# Lanczos Method for Eigensystems

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Another winning O(N) approach (in addition to divide-&-conquer tree) by subspace projection



B. N. Parlett
The Symmetric Eigenvalue Problem
(Prentice-Hall, '80) Secs. 11-13



# History's Top 10 Algorithms Again

n putting together this issue of Computing in Science & Engineering, we knew three things: it would be difficult to list just 10 algorithms; it would be fun to assemble the authors and read their papers; and, whatever we came up with in the end, it would be controversial. We tried to assemble the 10 algorithms with the greatest influence on the development and practice of science and engineering in the 20th century. Following is our list (here, the list is in chronological order; however, the articles appear in no particular order):

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- Metropolis Algorithm for Monte Carlo
- Simplex Method for Linear Programming
- Krylov Subspace Iteration Methods
- The Decompositional Approach to Matrix Computations
- The Fortran Optimizing Compiler
- QR Algorithm for Computing Eigenvalues
- Quicksort Algorithm for Sorting
- Fast Fourier Transform
- Integer Relation Detection
   Fast Multipole Method

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### **Rayleigh Quotient**

#### **Theorem**

Let A be an  $n \times n$  real symmetric matrix,  $\lambda_1[A] \leq ... \leq \lambda_n[A]$  its eigenvalues in ascending order,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , & the Rayleigh quotient

$$\rho(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{A}) = \frac{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}}{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}}$$
 then 
$$\begin{cases} \lambda_1[\mathbf{A}] = \min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \rho(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{A}) \\ \lambda_n[\mathbf{A}] = \max_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \rho(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{A}) \\ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \end{cases}$$

#### **Proof**

Let  $q^{(k)}$  be the k-th orthonormalized eigenvector of A,  $Aq_k = \lambda_k q_k$ , & orthogonal transformation matrix,  $Q = [q_1 q_2 \dots q_n]$ , then

$$\mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Let x = Qz (note  $Q^TQ = I$ ), then

$$\rho(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{A}) = \frac{\mathbf{z}^T \mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{z}}{\mathbf{z}^T \mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{z}} = \frac{z_1^2 \lambda_1 + \cdots + z_n^2 \lambda_n}{z_1^2 + \cdots + z_n^2}$$

which is a weighted average of  $\lambda_1, ..., \lambda_n$ , & the minimum is when  $\mathbf{z}^T = (1, 0, ..., 0) = \mathbf{e}_1$  &  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{e}_1 = \mathbf{q}_1$ .

### Rayleigh-Ritz Procedure

#### **Theorem**

Let  $\{q_1,...,q_m\}$  be an orthonormal set that spans  $\mathbb{R}^m$   $(m < n) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , so that any vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is expressed as a linear combination of  $q_1,...,q_m$ :

$$\mathbf{x} = z_1 \mathbf{q}_1 + \dots + z_m \mathbf{q}_m \qquad \mathbf{or} \qquad \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = n \quad \begin{bmatrix} m & 1 \\ \mathbf{q}_1 & \dots & \mathbf{q}_m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ \vdots \\ z_m \end{bmatrix} \quad m = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{z}$$

then the best approximations for  $\lambda_1[A]$  &  $\lambda_n[A]$  are obtained by diagonalizing

$$m \times m \quad m \times n \, n \times n \, n \times m$$

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{Q}^T \quad \mathbf{A} \quad \mathbf{Q}$$

as  $\lambda_1[H] \& \lambda_m[H]$ .

Proof  
Note 
$$\left(\mathbf{Q}^{T}\mathbf{Q}\right)_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} Q_{ki}Q_{kj} = \mathbf{q}_{i} \cdot \mathbf{q}_{j} = \delta_{ij} \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq m$$
  
then 
$$\rho(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{A}) = \frac{\mathbf{z}^{T}\mathbf{Q}^{T}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{z}}{\mathbf{z}^{T}\mathbf{Q}^{T}\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{z}} = \frac{\mathbf{z}^{T}\mathbf{H}\mathbf{z}}{\mathbf{z}^{T}\mathbf{z}} = \frac{z_{1}^{2}\lambda_{1}(H) + \dots + z_{m}^{2}\lambda_{m}(H)}{z_{1}^{2} + \dots + z_{m}^{2}}$$

the minimum of which is  $\lambda_1[H]$ .

