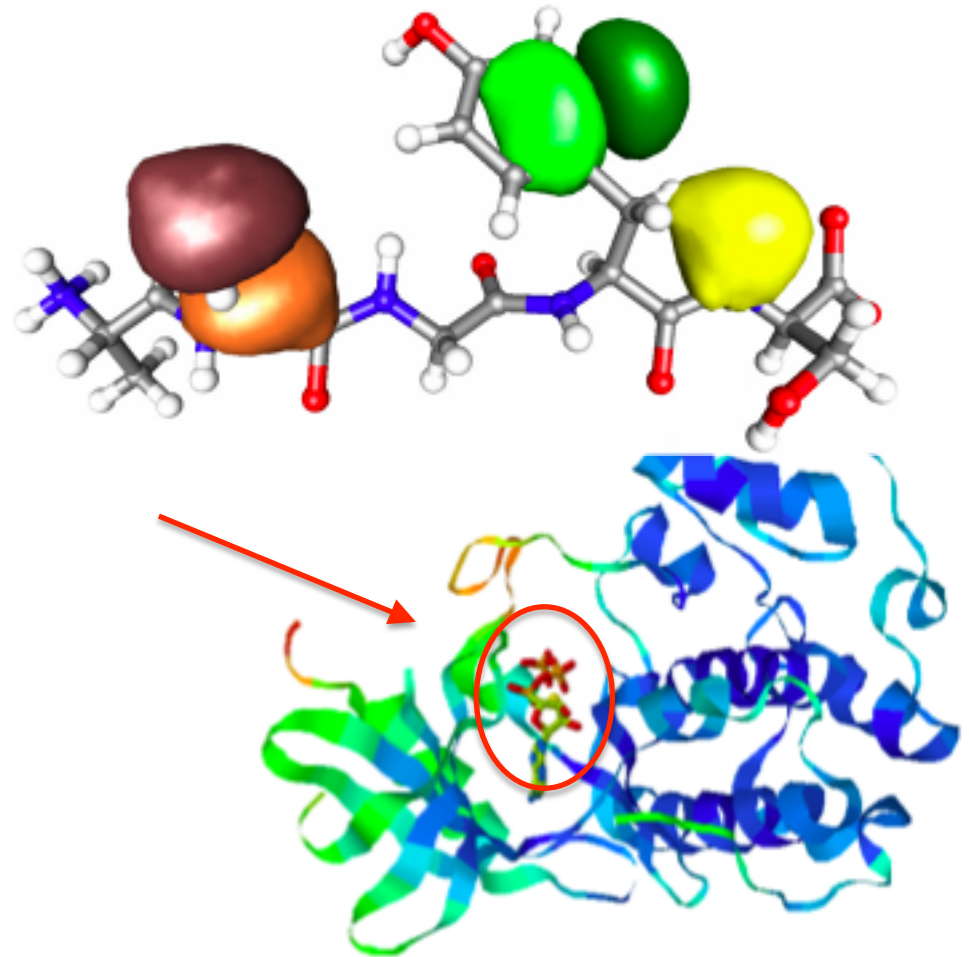


FIG. 4. Absorption spectrum of chlorophyll a generated from the 12 lowest excitation energies compared with the experimental spectrum of chlorophyll a in diethyl ether.⁵² An artificial smearing width of 0.03 eV was used in producing the ONETEP TDDFT results.

3. As one part of a multiscale strategy

- Local orbitals enable more flexible boundary conditions
- Vary accuracy in space
- Easier to embed in a larger simulation



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