

# Infrastructure Developments for Electronic Structure Codes in ELSI

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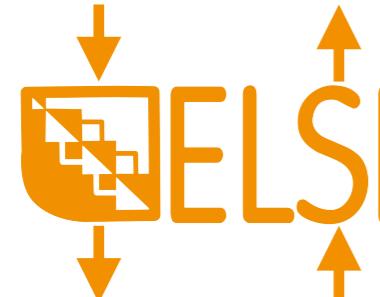
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ELectronic Structure  
Infrastructure (ELSI) - Overview

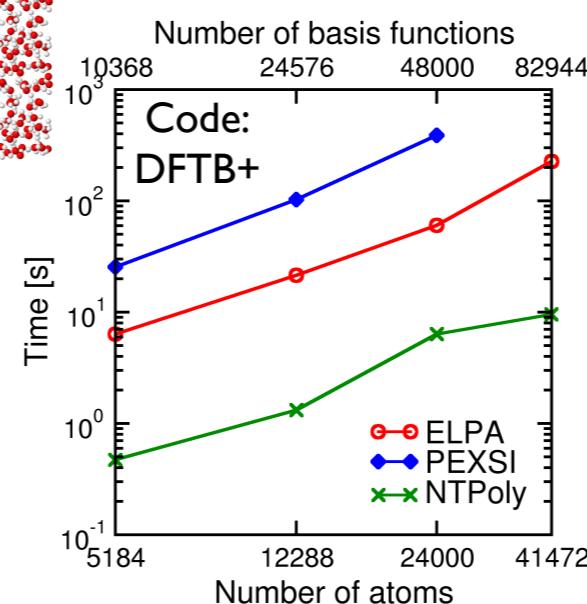
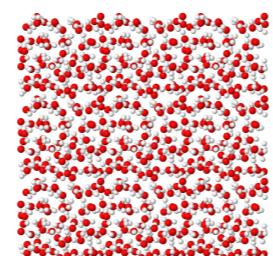
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Codes:  
FHI-aims, Siesta, DFTB+, DGDFT, ...

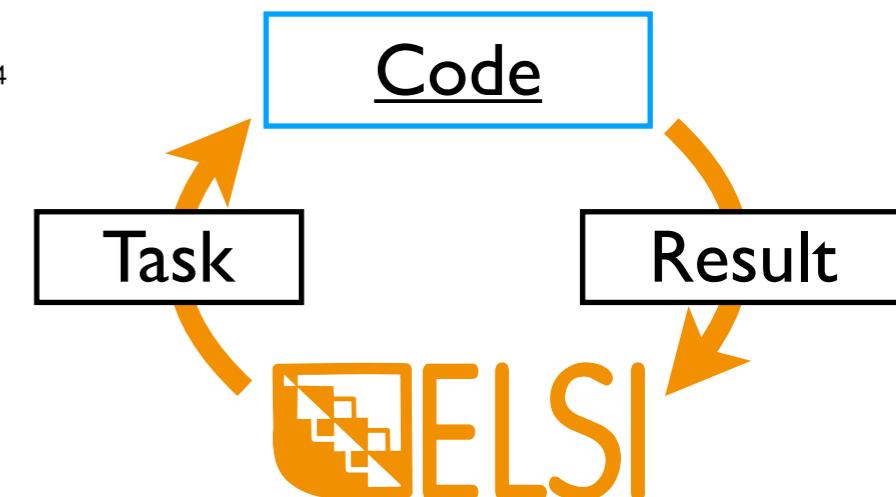


Solvers (ELPA, PEXSI, NTPoly, ...)

Benchmarking Different  
Solvers on Equal Footing



Reverse Communication  
Interface for Iterative Solvers



# ELSI - Acknowledgments

Nucleus: Emilio Artacho, 2014: “Dear all, There will be a workshop in CECAM at Lausanne ... aiming to kick-start an electronic structure library. ... I hope you are interested”

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## Why ELSI Works:



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## Electronic Structure Library:



Micael Oliveira, Yann Pouillon, Fabiano Corsetti, Nick Papior, many more.

<https://esl.cecam.org>

<https://gitlab.com/ElectronicStructureLibrary>

ELSI, Fdict, Futile, libfdf, libgridxc, libpsml, libxc, Psolver, pspio, xmlf90, ...

# My Other Day Job



<http://aims.fhi-berlin.mpg.de>

## FHI-aims code:

- All electron
- Numeric atom-centered basis functions
- High numerical accuracy
- Non-periodic and periodic systems, equal footing
- Semilocal & hybrid DFT, GW, RPA, ...
- Scalable to large systems at high accuracy (thousands of atoms)
- Scalable from laptops to top supercomputers
- Global community of developers and users

But when it comes to code, we still share many underlying interests.

# The Eigenvalue Problem in Electronic Structure Theory

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

Different use cases (basis sets, physics), different “solvers”.  
Solve (eigenvectors,  $O(N^3)$ ) or circumvent (density matrix)?

## Exact solvers

Lapack  
Scalapack  
ELPA  
EigenExa  
Magma  
...

## Iterative solvers

Davidson  
Projected  
Preconditioned  
Conjugate Gradient  
Chebychev Filtering  
Slepc-SIPS  
...

## $O(N)$ solvers

NTPoly  
Various code-  
internal and/or  
proprietary  
implementations

## Other DM-based approaches

PEXSI  
Orbital  
Minimization  
Method  
FEAST  
...

Robust  
General

(Essentially) robust  
 $N_{\text{basis}} \gg N_{\text{ev}}$

Sparse H, S  
Nonmetallic systems

Sparse H, S  
can depend on XC

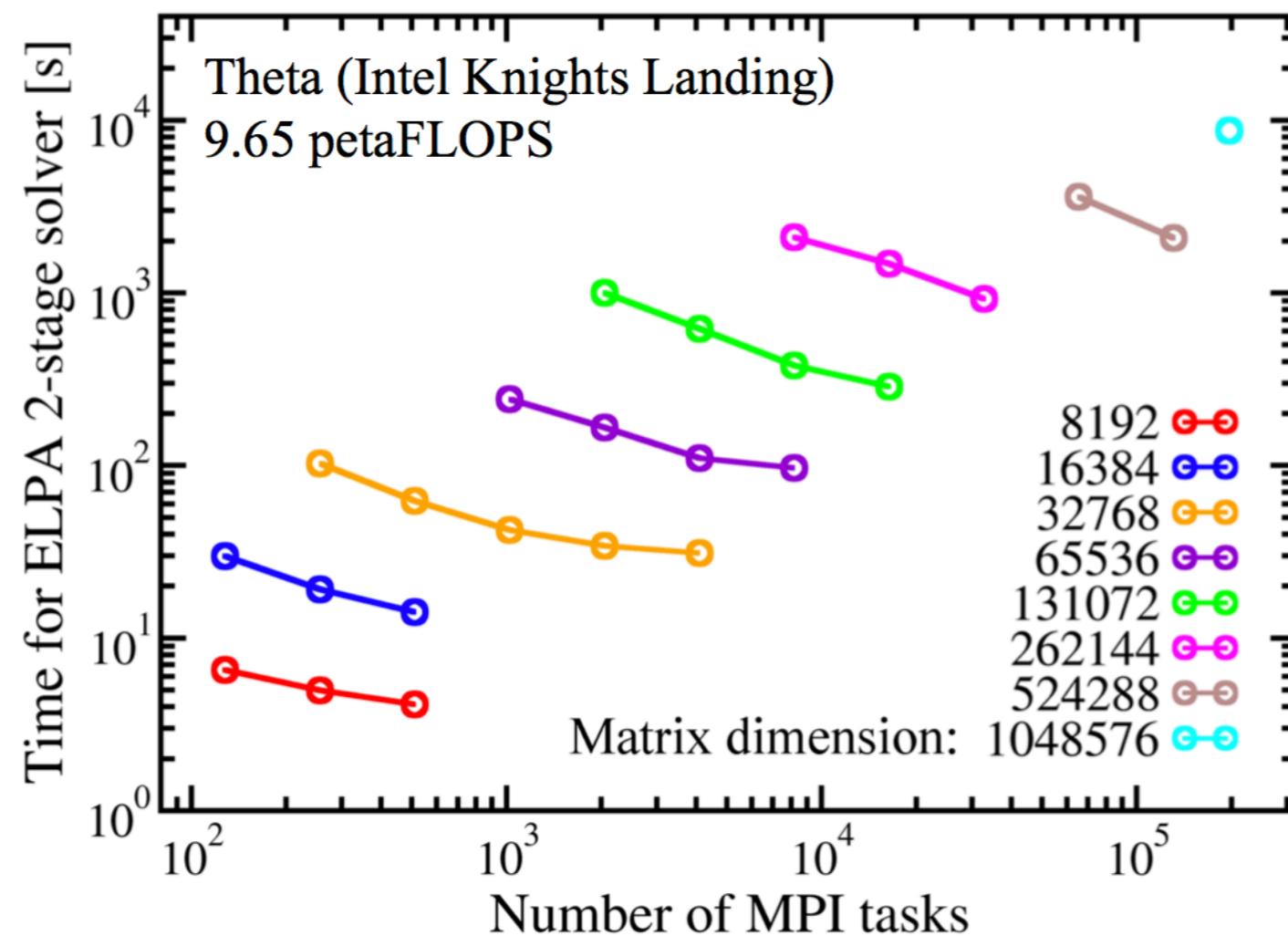
# Scaling, Plan A: Have Big Computer, Push the Eigensolver

