

The ELSI Infrastructure for Scalable Electronic Structure Theory



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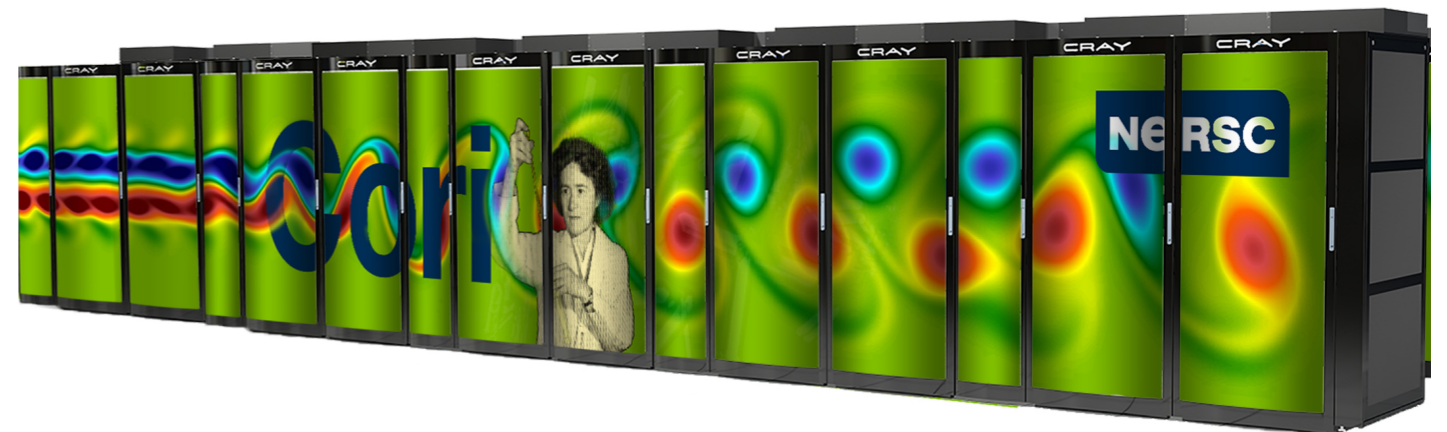
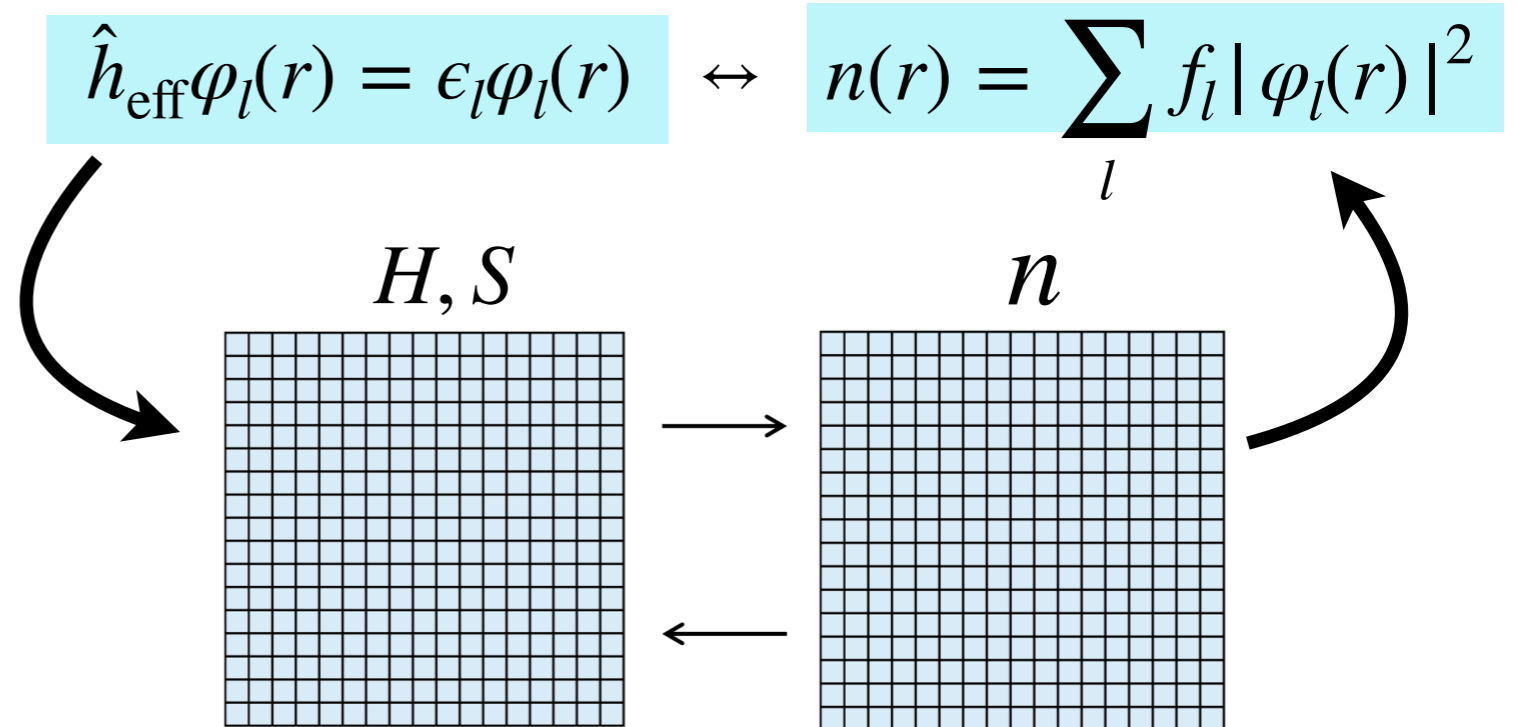
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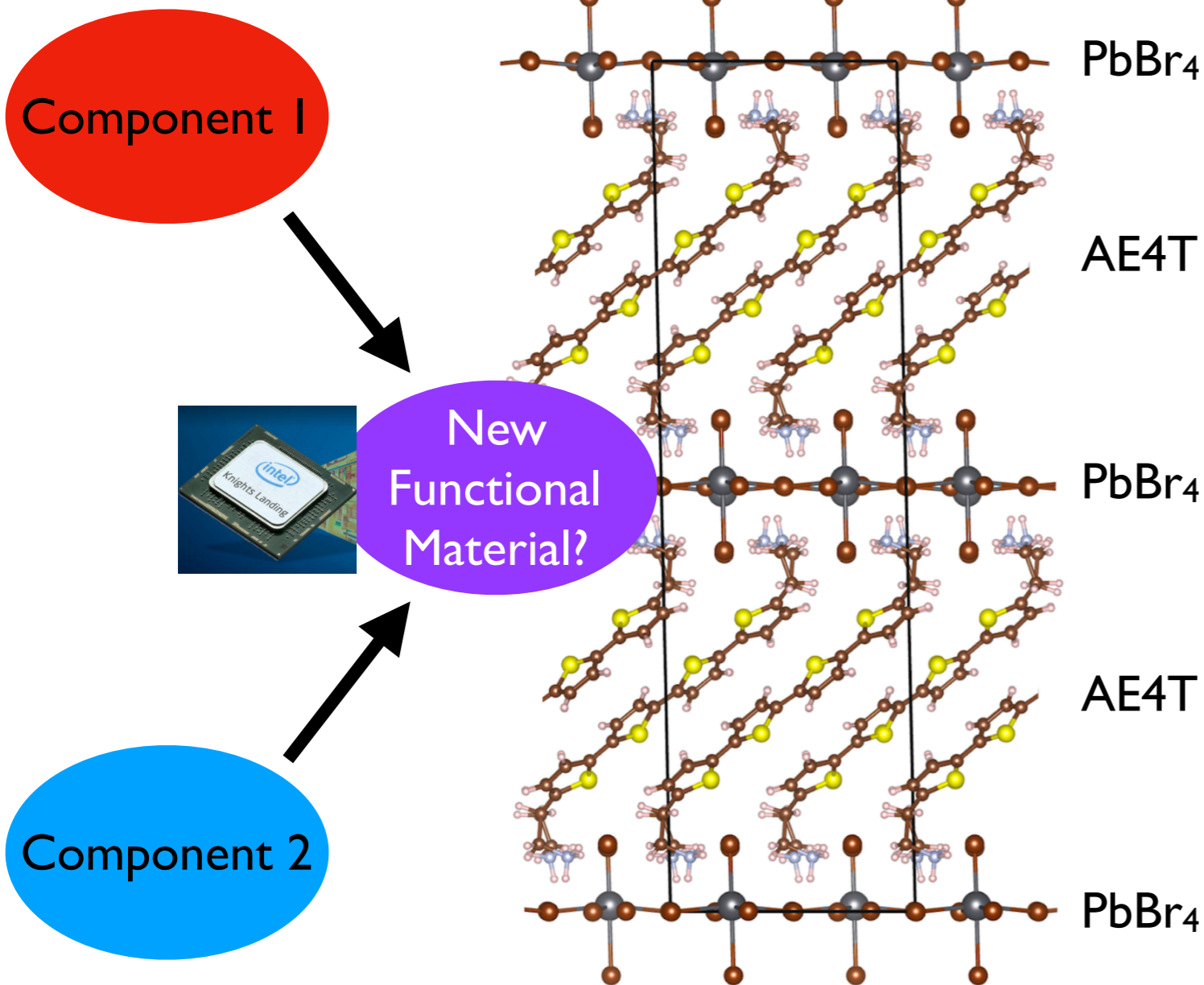
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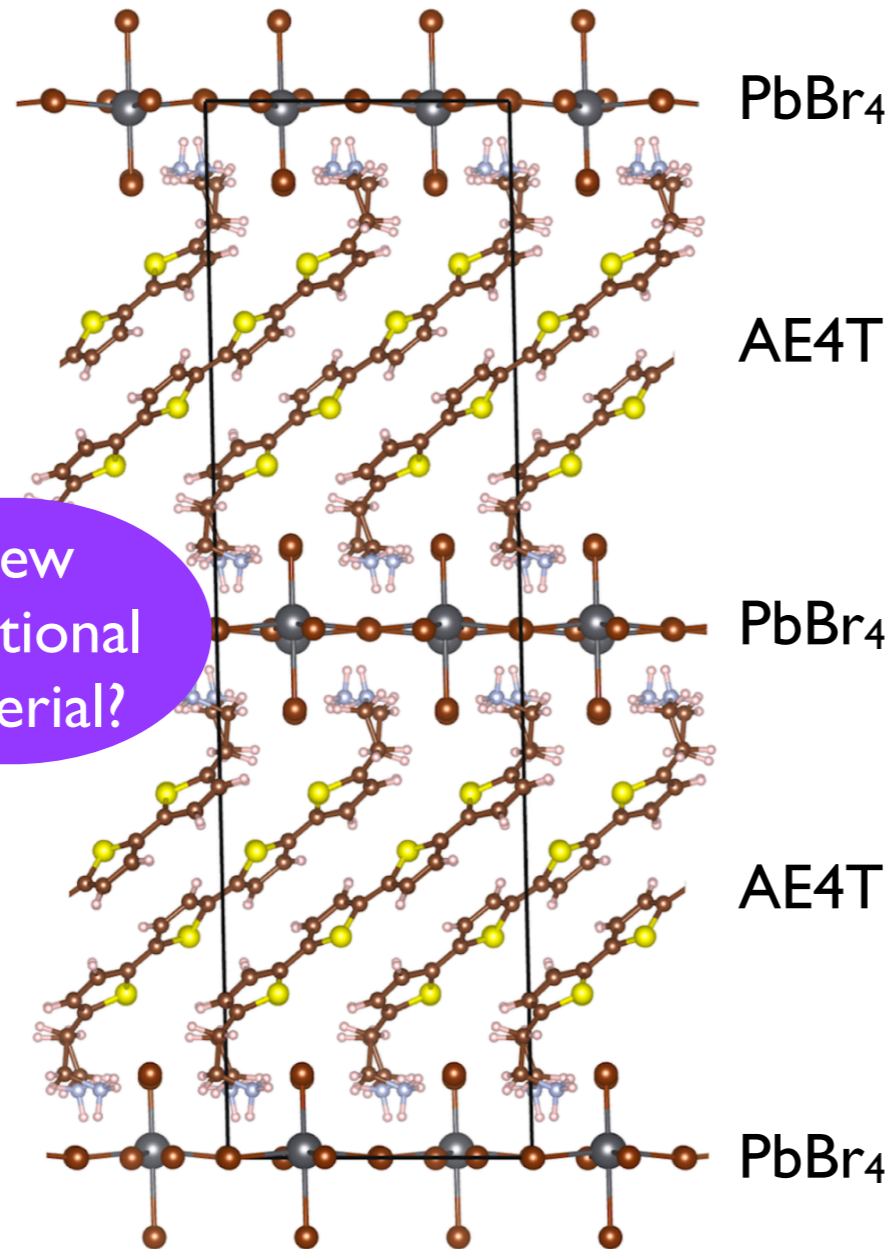
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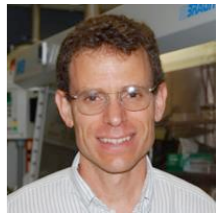
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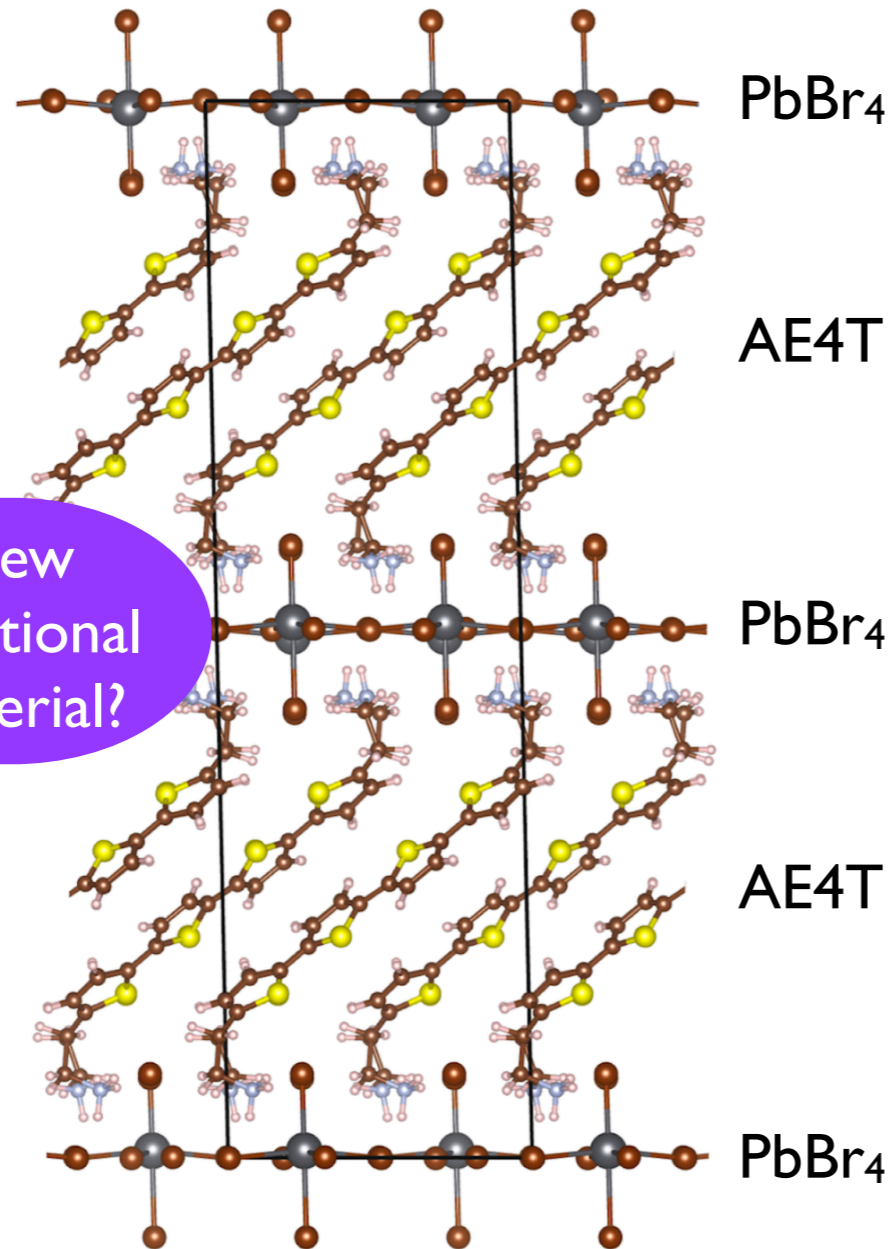
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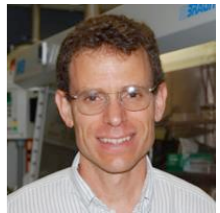
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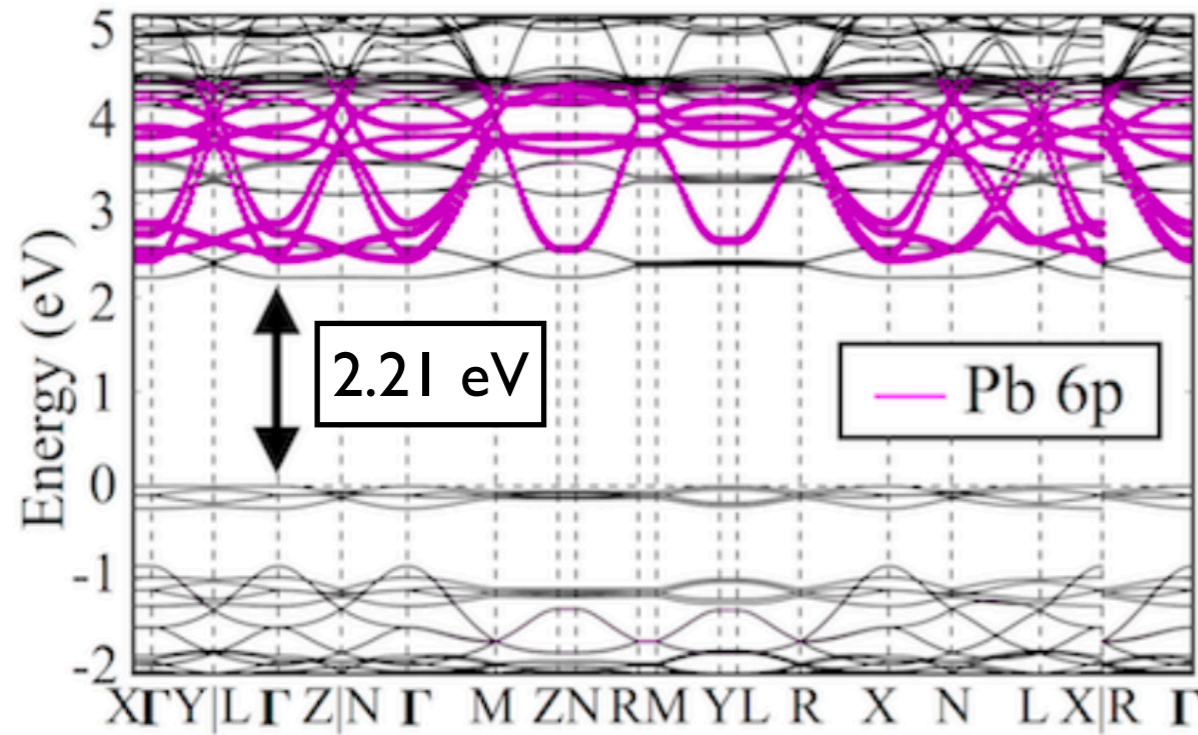
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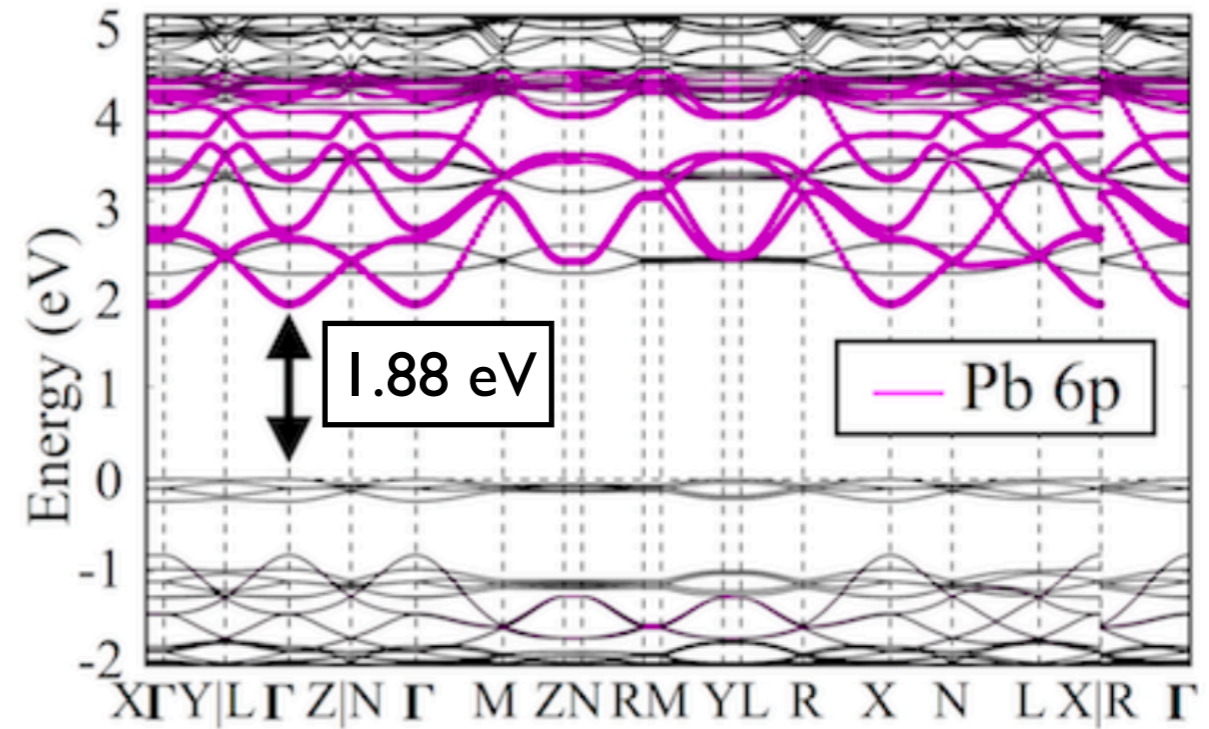
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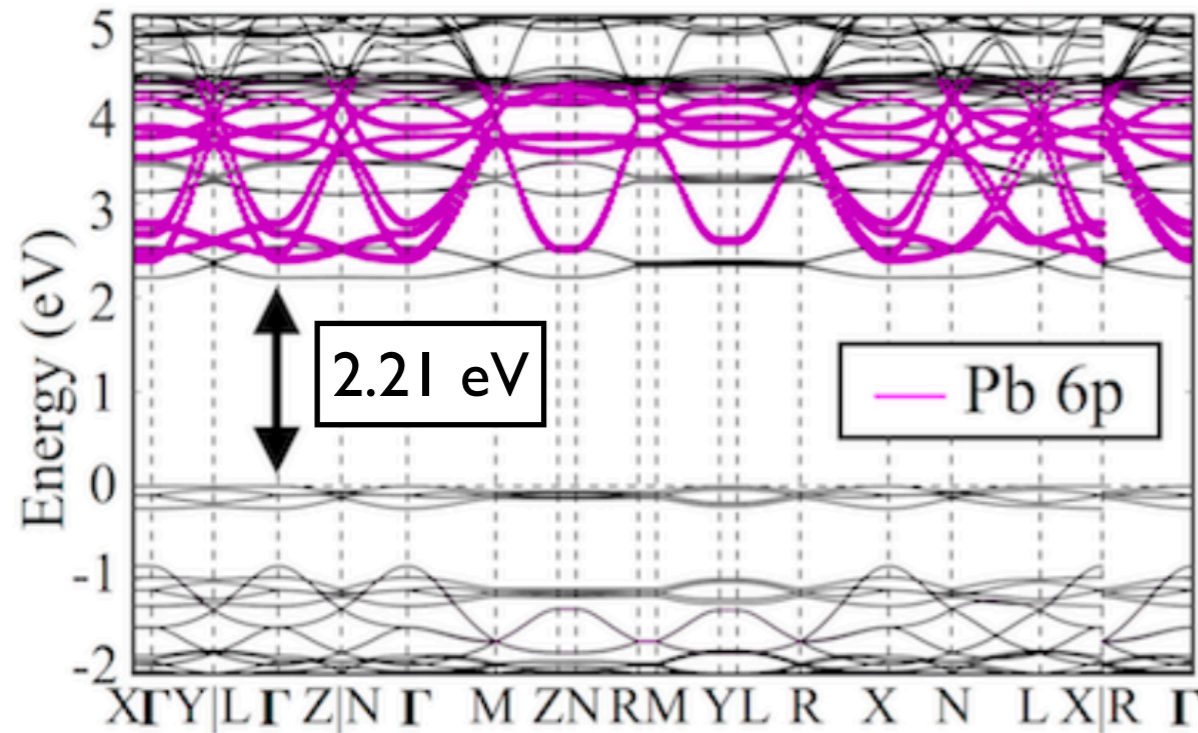


