

# Error estimators for Density Functional Theory

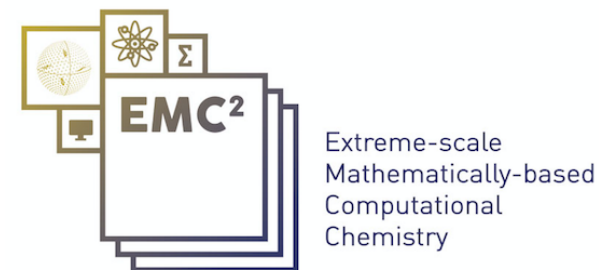
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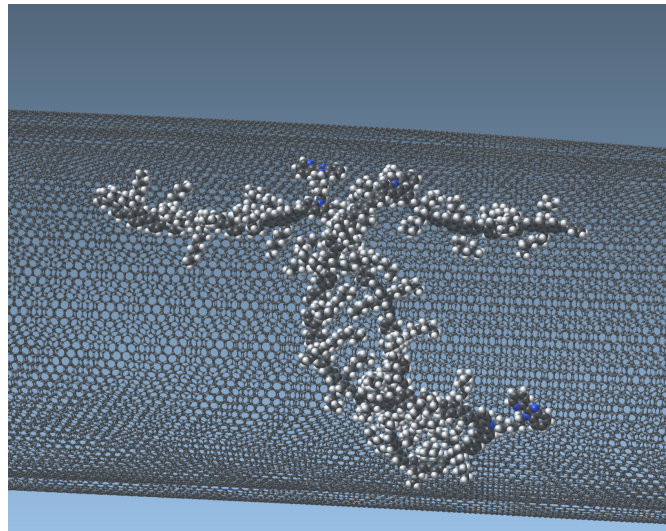
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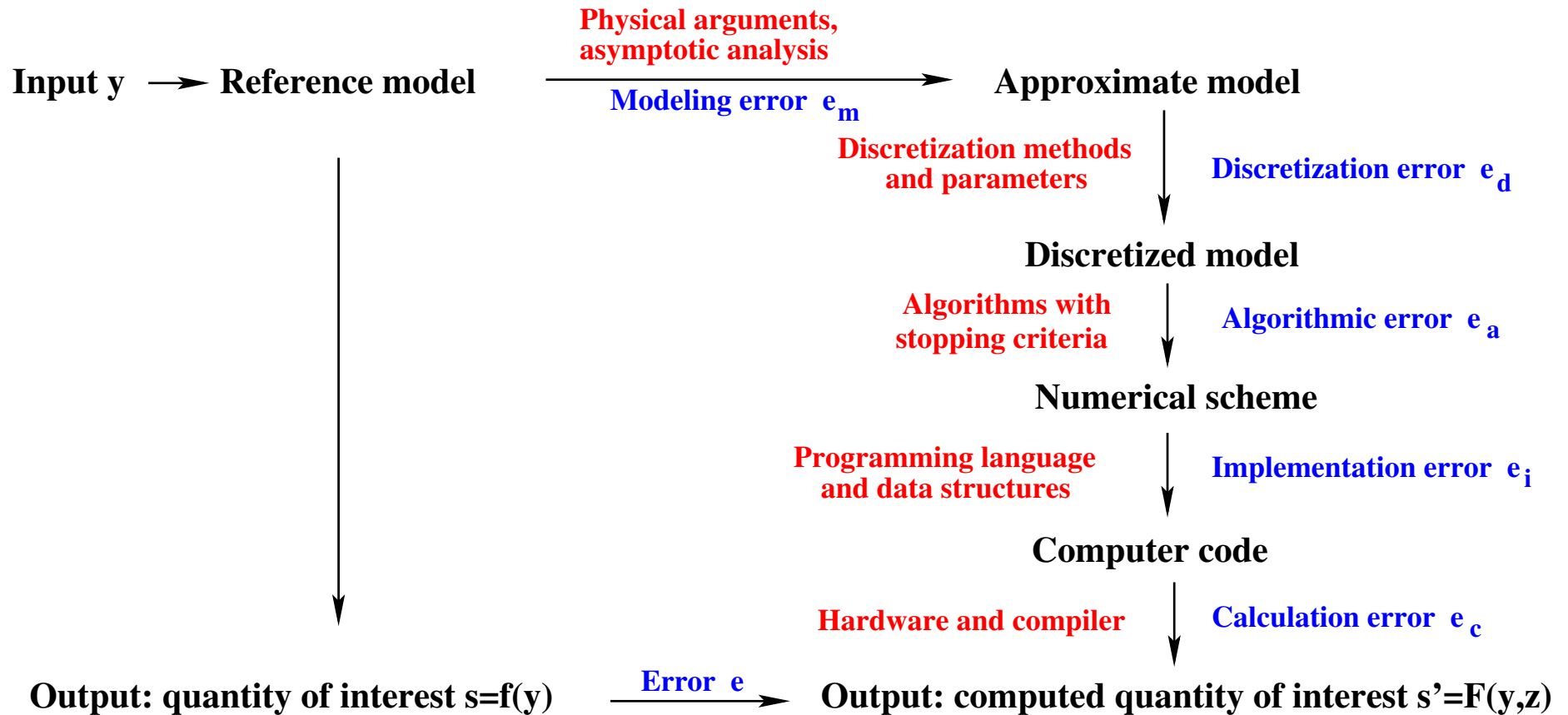


## Numerical challenges in DFT

- very large systems with high accuracy
- metallic / heterogeneous systems
- databases for materials and drug discovery and design (machine learning)  
Ex.: open catalyst data set (Chanussot et al. '20)  
264,890,000 Density Functional Theory (DFT) calculations