## ELPA Eigenvalue Solver

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



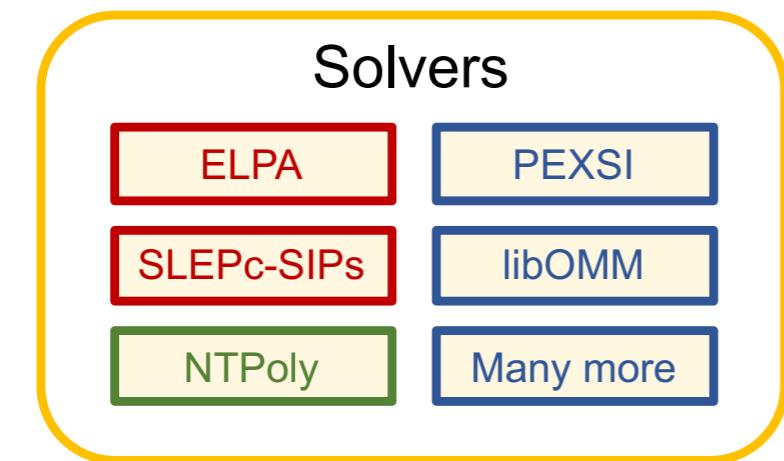
Benchmark:  
Alvaro Vazquez-  
Mayagoitia, ANL



# Plan B: For Large Systems, Switch to Better Solver

Electronic structure codes

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Replicated infrastructure to implement solvers efficiently

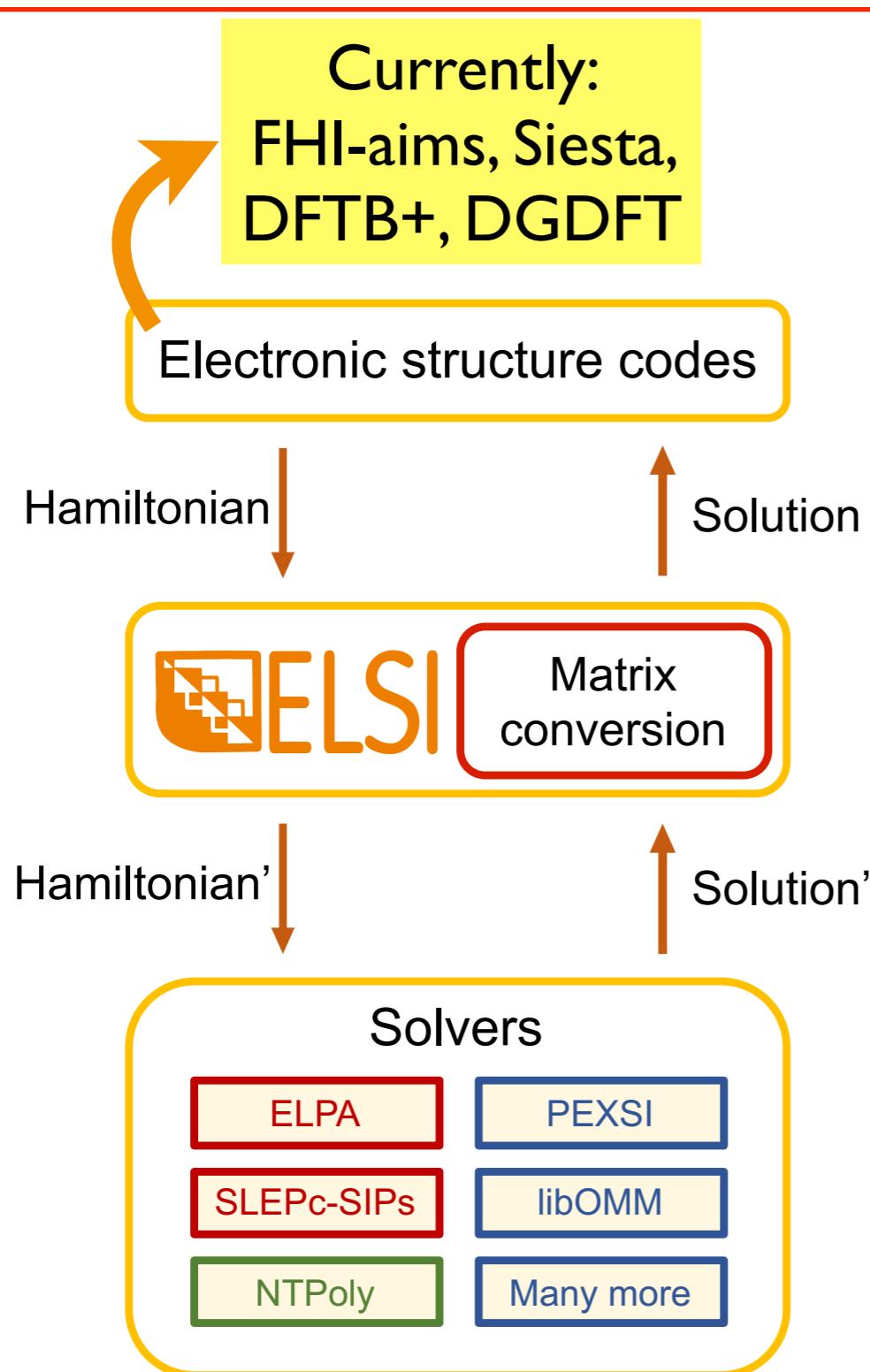
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Conversion between a variety of matrix storage formats

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Complexity in solver selection for different problems

# ELSI: Connecting Electronic Structure Codes and Solvers



Yu et al., Comput. Phys. Commun. 2018  
<http://elsi-interchange.org>  
<http://git.elsi-interchange.org/elsi-devel/elsi-interface>

- Unified interface connecting KS-DFT codes and solvers
- Fast, automatic matrix format conversion and redistribution
- Recommendation of optimal solver based on benchmarks

# 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")
+    read(inputline,*,end=88,err=99) desc_str,elsi_ntpoly_filter

--- a/elsi_wrapper.f90
+++ b/elsi_wrapper.f90
@@ -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)
+    call elsi_set_ntpoly_filter(eh,elsi_ntpoly_filter)
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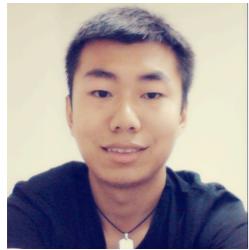
- ELSI ships with an integrated build system powered by CMake
  - Two installation options: one-click vs. expert
- Supports Cray, GNU, IBM, Intel, NAG, PGI compiler suites
- Runs on platforms extending from laptops to leading supercomputers
  - Cori, Edison, K, Mira, Sierra, Summit, Titan, Theta, ...
- Provides Fortran, C, C++ programming interfaces

- Part of CECAM [Electronic Structure Library](#) (ESL): Distribution of shared open-source libraries in the electronic structure community
- ELSI, Fdict, Futil, libfdf, libgridxc, libpsml, libxc, Psolver, pspio, xmlf90, ...

