

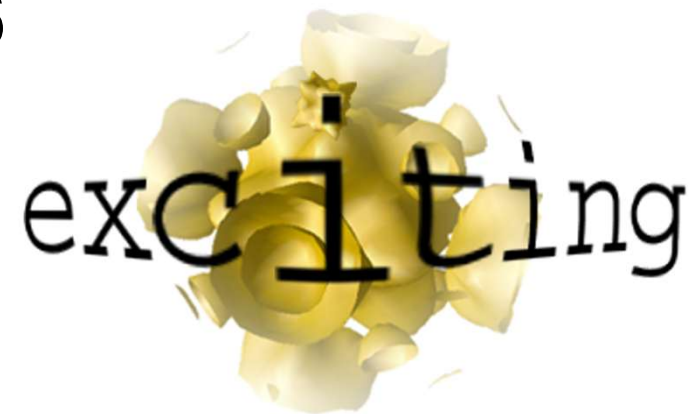
LAPW FOR LOW-DIMENSIONAL MATERIALS

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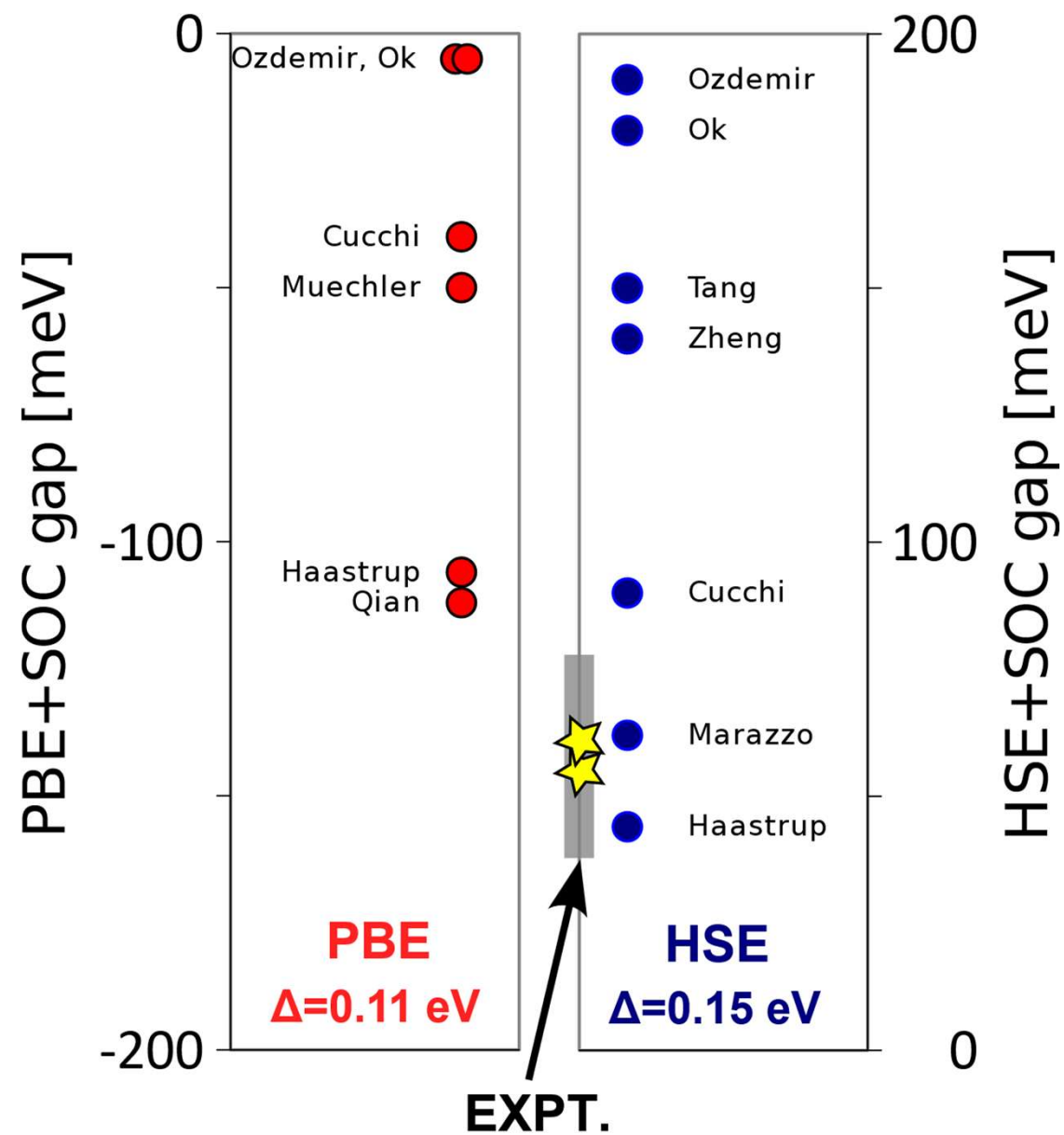
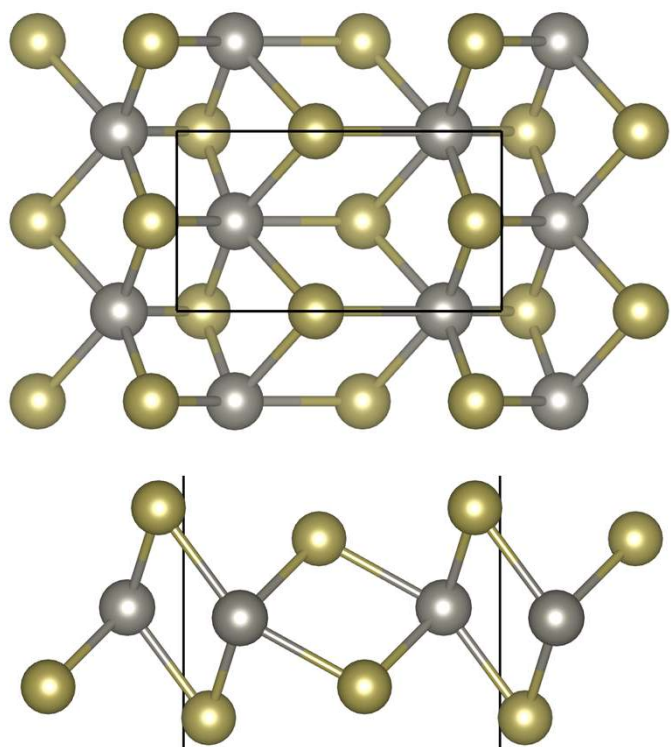


