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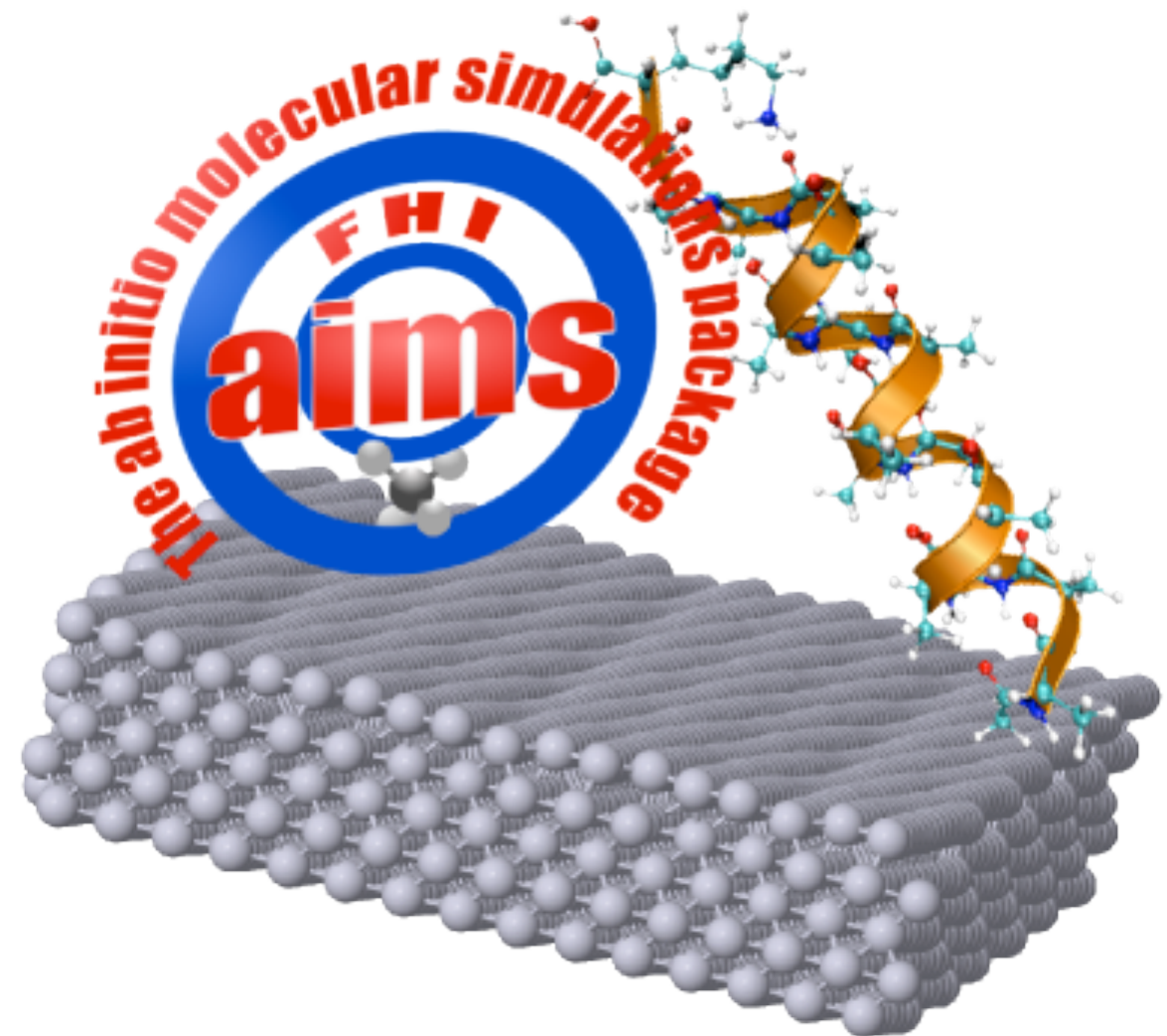
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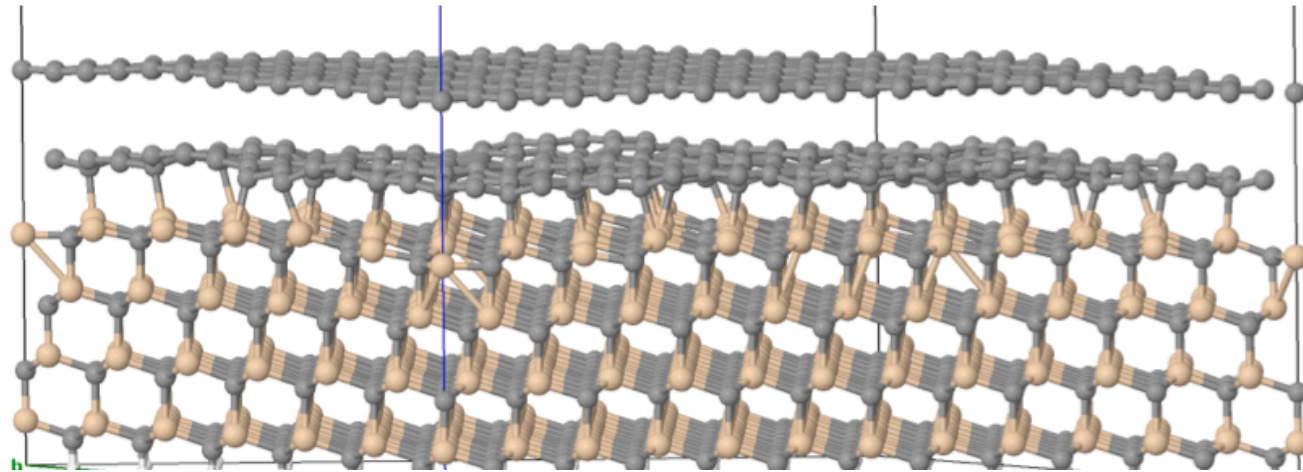
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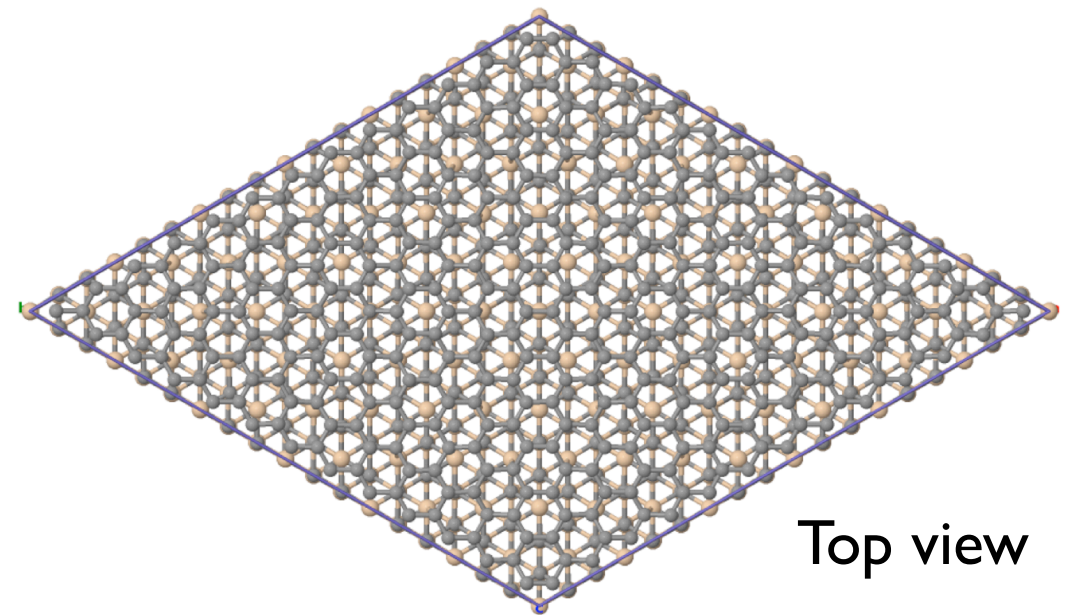
# Is This a “Stable” Surface Phase?\*

## Graphene on SiC(0001)

*van Bommel, Crombeen, van Tooren,  
Surf. Sci. 1975  
many others*



(13x13) graphene on  
SiC(0001)-(6√3×6√3)R30°



338 atoms per C plane  
216 atoms per SiC plane  
Surface energy?  
Electronic structure?  
...

\* under some conditions ...

# Scope of this Talk

$$\left[ -\frac{\nabla^2}{2} + v_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}) + v_{\text{es}}(\mathbf{r}) + v_{\text{xc}}(\mathbf{r}) \right] \psi_k(\mathbf{r}) = \epsilon_k \psi_k(\mathbf{r})$$

*Kohn-Sham Equations, 1965*

## General concepts:

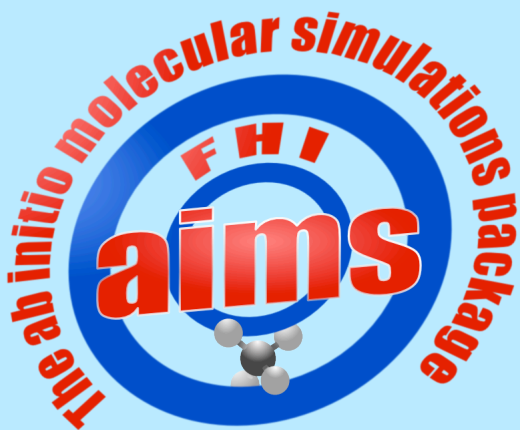
- Basis sets
- Integrals and grids; electrostatics; molecules vs. periodic solids
- Scalar relativity
- Eigenvalue solution, scalability (large systems, large computers)

Similar pieces for Hartree-Fock & hybrids, many-body methods etc. → S. Levchenko, Fri 09:00 h

## Our implementation: FHI-aims

*The Fritz Haber Institute ab initio molecular simulations package*

- main example for this talk (others in the next 9 days)
- used for tutorials in the next 9 days





# 2004 - Wishlist for a New Electronic Structure Code

Cover the entirety of materials / chemistry:

Group →	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
↓ Period																				
1	1 H																	2 He		
2	3 Li	4 Be											5 B	6 C	7 N	8 O	9 F	10 Ne		
3	11 Na	12 Mg											13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar		
4	19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr		
5	37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe		
6	55 Cs	56 Ba		72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 Tl	82 Pb	83 Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn		
7	87 Fr	88 Ra		104 Rf	105 Db	106 Sg	107 Bh	108 Hs	109 Mt	110 Ds	111 Rg	112 Cn	113 Uut	114 Fl	115 Uup	116 Lv	117 Uus	118 Uuo		
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				Actinides																
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“Materials and molecules” - periodic ( $k$ -space) and non-periodic

Hierarchy of methods: Density-Functional Theory to high level benchmarks

All-electron

Scalable (system size, number of CPUs)

Efficient (1,000s of atoms), but do not sacrifice accuracy!

# The Kohn-Sham Equations (again)

$$\left[ -\frac{\nabla^2}{2} + v_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}) + v_{\text{es}}(\mathbf{r}) + v_{\text{xc}}(\mathbf{r}) \right] \psi_k(\mathbf{r}) = \epsilon_k \psi_k(\mathbf{r})$$

“As (almost) everyone does”:

1. Pick *basis set*  $\{|\varphi_i\rangle\}$ :

$$\psi_k(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_i c_{ki} \varphi_i(\mathbf{r})$$

→ generalized eigenvalue problem:

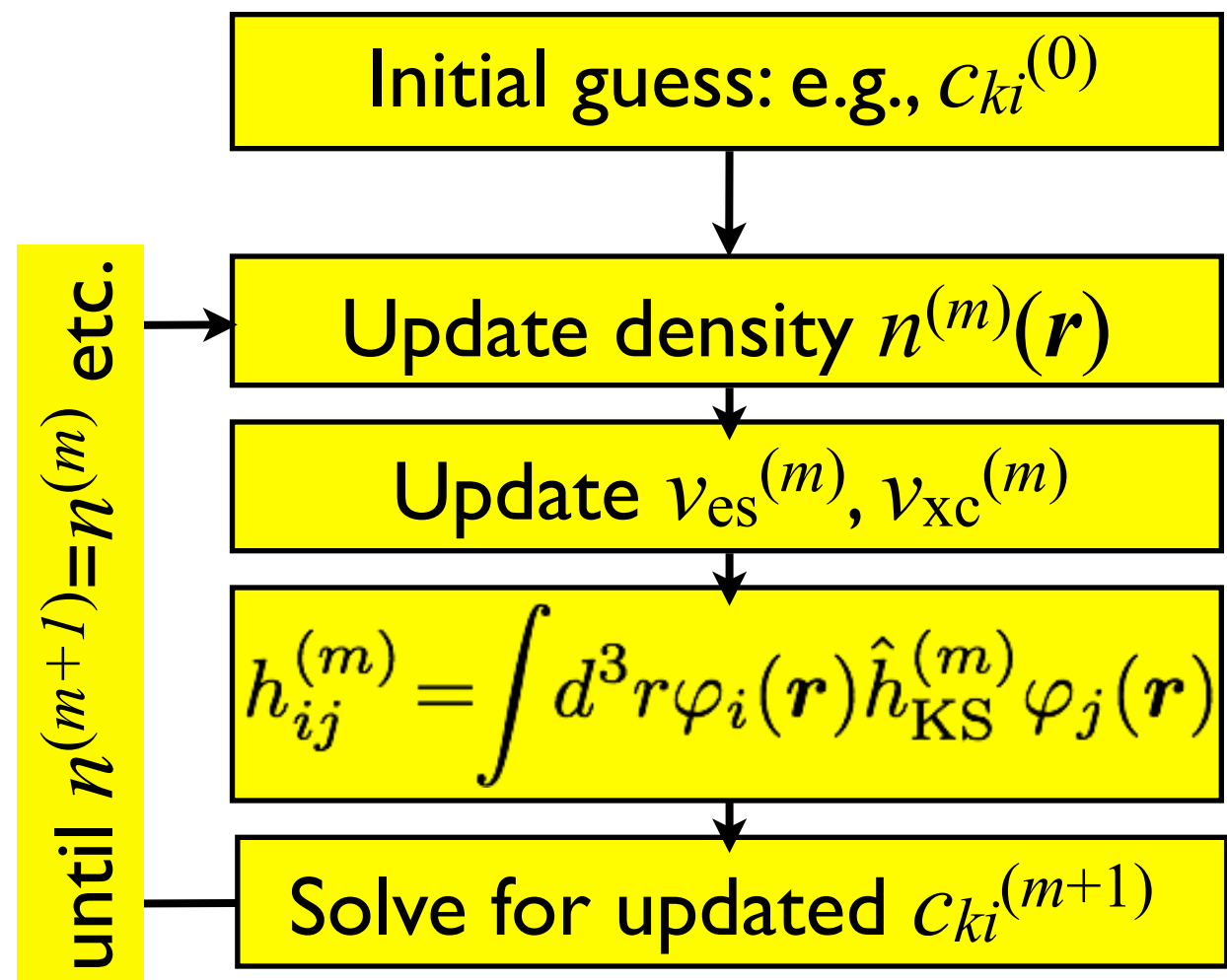
$$\underline{\underline{h}} \underline{\underline{c}}_k = \epsilon_k \underline{\underline{s}} \underline{\underline{c}}_k$$

$$h_{ij} = \langle \varphi_i | \hat{h}_{\text{KS}} | \varphi_j \rangle$$

$$s_{ij} = \langle \varphi_i | \varphi_j \rangle$$

2. Self-consistency:

O. Hofmann  
Wed 11:30h





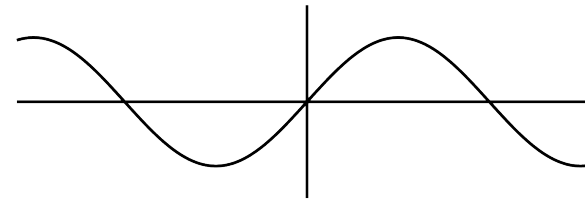
# Representing the Orbitals: Basis Sets

$$\psi_k(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_i c_{ki} \varphi_i(\mathbf{r})$$

... impacts all further algorithms  
(efficiency, accuracy)

Many good options:

- Plane waves  $\varphi_{\underline{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{N} e^{i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{r}}$



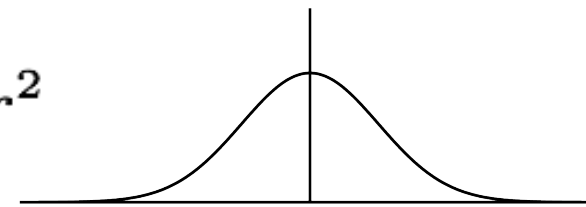
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Thu 10:00h

- efficient FFT's (density, electrostatics, XC-LDA/GGA)
- inherently periodic
- not all-electron (*Slater 1937*) - need “pseudoization”

- *Augmented plane waves (Slater 1937; Andersen 1975; etc.)*

C. Draxl  
Thu 11:30h

- Gaussian-type orbitals  $\varphi_i(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{N} r^l e^{-\alpha r^2}$



F. Neese  
Fri 10:00h

- Many others: (L)MTO, “real-space”, numeric atom-centered functions, ...

# Our Choice: Numeric Atom-Centered Basis Functions

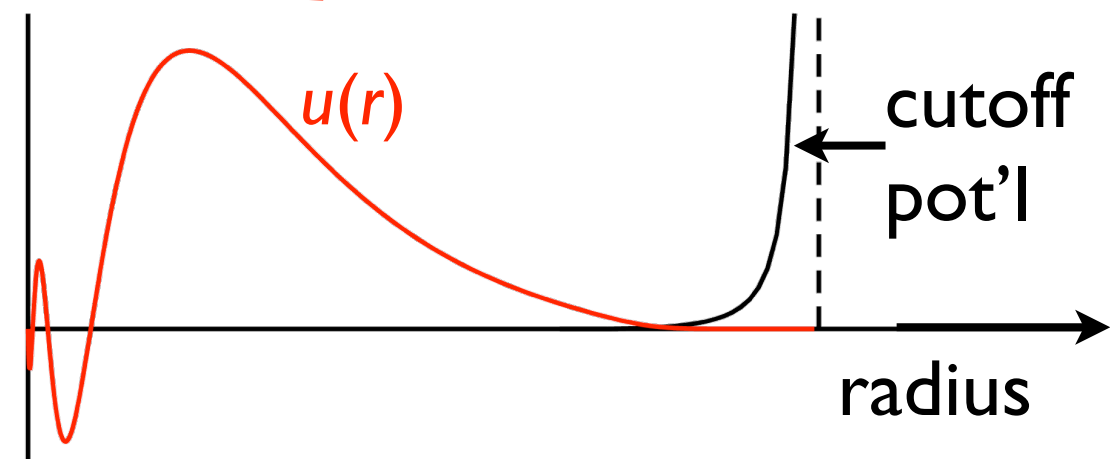
$$\varphi_{i[lm]}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{u_i(r)}{r} \cdot Y_{lm}(\Omega)$$

Many popular implementations:  
DMol<sup>3</sup> (Delley), FPLO (Eschrig *et al.*), PLATO (Horsfield *et al.*),  
PAOs (Siesta, Conquest, OpenMX<sup>2</sup>,  
Fireball, ...)

- $u_i(r)$ : Flexible choice - “Anything you like.”

$$\left[ -\frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} + v_i(r) + v_{\text{cut}}(r) \right] u_i(r) = \epsilon_i u_i(r)$$

- free-atom like:  $v_i(r) = v_{\text{free atom}}^{\text{DFT}}(r)$
- Hydrogen-like:  $v_i(r) = z/r$
- free ions, harm. osc. (Gaussians), ...





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- $u_i(r)$ : Flexible choice - “Anything you like.”
  - Localized; “naturally” all-electron
  - The choice of efficient and of enough radial functions is obviously important
  - We have a basis set library for all elements (1-102), from fast qualitative to meV-converged (total energy, LDA/GGA) calculations - efficient and accurate approach

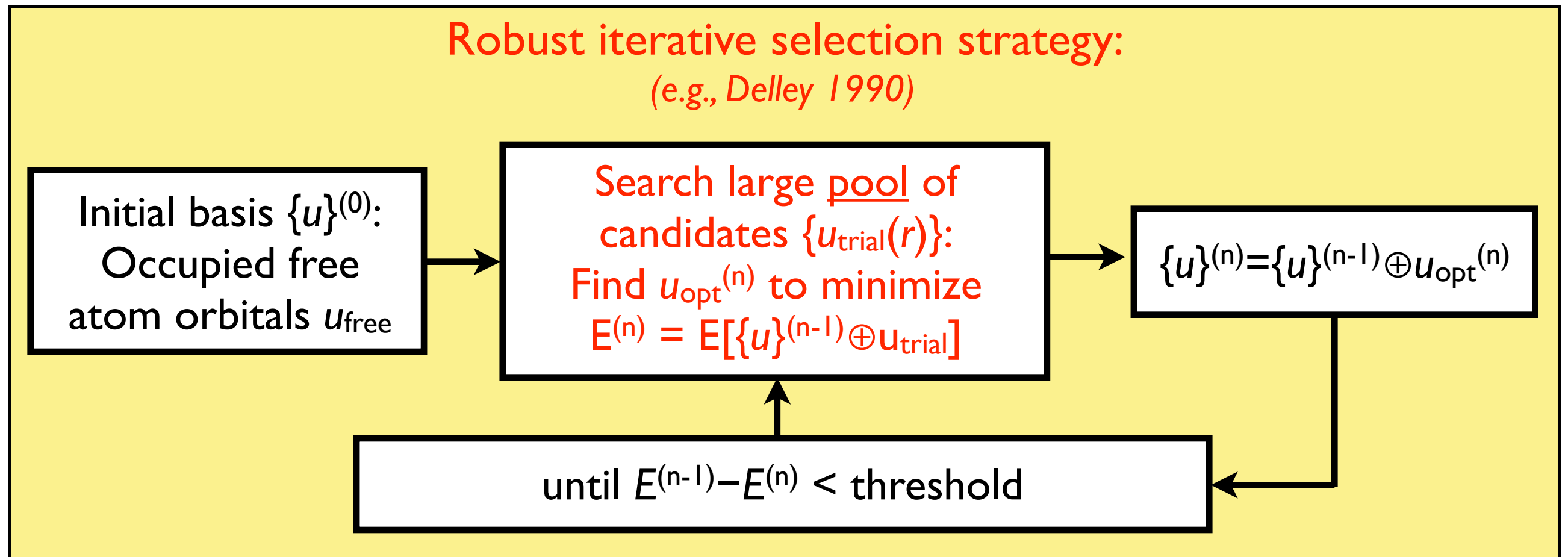
V. Blum, R. Gehrke, F. Hanke, P. Havu, V. Havu, X. Ren, K. Reuter and M. Scheffler,  
“Ab Initio Molecular Simulations with Numeric Atom-Centered Orbitals”,  
*Computer Physics Communications* **180**, 2175-2196 (2009)

# Constructing a Basis Set Library for DFT

Goal: Element-dependent, *transferable* basis sets  
from fast qualitative to meV-converged total energy accuracy (ground-state DFT)

Can't we have the computer pick  
good basis sets for us?

