

# Recent Developments in the ELSI Infrastructure for Large-Scale Electronic Structure Theory

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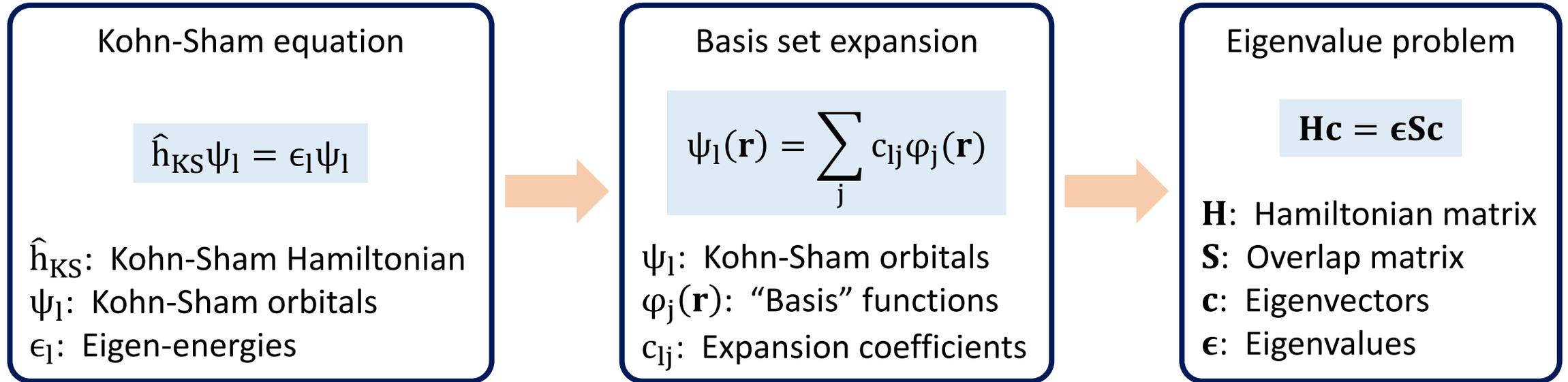
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# Kohn-Sham Density-Functional Theory (KS-DFT)



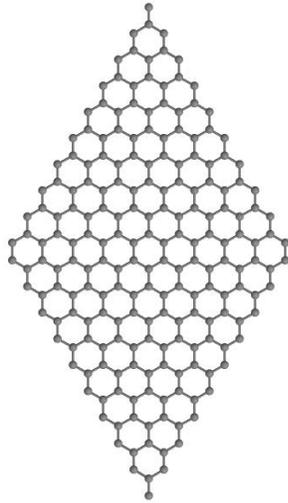
Target: Total energy is a functional of electron density:  $E = E[n]$

Nonlinear  
optimization

- Hamiltonian  $\mathbf{H}$  depends on electron density  $n$
- Electron density  $n$  depends on wavefunctions  $\{\psi_1\}$
- Wavefunctions  $\{\psi_1\}$  depend on Hamiltonian  $\mathbf{H}$

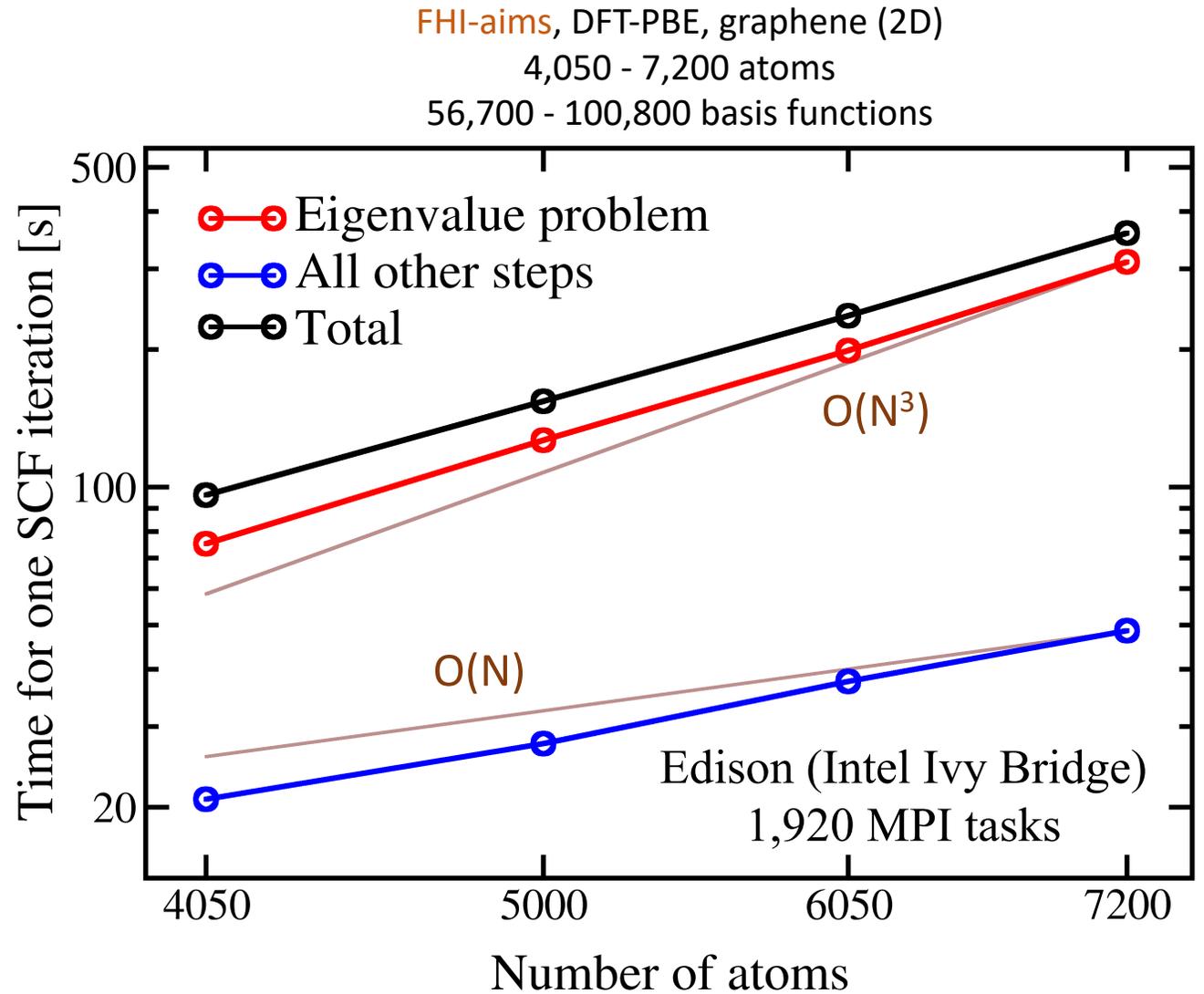
Solution: Repeatedly update electron density  $n$  towards **self-consistency**

# “Cubic Wall” in KS-DFT

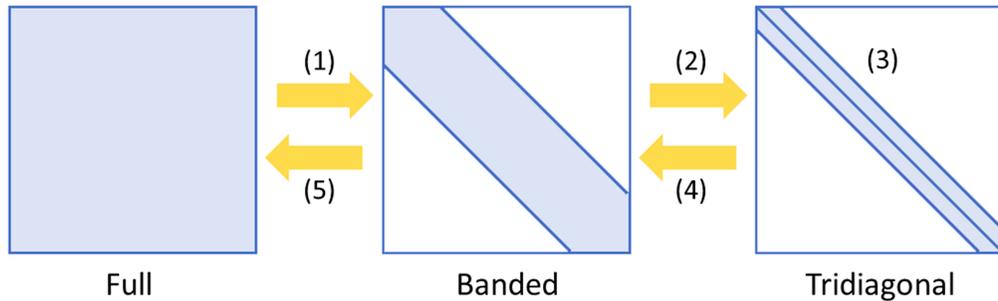


- Diagonalization with a dense eigensolver:  $O(N^3)$
- Other steps:  $O(N)$   
(achievable with localized basis)