<http://gitlab.com/ElectronicStructureLibrary/esl-bundle>



# Performance: Solver Benchmarks on Equal Footing



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

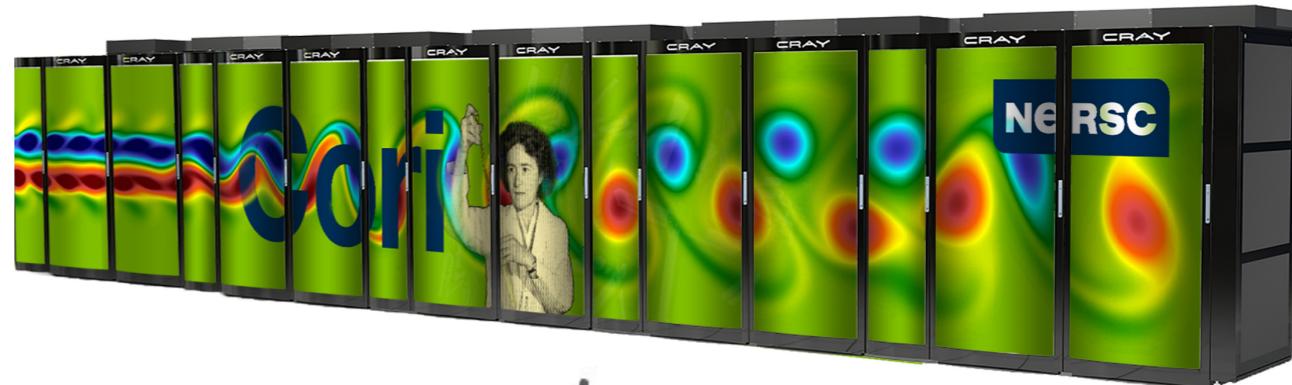


Edison Cray XC30

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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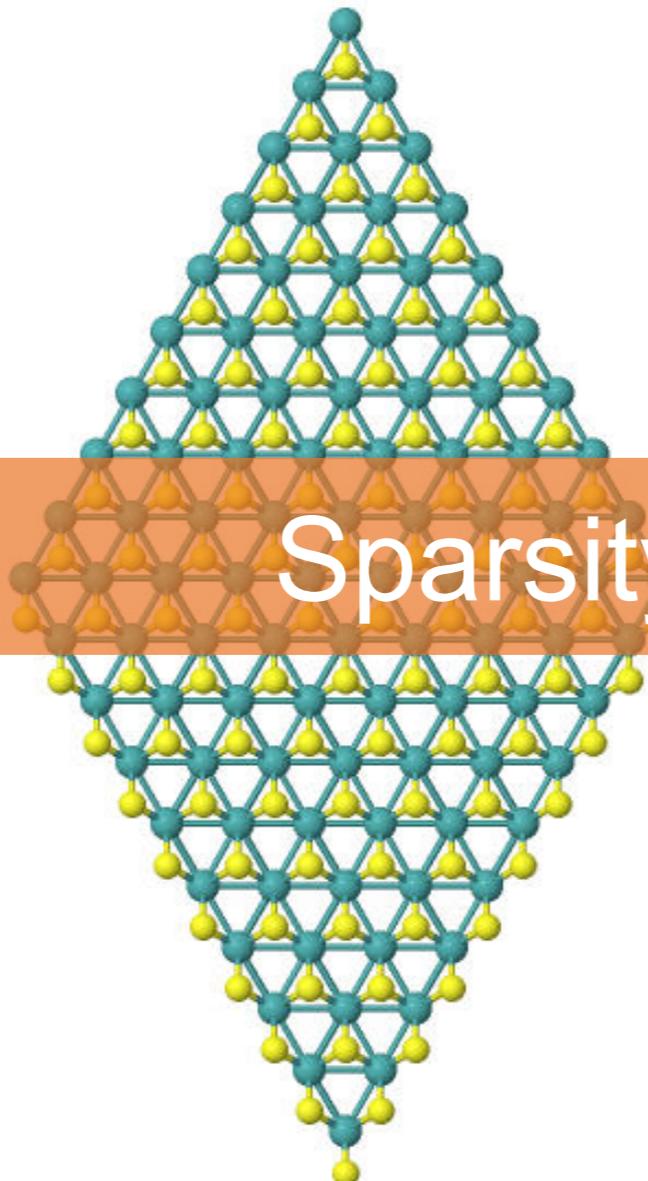
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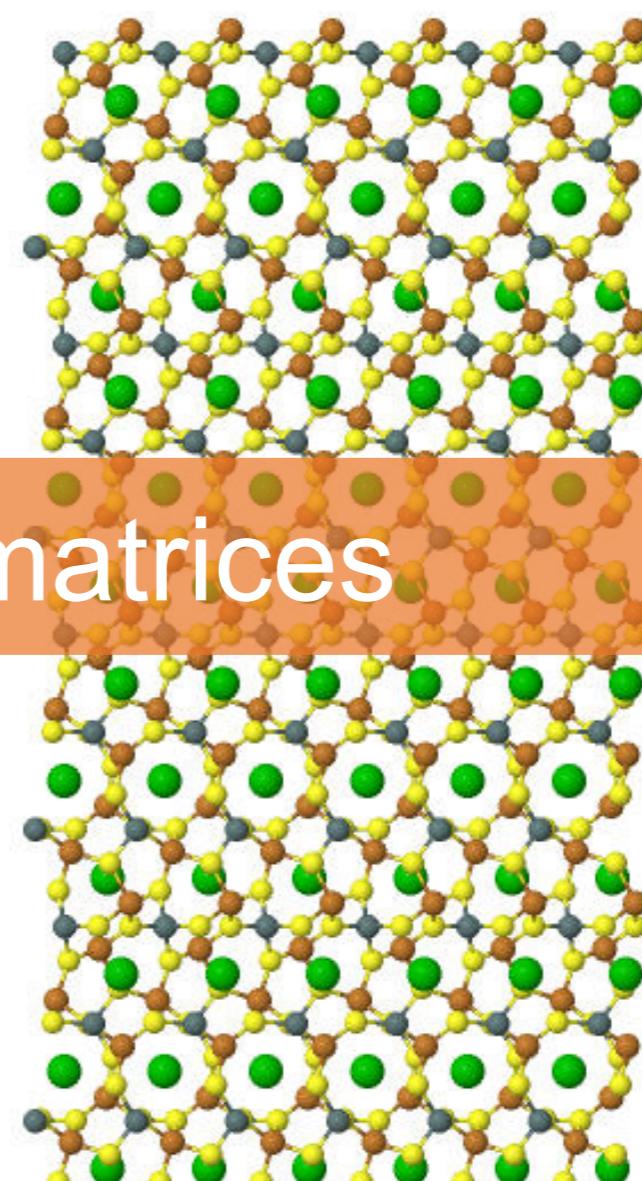
2D