Robust iterative selection strategy:  
(e.g., Delley 1990)





# Iterative Selection of NAO Basis Functions

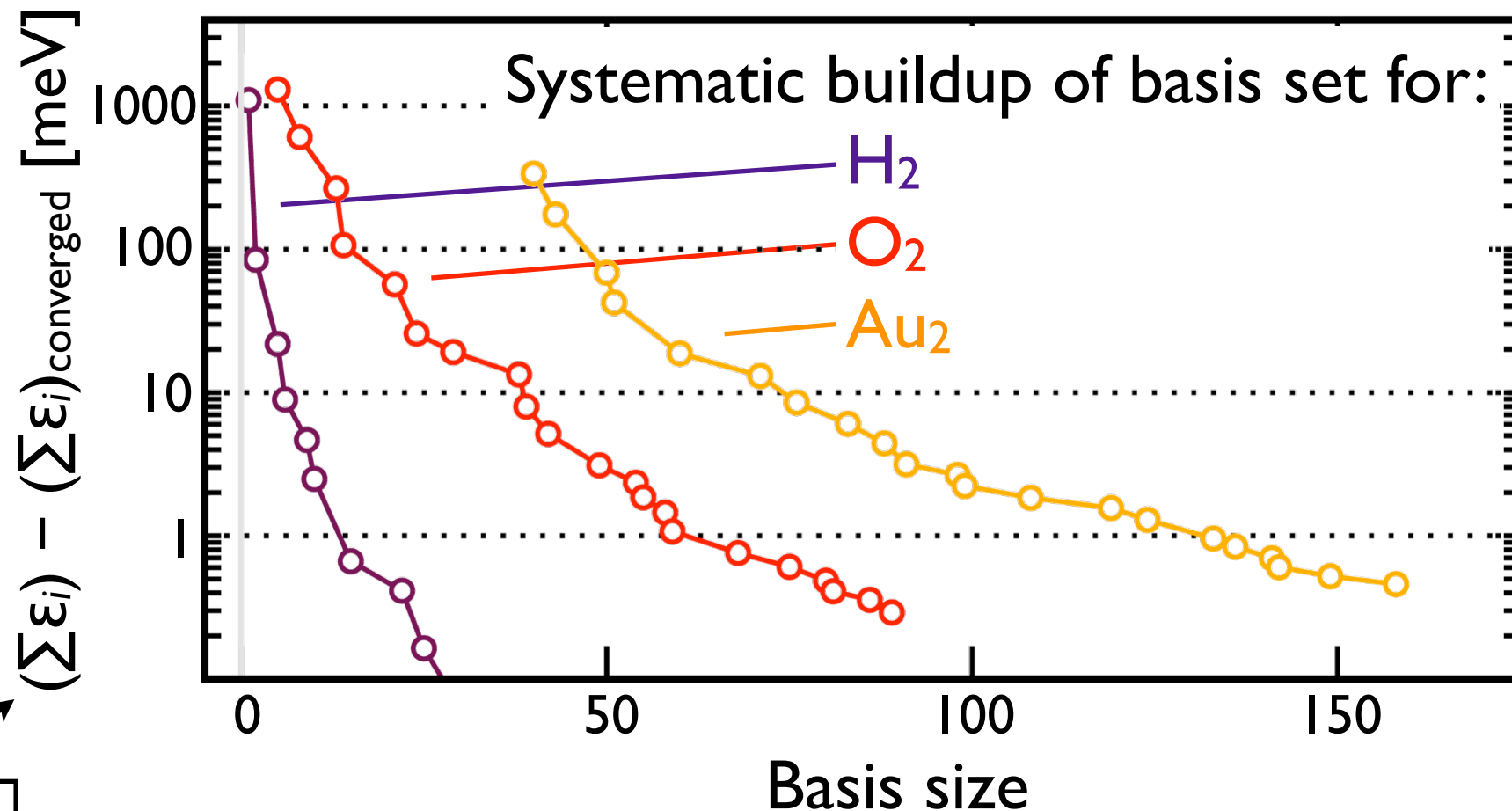
“Pool” of trial basis functions:

2+ ionic  $u(r)$   
Hydrogen-like  $u(r)$  for  $z=0.1-20$

Optimization target:

Non-selfconsistent symmetric  
dimers, averaged for different  $d$

Pick basis functions one by one, up to complete *total energy* convergence



Remaining  
basis set error

# Result: Hierarchical Basis Set Library for All Elements

	H	C	O	Au
minimal	$1s$	$[\text{He}] + 2s2p$	$[\text{He}] + 2s2p$	$[\text{Xe}] + 6s5d4f$
Tier 1	$\text{H}(2s, 2.1)$	$\text{H}(2p, 1.7)$	$\text{H}(2p, 1.8)$	$\text{Au}^{2+}(6p)$
	$\text{H}(2p, 3.5)$	$\text{H}(3d, 6.0)$	$\text{H}(3d, 7.6)$	$\text{H}(4f, 7.4)$
		$\text{H}(2s, 4.9)$	$\text{H}(3s, 6.4)$	$\text{Au}^{2+}(6s)$
				$\text{H}(5g, 10)$
				$\text{H}(6h, 12.8)$
				$\text{H}(3d, 2.5)$
Tier 2	$\text{H}(1s, 0.85)$	$\text{H}(4f, 9.8)$	$\text{H}(4f, 11.6)$	$\text{H}(5f, 14.8)$
	$\text{H}(2p, 3.7)$	$\text{H}(3p, 5.2)$	$\text{H}(3p, 6.2)$	$\text{H}(4d, 3.9)$
	$\text{H}(2s, 1.2)$	$\text{H}(3s, 4.3)$	$\text{H}(3d, 5.6)$	$\text{H}(3p, 3.3)$
	$\text{H}(3d, 7.0)$	$\text{H}(5g, 14.4)$	$\text{H}(5g, 17.6)$	$\text{H}(1s, 0.45)$
		$\text{H}(3d, 6.2)$	$\text{H}(1s, 0.75)$	$\text{H}(5g, 16.4)$
				$\text{H}(6h, 13.6)$
Tier 3	$\text{H}(4f, 11.2)$	$\text{H}(2p, 5.6)$	$\text{O}^{2+}(2p)$	$\text{H}(4f, 5.2)^*$
	$\text{H}(3p, 4.8)$	$\text{H}(2s, 1.4)$	$\text{H}(4f, 10.8)$	$\text{H}(4d, 5.0)$
	...	...	...	...

Systematic hierarchy of basis (sub)sets, iterative *automated* construction based on *dimers*

“First tier (level)”

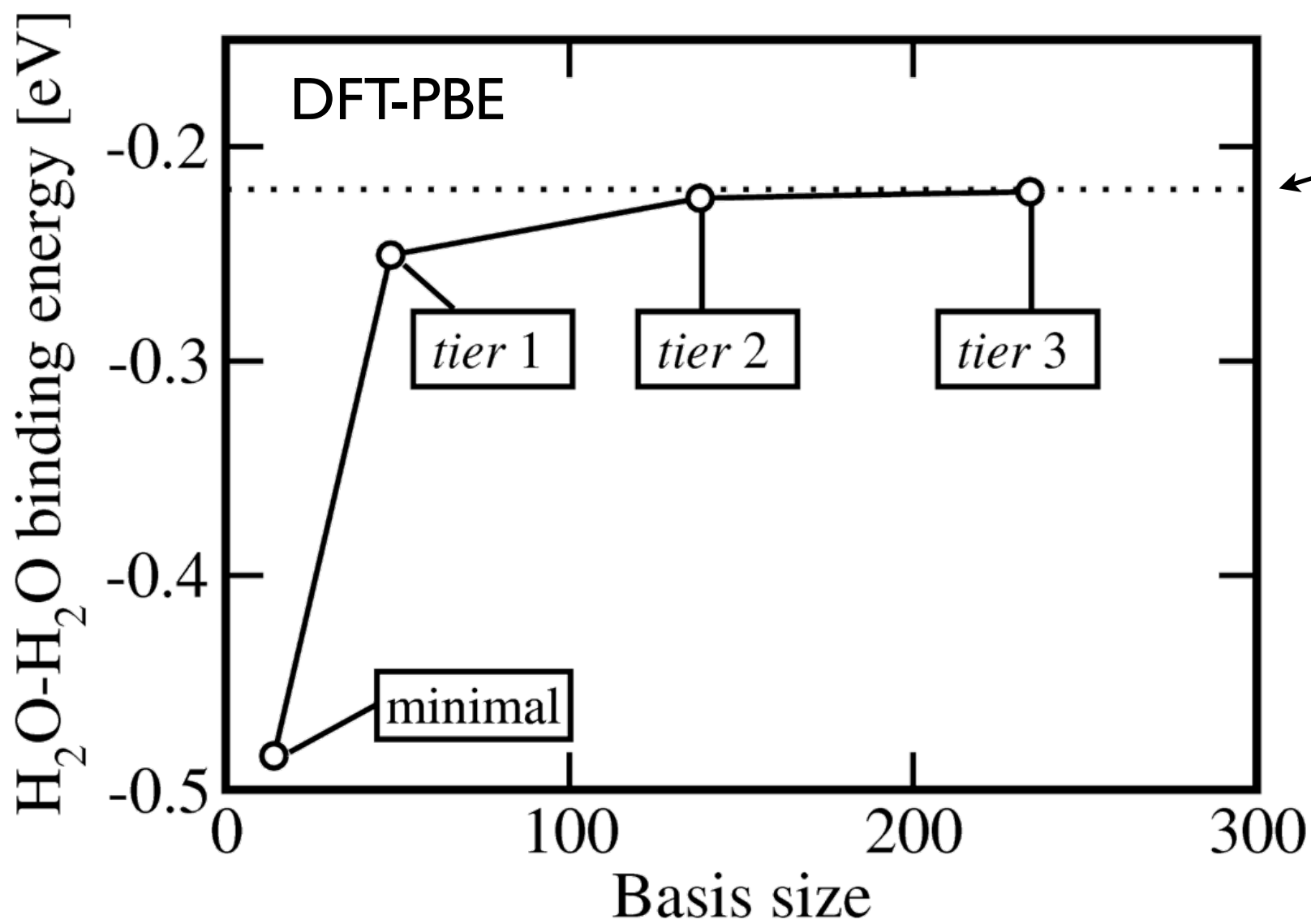
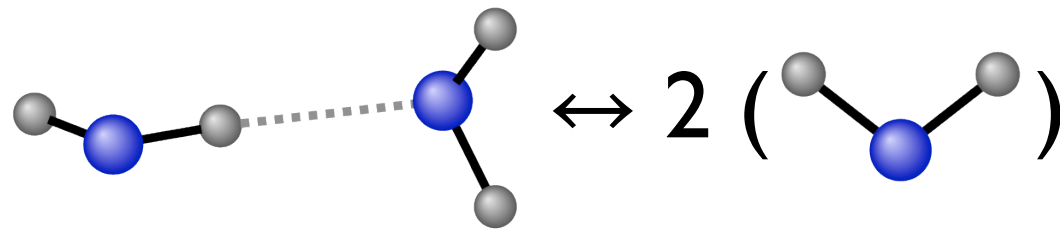
“Second tier”

“Third tier”

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# Accuracy: (H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub> Hydrogen Bond Energy



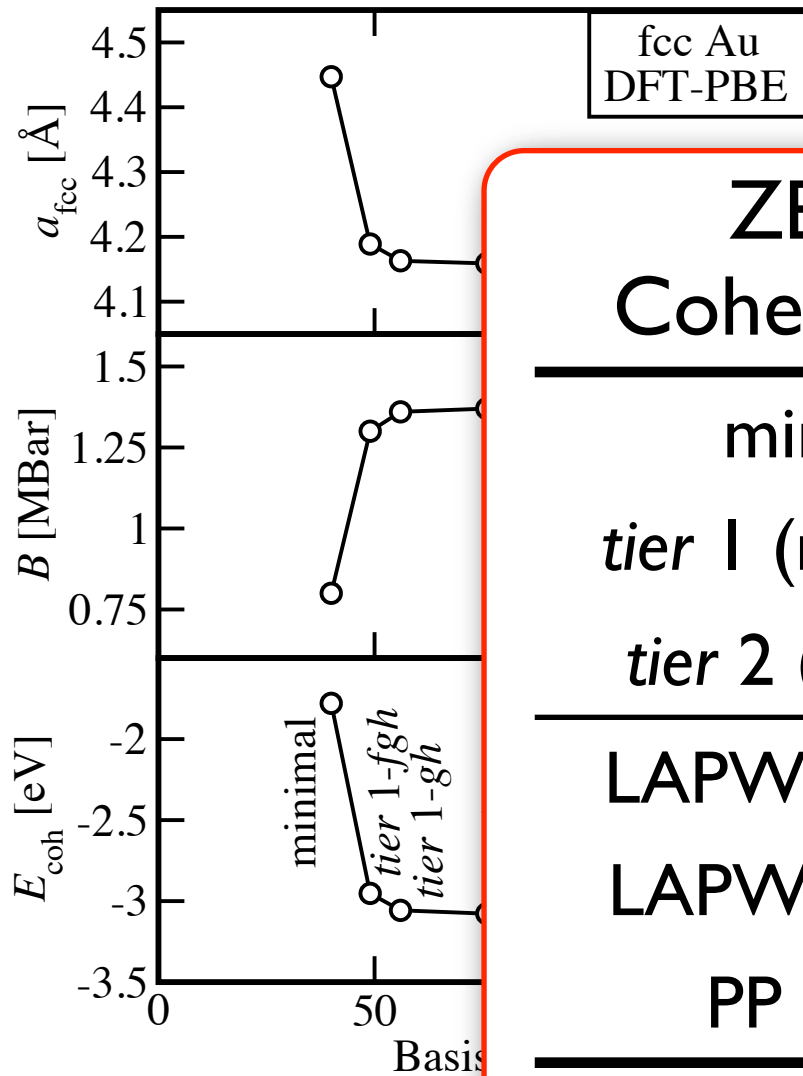
Basis set limit (independent):  
 $E_{\text{Hb}} = -219.8 \text{ meV}$

**Basis sets: Radial fn. character**

	H	C,N,O
minimal	1s	[He]+2s2p
tier 1	s,p	s,p,d
tier 2	s,p,s,d	s,p,d,f,g
tier 3	s,p,d,f	s,p,d,f

# Transferability: Generally Not a Problem for DFT

## Bulk Au: Cohesive properties



## ZB GaAs, LDA: Cohesive energy [eV]

min+spd  
7.99  
tier 1 (min+spdf)  
tier 2 (+spdfgh)

LAPW 2009 (A  
LAPW 2009 (B  
PP 1998<sup>1)</sup>)

<sup>1)</sup> Fuchs, Bockstedte, Pe  
PRB 1998

## 5d(100) surfaces: (1×1)→(1×5) reconstruction energy [meV/1×1]

	Pt(100)	Au(100)
min+spdf	-65	-21
tier 1	-80	-30
tier 2	-83	-31
FP-LAPW	-89	-24

...

# Excursion: “Basis Set Superposition Errors”?

## Traditional quantum chemistry: “Basis set superposition errors”

$$\text{e.g.: Binding energy } E_b = E(\text{●—●}) - 2E(\text{●})$$



Problem:

●—● has larger basis set than ●.  
→ Distance-dependent overbinding!

Remedy: “Counterpoise correction”

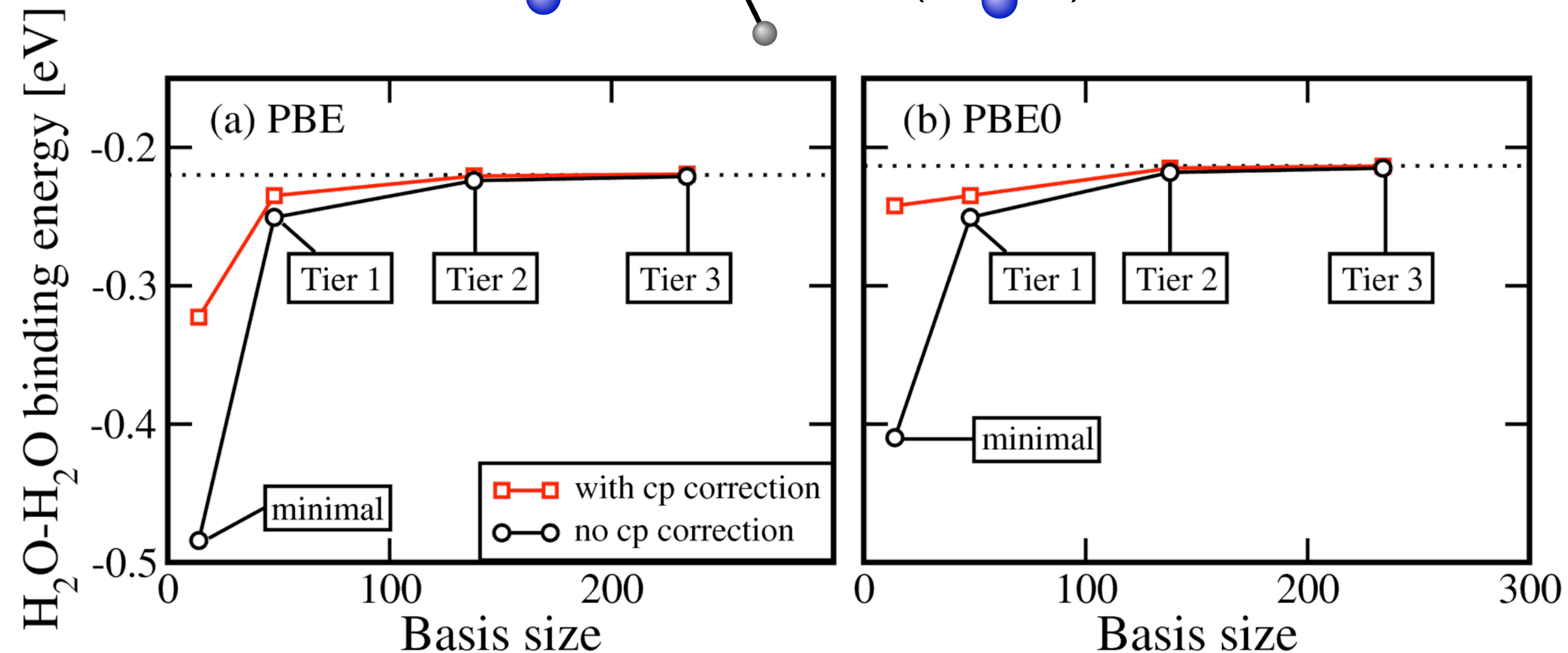
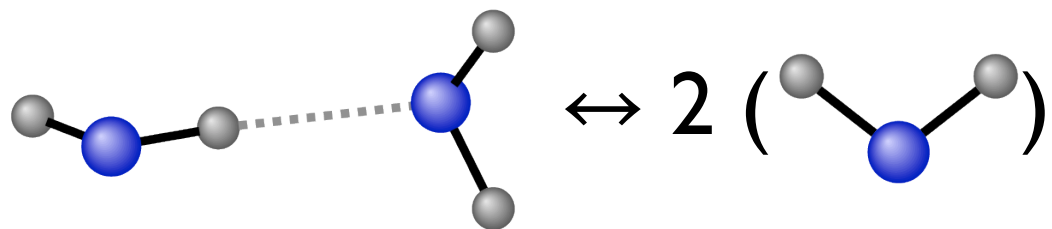
$$\Delta E_{\text{BSSE}} = E(\text{●—●}) - E(\text{●})$$

No nucleus - basis functions only

NAO basis sets: ● is already exact → no BSSE for ●—●.  
But how about *molecular* BSSE?



# $(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$ : “Counterpoise Correction”



Ground-State DFT, NAO's:

BSSE *not* the most critical basis convergence error (e.g., tier 2)\*

\*BUT methods that sum over infinite continuum (MP2, RPA, ...) need CP C.!

# Using Numeric Atom-Centered Basis Functions: Pieces

- *Numerical* Integration

$$h_{ij} = \int d^3r \varphi_i(\mathbf{r}) \hat{h}_{\text{KS}} \varphi_j(\mathbf{r})$$

- Electron density update

$$n(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_k f_k |\psi_k(\mathbf{r})|^2$$

- All-electron electrostatics

$$v_{\text{es}}(\mathbf{r}) = \int d^3r' \frac{n(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$

- Eigenvalue solver

$$\underline{\underline{h}} \underline{\underline{c}}_k = \epsilon_k \underline{\underline{S}} \underline{\underline{c}}_k$$

- Relativity?

*needed for heavy elements*

- Periodic systems?

*need suitable basis, electrostatics*

- Coulomb operator?

$$(ij|kl) = \int d^3r d^3r' \frac{\varphi_i(\mathbf{r}) \varphi_j(\mathbf{r}') \varphi_k(\mathbf{r}) \varphi_l(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$

# Numeric Atom-Centered Basis Functions: Integration

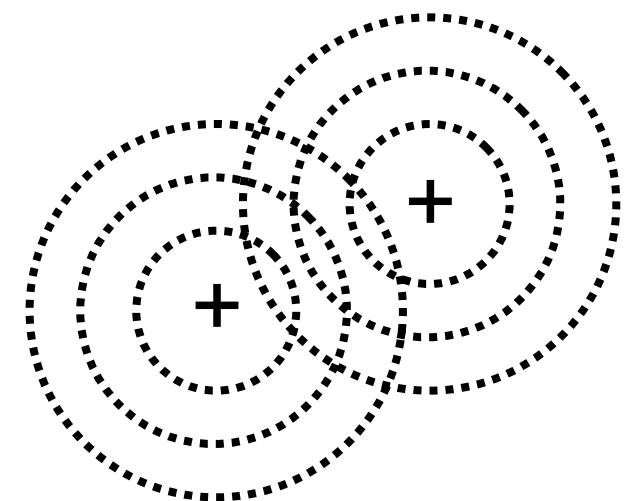
$$h_{ij} = \int d^3r \varphi_i(\mathbf{r}) \hat{h}_{\text{KS}} \varphi_j(\mathbf{r})$$

- Discretize to integration grid:  $\int d^3r f(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow \sum_{\mathbf{r}} w(\mathbf{r}) f(\mathbf{r})$

... but even-spaced integration grids are out:  
 $f(r)$  strongly peaked near all nuclei!

- Overlapping atom-centered integration grids:

- Radial shells (e.g., H, light: 24; Au, tight: 147)
- Specific angular point distribution (“Lebedev”) exact up to given integration order  $l$  (50, 110, 194, 302, ... points per shell)



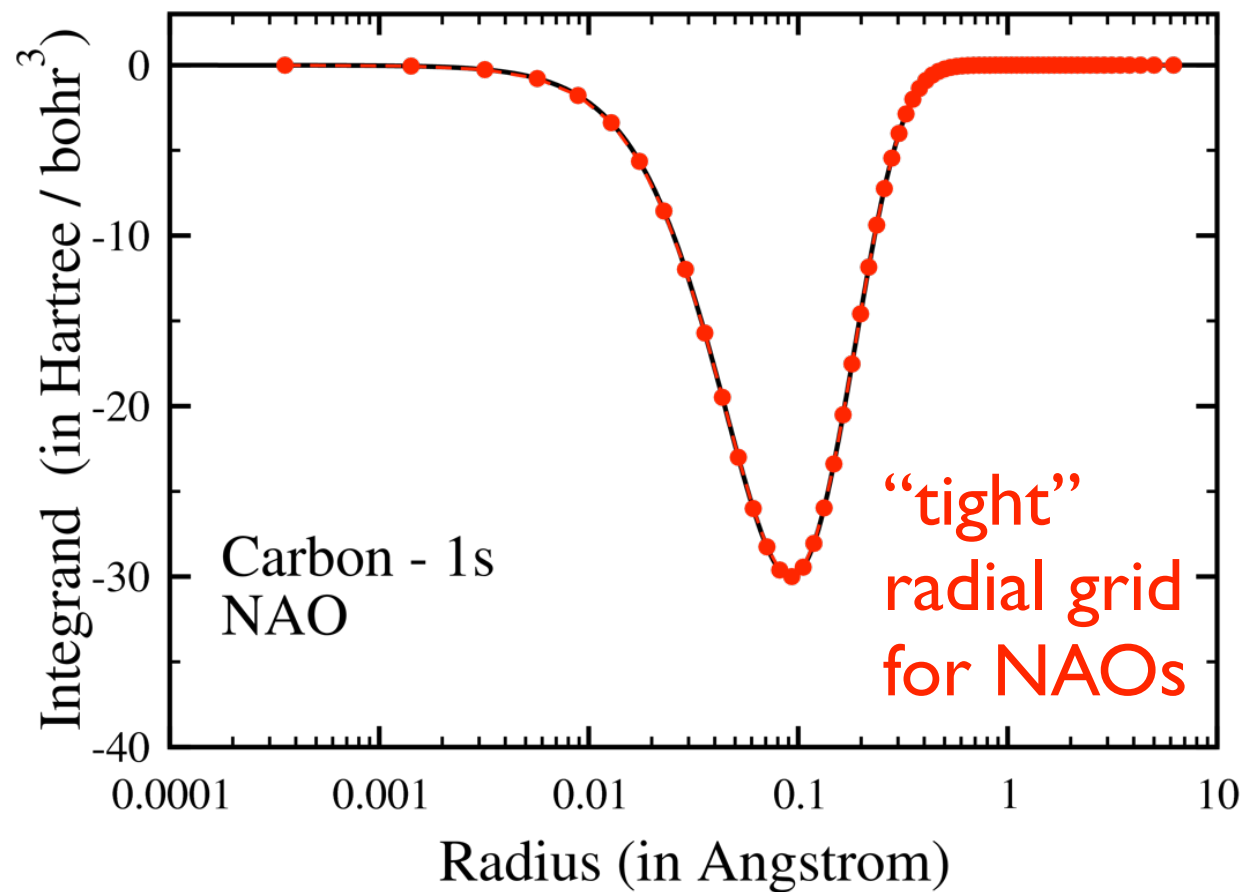
Pioneered by

Becke JCP 88, 2547 (1988), Delley, JCP 92, 508 (1990), MANY others!