N: Number of atoms

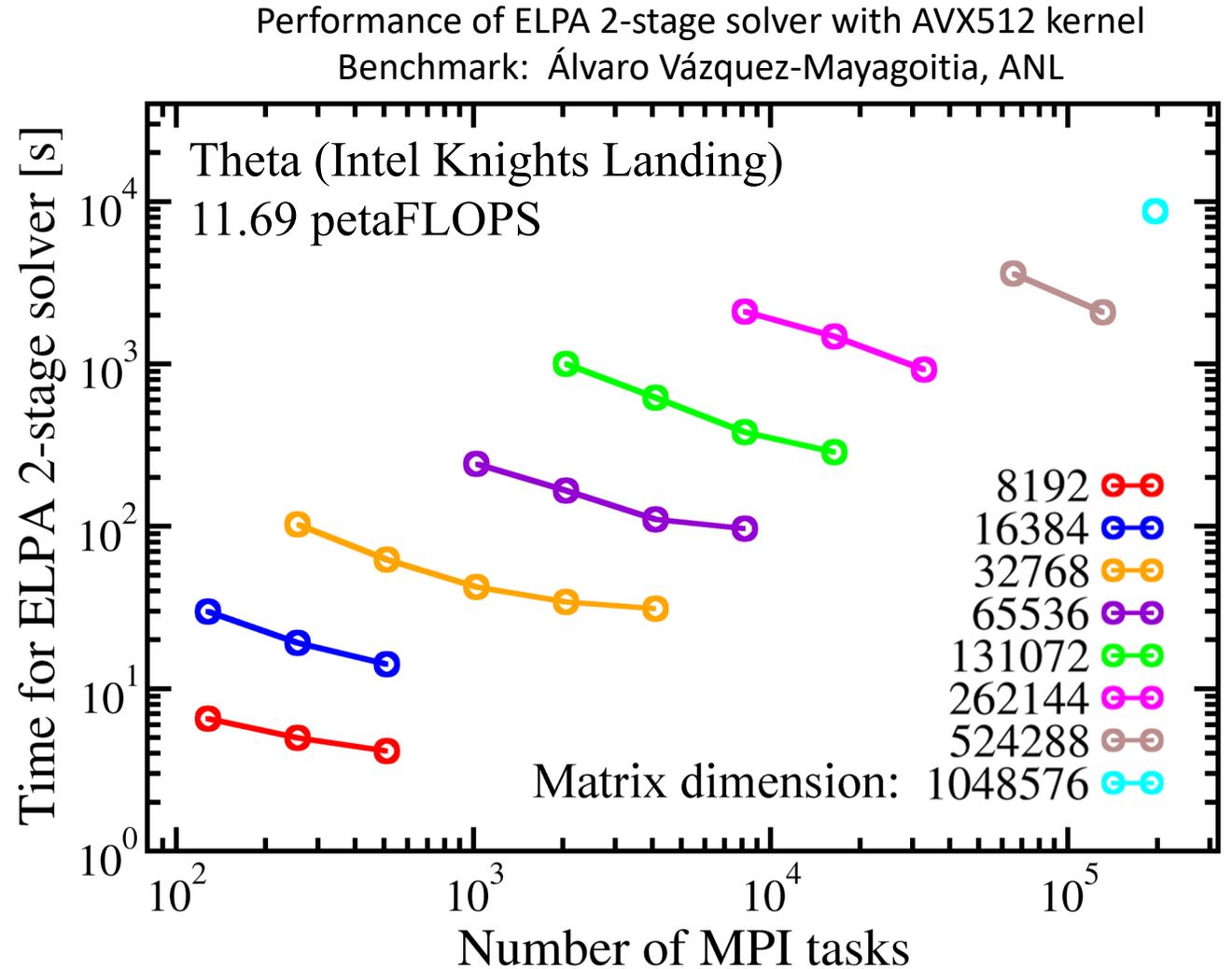


# Conventional Solution: Diagonalization



Auckenthaler et al., Parallel Comput. 2011  
Marek et al., J. Phys. Condens. Matter 2014  
<http://elpa.mpcdf.mpg.de>

- ELPA eigenvalue solver library:  
2-stage diagonalization
- Highly efficient for solving moderately-sized eigenproblems on HPC systems



# Eigensolvers and Density Matrix Solvers

Diagonalization  
(wavefunctions)

- Efficient for small-to-medium-sized problems
- Applicable to metals, semiconductors, insulators
- $O(N^3)$  time and  $O(N^2)$  memory

... and many methods in between ...  
(crossover unclear)

Traditional  
 $O(N)$  methods  
(density matrix)

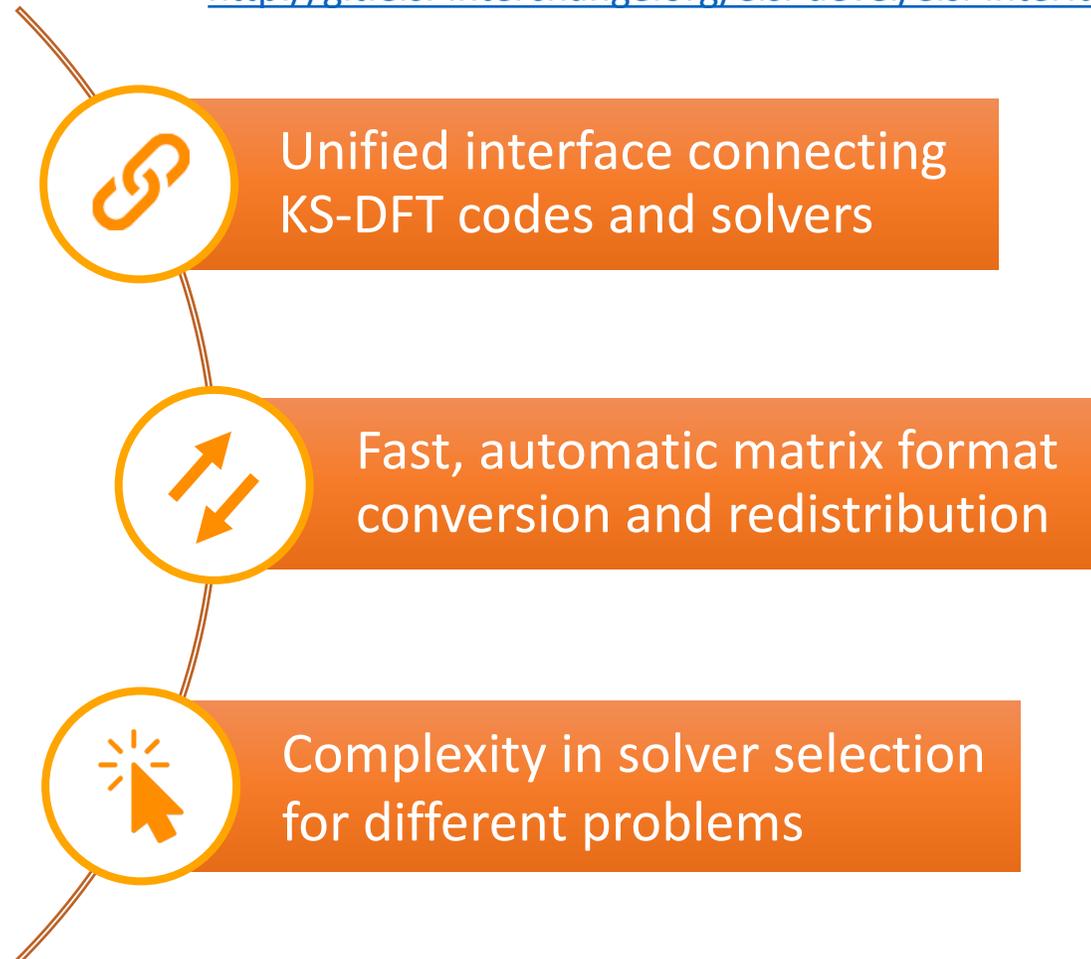
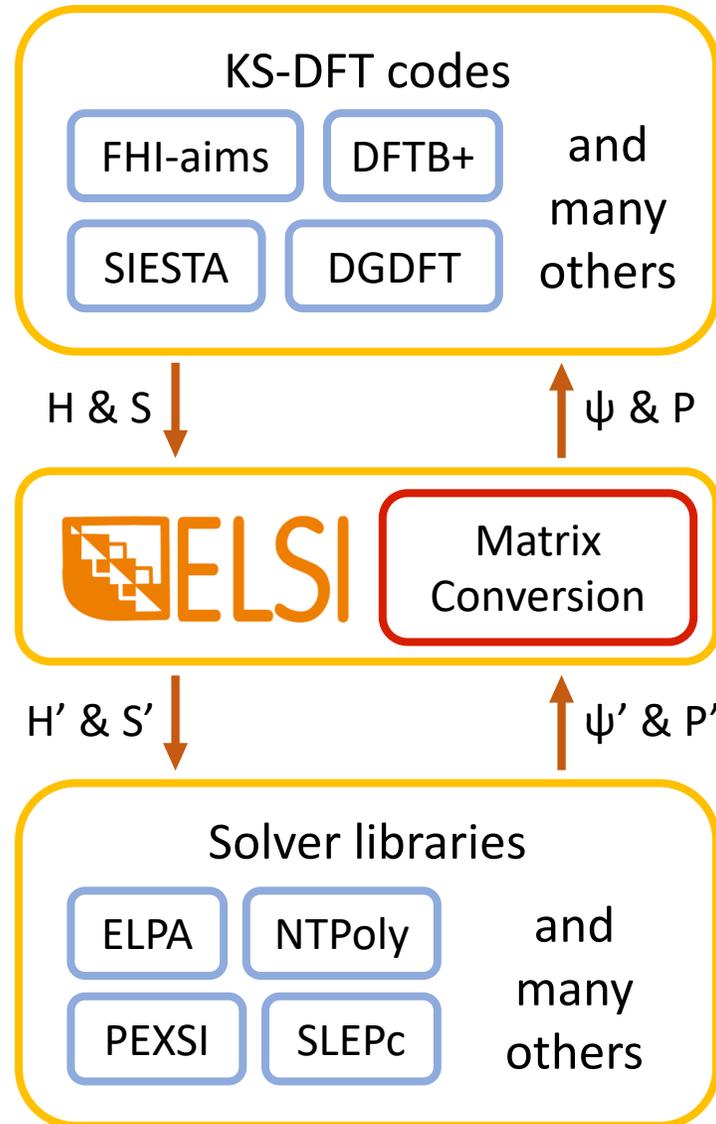
- Lower scaling factor and memory consumption
- Larger prefactor, overhead for small problems
- Difficulty in treating metallic systems

# ELSI: Connection between KS-DFT Codes and Solvers

Yu et al., Comput. Phys. Commun. 2018

<http://elsi-interchange.org>

<http://git.elsi-interchange.org/elsi-devel/elsi-interface>



# Benchmark Methods



All-electron KS-DFT  
Numeric atom-centered orbitals  
Sparse matrices  
Blum et al., Comput. Phys. Commun. 2009