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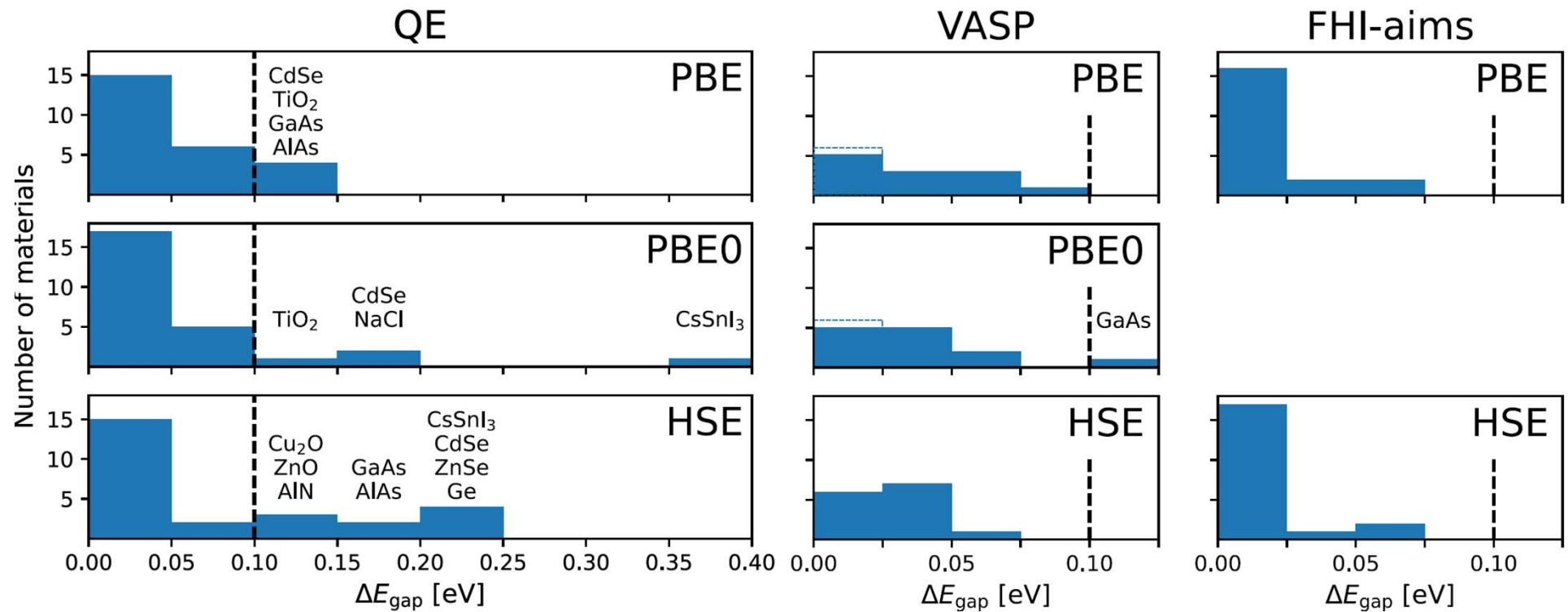