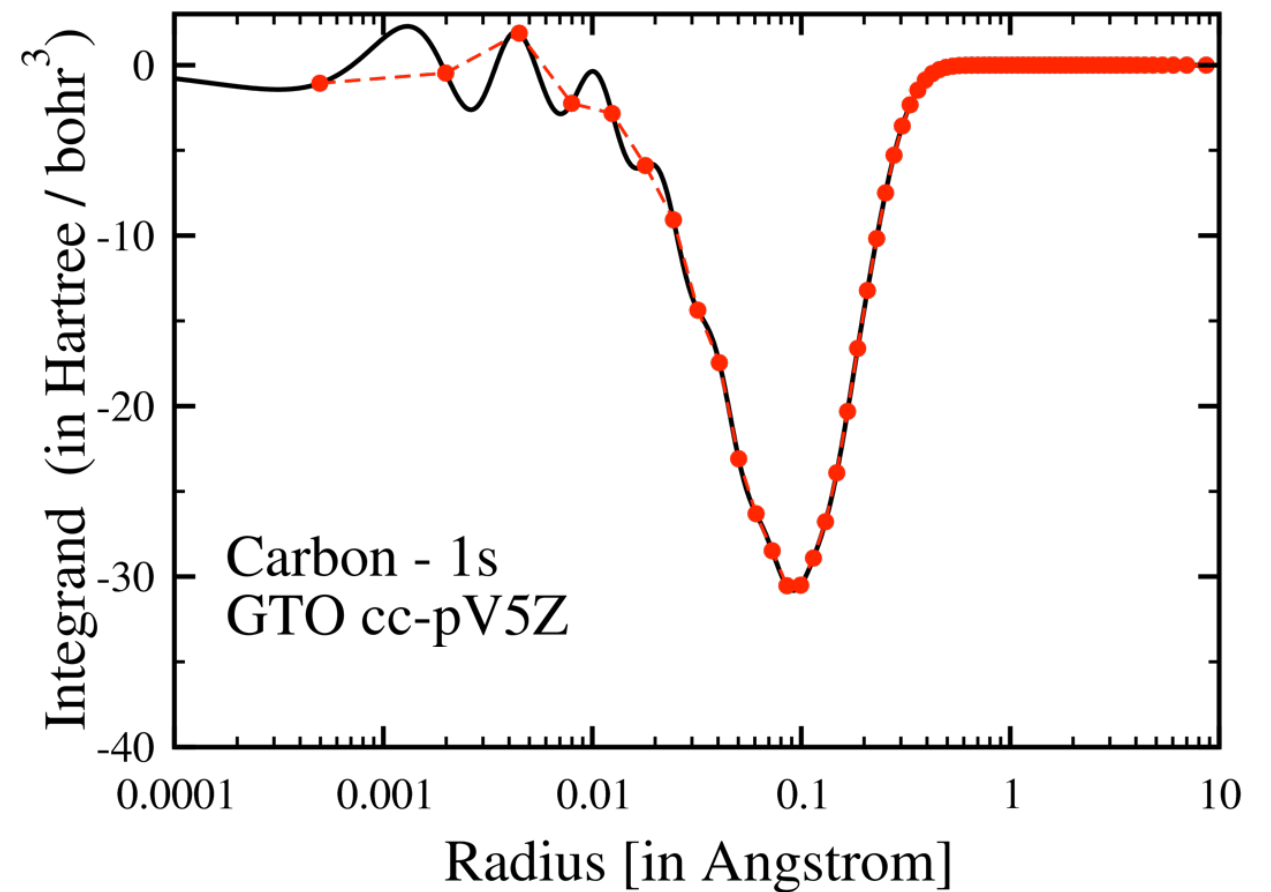
# All-Electron Integrals: Rather Benign for NAOs

$$\int d^3r \phi_{1s}(\mathbf{r}) \hat{H} \phi_{1s}(\mathbf{r}) = \int dr [f(r)] \times \text{angular integral.}$$

$f(r)$  for  
NAO radial function:



$f(r)$  for  
contracted Gaussian  
radial function:





# Overlapping Atom-Centered Grids: “Partitioning of Unity”

Becke, 1988

$$h_{ij} = \int d^3r \varphi_i(\mathbf{r}) \hat{h}_{\text{KS}} \varphi_j(\mathbf{r})$$

- Rewrite to atom-centered integrands:

$$\int d^3r f(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\text{atoms}} \int d^3r p_{\text{atom}}(\mathbf{r}) f(\mathbf{r})$$

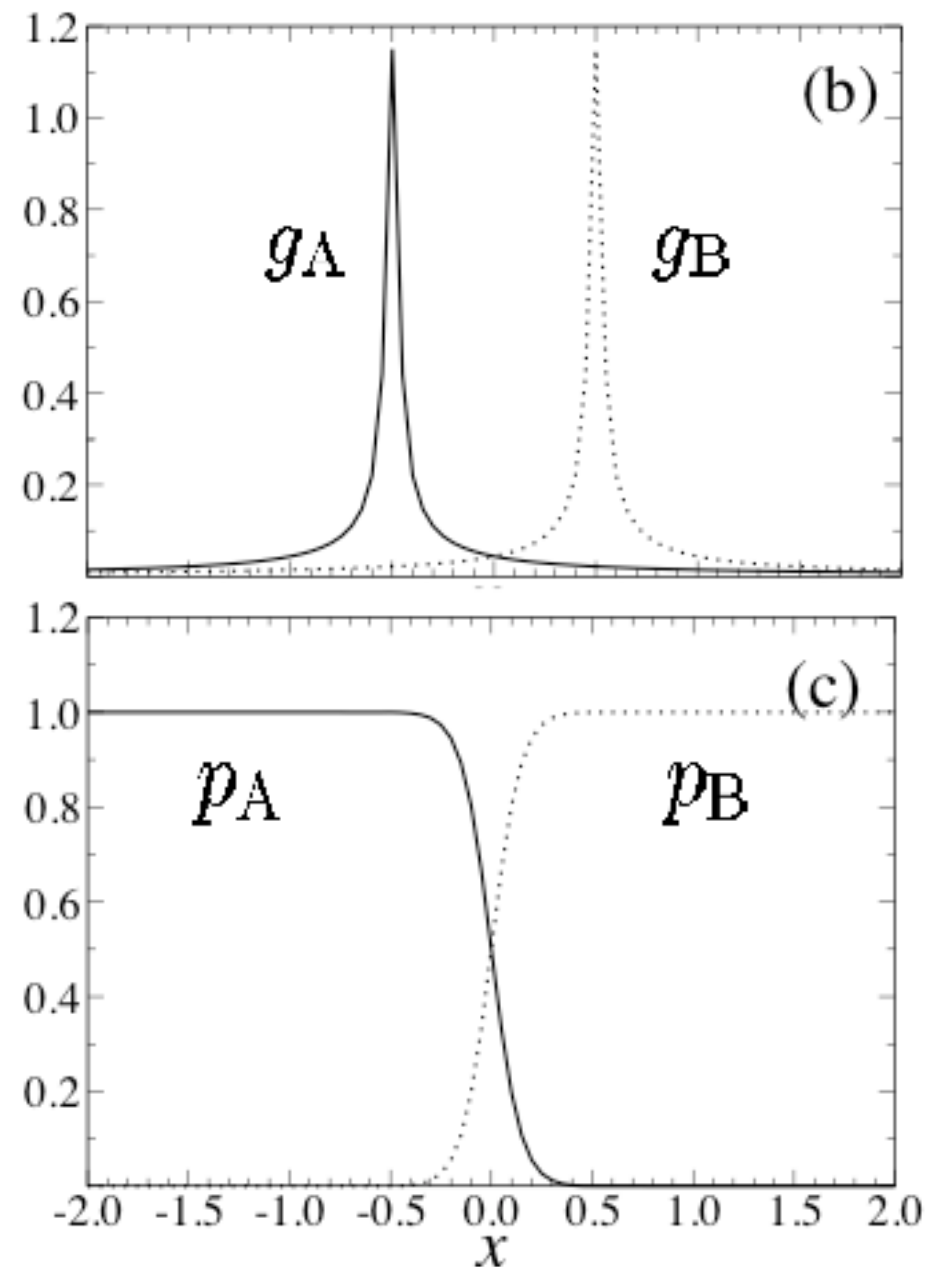
exact: 
$$\sum_{\text{atoms}} p_{\text{atom}}(\mathbf{r}) = 1$$

through 
$$p_{\text{atom}}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{g_{\text{atom}}(\mathbf{r})}{\sum_{\text{atom}'} g_{\text{atom}'}(\mathbf{r})}$$

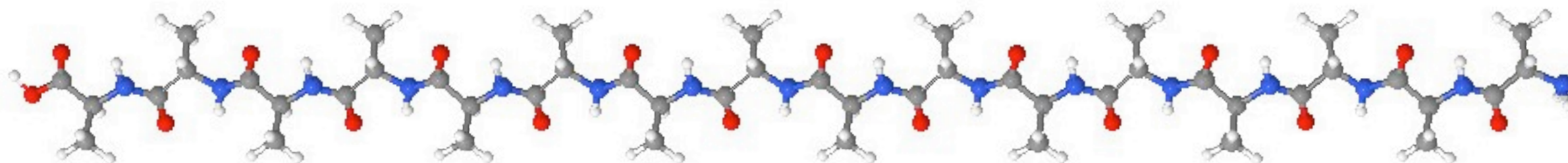
- e.g.: 
$$g_{\text{atom}} = \frac{\rho_{\text{atom}}(r)}{r^2} \quad (\text{Delley 1990})$$

many alternatives:

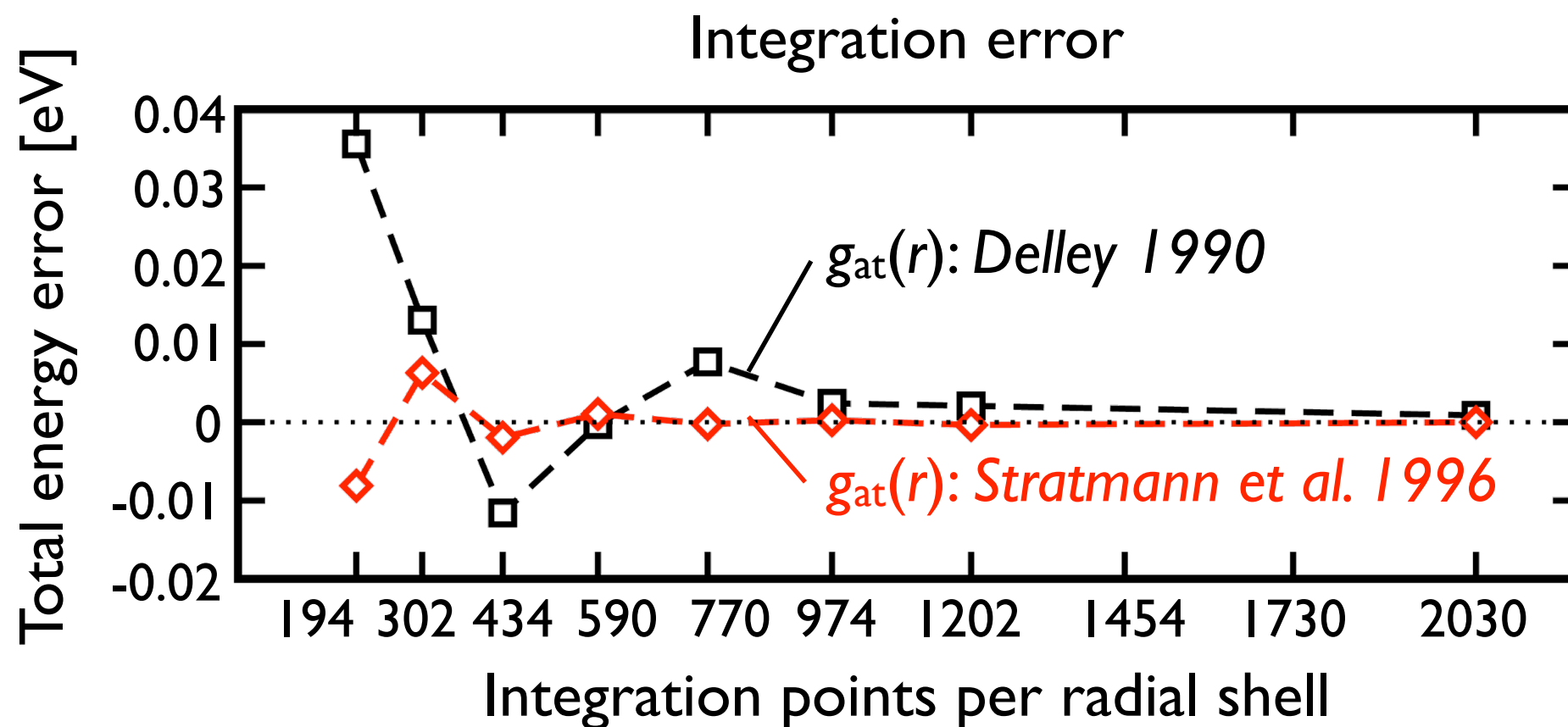
Becke 1988, Stratmann 1996, Koepernik 1999, ...



# Integration in Practice: Large Systems, Small Errors!



Fully extended Polyalanine peptide molecule Ala<sub>20</sub>, DFT-PBE (203 atoms)



# Hartree Potential (Electrostatics): Overlapping Multipoles

$$v_{\text{es}}(\mathbf{r}) = \int d^3r' \frac{n(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$

- Partitioning of Unity:  
(same trick as used for integrals)

$$n(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\text{atoms}} p_{\text{atom}}(\mathbf{r}) n(\mathbf{r})$$

*Delley*  
*JCP 92,*  
*508 (1990)*

- Multipole expansion:  $n_{\text{atom},lm}(\mathbf{r}) = \int_{s=|\mathbf{r}' - \mathbf{R}_{\text{atom}}|} p_{\text{atom}}(\mathbf{r}') n(\mathbf{r}') Y_{lm}(\Omega)$

- Classical electrostatics:

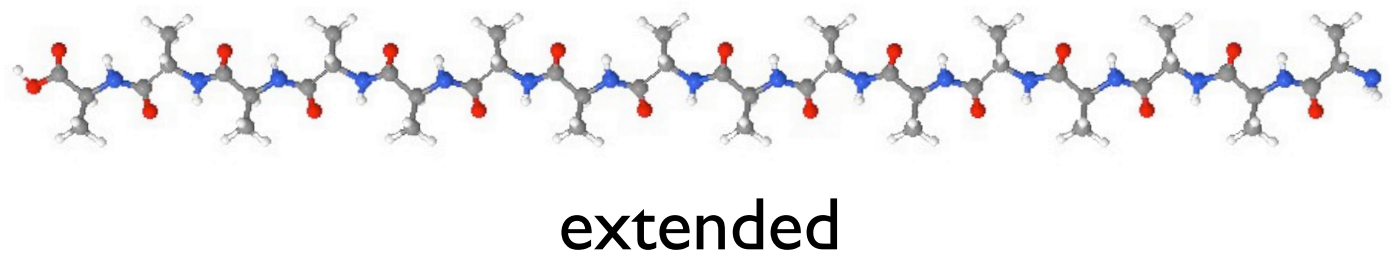
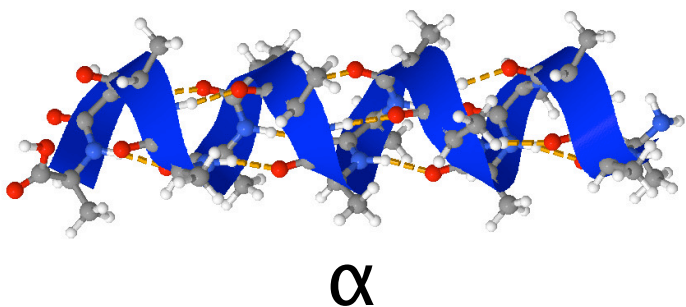
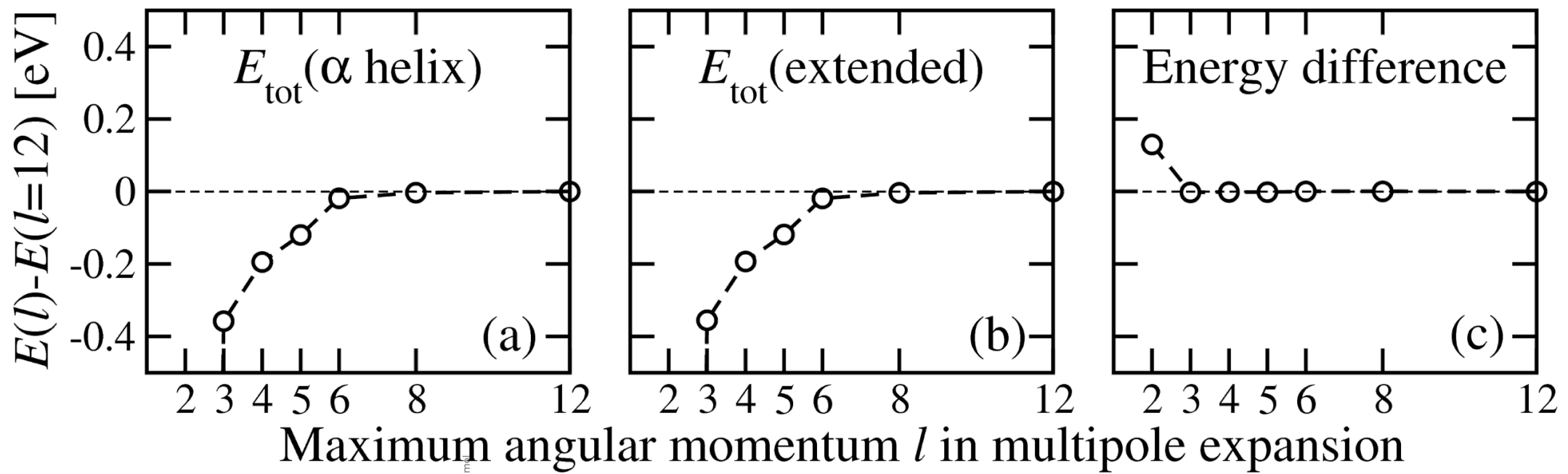
$$v_{\text{es}}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\text{atoms}} \sum_{lm}^{l_{\text{max}}} v_{\text{atom},lm}(|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_{\text{atom}}|) Y_{lm}(\Omega_{\text{atom}})$$

# Electrostatics: Multipole expansion

$$v_{\text{es}}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\text{atoms}} \sum_{lm}^{l_{\text{max}}} v_{\text{atom},lm}(|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_{\text{atom}}|) Y_{lm}(\Omega_{\text{atom}})$$

Polyalanine Ala<sub>20</sub>, DFT-PBE (203 atoms)

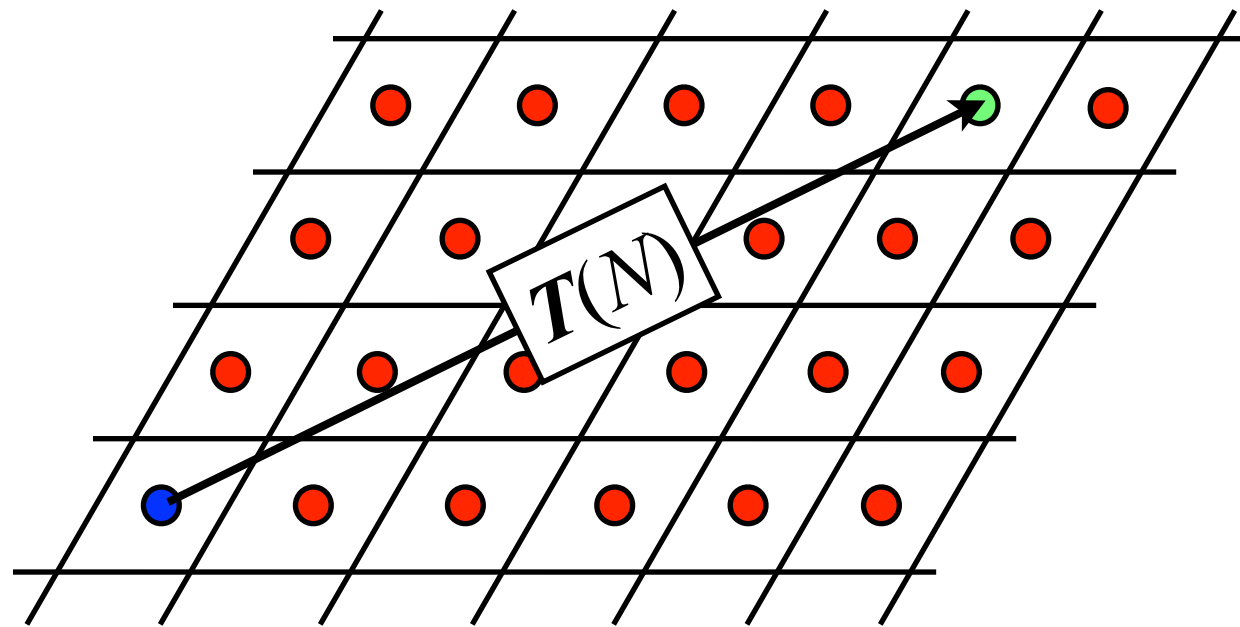
$\alpha$ -helical vs. extended: Total energy convergence with  $l_{\text{max}}$





# Periodic systems

see N. Moll  
Thu. 9:00



- Formally: Bloch-like basis functions

$$\chi_{i,k} = \sum_N \exp[i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{T}(N)] \varphi_i[\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_{\text{atom}} + \mathbf{T}(N)]$$

$\mathbf{k}$ : “Crystal momentum” = Quantum number in per. systems

- Long-range Hartree potential: Ewald’s method (1921)

$$v_{\text{atom},lm}(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow \underbrace{v_{\text{atom},lm}(\mathbf{r}) - v_{\text{atom},lm}^{\text{Gauss}}(\mathbf{r})}_{\text{short-ranged real-space part - } O(N)} + \sum_G e^{i\mathbf{G}\mathbf{r}} FT[v_{\text{atom},lm}^{\text{Gauss}}]$$

short-ranged real-space part -  $O(N)$

e.g., Saunders et al. 1992; Birkenheuer 1994; Delley 1996; Koepernik 1999; Trickey 2004; etc.