Pseudopotential KS-DFT  
Numeric atom-centered orbitals  
More sparse matrices  
Soler et al., J. Phys.: Condens. Matter 2002

DFTB+

Semi-empirical tight-binding  
Atomic orbitals  
Highly sparse matrices  
Aradi et al., J. Phys. Chem. A 2007



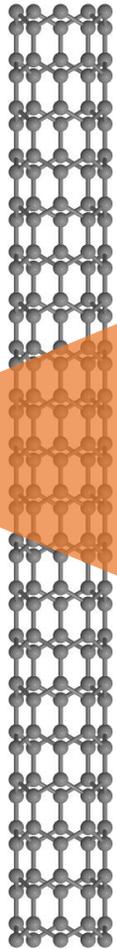
Edison supercomputer  
<http://www.nersc.gov/edison>

Cray XC30  
Intel Ivy Bridge

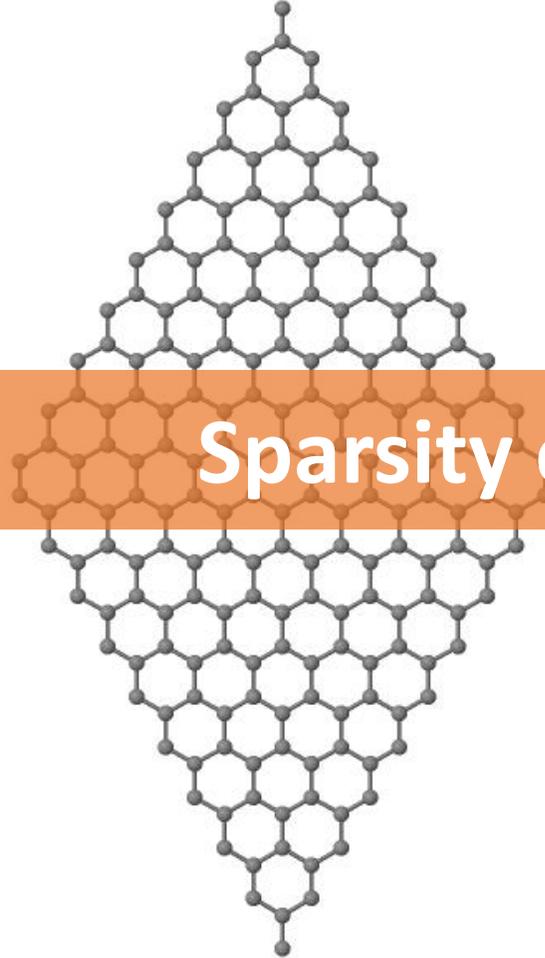
2.57 Petaflops  
5,586 compute nodes  
134,064 processing cores  
(24 cores per node)

# Benchmark Methods

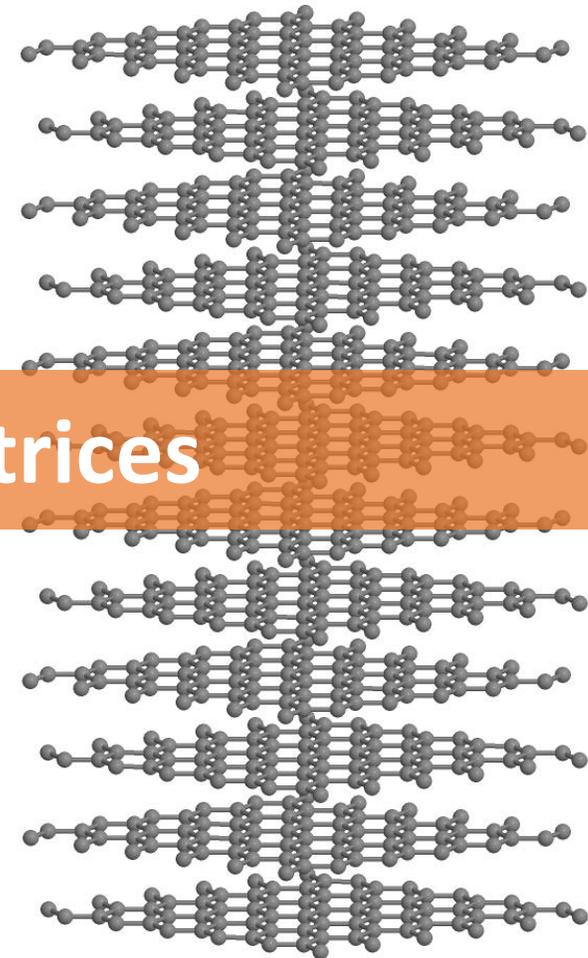
Carbon nanotube  
(1D)



Graphene  
(2D)



Graphite  
(3D)



Sparsity of matrices

# Benchmark Methods

- All benchmarks were performed on the Edison supercomputer at the National Energy Research Scientific Computing Center (Berkeley, CA, USA).
- Compute nodes (24 CPU cores) were fully exploited by launching 24 MPI tasks per node. No OpenMP was employed.
- Third-party libraries and tools used in these benchmarks include
  - Compilers: Intel 18.0.1
  - MPI: Cray MPICH 7.6.2
  - BLAS/LAPACK/ScaLAPACK: Intel MKL 2018.1
  - ELPA: 2016.11.001
  - NTPoly: 1.3
  - PEXSI: 1.0.0
  - SLEPc: 3.8.3
- Benchmarks reported here are not official benchmarks of the above third-party libraries. Performance may differ when running different versions of code on different computers.

# Pole Expansion and Selected Inversion (PEXSI)

$$\mathbf{P} = \sum_I \text{Im} \left( \frac{w_I}{\mathbf{H} - (z_I + \mu)\mathbf{S}} \right)$$

$\mathbf{P}$ : Density matrix

$\mathbf{H}$ : Hamiltonian matrix

$\mathbf{S}$ : Overlap matrix

$z_I$ : Shift (pole)

$w_I$ : Weight

$\mu$ : Chemical potential

Lin et al., J. Phys. Condens. Matter 2013

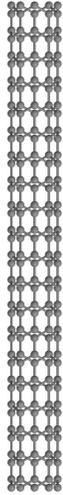
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Jia and Lin., J. Chem. Phys. 2017

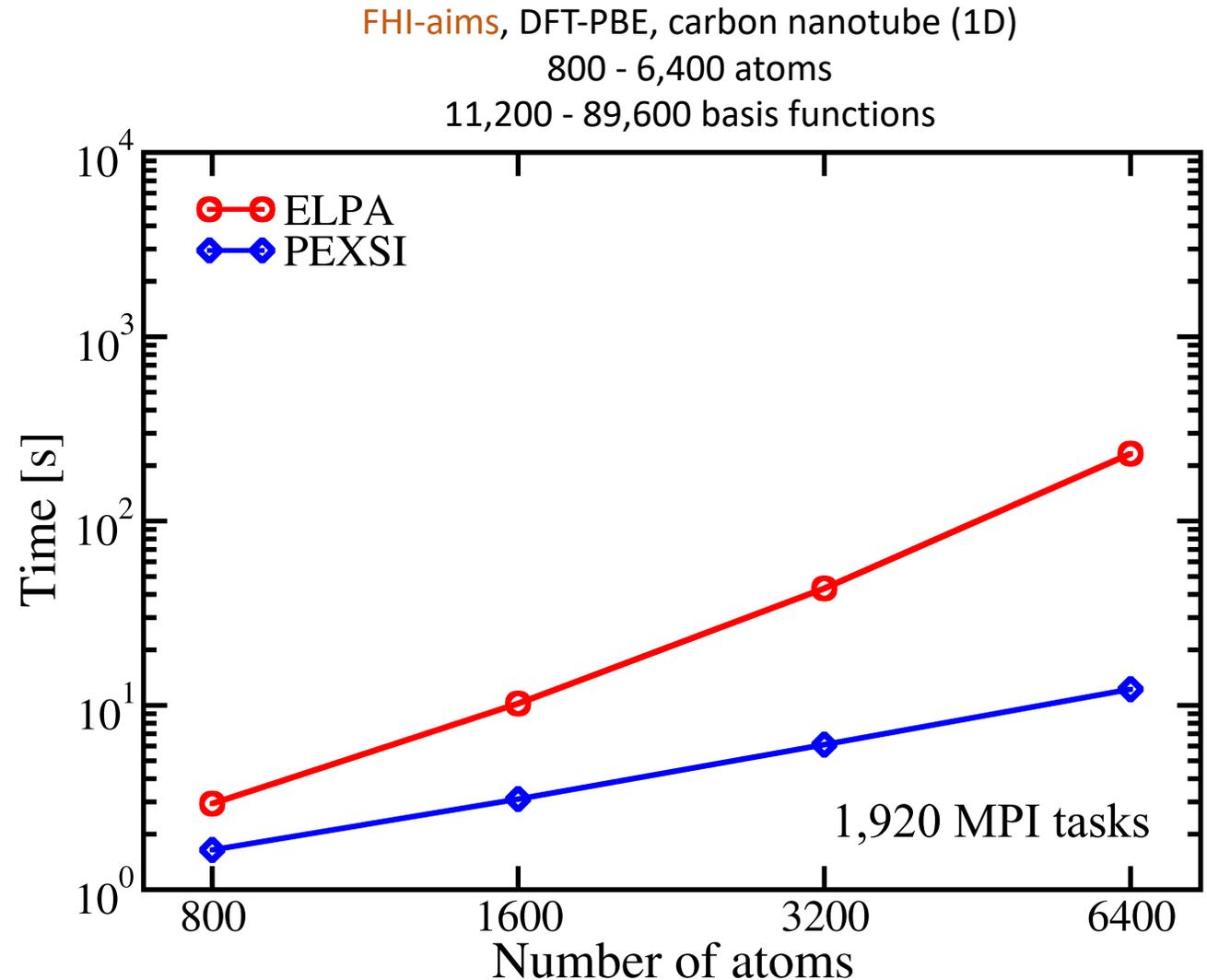
<http://pexsi.org>

- Selected inversion: Evaluate **selected** elements of  $(\mathbf{H} - (z_I + \mu)\mathbf{S})^{-1}$
- Computational cost (semilocal XC):
  - 1D system:  $O(N)$
  - 2D system:  $O(N^{1.5})$
  - 3D system:  $O(N^2)$
- No dependence on band gap
- Highly scalable: Poles can be evaluated independently **in parallel**