## Orthogonalization by QR Decomposition

• Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization: The orthonormal set Q required for the Rayleigh-Ritz procedure is obtained starting from an arbitrary set of m vectors,  $S = [s_1...s_m]$  ( $s_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ) as:

$$\mathbf{q}_1 = \mathbf{s}_1 / |\mathbf{s}_1|$$
for  $i = 2$  to  $m$ 

$$\mathbf{q}'_i = \mathbf{s}_i - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \mathbf{q}_j (\mathbf{q}_j \cdot \mathbf{s}_i)$$

$$\mathbf{q}_i = \mathbf{q}'_i / |\mathbf{q}'_i|$$
endfor

• The Gram-Schmidt amounts to QR decomposition, S = QR, where R is an  $m \times m$  right-triangle matrix:

$$n \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{s}_{1} & \mathbf{s}_{2} & \mathbf{s}_{3} & \mathbf{s}_{4} \end{bmatrix} = n \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{q}_{1} & \mathbf{q}_{2} & \mathbf{q}_{3} & \mathbf{q}_{4} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{q}_{1}' & \mathbf{q}_{1} \cdot \mathbf{s}_{2} & \mathbf{q}_{1} \cdot \mathbf{s}_{3} & \mathbf{q}_{1} \cdot \mathbf{s}_{4} \\ 0 & |\mathbf{q}_{2}'| & \mathbf{q}_{2} \cdot \mathbf{s}_{3} & \mathbf{q}_{2} \cdot \mathbf{s}_{4} \\ 0 & 0 & |\mathbf{q}_{3}'| & \mathbf{q}_{3} \cdot \mathbf{s}_{4} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & |\mathbf{q}_{4}'| \end{bmatrix} m$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{s}_{i} = |\mathbf{q}_{i}'| \mathbf{q}_{i} + \sum_{i=1}^{i-1} \mathbf{q}_{j} (\mathbf{q}_{j} \cdot \mathbf{s}_{i})$$

### Rayleigh-Ritz Algorithm

- 1. Start from  $S = [s_1...s_m]$   $(s_j \in \mathbb{R}^n)$  & do Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization,  $S = \mathbb{Q}\mathbb{R}$ , to obtain an orthonormal set  $\mathbb{Q} = [\mathbf{q}_1...\mathbf{q}_m]$
- 2. Form  $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{Q}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q}$
- 3. Diagonalize **H** to get  $\lambda_1[\mathbf{H}], \dots, \lambda_m[\mathbf{H}]$ :  $\mathbf{Hg}_k = \lambda_k[\mathbf{H}]\mathbf{g}_k$  (k = 1, K, m)
- **4.** The approximations of  $\lambda_1[\mathbf{A}] \& \lambda_n[\mathbf{A}]$  are given by  $\lambda_1[\mathbf{H}] \& \lambda_m[\mathbf{H}]$  with the corresponding eigenvectors,  $\mathbf{y}_k = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{g}_k$  (k = 1 & m).

$$\underbrace{\mathbf{Q}^{T} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q}}_{\mathbf{H}} \mathbf{g}_{k} = \lambda_{k} [\mathbf{H}] \mathbf{g}_{k}$$

$$\downarrow \mathbf{Q} \times$$

$$\mathbf{A} \underbrace{\mathbf{Q} \mathbf{g}_{k}}_{\mathbf{y}_{k}} = \lambda_{k} [\mathbf{H}] \underbrace{\mathbf{Q} \mathbf{g}_{k}}_{\mathbf{y}_{k}}$$

## Krylov Subspace

• Krylov subspace  $S_m$  is spanned by a Krylov matrix,  $K^m(f) = [f Af ... A^{m-1}f]$  $(\mathbf{f} \in \mathbf{R}^n)$ 

#### **Theorem**

Let  $Q_m$  be the orthonormal basis obtained by QR factorization,  $K_m(f) = Q_m R$ , then  $T_m = Q_m^T A Q_m$  is a tridiagonal matrix