# Relativity

## Non-relativistic QM: Schrödinger Equation

$$V\phi + \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2m}\phi = \epsilon\phi$$

- ▶ one component (two with spin)
- ▶ one Hamiltonian for all states

## Relativistic QM: Dirac Equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} V & c\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{p} \\ c\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{p} & -2c^2 + V \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \phi \\ \chi \end{pmatrix} = \epsilon \begin{pmatrix} \phi \\ \chi \end{pmatrix}$$

... simply rewrite:

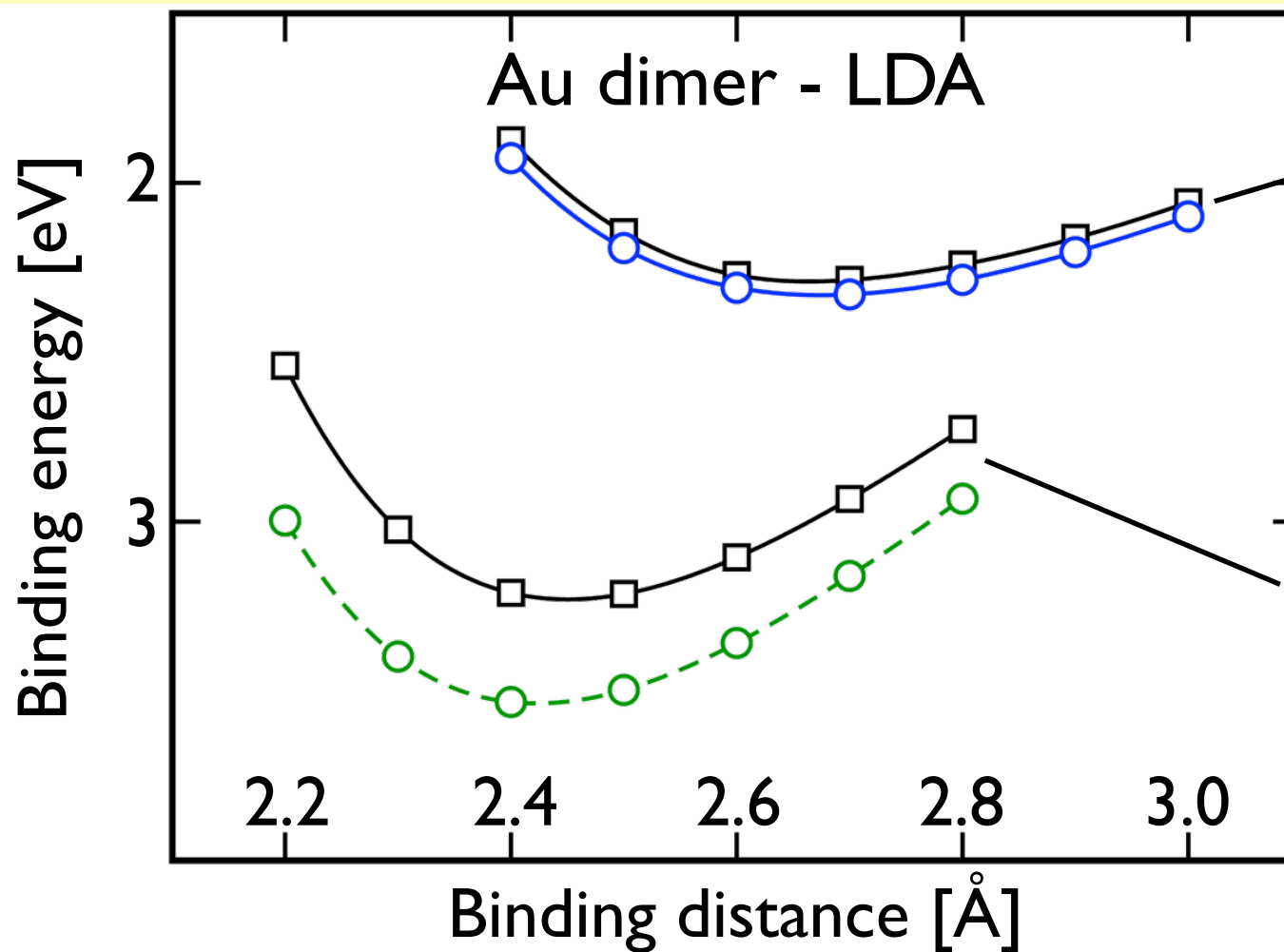
$$V\phi + \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{p} \frac{c^2}{2c^2 + \epsilon - V} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{p} \phi = \epsilon\phi$$

- ▶  $\epsilon$ -dependent Hamiltonian
- ▶ Not negligible for  $\epsilon - v(\mathbf{r}) \approx 2c^2$   
 $\Leftrightarrow$  affects near-nuclear part of *any* wave function

# Simple Approximation to Scalar Relativity

$$V\phi + \mathbf{p} \frac{c^2}{2c^2 + V} \mathbf{p} \phi = \epsilon\phi$$

ZORA in practice: Harsh approximation (known)



Nonrel.:  
LAPW  
FHI-aims

Relativistic:  
LAPW  
ZORA

I. LA  
→ ra  
→ 3-  
Trick  
2. Ap  
Po

... gauge invariance

[1] E. van Lenthe, E.J. Baerends, J.G. Snijders, *J. Chem. Phys.* **99**, 4597 (1993)

# Fixing ZORA

$$V\phi + \mathbf{p} \frac{c^2}{2c^2 + \epsilon - V} \mathbf{p} \phi = \epsilon \phi$$

ZORA

1. "Atomic ZORA"

$$V\phi + \mathbf{p} \frac{c^2}{2c^2 - V_{\text{free atom}}} \mathbf{p} \phi = \epsilon \phi$$

- No gauge-invariance problem
- Simple total-energy gradients

2. Scaled ZORA

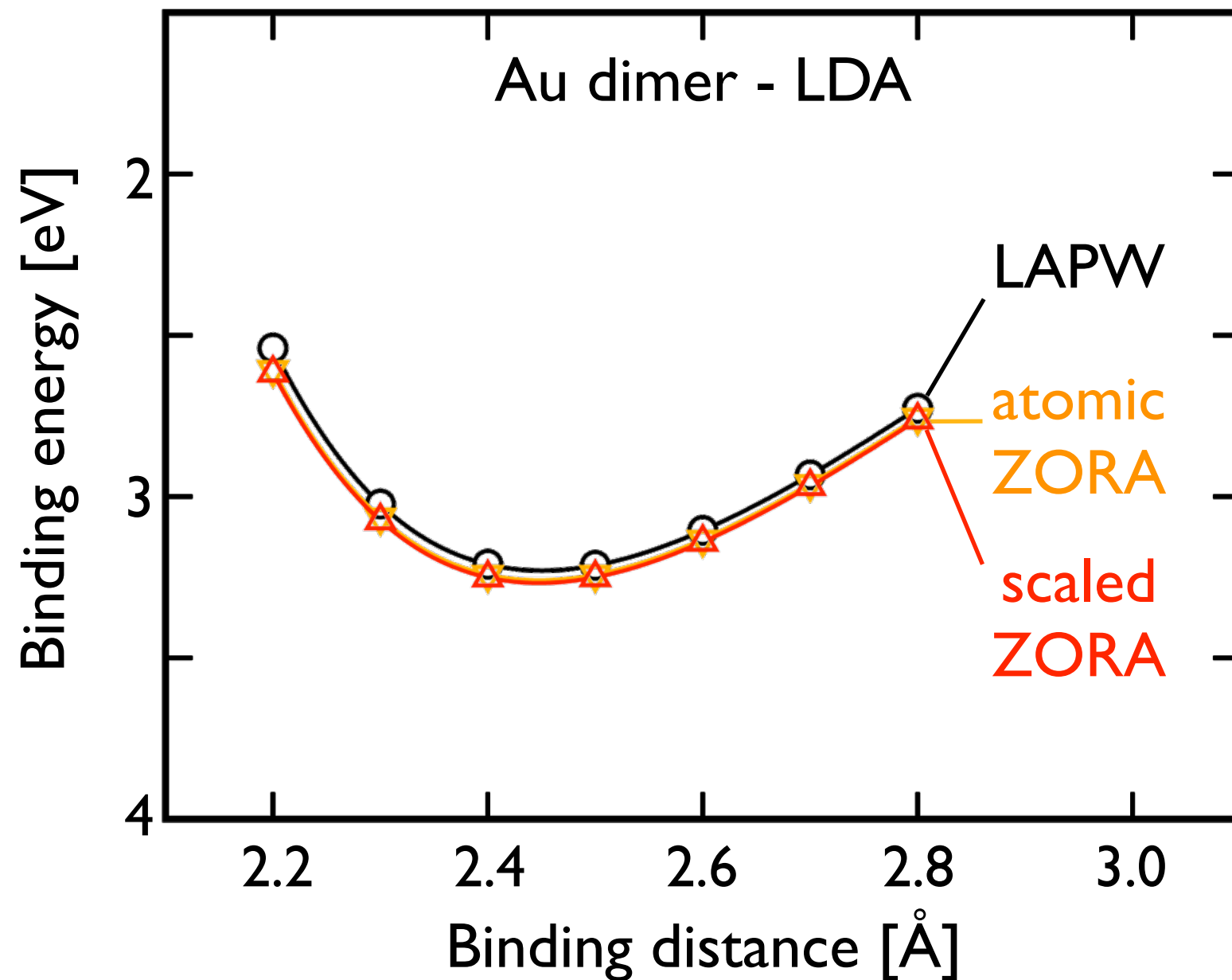
$$\epsilon_{\text{ZORA}}^{\text{scaled}} = \frac{\epsilon_{\text{ZORA}}}{1 + \langle \Phi | \mathbf{p} \frac{c^2}{(2c^2 - V)^2} \mathbf{p} | \Phi \rangle}$$

$$E_{\text{tot}}^{\text{SZ}} = E_{\text{tot}}^{\text{ZORA}} - \sum (\epsilon_{\text{ZORA}} - \epsilon_{\text{ZORA}}^{\text{scaled}})$$

- Formally exact for H-like systems
- Perturbative, based on ZORA

*E. van Lenthe et al., JCP 101, 9783 (1994).*

# Atomic ZORA and Scaled ZORA in Practice



Au atom: $E_{\text{tot}}$ [eV]	
nonrel.	-486,015.94
(at.) ZORA	-535,328.71
sc. ZORA	-517,036.15
Koelling-Harmon	-517,053.45

- Viabile strategy:
- Geometry optimization, energy differences: atomic ZORA
  - (Final) total energies, eigenvalues: scaled ZORA

In our own benchmarks, seem to be essentially as accurate as LAPW.



# Computational Scaling: Two Sub-Problems

## 1. Real space grid operations

$$h_{ij} = \int d^3r \varphi_i(\mathbf{r}) \hat{h}_{\text{KS}} \varphi_j(\mathbf{r})$$

Basis functions, Hamiltonian,  
Kohn-Sham potential etc.

- Large “prefactor:” Dominant for standard problems
- Mature algorithms (Delley, others)
- $O(N)$  scalability possible in all steps
- *relatively* simple parallelization

V. Havu, V. Blum, P. Havu, M. Scheffler,  
*J. Comp. Phys.* **228**, 8367-8379 (2009)

## 2. Matrix algebra (basis space)

$$\underline{\underline{h}} \underline{\underline{c}}_k = \epsilon_k \underline{\underline{s}} \underline{\underline{c}}_k$$

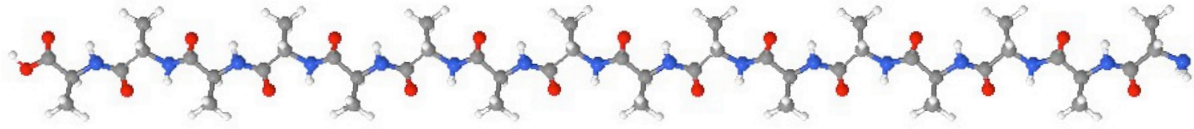
Kohn-Sham eigenvalue problem

### “Conventional” solvers (Lapack-like):

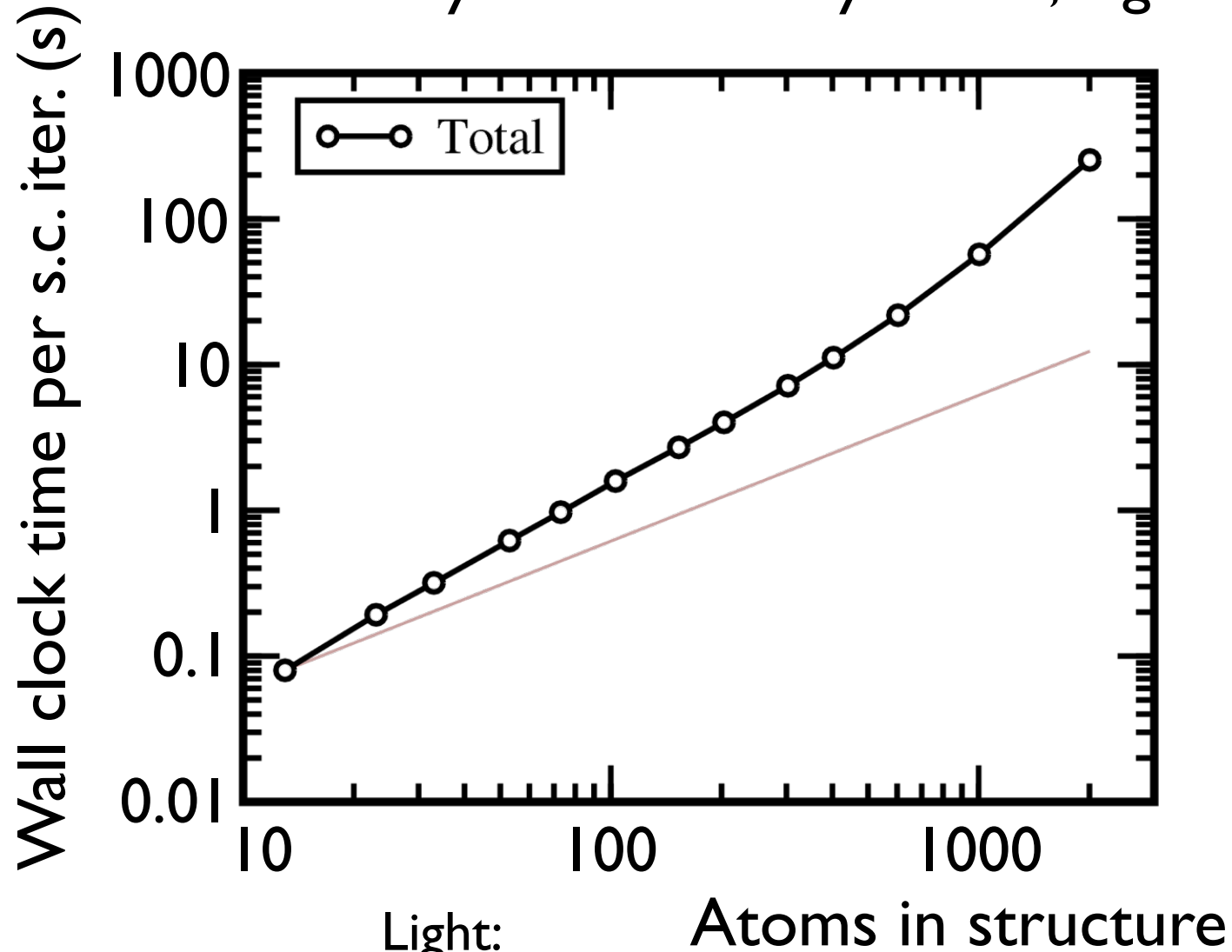
- Small prefactor for NAO’s: affordable up to  $\geq 1,000$  atoms
- Robust, general (metals!)
- $O(\text{size}^3)$  scalability inevitable
- Massively parallel scalability not out of the box

**How far can we push such solvers?**

# Computational Scaling: CPU Time With System Size



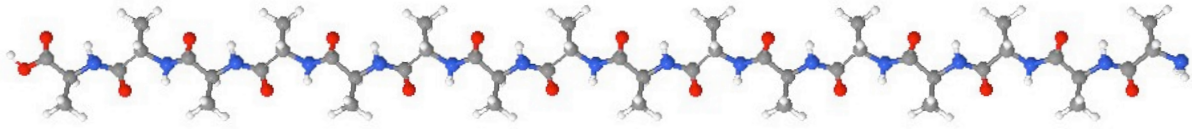
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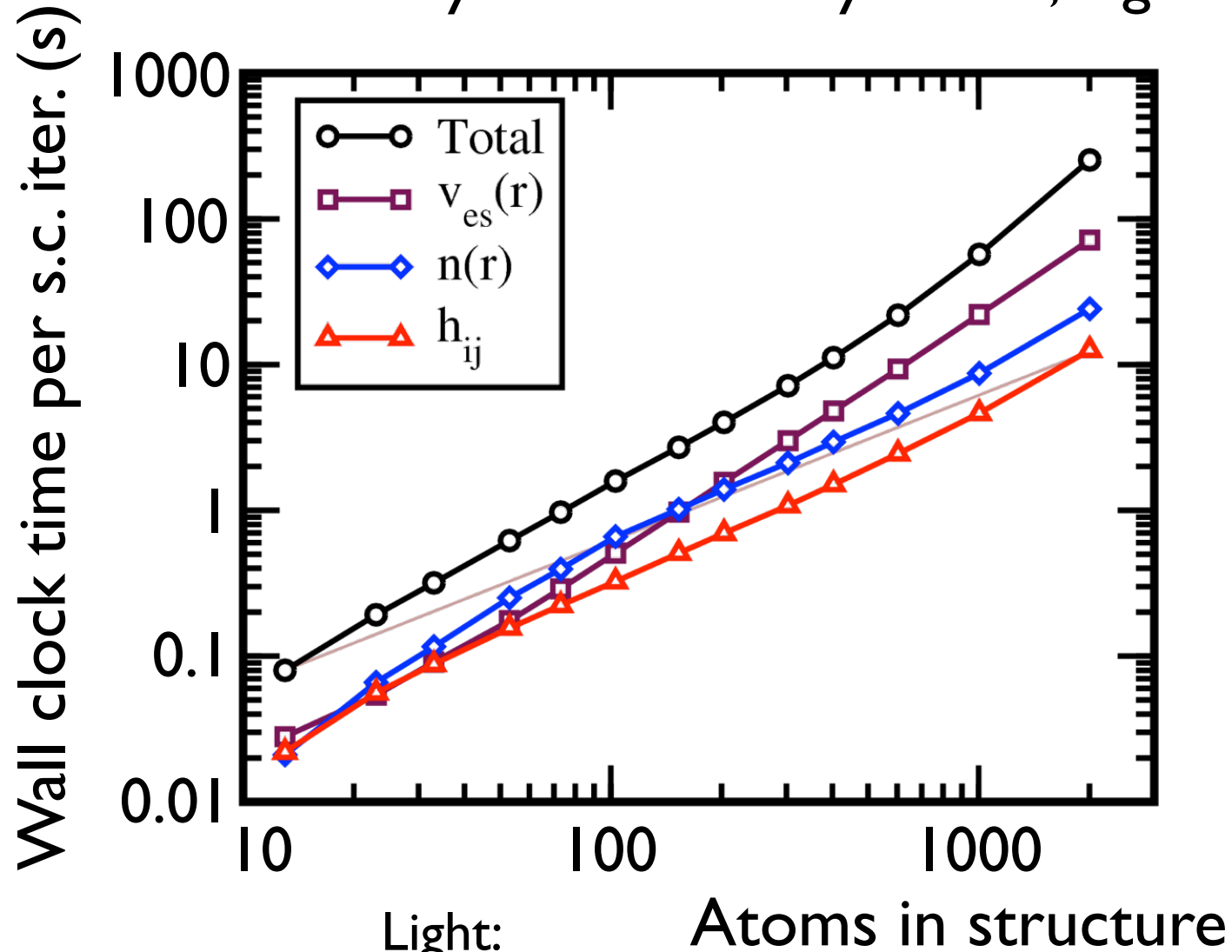
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$I_{\text{Hartree}}$	4
radial shells	24-36
pts. per shell	302 max.
Cutoff width	5Å

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standard Infiniband/Xeon cluster  
Benchmarks: W. Jürgens / FHI

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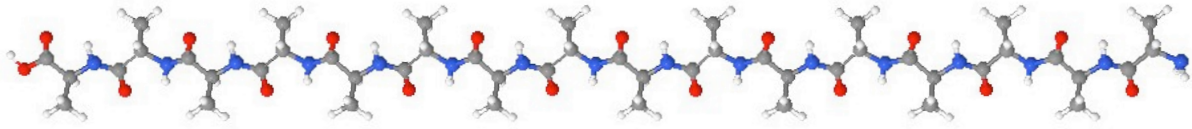
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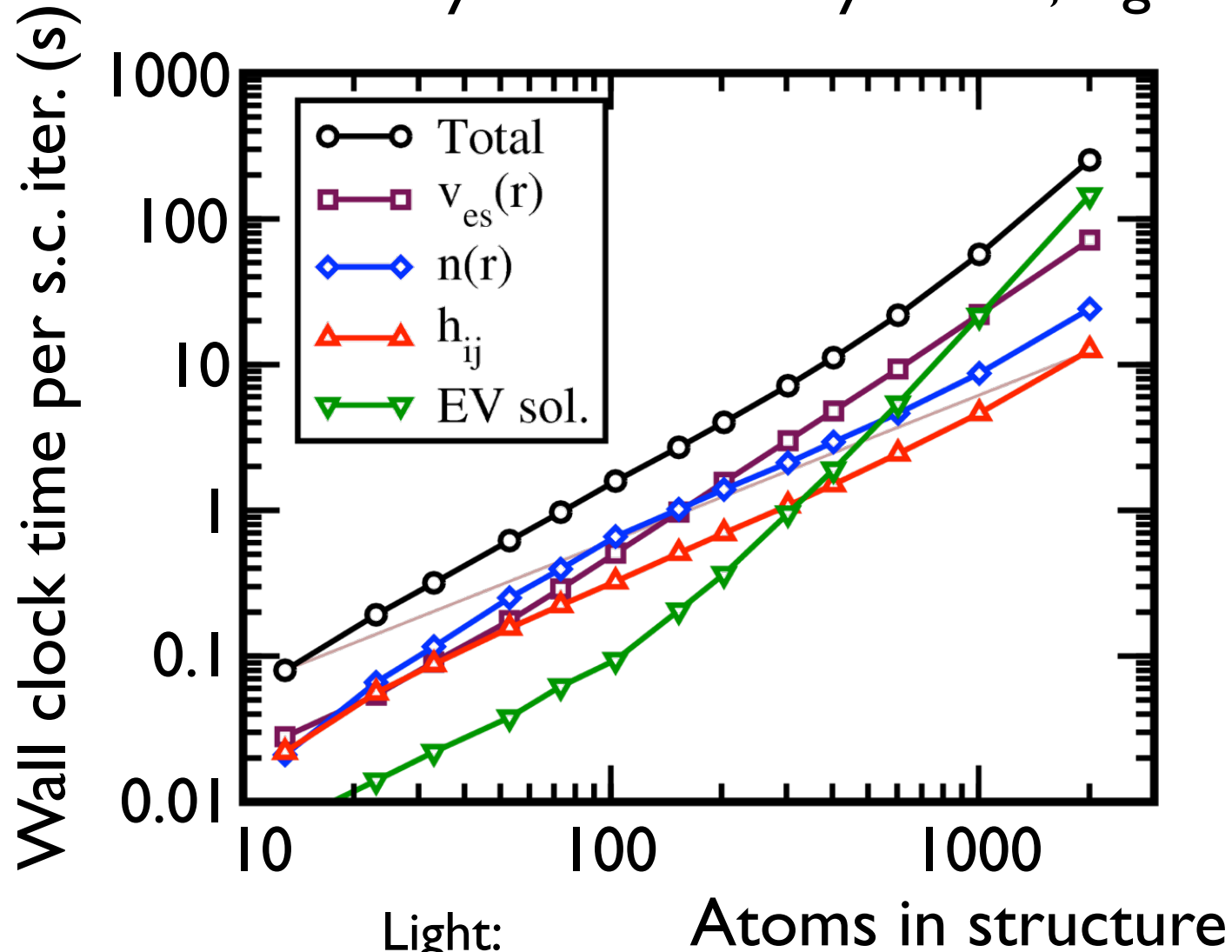
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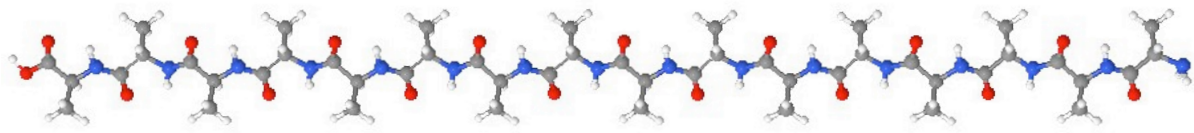
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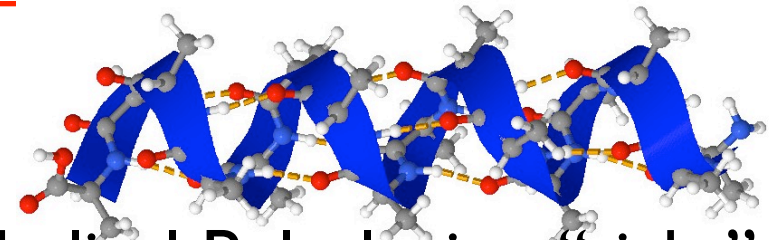
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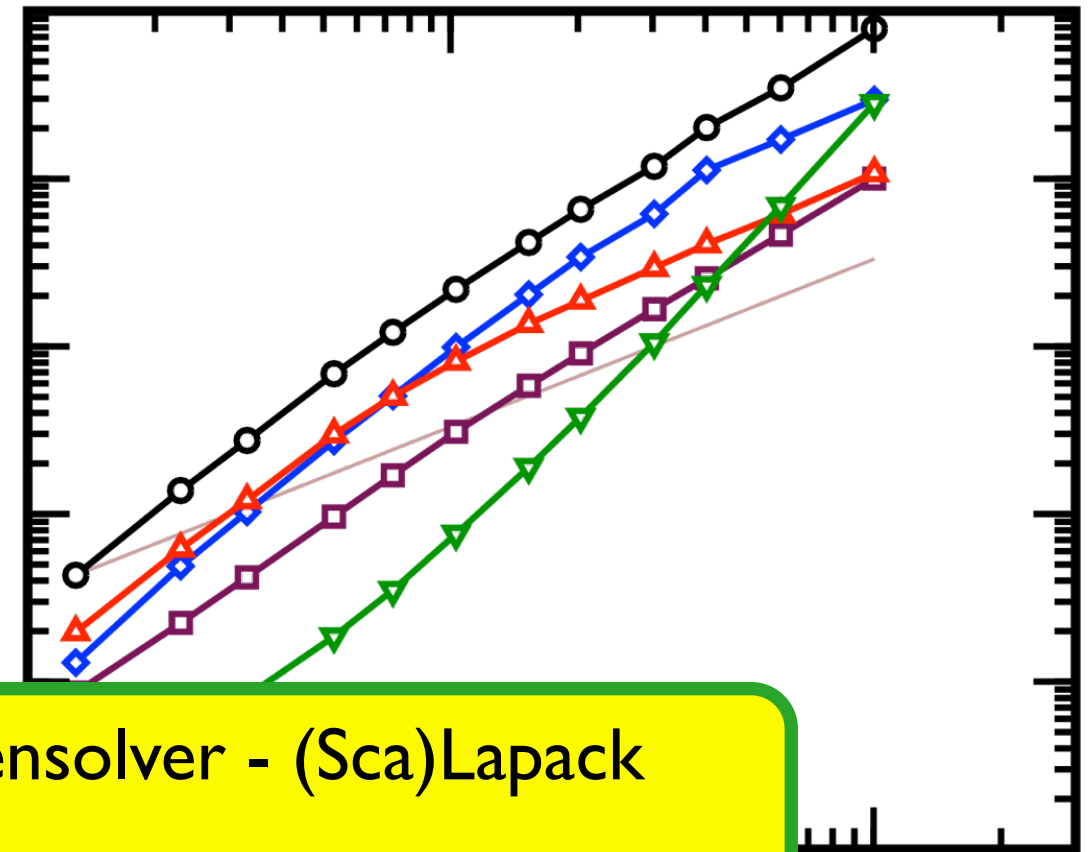
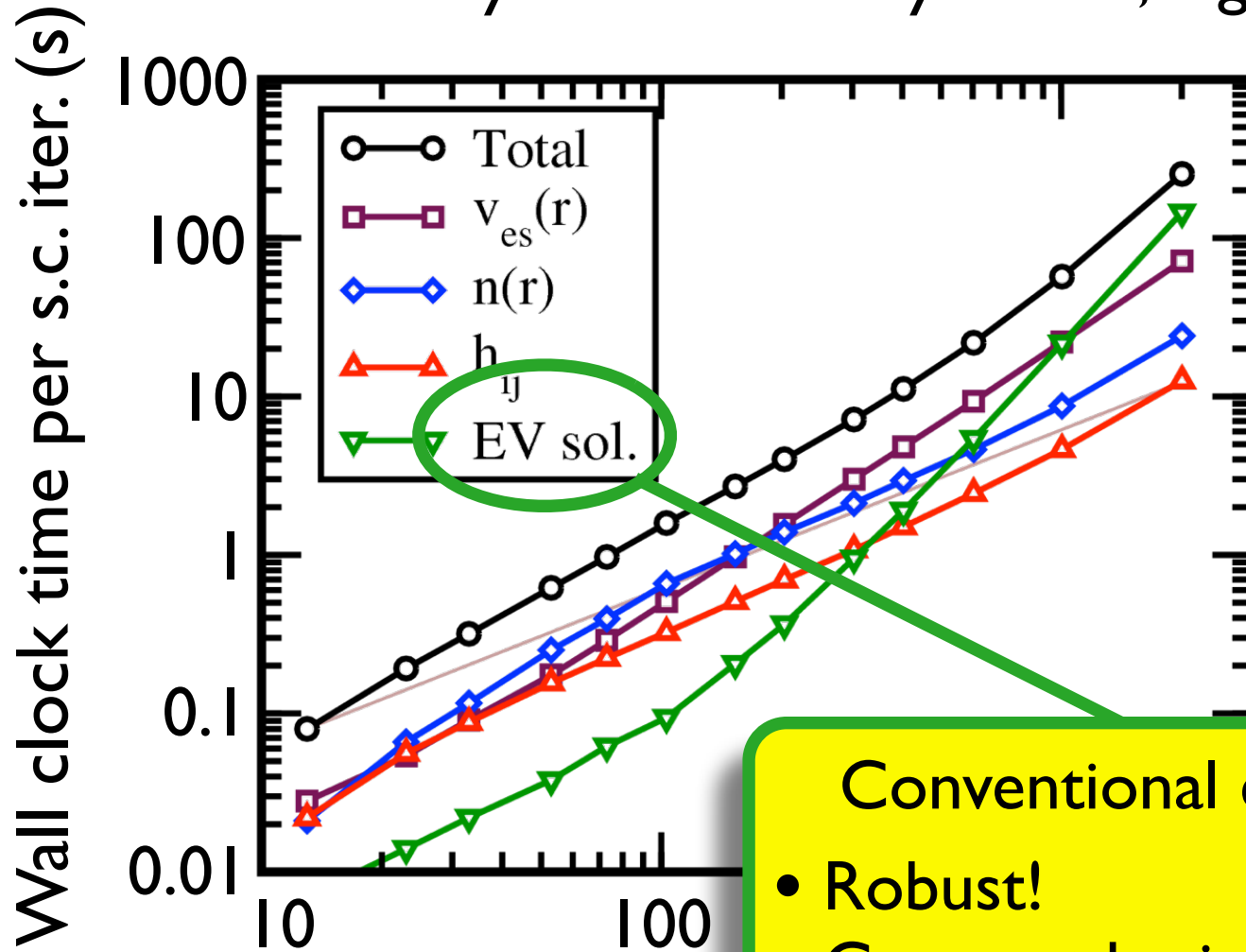
# Computational Scaling: CPU Time With System Size