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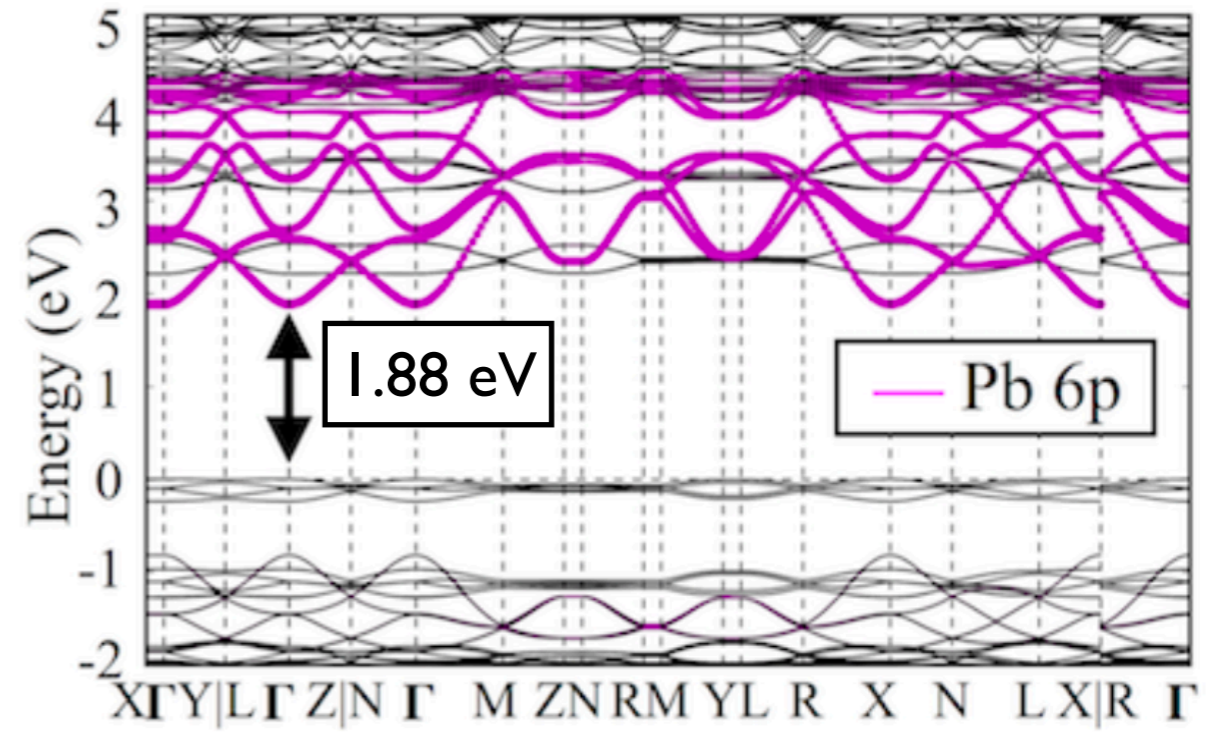


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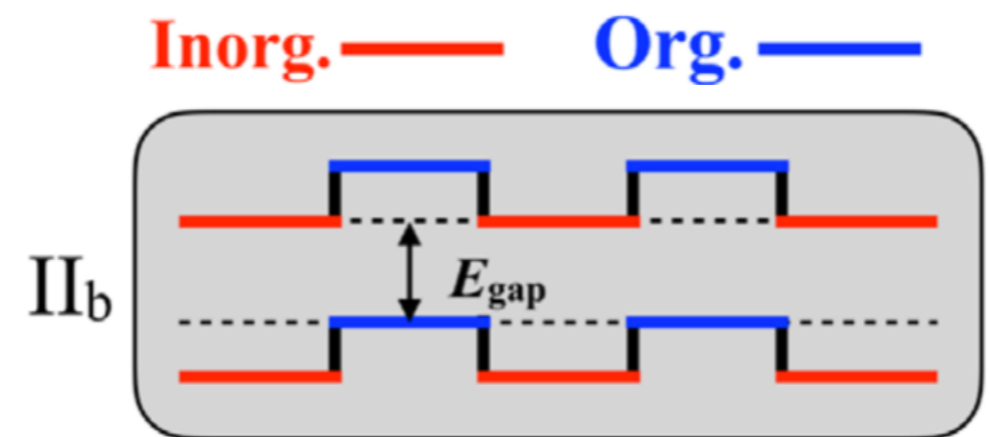


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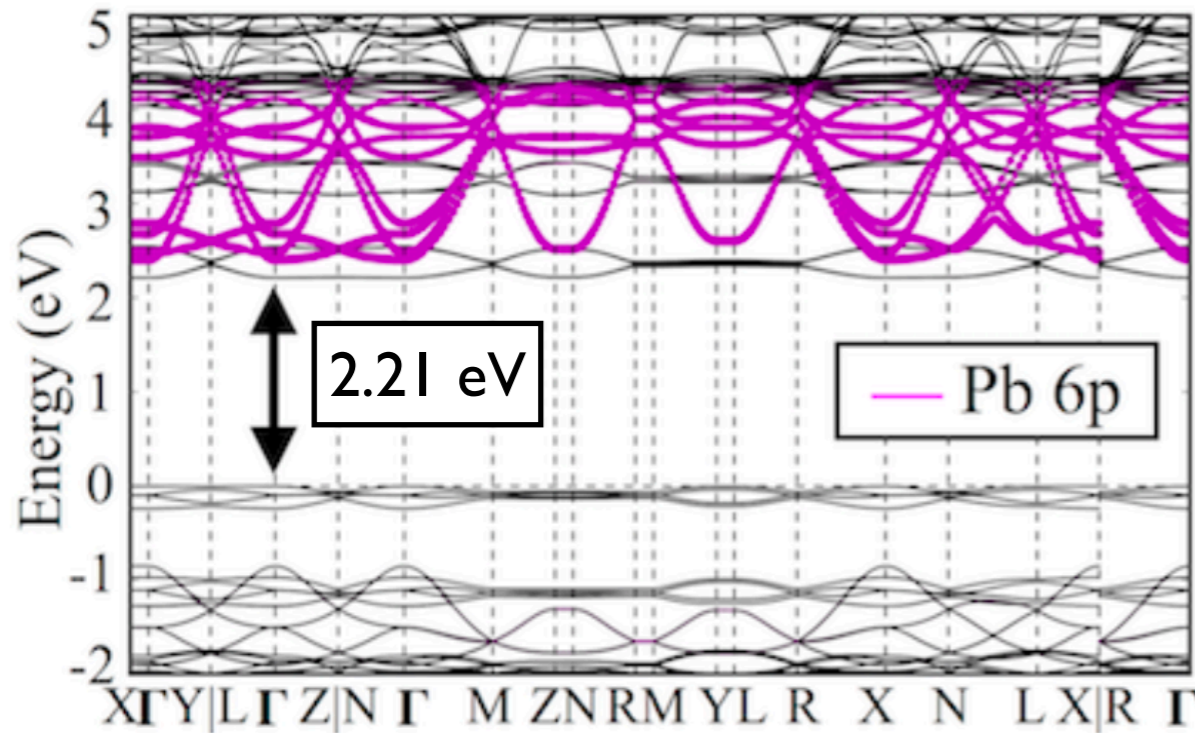
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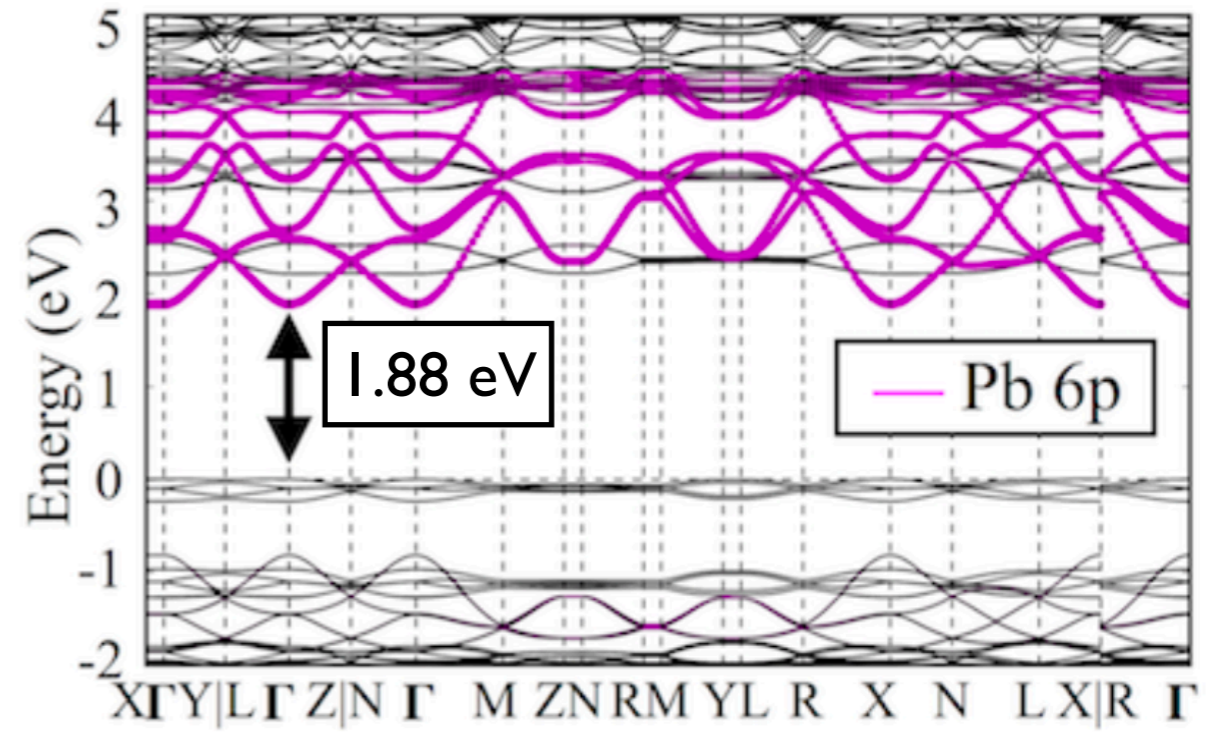


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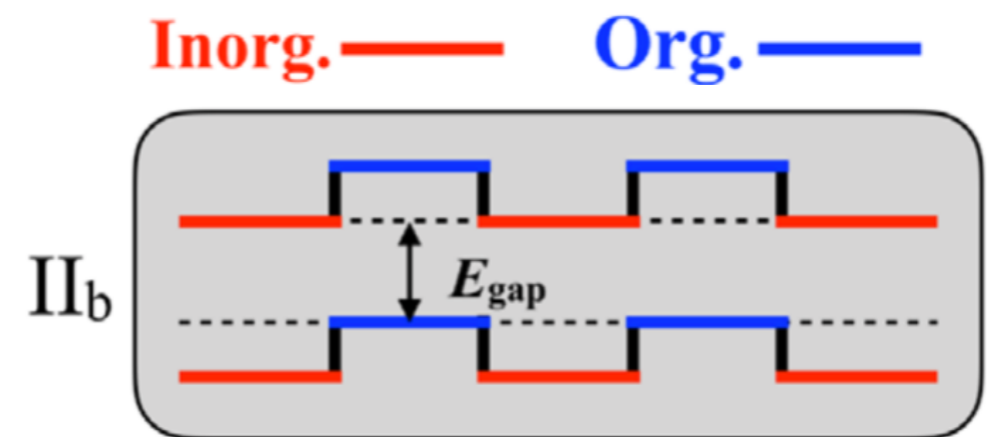


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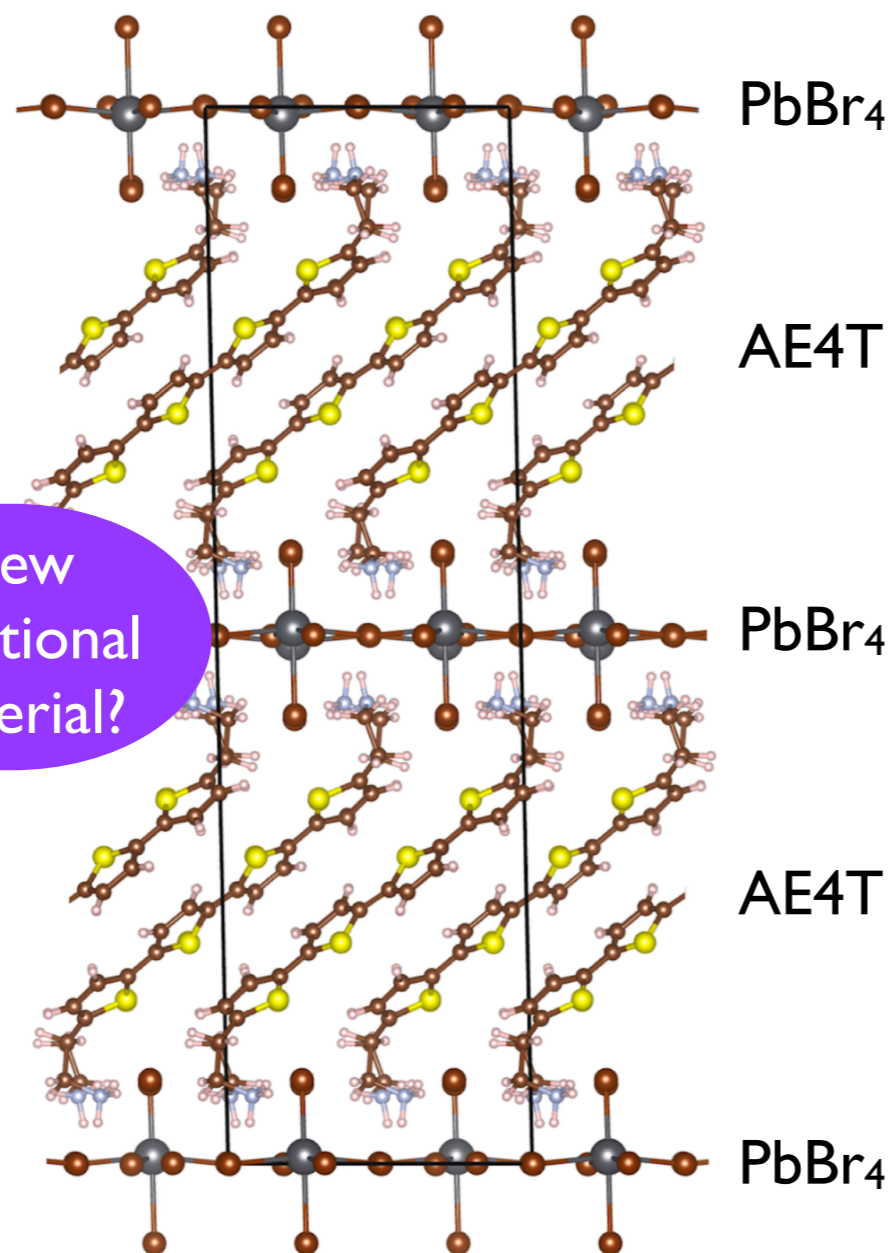
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<https://www.alcf.anl.gov/theta>

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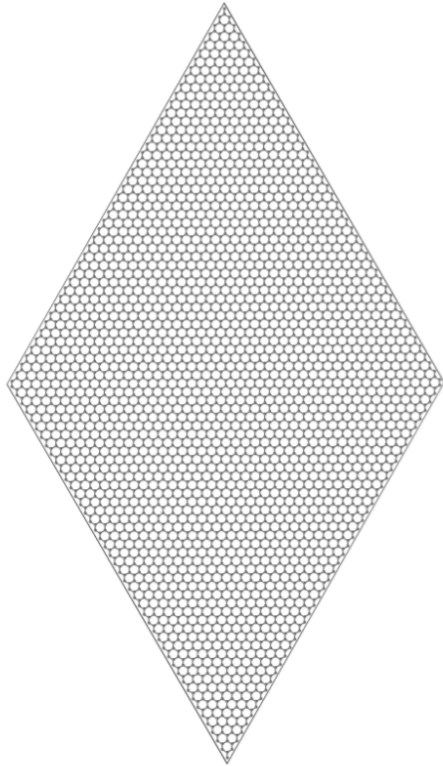
“Conventional” solvers (Lapack-like):

- 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?