#### **Proof**

For i > j+1,  $q_i^T(Aq_j) = 0$ , since  $Aq_j \subset S_{j+1}$  by construction &  $q_i \perp S_{j+1}$  by Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization for i > j+1. By the symmetry of A,  $q_i^T(Aq_j) =$  $q_i^T(A^Tq_i) = q_i^T(Aq_i) = 0 \text{ for } j > i+1 \text{ or } i < j-1.$ 

$$T_{m} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_{1} & \beta_{1} & & & & \\ \beta_{1} & \alpha_{2} & \beta_{2} & & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & \beta_{m-2} & \alpha_{m-1} & \beta_{m-1} \\ & & & \beta_{m-1} & \alpha_{m} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_{j} = \mathbf{q}_{j}^{T} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{q}_{j} & j = 1, \dots, m \\ \beta_{j} = \mathbf{q}_{j+1}^{T} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{q}_{j} & j = 1, \dots, m-1 \\ \beta_{j} = \mathbf{q}_{j+1}^{T} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{q}_{j} & j = 1, \dots, m-1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} \alpha_j = \mathbf{q}_j^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{q}_j & j = 1, ..., m \\ \beta_j = \mathbf{q}_{j+1}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{q}_j & j = 1, ..., m-1 \end{cases}$$

Tridiagonal matrix can be diagonalized in O(N) time

Alexei Krylov with daughter Anna, later Anna Kapitsa, wife of Pyotr Kapitsa (1904)



### **Recursion Formula**

• Due to the tridiagonality,  $Aq_i$  is a linear combination of  $q_{i-1}$ ,  $q_i & q_{i+1}$ :

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{q}_i = \beta_{i-1}\mathbf{q}_{i-1} + \alpha_i\mathbf{q}_i + \beta_i\mathbf{q}_{i+1} \quad (2 \le i \le m-1)$$

If we define  $q_0 = 0$ , the above equation is valid for i = 1 as well. Let  $r_i \equiv \beta_i q_{i+1}$  ( $r_i$  is a component of  $Aq_i$  orthogonal to  $q_i$  for  $j \le i$ ), then

$$\mathbf{r}_i = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{q}_i - \beta_{i-1}\mathbf{q}_{i-1} - \alpha_i\mathbf{q}_i \quad (1 \le i \le m-1)$$

• Lanczos algorithm:

Given 
$$\mathbf{r}_{0}, \beta_{0} = \|\mathbf{r}_{0}\|$$
  $(\mathbf{q}_{0} = 0)$   
for  $i = 1, ..., m$   
 $\mathbf{q}_{i} \leftarrow \mathbf{r}_{i-1}/\beta_{i-1}$   
 $\mathbf{r}_{i} \leftarrow \mathbf{A}\mathbf{q}_{i} - \beta_{i-1}\mathbf{q}_{i-1}$   
 $\alpha_{i} \leftarrow \mathbf{q}_{i}^{T}\mathbf{r}_{i} \quad \because \mathbf{q}_{i}^{T}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{q}_{i} - \beta_{i-1}\mathbf{q}_{i-1}) = \mathbf{q}_{i}^{T}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{q}_{i} = \alpha_{i}$  (orthogonality)  
 $\mathbf{r}_{i} \leftarrow \mathbf{r}_{i} - \alpha_{i}\mathbf{q}_{i}$   
 $\beta_{i} = \|\mathbf{r}_{i}\|$  (only when  $i \leq m-1$ )  
endfor

Keep increasing m until  $\lambda_1[T_m]$  converges

## An Application of Rayleigh-Ritz/Lanczos

- Search for transition states (with a negative eigenvalue of the Hessian matrix,  $\partial^2 E/\partial r_i \partial r_j$ , by following the eigenvector with the smallest eigenvalue
  - -Rayleigh-Ritz: Kumeda, Wales & Munro, Chem. Phys. Lett. 341, 185 ('01)
  - —Lanczos: Mousseau et al., J. Mol. Graph. Model. 19, 78 ('01)