Fully extended Polyaniline, "light"



$\alpha$ -helical Polyaniline, "tight"



Conventional eigensolver - (Sca)Lapack

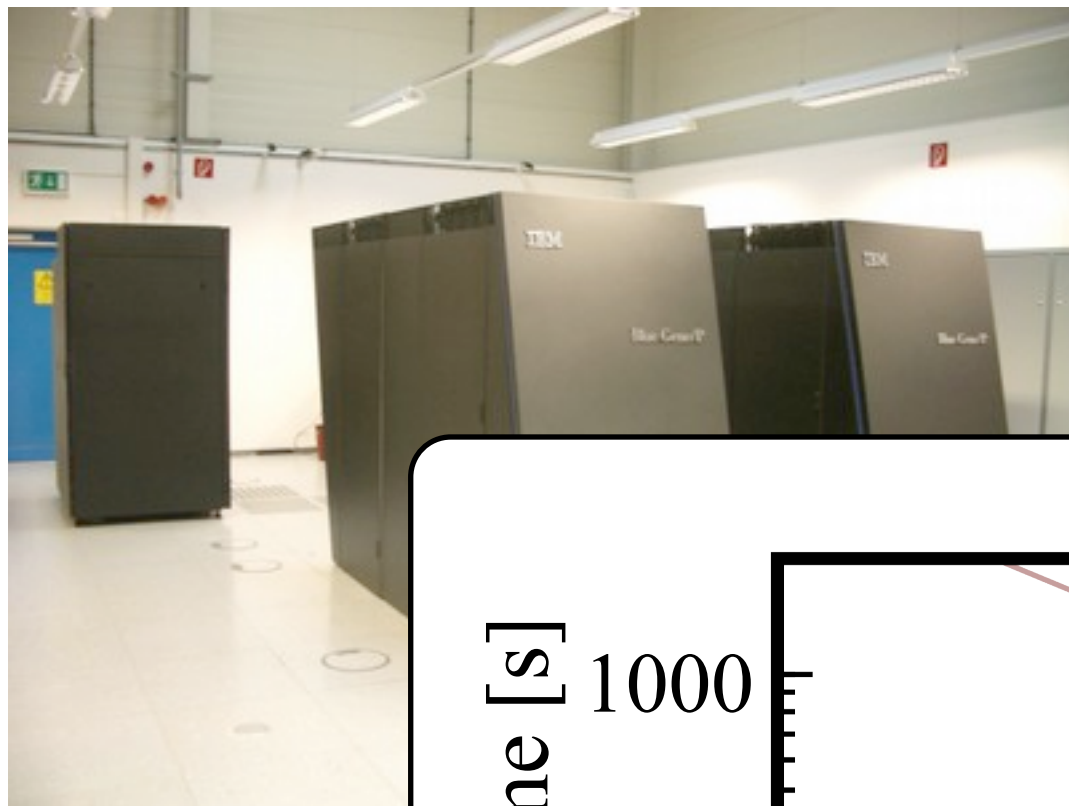
- Robust!
- Compact basis sets: Small matrices
- **but  $O(N^3)$  scaling - relevant  $\approx 100$ s of atoms**
- **1,000s of CPUs: Scaling bottleneck?**

Basis	Light: tier I	Tight: tier I
$I_{\text{Hartree}}$	4	6
radial shells	24-36	49-
pts. per shell	302 max.	434 max.
Cutoff width	5Å	6Å

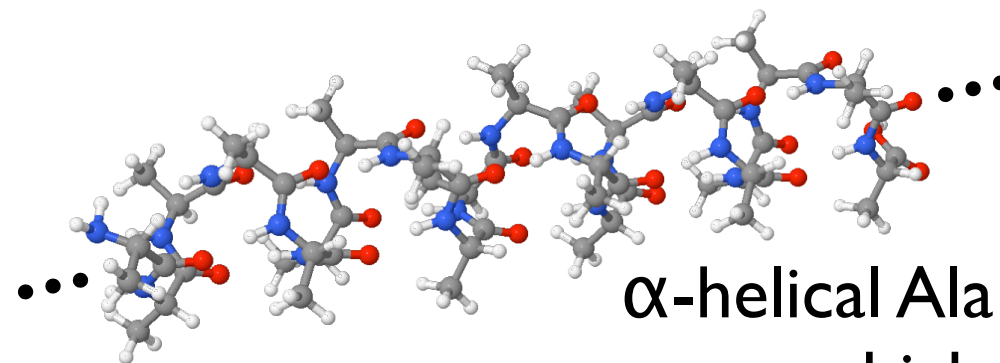
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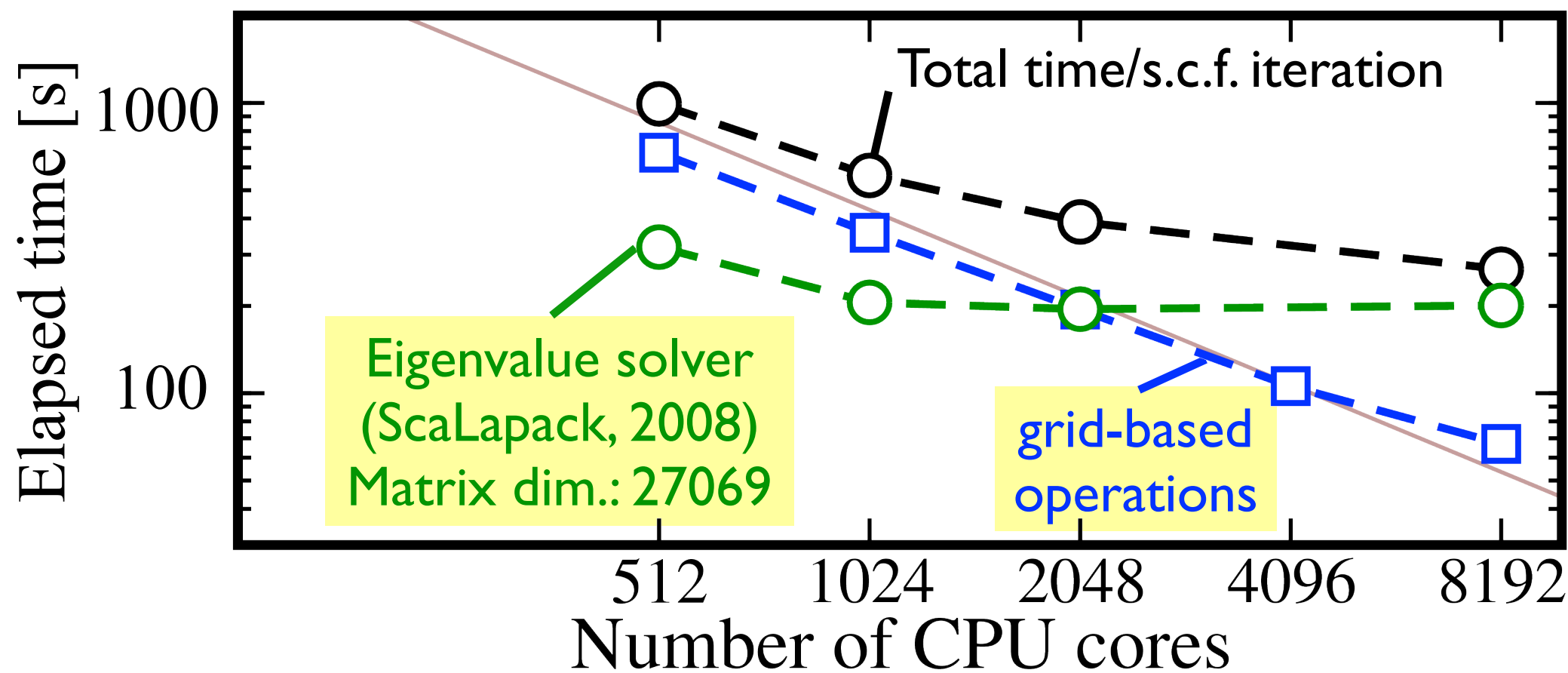
# Parallel Eigenvalue Solvers - the Problem



IBM BlueGene  
1638



$\alpha$ -helical Ala<sub>100</sub> (1000 atoms),  
high accuracy



# A Massively Parallel Dense Eigensolver: “ELPA”

$$\underline{\underline{h}} \underline{\underline{c}}_k = \epsilon_k \underline{\underline{s}} \underline{\underline{c}}_k$$

Given a matrix  $H$  and metric  $S$  (dimension  $N$ ),  
find  $M$  eigenvalue/eigenvector pairs  $\epsilon_k/c_k$

## Goal:

- scalable, Scalapack-compatible “drop-in enhancement”
- pure MPI-based implementation
- detailed rewrite based on proven robust/general algorithms

Garching Computing Center (*H. Lederer, R. Johanni*)

Wuppertal University, Mathematics (*L. Krämer, P. Willems, B. Lang*)

TU Munich, Computer Science (*Th. Auckenthaler, H.-J. Bungartz, Th. Huckle*)

FHI Berlin (*V. Blum, M. Scheffler*)

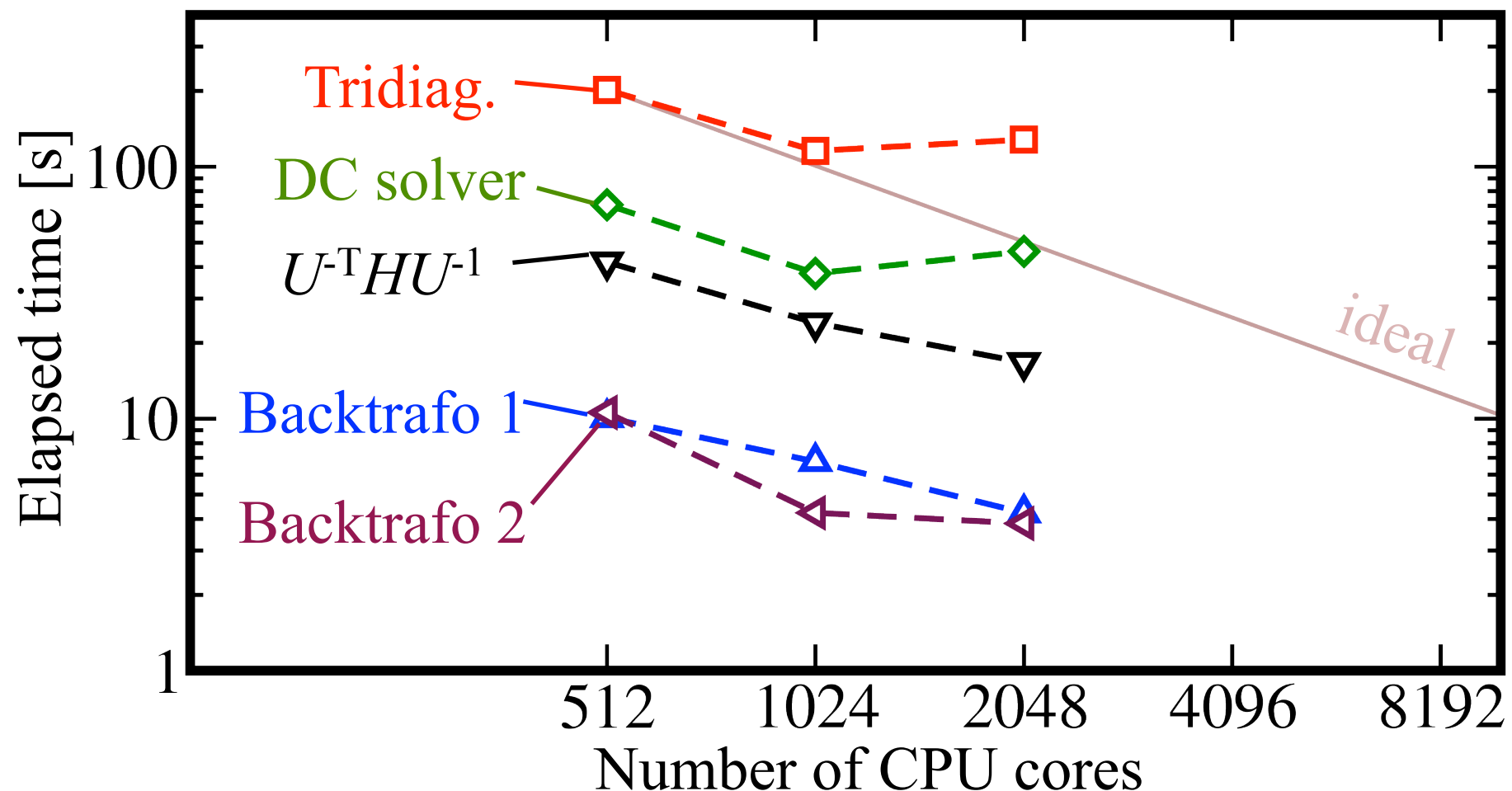
Part of “Eigensolvers for Petaflop Applications” (ELPA) consortium (BMBF)  
standalone open-source / LGPL library

# Taking Apart the Eigenvalue Problem

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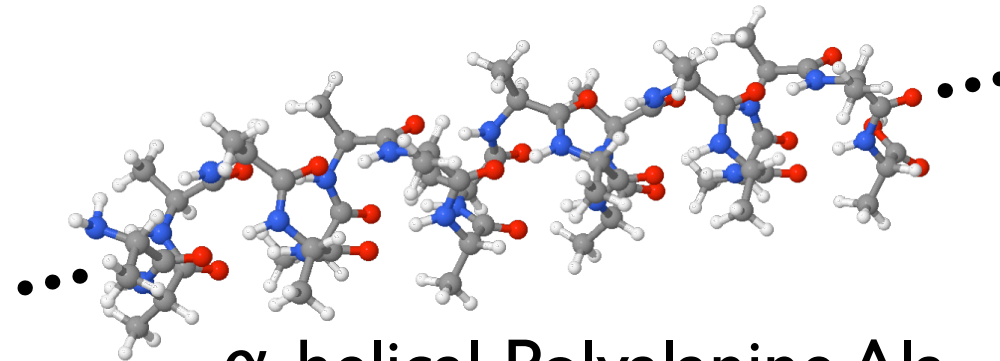
Generalized (non-orthogonal) eigenvalue problem:

- Transform to orthogonal form:  $U^{-T} H U^{-1}$
- Transform orthogonal  $H'$  to *tridiagonal* form
- Solve *tridiagonal* eigenproblem
- Backtransform (1) solution to standard form
- Backtransform (2) standard to general form