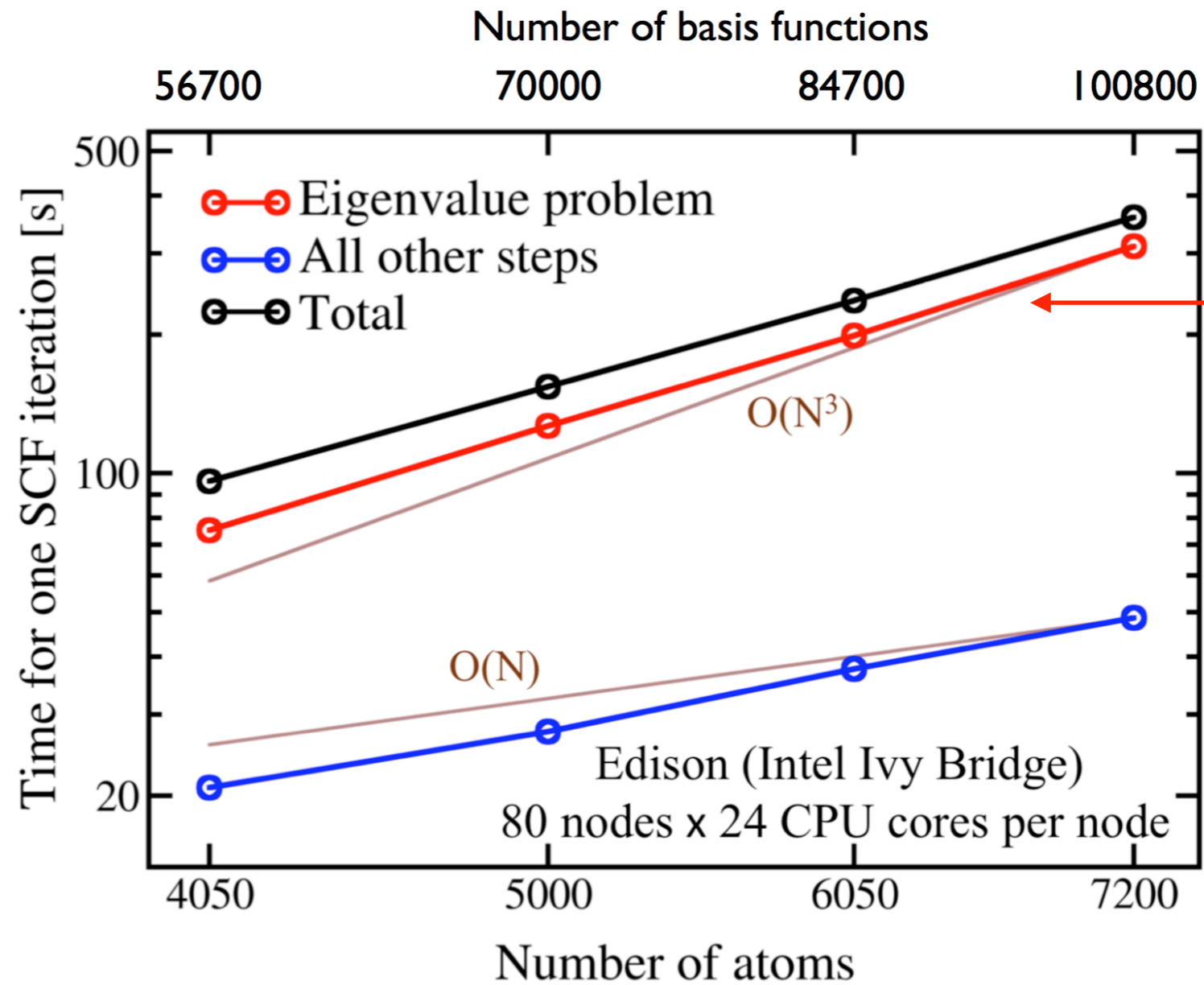
Typical Scaling - $O(N^3)$ Wall

$$H\varphi = \epsilon S\varphi$$



Graphene monolayer,
4050 atoms

FHI-aims, PBE, "light" settings



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Generic problem for any Kohn-Sham DFT code ... solution strategies?

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Hybrid MPI-OpenMP Parallelism in the ONETEP Linear-Scaling Electronic Structure Code: Application to the Delamination of Cellulose Nanofibrils

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However:

- System- and/or density-functional specific algorithms
 - The optimal algorithms changes from small to large scale
 - Complex, algorithm-specific parallelization (matrix storage distribution, communication patterns)
 - Very different supercomputing paradigms
 - must be addressed at low level
- seamless, easy-to-use, general implementation from laptop to supercomputer not straightforward

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Agenda for the Remainder of this Talk

- Making an Eigenvalue Solver Scalable (ELPA library)
- Bypassing the Eigenvalue Problem - Density-Matrix Based Approaches
- ELSI Infrastructure

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Today:

- Standalone open-source (LGPL) library, used in other major codes (cp2k, Quantum Espresso, VASP, ...)
- Optional support for shared-memory systems (OpenMP)

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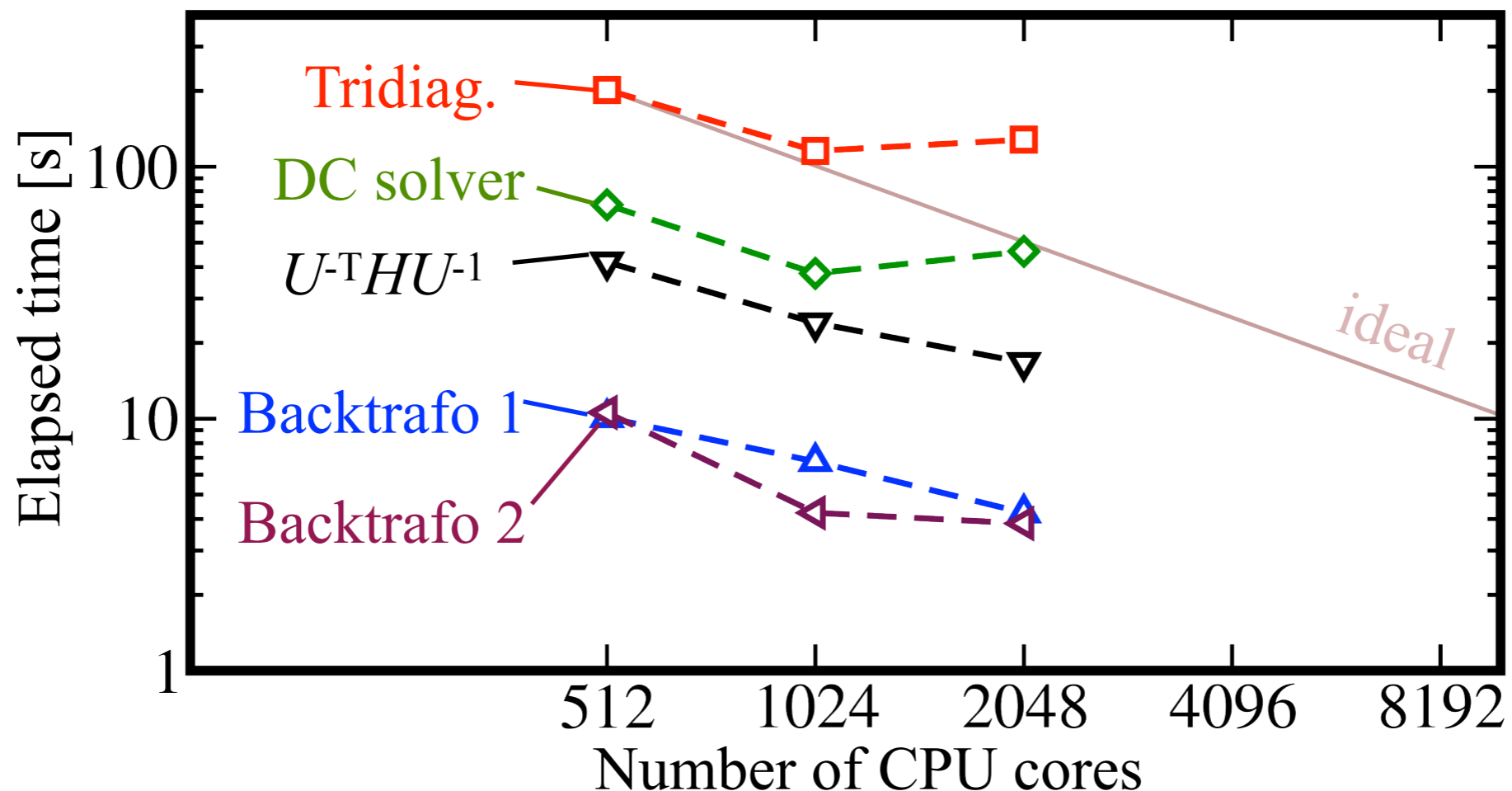
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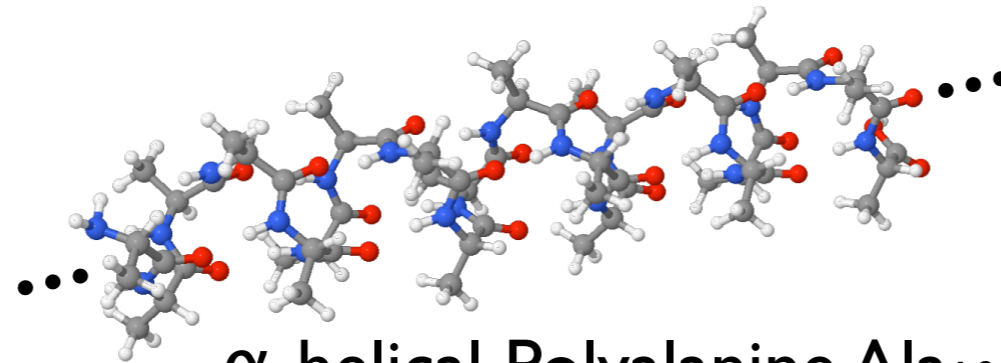
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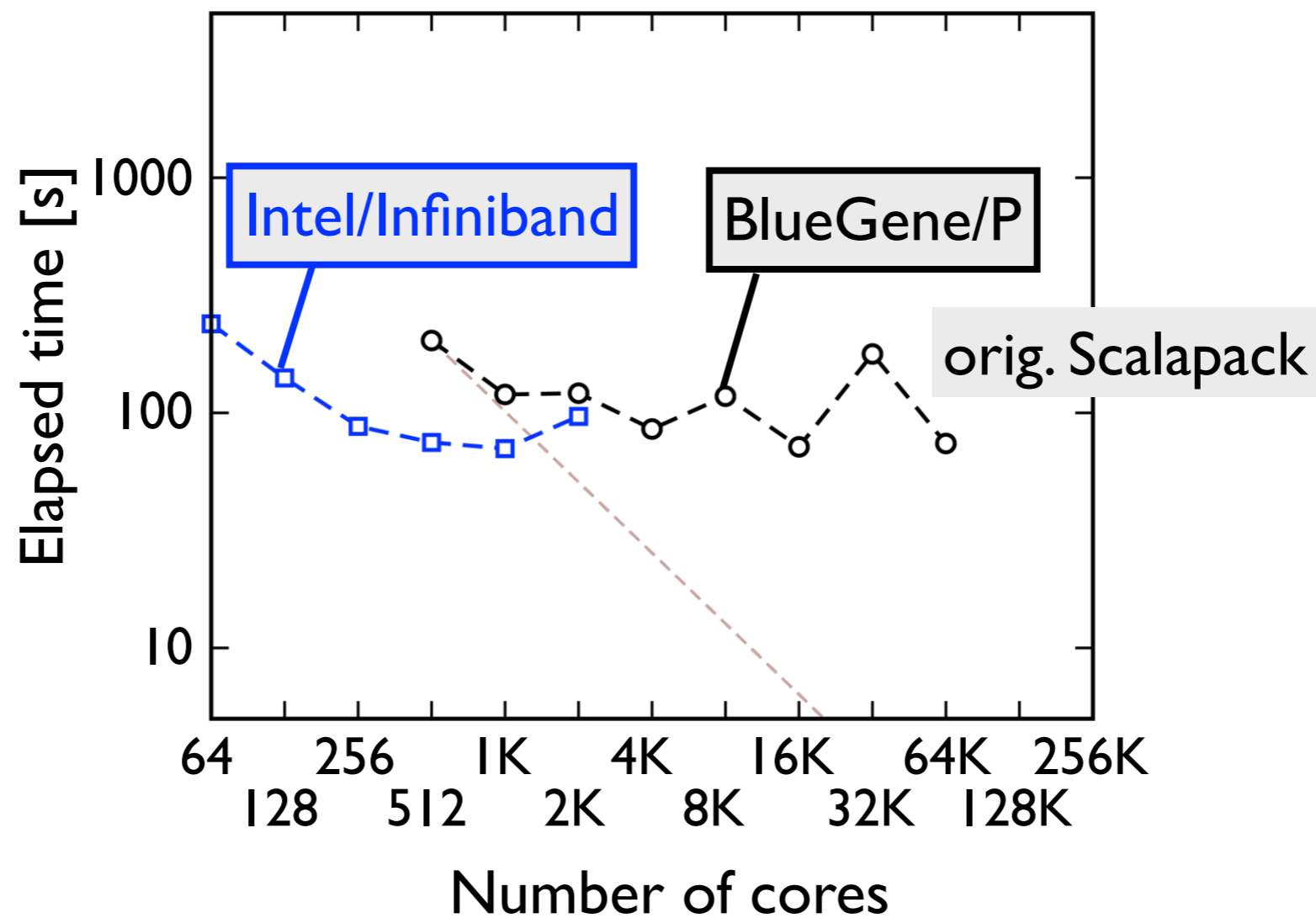


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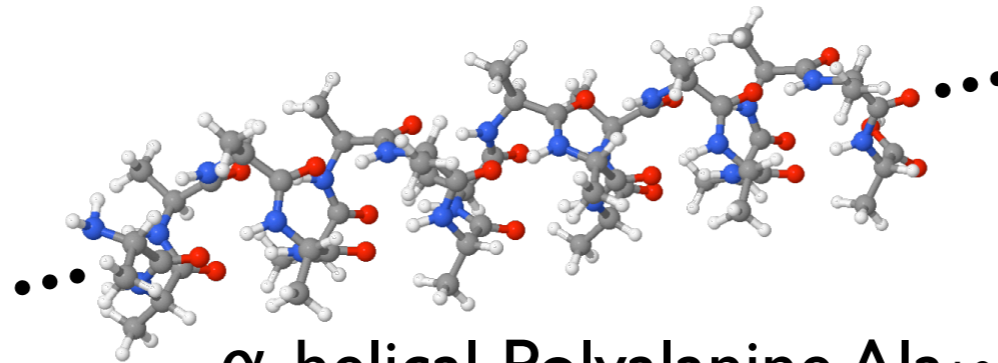
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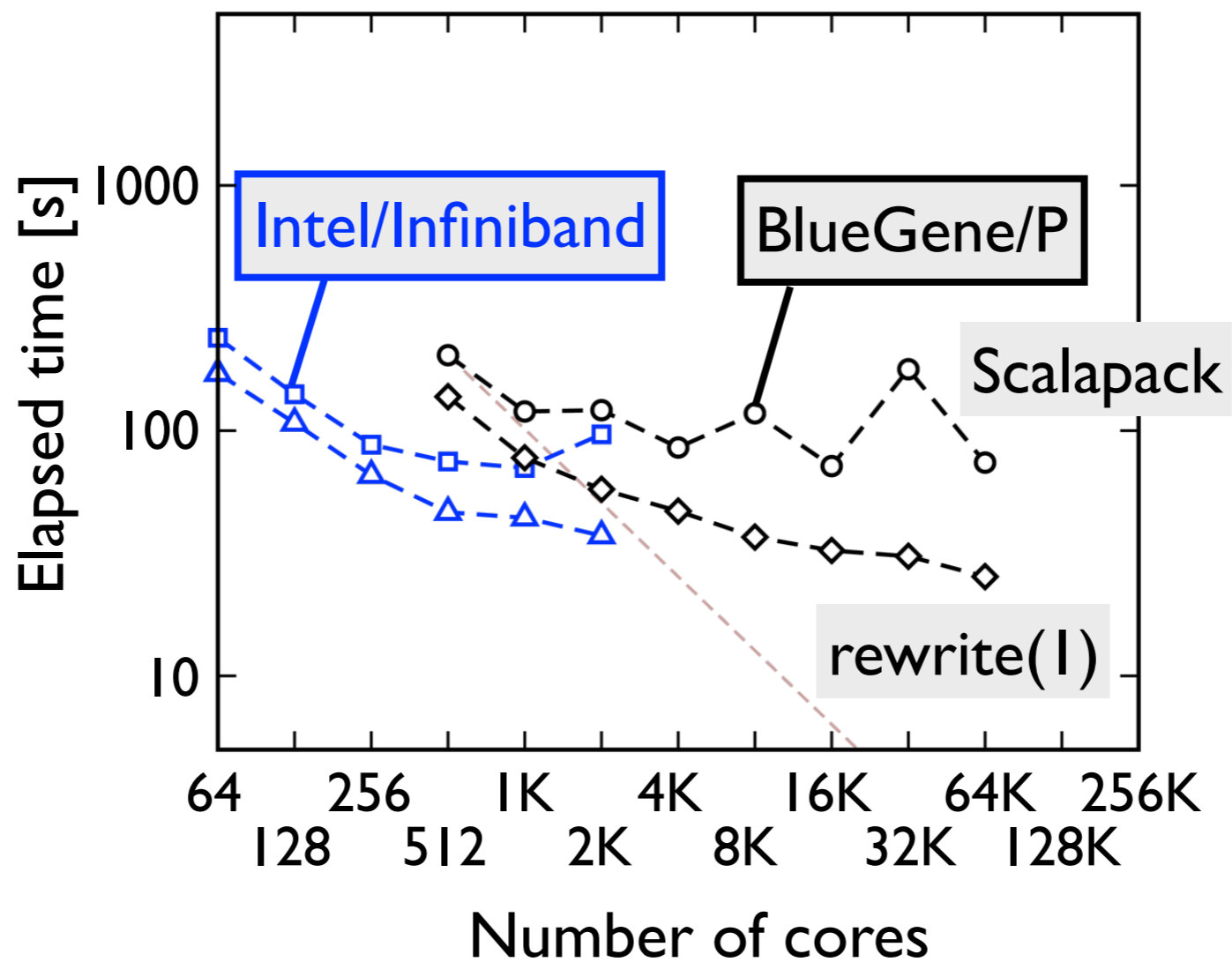
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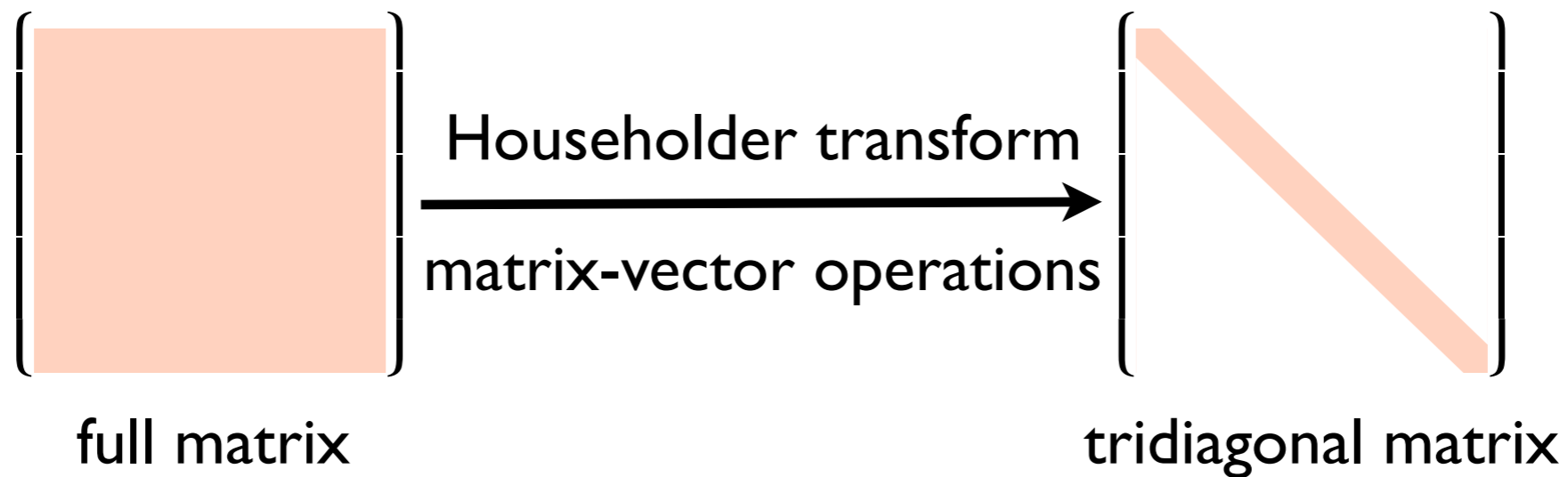
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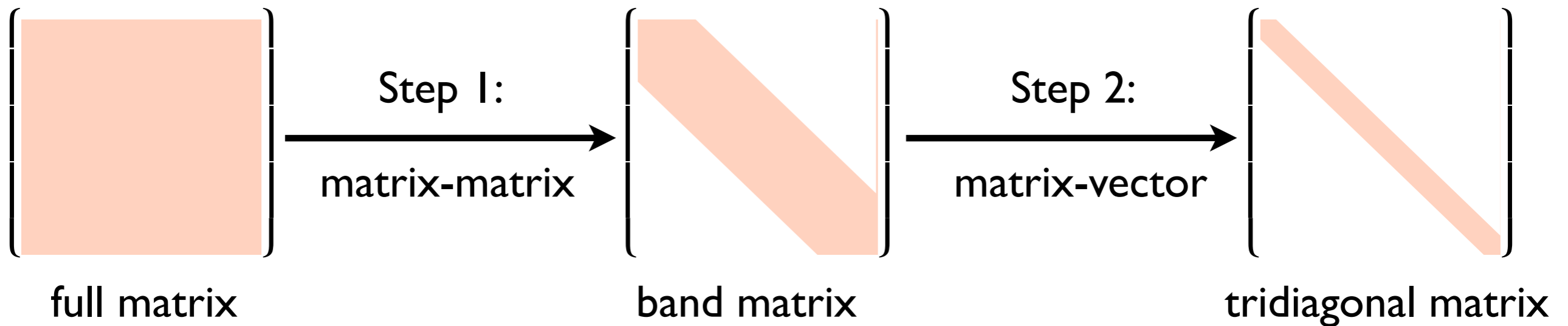