**Need for fast, reliable, black-box numerical methods with error estimators**



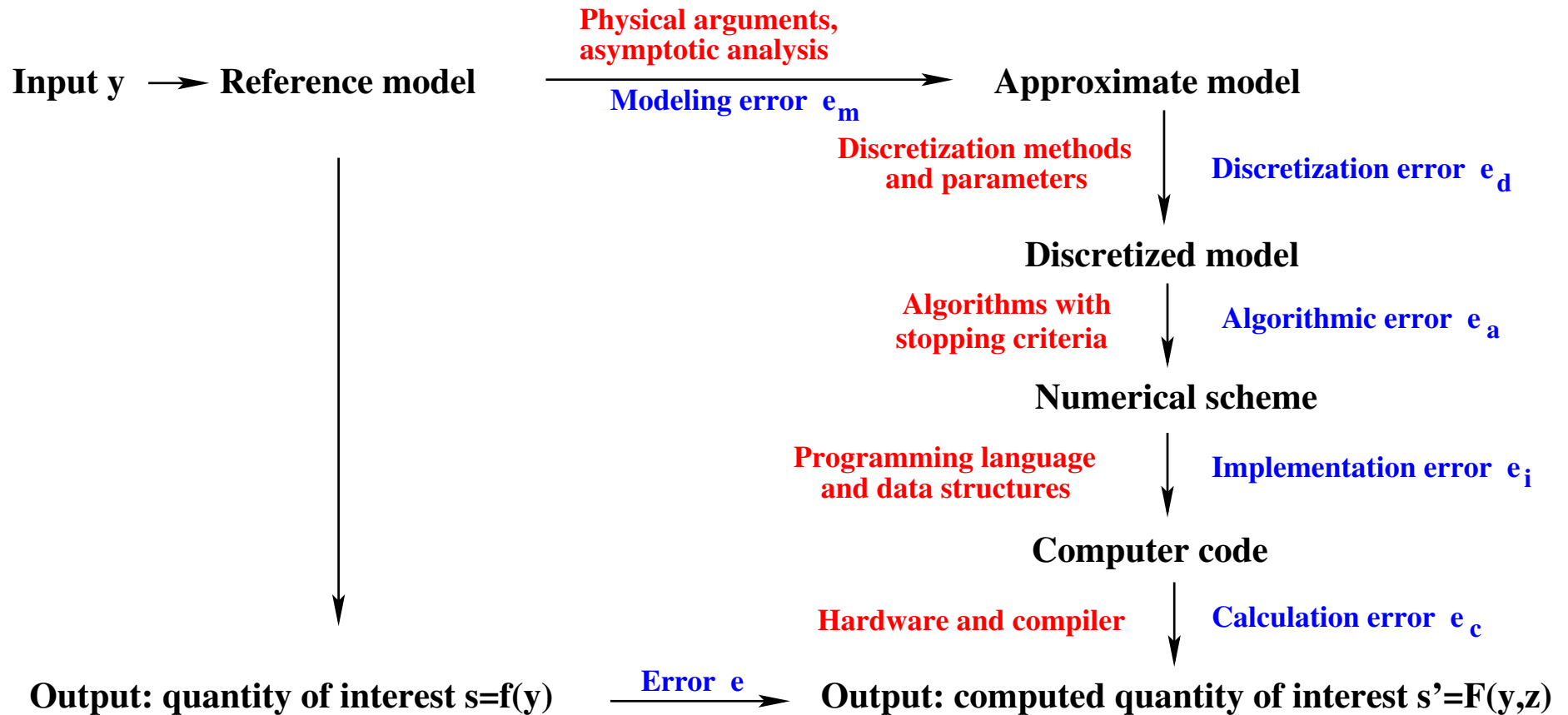


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**Example:**  $s$  = static polarizability of the CO<sub>2</sub> molecule

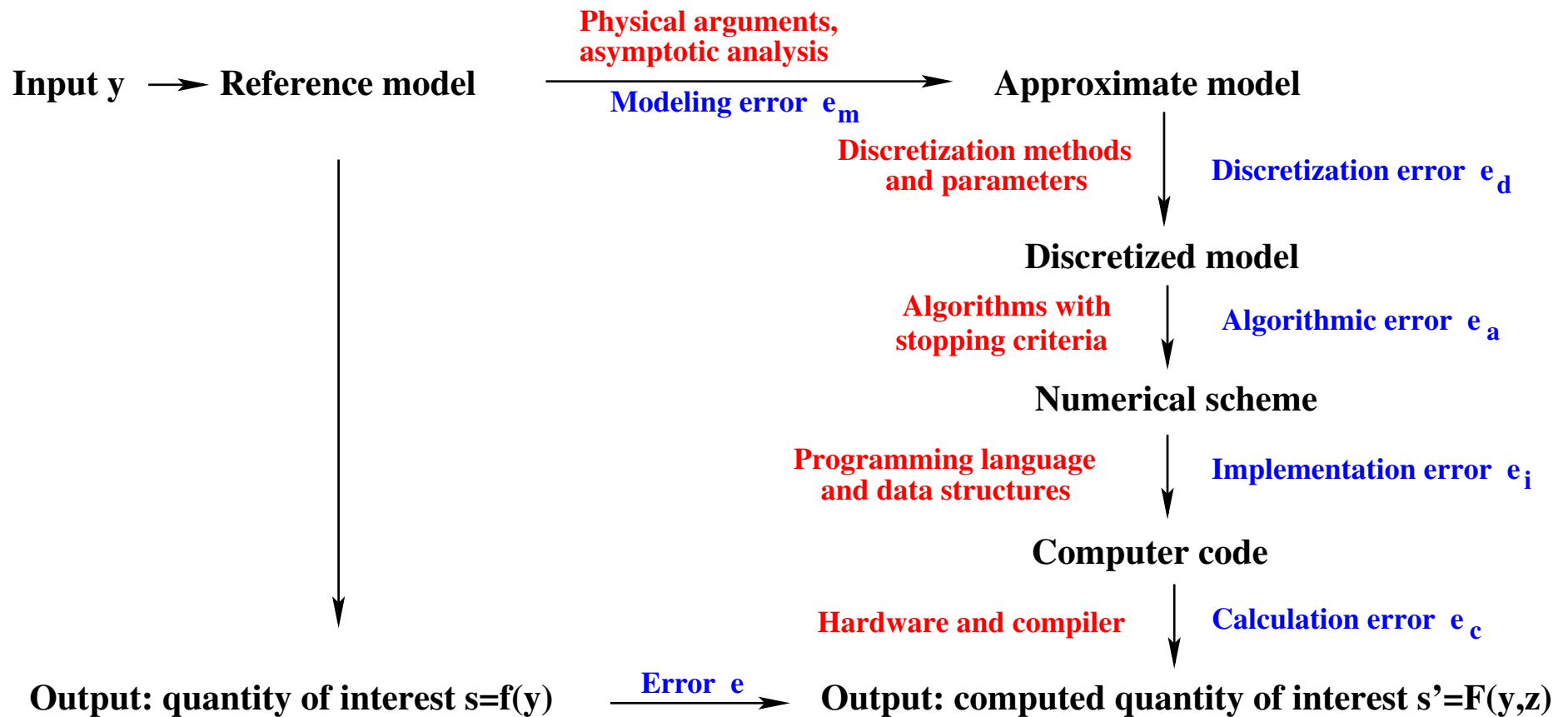
$y = (\#C \text{ atoms} = 1, \#O \text{ atoms} = 2, \text{total charge} = 0)$

(+ universal parameters:  $\hbar, m_e, e, \epsilon_0, z_X, m_{X\text{iso}}$ )



