# Large-scale electronic structure methods

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# **Towards first-principle studies for industry**



DFT calculations of thousands atoms is still a grand challenge.

 $O(N^3) \rightarrow Low-order$ 



# $10^2$ atom

Many applications done. There are many successes even for material design. DNA



System size

Battery



# **Materials properties**

Materials properties of actual materials are determined by intrinsic properties and secondary properties arising from inhomogeneous structures such as grain size, grain boundary, impurity, and precipitation.
 In use of actual materials, the materials properties can be maximized by carefully designing the crystal structure and higher order of structures .



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e.g., the coercivity of a permanent magnet of Nd-Fe-B is determined by crystal structure, grain size, and grain boundary.





### Summit in ORNL: 187 Peta flops machine

Summit - IBM Power System AC922, IBM POWER9 22C 3.07GHz, NVIDIA Volta GV100, Dual-rail Mellanox EDR Infiniband , IBM DOE/SC/Oak Ridge National Laboratory, United States Cores: 2,282,544+NVIDIA Tesla V100 GPUs Rmax: 122,300.0 (TFLOP/sec.) Pmax: 187,659.3 (TFLOPS/sec.)



# According to Moore's law...



The machine performance may reach to 10 Exa FLOPS around 2028.

Performance

How large systems can be treated 10 years later?



The applicability of the  $O(N^3)$  DFT method is extended to only 5 times larger systems even if Moore's law continues.

# Mathematical structure of KS eq.

3D coupled non-linear differential equations have to be solved self-consistently.



the computational order of each calculation.

The largest order appears in the diagonalization, and the whole computational order asymptotically approaches to  $O(N^3)$ .

# **Density functional as a functional of** *n*

Electron density  $\rho(r)$  is calculated by the 1<sup>st</sup> order reduced density matrix.

$$\rho(r) = \sum_{i,j} n_{ij} \chi_j(r) \chi_i(r)$$

Density functional can be rewritten by the first order reduced density matrix:  $\rho$ 

$$E_{\text{tot}}[\rho, n] = \text{Tr}(nH_{kin}) + \int dr \rho(r) v_{ext}(r) + \frac{1}{2} \iint dr dr' \frac{\rho(r)\rho(r')}{|r-r'|} + E_{xc}[\rho]$$

If basis functions are localized in real space, the number of elements in the density matrix required to calculate the total energy is O(N).

The fact leads to reduction of computational order if only the necessary elements can be calculated.

# **Two routes towards O(N) DFT**

The conventional expression of total energy in DFT is written by electron density and KS orbitals. It is possible to rewrite the energy expression using either density matrix or Wannier functions without introducing approximations.



It might be possible to reduce the computational order by taking account of locality of density matrix and Wannier functions in real space.

## Wannier functions and density matrix

Wannier functions  $\phi$  can be obtained by an unitary transformation of Bloch functions  $\psi$ .

$$|\phi_{\nu}\rangle = \frac{V}{(2\pi)^{3}} \int_{BZ} dk \sum_{m}^{occ} U_{\mu\nu} |\psi_{\mu k}\rangle \exp(-ik \cdot R)$$
  
for cases with a gap

Density matrix is obtained through a projection operator of Bloch functions  $\psi$ 

$$n(r,r') = \sum_{n} n_{ij,R_n} \chi_i(r-\tau_i) \chi_j(r'-\tau_j-R_n)$$

where the matrix representation is given by

$$n_{ij,R_n} = \frac{1}{V_B} \int_B dk \sum_{\mu}^{\text{occ}} \exp(ik \cdot R_n) c_{\mu i,k} c_{\mu j,k}$$

# **Locality of Wannier functions**



Wannier functions decay exponentially for semi-conductors and insulators, while for metals they decay algebraically. A mathematical analysis for 1D systems is found in He and Vanderbilt, PRL 86, 5341. A conditional proof for general cases is discussed in Brouder et al., PRL 98, 046402.