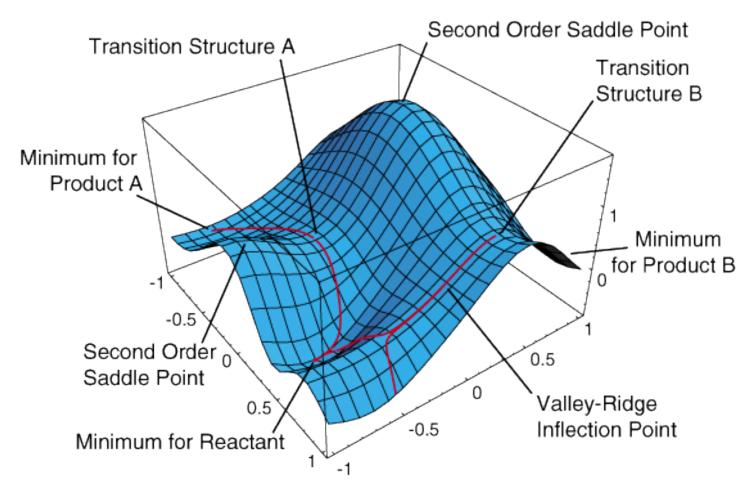


Figure from Prof. H. B. Schlegel; http://chem.wayne.edu/schlegel

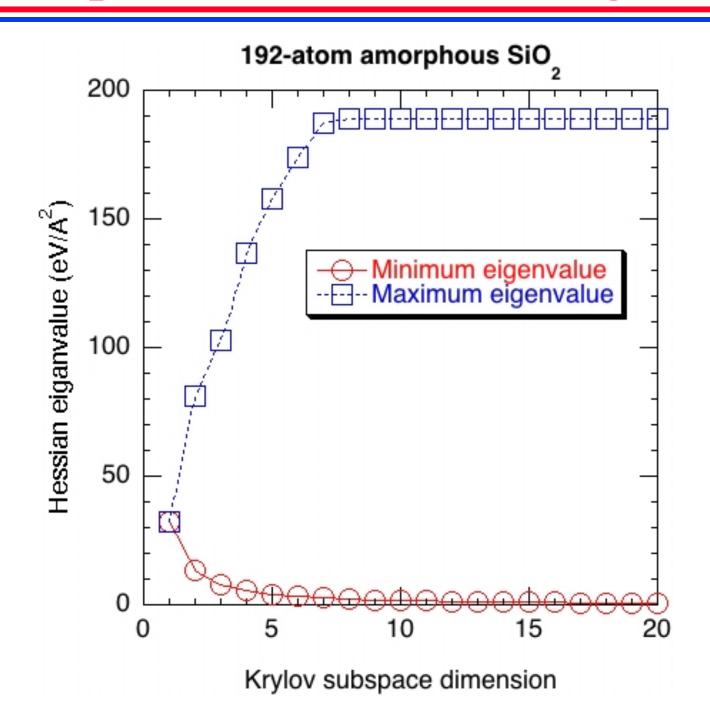
## Lanczos Algorithm for Hessian Calculation