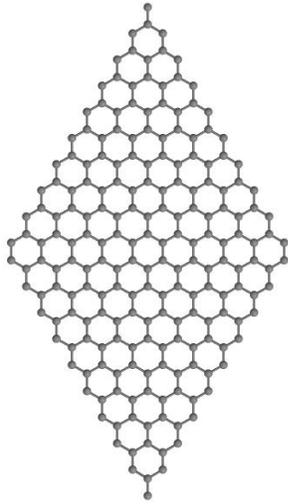
# ELPA vs. PEXSI: 1-Dimensional FHI-aims Models



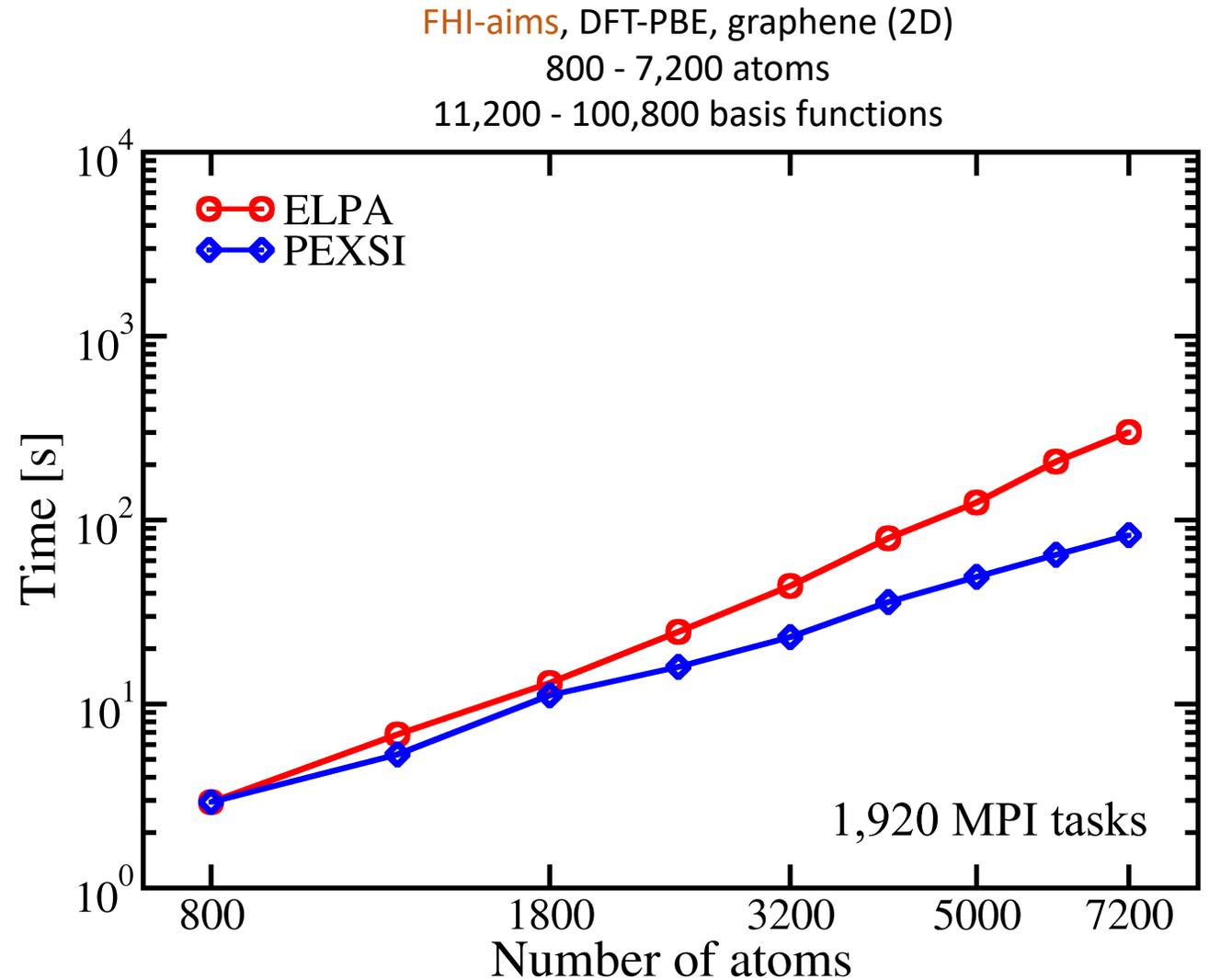
- Sparsity: 96% - 99% zeros
- Theoretical scaling:
  - **ELPA**:  $O(N^3)$
  - **PEXSI**:  $O(N)$  for 1D systems
- **PEXSI** favorable for 1D systems



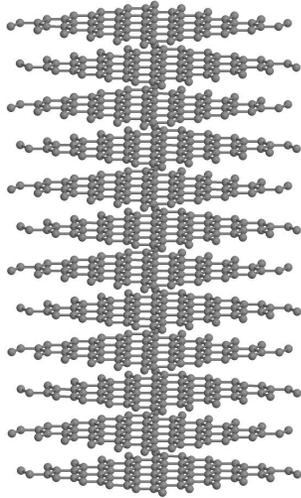
# ELPA vs. PEXSI: 2-Dimensional FHI-aims Models



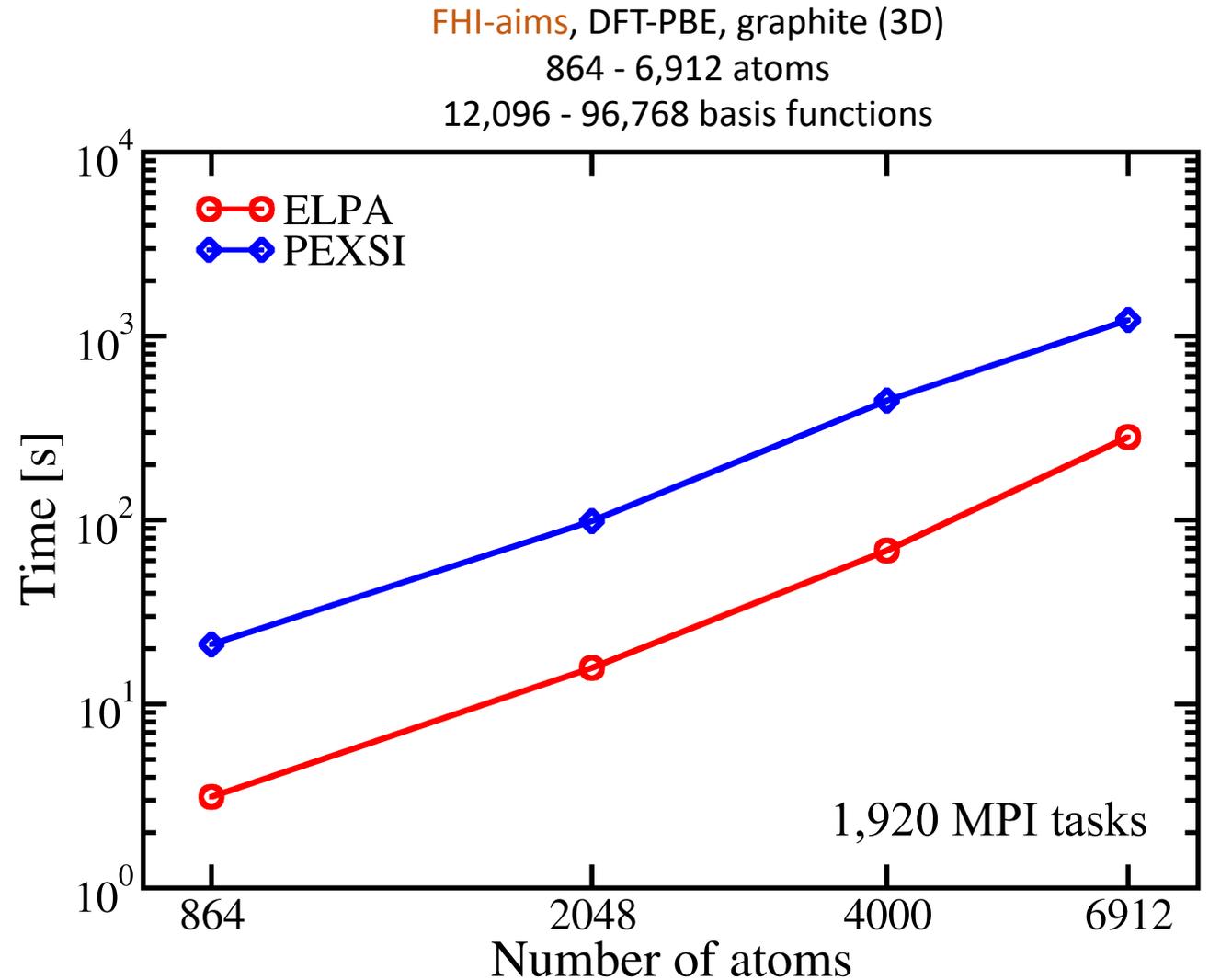
- Sparsity: 91% - 99% zeros
- Theoretical scaling:
  - **ELPA**:  $O(N^3)$
  - **PEXSI**:  $O(N^{1.5})$  for 2D systems
- Crossover: 800 atoms