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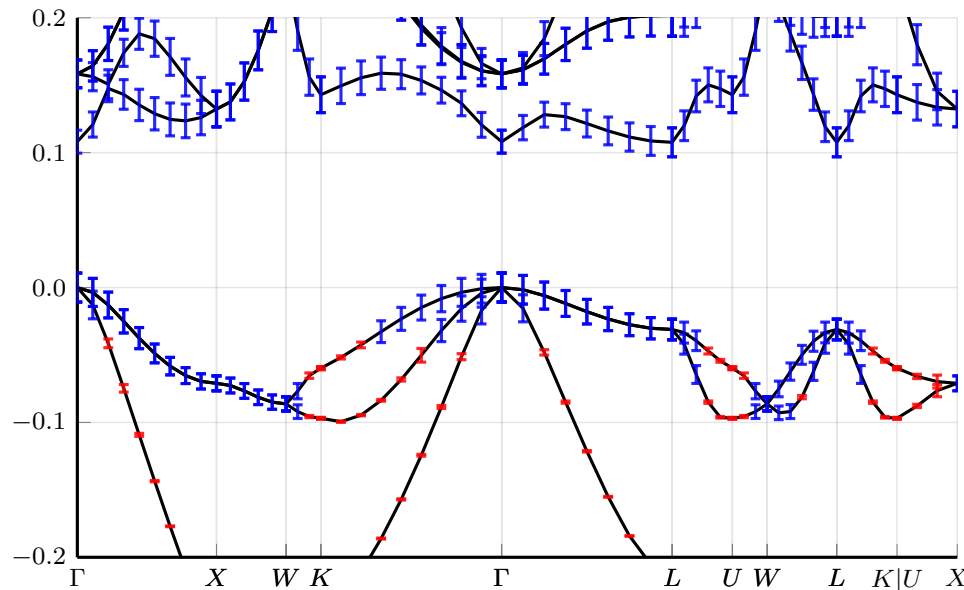
**Goal 2:** optimize dynamically the computational resources (error balancing)

(DFT ~ 15% of CPU time available in HPC centers)

## An example of fully guaranteed error bars Herbst, Levitt, EC, *Faraday discussions* '20

### Si band diagram

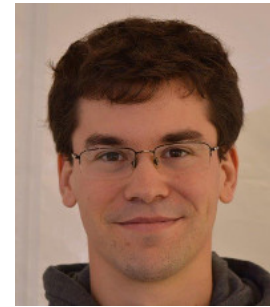
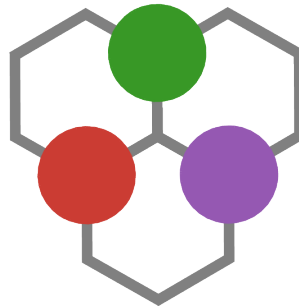
(*non-self-consistent* DFT-LDA model with GTH pseudopotentials)



- fully guaranteed error bars**  
accounting for
- discretization error
  - algorithmic error
  - floating-point arithmetics  
(=implementation error assuming bug-free code)

## Numerical methods implemented in DFTK (Density-Functional ToolKit)

- planewave DFT package in **julia** (2018-), MIT license
- outcome of the EMC2 ERC Synergy project
- main developers: Michael Herbst (now at EPFL) and Antoine Levitt (now at Paris-Saclay)



- supports mathematical developments (low entrance barrier,  $\sim 7k$  lines of code) **and** scale-up to relevant applications ( $\sim 1,000$  electrons)
- fully composable with **julia** ecosystem
  - arbitrary precision (32bit, 64bit...)
  - algorithmic differentiation
  - interval arithmetic
  - ...

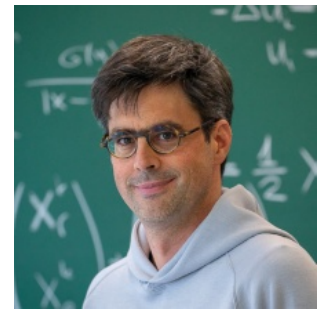
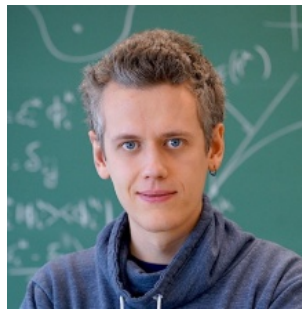
## 1. Geometrical structure of the Kohn-Sham model

## 2. Practical error bounds on interatomic forces in Kohn-Sham DFT

EC, G. Dusson, G. Kемlin and A. Levitt, SIAM J. Sci. Comput. '22

## 3. Computation of response properties for metals

EC, M. Herbst, G. Kемlin, A. Levitt and B. Stamm, Lett. Math. Phys. '23





# 1 - Geometrical structure of the Kohn-Sham model

**Periodic supercell  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^3/\mathbb{L}$ ,  $\mathbb{L}$ : Bravais lattice of  $\mathbb{R}^3$**

**$M$  ionic cores, positions  $X := (X_j)_{1 \leq j \leq M} \in \Omega^M$**

**$N$  valence electron pairs (spin-unpolarized state)**

## Orbital formulation of the continuous Kohn-Sham model

$$\min \left\{ E^{\text{KS}}(X, \Phi) \mid \Phi = (\phi_1, \dots, \phi_N) \in (H_{\#}^1(\Omega; \mathbb{C}))^N, \int_{\Omega} \phi_i^* \phi_j = \delta_{ij} \right\}$$

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## Discretization in a planewave basis set

**Fourier modes:**  $e_{\mathbf{G}}(\mathbf{r}) := |\Omega|^{-1/2} e^{i\mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{r}}, \quad \mathbf{G} \in \mathbb{L}^* \quad (\text{reciprocal lattice})$

**Approximation spaces:**  $\mathcal{X} = \text{Span} \left( e_{\mathbf{G}}, \mathbf{G} \in \mathbb{L}^*, \frac{|\mathbf{G}|^2}{2} < E_c \right)$

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## Density matrix (1-RDM) formulation (math. analysis, linear scaling methods)

$P = CC^*$  orthogonal proj. on span(columns of  $C$ )

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**Remark:** we consider a hierarchy of 2 approximation spaces ( $E_{\text{calc}} \ll E_{\text{ref}}$ )

$$\underbrace{\mathcal{X}_{\text{calc}}}_{\text{variational approximation space}} \subset \underbrace{\mathcal{X}_{\text{ref}}}_{\text{error estimation space}}$$

- to study the convergence of numerical algorithms, we take  $E_c = E_{\text{calc}}$

EC, G. Kemlin and A. Levitt, *Convergence analysis of direct minimization and self-consistent iterations*, SIAM J. Mat. Anal. 42 (2021) 243–274

- to derive practical error bounds, we take  $E_c = E_{\text{ref}}$

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- **Hessian of  $E$  at  $P \in \mathcal{M}$ :**  $D_{\mathcal{M}}^2 E(P) = \Omega_P + \mathbf{K}_P \in \mathcal{L}(T_P \mathcal{M})$

**with  $\Omega_P, \mathbf{K}_P : T_P \mathcal{M} \rightarrow T_P \mathcal{M}$  given by**

$$\Omega_P = -[P, [\nabla \mathcal{E}(P), \bullet]] \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{K}_P = \Pi_P D^2 \mathcal{E}(P) \Pi_P$$

## 2 - Practical error bounds on interatomic forces

### Error bounds on energy and density

- *a priori* error bounds: EC-Chakir-Maday '12, Zhou et al. '13, EC-Dusson '17...
- *a posteriori* error bounds: EC-Dusson-Maday-Stamm-Vohralík '14-'21, Chen-Dai-Gong-He-Zhou '14, Chen-Schneider '15, Kaye-Lin-Yang '15, Herbst-Levitt-EC '20 ...