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Algorithm Lanczos
Input:
     \mathbf{R} \in \mathbb{R}^{3N}: a state
     logical initialize: TRUE for the first call in each event generation; FALSE otherwise
     \lambda_1: the minimum eigenvalue of the Hessian matrix, \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{R}) = \partial^2 V / \partial \mathbf{R}^2
\mathbf{V}^1 \in \mathbb{R}^{3N}: the Hessian eigenvector corresponding to \lambda_1
Steps:
      if initialize
            randomize \Delta \in \mathbb{R}^{3N}, such that it contains no translational motion
      \beta^s \leftarrow \|\Delta\|
     \mathbf{Q}^s \ (\in \mathbb{R}^{3N}) \leftarrow 0
               s \leftarrow s + 1
              Q^s \leftarrow \Delta/\beta^{s-1}
              c_{\text{fd}} \leftarrow \max_{i\alpha} \{|q_{i\alpha}^s| | i = 1, ..., N; \alpha = x, y, z\}/\delta_{\text{fd}}
              \Delta \leftarrow c_{\text{fd}}[-\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{Q}^s/c_{\text{fd}}) + \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{R})] - \beta^{s-1}\mathbf{Q}^{s-1}
              \alpha^s \leftarrow \mathbf{Q}^{sT} \Delta
               \Delta \leftarrow \Delta - \alpha^s \mathbf{O}^s
           \begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\beta}^s \leftarrow \|\boldsymbol{\Delta}\| \\ \text{diagonalize } \mathbf{T}_s = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 & \beta_1 & & & & \\ \beta_1 & \alpha_2 & \beta_2 & & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & \beta_{s-2} & \alpha_{s-1} & \beta_{s-1} \\ & & & \beta_{s-1} & \alpha_s \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{so that } \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_s^T \mathbf{T}_s \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_s = \operatorname{diag}(\tilde{\lambda}_1^s, \dots, \tilde{\lambda}_s^s)^* 
     while |(\tilde{\lambda}_1^s - \tilde{\lambda}_1^{s-1})/\tilde{\lambda}_1^{s-1}| > \Delta_{eigen}
              \mathbf{V}^1 \leftarrow \sum_{k=1}^{s} \mathbf{Q}^k \tilde{q}_k^1
              \mathbf{V}^1 \leftarrow \mathbf{V}^1 / \|\mathbf{V}^1\|
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<sup>\*</sup> diag $(\tilde{\lambda}_1^s,\ldots,\tilde{\lambda}_s^s)$  is an s by s diagonal matrix, with its diagonal elements given by  $\tilde{\lambda}_1^s,\ldots,\tilde{\lambda}_s^s$ .  $\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}^s=[\tilde{\mathbf{q}}^1,\ldots,\tilde{\mathbf{q}}^s]$  is an s by s orthogonal matrix, with  $\tilde{\mathbf{q}}^m\in\mathbb{R}^s$  is the mth eigenvector of  $\mathbf{T}_s$ .

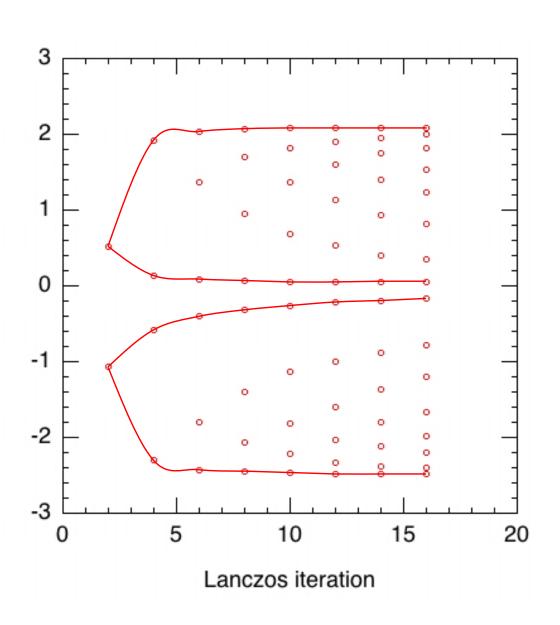
### Sample Run of Lanczos Program



### **Electronic Energy Bands of GaAs**

#### • 8-band k•p model

$$\begin{array}{c} \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 & V^* & 0 & \sqrt{3}V & -\sqrt{2}U & -U & \sqrt{2}V^* \\ 0 & A & -\sqrt{2}U & -\sqrt{3}V^* & 0 & -V & \sqrt{2}V & U \\ V & -\sqrt{2}U & -P+Q & -S^* & R & 0 & \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \ S & -\sqrt{2}Q \\ 0 & -\sqrt{3}V & -S & -P-Q & 0 & R & -\sqrt{2}R & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}S \\ -V^2U & -V^* & 0 & R^* & 0 & -P-Q & S^* & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}S^* & \sqrt{2}R^* \\ -V^2U & -V^* & 0 & R^* & S & -P+Q & \sqrt{2}Q & \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}S^* \\ -U & \sqrt{2}V^* & \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}S^* & -\sqrt{2}R^* & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}S & \sqrt{2}Q & -P-\Delta & 0 \\ \sqrt{2}V & U & -\sqrt{2}Q & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}S^* & \sqrt{2}R & \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}S & 0 & -P-\Delta \\ \end{pmatrix} \\ & A = E_c - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_0}(\partial_x^2 + \partial_y^2 + \partial_z^2), \\ & P = -E_v - \gamma_1 \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_0}(\partial_x^2 + \partial_y^2 + \partial_z^2), \\ & Q = -\gamma_2 \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_0}(\partial_x^2 + \partial_y^2 - 2\partial_z^2), \\ & R = \sqrt{3} \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_0} [\gamma_2(\partial_x^2 - \partial_y^2) - 2i\gamma_3\partial_x\partial_y], \\ & S = -\sqrt{3}\gamma_3 \frac{\hbar^2}{m_0} \partial_z(\partial_x - i\partial_y), \\ & U = \frac{-i}{\sqrt{3}}P_0\partial_z, \\ & V = \frac{-i}{\sqrt{6}}P_0(\partial_x - i\partial_y). \\ \end{array}$$