# ELPA vs. PEXSI: 3-Dimensional FHI-aims Models

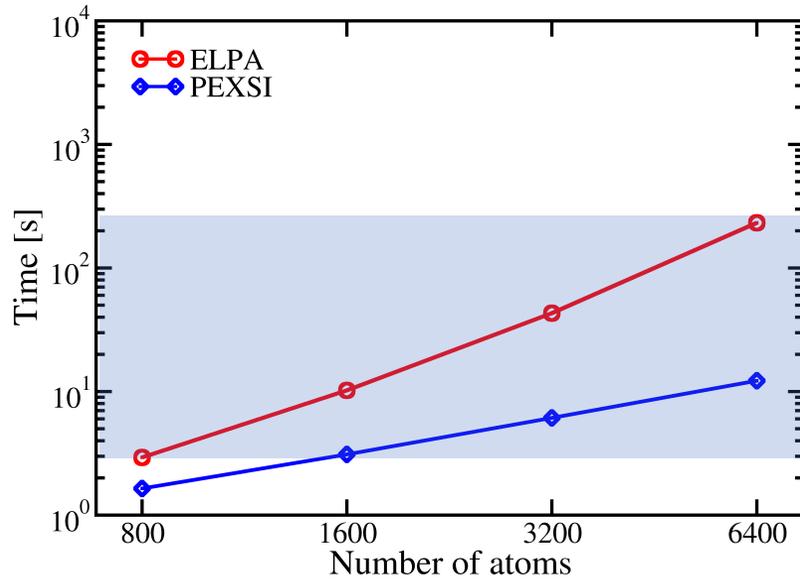


- Sparsity: 74% - 90% zeros
- Theoretical scaling:
  - **ELPA**:  $O(N^3)$
  - **PEXSI**:  $O(N^2)$  for 3D systems
- **ELPA** favorable for 3D bulk systems

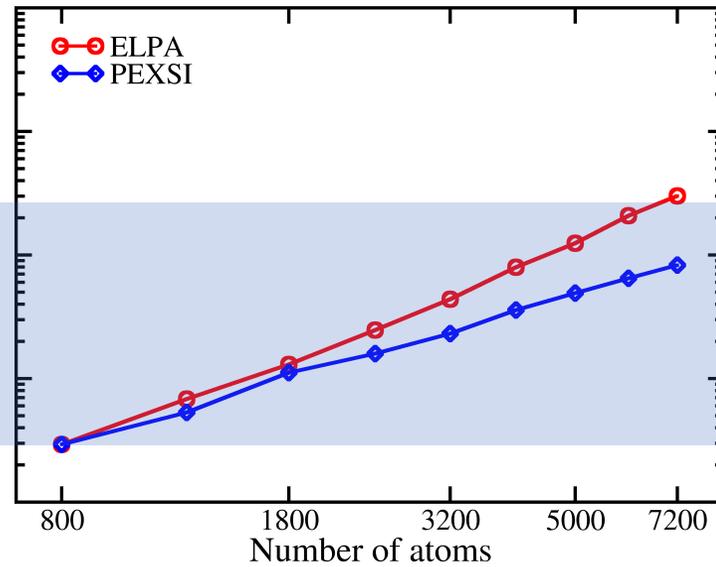


# ELPA vs. PEXSI: Dimensionality of Systems

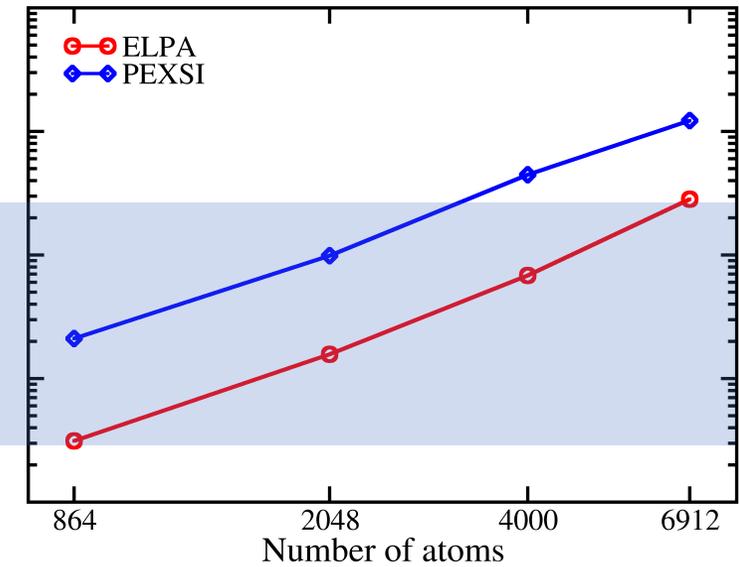
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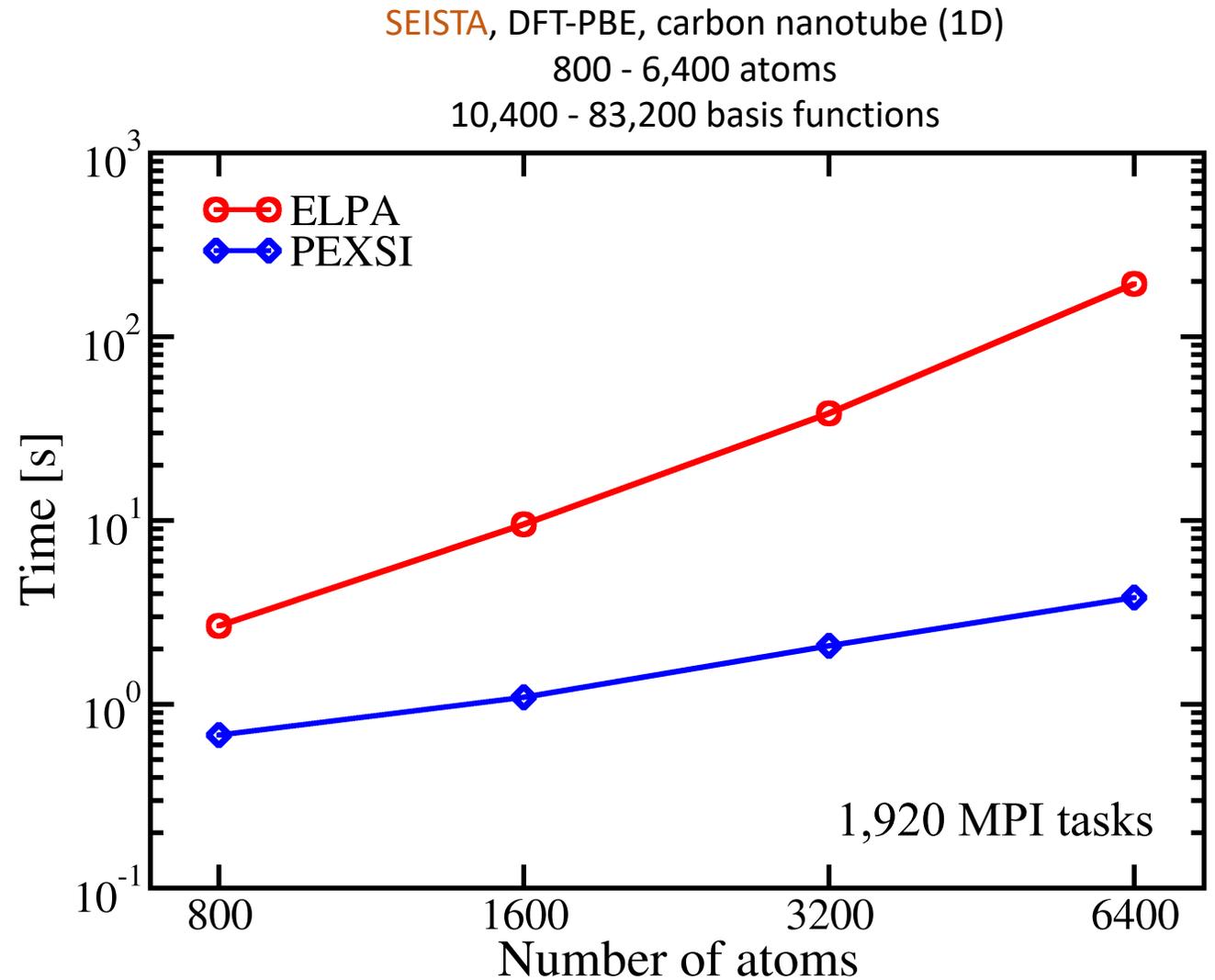
All calculations: FHI-aims, DFT-PBE, 1,920 MPI tasks

- ELPA not dependent on dimensionality
- PEXSI favorable for low-dimensional (sparse) systems