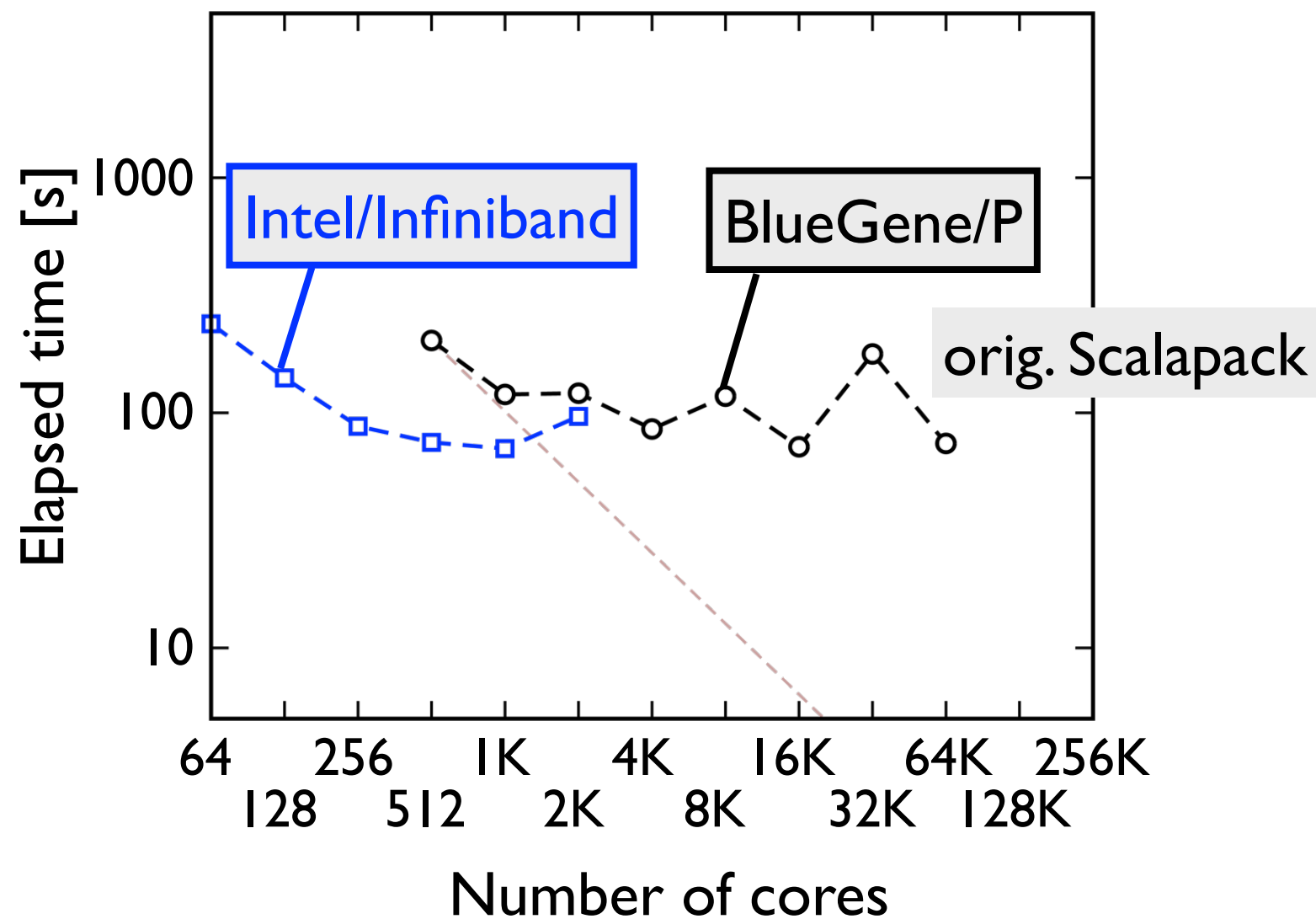


$\alpha$ -helical  
Polyalanine  
Ala<sub>100</sub>,  
BlueGene/P

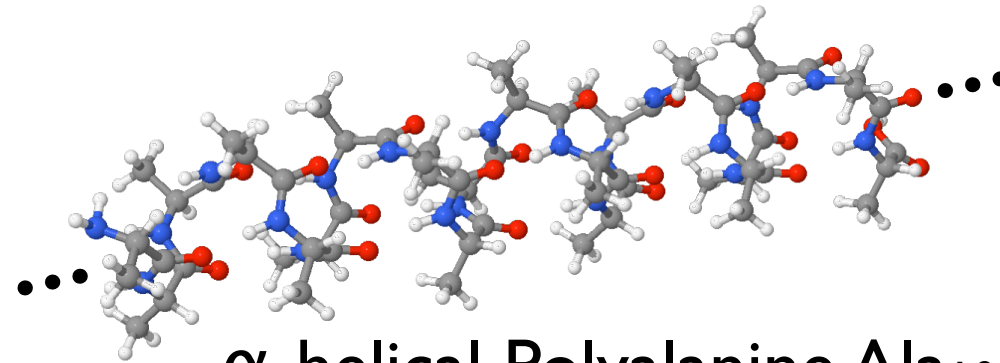
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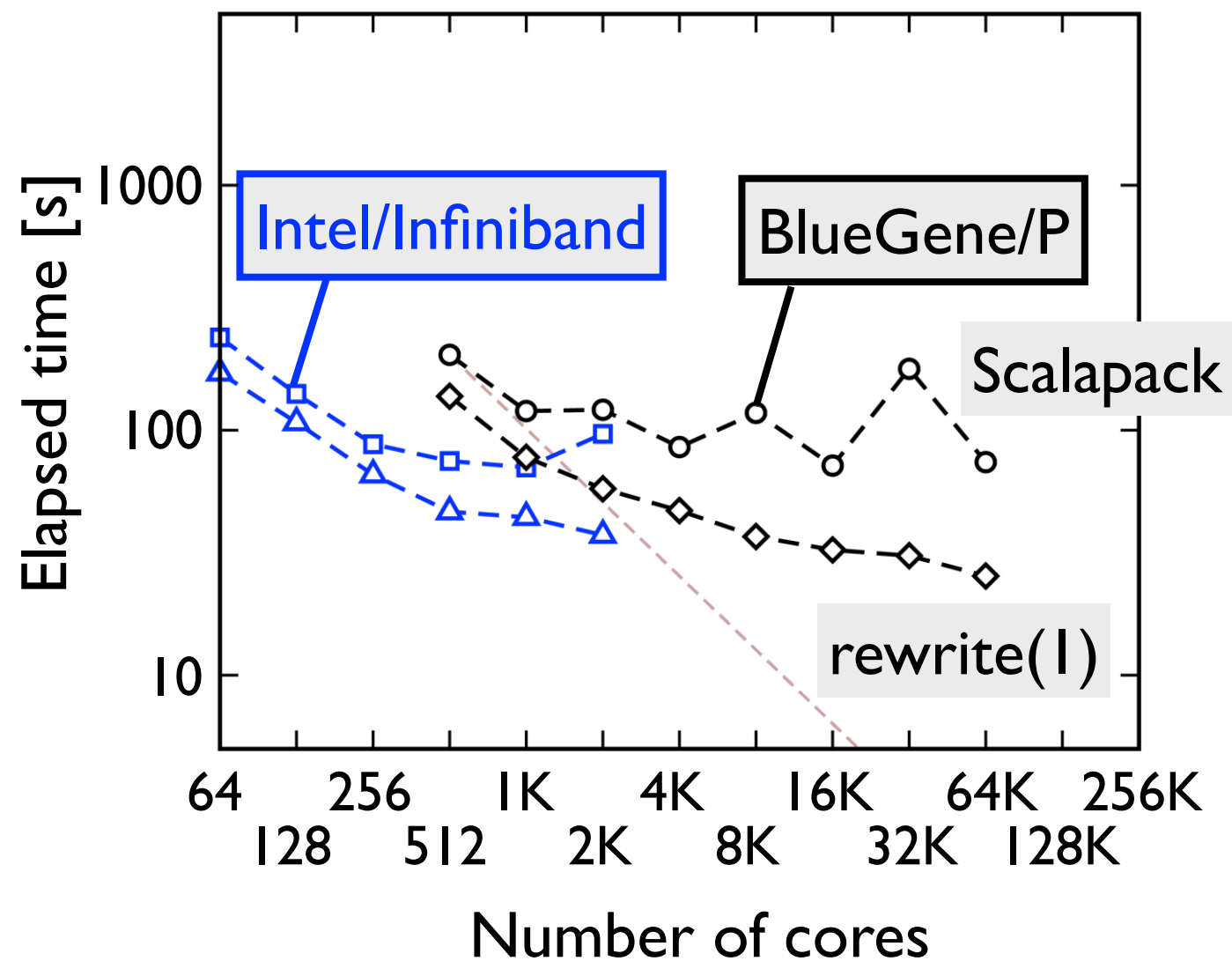
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NAO basis set (FHI-aims)



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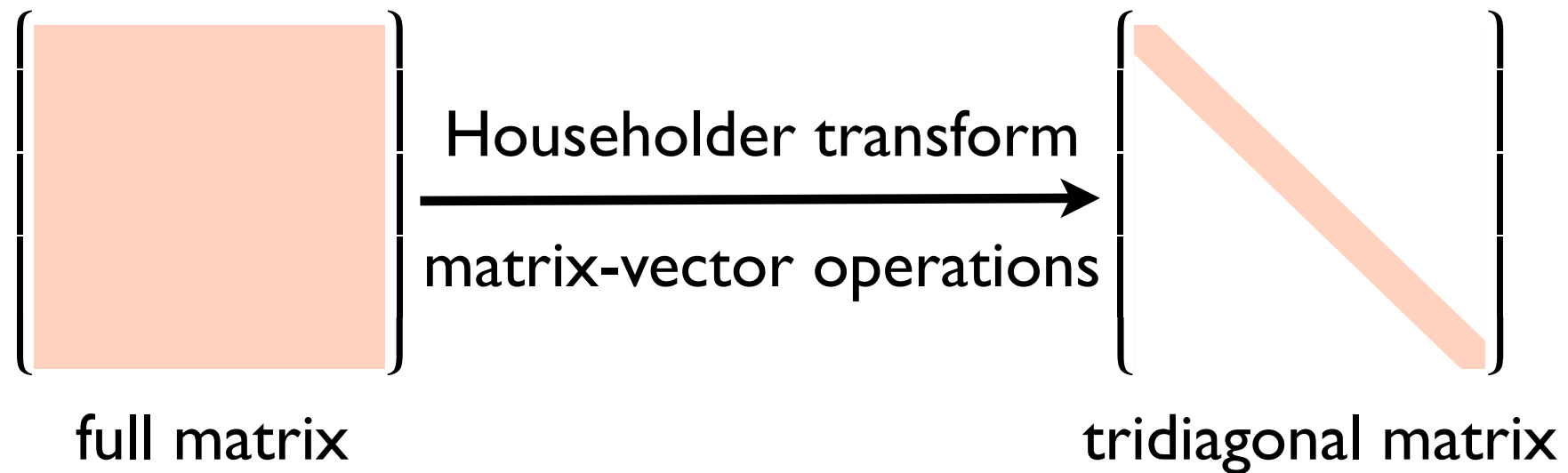
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# Algorithmic Improvement: 2-Step Tridiagonalization

## Remaining chief bottleneck: Tridiagonalization

“Conventional” reduction:



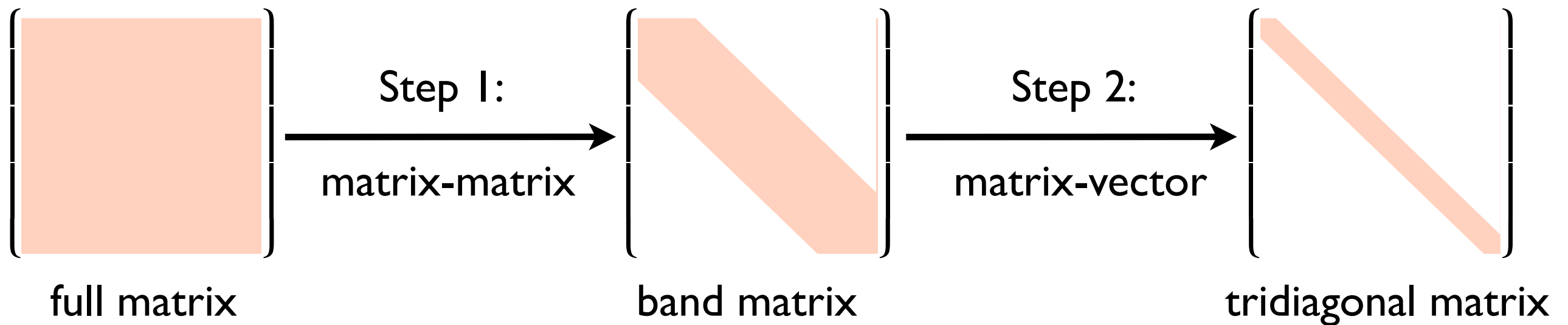


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“Two-step” reduction:

*C. Bischof, B. Lang, X. Sun, ACM Trans. Math. Software* **26**, 581 (2000).



But extra back transform necessary - benefit shrinks for  $M$  approaching  $N$

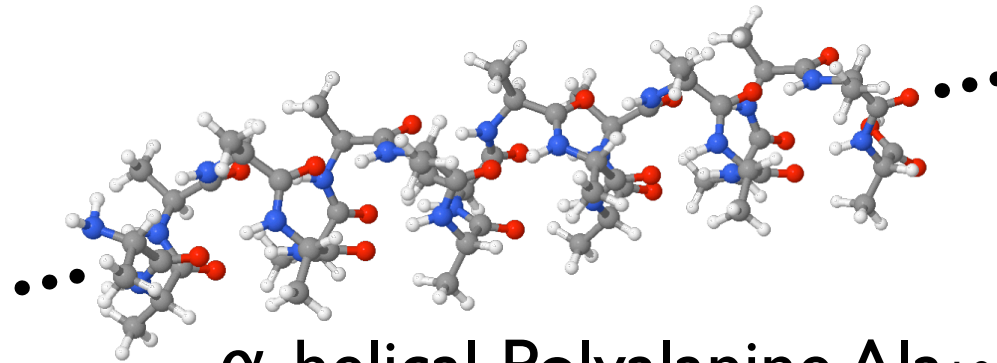
### Massively parallel two-step tridiagonalization:

- 2-dimensional data layout for eigenvectors
- Heavily optimized backtransform steps for eigenvectors (adaptive data layout, architecture-specific linear algebra kernels - cache blocking)

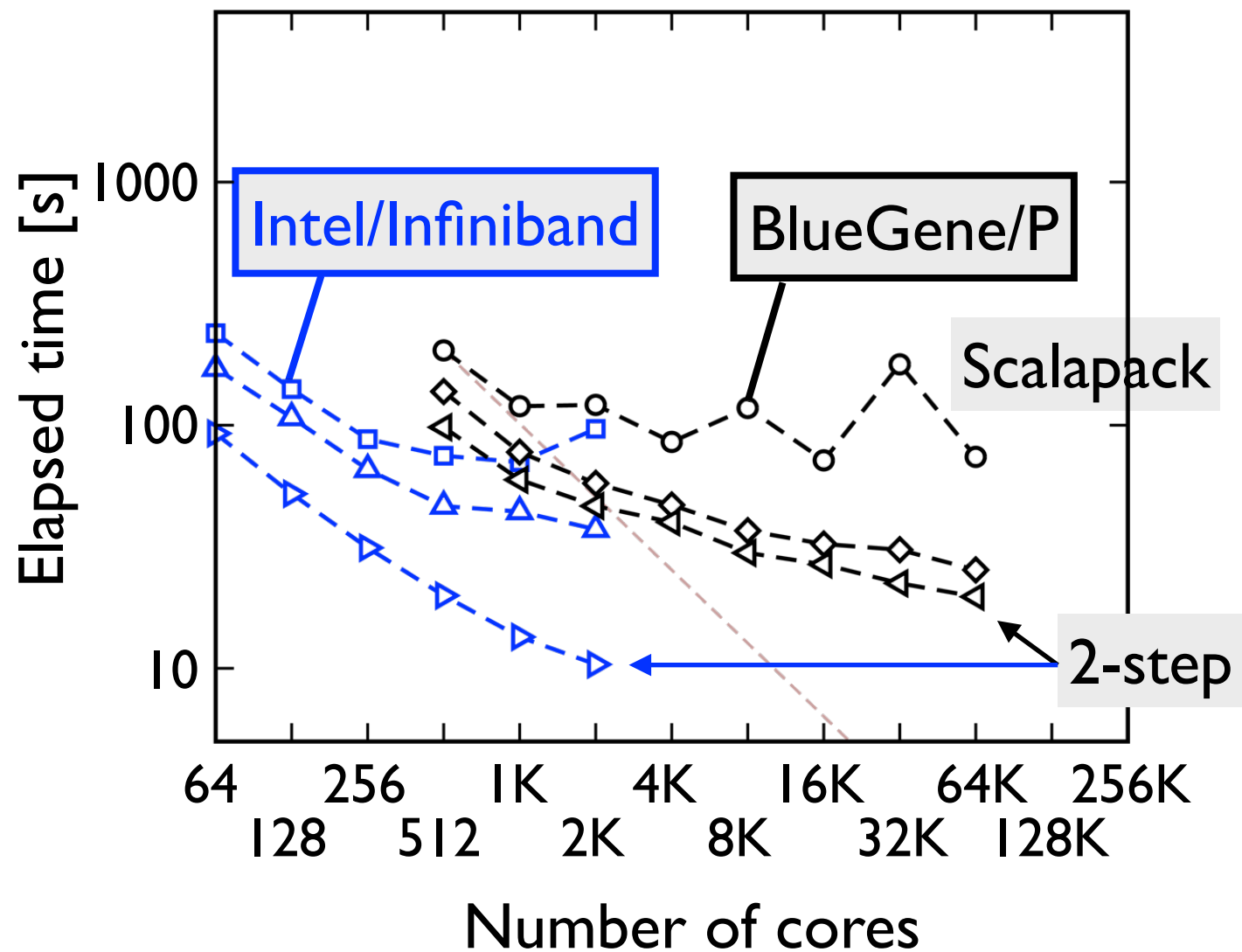
*Auckenthaler, Blum, Bungartz, Huckle, Johanni, Krämer, Lang, Lederer, Willems, Parallel Computing* (2011)

Preprint: [http://www.fhi-berlin.mpg.de/aims/aims\\_publications.php](http://www.fhi-berlin.mpg.de/aims/aims_publications.php)

# ELPA, Two-Step Solver



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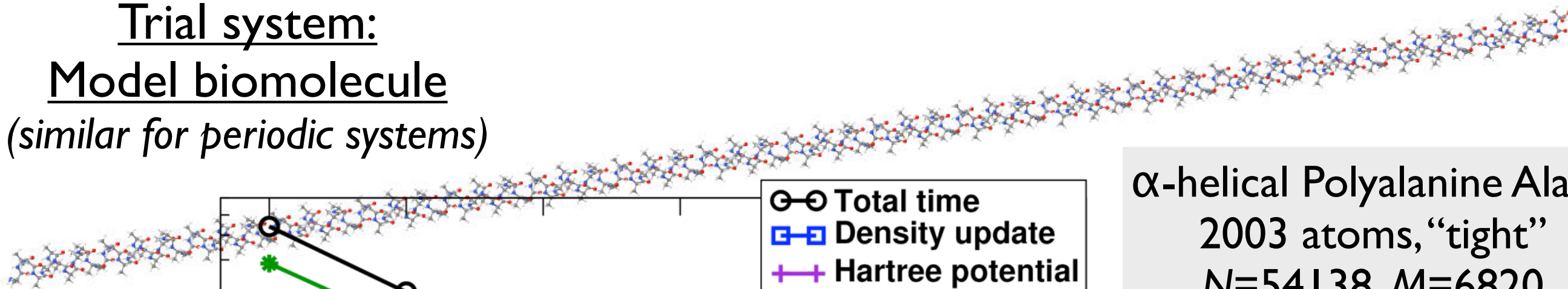


# Parallel Scalability - Cray XC30, 2013 (Ville Havu, Helsinki)

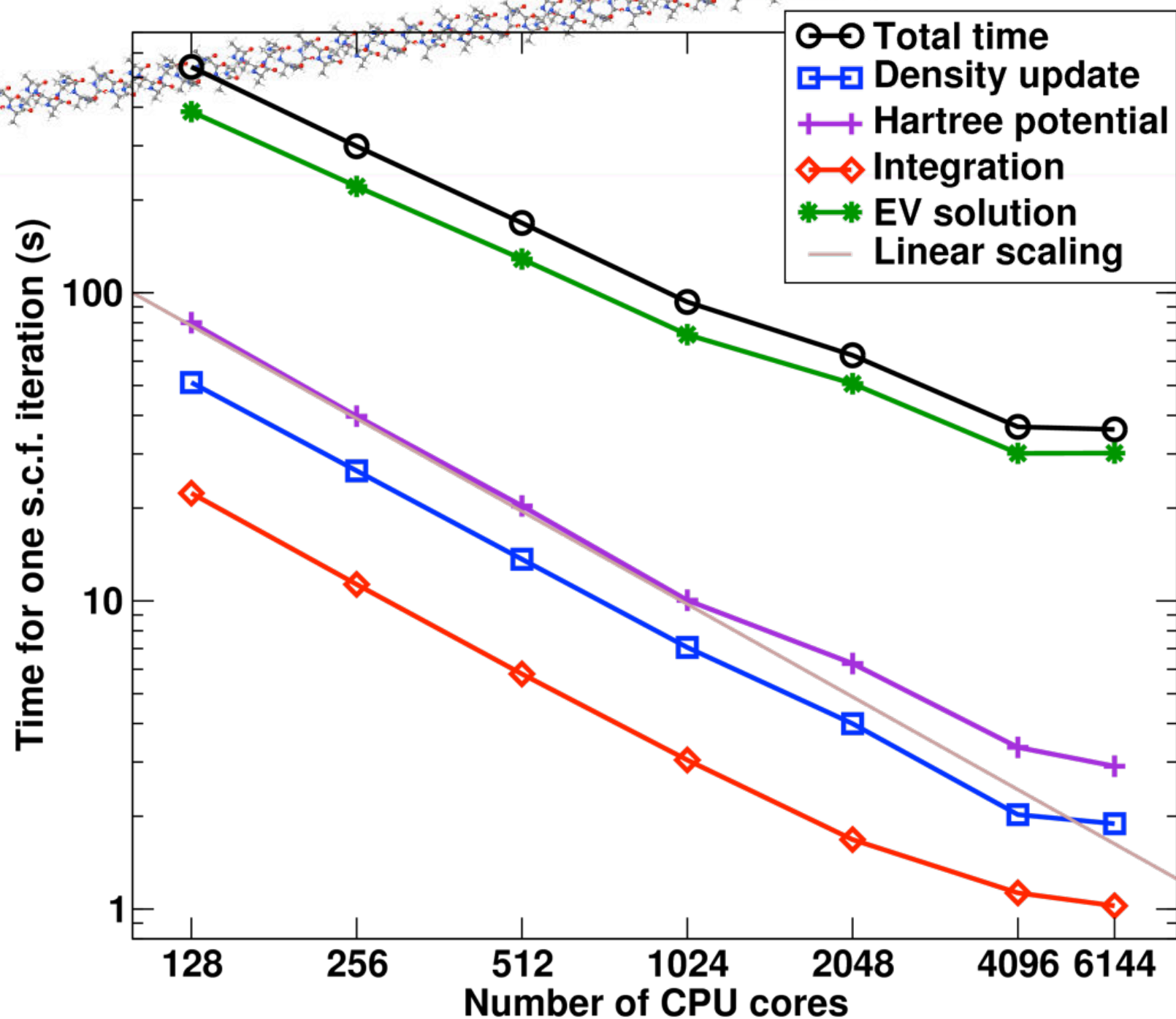
Trial system:

Model biomolecule

(similar for periodic systems)



$\alpha$ -helical Polyalanine Ala<sub>200</sub>  
2003 atoms, “tight”  
 $N=54138$ ,  $M=6820$   
NAO basis set (FHI-aims)



# Beyond Kohn-Sham: Hartree-Fock and hybrid functionals

$$E = E[n] = T[n] + V[n] + E_{\text{es}}[n] + E_{\text{xc}}[n]$$

LDA, GGA, mGGA etc.

Hohenberg-Kohn,  
Kohn-Sham, etc.

S. Levchenko  
Fri 09:00h

$$E_{\text{xc}}[n] = E_{\text{x}}^{\text{loc}}[n] + E_{\text{c}}^{\text{loc}}[n]$$

Nice, clean, tractable, and sadly often insufficient

$$E_{\text{xc}}[n] = (1 - \alpha)E_{\text{x}}^{\text{loc}}[n] + \alpha E_{\text{x}}^{\text{HF}} + E_{\text{c}}^{\text{loc}}[n]$$

Becke,  
Burke,  
Perdew,  
Ernzerhoff,  
others

“Hybrid functionals” - certainly legal

Unfortunately:

$$E_{\text{x}}^{\text{HF}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij\sigma} D_{ij}^{\sigma} K_{ij}^{\sigma} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ijkl} D_{ij}^{\sigma} D_{kl}^{\sigma} (ik|lj)$$

Naively,  $O(N^4)$  - four-index Coulomb matrix, long ranged, even hard to store  
OK for small molecules, impractical for solids ...

# Our Preferred Route to $(ij|kl)$ : Resolution of Identity (RI)

$$(ij|kl) = \int d^3r d^3r' \frac{\varphi_i(\mathbf{r})\varphi_j(\mathbf{r}')\varphi_k(\mathbf{r})\varphi_l(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$

Boys/Shavitt, Whitten  
Dunlap, ...  
many others

$(ij|kl)$  is too much work (even non-periodic) - simplify?

Basis pair product space

$$\{\varphi_i(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \varphi_j(\mathbf{r})\}$$

must be overcomplete if

$$\{\varphi_i(\mathbf{r})\}$$

itself approaches completeness

Solution (quantum chemistry):

$$\varphi_i(\mathbf{r})\varphi_j(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\mu} C_{ij}^{\mu} P_{\mu}(\mathbf{r})$$

↑  
smaller auxiliary basis set  $\{P_{\mu}\}$

In finite systems, "RI-V":

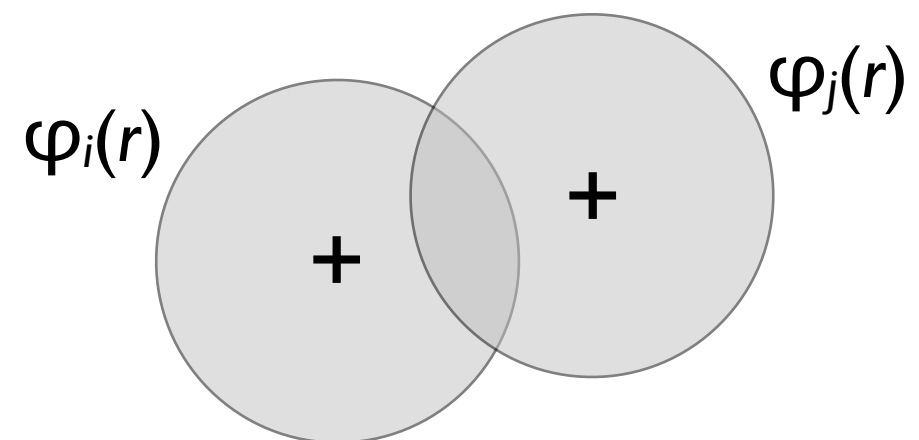
$$C_{ij}^{\mu} = \sum_{\nu} (ij|\nu) V_{\nu\mu}^{-1}$$

$$(ij|\nu) = \int d^3r d^3r' \frac{\varphi_i(\mathbf{r})\varphi_j(\mathbf{r})P_{\nu}(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$

Accurate [1], but *delocalizes C!*

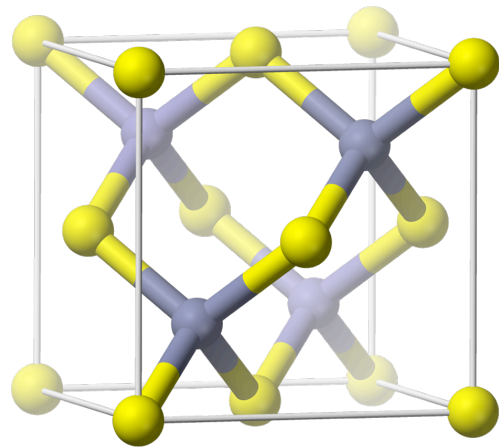
(Much) better scaling: Localized RI

For each  $C_{ij}^{\mu}$ , restrict  $\mu$  to only those atoms at which  $i$  and  $j$  are centered!



