



# Electronic energy optimisation in ONETEP

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# Outline

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# Density Functional Theory (DFT)

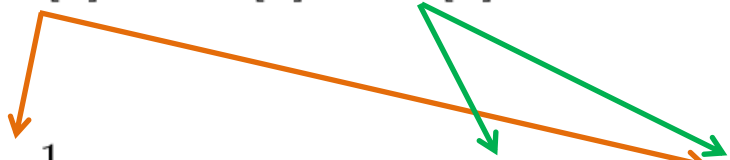
- Electronic density

$$n(\mathbf{r}_1) = N \int \cdots \int \Psi(\mathbf{r}_1 s_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \cdots, \mathbf{x}_N) \Psi^*(\mathbf{r}_1 s_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \cdots, \mathbf{x}_N) ds_1 d\mathbf{x}_2 \cdots \mathbf{x}_N$$

- Hohenberg-Kohn

$$E[n] = E_{\text{Kin}}[n] + E_{\text{ext}}[n] + E_{ee}[n]$$

- Kohn-Sham

$$E[n] = \sum_i \langle \psi_i | -\frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 | \psi_i \rangle + E_{\text{ext}}[n] + E_{\text{Coul}}[n] + E_{xc}[n]$$


Non-interacting electrons

$$\left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + v_{\text{eff}}(\mathbf{r}) \right] \psi_i(\mathbf{r}) = \varepsilon_i \psi_i(\mathbf{r})$$

Density of interacting electrons

$$n(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_i |\psi_i(\mathbf{r})|^2$$

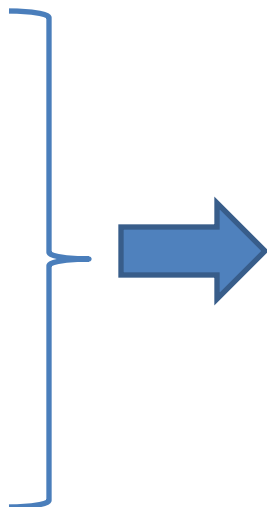
## Self-consistency

- Variational principle

$$\frac{\delta E[\{\psi_i\}]}{\delta \psi_j} = 0$$

- Constraint

$$\langle \psi_k | \psi_n \rangle = \delta_{kn}$$



- Eigenvalue equation for molecular orbitals (bands)

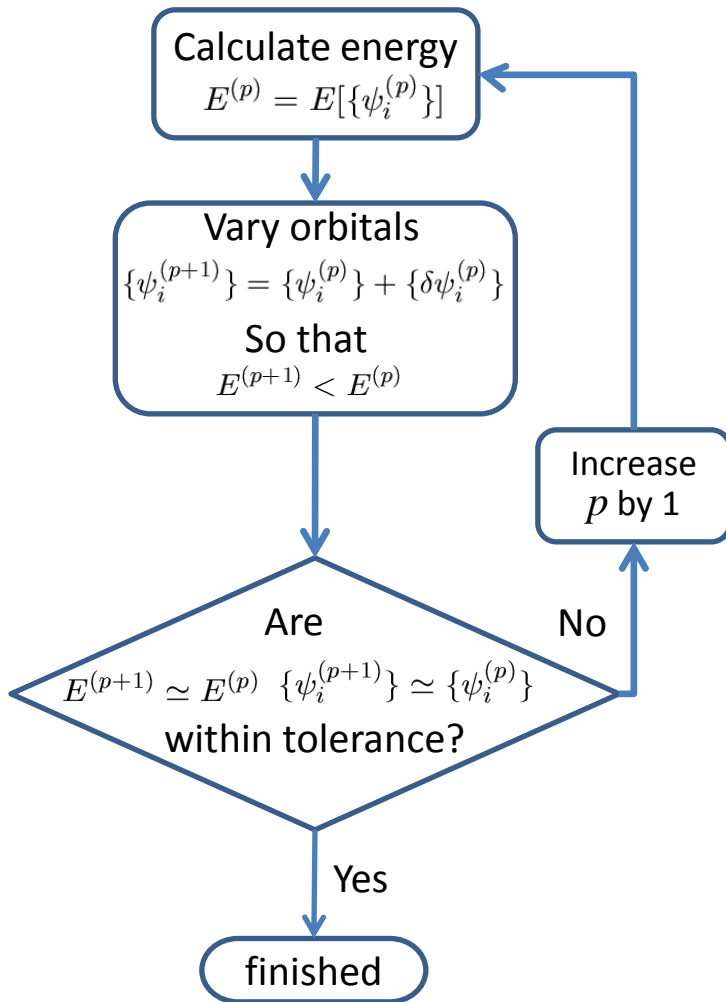
$$\hat{H}|\psi_n\rangle = \varepsilon_n|\psi_n\rangle$$

- But the Hamiltonian operator depends on the molecular orbitals

$$\hat{H}[\{\psi_i^{(p)}\}] |\psi_n^{(p+1)}\rangle = \varepsilon_n^{(p+1)} |\psi_n^{(p+1)}\rangle$$

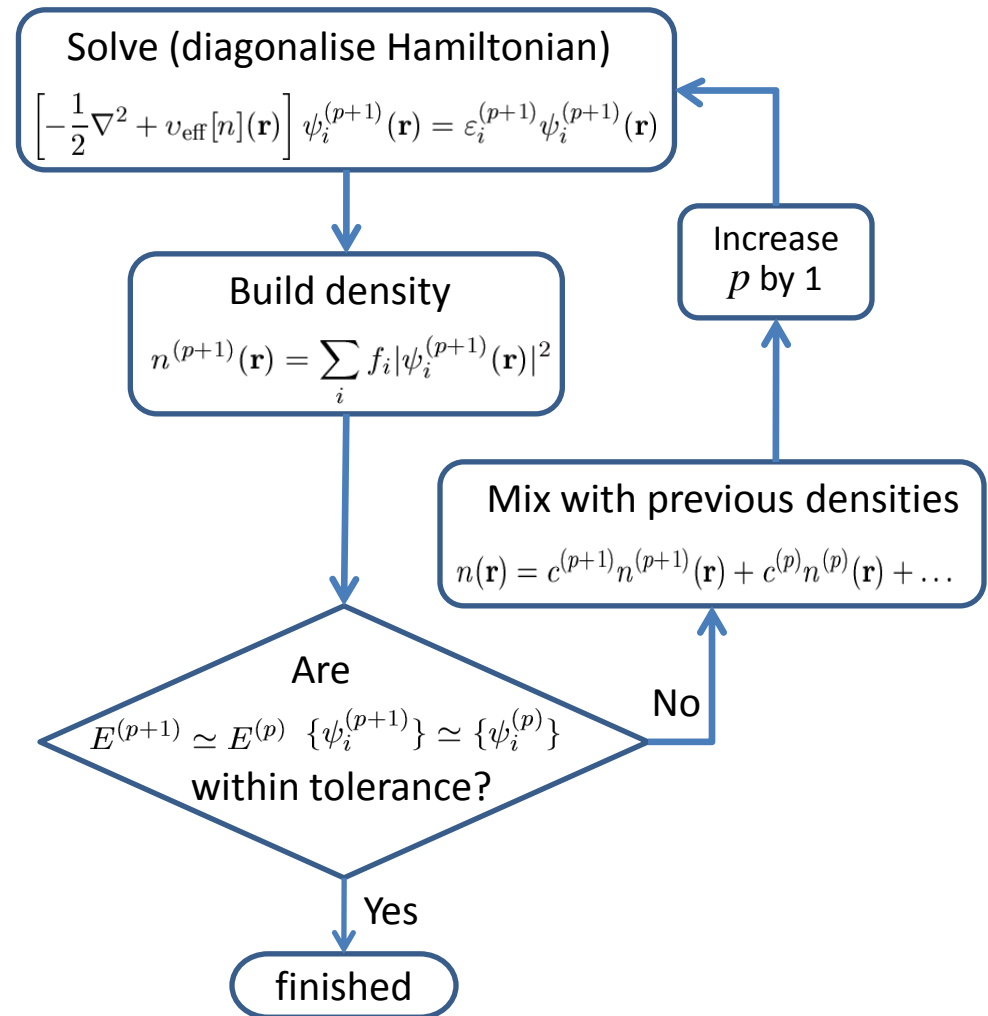
# Achieving self-consistency

## Direct energy minimisation



- Direct search for well-defined minimum

## Diagonalisation and density mixing

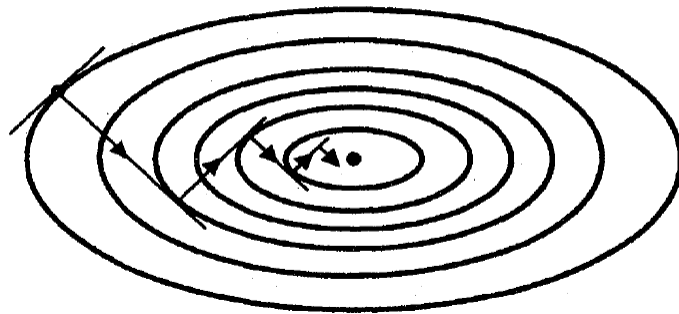


- Discontinuous changes
- Hamiltonian search (indirect)