**This work:** error bounds on properties (**non-variational**)

### Interatomic forces (at the discrete level)

- **Manifold of admissible 1-RDM**

$$\mathcal{M} = \text{Gr}(N, N_{\text{ref}}) = \{P \in \mathbb{C}_{\text{herm}}^{N_{\text{ref}} \times N_{\text{ref}}} \mid P^2 = P, \text{Tr}(P) = N\}$$

- **Kohn-Sham energy functional**  $E^{\text{KS}} : \Omega^M \times \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$E^{\text{KS}}(X, P) := \text{Tr}(TP) + \text{Tr}(V(X)P) + E_{\text{Hxc}}(P)$$

- **Kohn-Sham ground state and interatomic forces (Hellmann-Feynman)**

$$P_*(X) = \underset{P \in \mathcal{M}}{\text{argmin}} E(X, P) \quad F_j(X) := -\text{Tr}(\nabla_{X_j} V(X) P_*(X)) + F_{\text{ion}}(X)$$

**Force component  $f_* = [F_{j\alpha}(X_0)]_\alpha$  for a fixed nuclear configuration  $X_0$**

$$E(P) := E^{\text{KS}}(X_0, P) \quad f(P) := -\text{Tr}(\partial_{X_{j\alpha}} V(X_0)P)$$

$$P_* := \underset{P \in \mathcal{M}}{\text{argmin}} E(P), \quad f_* = f(P_*)$$

**First-order optimality condition**

$$\nabla_{\mathcal{M}} E(P_*) = 0$$

**Residual associated with an approximate solution  $P$**

$$R(P) := \nabla_{\mathcal{M}} E(P) = [P, [P, H(P)]]$$

**where  $H(P) := T + V(X_0) + \nabla \mathcal{E}_{\text{Hxc}}(P)$  is the Kohn-Sham Hamiltonian,**  
 **$(\nabla \mathcal{E}_{\text{Hxc}}(P) = \text{Frobenius gradient of } \mathbb{C}_{\text{herm}}^{N_{\text{ref}} \times N_{\text{ref}}} \ni P \mapsto \mathcal{E}_{\text{Hxc}}(P) \in \mathbb{R})$**

**General principle:**

- $\mathcal{M}$  smooth Riemannian manifold (set of admissible states)
- $R : \mathcal{M} \ni P \mapsto R(P) \in T_P\mathcal{M}$  smooth function (residual)
- $f : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  smooth function (observable)

$$\text{Equilibrium state :} \quad R(P_*) = 0$$

$$\text{Quantity of interest (QoI):} \quad f_* := f(P_*)$$

**Error estimators: in the linear regime**

$$P - P_* \approx \mathbf{R}'(P)^{-1}R(P) \quad \text{and} \quad f(P) - f_* \approx \langle \nabla_{\mathcal{M}}f(P), \mathbf{R}'(P)^{-1}R(P) \rangle$$

**Two practical questions:** if  $P \approx$  DM of the KS ground-state in  $\mathcal{X}_{\text{calc}} \subset \mathcal{X}_{\text{ref}}$

1. are we in the linear regime in usual DFT calculations on real materials?
2. if so, how to compute an accurate and computationally efficient bound for  $\langle \nabla_{\mathcal{M}}f(P), \mathbf{R}'(P)^{-1}R(P) \rangle$ ?

Are we in the linear regime in practice?

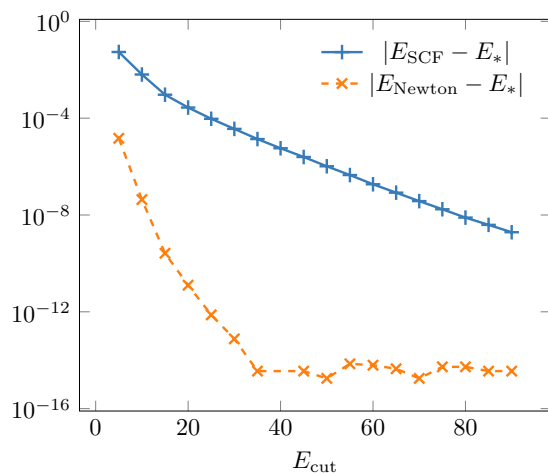
**Apparently yes! ... for planewave calculations with nice pseudopotentials**

**Numerical test: if  $P - P_* \approx R'(P)^{-1}R(P)$ , then the QoI computed from**

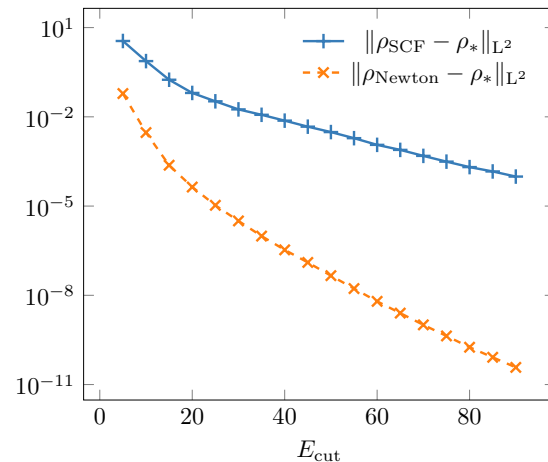
$$P_{\text{Newton}} = \mathfrak{R} \left( P - R'(P)^{-1}R(P) \right) \quad (\mathfrak{R} \text{ suitable retraction})$$

**should be much better than the ones computed from  $P$**

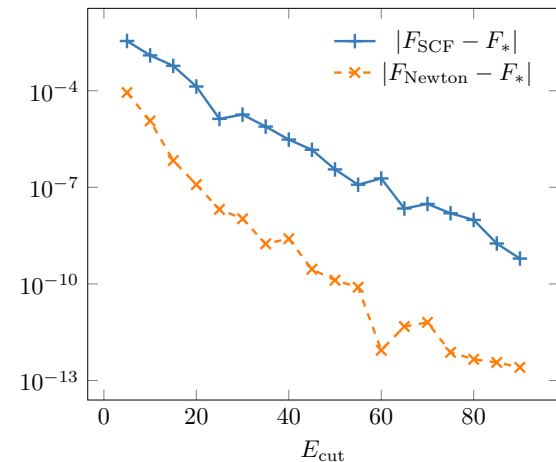
**Example: FCC silicon crystal (energies in Hartrees)**



**Energy**



**Ground-state density**



**Interatomic forces**

### Accurate and efficient approximation of $P - P_*$

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$$\underbrace{P - P_*}_{\text{not computable}} \approx \underbrace{R'(P)^{-1}R(P)}_{\text{computable but expensive}} \approx \underbrace{M_P^{-1}R(P)}_{\text{computable and cheap}} \quad \text{in energy norm}$$