# ELPA vs. PEXSI: 1-Dimensional SIESTA Models



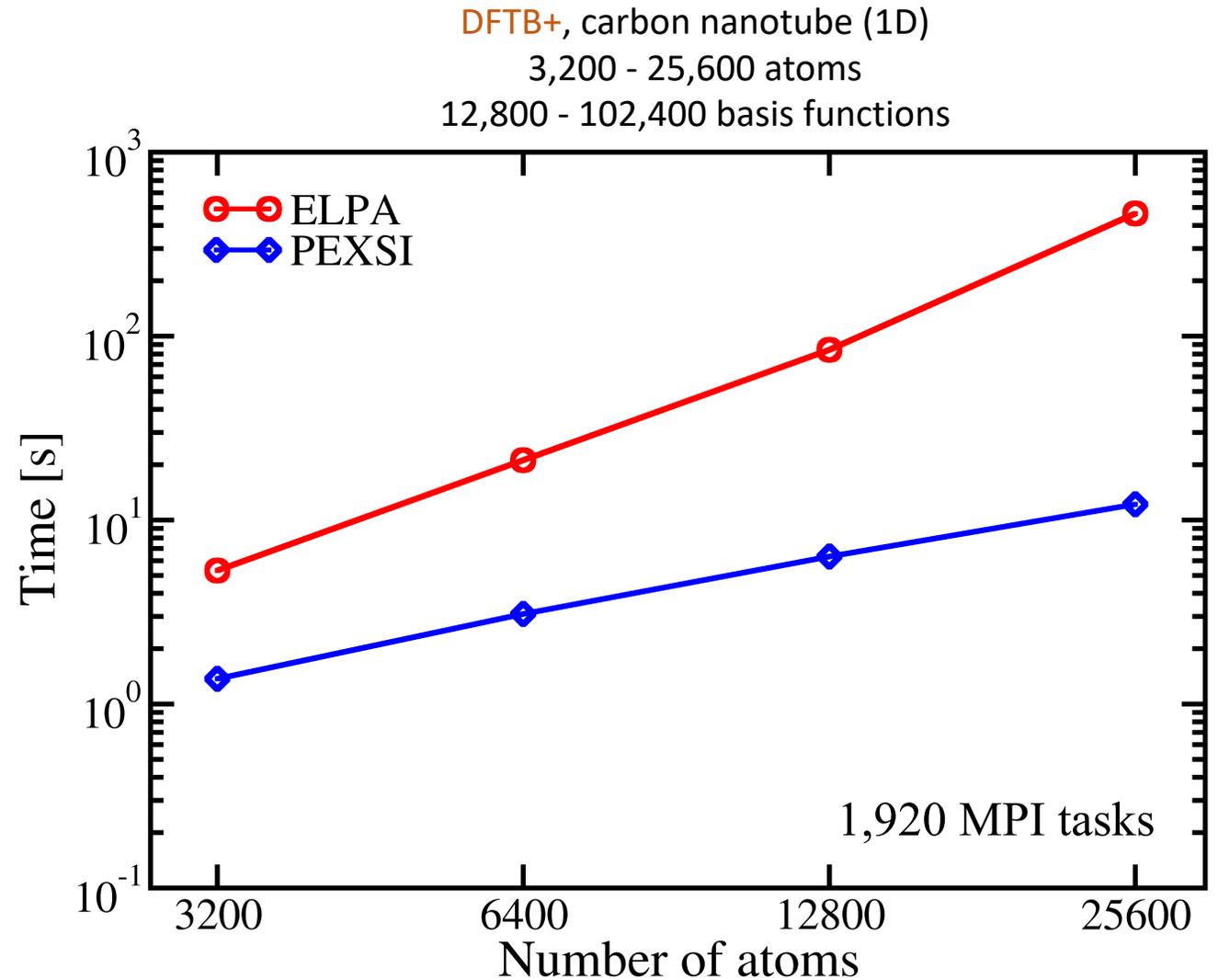
- Sparsity: 97% - 99% zeros
- Same conclusion in FHI-aims, SIESTA, and DFTB+



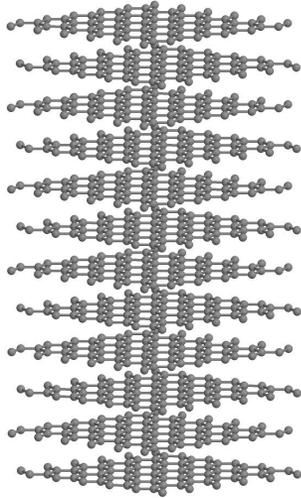
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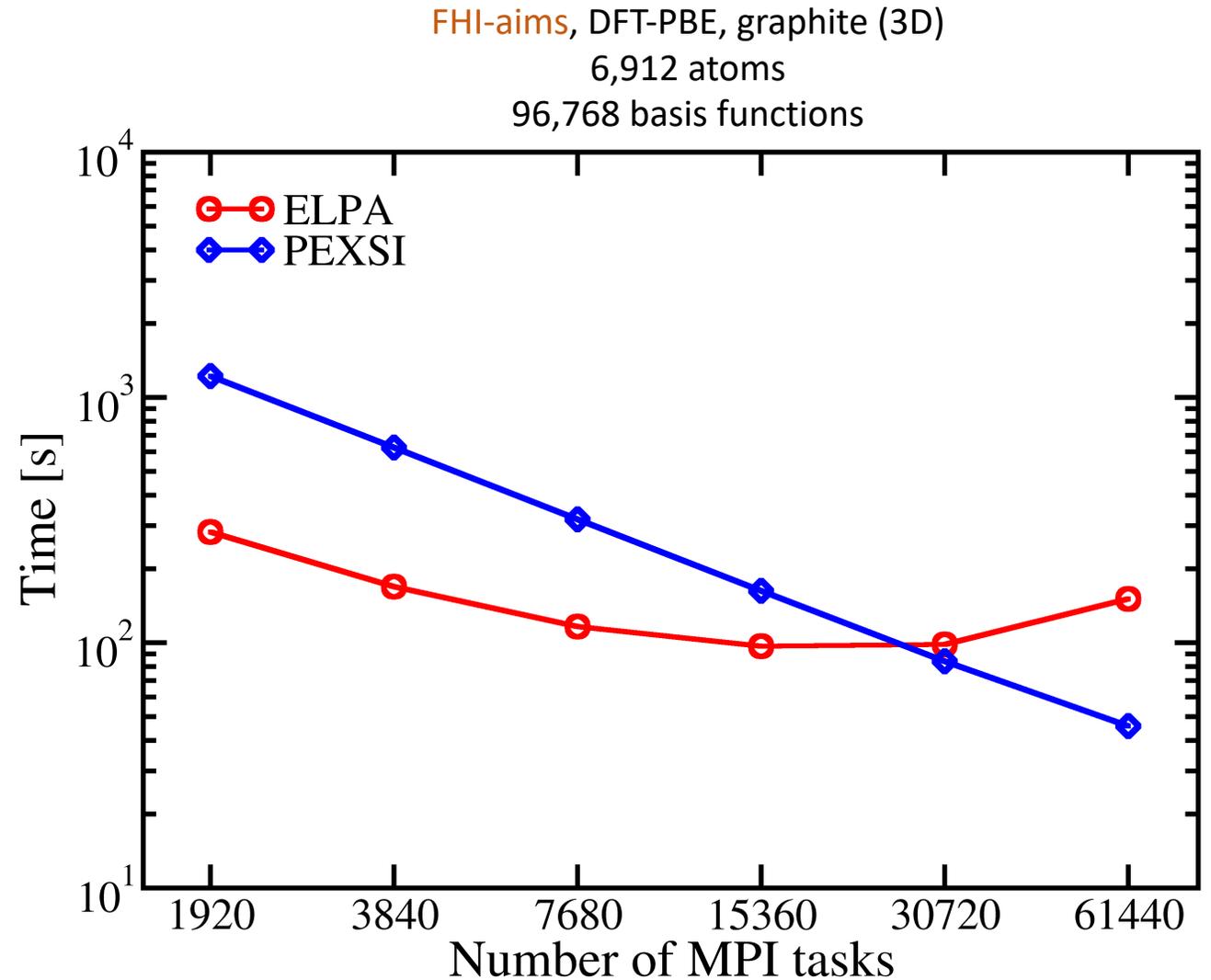
- Sparsity: > 99% zeros
- Same conclusion in FHI-aims, SIESTA, and DFTB+