# Function minimisation

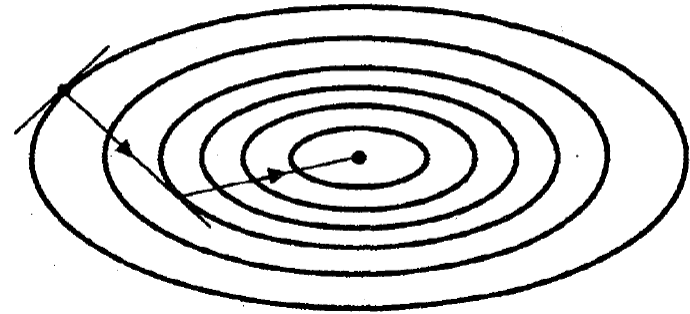
- Iterative procedures
- Need the value of the function and its gradient at each step
- Converge to local minima

STEEPEST DESCENTS



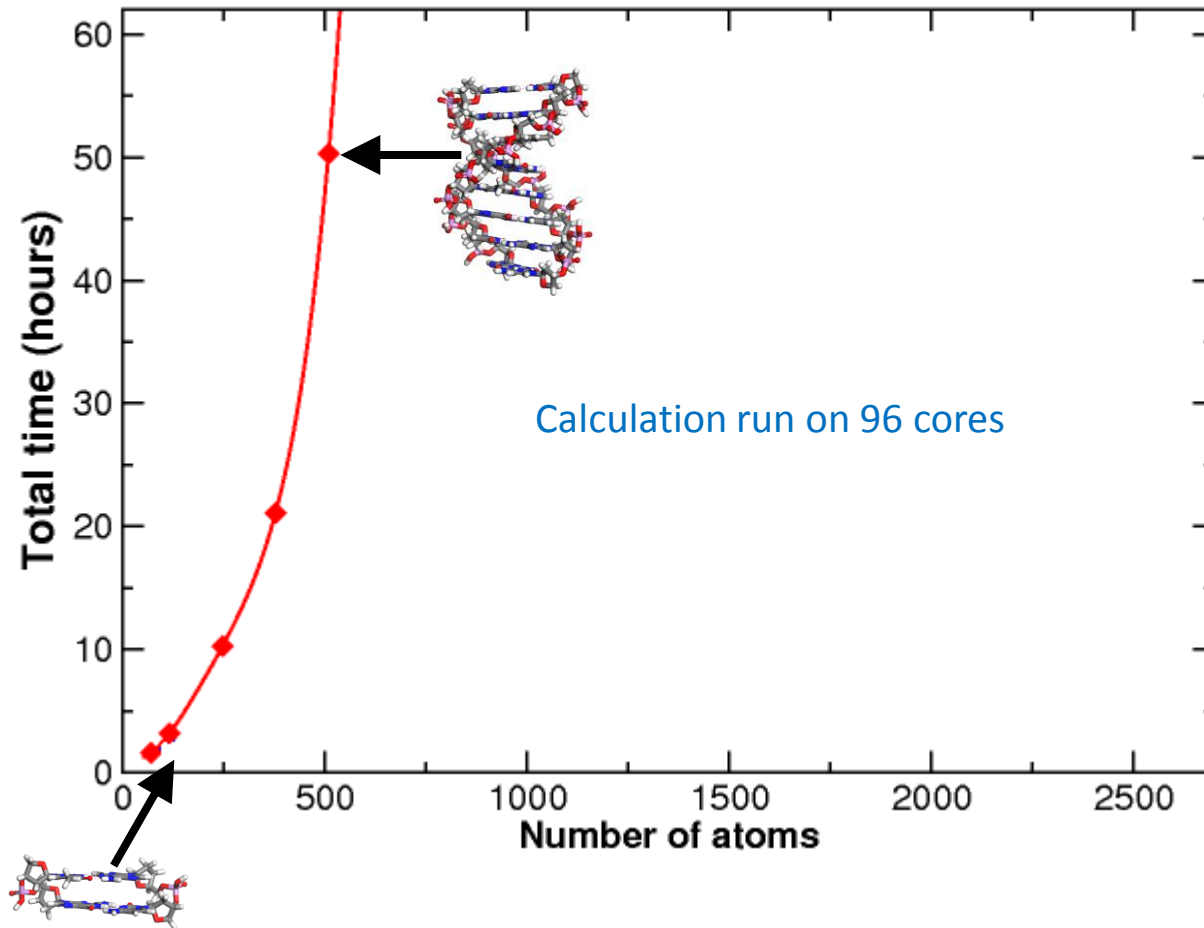
- Moves always downhill
- Robust but may need very large number of iterations

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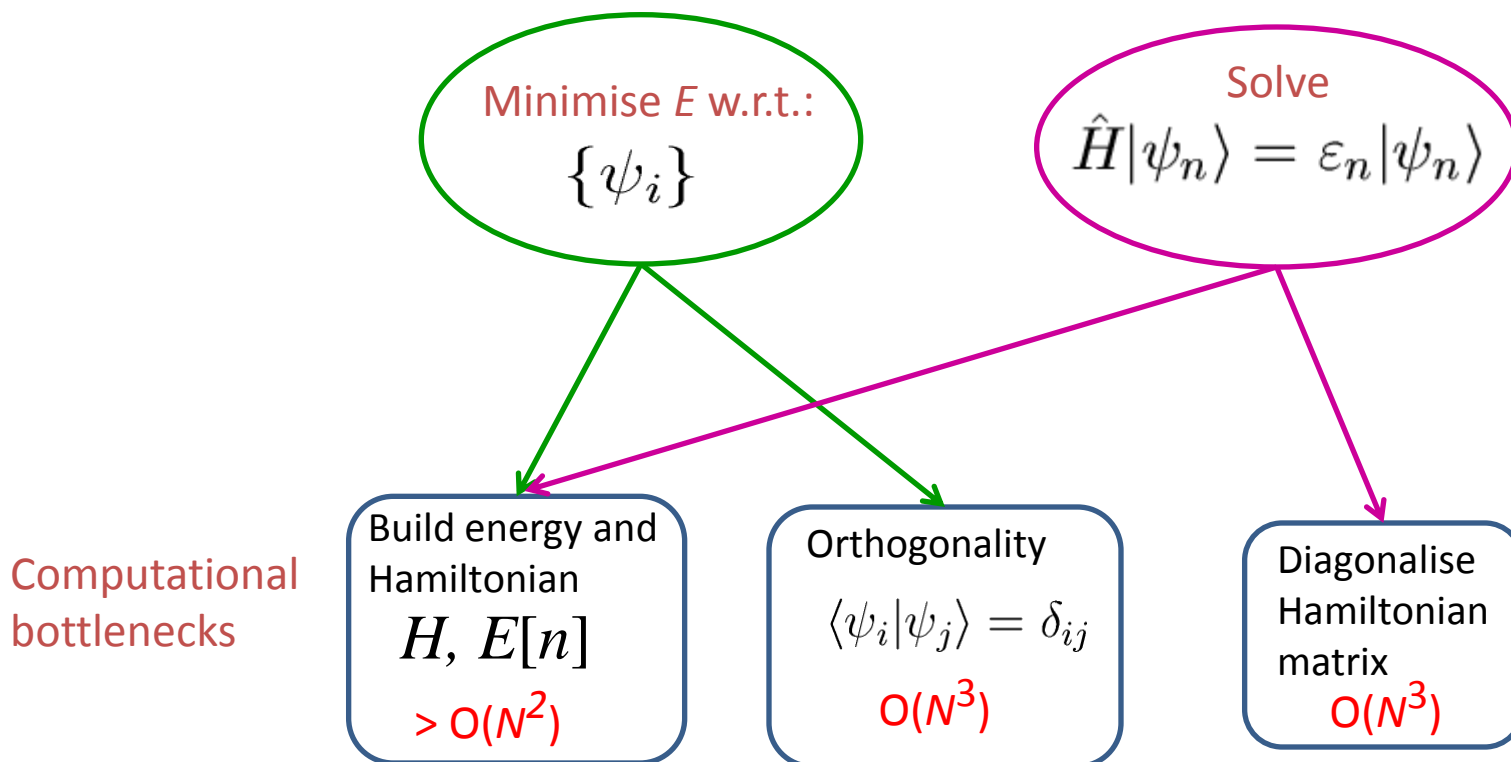


- Converges in  $N$  steps for  $N$ -dimensional quadratic function
- In practice very efficient even for non-quadratic functions

# Cubic-scaling computational cost of DFT



# Kohn-Sham DFT calculation bottlenecks





# Density matrix localisation

## Nearsightedness of electronic matter

W. Kohn, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **76**, 3168 (1996); E. Prodan and W. Kohn, *P.N.A.S.* **102** 11635 (2005)

In systems with a band gap:

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \sim e^{-\gamma|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as} \quad |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'| \rightarrow \infty$$



Take advantage of this locality condition to make the density matrix contain a **linear** amount of data

Truncate exponential “tail”, impose:

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = 0 \quad \text{when} \quad |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'| > r_{\text{cut}}$$

# One-particle density matrix in DFT

- Operator representation

$$\hat{\rho} = \sum_n f_n |\psi_n\rangle \langle \psi_n|$$

- Position representation

$$\langle \mathbf{r} | \hat{\rho} | \mathbf{r}' \rangle = \rho(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = \sum_n f_n \psi_n(\mathbf{r}) \psi_n^*(\mathbf{r}')$$

- Conditions

- Idempotency (from **orbital orthonormality and occupancies 1 or 0**)

$$\rho^2(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = \int \rho(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'') \rho(\mathbf{r}'', \mathbf{r}') d\mathbf{r}'' = \sum_n f_n^2 \psi_n(\mathbf{r}) \psi_n^*(\mathbf{r}') = \sum_n f_n \psi_n(\mathbf{r}) \psi_n^*(\mathbf{r}') = \rho(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}')$$