$M_P^{-1}$  very simple operator deduced from mathematical analysis

Equivalence between these three quantities proved in the asymptotic regime



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$$P = \sum_{i=1}^N \phi_i \phi_i^* \in \mathcal{M} \Leftrightarrow \Phi = (\phi_1 | \dots | \phi_N) \in \text{St}(N, N_{\text{ref}}) \text{ s.t. } P = \Phi \Phi^*$$

$$Q = \sum_{i=1}^N \phi_i \xi_i^* + \xi_i \phi_i^* \in \mathcal{T}_P \mathcal{M} \Leftrightarrow \Xi = (\xi_1 | \dots | \xi_N) \in \mathbb{C}^{N_{\text{ref}} \times N} \text{ s.t. } \Phi^* \Xi = 0$$

$$R(P) = [P, [P, H(P)]] \in \mathcal{T}_P \mathcal{M} \Leftrightarrow R^{\text{MO}}(\Phi) = (r_1 | \dots | r_N) = P^\perp H(P) \Phi \in \mathbb{C}^{N_{\text{ref}} \times N}$$

$$\mathbf{M}_P Q \in \mathcal{T}_P \mathcal{M} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{M}_\Phi^{\text{MO}} \Xi := ((-\Delta - t_i) \xi_i)_{1 \leq i \leq N} \quad t_i := \int_\Omega |\nabla \phi_i|^2$$

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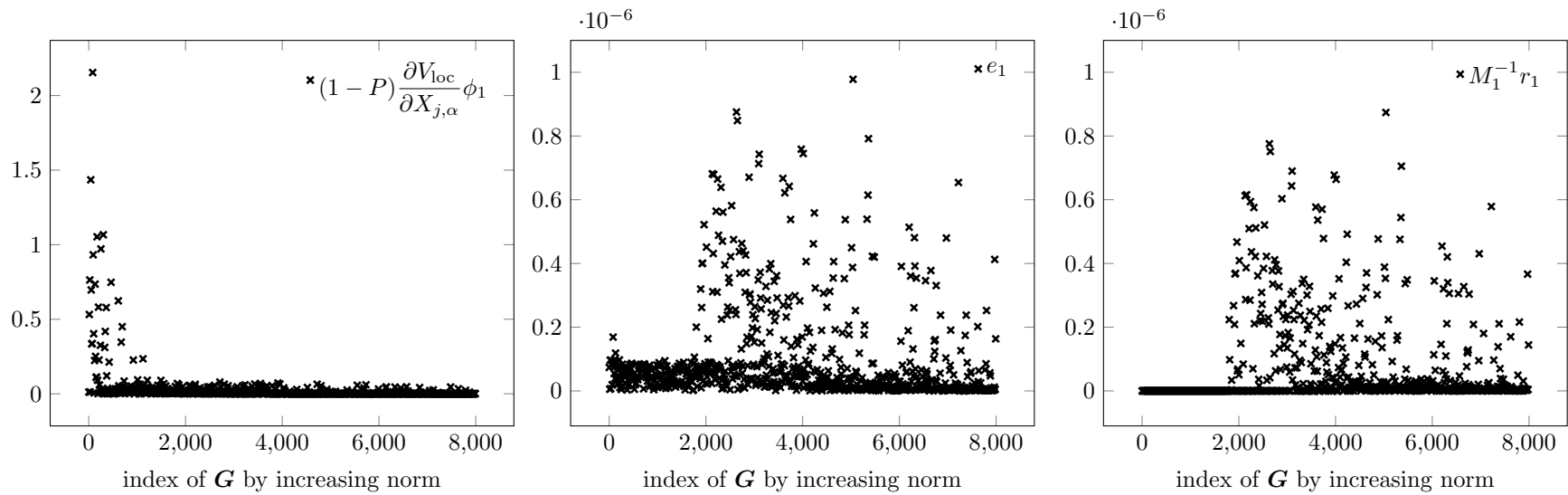
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because  $\nabla_{\mathcal{M}} f(P)$  and  $P - P_*$  are almost orthogonal for nonnegative Sobolev norms

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Fourier coefficients of  $\nabla_{\mathcal{M}} f(P)$  (left),  $P - P_*$  (center)  $\mathbf{M}_P^{-1} R(P)$  (right)

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### A Schur complement approach to solve $\mathbf{R}'(P)Q = R(P)$

$$P = \sum_{i=1}^N \phi_i \phi_i^* \in \mathcal{M}, \quad Q = \sum_{i=1}^N (\phi_i \xi_i^* + \xi_i \phi_i^*) \in T_P \mathcal{M},$$

$$\mathcal{X}_{\text{ref}} = \mathcal{X}_{\text{calc}} \oplus \mathcal{X}_{\text{calc}}^{\perp}, \quad \phi_i \in \mathcal{X}_{\text{calc}}, \quad \xi_i = \underbrace{\xi_{i,1}}_{\in \mathcal{X}_{\text{calc}}} + \underbrace{\xi_{i,2}}_{\mathcal{X}_{\text{calc}}^{\perp}}, \quad Q = Q_1 + Q_2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}'(P)_{11} & \mathbf{R}'(P)_{12} \\ \mathbf{R}'(P)_{21} & \mathbf{R}'(P)_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Q_1 \\ Q_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} R(P)_1 \\ R(P)_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$Q_1$  small (in energy norm) but large impact on the error on interatomic forces

$Q_2$  large (in energy norm) but smaller impact on the error on interatomic forces

$Q_2 \approx M_P^{-1} R(P)_2$  (in energy norm),  $R(P)_1 = 0$  if  $P$  variational solution in  $\mathcal{X}_{\text{calc}}$

### Second (successful) attempt to compute error bounds on interatomic forces

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$$Q_2^{\text{app}} = \mathbf{M}_P^{-1} R(P)_2, \quad (\mathbf{\Omega}_P + \mathbf{K}_P)_{11} Q_1^{\text{app}} = R(P)_1 - (\mathbf{\Omega}_P + \mathbf{K}_P)_{12} \mathbf{M}_P^{-1} R(P)_2$$



## Numerical results: post-processing

$$f - f_* := f(P) - f(P_*)$$

(red)

$$f_{\text{res}} - f_* := f(P) - \langle \nabla_{\mathcal{M}} f(P), \mathbf{M}^{-1} R(P) \rangle - f(P_*)$$