# Locality of density matrix



Finite gap systems exponential decay

Metals T=0 power law decay 0<T exponential decay

D.R.Bowler et al., Modell.Siml.Mater.Sci. Eng.5, 199 (1997)

At T = 0 K, the density matrix elements decay exponentially for semi-conductors and insulators, while for metals they decay algebraically. For a finite temperature, they decay exponentially even for metals. A mathematical analysis is found in Ismail-Beigi et al, PRL 82, 2127.

# Various linear scaling methods

Wannier functions (WF)×Variational (V)Density matrix (DM)×Perturbative (P)

At least four kinds of linear-scaling methods can be considered as follows:

WF+V	WF+P	$\mathbf{DM} + \mathbf{V}$	DM+P
Orbital minimization by Galli, Parrinello, and Ordejon	Hoshi Mostofi	Density matrix by Li and Daw	<b>Krylov subspace</b>
			Divide-conquer
			Recursion
			Fermi operator

# O(N) DFT codes

**OpenMX:** (Krylov) Ozaki (U. of Tokyo) et al.

Conquest: (DM) Bowler(London), Gillan(London), Miyazaki (NIMS)

Siesta: (OM) Ordejon et al.(Spain)

**ONETEP:** (DM) Hayne et al.(Imperial)

**FEMTECK:** (OM) Tsuchida (AIST)

FreeON: (DM) Challacombe et al.(Minnesota)

# Basic idea behind the O(N) method



### Assumption

Local electronic structure of each atom is mainly determined by neighboring atomic arrangement producing chemical environment.

# **Convergence by the DC method**

Just solve the truncated clusters → Divide-Conquer method



For metals, a large cluster size is required for the convergence.
→ Difficult for direct application of the DC method for metals

# **O(N) Krylov subspace method**

Two step mapping of the whole Hilbert space into subspaces



# **O(N) methods based on Krylov subspace**

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### **Power method**

Can we obtain a convergent result by repeatedly multiplying a random vector by an Hermite matrix H?

The initial vector  $v_0$  can be rewritten by a linear combination.

$$|v_0\rangle = \sum_i a_i |c_i\rangle \qquad \quad H|c_i\rangle = \varepsilon_i |c_i\rangle$$

 $v_0$  is multiplied by H n-th times.

$$H^{n}|v_{0}\rangle = \left(\sum_{k} \varepsilon_{k}|c_{k}\rangle\langle c_{k}|\right)^{n}|v_{0}\rangle$$

$$= \left(\sum_{k} \varepsilon_{k}|c_{k}\rangle\langle c_{k}|\right)^{n}\sum_{i}a_{i}|c_{i}\rangle$$

$$= \left(\sum_{k} \varepsilon_{k}^{n}|c_{k}\rangle\langle c_{k}|\right)\sum_{i}a_{i}|c_{i}\rangle$$

$$= \sum_{i}a_{i}\varepsilon_{i}^{n}|c_{i}\rangle$$

$$\approx a_{0}\varepsilon_{0}^{n}|c_{0}\rangle$$

$$\varepsilon_{0} \text{ is the largest eigenvalue in its absolute value.}$$

 $v_{1} = Hv_{0}$   $v_{2} = Hv_{1}$   $\cdots$   $v_{n} = Hv_{n-1}$   $v_{\infty} \rightarrow ???$ 

Thus, we see that it converges to the vector corresponding to the largest eigenvalue. Also, it is found that degenerate cases may lead to slow convergence.

# What is the Krylov subspace?

The Krylov subspace is defined by the following set of vectors:

$$\left(\left|u_{0}\right\rangle,\hat{H}\left|u_{0}\right\rangle,\hat{H}^{2}\left|u_{0}\right\rangle,\hat{H}^{3}\left|u_{0}\right\rangle,\cdots,\hat{H}^{q}\left|u_{0}\right\rangle\right)$$

The Krylov subspace methods try to solve the eigenvalue problem within the subspace, while the power method takes account of only a single vector.

The Lanczos method is one of the most widely used technique based on the Krylov subspace.

## Lanczos method

The Lanczos method is an algorithm which generates a Krylov subspace by choosing a vector orthogonal to a subspace generated by the previous step. By repeating the algorithm, one can expand the Krylov subspace step by step.