C. Pryor, *Phys. Rev. B* **57**, 7190 ('98)

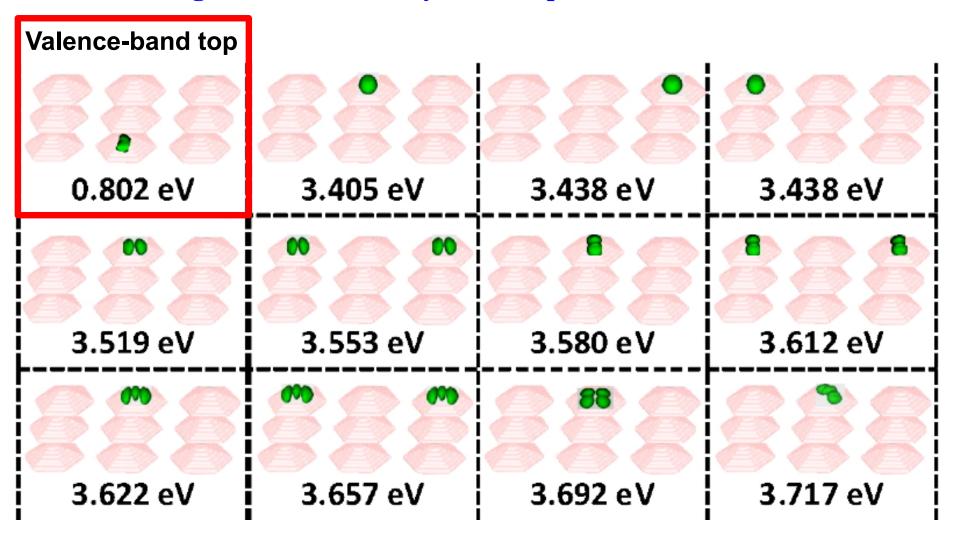
### Lanczos Program in Fortran

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do s = 1,NWF
  q(:,:,:,s) = v/bet(s-1)
  call hamiltonian_op(q(:,:,:,s),hv) ! Operates Hamiltonian H on Q(S)
  v = hv-bet(s-1)*q(:,:,:,s-1)
  alp(s) = inner_product(q(:,:,:,s),v)
  v = v-alp(s)*q(:,:,:,s)
  bet(s) = sqrt(inner_product(v,v))
  call tridiag(eval,s) ! Diagonalize the S by S tridiagonal matrix
end do ! Lanczos iteration S
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Given 
$$\mathbf{r}_{0}, \beta_{0} = \|\mathbf{r}_{0}\|$$
  $(\mathbf{q}_{0} = 0)$   
for  $i = 1,...,m$   
 $\mathbf{q}_{i} \leftarrow \mathbf{r}_{i-1}/\beta_{i-1}$   
 $\mathbf{r}_{i} \leftarrow \mathbf{A}\mathbf{q}_{i} - \beta_{i-1}\mathbf{q}_{i-1}$   
 $\alpha_{i} \leftarrow \mathbf{q}_{i}^{T}\mathbf{r}_{i}$   
 $\mathbf{r}_{i} \leftarrow \mathbf{r}_{i} - \alpha_{i}\mathbf{q}_{i}$   
 $\beta_{i} = \|\mathbf{r}_{i}\|$  (only when  $i \leq m-1$ )  
endfor

### **Band-edge Wave Functions**

• Band-edge states in an array of GaN quantum dots in AlN matrix



**Conduction-band states** 

S. Sburlan, Ph.D. dissertation, USC ('13)