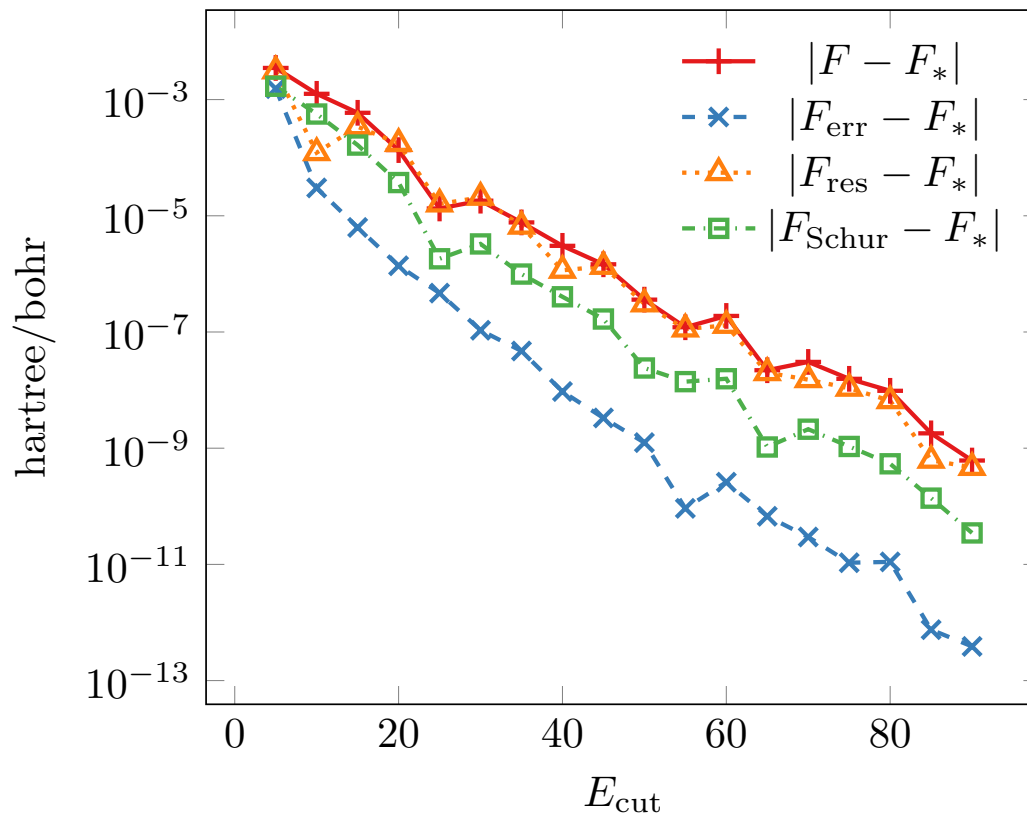
(orange)

$$f_{\text{Schur}} - f_* := f(P) - \langle \nabla_{\mathcal{M}} f(P), \mathbf{R}'_{\text{app}}(P)^{-1} R(P) \rangle - f(P_*)$$

(green)

$$f_{\text{err}} - f_* := f(P) - \langle \nabla_{\mathcal{M}} f(P), P - P_* \rangle - f(P_*)$$

(blue)



### 3 - Response properties for metals

**Linear (noninteracting) Schrödinger-like Hamiltonian  $H$**   
**Perturbation  $\delta V$  of the potential**

$$H \rightarrow H + \delta V \quad \Rightarrow \quad \rho \rightarrow \rho + \delta\rho + o(\delta V) \quad \text{with } \delta\rho \text{ linear in } \delta V$$

$$\boxed{\delta\rho = \chi_0 \delta V}$$

$\chi_0$  : **non-interacting density-density response function**  
**independent-particle susceptibility**  
**irreducible polarizability**

**Goal:** compute  $\delta\rho := \chi_0 \delta V$  for metals

#### Unperturbed Hamiltonian $H$

$$H\phi_n = \varepsilon_n\phi_n, \quad \int_{\Omega} \phi_m^*(\mathbf{r})\phi_n(\mathbf{r})d\mathbf{r} = \delta_{mn}, \quad \varepsilon_1 \leq \varepsilon_2 \leq \varepsilon_3 \leq \dots,$$

#### Ground-state density

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} f_n |\phi_n(\mathbf{r})|^2 \quad \text{with} \quad f_n := f\left(\frac{\varepsilon_n - \varepsilon_F}{T}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad f(x) = \frac{2}{1 + e^x}$$



Occupation numbers  $f_n$  for  $T = 0$  (left) and  $T > 0$  (right)

$$\varepsilon_F \text{ (Fermi level) such that } \int_{\Omega} \rho(\mathbf{r})d\mathbf{r} = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} f_n = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} f\left(\frac{\varepsilon_n - \varepsilon_F}{T}\right) = N_{el}$$

**Notation:**  $f'_n := \frac{1}{T} f' \left( \frac{\varepsilon_n - \varepsilon_F}{T} \right) =: \frac{f_n - f_n}{\varepsilon_n - \varepsilon_n}$

#### Linear response

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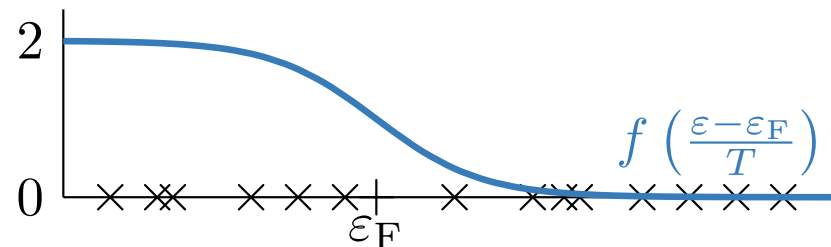
#### Sum-over-state formula

$$\delta\rho(\mathbf{r}) := (\chi_0\delta V)(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} \frac{f_n - f_m}{\varepsilon_n - \varepsilon_m} (\delta V_{mn} - \delta\varepsilon_F \delta_{mn}) \phi_n^*(\mathbf{r})\phi_m(\mathbf{r}),$$

**with**  $\delta V_{mn} := \langle \phi_m, \delta V \phi_n \rangle$  **and**  $\delta\varepsilon_F = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} f'_n \delta V_{nn}}{\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} f'_n}$  **to satisfy**  $\int_{\Omega} \delta\rho(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r} = 0$

For periodic Schrödinger-like operators  $H = -\frac{1}{2}\Delta + V$  in 3D,

$$\varepsilon_n \underset{n \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} Cn^{2/3} \quad \text{(Weyl formula)}$$



In most applications (always except in Warm Dense Matter),

**only a number  $N \gtrsim N_{el}$  of occupation numbers  $f_n$  are non-negligible**

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}) \simeq \sum_{n=1}^N f_n |\phi_n(\mathbf{r})|^2$$

$$\delta\rho(\mathbf{r}) \simeq \left( \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} + \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \sum_{m=1}^N \right) \frac{f_n - f_m}{\varepsilon_n - \varepsilon_m} (\delta V_{mn} - \delta\varepsilon_F \delta_{mn}) \phi_n^*(\mathbf{r}) \phi_m(\mathbf{r})$$

**but still one infinite sum in the sum-over-state formula**

#### Alternatives to the sum-over-state formula

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}) \simeq \sum_{n=1}^N f_n |\phi_n(\mathbf{r})|^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \delta\rho(\mathbf{r}) \simeq \sum_{n=1}^N f_n (\phi_n^*(\mathbf{r})\delta\phi_n(\mathbf{r}) + \delta\phi_n^*(\mathbf{r})\phi_n(\mathbf{r})) + \delta f_n |\phi_n(\mathbf{r})|^2$$