#### Idea

How can we find the unitary matrix?



Cornelius Lanczos, 1893-1974 Quoted from http://guettel.com/lanczos/

## **Derivation of Lanczos method #1**

Writing  $H_{TD} = U^{\dagger}HU$  explicitly, ...

$$H\{|u_0\rangle, |u_1\rangle, |u_2\rangle, ..., |u_N\rangle\} = \{|u_0\rangle, |u_1\rangle, |u_2\rangle, ..., |u_N\rangle\} \times \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_0 & \beta_1 \\ \beta_1 & \alpha_1 & \beta_2 \\ & \ddots & \ddots \\ & & \ddots & \ddots \\ & & & \beta_{N-1} & \alpha_{N-1} & \beta_N \\ & & & & & \beta_N & \alpha_N \end{pmatrix}$$
  
We further write column by column.

$$\begin{aligned} H|u_0 > &= |u_0 > \alpha_0 + |u_1 > \beta_1, \\ H|u_1 > &= |u_0 > \beta_1 + |u_1 > \alpha_1 + |u_2 > \beta_2, \\ & \dots \\ H|u_n > &= |u_{n-1} > \beta_n + |u_n > \alpha_n + |u_{n+1} > \beta_{n+1}, \end{aligned}$$

Then, one has the following three terms recurrence formula:

$$|u_{n+1} > \beta_n = H|u_n > -|u_{n-1} > \beta_n - |u_n > \alpha_n$$

# **Derivation of Lanczos method #2**

Thus, starring from a given  $u_0$ , we can recursively calculate  $u_n$ . The process can be summarized as the following algorithm.

Set 
$$\langle u_0 | = (1, 0, 0, ....)$$
  
Compute  $H | u_n >$   
Compute  $\alpha_{n=} \langle u_n | H | u_n >$   
Compute  $|r_n \rangle = H | u_n \rangle - |u_{n-1} \rangle \beta_n - |u_n \rangle \alpha_n$   
Compute  $\beta_{n_+} = \sqrt{\langle r_n | r_n \rangle}$   
Compute  $|u_{n+1} \rangle = |r_n \rangle / \beta_{n_+1}$   
 $n := n + 1$ 

Using the tri-diagonal matrix obtained from the Lanczos transformation, we have an useful expression.

$$G_{\rm TD}(Z) = (ZI - H_{\rm TD})^{-1}$$

$$H_{\rm TD} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_0 & \beta_1 & & \\ \beta_1 & \alpha_1 & \beta_2 & & \\ & \cdots & \cdots & & \\ & & & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & & & \beta_{N-1} & \alpha_{N-1} & \beta_N \\ & & & & & & & \beta_N & \alpha_N \end{pmatrix}$$

#### **Relation between Lanczos method and Green's function #2**

The determinant for the tri-diagonal matrix can be expressed by a recurrence formula.

$$\det(ZI - H_{\rm TD}) = (Z - \alpha_0)A_{11} - \beta_1 A_{12},$$
  

$$A_{11} = D_1,$$
  

$$A_{12} = \beta_1 D_2. \longrightarrow D = (Z - \alpha_0)D_1 - \beta_1^2 D_2$$

In general, 
$$D_n = (Z - \alpha_n)D_{n+1} - \beta_{n+1}^2 D_{n+2}$$

which is called Laplace expansion.

Using the recurrence formula, one can evaluate the diagonal term of Green's function.