(b) MoS<sub>2</sub>



3D

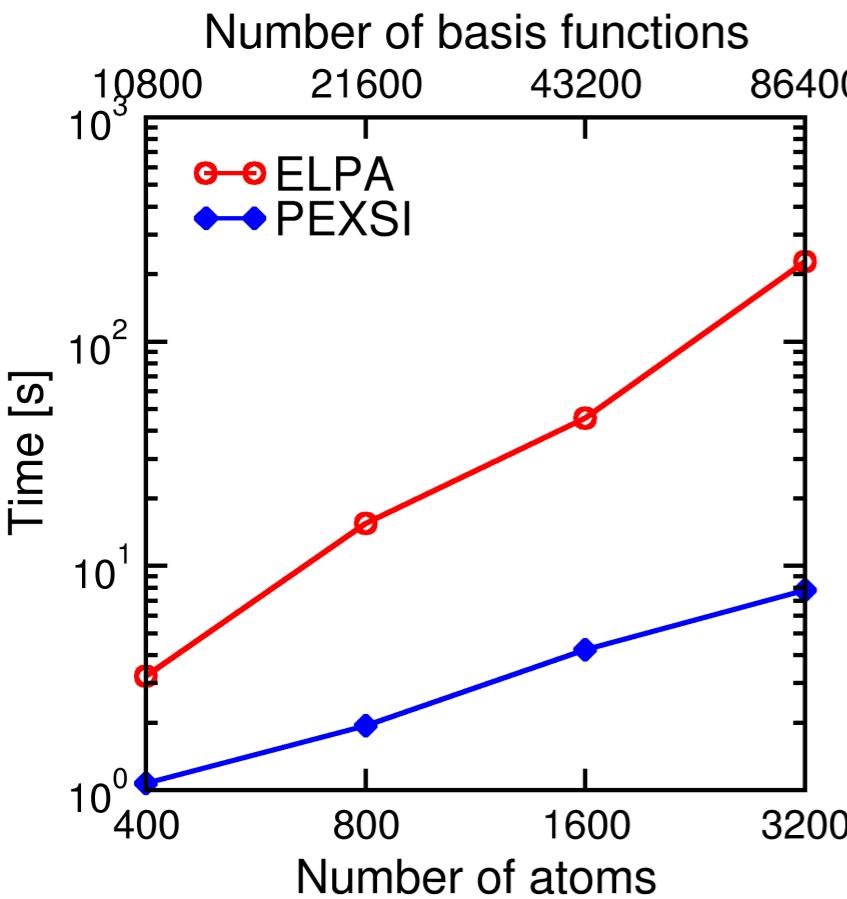
(c) Cu<sub>2</sub>BaSnS<sub>4</sub>



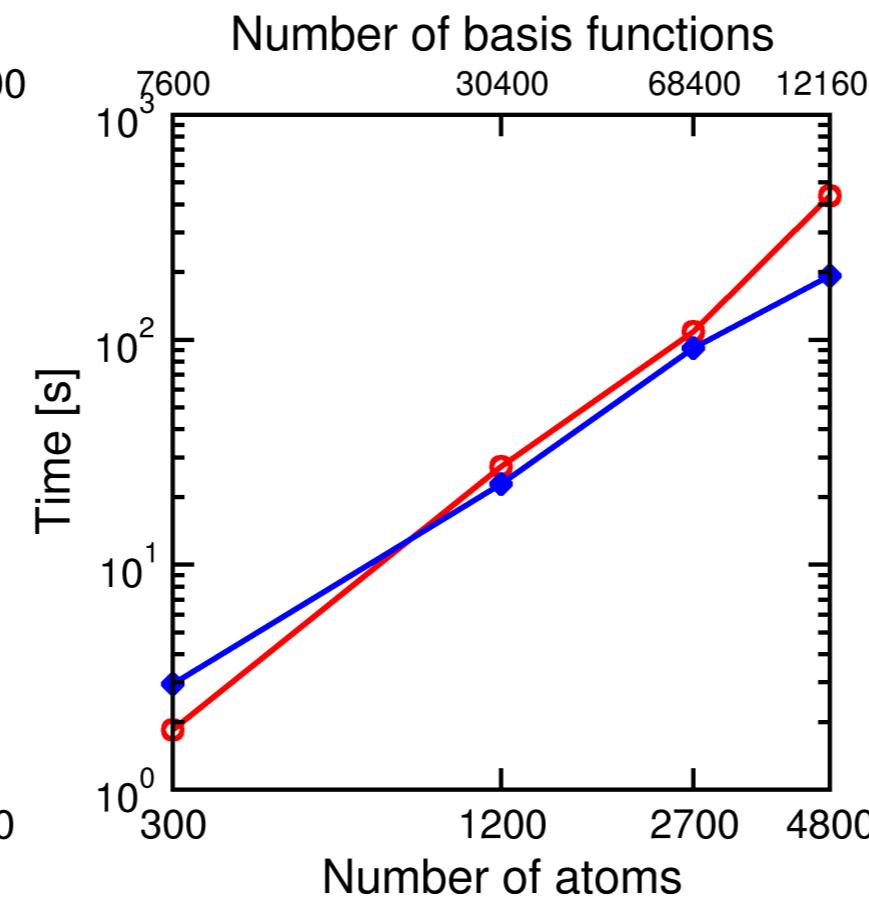
Sparsity of matrices

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

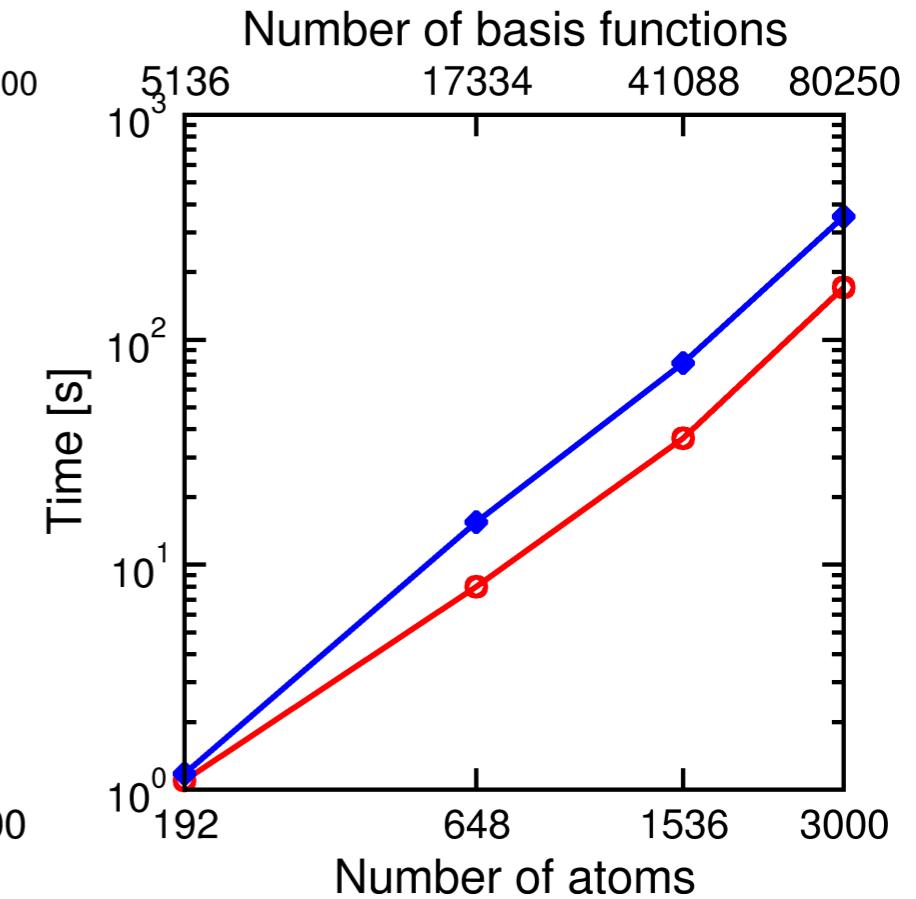
(a) 1D Ge



(b) 2D MoS<sub>2</sub>



(c) 3D Cu<sub>2</sub>BaSnS<sub>4</sub>



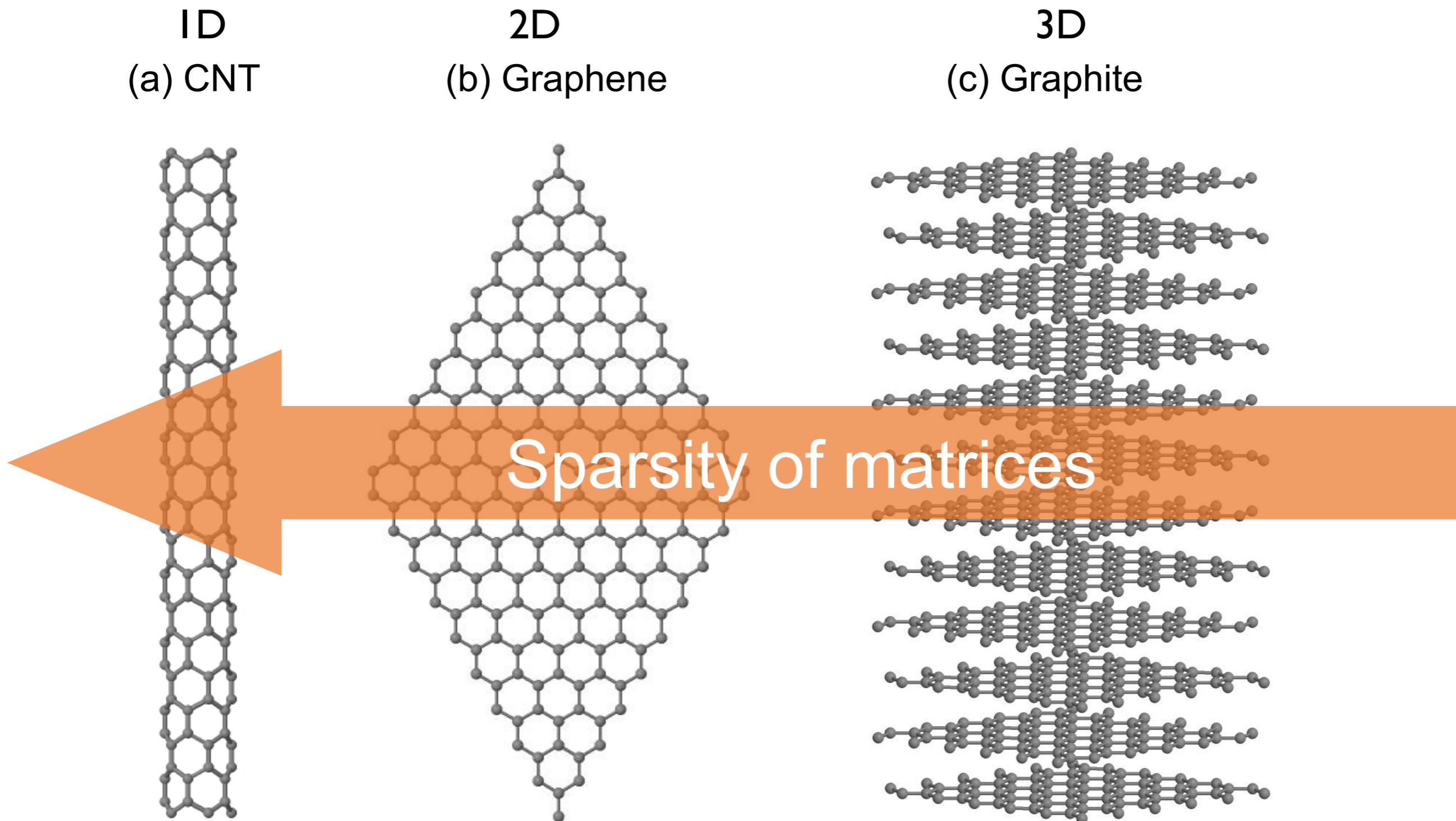
- DFT-PBE
- [FHI-aims](#) (all-electron)
- 2,560 CPU cores on Cori-Haswell