# Accuracy: Periodic hybrid functionals

## Cohesive properties, bulk semiconductors



<b>Si</b>			
<b>PBE0</b>	$a$ [Å]	$B_0$ [Mbar]	$E_{\text{coh}}$ [eV]
FHI-aims, <i>tight</i>	5.439	0.99	4.553
Ref. [1]	5.433	1.00	4.555
<b>HSE06</b>			
FHI-aims, <i>tight</i>	5.446	0.98	4.527
Ref. [2]	5.435	0.98	4.582
<b>GaAs</b>			
<b>HSE06</b>			
FHI-aims, <i>tight</i>	5.695	0.71	3.150
Ref. [2]	5.687	0.71	3.149
<b>Ge</b>			
<b>HSE06</b>			
FHI-aims, <i>tight</i>	5.700	0.71	3.761
Ref. [3]	5.703	0.73	n/a

Essentially linear scaling  
exchange operator:  
Levchenko, Ren, Wieferink,  
Johanni, Blum, Rinke,  
Scheffler 2013

- [1] J. Paier *et al.*, J. Chem. Phys. **124**, 154709 (2006).  
[2] J. Paier *et al.*, J. Chem. Phys. **125**, 249901 (2006).  
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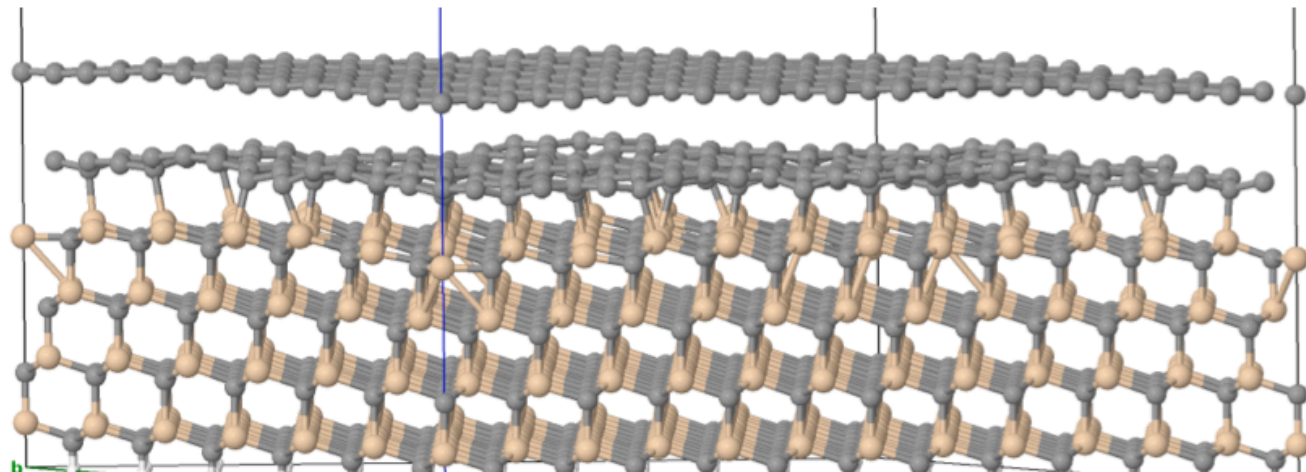
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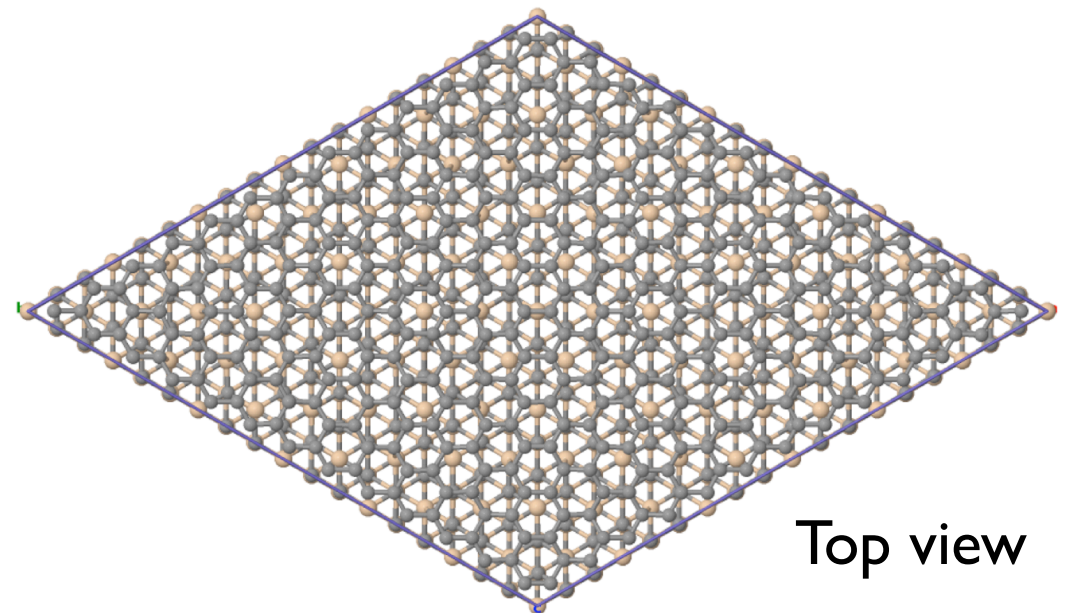
Lydia Nemec

## Graphene on SiC(0001)

*van Bommel, Crombeen, van Tooren,  
Surf. Sci. 1975  
many others*



(13x13) graphene on  
SiC(0001)-(6√3×6√3)R30°



338 atoms per C plane  
216 atoms per SiC plane  
Surface energy?  
Electronic structure?  
...

\* under some conditions ...

# Ab Initio Thermodynamics for Si-Side Graphene/SiC

Nemec, Blum, Rinke, Scheffler, PRL (2013).

Thermodynamic stability criterion for competing surface phases:

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$$\mu = \mu(T, p_{\text{C}}, p_{\text{Si}})$$

Externally (experimentally)  
controllable

Stability boundaries:

Bulk SiC more stable than elemental Si, C

$$\mu_{\text{C}} \leq E_{\text{C}}^{\text{bulk}}$$

$$\mu_{\text{Si}} \leq E_{\text{Si}}^{\text{bulk}}$$

Reuter, Scheffler, PRB 65, 035406 (2001).

Total energies, full relaxation from first principles:

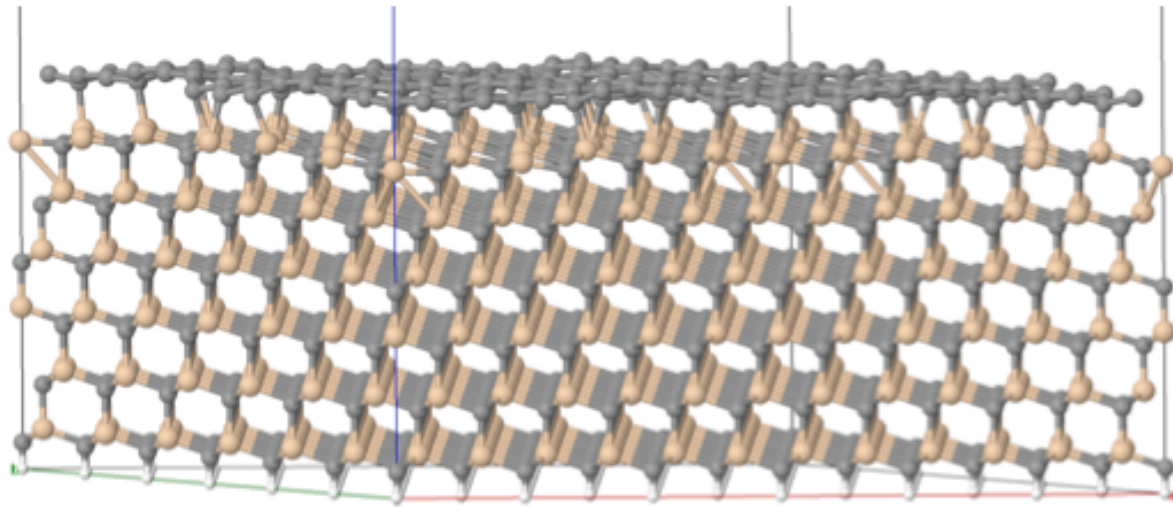
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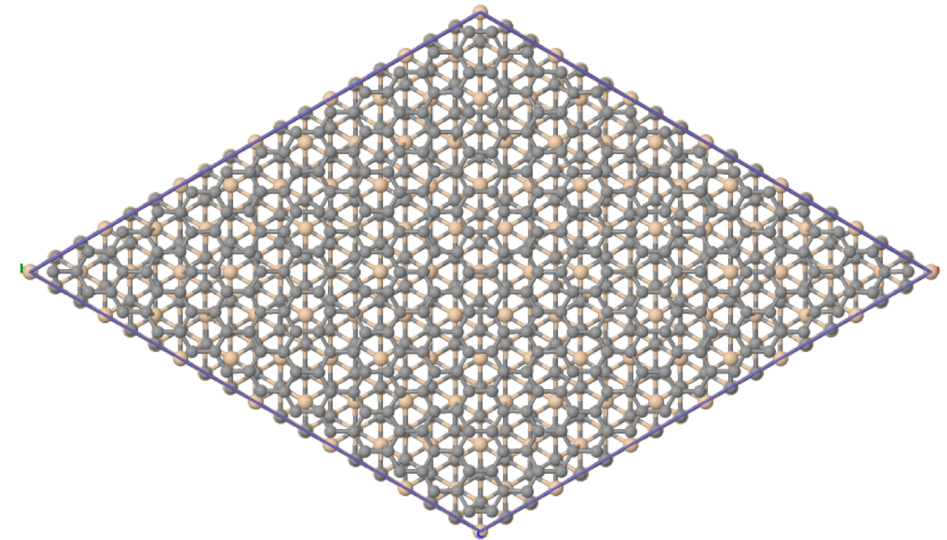
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$(6\sqrt{3} \times 6\sqrt{3})$  SiC(111) +  $(13 \times 13)$  graphene:



ZLG, side view



Commensurate growth -  
nearly strain-free (0.2%), but large:  
1742 atoms (ZLG) - 2756 atoms (3LG)

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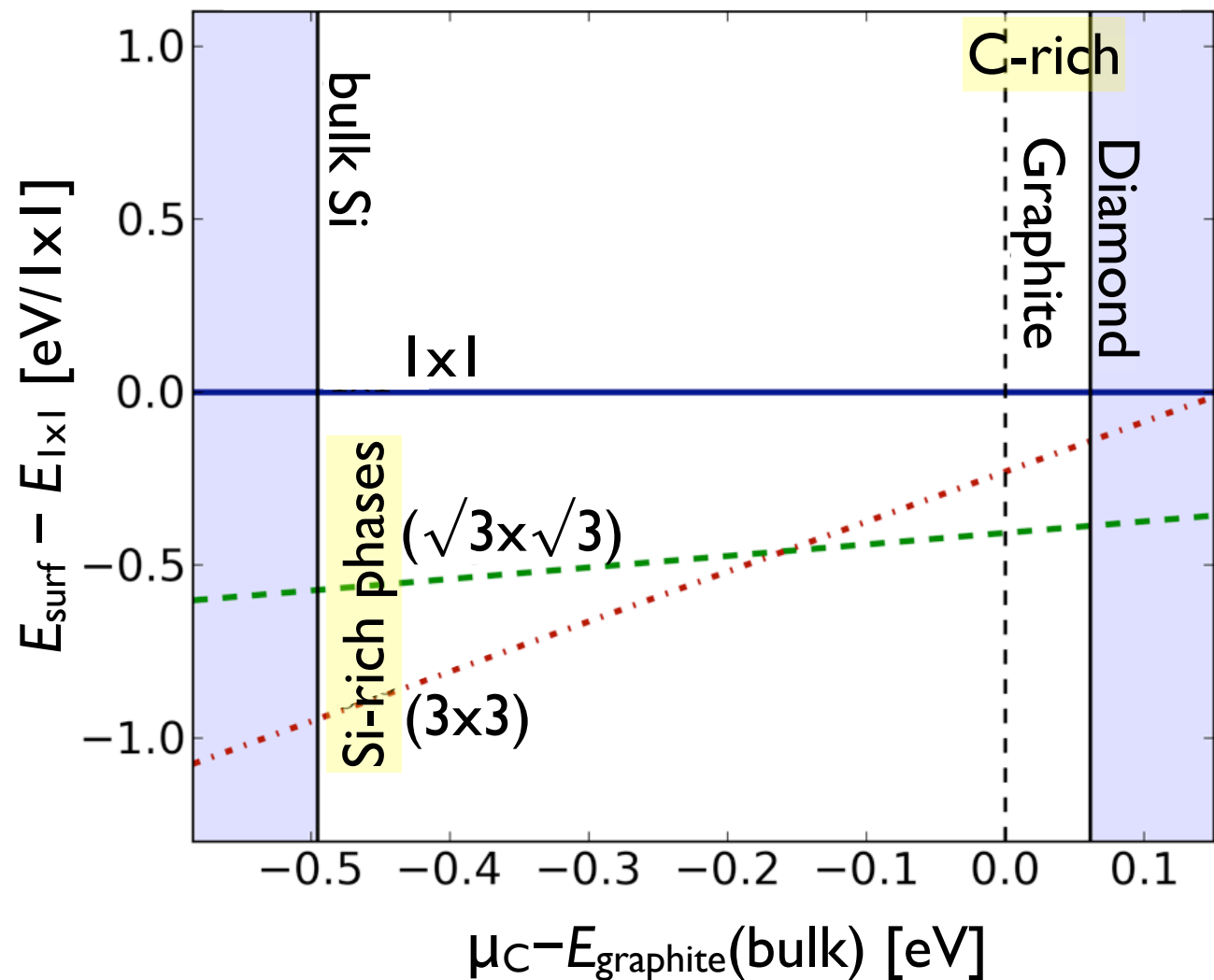
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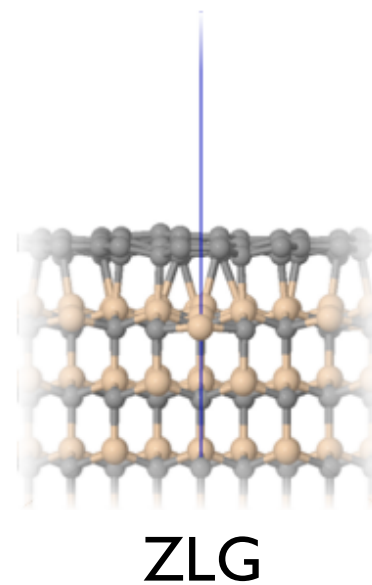
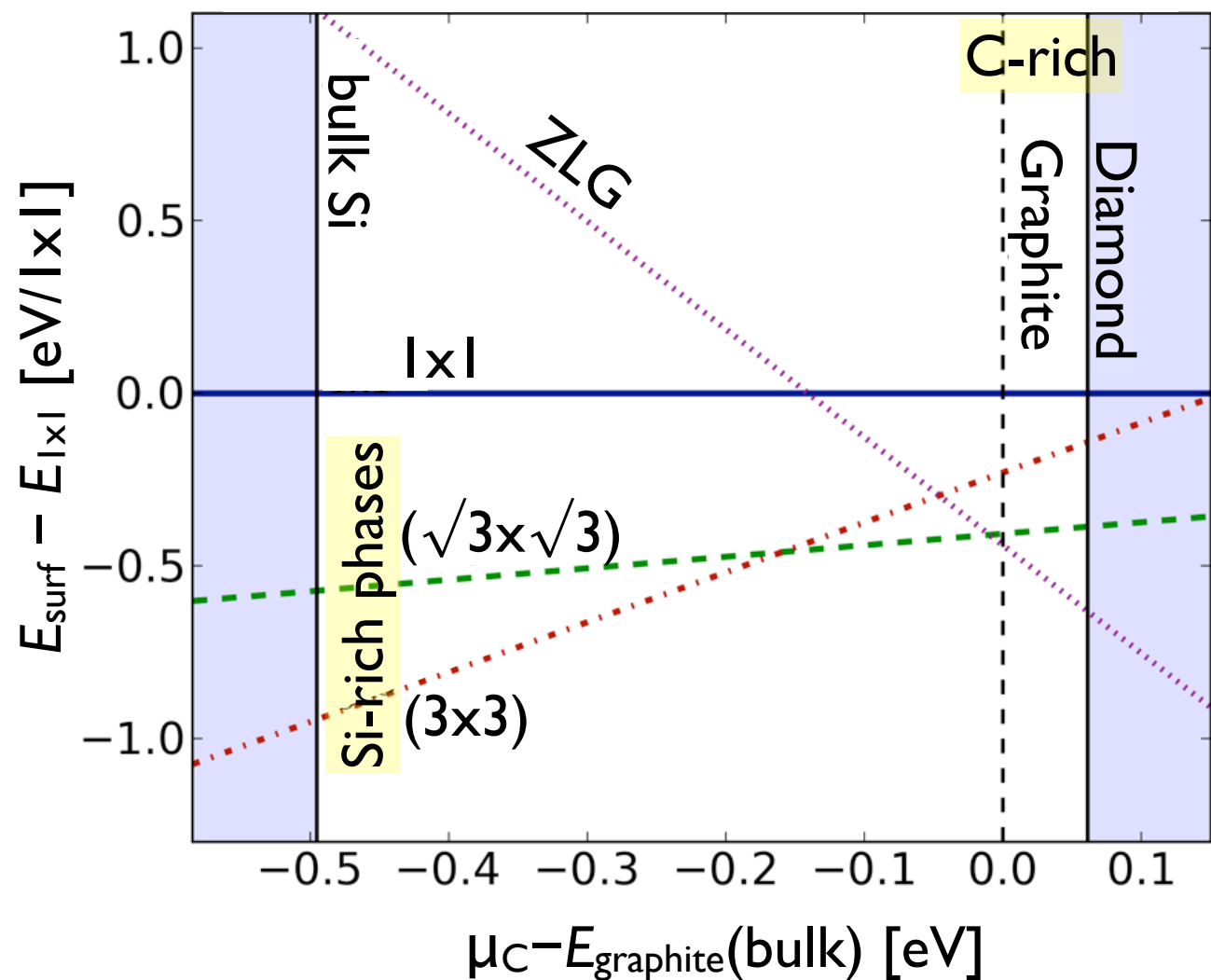


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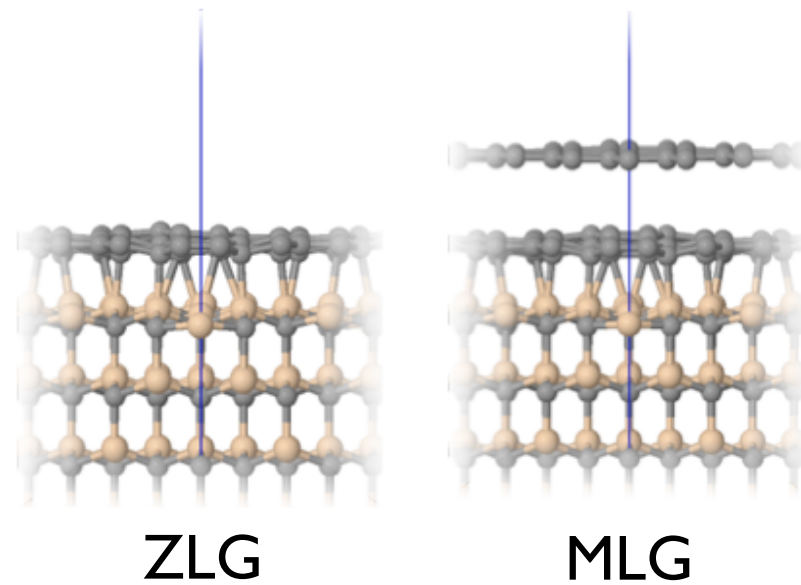
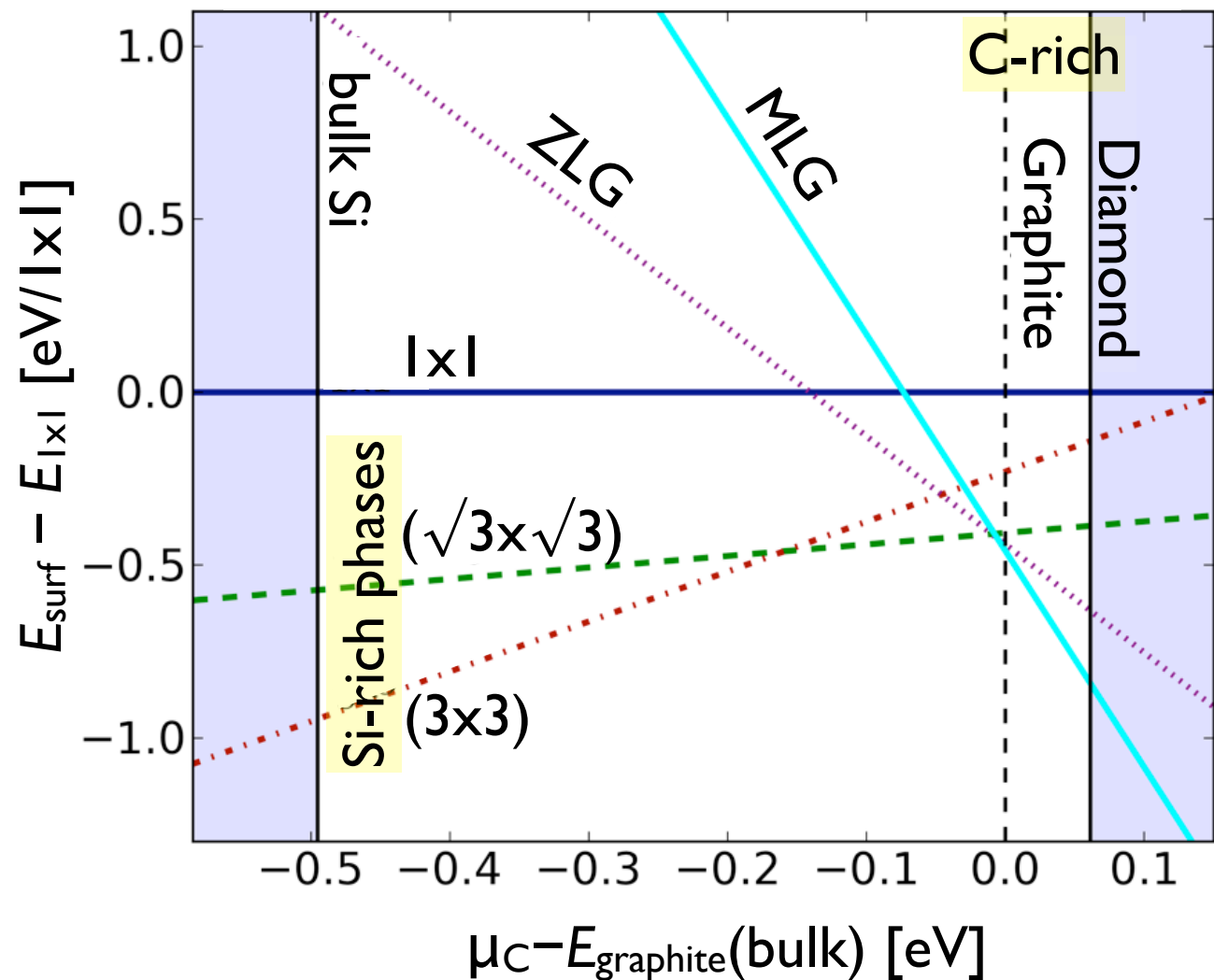