Motivation

Single layer 1T'-WTe₂



More examples: 3D materials



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LAPW as reference for 2D materials

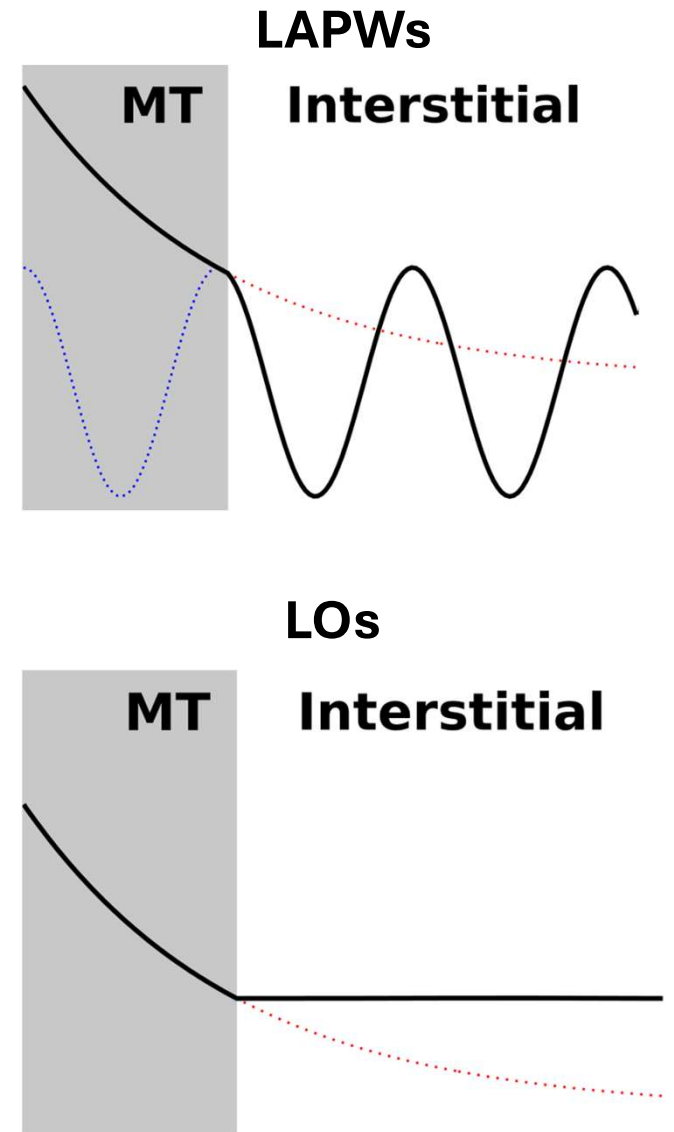
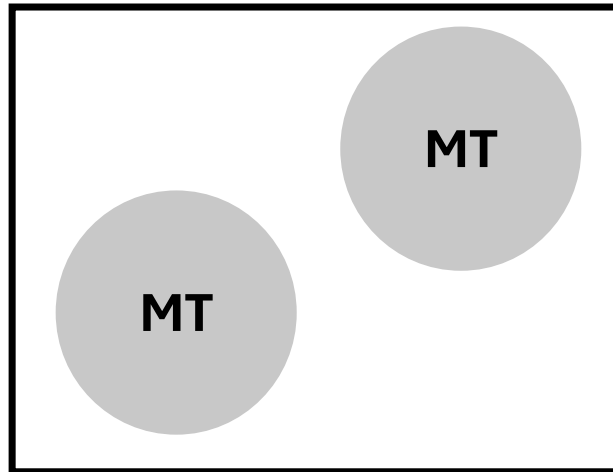
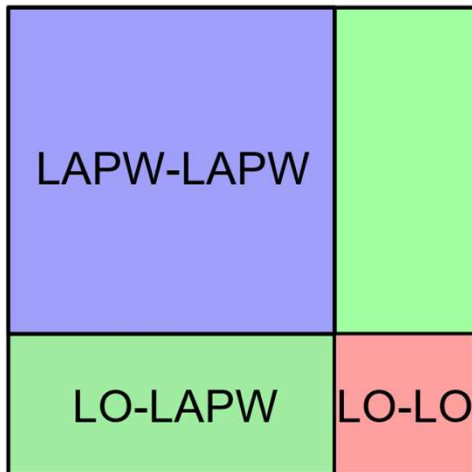
Challenges with standard tools