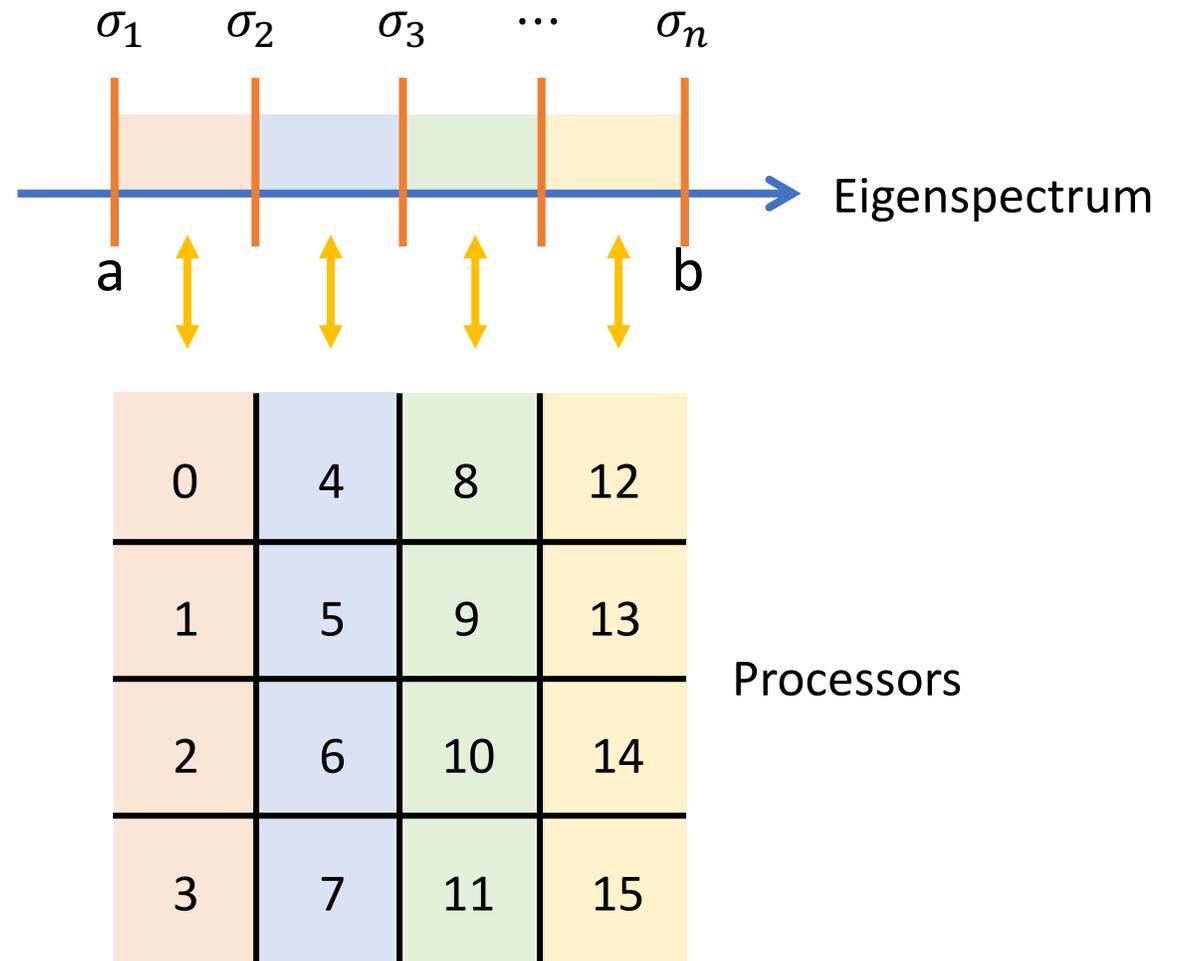
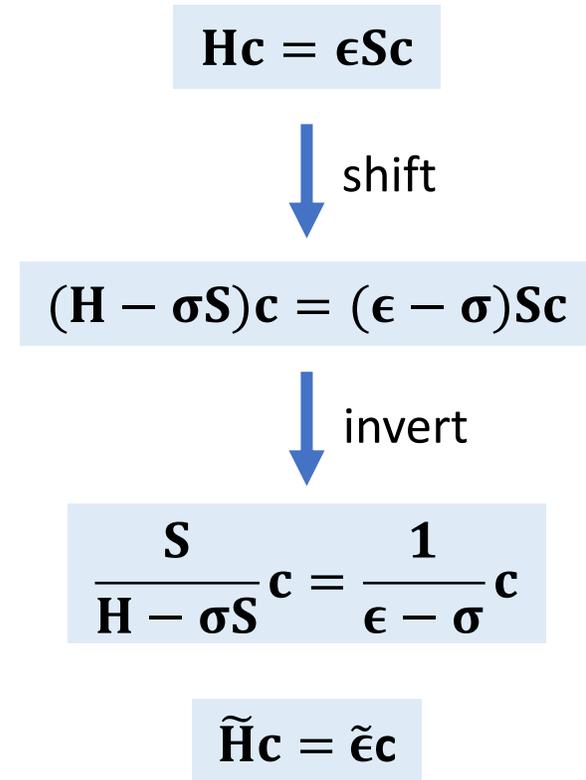
# ELPA vs. PEXSI: Parallel Scalability



- Sparsity: 90% zeros
- **ELPA**: Scales up to ~20k tasks
- **PEXSI**: Almost ideal scaling
  
- **ELPA**: General 3D bulk systems
- **PEXSI**: Low-dimensional systems with a large number of processors