PEXSI faster for large low-dimensional (sparse) systems

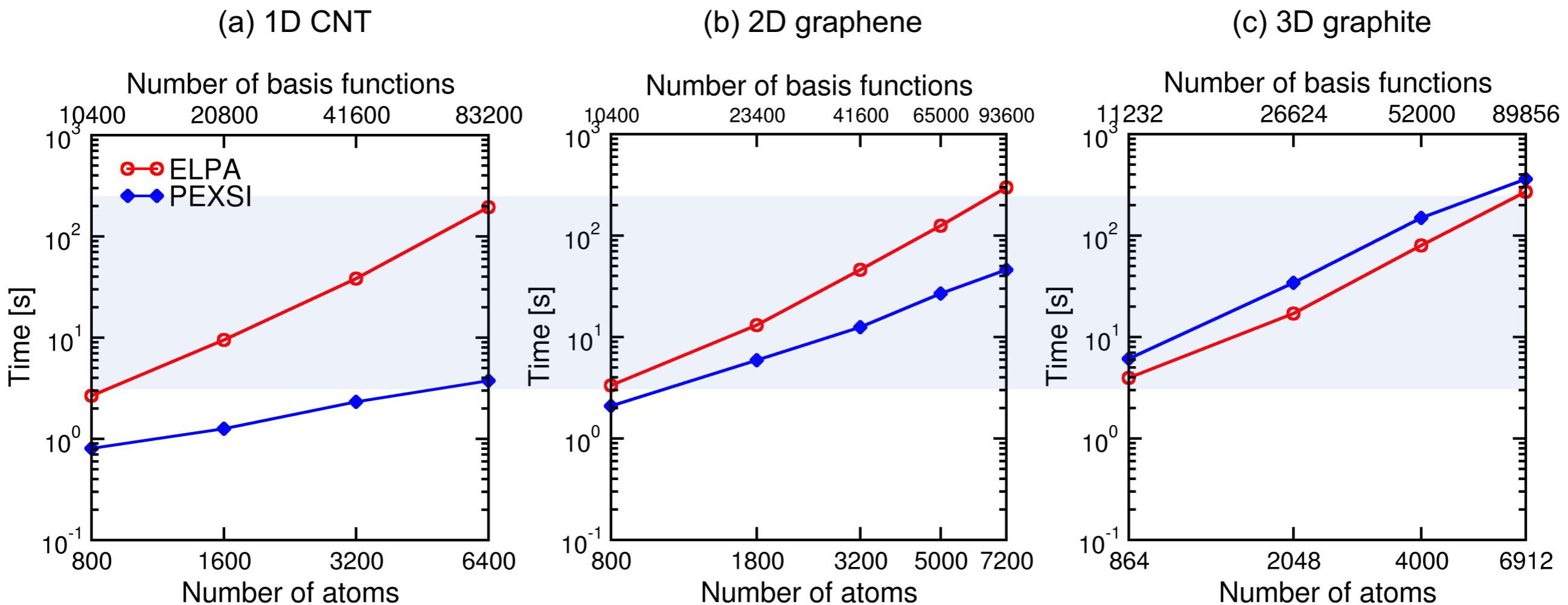
PEXSI: Semilocal DFT,  $O(N) - O(N^2)$  for large systems

*Lin et al., Commun. Math. Sci. 7, 755 (2009); Lin et al., J. Phys.: Condens. Matter 25, 295501 (2013);  
Lin et al., J. Phys: Condens. Matter 26, 305503 (2014)*

# Performance: Solver Benchmarks on Equal Footing



# Example: Siesta Basis Sets - ELPA vs. PEXSI



- DFT-PBE
- **SIESA** (pseudopotential)
- 1,920 CPU cores on Edison

**PEXSI** faster for large low-dimensional (sparse) systems

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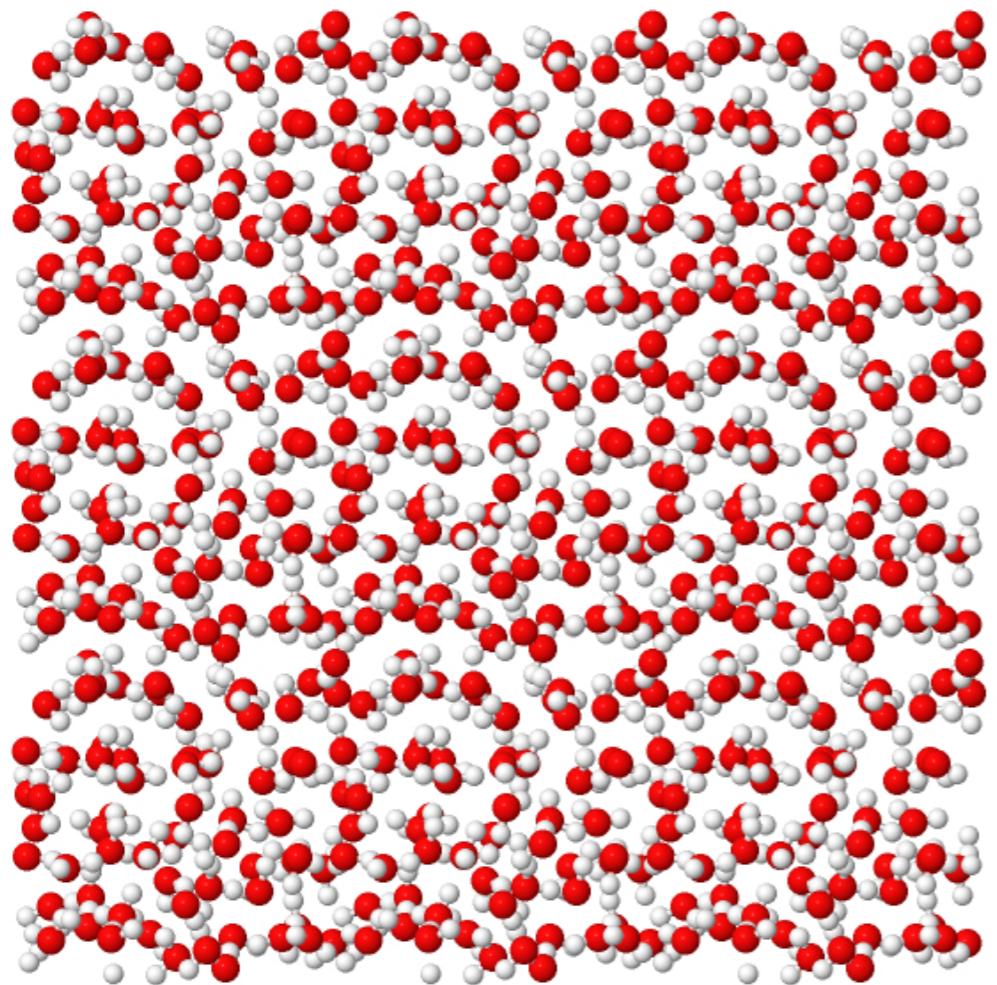
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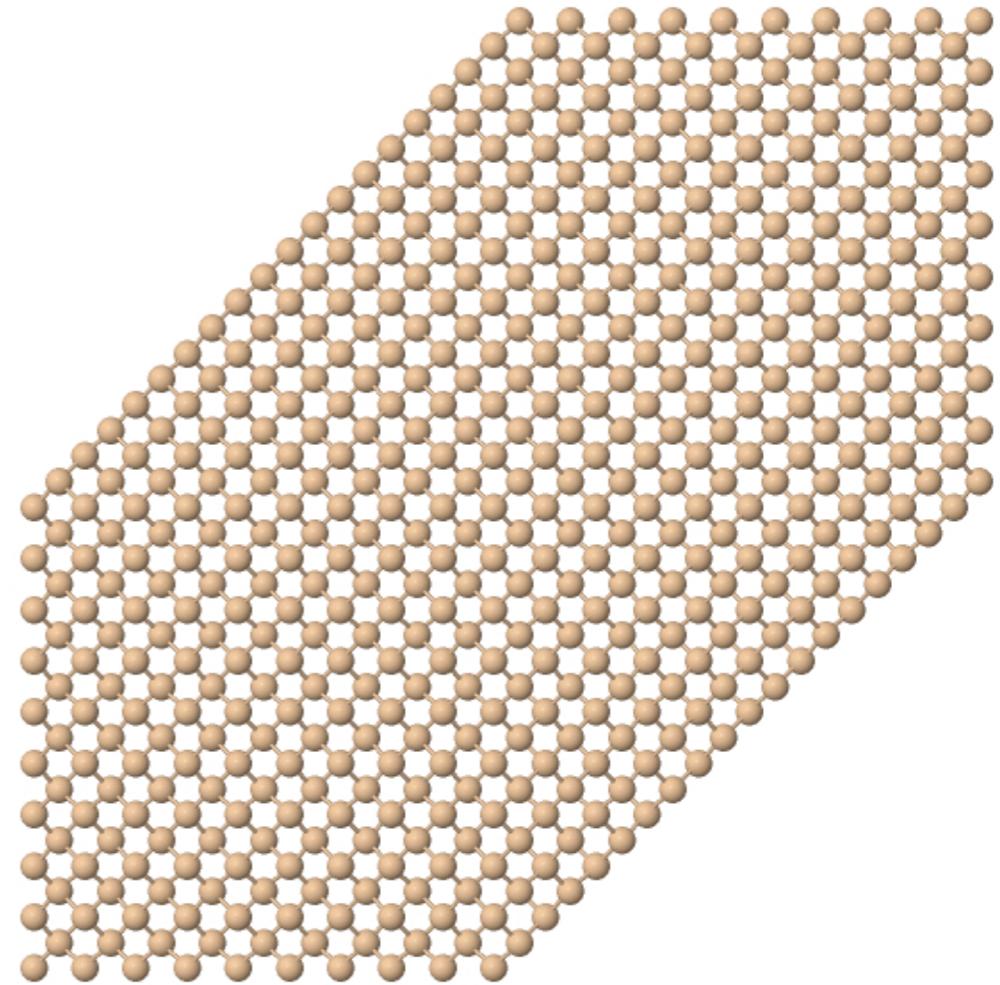
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## 3D Periodic Systems:

(a) H<sub>2</sub>O

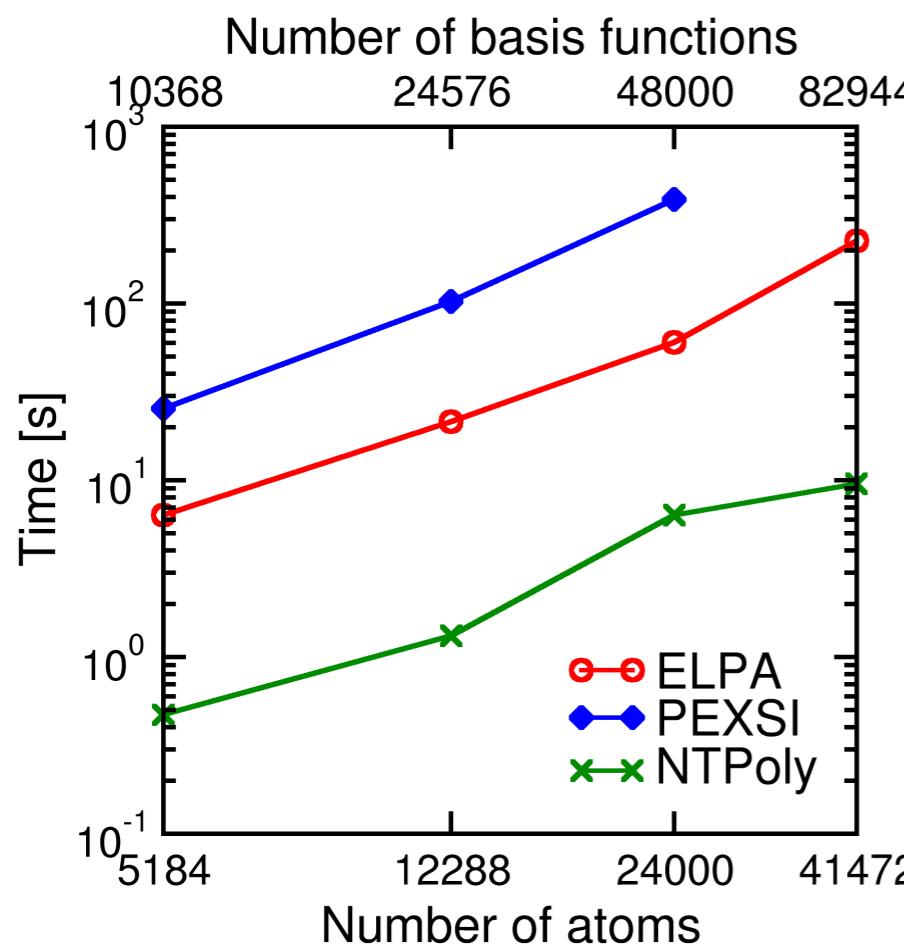


(b) Si

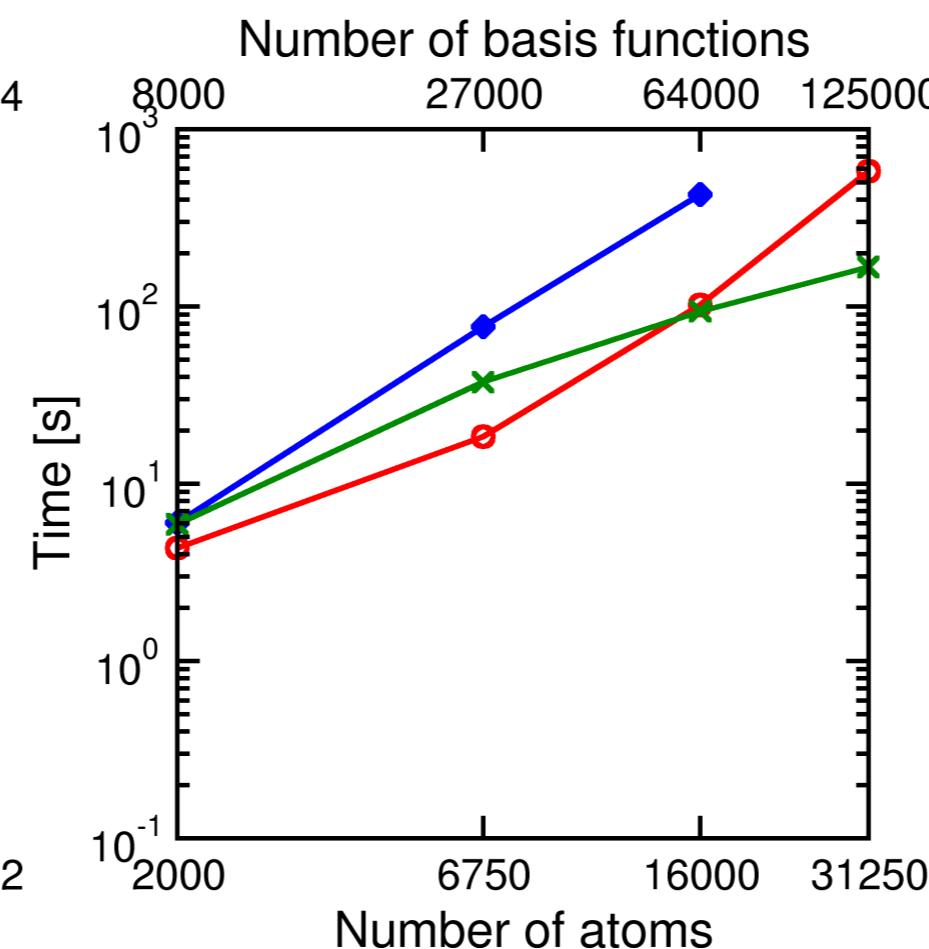


# Example: DFTB+ (semiempirical) - ELPA, PEXSI, NTPoly

(a) 3D H<sub>2</sub>O



(b) 3D Si



NTPoly settings:

- 4<sup>th</sup> order TRS method
- 10<sup>-5</sup> truncation threshold
- 10<sup>-2</sup> convergence criterion

NTPoly accuracy: Band structure energies agree with ELPA within 10<sup>-5</sup> eV/atom

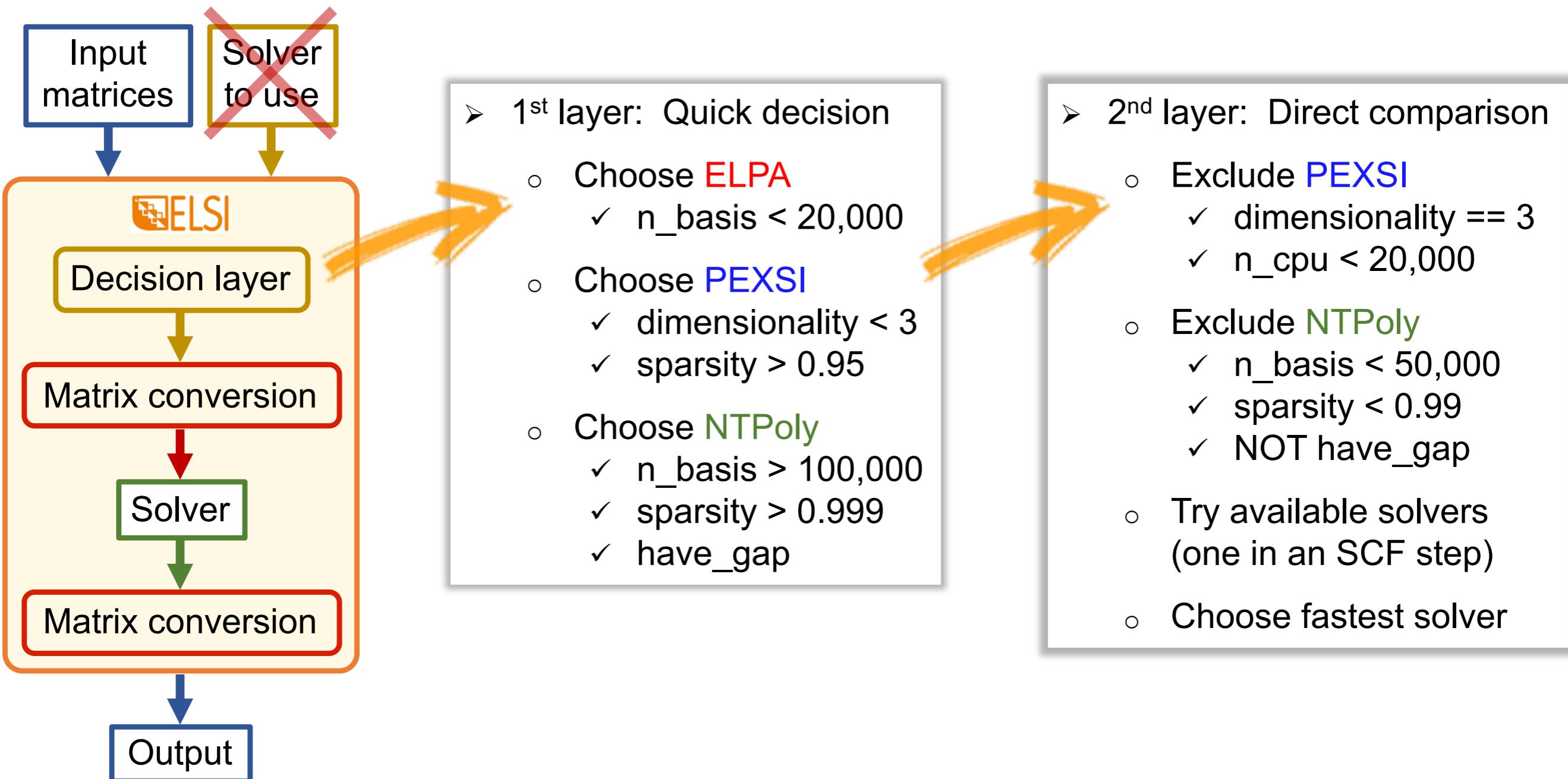
- DFTB
- [DFTB+](#) (highly sparse matrices)
- 2,560 CPU cores on Cori-Haswell