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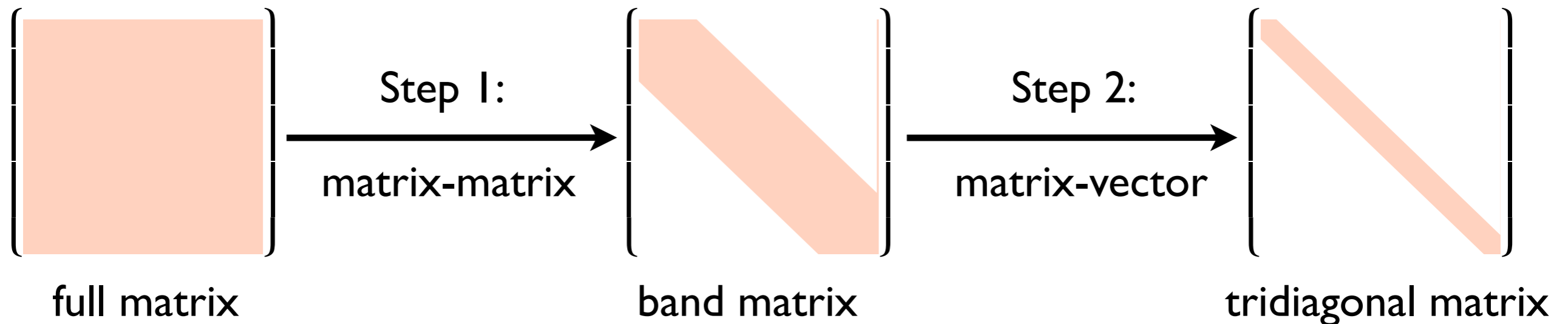
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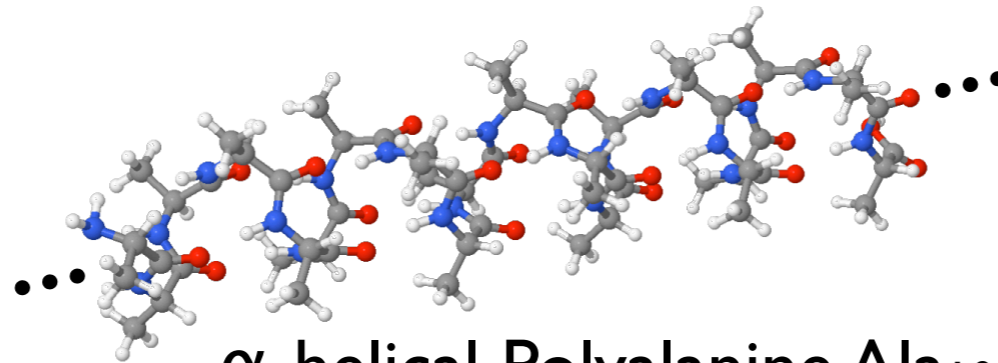
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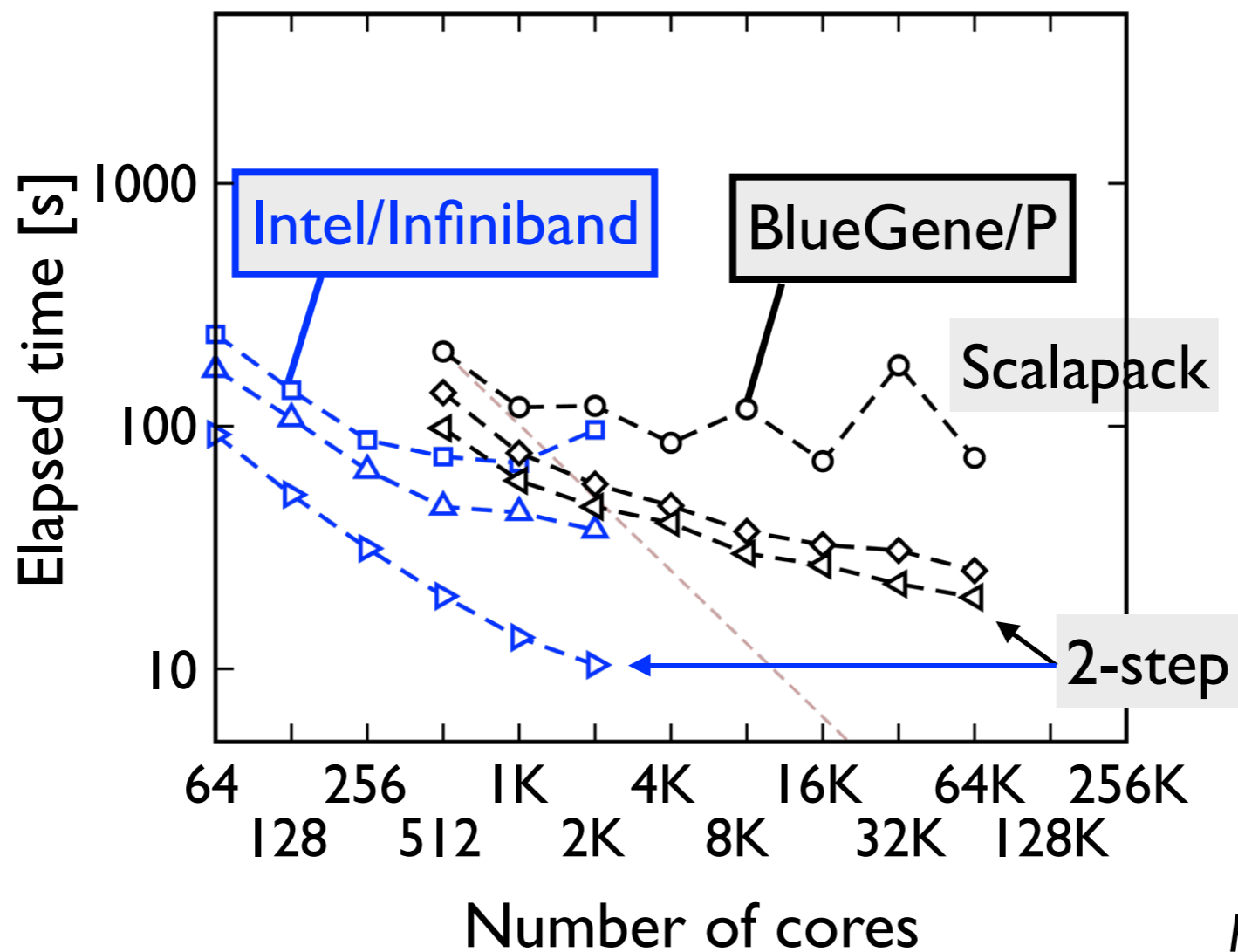
- 2-dimensional data layout for eigenvectors
- Heavily optimized backtransform steps for eigenvectors (adaptive data layout, architecture-specific linear algebra kernels - cache blocking)

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

ELPA, Two-Step Solver



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ELPA Today

Actively developed high-performance library (Kus, Marek, others):

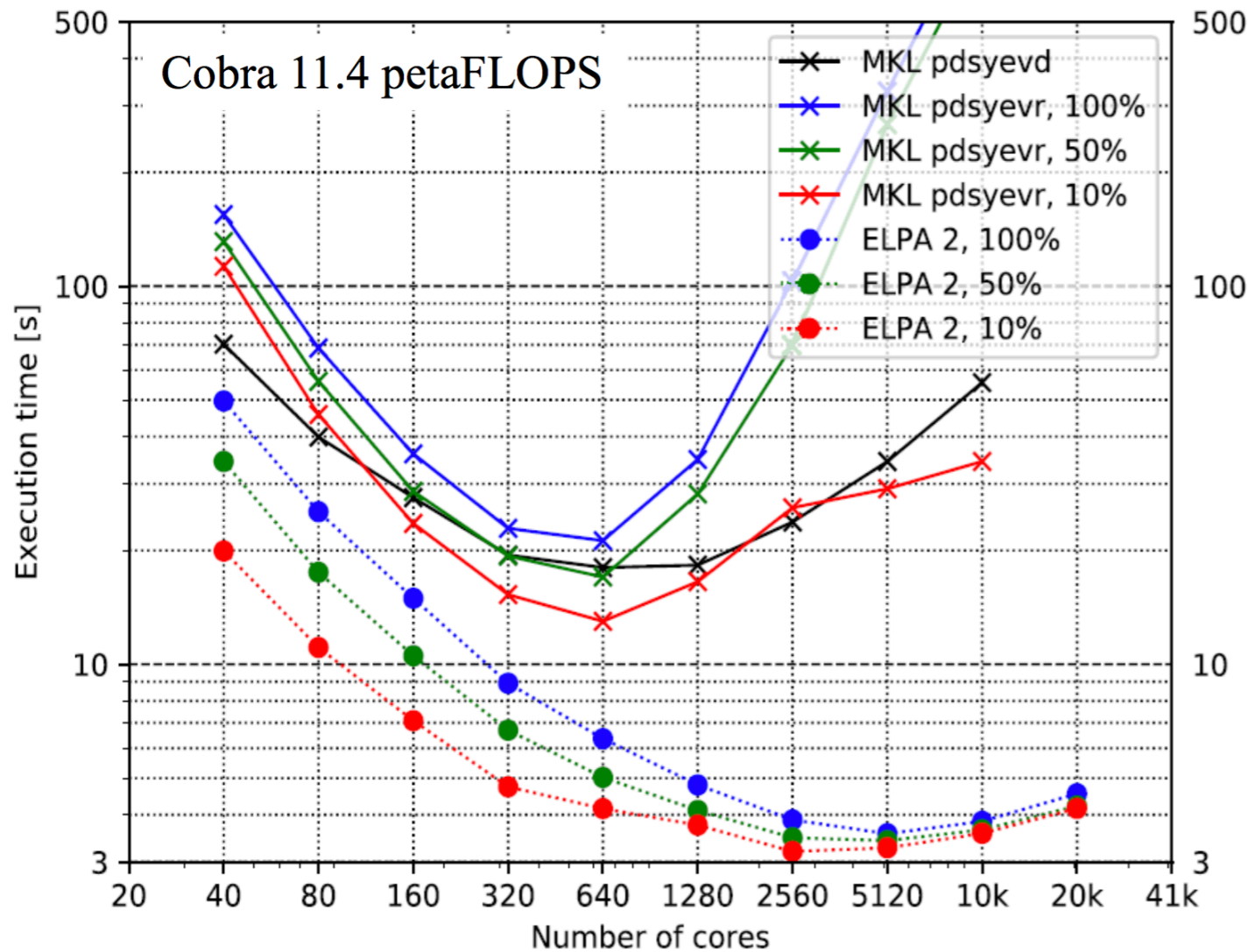


Fig. 3, Kus et al., Comput. Phys. Commun. 2019
Matrix size 20,000, Intel MKL version 2018

ELPA dense eigensolver

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- High-performance, massively parallel two-stage tri-diagonalization
- Scales to over 10k CPU cores
- Optimized for present-day supercomputing architectures
- Drop-in enhancement to ScaLAPACK standard and generalized eigensolvers

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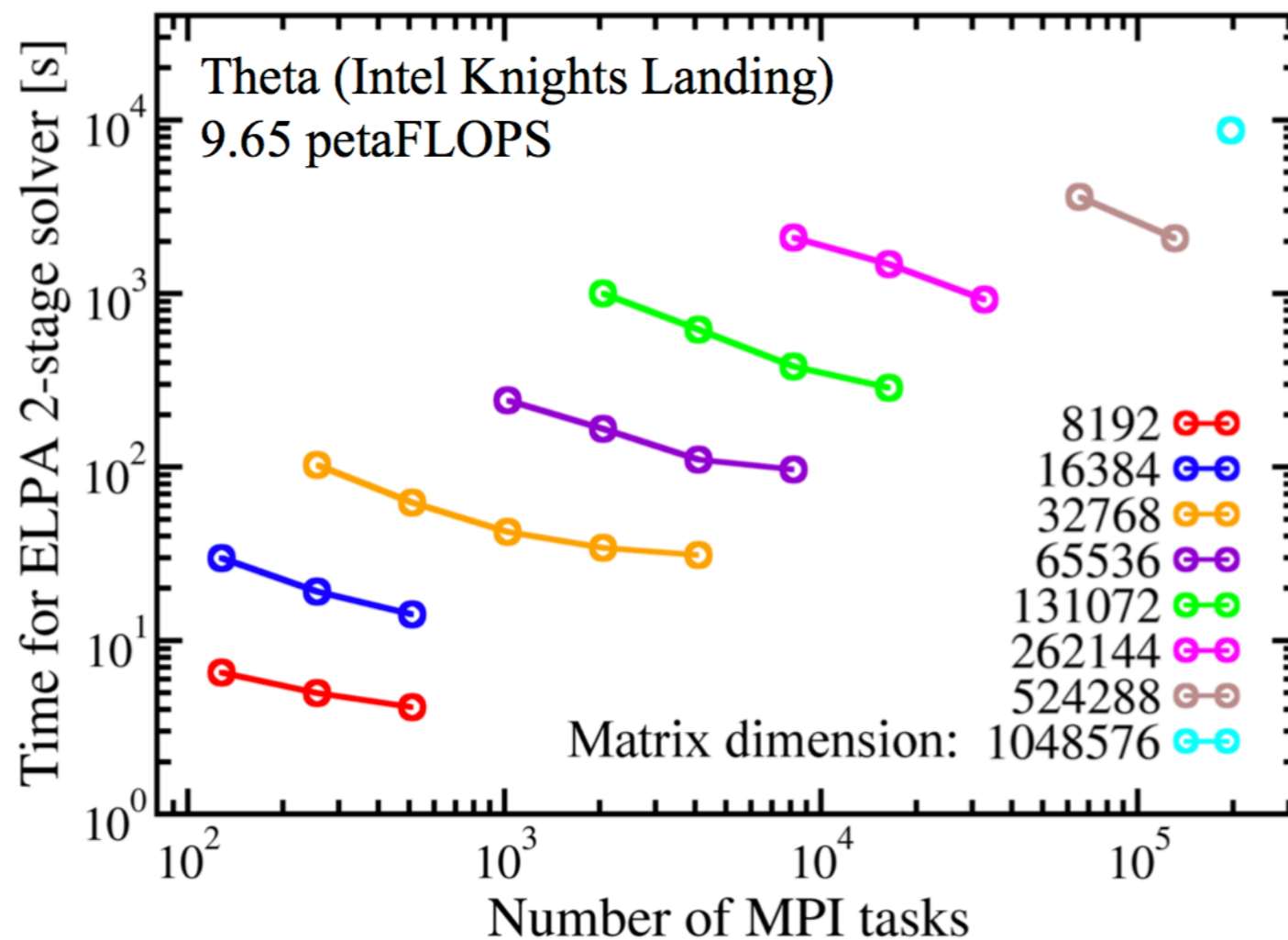
Plan A: Have Big Computer, Push the Eigensolver

ELPA Eigenvalue Solver

- Efficient full \rightarrow band \rightarrow tridiagonal reduction & backtransform
- Dense linear algebra up to full spectrum



Benchmark:
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Plan B: Density Matrix Based Approaches

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$$\psi_k(r) = \sum_i c_{ik} \varphi_i(r) \quad \rightarrow \quad \underline{\underline{h}} c_k = \epsilon_k \underline{\underline{S}} c_k \quad \rightarrow \quad n(r) = \sum_k f_k |\psi_k(r)|^2$$

However, in DFT we need $n(r)$ - eigenvectors are not needed:

$$n(r) = \sum_k f_k \sum_{ij} c_{ik} c_{jk} \varphi_i(r) \varphi_j(r) = \sum_{ij} \varphi_i(r) n_{ij} \varphi_j(r)$$

$$n_{ij} = \sum_k f_k c_{ik} c_{jk}$$

Density matrix - sparse!
Decays with distance
between basis functions i, j

→ Construct density matrix in less than $O(N^3)$ for given h, s ?