**the  $\delta\phi_n$ 's and the  $\delta f_n$ 's are not unique (gauge invariance)**

**Let  $P$ : orthogonal projector on  $\text{Span}(\phi_n)_{1 \leq n \leq N}$ , and  $Q := 1 - P$ . We have**

$$\delta\phi_n = \underbrace{\delta\phi_n^P}_{\in \text{Ran}(P)} + \underbrace{\delta\phi_n^Q}_{\in \text{Ran}(Q)}$$

**and**

$$\forall 1 \leq n \leq N, \quad f_n \delta\phi_n = \sum_{m=1}^N \Gamma_{mn} \phi_m + f_n \delta\phi_n^Q \quad \text{with} \quad \Gamma_{mn} := f_n \langle \phi_m, \delta\phi_n \rangle$$

**Thus**

$$\delta\rho(\mathbf{r}) \simeq \sum_{n,m=1}^N (\Gamma_{mn} + \overline{\Gamma_{nm}}) \phi_n^*(\mathbf{r})\phi_m(\mathbf{r}) + \sum_{n=1}^N 2f_n \text{Re} (\phi_n^*(\mathbf{r})\delta\phi_n^Q(\mathbf{r})) + \sum_{n=1}^N \delta f_n |\phi_n(\mathbf{r})|^2$$

#### Alternatives to the sum-over-state formula (continued)

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By identification, we get that

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2. the  $\delta\phi_n^Q$ 's must satisfy the Sternheimer equations

$$Q(H - \varepsilon_n)Q\delta\phi_n^Q = b_n := -Q(\delta V\phi_n) \longrightarrow \text{possibly ill-conditioned}$$

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##### 3. simple gauge and minimal gauge (used in DFTK)

$$\Gamma_{mn}^{\text{simple}} = \frac{1}{2} \Delta_{mn} = \underset{\Gamma_{mn} + \overline{\Gamma_{nm}} = \Delta_{mn}}{\text{argmin}} |\Gamma_{mn}|^2 + |\overline{\Gamma_{nm}}|^2, \quad \Gamma_{mn}^{\text{min}} = \frac{f_n^2}{f_m^2 + f_n^2} \Delta_{mn} = \underset{\Gamma_{mn} + \overline{\Gamma_{nm}} = \Delta_{mn}}{\text{argmin}} \frac{1}{f_n^2} |\Gamma_{mn}|^2 + \frac{1}{f_m^2} |\overline{\Gamma_{nm}}|^2$$

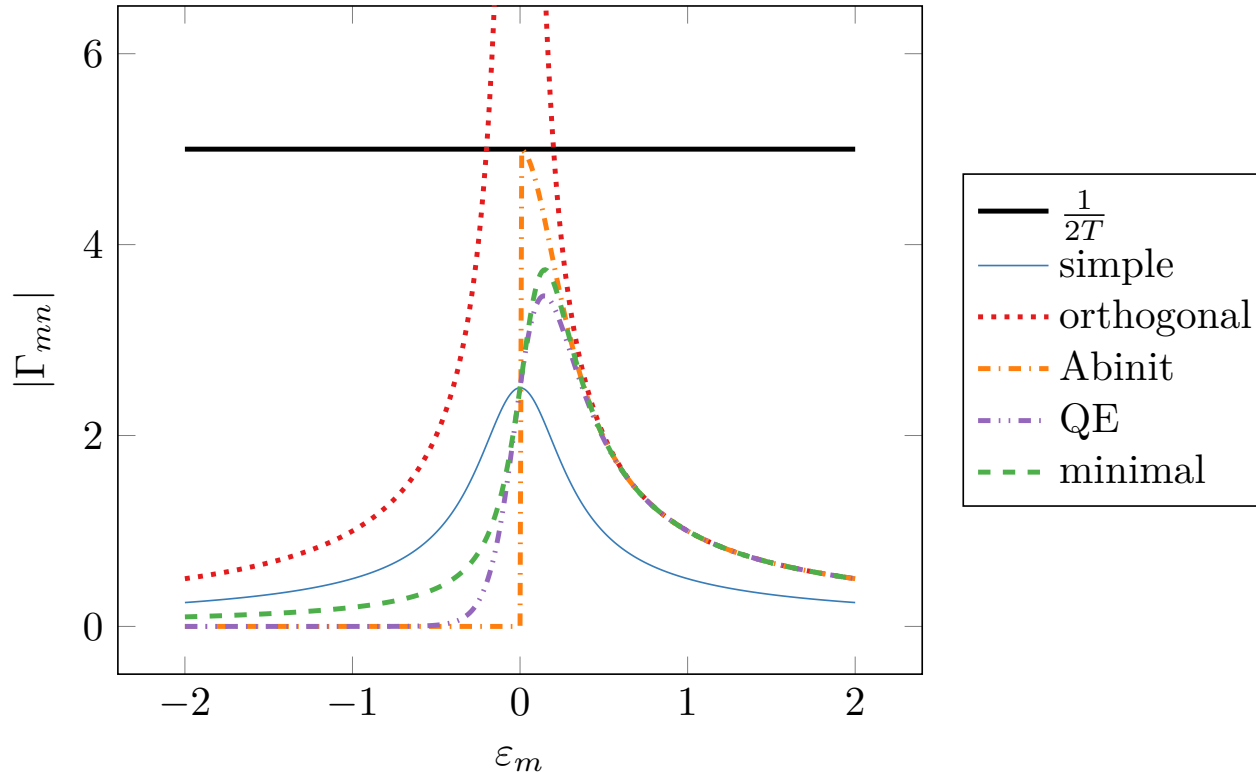
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For all these gauge choices but the orthogonal one, we have

$$|\Gamma_{mn}| \leq |\Delta_{mn}| \leq \max_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{T} |f'(x)| |\delta V_{mn}| = \frac{1}{2T} |\delta V_{mn}|. \quad (1)$$

If we make an error on  $\delta V$ , it is at most amplified by a factor of  $\frac{1}{2T}$

Gauge comparison,  $\varepsilon_n = 0$ ,  $\varepsilon_F = 0$ ,  $T = 0.1$ ,  $\delta V_{mn} = 1$