Finally, we have a continued fraction.

$$G_{00}^{L}(Z) = \frac{D_{1}}{D}$$

$$= \frac{D_{1}}{(Z - \alpha_{0})D_{1} - \beta_{1}^{2}D_{2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{Z - \alpha_{0} - \frac{\beta_{1}^{2}D_{2}}{D_{1}}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{Z - \alpha_{0} - \frac{\beta_{1}^{2}D_{2}}{(Z - \alpha_{1})D_{2} - \beta_{2}^{2}D_{3}}}$$

$$G_{00}^{L}(Z) = \frac{1}{Z - \alpha_{0} - \frac{\beta_{1}^{2}}{Z - \alpha_{1} - \frac{\beta_{2}^{2}}{Z - \alpha_{2} - \frac{\beta_{3}^{2}}{\cdot \cdot \cdot}}}.$$

# **Green's function and physical quantities**

Let's us calculate the imaginary part of Green's function.

$$g(Z) = \frac{1}{Z - E_0} \qquad \operatorname{Im}g(E + i\varepsilon) = \frac{1}{2i} \left( \frac{1}{Z - E_0} - \frac{1}{Z^* - E_0} \right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{2i} \left( \frac{1}{E - E_0 + i\varepsilon} - \frac{1}{E - E_0 - i\varepsilon} \right)$$

$$\operatorname{Im}_{g}(E+i\varepsilon) = \frac{1}{(E-E_0)^2}$$

$$(E - E_0)^2 + \varepsilon$$

Integrating the imaginary part

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \operatorname{Im} g(E + i\varepsilon) dE$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{-\varepsilon}{(E - E_0)^2 + \varepsilon}$$
$$= -\varepsilon \left[ \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \tan^{-1} \frac{E - E_0}{\varepsilon} \right]_{-\infty}^{\infty}$$
$$= -\pi$$

Thus,

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} -\frac{1}{\pi} \operatorname{Im} g(E + i\varepsilon) = \delta(E - E_0)$$

The following is a plot of the imaginary part.



The imaginary part of diagonal part of Green's function is the density of states.

# A mathematical analysis on accuracy of O(N) methods

By analyzing a 1D-TB model, we discuss accuracy of O(N) methods for gapped and metallic systems.



By assuming that the on-site energy is a, and the nearest hopping integral is b, we have the matrix representation above.

By applying the Lanczos algorithm to the 1D TB, we transform the model to a semi-infinite model. The following is the procedure.

Orthogonal bases are generated starting from the initial site, and hopping to the next sites.



In summary

$$\alpha_n = a$$
 Arbitrary n  
 $\beta = \sqrt{2}b$ 

$$\beta_n = b$$
  $n \neq 1$ 

(0)

Any system can be transformed to a semi-infinite chain model using the Lanczos algorithm.

$$|u_{0}\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1\\0\\0\\.\\.\\. \end{pmatrix} |u_{1}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0\\1\\1\\0\\.\\.\\. \end{pmatrix} |u_{2}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0\\0\\1\\1\\0\\.\\.\\.\\. \end{pmatrix}$$

(1) The diagonal term of Green's function is express by a continued fraction.



Noting the similarity structure, the last term is obtained.

(2) The off-diagonal term of Green's function is express by a recurrence formula.

$$\begin{split} G_{00}^{L}(Z)[ZI-H^{L}] &= I \\ G_{0n}^{L} &= \frac{1}{\beta_{n}} \left[ G_{0(n-1)}(Z-\alpha_{n-1}) - G_{0(n-2)}\beta_{n-1} - \delta_{1n} \right] \end{split}$$

The off-diagonal term can be expressed by  $G_{00}^{L}$  via the recurrence formula.

$$G_{01}^{L}(Z) = \frac{\gamma}{\sqrt{2}} G_{00}^{L}(Z) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}b} \qquad G_{02}^{L}(Z) = \left(\frac{\gamma^{2}}{\sqrt{2}} - 1\right) G_{00}^{L}(Z) - \frac{\gamma}{\sqrt{2}b} \qquad \gamma = \frac{Z - a}{b}$$

By Taylor-expanding  $G_{00}^{L}$  around  $\gamma^{-1}=0$ , one has

$$G_{00}^{L}(Z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2b}} \left( 1 + \frac{2}{\gamma^{3}} + \frac{6}{\gamma^{5}} + \frac{20}{\gamma^{7}} + \frac{70}{\gamma^{9}} + \cdots \right)$$

By inserting the Taylor-expanded  $G_{00}^{L}$  to  $G_{0n}^{L}$ , one obtain the following leading term.

$$G_{0n}^{L}(Z) \propto \frac{\sqrt{2}}{b\gamma^{n+1}}$$
  $\gamma^{-1} < 1$  corresponding to  $\left|\frac{b}{Z-a}\right| < 1$ 

Under the condition,  $G_{0n}^{L}$  converges to zero as  $n \to \infty$ .