- Thick vacuum layer – **slow and memory-hungry eigensolvers**, with $O(V^3)$ and $O(V^2)$ time- and memory-complexities, respectively
- Hybrid functionals $O(V^2 N_{\text{at}}^2)$ – even **slower than eigensolvers** and dependence on empty bands
- **Coulomb singularity** in hybrid functionals if you want to go beyond HSE functionals

$$E_{xc} = aE_x^{HF,SR}(\omega) + (1-a)E_x^{PBE,SR}(\omega) + E_x^{HF,LR}(\omega) + E_c^{PBE}$$

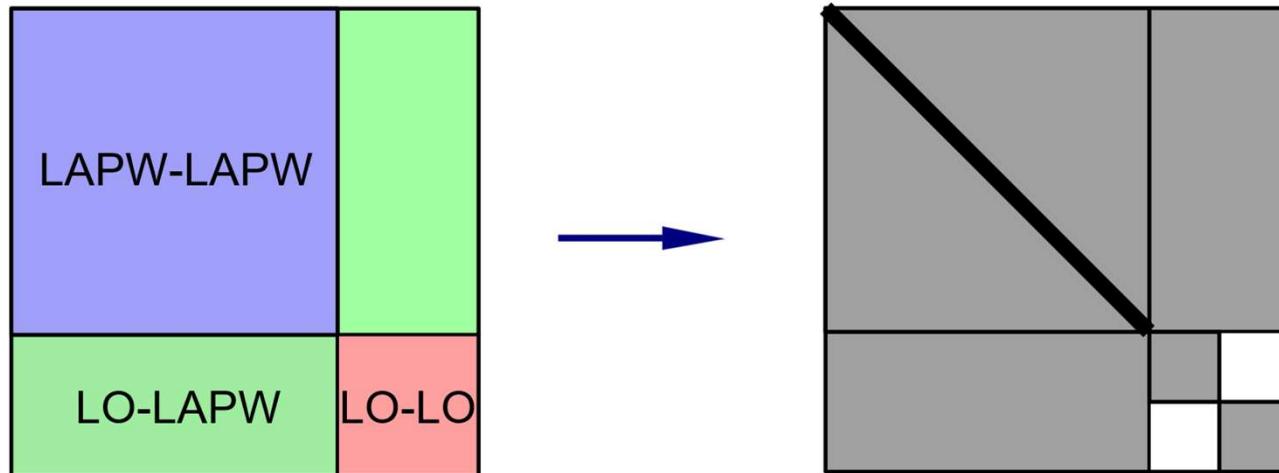
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$$H\psi = ES\psi$$