- Normalisation (preserving the **number of electrons**)

$$\text{tr}[\rho] = \int \rho(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r} = \int \sum_n f_n \psi_n(\mathbf{r}) \psi_n^*(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r} = \sum_n f_n \int |\psi_n(\mathbf{r})|^2 d\mathbf{r} = \sum_n f_n = N_e$$

## Energy expressions

- With orbitals

$$E[\{\psi_j\}] = \sum_i \int \psi_i(\mathbf{r}) \left(-\frac{1}{2}\nabla^2\right) \psi_i(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r} + \int V_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}) n(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r} + \frac{1}{2} \int \int \frac{n(\mathbf{r})n(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} d\mathbf{r}d\mathbf{r}' + E_{xc}[n]$$

$$n(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_i |\psi_i(\mathbf{r})|^2$$

- With density matrix

$$E[\rho] = \int \left[ -\frac{1}{2}\nabla_{\mathbf{r}'}^2 \rho(\mathbf{r}', \mathbf{r}) \right]_{\mathbf{r}'=\mathbf{r}} d\mathbf{r} + \int V_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}) n(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r} + \frac{1}{2} \int \int \frac{n(\mathbf{r})n(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} d\mathbf{r}d\mathbf{r}' + E_{xc}[n]$$

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}', \mathbf{r}) = \sum_i f_i \psi_i(\mathbf{r}') \psi_i^*(\mathbf{r}) \quad n(\mathbf{r}) = \rho(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r})$$

## Self-consistency

$$\hat{H}[\{\psi_i^{(p)}\}] |\psi_n^{(p+1)}\rangle = \varepsilon_n^{(p+1)} |\psi_n^{(p+1)}\rangle \quad \text{therefore} \quad \hat{H}[\{\psi_i^{(p)}\}] = \sum_n \varepsilon_n^{(p+1)} |\psi_n^{(p+1)}\rangle \langle \psi_n^{(p+1)}|$$
$$\hat{\rho}[\{\psi_i^{(p)}\}] = \sum_n f_n |\psi_n^{(p)}\rangle \langle \psi_n^{(p)}|$$

When  $|\psi_n^{(p)}\rangle = |\psi_n^{(p+1)}\rangle$  the  $\mathbf{H}$  and  $\mathbf{\rho}$  commute  $[\hat{H}[\{\psi_i^{(p)}\}], \hat{\rho}[\{\psi_i^{(p)}\}]] = 0$

## Conditions

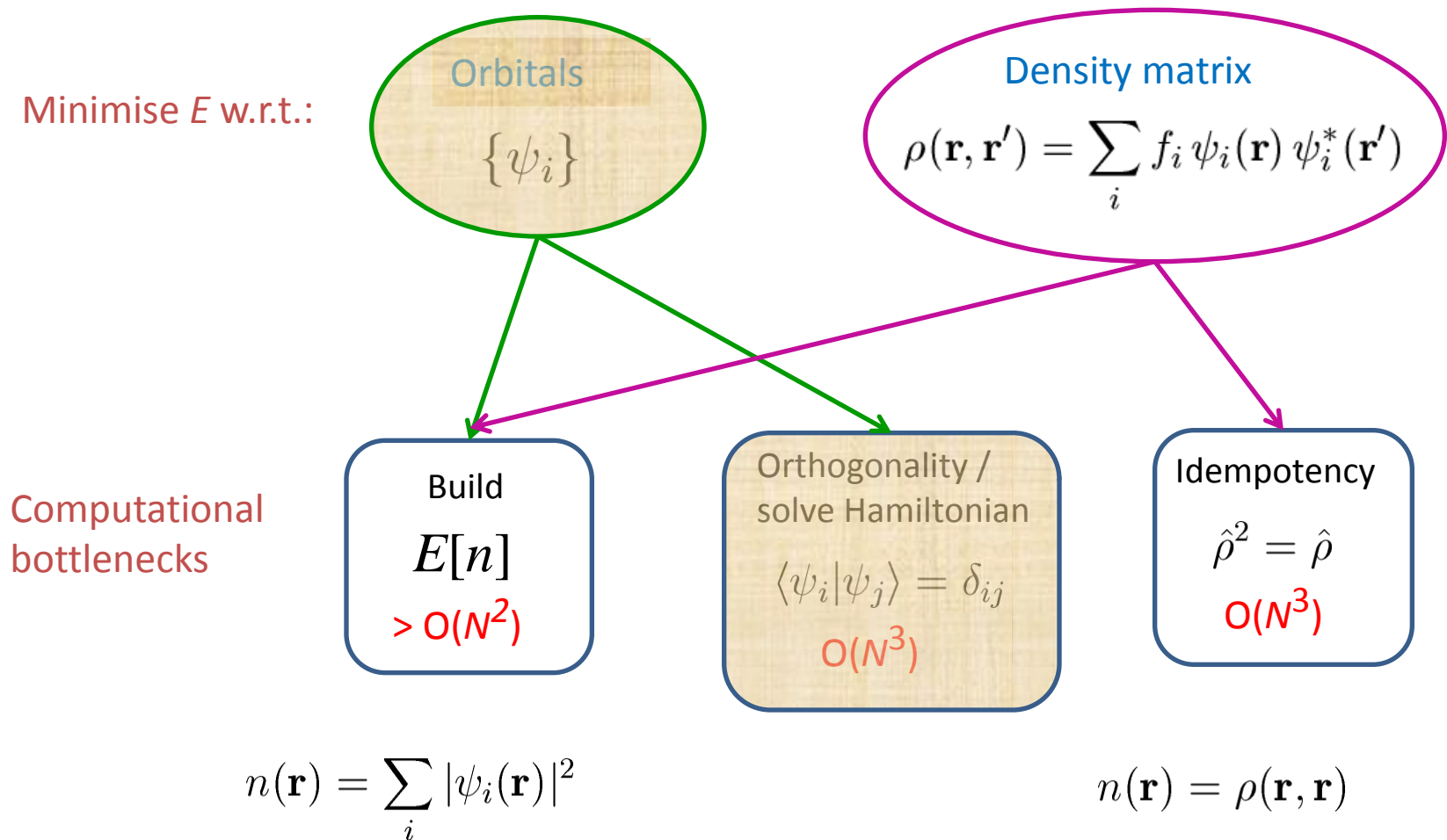
- Idempotency

$$\hat{\rho}^2 = \hat{\rho} \Leftrightarrow f_n = 0 \text{ or } 1$$

- Normalisation

$$N_e = 2 \operatorname{tr}[\rho] = 2 \sum_n f_n \quad (\text{spin-unpolarised case})$$

# Calculation bottlenecks with the density matrix



# Linear-scaling DFT using the density matrix

Truncate exponential “tail”, impose:

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = 0 \quad \text{when} \quad |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'| > r_{\text{cut}}$$

## The density matrix

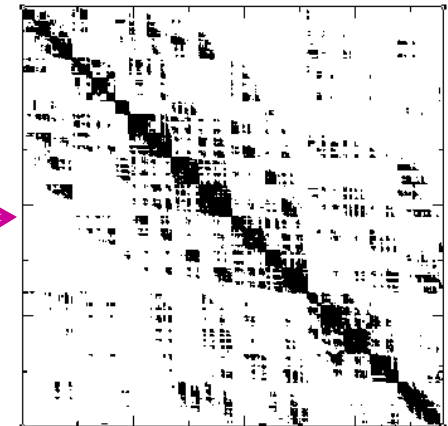
$$\rho(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = \sum_n f_n \psi_n(\mathbf{r}) \psi_n^*(\mathbf{r}')$$

is expanded in **non-orthogonal localised** functions:

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = \sum_{\alpha\beta} \phi_\alpha(\mathbf{r}) K^{\alpha\beta} \phi_\beta^*(\mathbf{r}')$$

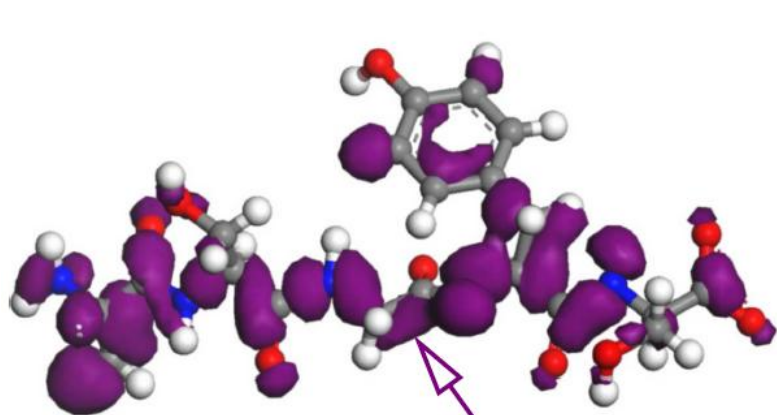
- **K** matrix made sparse by truncation
- **S** and **H** in terms of  $\{\phi_\alpha\}$  also sparse
- Optimise energy with respect to **K** using algorithms that include only **sparse matrix multiplications**
- Sparse matrix multiplications can be linear-scaling if the sparsity is suitably exploited

sparse matrix



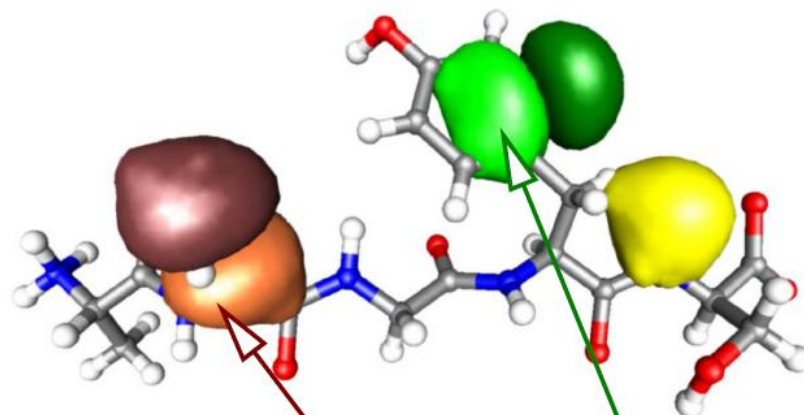
## ONETEP aims for linear-scaling with high accuracy