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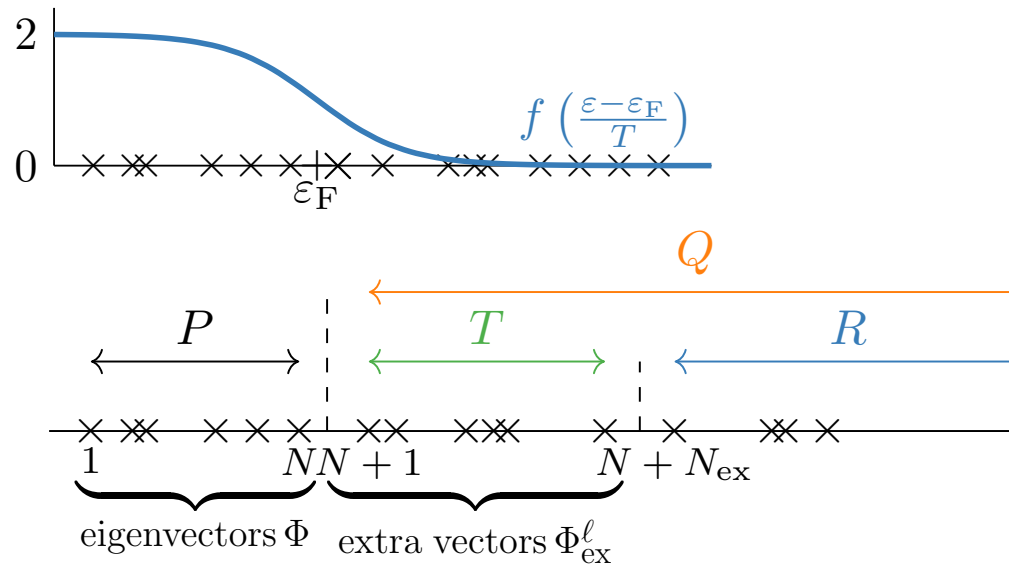
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**Let's use these extra approximate eigenvectors to improve the computation of response properties!**



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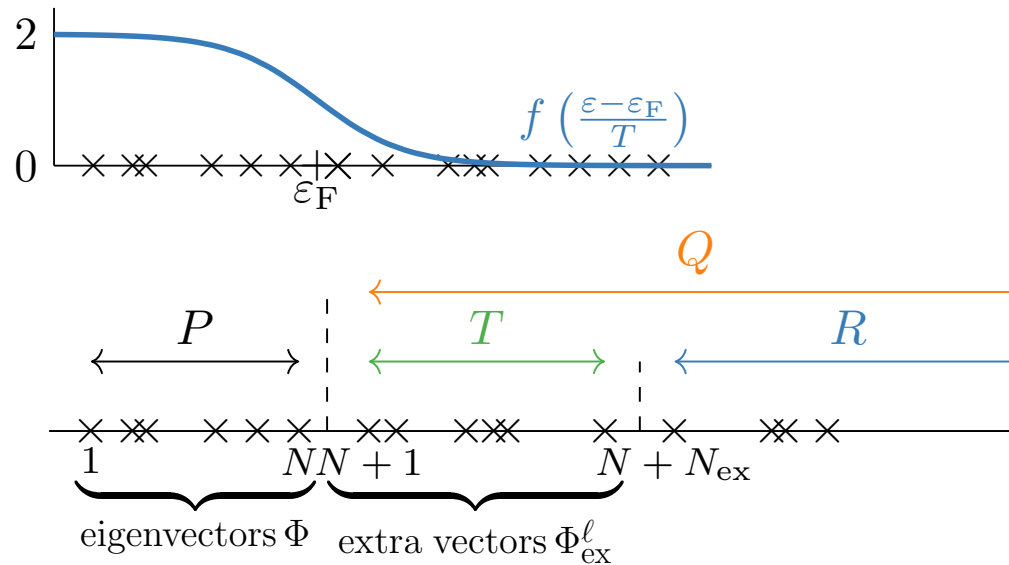
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coercive, ill-conditioned, but small

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Phi_{\text{ex}}^* (H - \varepsilon_n) \Phi_{\text{ex}} & \Phi_{\text{ex}}^* H R \\ R H \Phi_{\text{ex}} & R (H - \varepsilon_n) R \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_n \\ \delta\phi_n^R \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \Phi_{\text{ex}}^* b_n \\ R b_n \end{pmatrix}$$

coercive, large, but well-conditioned

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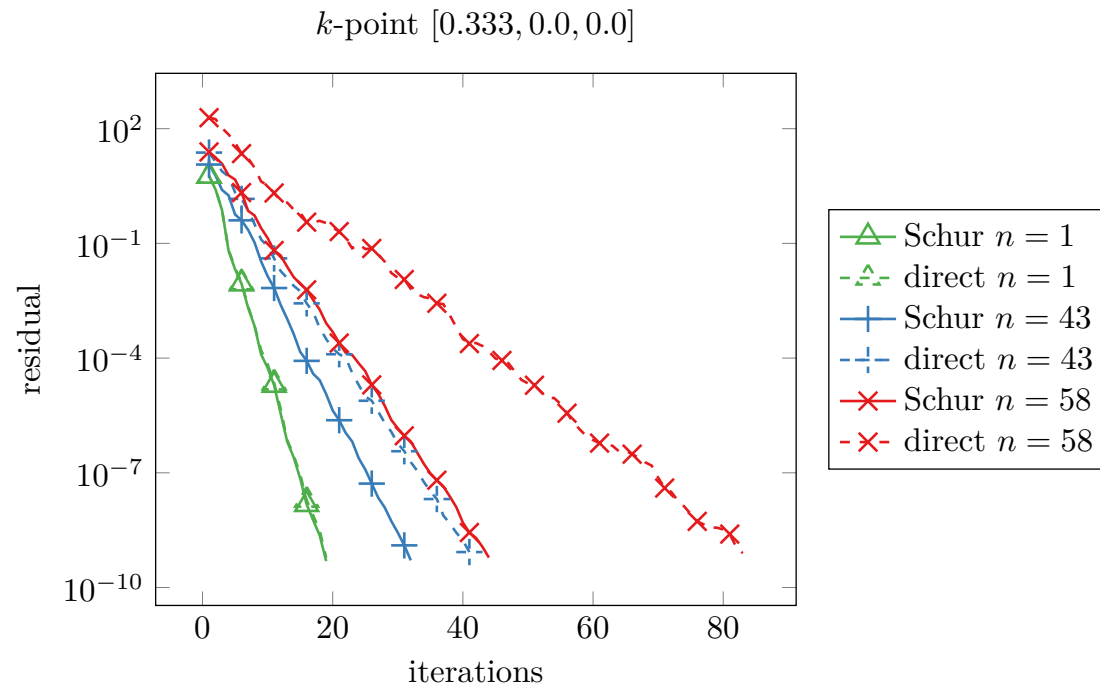
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$$\left[ R(H - \varepsilon_n) \left( 1 - \Phi_{\text{ex}} A_n \Phi_{\text{ex}}^* (H - \varepsilon_n) \right) R \right] \delta\phi_n^R = R b_n - R(H - \varepsilon_n) \Phi_{\text{ex}} A_n \Phi_{\text{ex}}^* b_n$$

#### Numerical results: convergence of the Sternheimer solver for Al<sub>40</sub>

<i>k</i> -point – coordinate	[0, 0, 0]	[1/3, 0, 0]	[1/3, 1/3, 0]
<i>N</i>	69	58	67
$\varepsilon_{N+1} - \varepsilon_N$	0.0320	0.0134	0.0217
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### Response properties

- **easy for insulators**
- **harder for metals**
  - **gauge choice is important**
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  - **the Sternheimer equation is ill-conditioned**
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**Thank you for your attention**