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Projected
Preconditioned
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Chebychev Filtering
Slepc-SIPS
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Pole Expansion and Selected Inversion (PEXSI)

Expand density matrix \mathbf{P} in terms of rational functions (poles)

$$\mathbf{P} = \sum_l \text{Im} \left(\frac{w_l}{\mathbf{H} - (z_l + \mu)\mathbf{S}} \right)$$

\mathbf{P} : Density matrix

\mathbf{H} : Hamiltonian matrix

\mathbf{S} : Overlap matrix

z_l : Shift (pole)

w_l : Weight

μ : Chemical potential

➤ Computational steps:

- 1) Determine pole expansion parameters $\{z_l, w_l\}$
- 2) Compute all poles in parallel by process groups
- 3) Sum over poles to get density matrix and other quantities

Lin et al., Commun. Math. Sci. 2009

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Jia and Lin, J. Chem. Phys. 2017

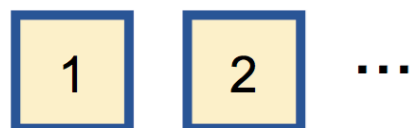
➤ Applicable to insulators, semiconductors as well as metals

➤ Selected inversion: Evaluate **needed** elements of $(\mathbf{H} - (z_l - \mu)\mathbf{S})^{-1}$

Pole Expansion and Selected Inversion (PEXSI)



Lv. 1
Pole expansion
(20~100 poles)



Lv. 2
Chemical potential search
(a few trial μ points)

0	4	8	12
1	5	9	13
2	6	10	14
3	7	11	15

Lv. 3
Parallel selected inversion
(1,000+ CPU cores)

PEXSI sparse density matrix solver
<http://www.pexsi.org>

$$\mathbf{P} = \sum_{\mathbf{l}} \text{Im} \left(\frac{w_{\mathbf{l}}}{\mathbf{H} - (z_{\mathbf{l}} + \mu)\mathbf{S}} \right)$$

- Computational complexity (semi-local XC)
 - 1D system: $O(N)$
 - 2D system: $O(N^{1.5})$
 - 3D system: $O(N^2)$
- Scales to over 100k CPU cores

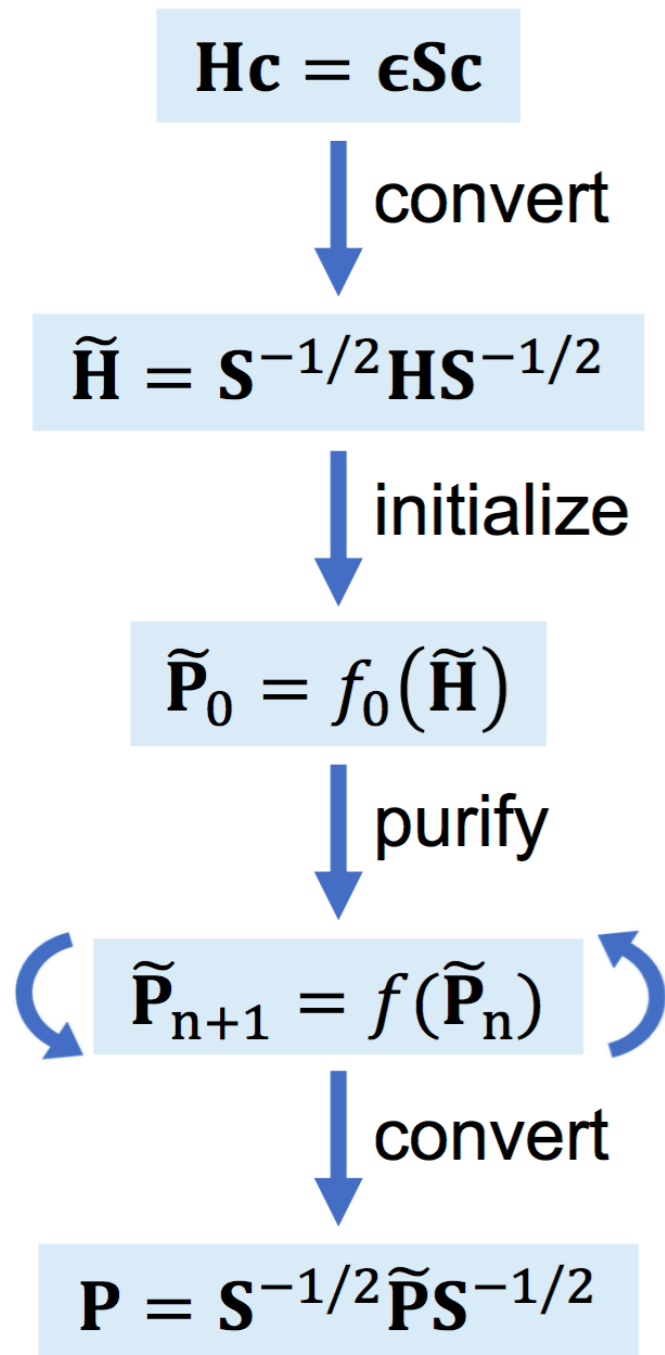
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NTPoly: $O(N)$ Approaches

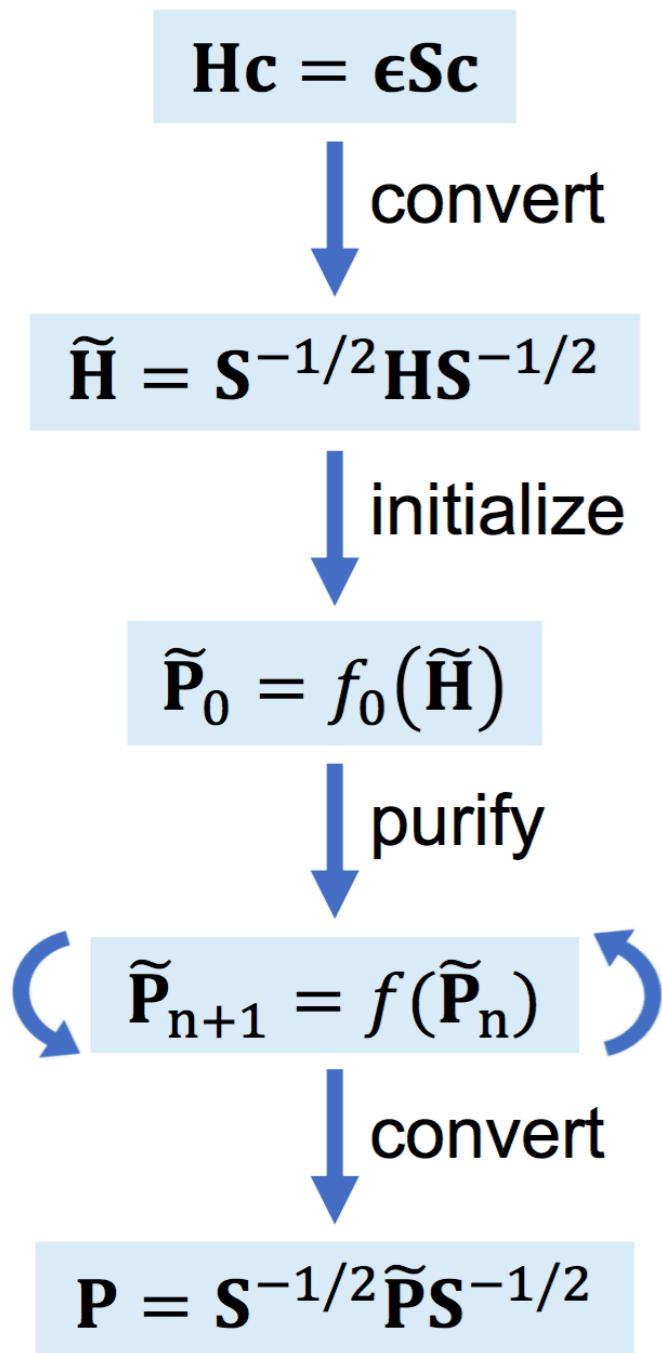


- Zero-temperature density matrix \mathbf{P} must be: (assuming orthogonal basis)
 - Hermitian: $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}^*$
 - Normalized: $\text{Tr}(\mathbf{P}) = N_{\text{electron}}$
 - Idempotent: $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}^2$
- Computational steps:
 - 1) Convert to orthogonal basis
 - 2) Construct initial guess of density matrix
 - 3) Iteratively purify density matrix to satisfy the above three conditions
 - 4) Convert back to non-orthogonal basis
- Established methods for **linear scaling** electronic structure theory: One million atoms possible

Goedecker, Rev. Mod. Phys. 1999

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NTPoly: $O(N)$ Approaches



- Purification function $f(\tilde{\mathbf{P}}_n)$ is often a matrix polynomial of order m
 - Canonical purification ($m = 3$)
 - Trace resetting purification ($m = 2, 3, 4, \dots$)
 - Generalized canonical purification ($m = 3$)
- Example: 2nd order trace resetting purification
 - $\sigma_n = \text{sign}(N_{\text{electron}} - \text{Tr}(\mathbf{P}_n))$
 - $\mathbf{P}_{n+1} = \mathbf{P}_n + \sigma_n(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_n)\mathbf{P}_n$
- Sparse matrix algebra essential for linear scaling

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Many Different Solvers - How to Unify Access?

Electronic structure codes

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Solvers

ELPA

PEXSI

SLEPc-SIPs

libOMM

NTPoly

Many more

?

Replicated infrastructure to implement solvers efficiently

?

Conversion between a variety of matrix storage formats

?

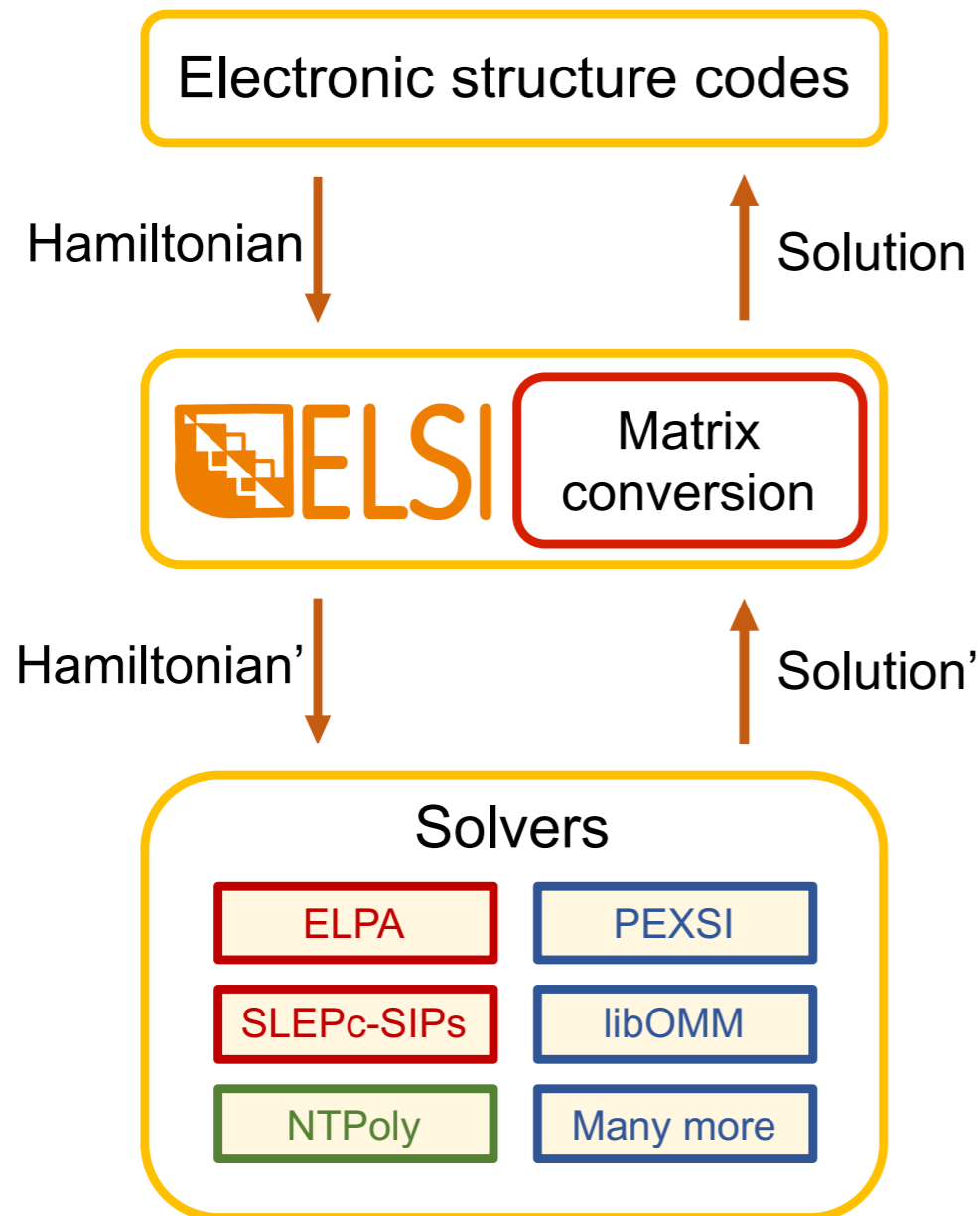
Complexity in solver selection for different problems

ELSI: Connecting Electronic Structure Codes and Solvers

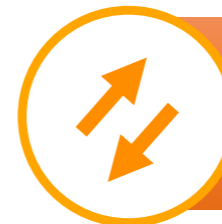
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Unified interface connecting KS-DFT codes and solvers



Fast, automatic matrix format conversion and redistribution



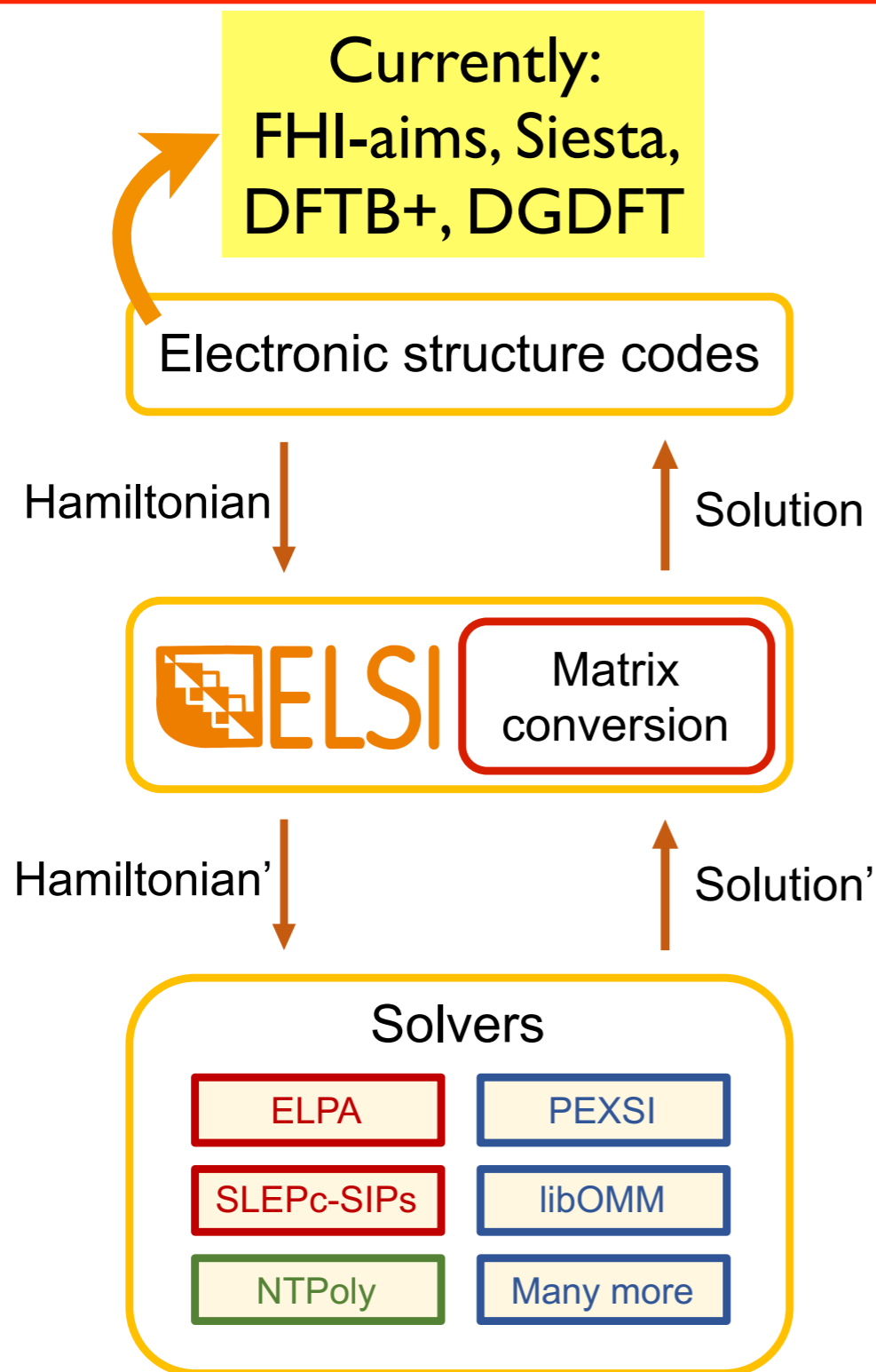
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Portability, Extendability, Sustainability

- Designed for rapid integration into a variety of electronic structure codes
- Compatible with common workflows
 - Single self-consistent field (SCF)
 - Multiple SCF cycles (geometry relaxation or molecular dynamics)
- Supports density matrix solvers and eigensolvers on equal footing
- Technical settings adjustable for experienced users
- Object-oriented: Concurrent instances

ELSI API

```
elsi_init
elsi_set_parameters
while (geometry not converged) do
  while (SCF not converged) do
    elsi_{ev|dm}
  end while
  elsi_reinit
end while
elsi_finalize
```