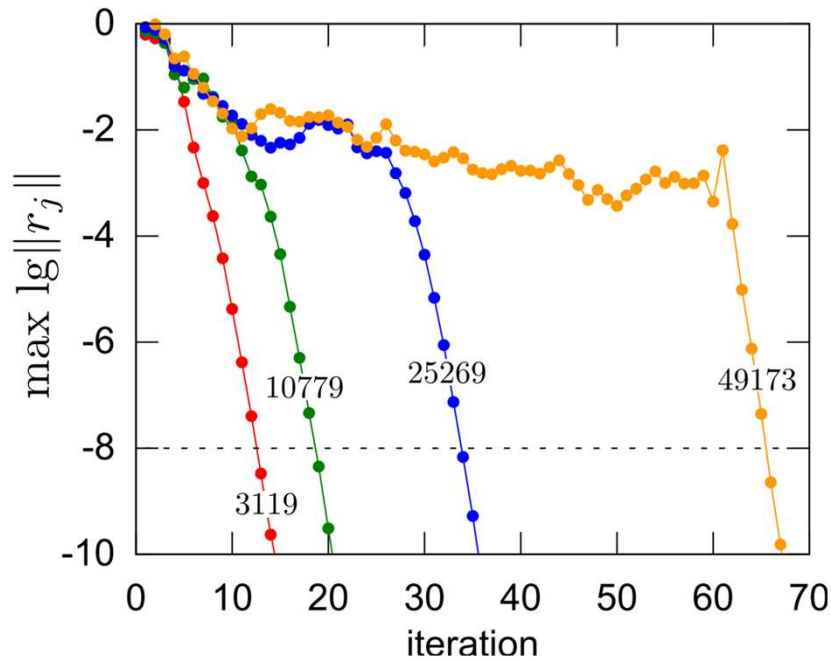
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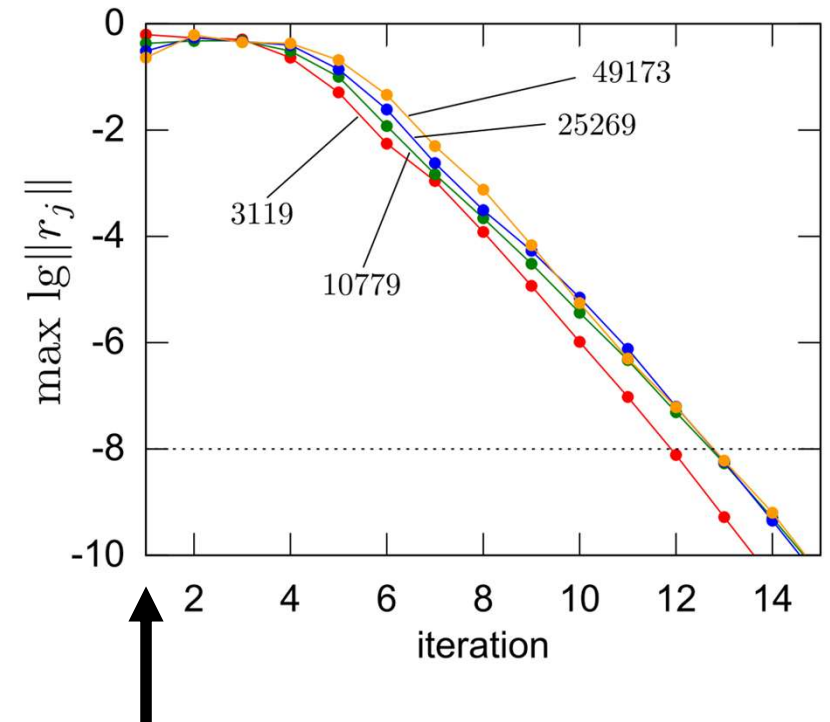


- Diagonally dominant block
- Potentially high condition number – the key difference wrt plane-wave codes
- A good initial guess is available most of the time