The density matrix  $n_{0i}$  is defined by

$$n_{0n} = \int dE \sum_{\mu} \langle 0 | \psi_{\mu} \rangle \langle \psi_{\mu} | n \rangle \delta(E - \varepsilon_{\mu}) f(\varepsilon_{\mu})$$

Rewriting the expression above by Green's function, we have

$$n_{0n} = -\frac{1}{\pi} \operatorname{Im} \int dE G_{0n} (E + i0^{+}) f(\varepsilon_{\mu})$$

Using the Cauchy theorem, the integral path can be changed.



Noting that the Fermi function has the Matsubara poles, we can derive the following formula.

$$n_{0n} = M^{(0)} + \operatorname{Im}\left[-\frac{4i}{\beta}\sum_{p}G\left(\mu + i\frac{z_{p}}{\beta}\right)R_{p}\right]$$

### Asymptotic behaviors of G<sub>0n</sub>

Beyond the circle, the off-diagonal elements of Green's function behave as



 $\rightarrow$  leading to long-range correlation.

### Extension of O(N) Krylov subspace methods to DFT

### • Based on Lanczos algorithms

R. Haydock, V. Heine, and M. J. Kelly, J. Phys. C 5, 2845 (1972); R. Haydock, Solid State Phys. 35, 216 (1980).
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How can we take account of the overlap matrix **S** ?

 $Hc_{\mu} = \mathcal{E}_{\mu}Sc$ 

T. Ozaki, Phys. Rev. B 74, 245101 (2006).

# **O(N) Krylov subspace method**

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# **Development of Krylov subspace vectors**

The Krylov vector is generated by a multiplication of H by  $|K\rangle$ , and the development of the Krylov subspace vectors can be understood as hopping process of electron.



The information on *environment* can be included from near sites step by step, resulting in reduction of the dimension.

# **Generation of Krylov subspaces**

The ingredients of generation of Krylov subspaces is to multiply  $|W_n\rangle$  by S<sup>-1</sup>H. The other things are made only for stabilization of the calculation.

$$|R_{n+1}\rangle = S^{-1}H|W_n\rangle$$
  

$$|W'_{n+1}\rangle = |R_{n+1}\rangle - \sum_{m=0}^n |W_m\rangle (W_m|\hat{S}|R_{n+1})$$
  

$$|W_{n+1}\rangle = S - \text{orthonormalized block vector of } |W'_{n+1}\rangle$$

Furthermore, in order to assure the S-orthonormality of the Krylov subspace vectors, an orthogonal transformation is performed by  $U_{\rm K} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{X}\lambda^{-1}$  $\lambda^2 = \mathbf{X}^{\dagger}\mathbf{W}^{\dagger}\hat{S}\mathbf{W}\mathbf{X}$ 

For numerical stability, it is crucial to generate the Krylov subspace at the first SCF step.

## **Embedded cluster problem**

Taking the Krylov subspace representation, the cluster eigenvalue problem is transformed to a standard eigenvalue problem as:

$$Hc_{\mu} = \varepsilon_{\mu} Sc_{\mu} \longrightarrow H^{K} b_{\mu} = \varepsilon b_{\mu}$$

where H<sup>K</sup> consists of the short and long range contributions.



- The embedded cluster is under the Coulomb interaction from the other parts.
- The charge flow from one embedded cluster to the others is allowed.