Portability, Extendability, Sustainability



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Git commit to add NTPoly support into FHI-aims: [10 lines of code](#)

```
--- a/read_control.f90
+++ b/read_control.f90
@@ -12581,6 +12581,12 @@ subroutine read_control
+ case("elsi_ntpoly_method")
+   read(inputline,*,end=88,err=99) desc_str,elsi_ntpoly_method
+ case("elsi_ntpoly_tol")
+   read(inputline,*,end=88,err=99) desc_str,elsi_ntpoly_tol
+ case("elsi_ntpoly_filter")
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--- a/elsi_wrapper.f90
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@@ -265,6 +265,10 @@ subroutine aims_init_elsi
+ case(SOLVER_NTPOLY)
+   call elsi_set_ntpoly_method(eh,elsi_ntpoly_method)
+   call elsi_set_ntpoly_tol(eh,elsi_ntpoly_tol)
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ELSI Functionality

Functionalities

- Eigensolvers: ELPA, EigenExa, SLEPc, LAPACK
- Density matrix solvers: libOMM, PEXSI, NTPoly
- Parallel solution for spin-polarized and periodic systems
- Dense and sparse matrix formats, arbitrary distribution
- Parallel matrix format conversion and I/O



Code freely available at:
<http://elsi-interchange.org>

Portability

- CMake build system supports Cray, GNU, IBM, Intel, PGI compilers
- From laptops to supercomputers (Cobra, Cori, Mira, Sierra, Theta, ...)
- Provides Fortran, C, C++ programming interfaces
- Part of CECAM Electronic Structure Library (ESL): Distribution of shared open-source libraries in the electronic structure community
- <http://gitlab.com/ElectronicStructureLibrary/esl-bundle>



Performance: Solver Benchmarks on Equal Footing



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<http://www.nersc.gov/edison>

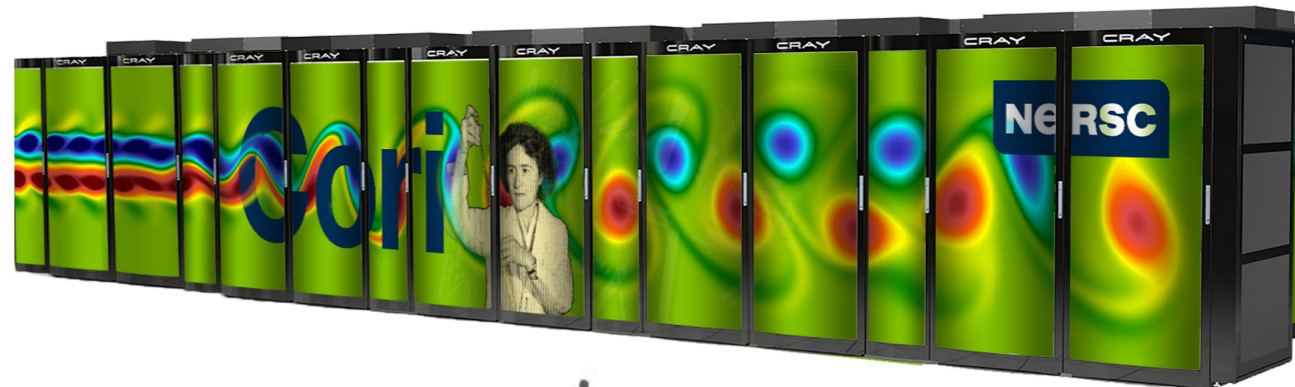


Edison Cray XC30

Processor: Intel Ivy Bridge
Interconnect: Cray Aries

5,586 compute nodes
134,064 processing cores
2.57 Petaflops

<http://www.nersc.gov/cori>



Cori-Haswell Cray XC40

Processor: Intel Haswell
Interconnect: Cray Aries

2,388 compute nodes
76,416 processing cores
2.81 Petaflops

Cori-KNL Cray XC40

Processor: Intel Knights Landing