NTPoly faster for large (sparse) gapped systems

NTPoly: Sparse Matrix Algebra, O(N) Solvers

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

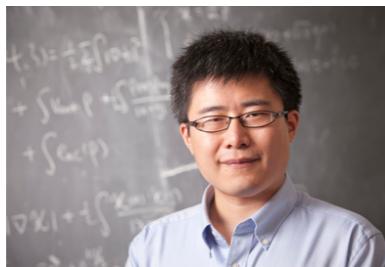
# ELSI Decision Layer (Beginnings)



# What About Iterative Solvers? (Plane Waves)



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Jianfeng  
Lu (Duke)

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

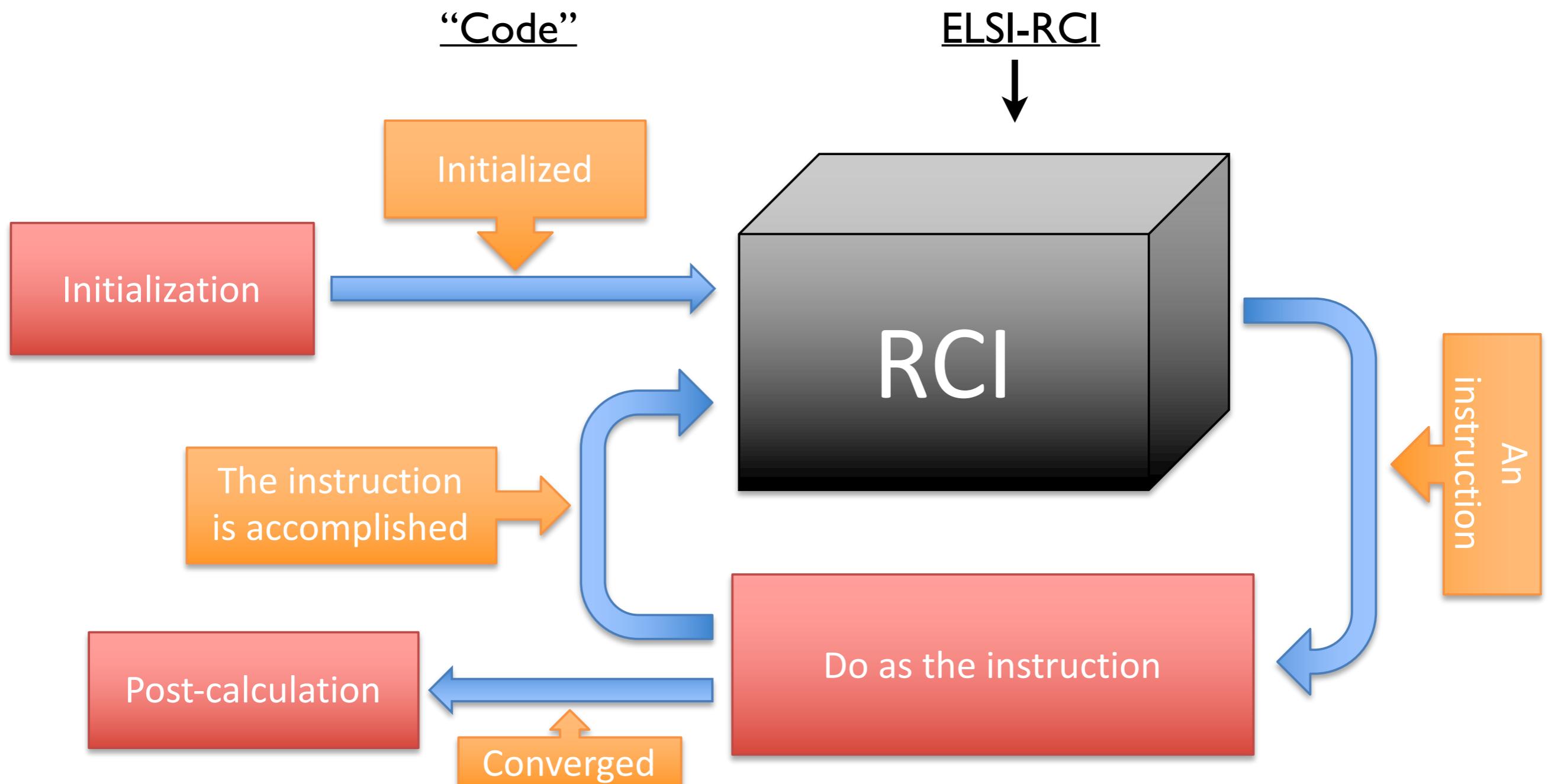
Alternative: Iterative - e.g., Davidson

- $\Psi$
- Solve Rayleigh Ritz problem  $(\Psi^* H \Psi, \Psi^* \Psi)$  for **smallest eigenpairs**  $\Lambda, Q$
- $R = H \Psi Q - \Psi Q \Lambda$
- 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.

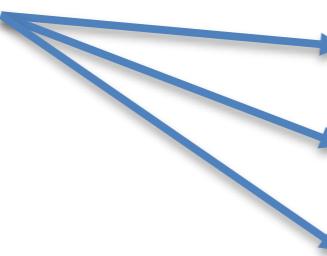
Solution: Ask Code to Perform Detailed Operations, Drive Sequence of Steps.