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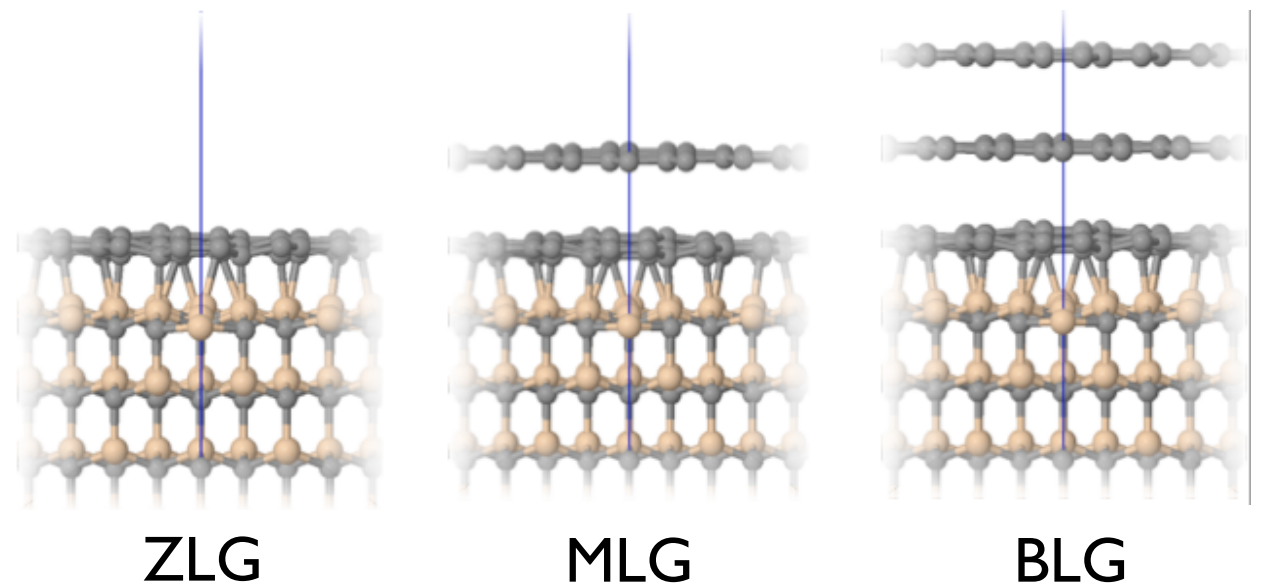
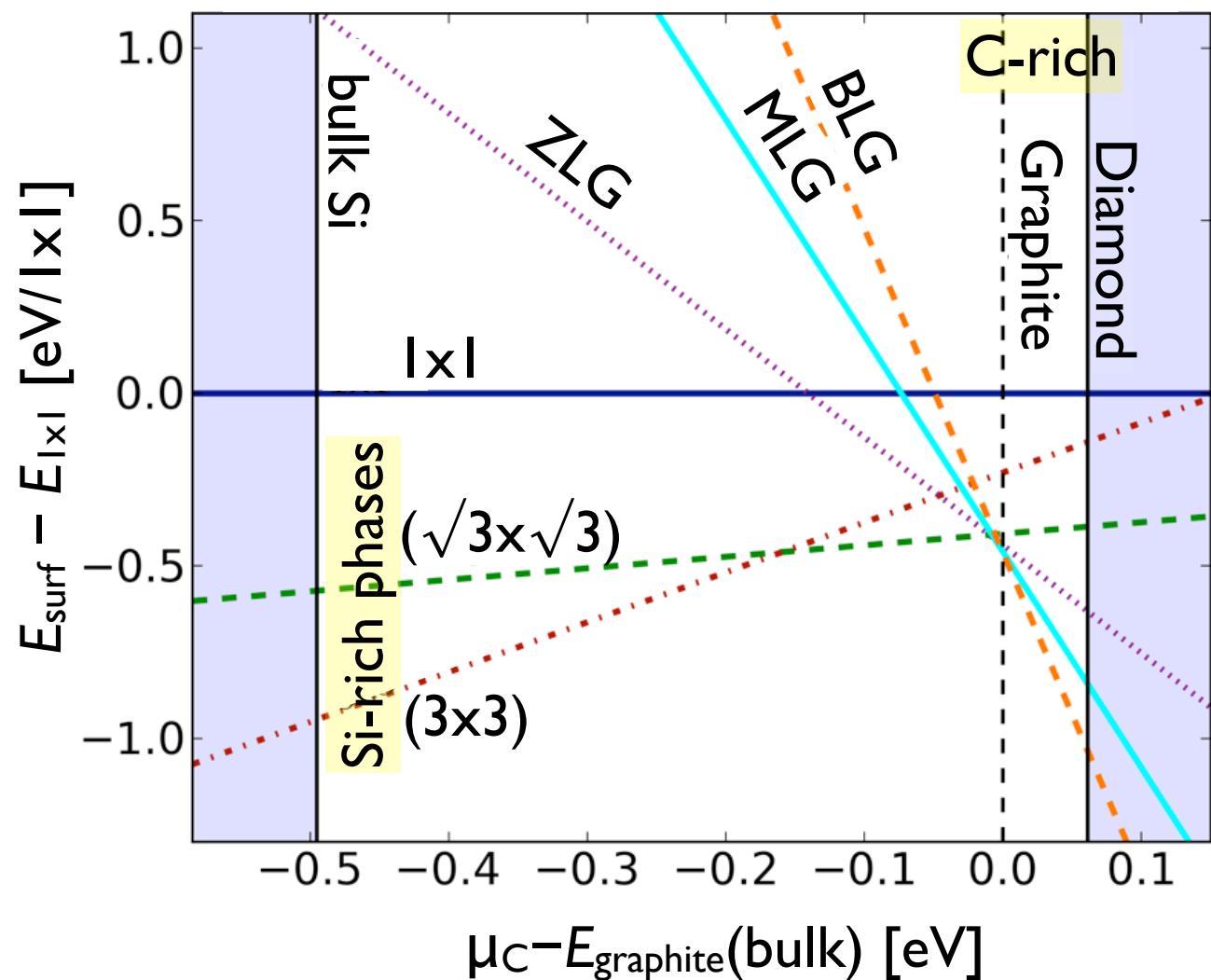
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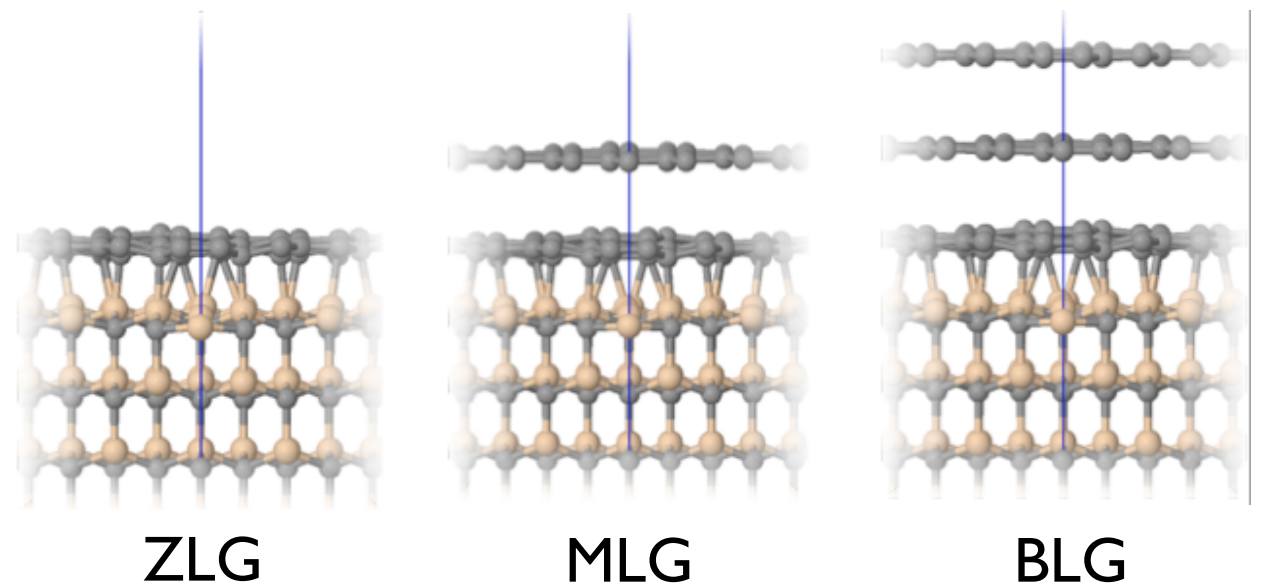
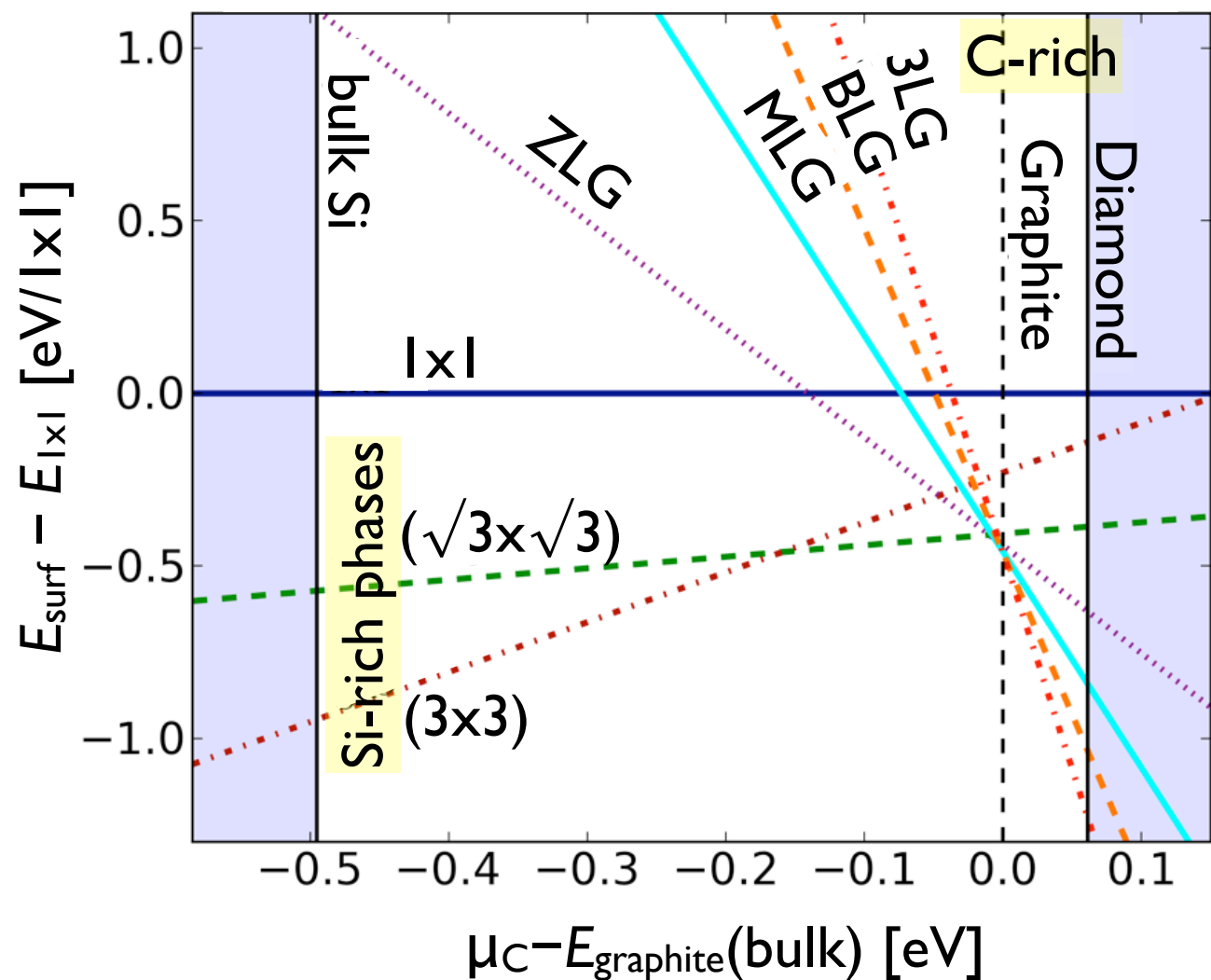


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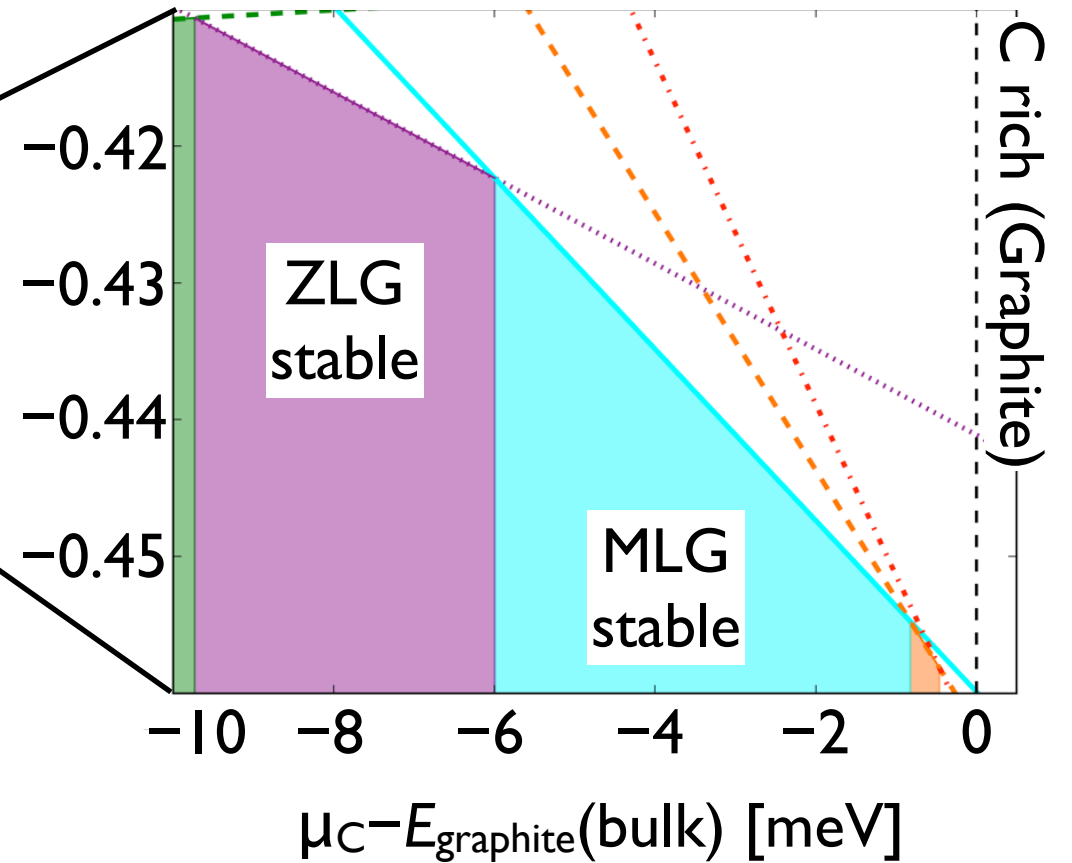
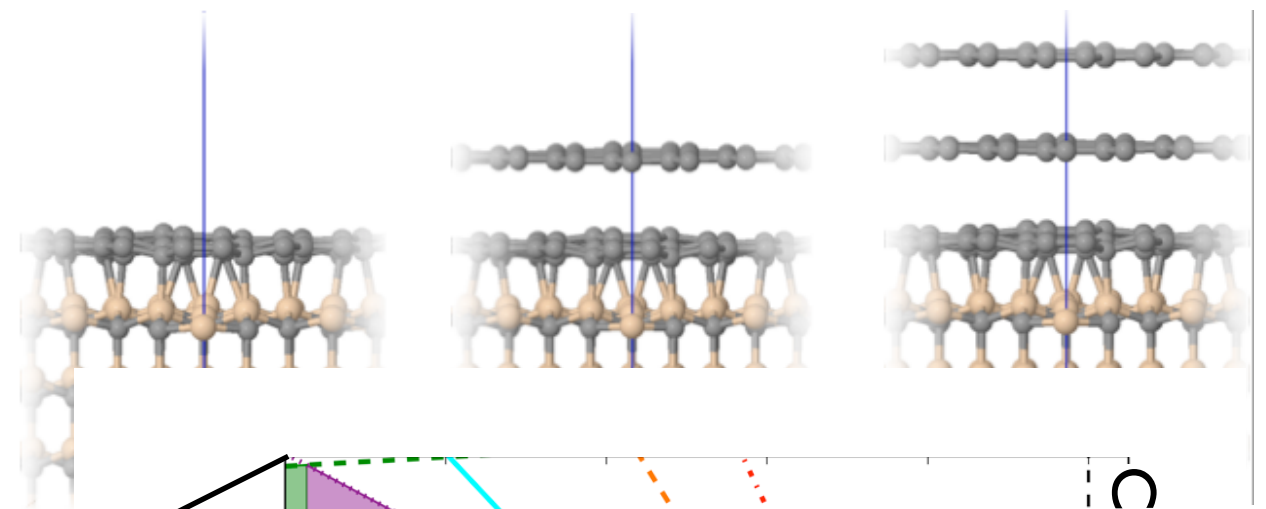
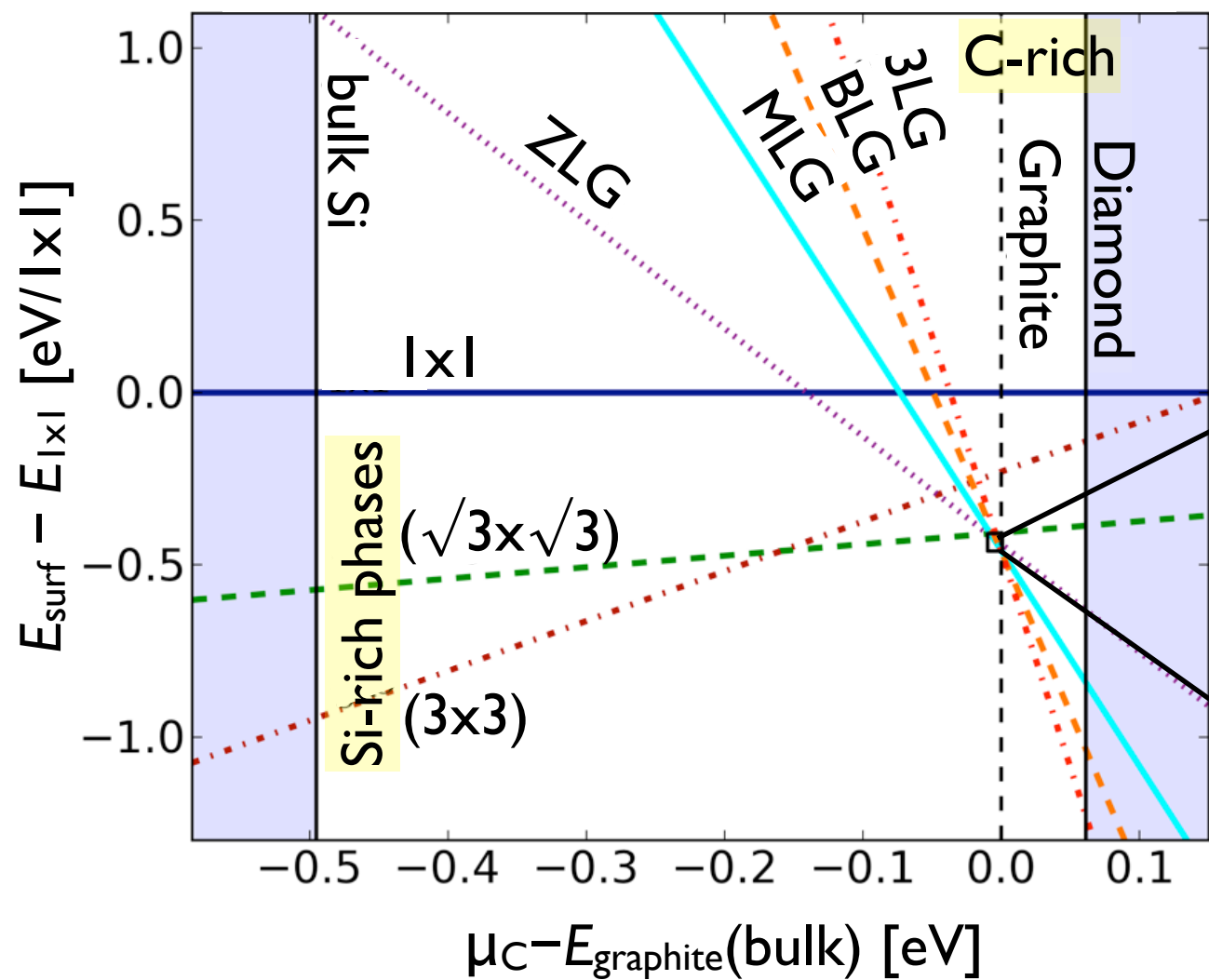


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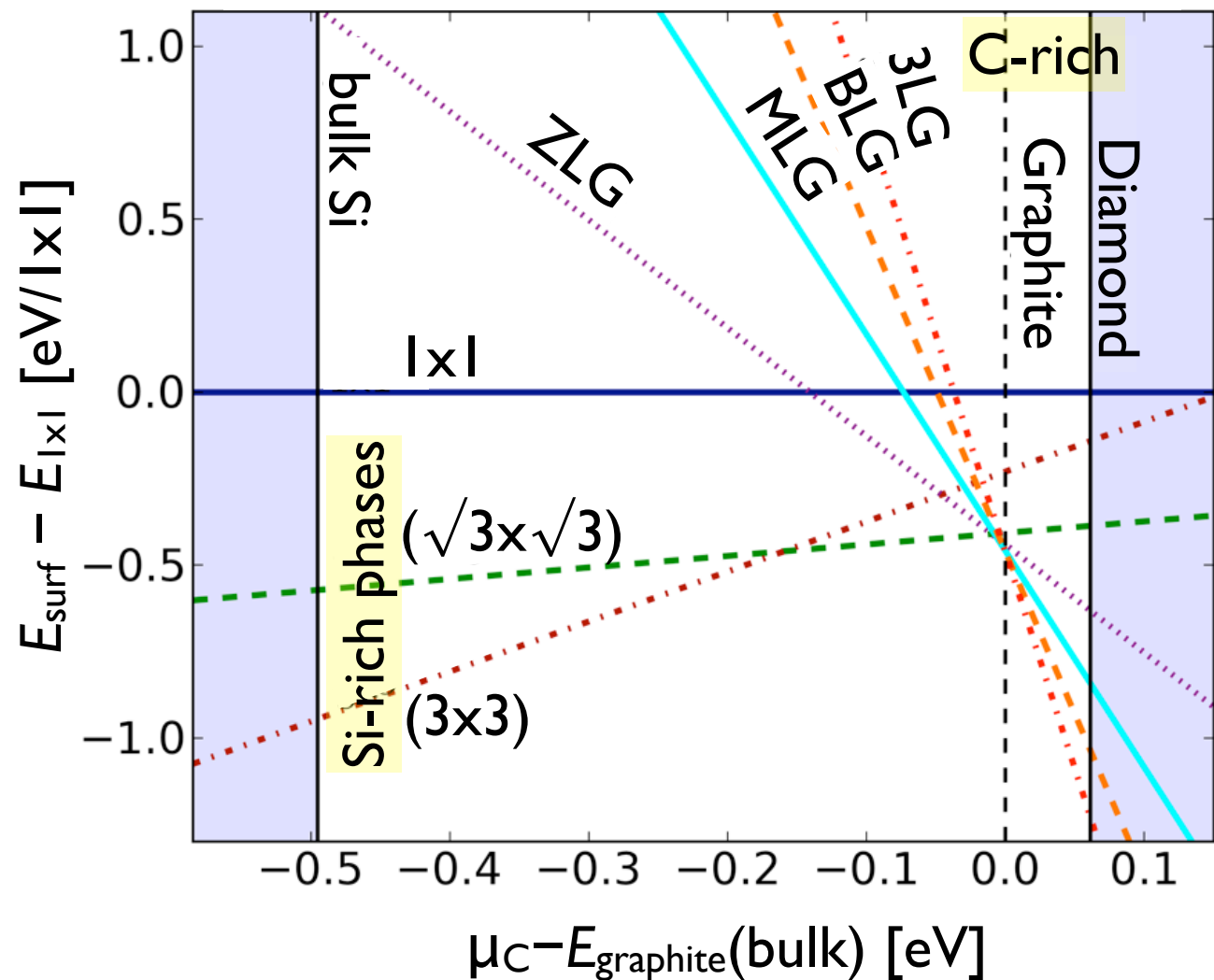
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# Stability of Surface Phases: Conclusion

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- Thermodynamic near-stability range for ZLG, MLG possibly BLG

- Defects, dopants, electronic structure, dynamics(?) accessible without artificial strain

# 2013 - Summary and Outlook



Abundant application areas: (Bio)molecules, metal clusters and catalysis, thermal transport, hybrid organic-inorganic systems, oxide materials, ...

## Key advantages:

- Reliable, affordable all-electron numbers up to large systems
- Periodic, cluster-type system on exactly equal footing
- Seamlessly from light to heavy elements
- Excellent use of (massively) parallel hardware
- Path to many-body approaches (RPA, GW, ...)

## Much ongoing work:

QM/MM embedding into external fields

Optical properties in molecules and solids

Density functional perturbation theory (phonons, general linear response)

MANY more.



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