Interconnect: Cray Aries

9,688 compute nodes
658,784 processing cores
29.5 Petaflops

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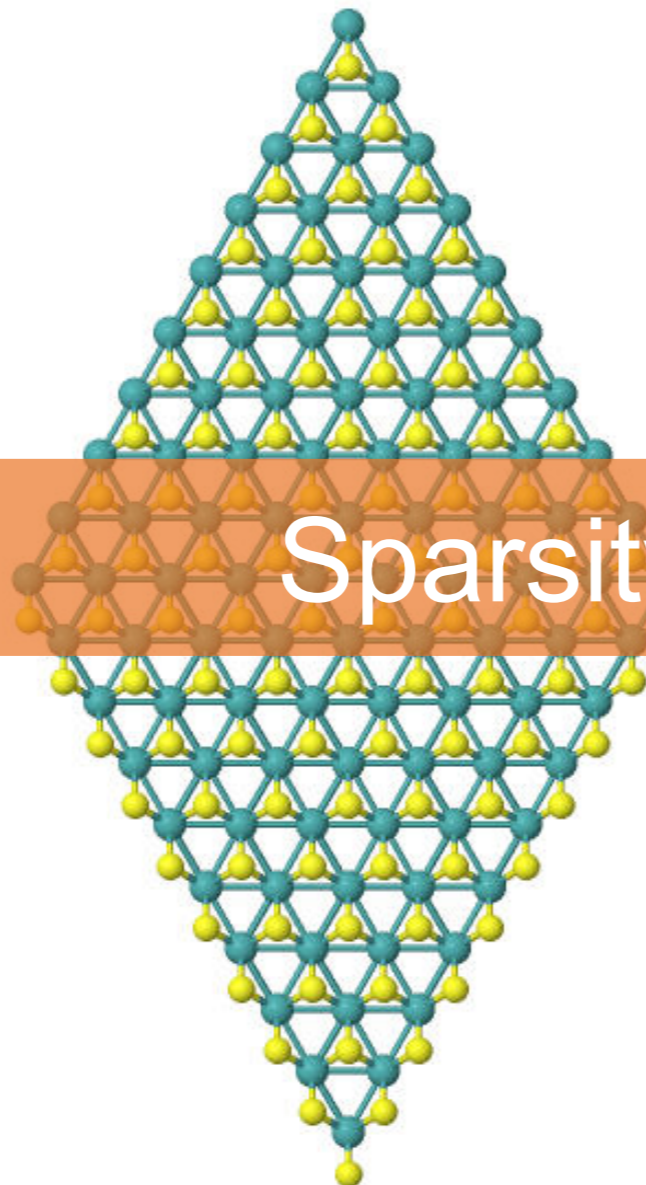
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(a) Ge



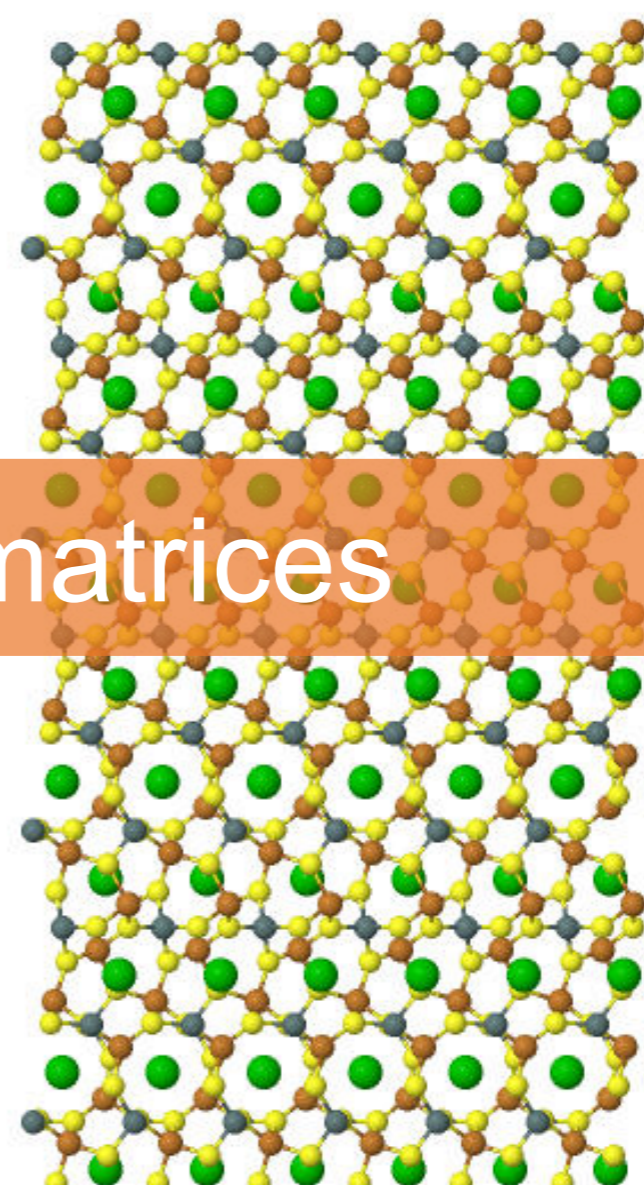
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(b) MoS₂



3D

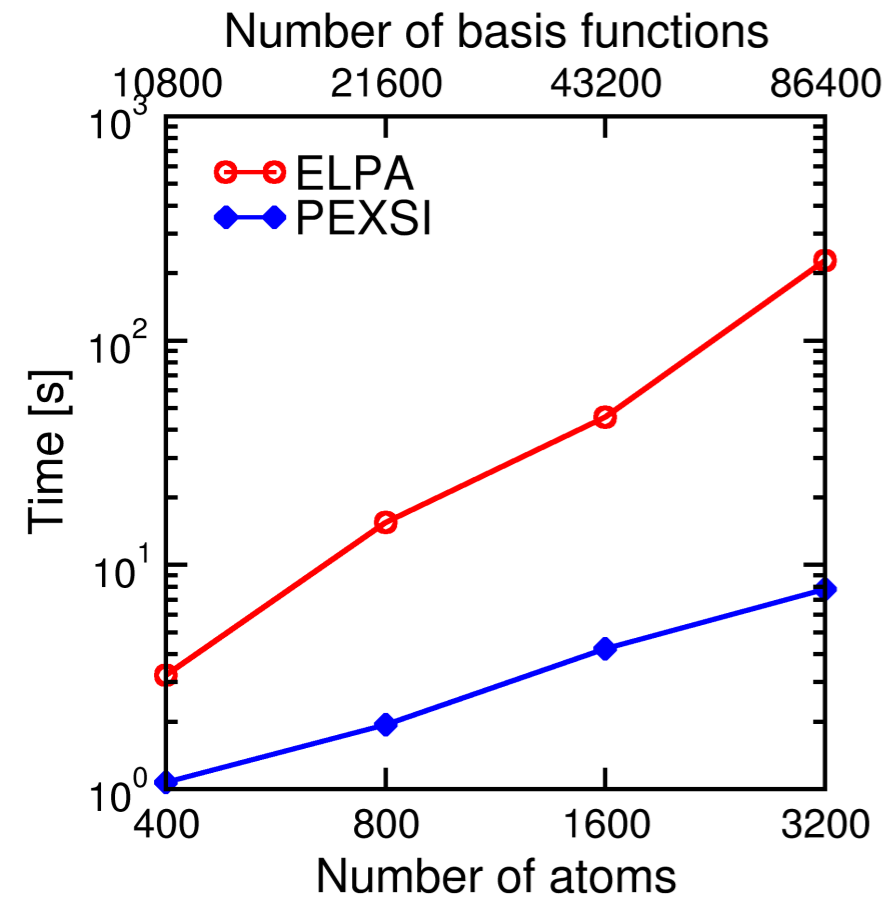
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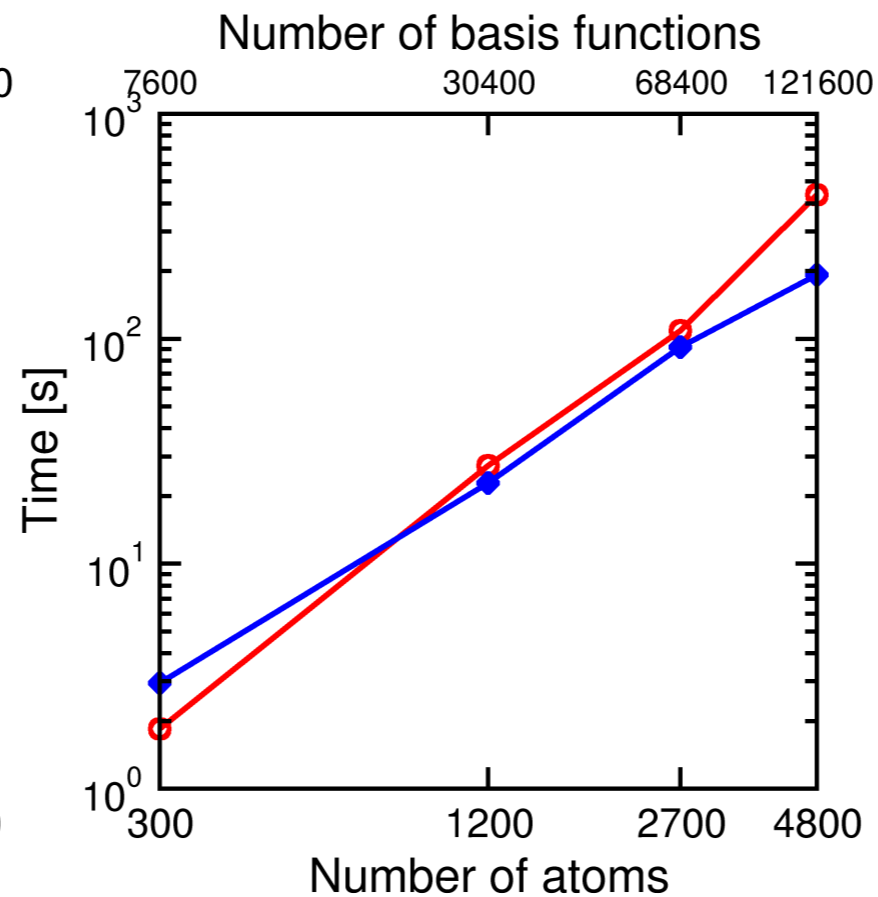
Sparsity of matrices

Example: FHI-aims Basis Sets - ELPA vs. PEXSI

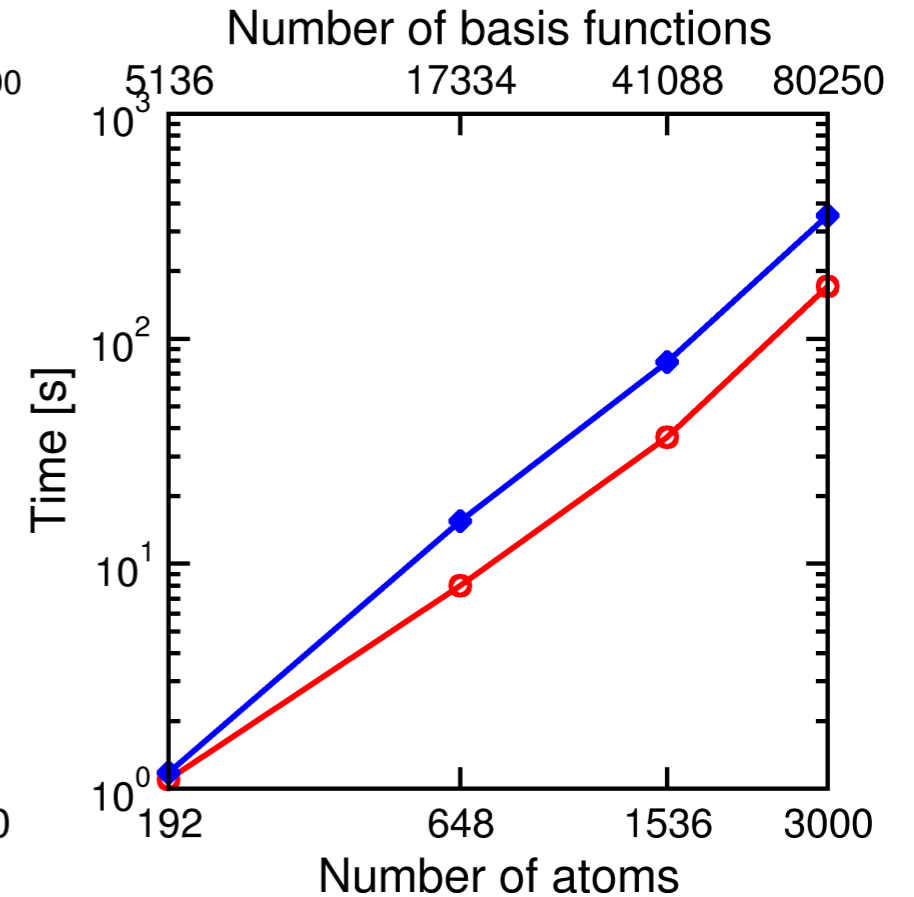
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- DFT-PBE
- **FHI-aims** (all-electron)
- 2,560 CPU cores on Cori-Haswell

PEXSI faster for large low-dimensional (sparse) systems

PEXSI: Semilocal DFT, $O(N)$ - $O(N^2)$ for large systems

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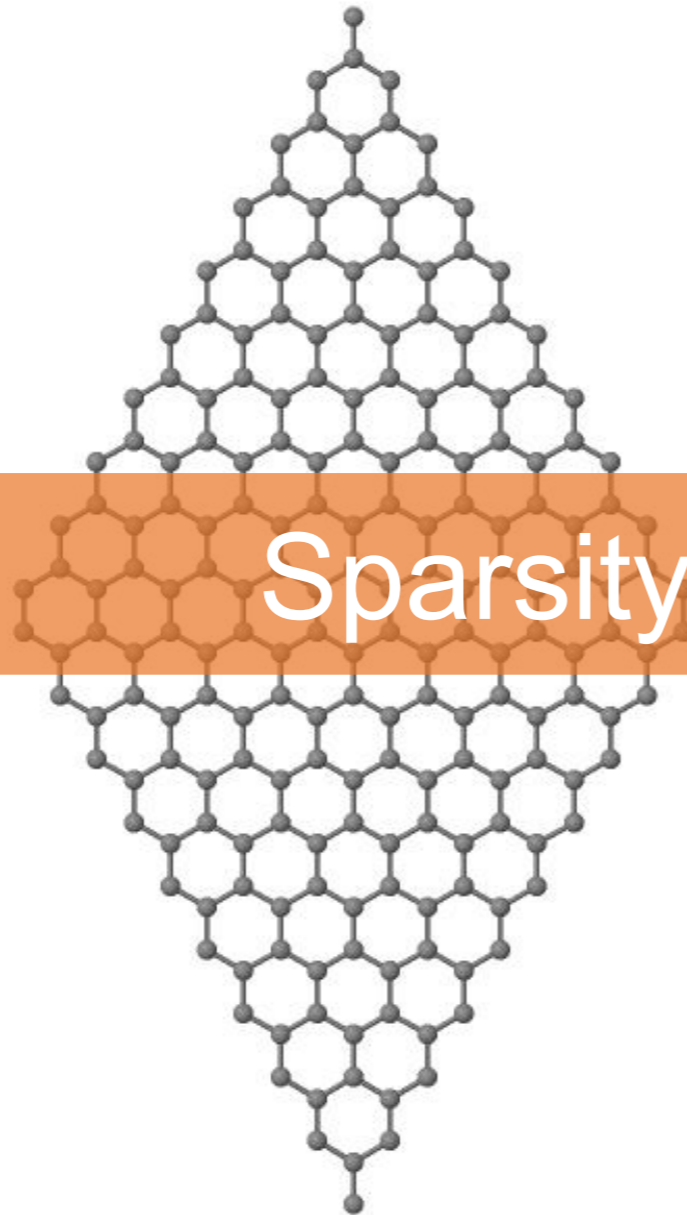
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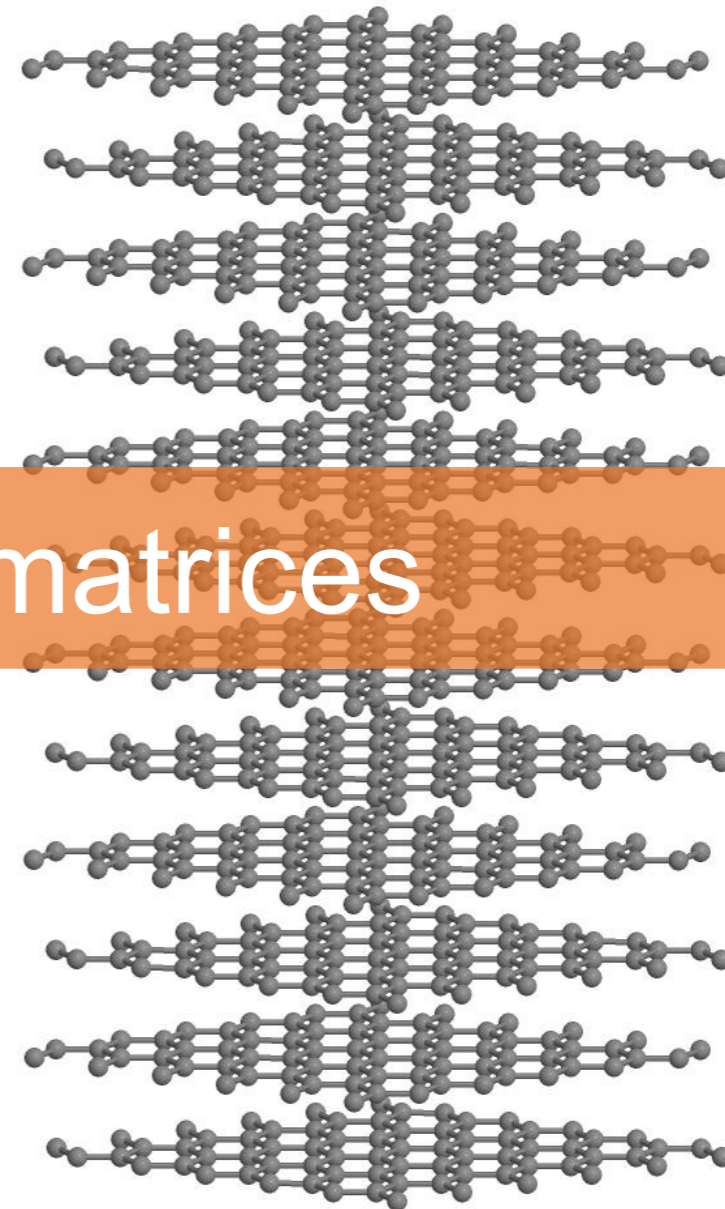
ID
(a) CNT



2D
(b) Graphene



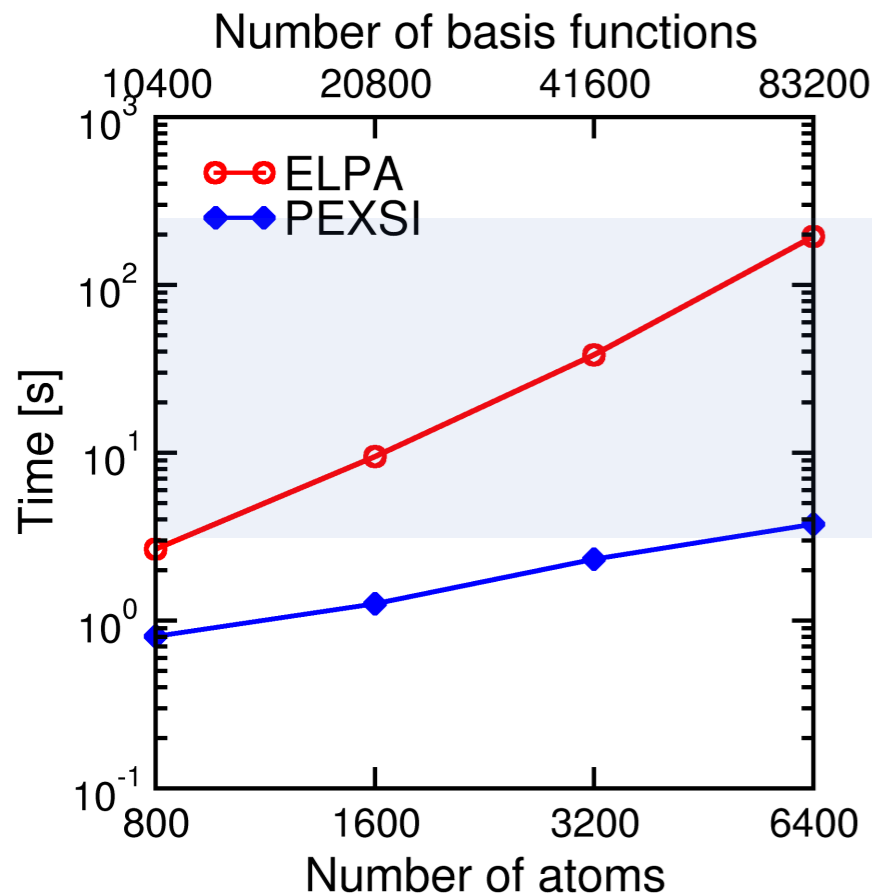
3D
(c) Graphite



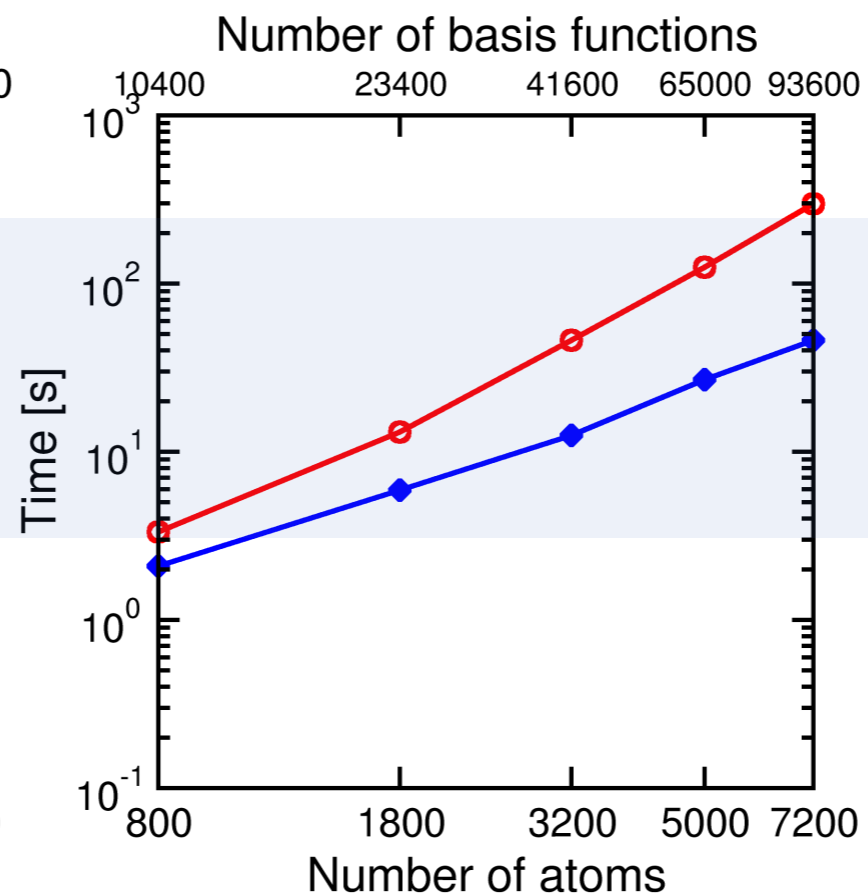
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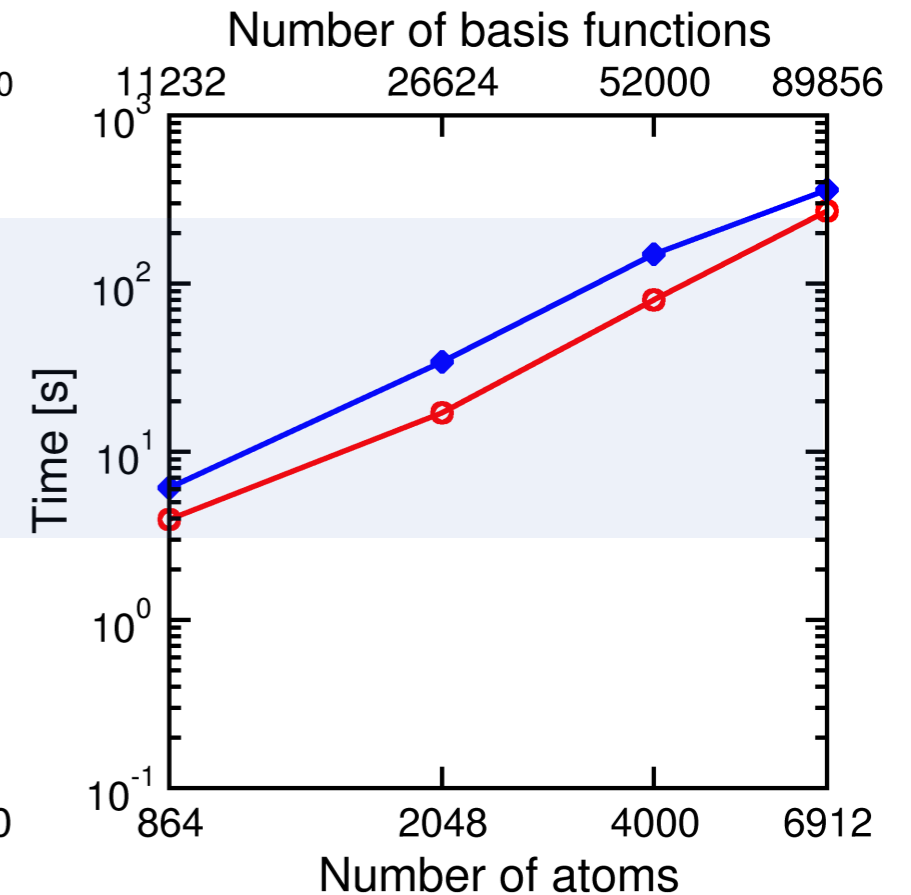
(a) 1D CNT



(b) 2D graphene



(c) 3D graphite



- DFT-PBE
- **SIESTA** (pseudopotential)
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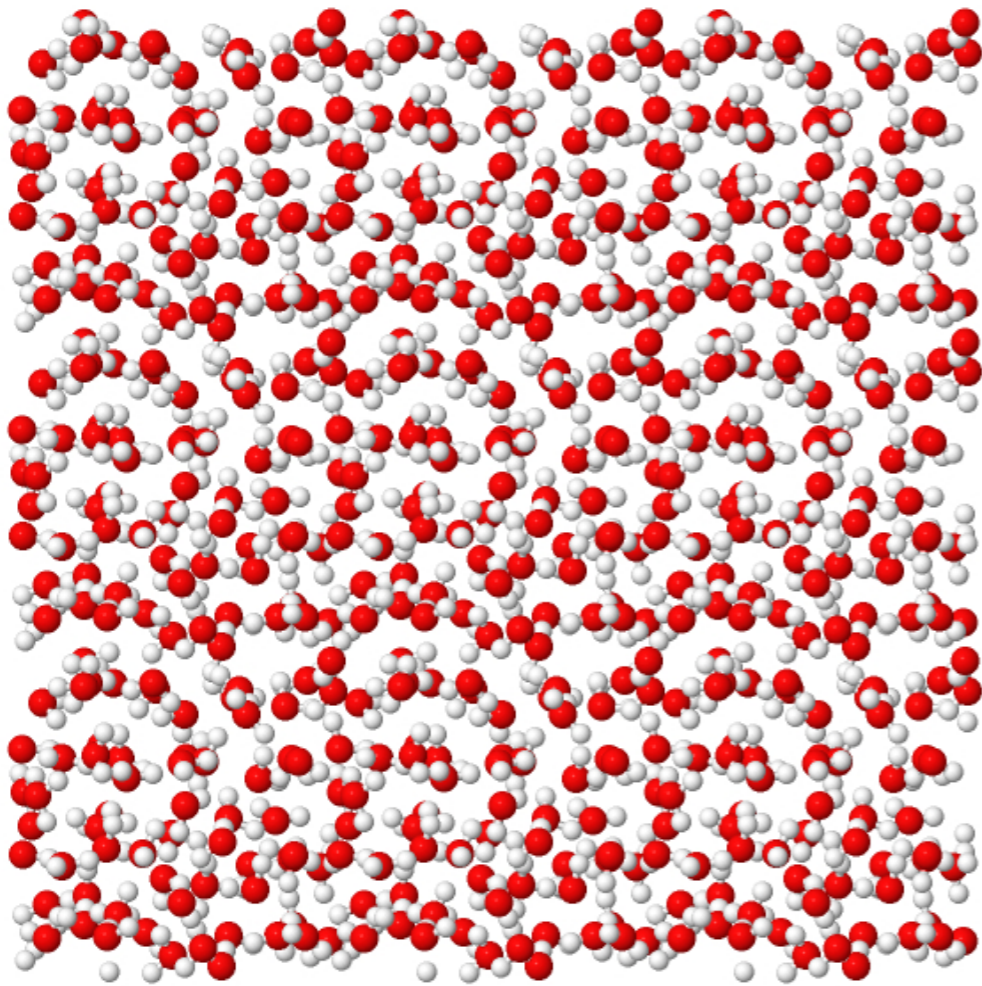
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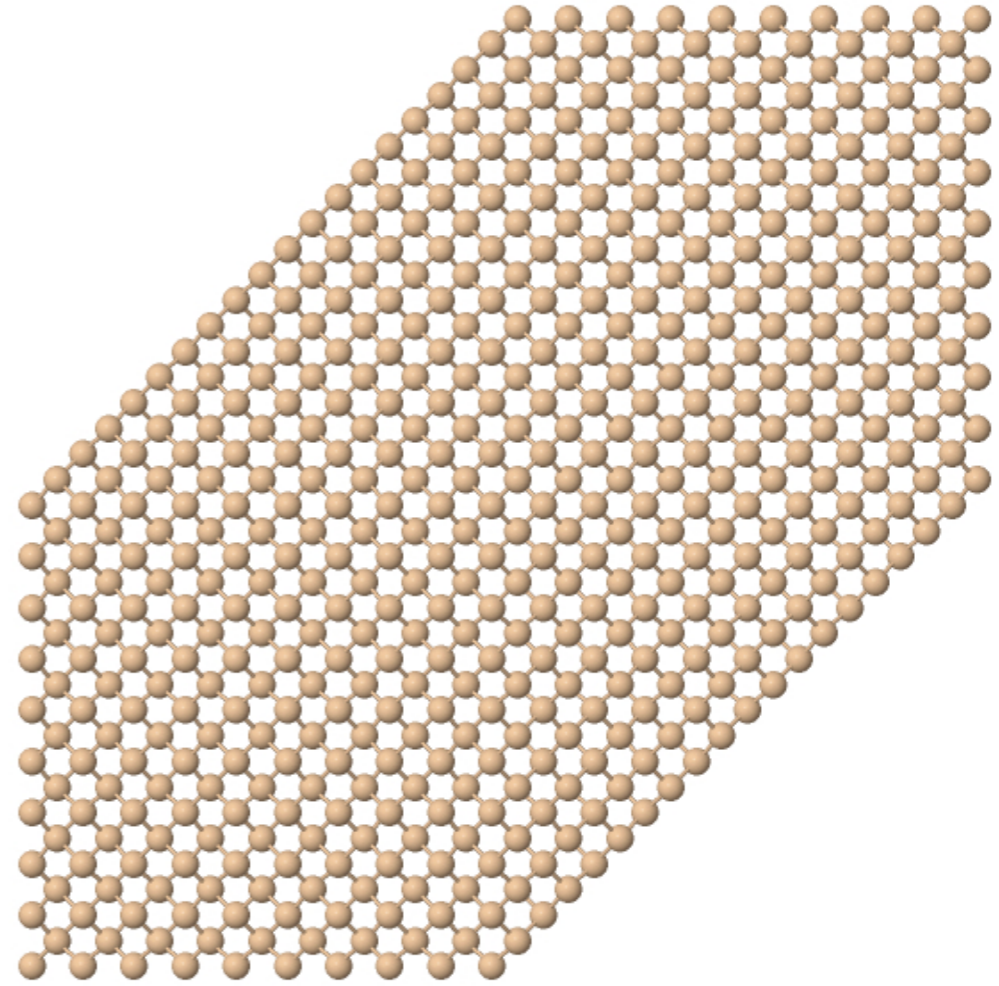
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3D Periodic Systems:

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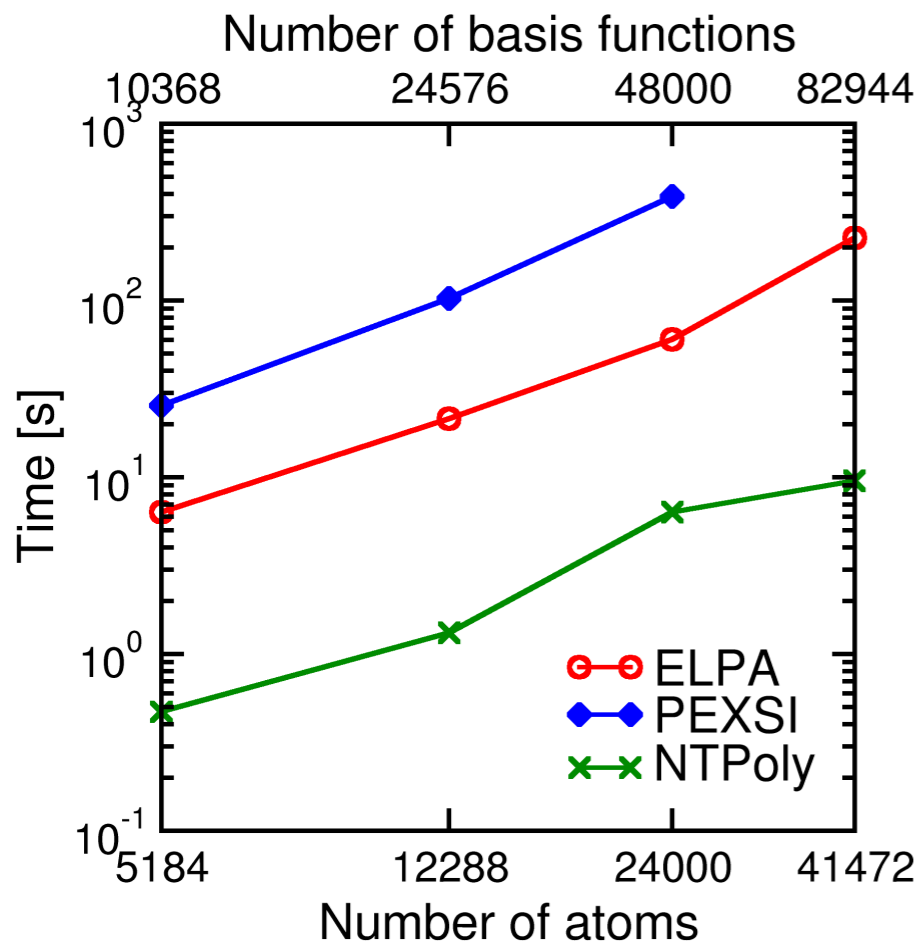


(b) Si

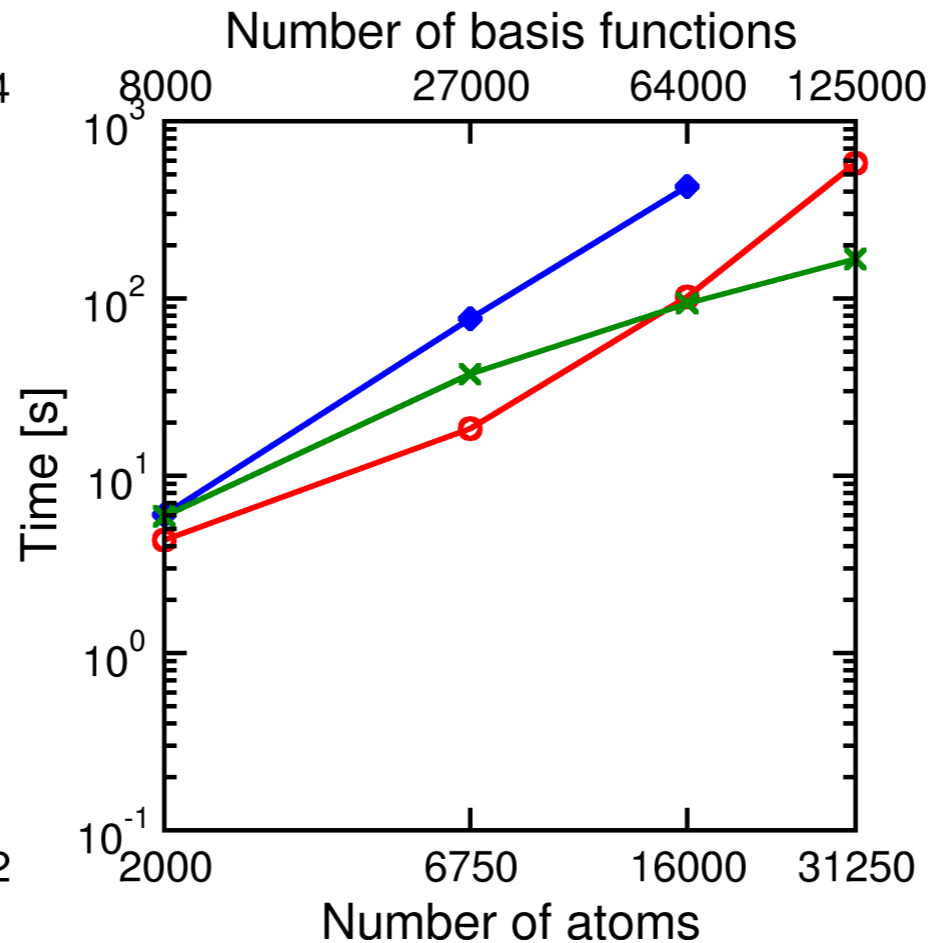


Example: DFTB+ (semiempirical) - ELPA, PEXSI, NTPoly

(a) 3D H₂O



(b) 3D Si



NTPoly settings:

- 4th order TRS method
- 10⁻⁵ truncation threshold
- 10⁻² convergence criterion

NTPoly accuracy: Band structure energies agree with ELPA within 10⁻⁵ eV/atom

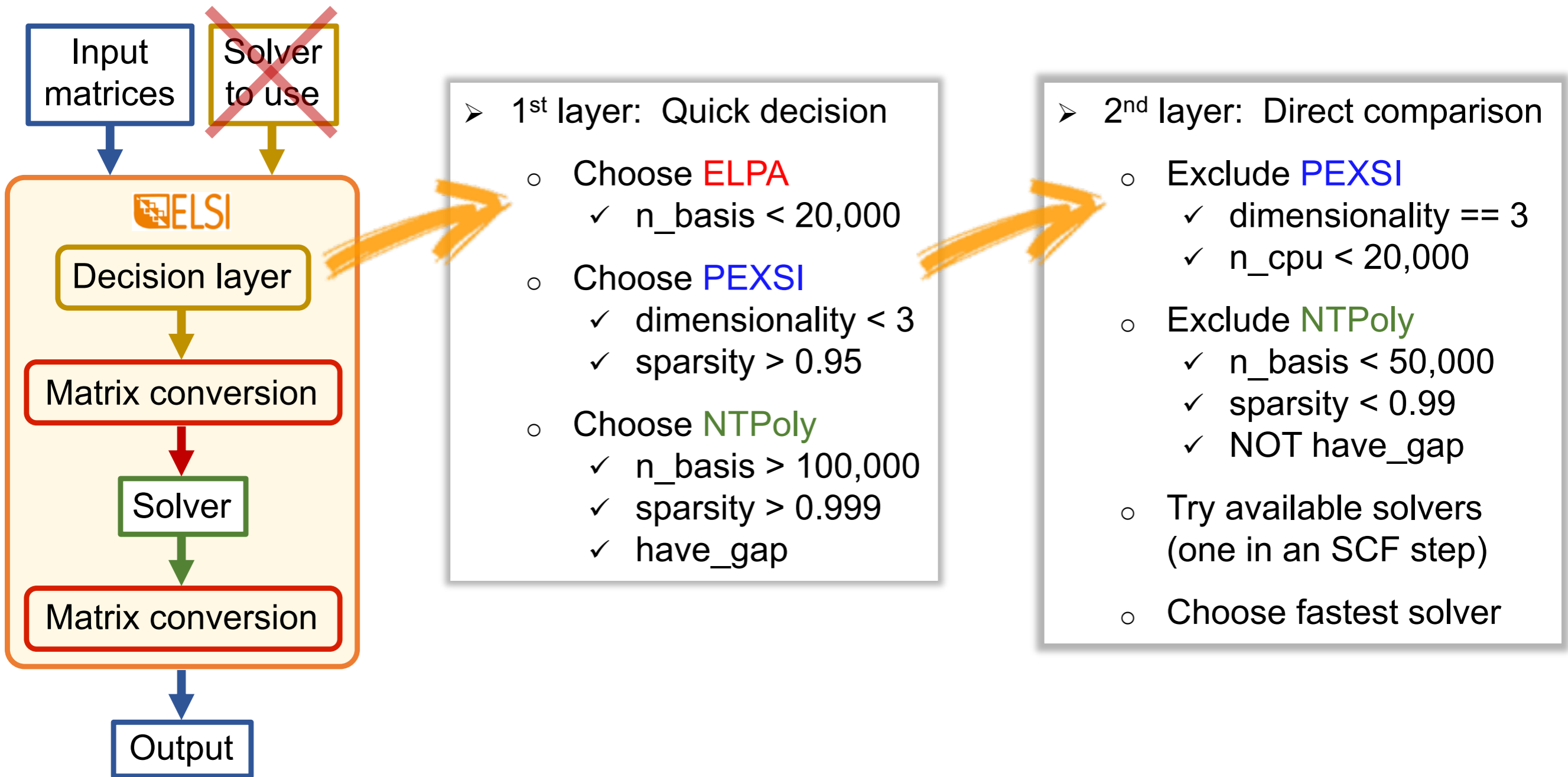
- DFTB
- **DFTB+** (highly sparse matrices)