The  $\{\phi_\alpha\}$  are **not fixed**, but are optimised *in situ*, (in addition to  $\mathbf{K}$ )



$$\rho(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = \sum_n f_n \psi_n(\mathbf{r}) \psi_n^*(\mathbf{r}')$$

Molecular orbitals  
(MOs)



$$= \sum_{\alpha\beta} \phi_\alpha(\mathbf{r}) K^{\alpha\beta} \phi_\beta^*(\mathbf{r}')$$

Non-orthogonal  
Generalised Wannier  
Functions (NGWFs)

## Density matrix in terms of NGWFs

$$\psi_n(\mathbf{r}) = \phi_\alpha(\mathbf{r}) M_n^\alpha \quad S_{\alpha\beta} = \langle \phi_\alpha | \phi_\beta \rangle$$

↑
↑  
MO
NGWF

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = \sum_n f_n \psi_n(\mathbf{r}) \psi_n^*(\mathbf{r}') = \phi_\alpha(\mathbf{r}) \left( \sum_n M_n^\alpha f_n M_n^{\dagger\beta} \right) \phi_\beta^*(\mathbf{r}') = \phi_\alpha(\mathbf{r}) K^{\alpha\beta} \phi_\beta^*(\mathbf{r}')$$

$$K^{\alpha\beta} = \sum_n M_n^\alpha f_n M_n^{\dagger\beta}$$

Density kernel

$$\rho^2(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = \phi_\alpha(\mathbf{r}) K^{\alpha\gamma} S_{\gamma\epsilon} K^{\epsilon\beta} \phi_\beta^*(\mathbf{r}')$$

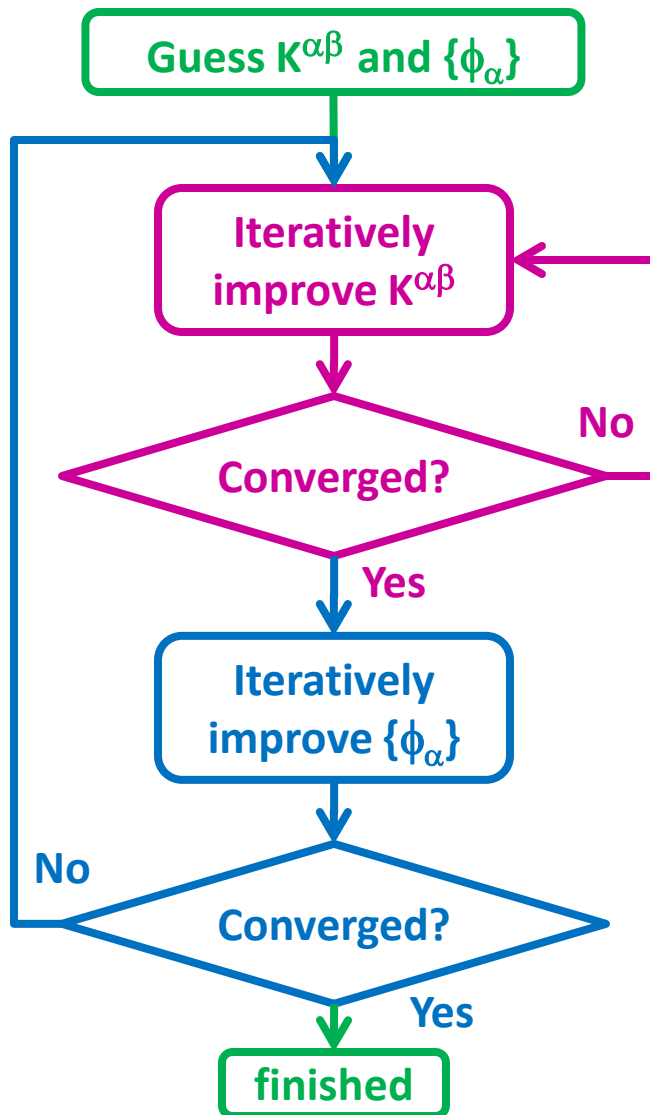
$$\text{tr}[\rho] = K^{\alpha\beta} S_{\beta\alpha} = \text{tr}[\mathbf{KS}]$$



# Density matrix optimisation in ONETEP

$$E = E[\mathbf{K}, \{\phi_\alpha\}]$$

- **Outer loop:**  
Optimise total (interacting) energy  $E$  w.r.t. to  $\mathbf{K}$  and  $\{\phi_\alpha\}$



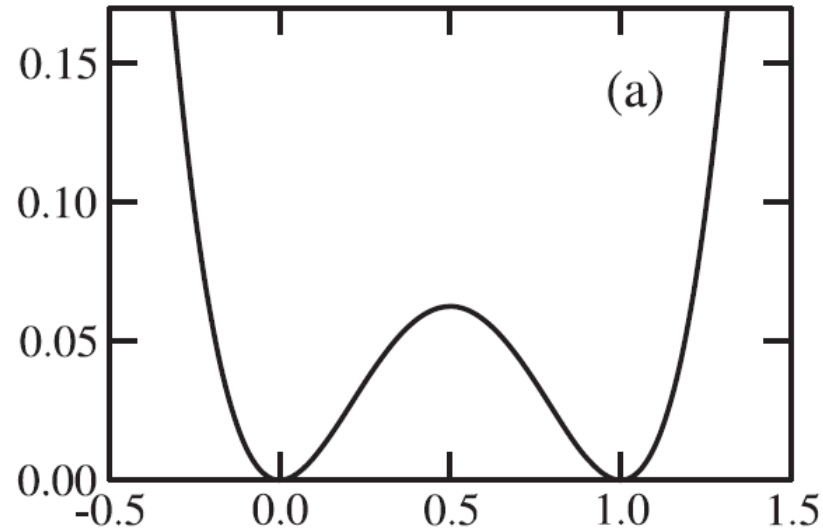
- **Inner loop:**  
Optimise total (interacting) energy  $E$  w.r.t  $\mathbf{K}$  for fixed  $\{\phi_\alpha\}$  while imposing **idempotency** and **normalisation**

## “Linear-scaling” functionals

- These are not DFT exchange and correlation functionals
- These are functionals of the density matrix which have been designed so that when they are minimised:
  - Produce the total energy
  - Implicitly impose the required conditions (idempotency and normalisation) on the density matrix that minimises them
- The aim of using these functionals is to work with expressions which involve only (sparse) matrix multiplications
- We will examine the functionals implemented in ONETEP
  - Penalty functional
  - Li–Nunes-Vanderbilt (LNV) types of functionals
  - Palsler-Manolopoulos approach (not a functional)

## Penalty functional

$$P[\rho] = \text{tr}[(\rho^2 - \rho)^2] = \sum_n (f_n^2 - f_n)^2$$



- Minimum ( $P=0$ ) for idempotent density matrices
- Will always converge, regardless how non-idempotent the initial guess
- Constraints to preserve the total number of electrons are needed

## Penalty functional derivatives

$$P[\rho] = \text{tr}[(\rho^2 - \rho)^2] = \sum_n (f_n^2 - f_n)^2$$

- Assume a steepest descents “step” to update  $f_k$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial f_k} = 4f_k^3 - 6f_k^2 + 2f_k$$

$$f_k^{(p+1)} = f_k^{(p)} + \lambda d_k^{(p)} \qquad f_k^{(p+1)} = f_k^{(p)} - \lambda \frac{\partial P^{(p)}}{\partial f_k}$$

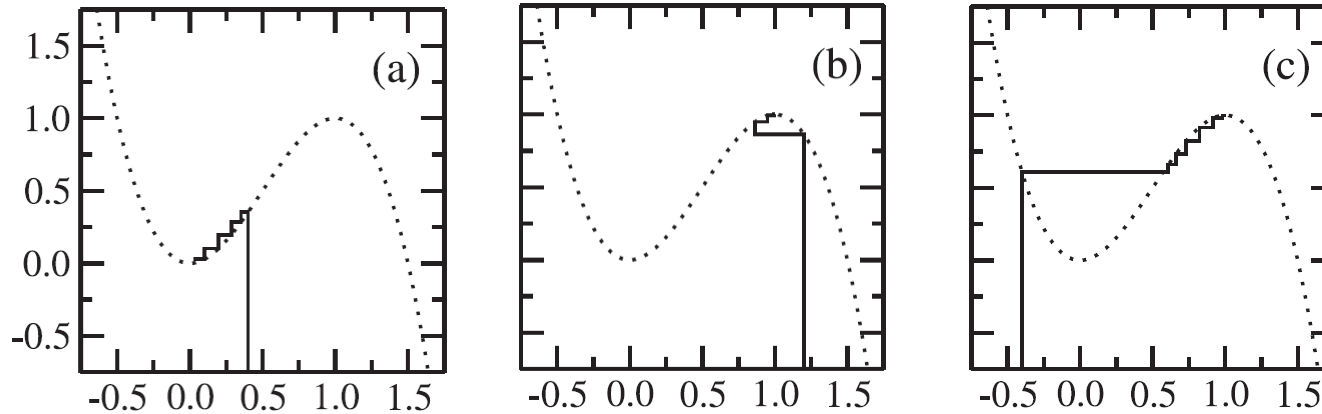
- If we apply a quadratic approximation (near the minimum):

$$f_{new} = f_{old} - \frac{1}{2}(4f_{old}^3 - 6f_{old}^2 + 2f_{old}) = 3f_{old}^2 - 2f_{old}^3$$