### Relation between the Krylov subspace and Green's funtion

A Krylov subspace is defined by

$$\mathbf{U}_{\mathbf{K}} = \left\{ |W_0\rangle, (S^{-1}H)|W_0\rangle, (S^{-1}H)^2|W_0\rangle, \dots, (S^{-1}H)^q|W_0\rangle \right\}$$

A set of q-th Krylov vectors contains up to information of (2q+1)th moments.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{H}_{mn}^{K} &= (W_{0}|(A^{\dagger})^{m}HA^{n}|W_{0}) \\ &= (W_{0}|S(S^{-1}H)^{m+n+1}|W_{0}), \\ &= (W_{0}|S\mu^{(m+n+1)}S|W_{0}) \end{aligned} \qquad \begin{aligned} \mathsf{Definition of moments} \\ \mu^{(p)} &= c\varepsilon^{p}c^{\dagger}, \\ &= cc^{\dagger}Hcc^{\dagger}Hc\cdots c^{\dagger}Hcc^{\dagger}, \\ &= (S^{-1}H)^{p}S^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

The moment representation of G(Z) gives us the relation.

$$G_{ij}(Z) = \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_{ij}^{(p)}}{Z^{p+1}}$$

One-to-one correspondence between the dimension of Krylov subspace and the order of moments can be found from above consideration.

# **Convergence property**

The accuracy and efficiency can be controlled by the size of truncated cluster and dimension of Krylov subspace.



In general, the convergence property is more complicated. See PRB 74, 245101 (2006).

# **Comparison of computational time**

The computational time of calculation for each cluster does not depend on the system size. Thus, the computational time is O(N) in principle.



# Parallelization

How one can partition atoms to minimize communication and memory usage?

Requirement:

- Locality
- Same computational cost
- Applicable to any systems
- Small computational overhead



T.V.T. Duy and T. Ozaki, CPC 185, 777 (2014).

# **Modified recursive bisection**

If the number of MPI processes is 19, then the following binary tree structure is constructed.



In the conventional recursive bisection, the bisection is made so that a same number can be assigned to each region. However, the modified version bisects with weights as shown above.

# **Reordering of atoms by an inertia tensor**

Atoms in an interested region are reordered by projecting them onto a principal axis calculated by an inertia tensor.



The principal axis is calculated by solving an eigenvalue problem with an inertia tensor:

### Allocation of atoms to processes



#### Diamond 16384 atoms, 19 processes



#### Multiply connected CNT, 16 processes



## **Parallel efficiency on K**



The parallel efficiency is 68 % using 131,072 cores.

# Applications of the O(N) method

#### 1. Interface structure between BCC Iron and carbides

H. Sawada et al., Modelling Simul. Mater. Sci. Eng. 21, 045012 (2013). H. Sawada et al., Metals 7, 277 (2017).

#### 2. Desolvation of Li<sup>+</sup>

T. Ohwaki et al., J. Chem. Phys. 136, 134101 (2012).T. Ohwaki et al., J. Chem. Phys. 140, 244105 (2014).T. Ohwaki et al., Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys. 20, 11586 (2018).

#### 3. Electronic transport of graphene nanoribbon

M. Ohfuchi et al., Appl. Phys. Express 7, 025101 (2014). H Jippo, T Ozaki, S Okada, M Ohfuchi, J. Appl. Phys. 120, 154301 (2016).

# **Precipitation in bcc-Fe**

#### In collaboration wit Dr. Sawada (Nippon Steel)



# **Precipitation in bcc-Fe**

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Pure iron is too soft as structural material. Precipitation of carbide can be used to control the hardness of iron.

HRTEM image



#### Precipitating materials: TiC, VC, NbC



# Interface and strain energies



Diameter of precipitate

## **Optimized semi-coherent interface structure**



# **Estimation of strain energy**

Model potential method: Finnis-Sinclair



#### **Transition of coherent/semi-coherent interface structure**



estimated by TEM images and structural properties. Kobayashi et al., Scripta Materialia 67, 854 (2012).

# Outlook

The locality of density matrix and basis function is a key to develop a wide variety of efficient electronic structure methods. In the lecture we have focused theories of O(N)methods, its practical implementations, and discussed applications. By making full use of the locality, in addition to the development of O(N) methods, it may be possible to develop the following methods:

- Low-order scaling exact method
- O(*N*) *exact* exchange method

Plenty of developments of new efficient methods might be still possible.