# ELSI-RCI - Code Example

```
ijob = RCI_INIT_IJOB
do
    call rci_solve(r_h, ijob, iS, task, resvec)
    select case (task)
        case (RCI_NULL)
        case (RCI_STOP)
            exit
        case (RCI_CONVERGE)
            exit
        case (RCI_H_MULTI)
            call dgemm(iS%TrH, 'N', n, n_state, n, 1.0, H, n, Work(iS%Aidx)%Mat, lda, 0.0, Work(iS%Bidx)%Mat, ldb)
        case (RCI_S_MULTI)
            call dgemm(iS%TrS, 'N', n, n_state, n, 1.0, S, n, Work(iS%Aidx)%Mat, lda, 0.0, Work(iS%Bidx)%Mat, ldb)
        case (RCI_P_MULTI) ! No preconditioner
            Work(iS%Bidx)%Mat = Work(iS%Aidx)%Mat
        case (RCI_GEMM)
            call dgemm(iS%trA, iS%trB, iS%m, iS%n, iS%k, iS%alpha, Work(iS%Aidx)%Mat, iS%lda, Work(iS%Bidx)%Mat, iS%ldb, iS%beta, Work(iS%Cidx)%Mat, iS%ldc)
        case (RCI_AXPY)
            call daxpy(iS%m*iS%n, iS%alpha, Work(iS%Aidx)%Mat, 1, Work(iS%Bidx)%Mat, 1)
        case (RCI_COPY)
            Work(iS%Bidx)%Mat = Work(iS%Aidx)%
        case (...)

        .....
    end select
end do
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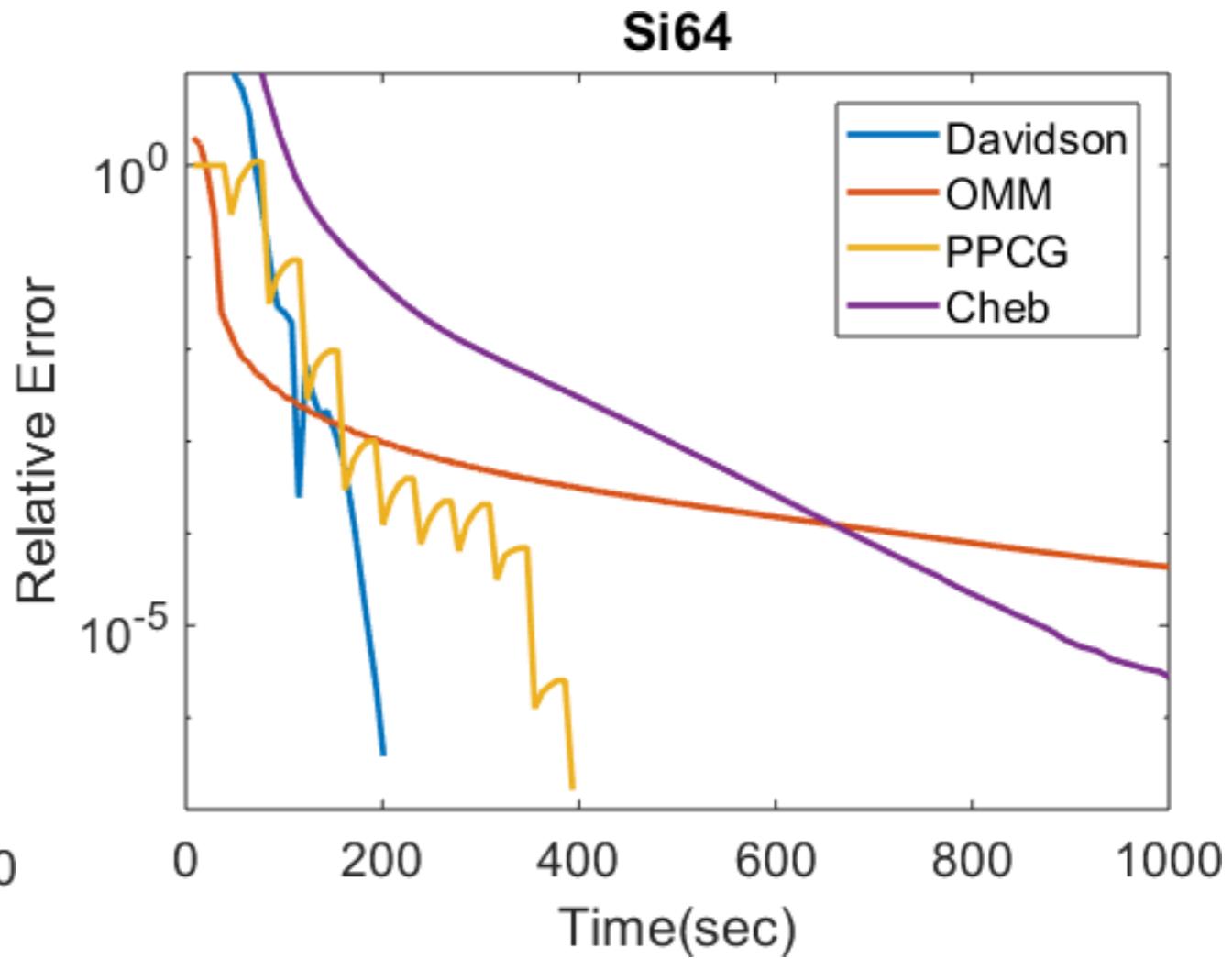
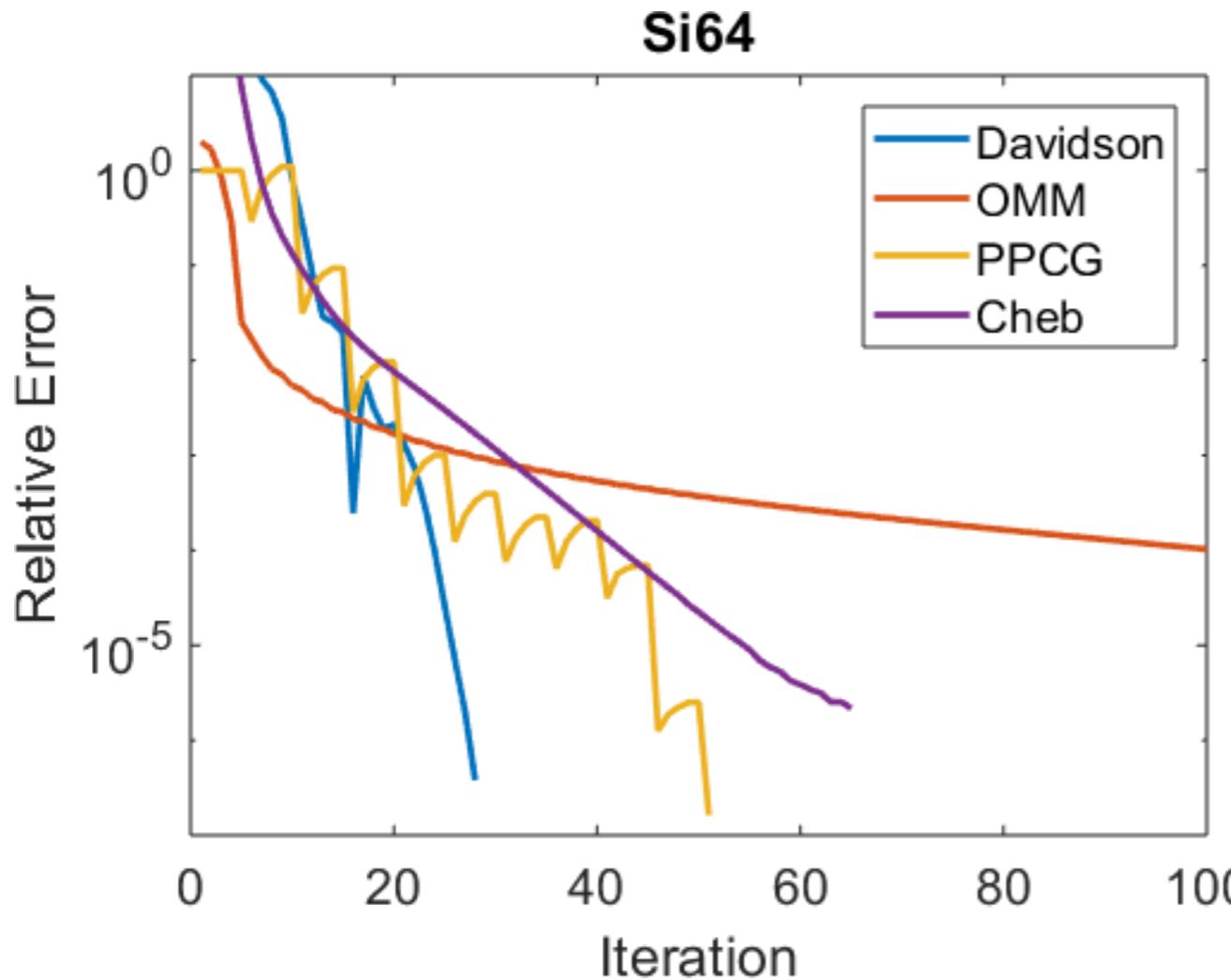
Do as the instruction

# 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



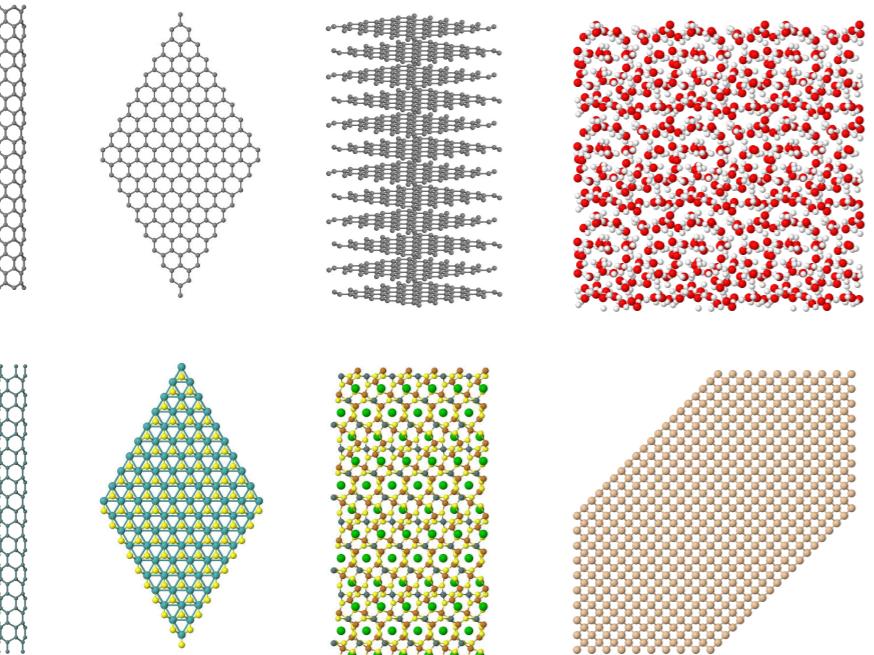
→ Efficient prototyping, implementation of solvers for different purposes (e.g., BSE)

# Conclusion and Acknowledgments

 <http://elsi-interchange.org>

ELPA      SLEPc-SIPs      NTPoly

libOMM      PEXSI      Many more



Automatic solver selection

- ELSI offers a unified software interface to a variety of high-performance eigensolvers and density matrix solvers
- Adopted by DFTB+, DGDFT, FHI-aims, SIESTA
- ELSI is intended to be an open forum, fostering international, interdisciplinary collaborations that benefit the entire community

→ Please join us at <http://elsi-interchange.org>



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