Purification transformation

R. McWeeny, *Rev. Mod. Phys.* **32**(2), 335(1960)

## Purification transformation



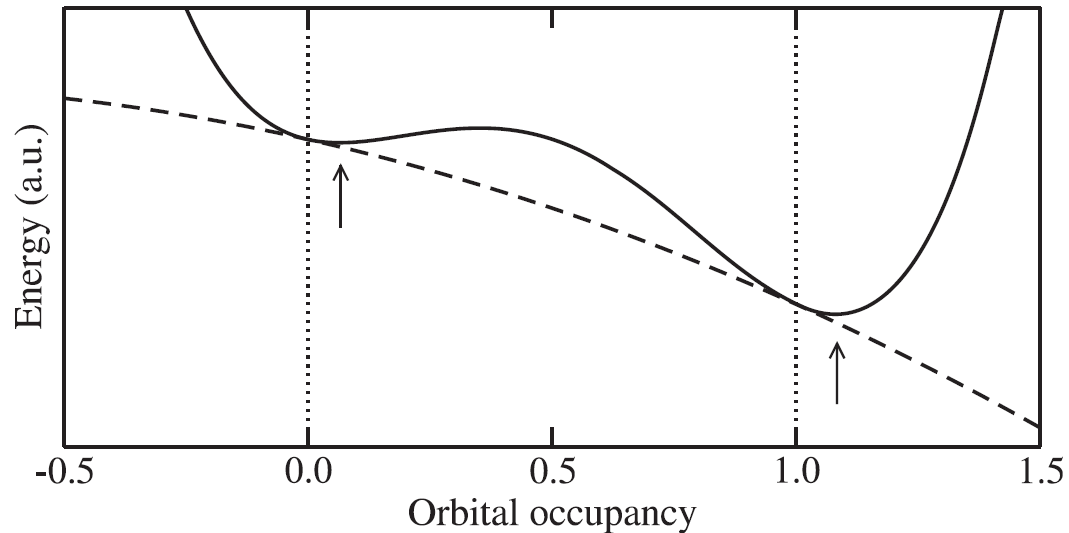
$$f_{new} = 3f_{old}^2 - 2f_{old}^3$$

- Improves the idempotency of a nearly idempotent density matrix
- Forces occupancies in interval  $[0,1]$  (“weak” idempotency)
- Quadratic convergence. Example:
  - $f^{(1)} = 1.1$
  - $f^{(2)} = 3 \times 1.1^3 - 2 \times 1.1^2 = 0.968$
  - $f^{(3)} = 3 \times 0.968^3 - 2 \times 0.968^2 = 0.997$
  - Etc..
- But, diverges if the initial occupancies are not within certain bounds

## Energy with penalty functional

P. D. Haynes and M. C. Payne, *Phys. Rev. B* **59**, 12173 (1999)

$$Q[\rho] = E[\rho] + \alpha P[\rho]$$



- Balance between minimum energy and minimum penalty
- Near-idempotency, depending on value of  $\alpha$
- Correction expression available for the energy

## Li-Nunes-Vanderbilt (LNV) functionals

$$\rho = 3\sigma^2 - 2\sigma^3$$

X.-P. Li., R. W. Nunes and D. Vanderbilt, *Phys. Rev. B* **47**, 10891 (1993),  
M. S. Daw, *Phys. Rev. B* **47**, 10895 (1993)

$$\Omega_1[\sigma] = \text{tr}[\rho(H - \mu)]$$

J. M. Millam and G. E. Scuseria, *J. Chem. Phys.* **106**, 5569 (1997)

$$\Omega_2[\sigma] = \text{tr}[\rho H] + \mu'(\text{tr}[\sigma] - N_e)$$

- Energy expressions containing a purification transformation of an “auxiliary” density matrix
- Implicitly enforce idempotency
- Break down if purification transformation breaks
- Minimisation of band structure energy (equivalent to diagonalisation)
- But H also depends on  $\rho$ : Self-consistency by **density mixing**

## LNV functionals in ONETEP

`exact_lnv = F`

$$L_1[\sigma] = E[\rho] + \mu' (\text{tr}[\sigma] - N_e) = E[3\sigma^2 - 2\sigma^3] + \mu' (\text{tr}[\sigma] - N_e)$$

`exact_lnv = T (default)`

$$L_2[\sigma] = E \left[ \frac{N_e}{\text{tr}[\rho]} \rho \right] = E \left[ \frac{N_e}{\text{tr}[3\sigma^2 - 2\sigma^3]} (3\sigma^2 - 2\sigma^3) \right]$$

- No density mixing, just **direct minimisation** of interacting energy
- Purification never allowed to break down
  - Occupancy maxima and minima tracked
  - Restored by penalty functional if out of safe range
- Electron number conserved without need to know the chemical potential

P. D. Haynes, C.-K. Skylaris, A. A. Mostofi, and M. C. Payne, *J. Phys.: Condens. Matter* **20**, 294207 (2008)

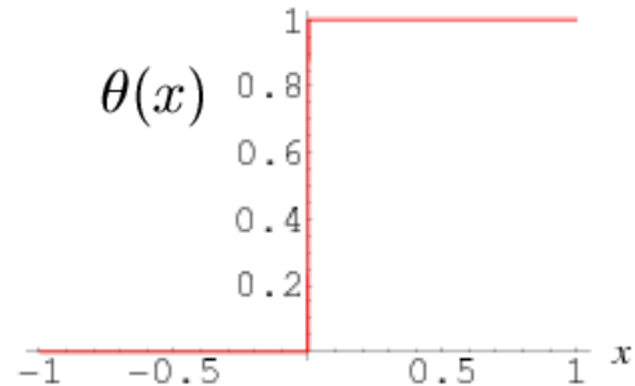


# Canonical purification

$$\hat{\rho} = \theta(\mu \hat{I} - \hat{H})$$

$$H(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = \sum_i \varepsilon_i \psi_i(\mathbf{r}) \psi_i(\mathbf{r}')$$

$$\theta(\mu \hat{I} - \hat{H})(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = \dots = \sum_i \theta(\mu - \varepsilon_i) \psi_i(\mathbf{r}) \psi_i(\mathbf{r}') = \sum_i f_i \psi_i(\mathbf{r}) \psi_i(\mathbf{r}') = \rho(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}')$$
$$f_i = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \varepsilon_i < \mu \\ 0, & \text{if } \varepsilon_i > \mu \end{cases}$$

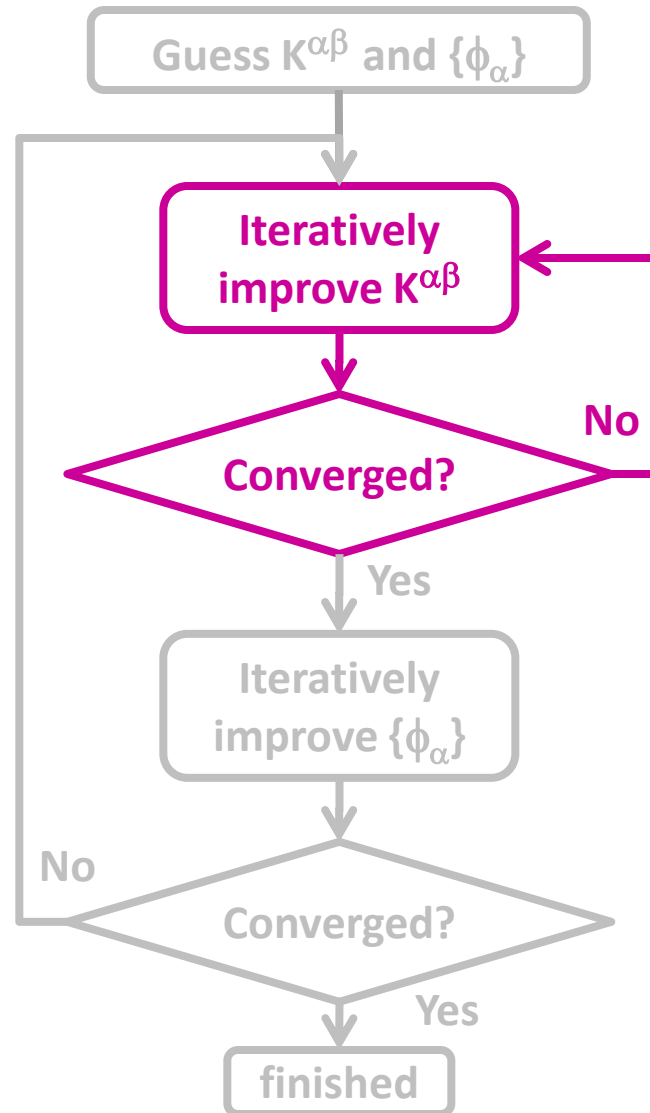


- One can approximate  $\rho$  as a polynomial expansion of  $H$
- Can do this iteratively with a formula that resembles the purification transformation:

A. H. Palser and D. E. Manolopoulos, *Phys. Rev. B* **58**, 12704 (1998)

- Always converges
- No need to know  $\mu$

## Density kernel optimisation (inner loop)



# Derivatives with respect to the density kernel

Relationship between canonical Kohn-Sham orbitals and NGWFs

$$\psi_n(\mathbf{r}) = \phi_\alpha(\mathbf{r})M_n^\alpha \Leftrightarrow \phi_\alpha(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_n \psi_n(\mathbf{r})(M^\dagger)_{n\alpha}$$

$$\langle \psi_n | \psi_m \rangle = \delta_{nm} \quad \langle \phi_\alpha | \phi_\beta \rangle = S_{\alpha\beta} , \quad (S^{-1})^{\alpha\beta}$$

$$K^{\alpha\beta} = \sum_n M_n^\alpha f_n (M^\dagger)_n^\beta$$

When varying K:

- Occupancies change
- Kohn-Sham orbitals change
- NGWFs do not change

## Example: Gradient of simple LNV functional

$$\Omega[\sigma] = E[3\sigma^2 - 2\sigma^3] = E[3\mathbf{LSL} - 2\mathbf{LSLSL}]$$

Purified density kernel:  $\mathbf{K} = 3\mathbf{LSL} - 2\mathbf{LSLSL}$

Differentiate with respect to the elements of  $\mathbf{L}$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial L^{\alpha\beta}} = 6(\mathbf{SLH} + \mathbf{HLS})_{\beta\alpha} - 4(\mathbf{SLSLH} + \mathbf{SLHLS} + \mathbf{HLSLS})_{\beta\alpha} = \mathbf{G}_{\beta\alpha}$$

## Tensor correction

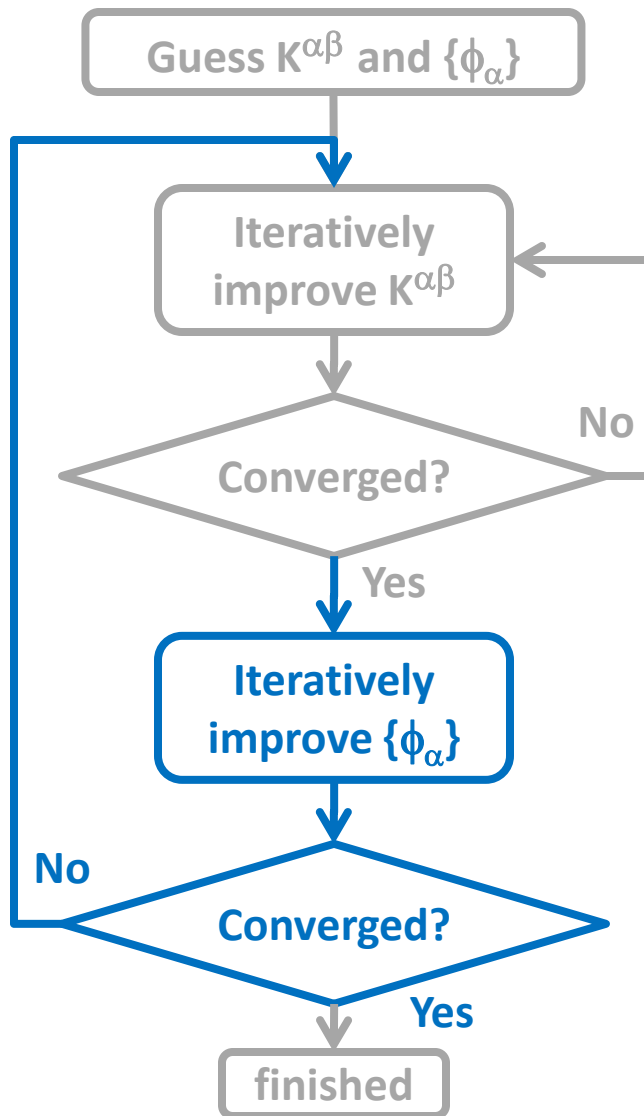
- To obtain search directions (in steepest descents or conjugate gradients) a **contravariant** gradient is needed

$$G^{\alpha\beta} = S_-^{\alpha\gamma} G_{\gamma\epsilon} S_-^{\epsilon\beta} = 6(\mathbf{LHS}_- + \mathbf{S}_-\mathbf{HL})^{\alpha\beta} - 4(\mathbf{LSLHS}_- + \mathbf{LHL} + \mathbf{S}_-\mathbf{HLSL})^{\alpha\beta}$$

E. Artacho and L. M. del Bosch, *Phys. Rev. A* **43**, 5770 (1991).

C. A. White, P. Maslen, M. S. Lee and M. Head-Gordon, *Chem. Phys. Lett.* **276**, 133 (1997).

NGWF optimisation  
(outer loop)



## Derivatives with respect to NGWFs

$$\phi_\alpha(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_m D_m(\mathbf{r}) C_{m\alpha}$$

Gradient of LNV functional with respect to psinc expansion coefficients of NGWFs

$$g_m^\alpha = \frac{\partial L}{\partial C_{m\alpha}^*} = 2w \left[ (\hat{H}\phi_\beta)(\mathbf{r}) K^{\beta\alpha} + \phi_\beta(\mathbf{r}) Q^{\beta\alpha} \right]_{\mathbf{r}=\mathbf{r}_m}$$

Tensor-corrected **covariant** gradient

$$g_{m\alpha} = g_m^\beta S_{\beta\alpha} = 2w \left[ (\hat{H}\phi_\beta)(\mathbf{r}) K^{\beta\gamma} S_{\gamma\alpha} + \phi_\beta(\mathbf{r}) Q^{\beta\gamma} S_{\gamma\alpha} \right]_{\mathbf{r}=\mathbf{r}_m}$$

Linear-scaling calculation of gradient with:

- FFT box technique
- Sparse Hamiltonian and overlap matrices
- Sparse density kernel

C.-K. Skylaris, A. A. Mostofi, P. D. Haynes, O. Dieguez and M. C. Payne,  
*Phys. Rev. B* **66**, 035119 (2002)

# Maintaining localisation: Advantages of orthogonal basis set

## Localisation by truncation of basis set expansion

$$\phi(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_i D_i(\mathbf{r}) c^i$$

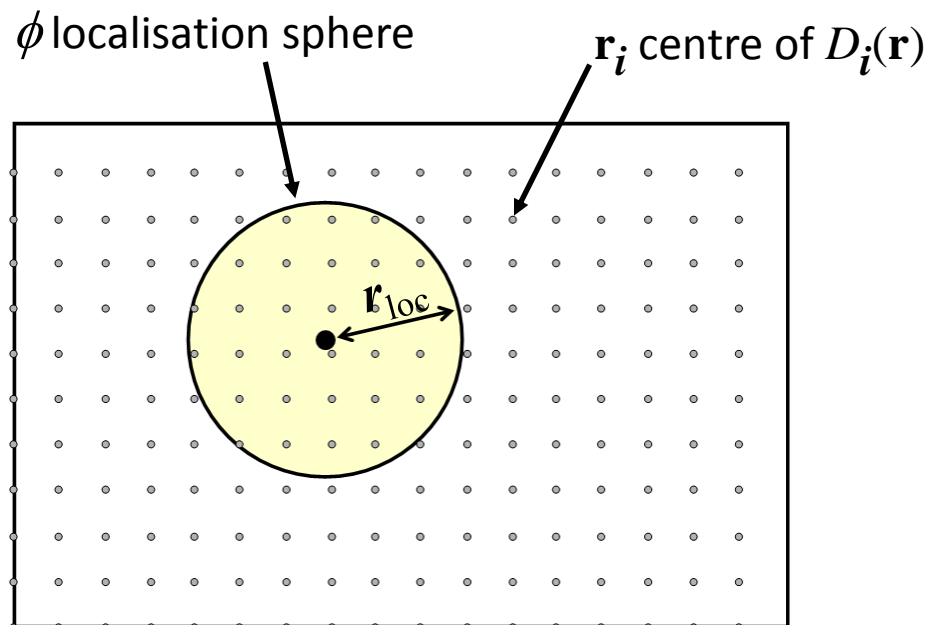
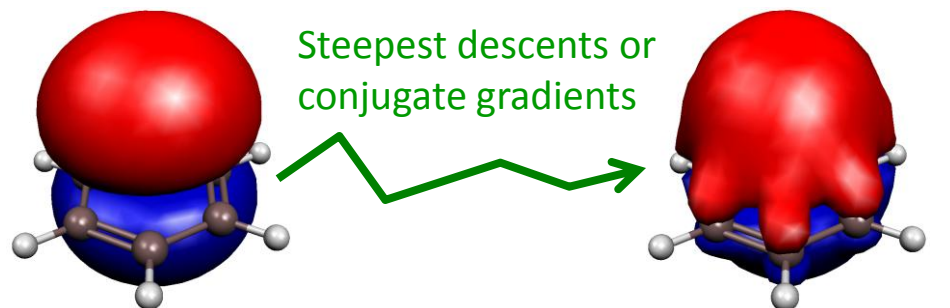
What happens with a non-orthogonal basis:

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial c^{*i}} = g_i$$

$$S_{ij} = \langle D_i(\mathbf{r}) | D_j(\mathbf{r}) \rangle$$

$$c_{\text{new}}^i = c_{\text{old}}^i - \lambda \sum_j (S^{-1})^{ij} g_j$$

Iterative update contains gradients from outside of localisation region



# Occupancy preconditioning

- Derivative of E w.r.t. orbitals

$$\frac{\delta E}{\delta \psi_n^*(\mathbf{r})} = 2f_n[\hat{H}\psi_n(\mathbf{r}) - \epsilon_n\psi_n(\mathbf{r})]$$

- Derivative of E w.r.t. NGWFs

$$\frac{\delta E}{\delta \psi_n^*(\mathbf{r})} = \int \frac{\delta E}{\delta \phi_\alpha^*(\mathbf{r}')} \left( \frac{\delta \phi_\alpha(\mathbf{r}')}{\delta \psi_n(\mathbf{r})} \right)^* d\mathbf{r}' = \frac{\delta E}{\delta \phi_\alpha^*(\mathbf{r})} M_{\alpha n}$$

$$\frac{\delta E}{\delta \phi_\alpha^*(\mathbf{r})} = \frac{\delta E}{\delta \psi_n^*(\mathbf{r})} (M^\dagger)_{n\beta} (S^{-1})^{\beta\alpha}$$

Relation between Kohn-Sham orbitals and NGWFs

$$\phi_\alpha(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_n \psi_n(\mathbf{r}) (M^\dagger)_{n\alpha}$$

$$\psi_n(\mathbf{r}) = \phi_\alpha(\mathbf{r}) M_n^\alpha \quad \langle \psi_n | \psi_m \rangle = \delta_{nm}$$

$$\langle \phi_\alpha | \phi_\beta \rangle = S_{\alpha\beta}, \quad (S^{-1})^{\alpha\beta}$$

$$K^{\alpha\beta} = \sum_n M_n^\alpha f_n (M^\dagger)_n^\beta$$

Remove ill-conditioning due to  $f_n \sim 0$

$$\frac{\delta E}{\delta \phi_\alpha^*(\mathbf{r})} \xrightarrow{f_n \text{ in } [0,1]} 2[\hat{H}\phi_\beta(\mathbf{r})K^{\beta\alpha} - \phi_\beta(\mathbf{r})K^{\beta\gamma}H_{\gamma\eta}(S^{-1})^{\eta\alpha}]$$

make all  $f_n = 1$  `occ_mix = 1.0`

$$2[\hat{H}\phi_\beta(\mathbf{r})(S^{-1})^{\beta\alpha} - \phi_\beta(\mathbf{r})(S^{-1})^{\beta\gamma}H_{\gamma\eta}(S^{-1})^{\eta\alpha}]$$

Covariant  $\rightarrow$  Use for search directions

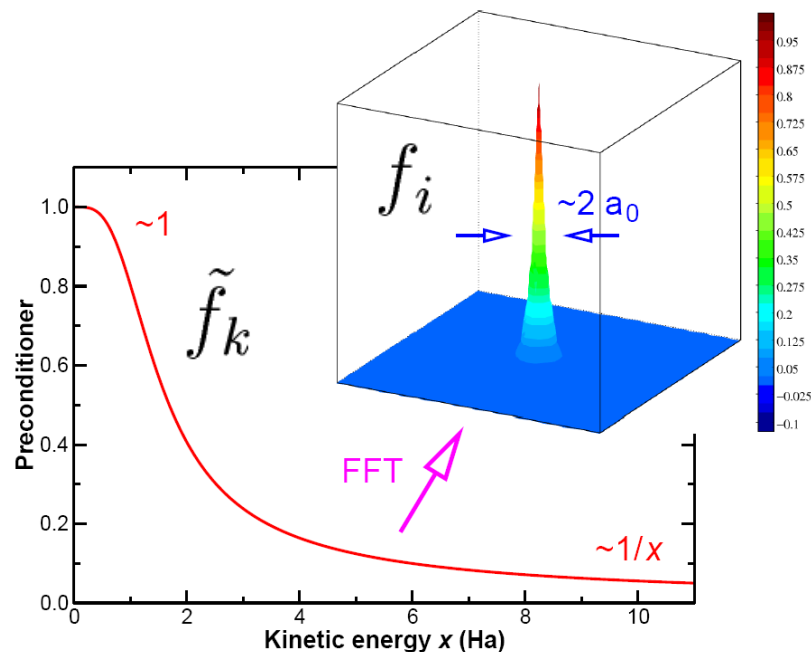
$$2[\hat{H}\phi_\alpha(\mathbf{r}) - \phi_\beta(\mathbf{r})(S^{-1})^{\beta\gamma}H_{\gamma\alpha}]$$



# Kinetic energy preconditioning

## Length scale ill-conditioning

- Convergence rate falls with increasing ratio of max/min eigenvalues of the Hamiltonian
- High energy eigenstates are dominated by kinetic energy
- Need to reduce the contribution of kinetic energy in the NGWF gradient

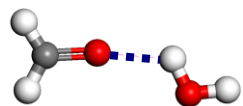


- Pre-multiply NGWF gradient in reciprocal space with a function that behaves as the inverse of the kinetic energy at high wave vectors and approaches 1 at low wavevectors:

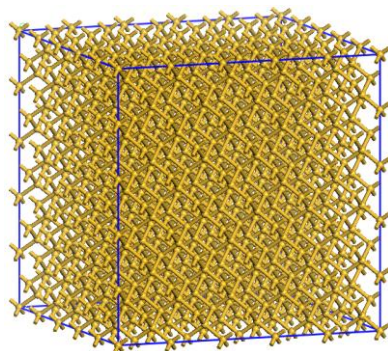
$$\tilde{g}_{k\alpha} \longrightarrow \tilde{f}_k \tilde{g}_{k\alpha} \quad \text{Example: } \tilde{f}_k = \frac{k_0^2}{k_0^2 + \mathbf{k}^2} \quad \text{k\_zero}$$

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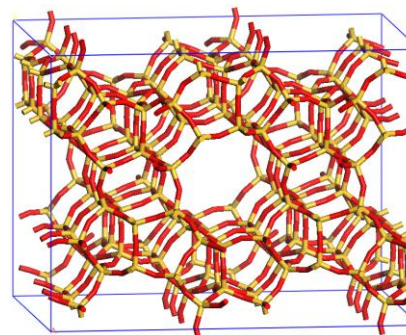
**Fast convergence**  
**True linear-scaling**



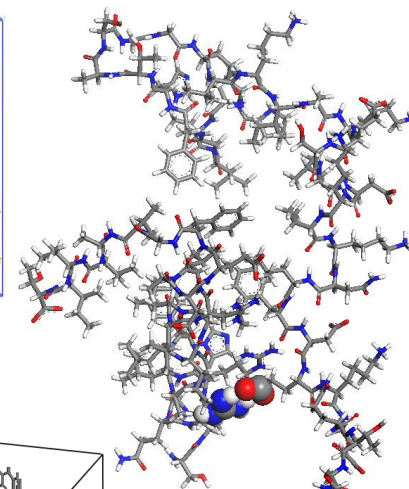
H-bond (7 atoms)



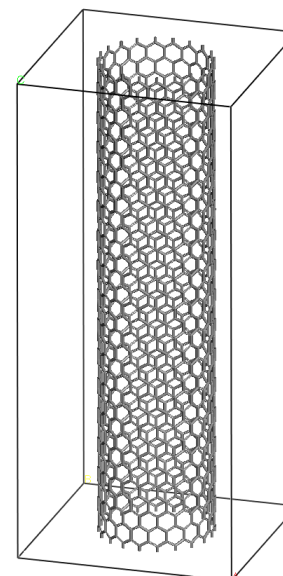
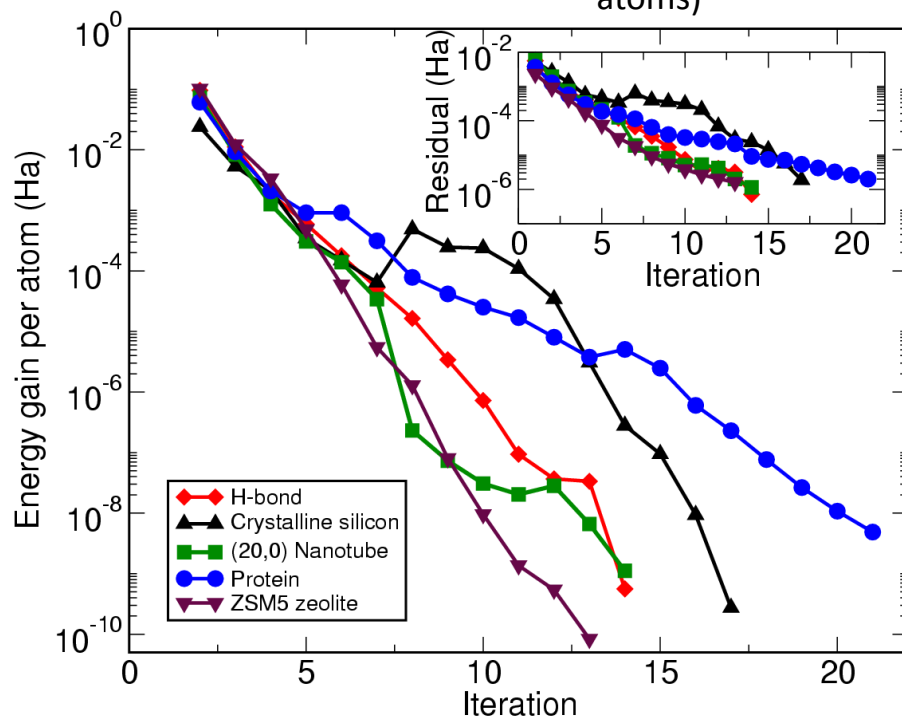
Crystalline silicon (1000 atoms)