H2O in a box: iterative eigensolver

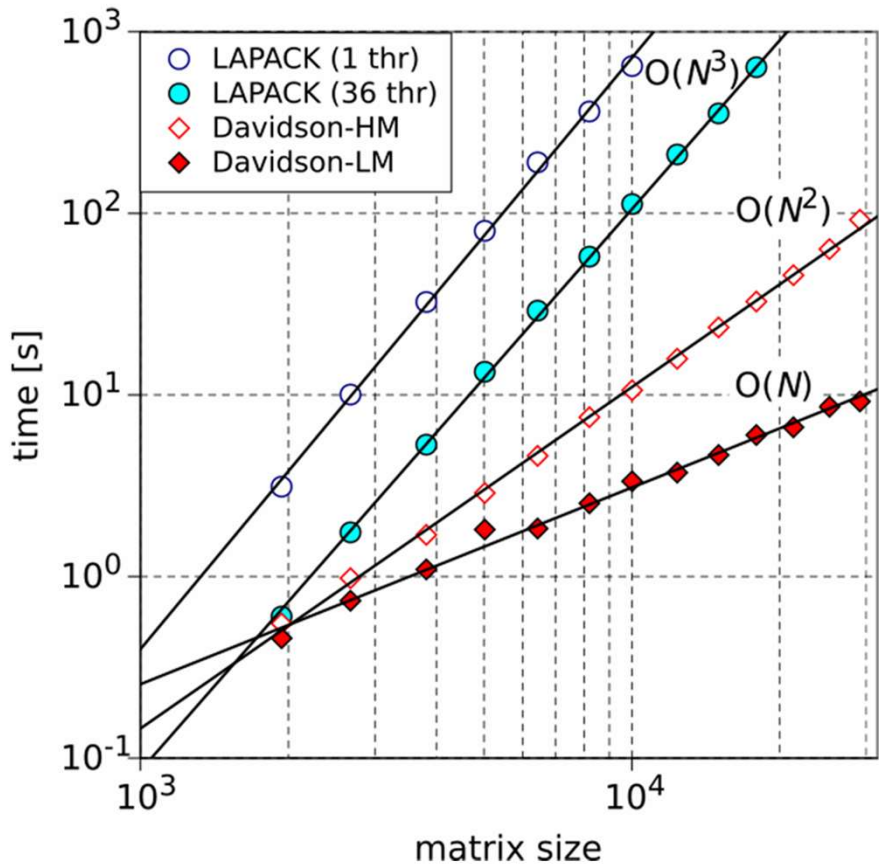


Davidson algorithm,
similar to Singh, Phys. Rev. B **40**, 5428 (1989)



Preparatory work: dump all difficult degrees
of freedom into the diagonalisation subspace

Computational complexity



← LAPACK: $O(N_{LAPW}^3) = O(V^3)$

← High memory Davidson:
 $O(N_{at}N_{LAPW}^2) = O(N_{at}V^2)$

← Matrix-free Davidson:
 $O(N_{at}^2N_{LAPW}) = O(N_{at}^2V)$

A key ingredient in microHartree-level verification

- AG, Kozhevnikov, Draxl, Phys. Rev. B **97**, 161105R (2018)
- Zavickis, Kacars, Cīmurs, **AG**, Phys. Rev. B 106, 165101 (2022)
- Brakestad et al., J. Chem. Theory Comput. 20, 728 (2024)
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Modelling Simul. Mater. Sci. Eng. **31**, 063301 (2023)

Hybrids – adaptively compressed exchange

$$\hat{V}_{HF}\psi_{nk}(\mathbf{r}) = -\frac{1}{N_k} \sum_{k'} \sum_m \psi_{mk'}(\mathbf{r}) \int \frac{\psi_{mk'}^*(\mathbf{r}')\psi_{nk}(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|} d\mathbf{r}'$$

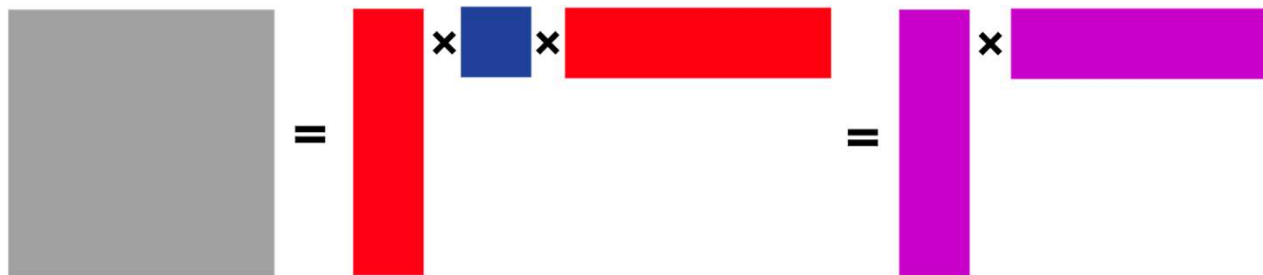
$$\hat{V}_{HF} \approx \sum_{mn} \hat{V}_{HF} |\psi_m\rangle \langle \psi_m| \hat{V}_{HF}^{-1} |\psi_n\rangle \langle \psi_n| \hat{V}_{HF}$$

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$$\langle \psi_m | \hat{V}_{HF} | \psi_n \rangle^{-1}$$

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Alternative approach



Lin, J. Chem. Theory Comput. **12**, 2242 (2016)

Zavickis, Kacars, Cimurs, AG, Phys. Rev. B **106**, 165101 (2022)

Towards cubic scaling for hybrids

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$N_{\text{occ}} \cdot N_{\text{bands}}$
Poisson solves

LAPW-specific solver relies heavily on the Rayleigh formula

$$e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} = 4\pi \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l i^l j_l(kr) Y_l^m(\hat{\mathbf{k}}) Y_l^{m*}(\hat{\mathbf{r}})$$

$O(N_{\text{at}}V)$ FLOPs per Poisson solve – $O(N_{\text{at}}^3V)$ FLOPs in total for hybrids