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NTPoly faster for large (sparse) gapped systems

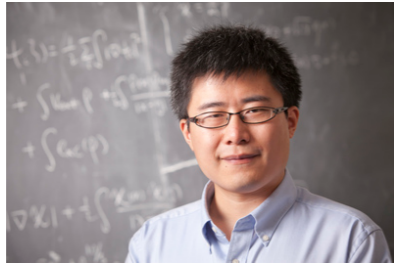
NTPoly: Sparse Matrix Algebra, $O(N)$ Solvers

Dawson, Nakajima, Computer Physics Communications 225, 154-165 (2018)

ELSI Decision Layer (Beginnings)



What About Iterative Solvers? (Plane Waves)



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

If $N_{\text{basis}} \gg N_{\text{ev}}$, “full matrix” solvers are not competitive (time and memory).

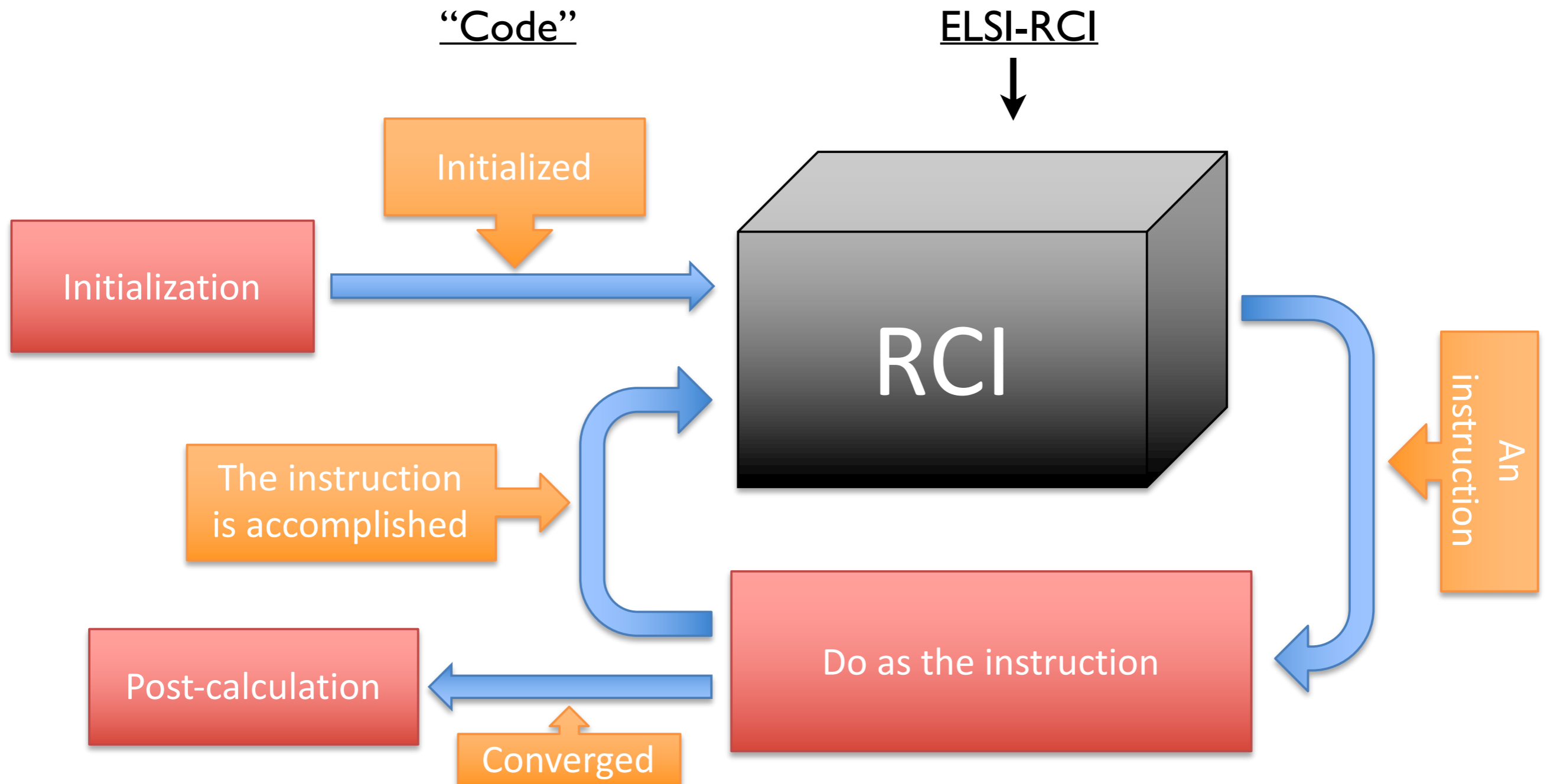
Alternative: Iterative - e.g., Davidson

- Ψ
- Solve Rayleigh Ritz problem $(\Psi^* H \Psi, \Psi^* \Psi)$ for **smallest eigenpairs** Λ, Q
- $R = H \Psi Q - \Psi Q \Lambda$
- If $\|R\| < tol$, converged
- Approximately solve $(H - \Lambda_i I) V_i = R_i$ for all V_i
- $\Psi = [\Psi \ V]$

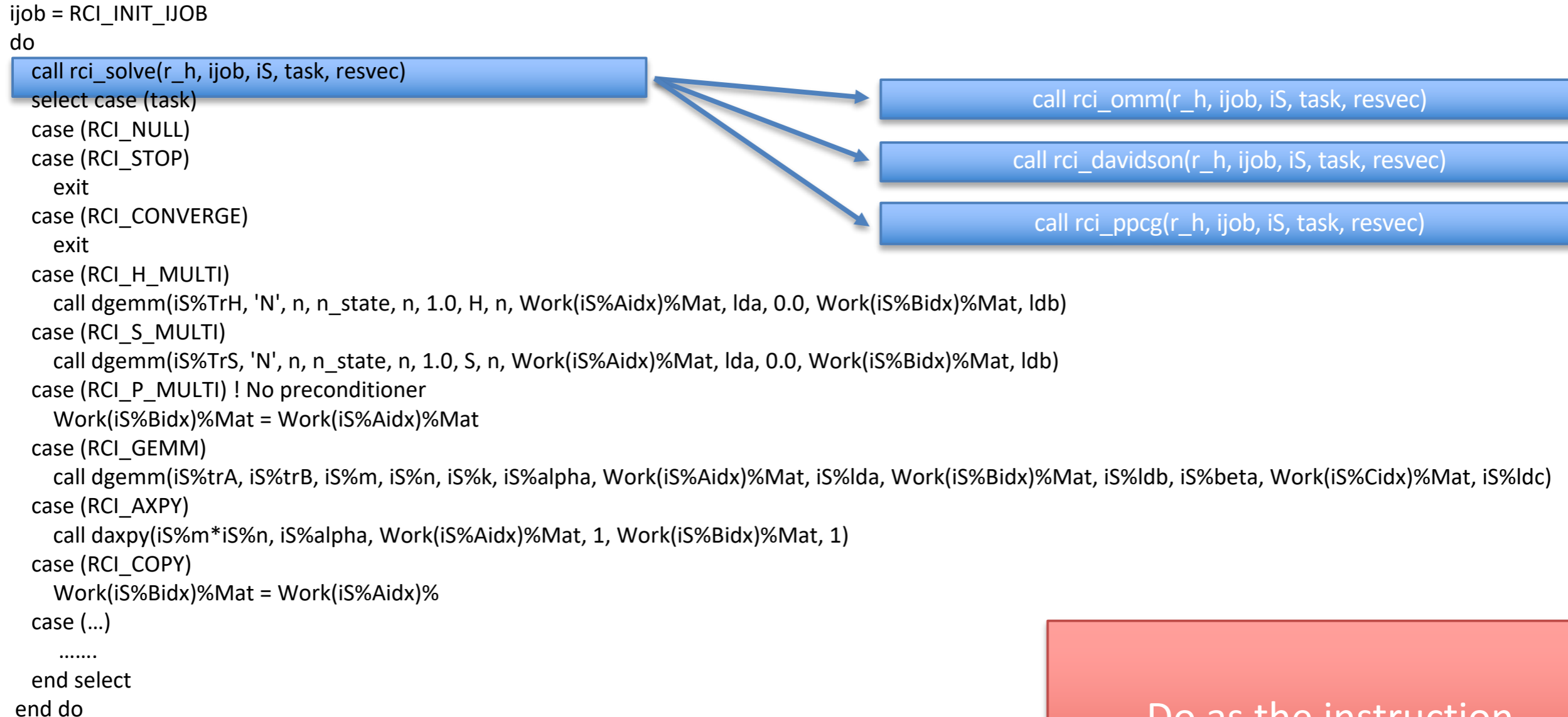
RCI - Generic Iterative Solvers for Existing Codes

Problem: Data Structures, Distribution in Different Codes Can Vary Widely.

Solution: Ask Code to Perform Detailed Operations, Drive Sequence of Steps.



ELSI-RCI - Code Example

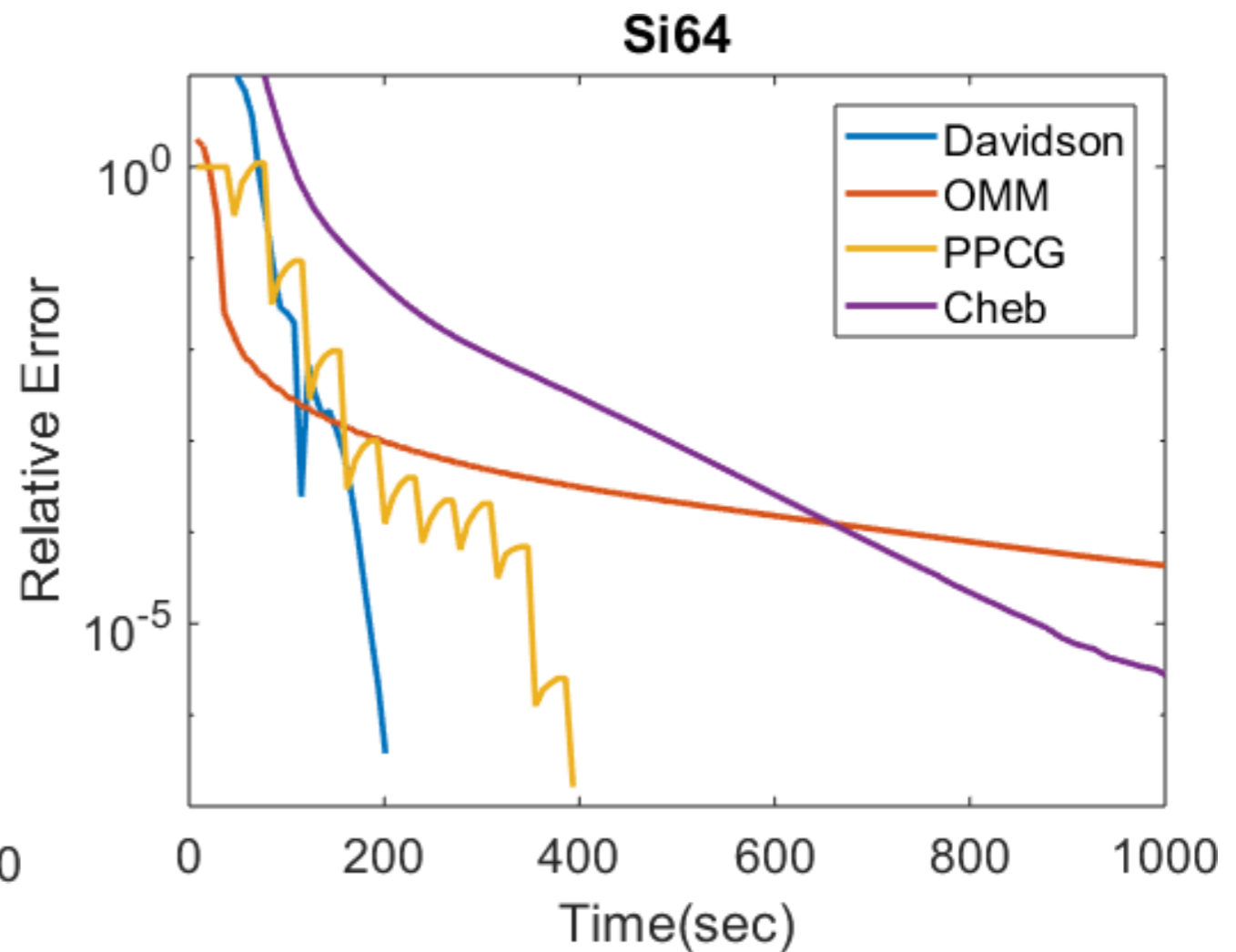
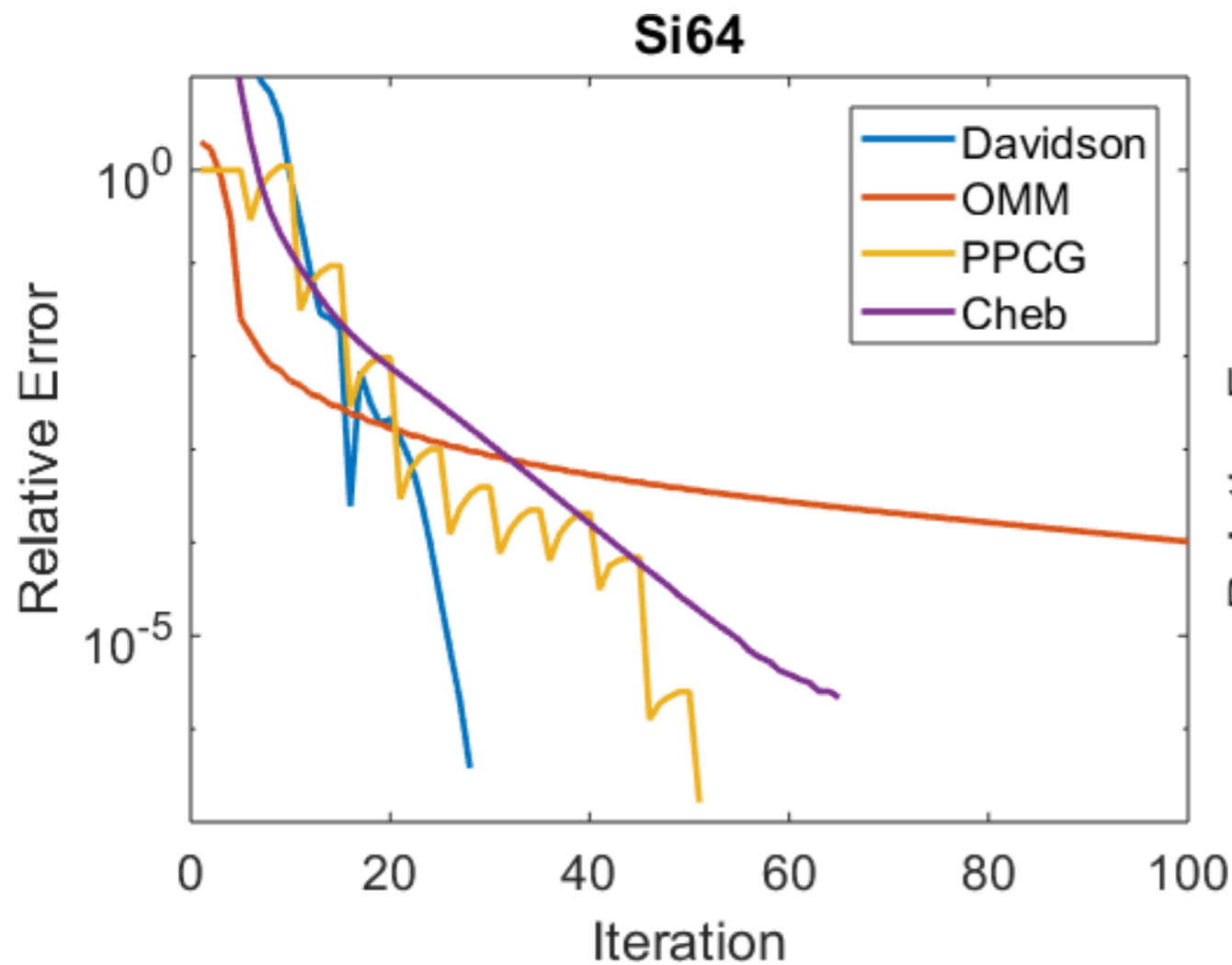


ELSI-RCI - Proof of Principle



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- Si supercell
- ONCV pseudopotential
- $E_{\text{cut}}=20$ Ha
- Kerker preconditioner
- Initial random wave function, Hamiltonian from converged SCF



→ Efficient prototyping, implementation of solvers for different purposes (e.g., BSE)

Conclusion and Acknowledgments



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- ELSI offers a unified interface to various eigensolvers and density matrix solvers
 - Small-to-medium calculations: **ELPA**
 - Large 1D/2D geometries: **PEXSI**
 - Large 3D geometries: **NTPoly**, **PEXSI**
 - More solvers to come

- Adopted by DFTB+, DGDFT, FHI-aims, SIESTA

- Ongoing efforts
 - RCI framework for iterative solvers
 - Solver optimization targeting GPUs



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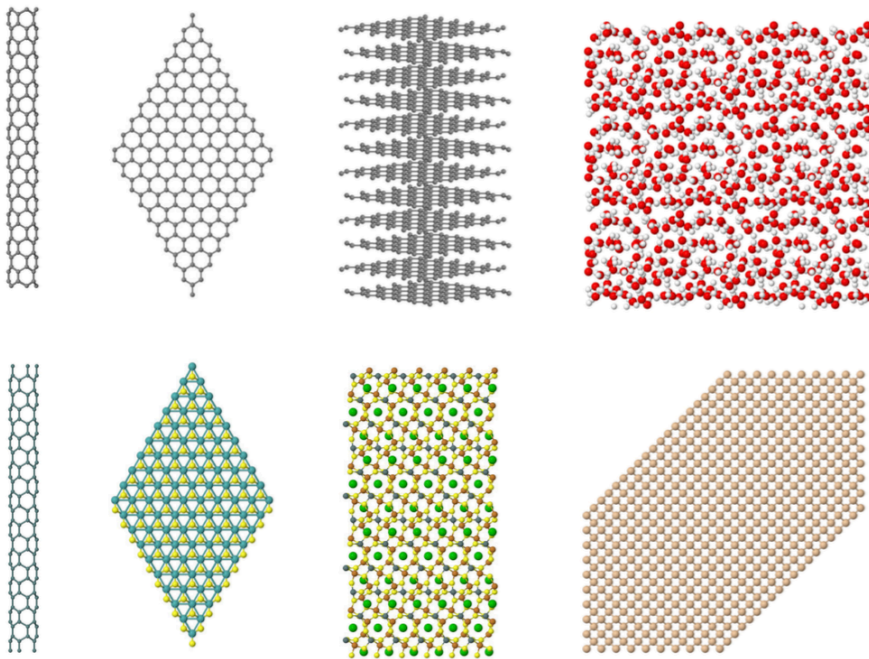
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