ZSM5 zeolite (576 atoms)



Protein (988 atoms)



(20, 0) Nanotube (1280 atoms)

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## Calculation of $S^{-1}$

The Inverse of

$$S_{\alpha\beta} = \langle \phi_\alpha | \phi_\beta \rangle$$

Is a **contravariant** tensor, like the density kernel

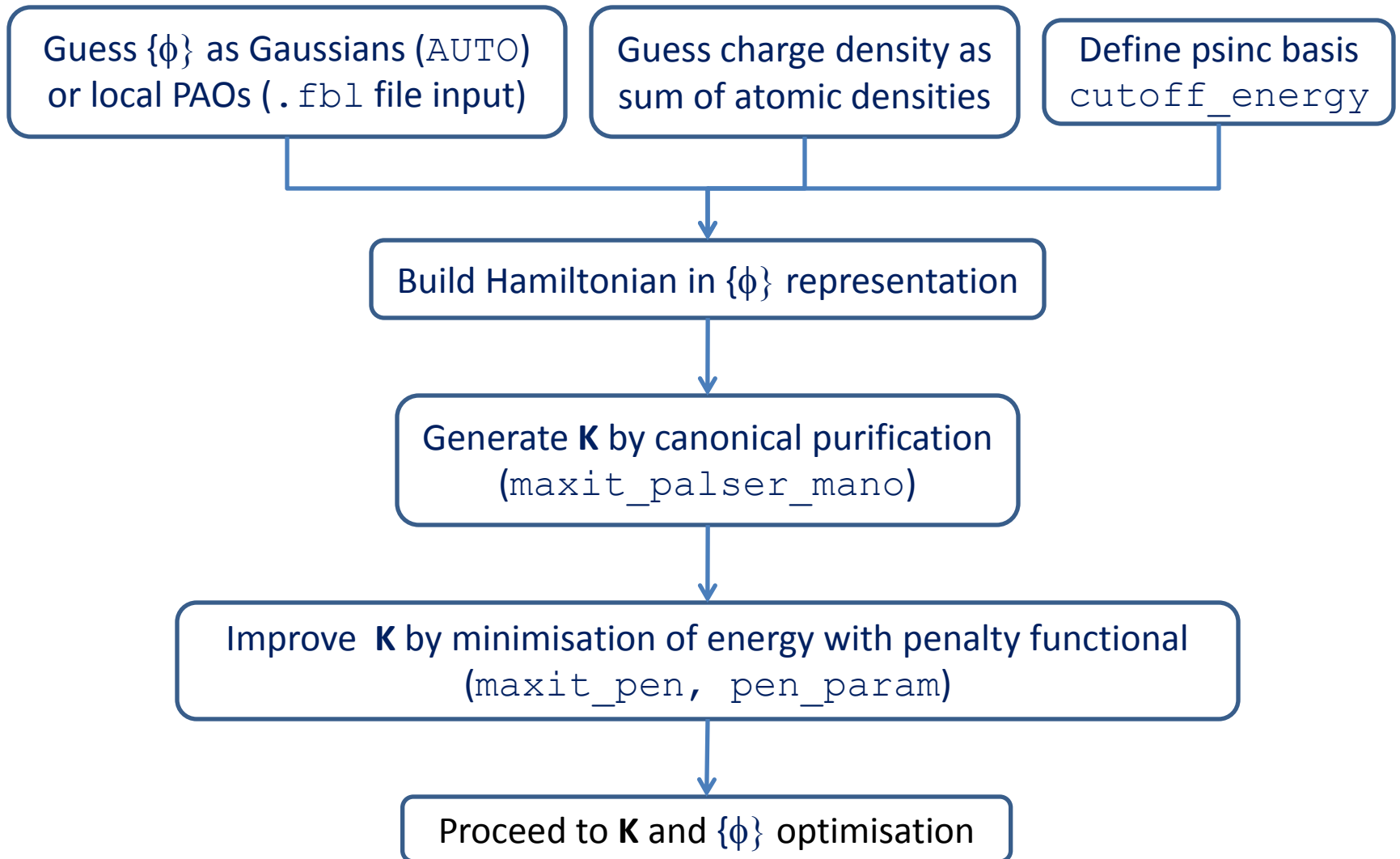
Can be iteratively generated with the Hotelling formula

$$\mathbf{S}_{\text{new}}^{-1} = 2\mathbf{S}_{\text{old}}^{-1} - \mathbf{S}_{\text{old}}^{-1} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{S}_{\text{old}}^{-1} \quad \text{maxit\_hotelling}$$

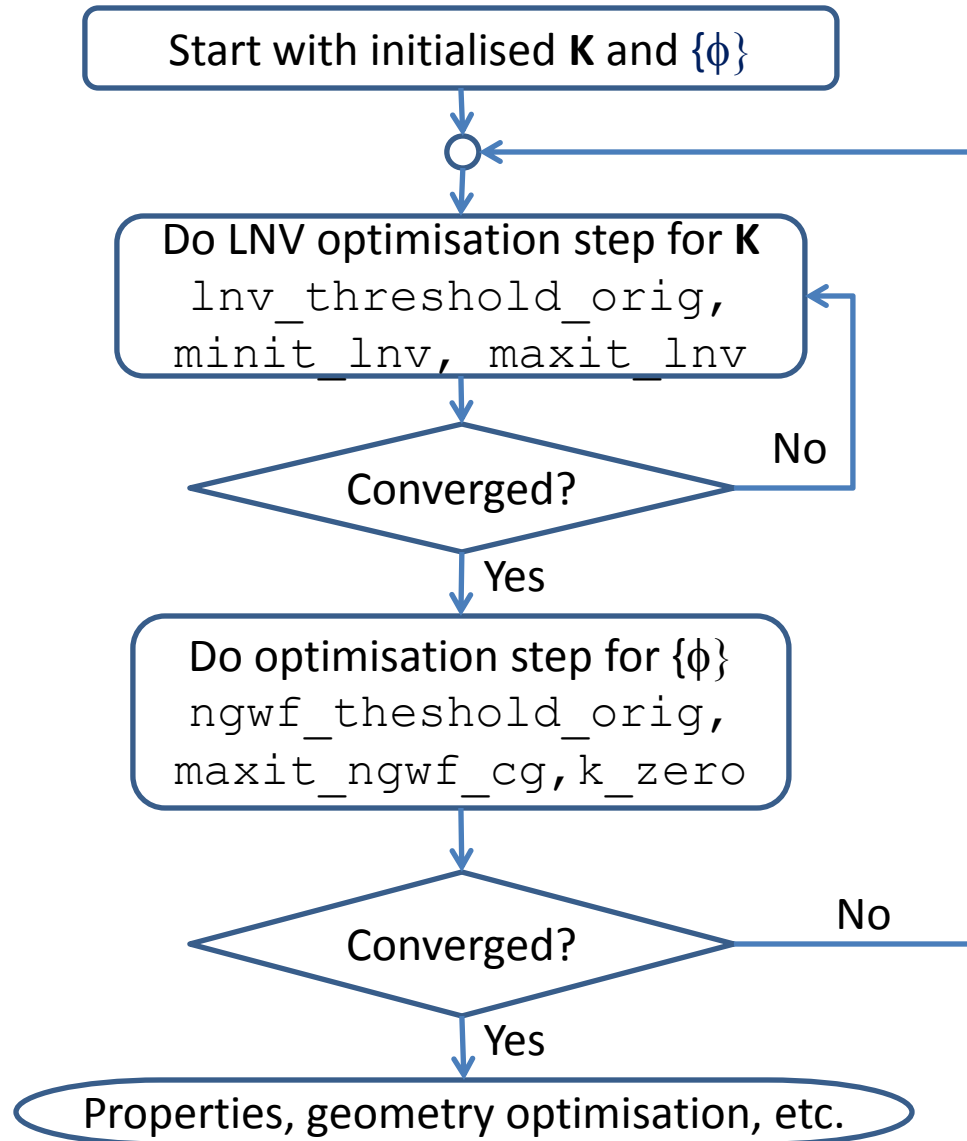
- Similar to purification transformation
- Converges rapidly
- Can generate  $\mathbf{S}^{-1}$  with linear-scaling cost from the beginning
- Can be used to update  $\mathbf{S}^{-1}$  when NGWFs are updated with minimal computational effort
- Takes advantage of kernel truncation

## Overall ONETEP calculation scheme

## Initialisation of density kernel and NGWFs



# NGWF and density kernel optimisation



## Key points

- Direct energy minimisation, no density mixing
- All quantities (Hamiltonian, energy, gradients) built with linear-scaling cost
  - NGWF localisation in real space, FFT-box technique in reciprocal space
  - Sparse Hamiltonian and overlap matrixes
  - Sparse density kernel (`kernel_cutoff`)
- Linear-scaling iterative algorithms using sparse matrix algebra
- Matrix products preserve sparsity patterns, e.g. **KSK** is less sparse than **K**
- Tensorially correct gradients
- Preconditioned NGWF optimisation