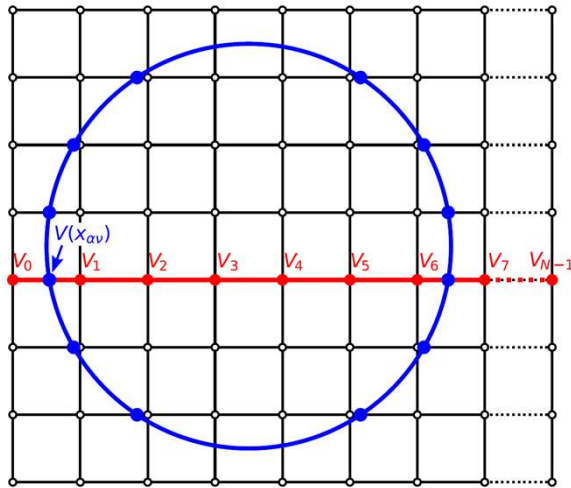
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Approximate your way around it!



Replace $O(N_{\text{at}}V)$ steps with $O(N_{\text{at}}^{1/3}V)$ and $O(V \log V)$
and move towards $O(N_{\text{at}}^2V \log V)$ FLOPs in total

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Coulomb singularity

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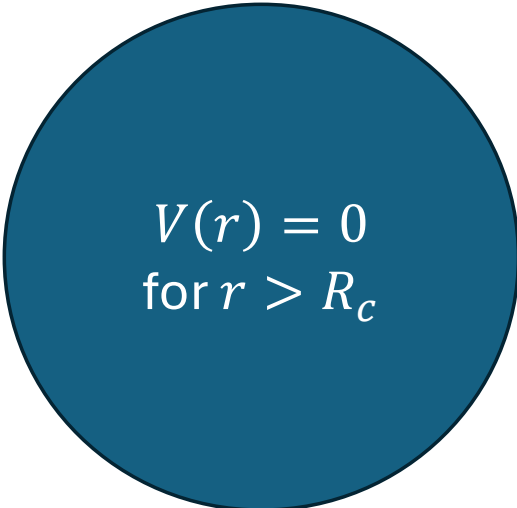
singularity for $n = m$ and $\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{k}'$

$$\frac{4}{3}\pi R_c^3 = VN_k$$

3D case:

introduce a cutoff in the Coulomb kernel!

$$V(G) = \frac{4\pi}{G^2} (1 - \cos GR_c)$$


$$V(r) = 0 \\ \text{for } r > R_c$$

Spencer and Alavi, Phys. Rev. B **77**, 193110 (2008)

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2D case:

introduce a cylindrical cutoff (highball glass)!

$$v(G) = \iiint_D v(r) e^{iGr} dr$$



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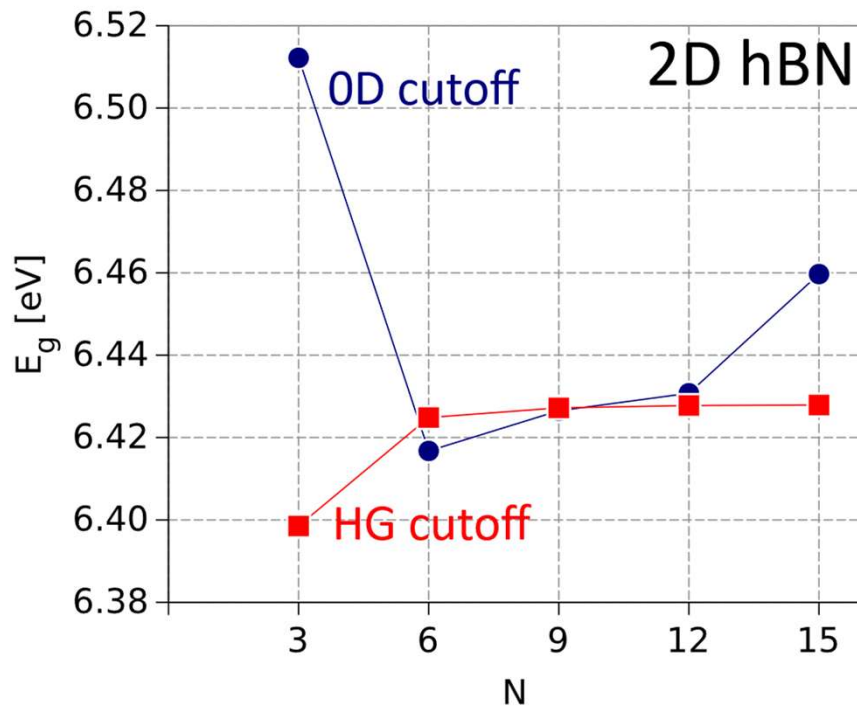
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$$v(G) = 2\pi \int_{-c/2}^{c/2} dz \int_0^\rho dr \frac{r J_0(G_\parallel r)}{\sqrt{r^2 + z^2}}$$

$$\pi\rho^2 = VN_k/c$$

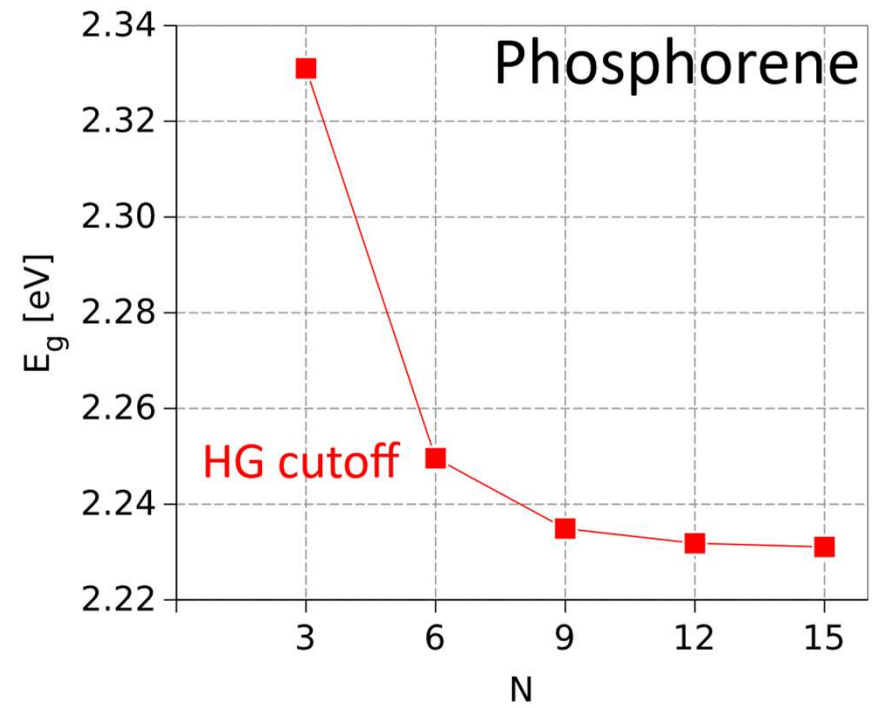


Small prototype application: PBE0 band gaps



Ref. 6.35 eV

Expt. 6.0 eV



Ref. 2.22 eV

Expt. 2.05 eV

Ref: Wiktor and Pasquarello, Phys. Rev. B **94**, 245411 (2016)

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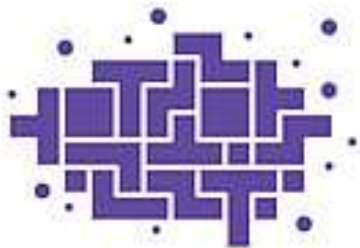
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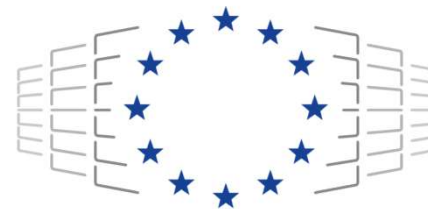


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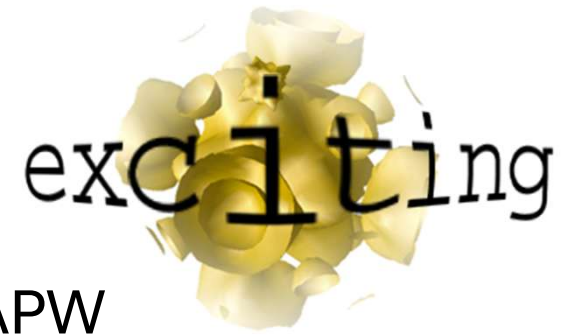
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Summary



We addressed efficiency and functionality needs for LAPW applied for low-dimensional systems.

- Iterative eigensolver (17x speedup over LAPACK for 2D-hBN)
- Hybrids via adaptively compressed exchange
 - no empty bands required
 - cubic complexity in sight
 - recommended method in LAPW
- Highball-glass Coulomb cutoff (efficient BZ integration for Fock exchange, can be useful also in 0D, 1D and 3D)