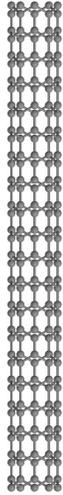


# Shift-and-Invert Parallel Spectral Transformation in SLEPc

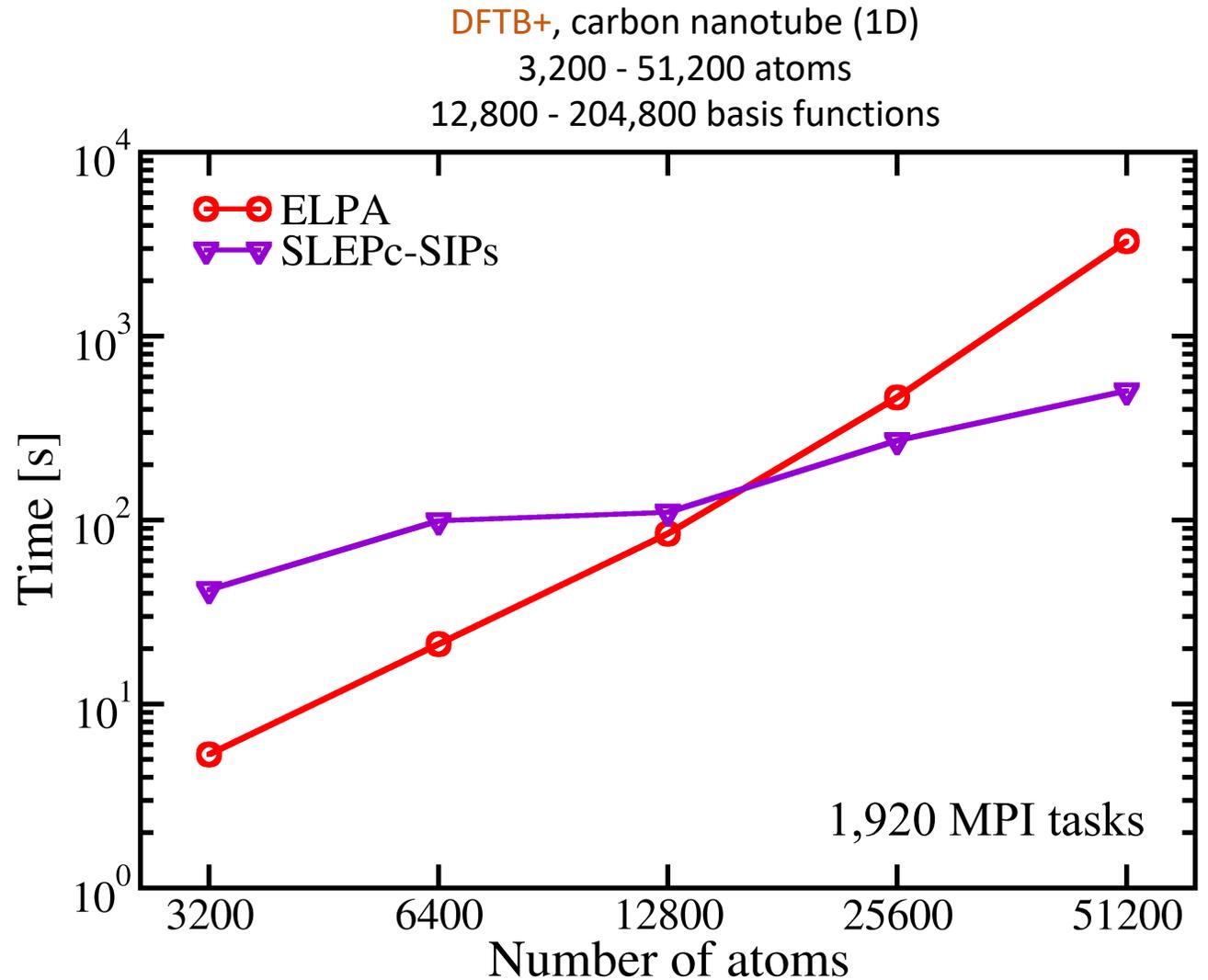


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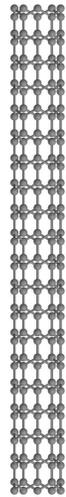
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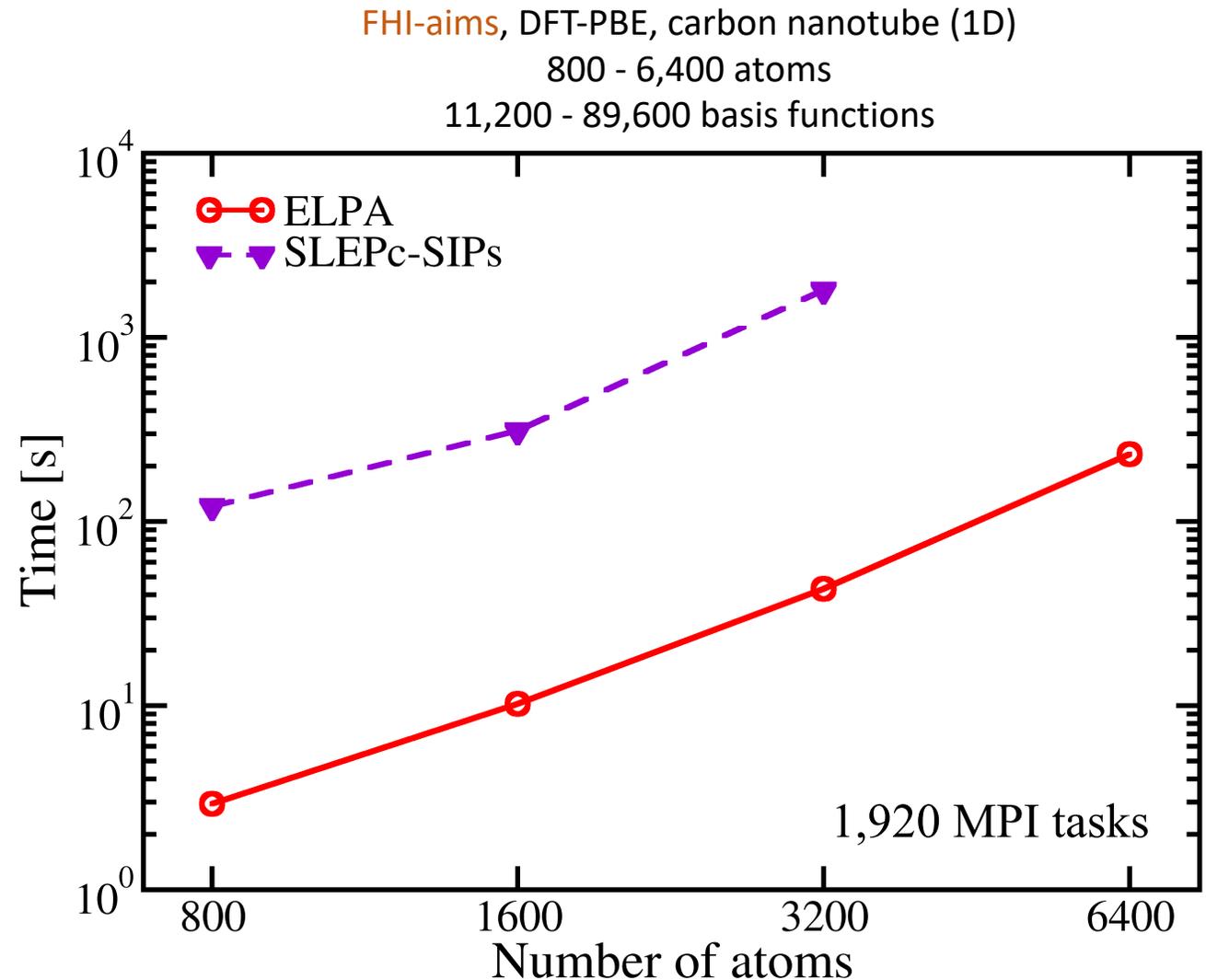
- Sparsity: > 99% zeros
- SLEPc-SIPs: Load balance across slices (MPI tasks) matters a lot



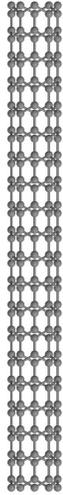
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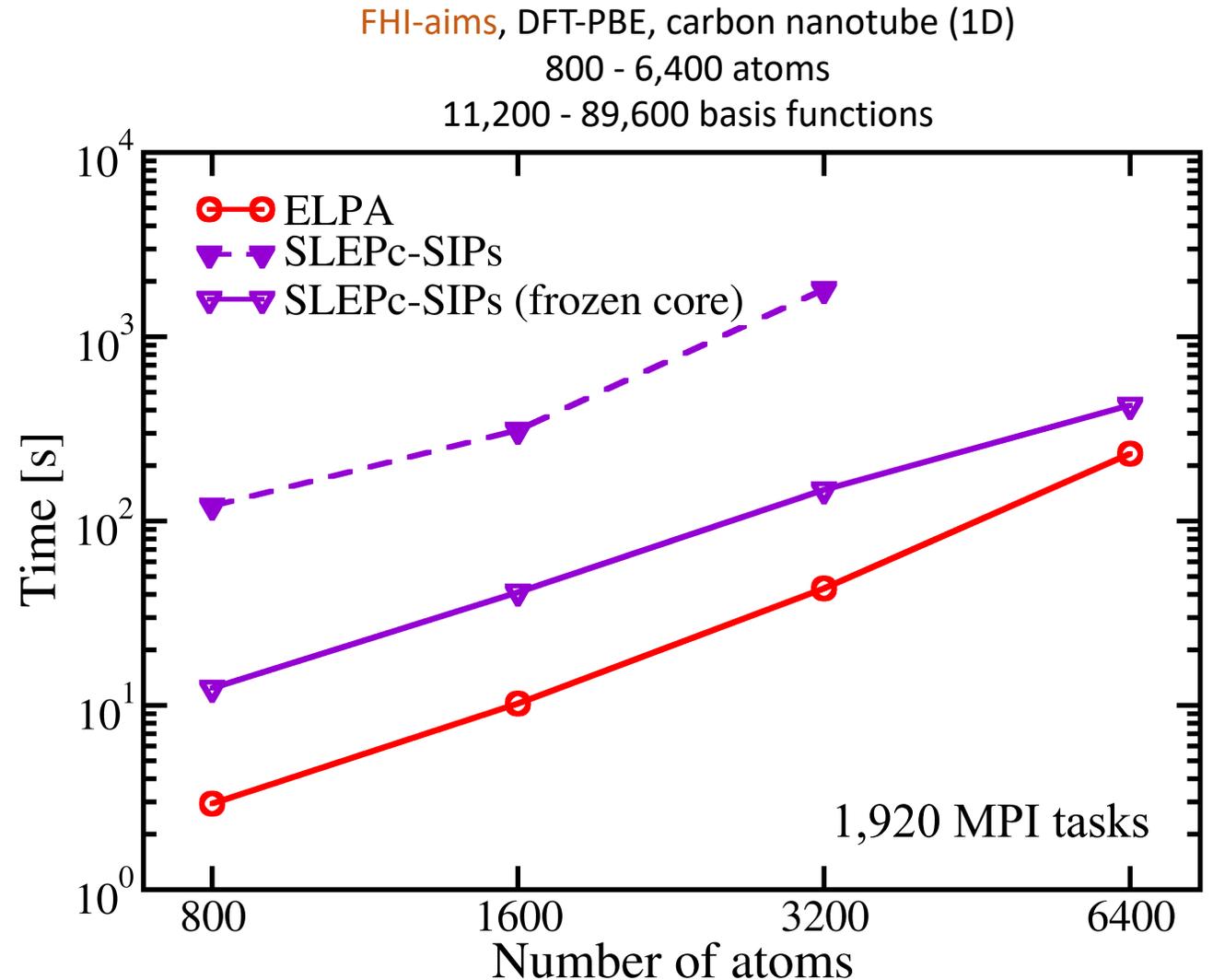
- Sparsity: 96% - 99% zeros
- SLEPc-SIPs: Not competitive due to poor load balance
- Carbon 1s orbitals clustered in a tiny energy interval cannot be efficiently partitioned



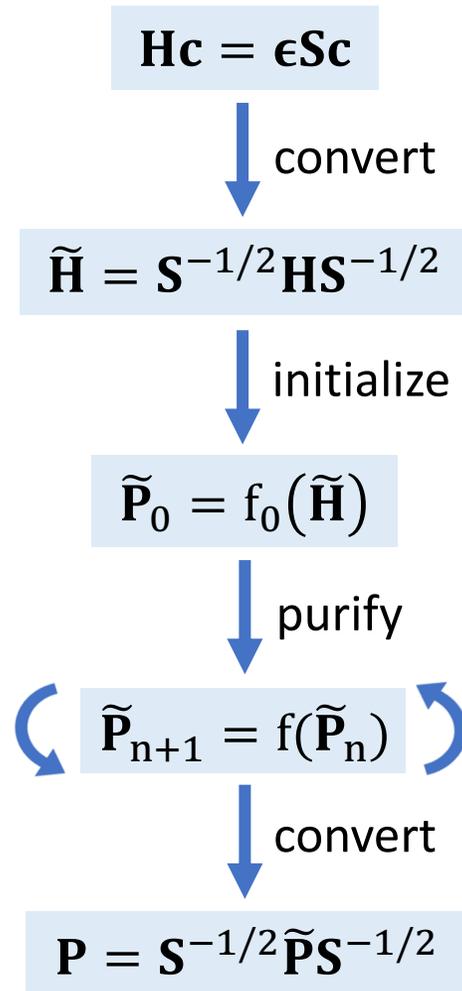
# ELPA vs. SLEPc-SIPs: Frozen Core Approximation



- Frozen core approximation: “Freeze” inactive core states; solve valence states only
- SLEPc-SIPs can be  $\sim 8x$  faster due to an improved load balance



# (Preliminary) Density Matrix Purification with NTPoly



- $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}_{n+1} = f(\tilde{\mathbf{P}}_n)$  often matrix polynomial of order  $m$
- $\mathbf{S}^{-1/2}$  and density matrix purification available in NTPoly, powered by its sparse matrix-matrix multiplication kernel
- Currently supported purification algorithms:
  - Canonical purification ( $m = 3$ )
  - Trace resetting purification ( $m = 2, 3, 4, \dots$ )
  - Generalized canonical purification ( $m = 3$ )

Dawson and Nakajima, Comput. Phys. Commun. 2018

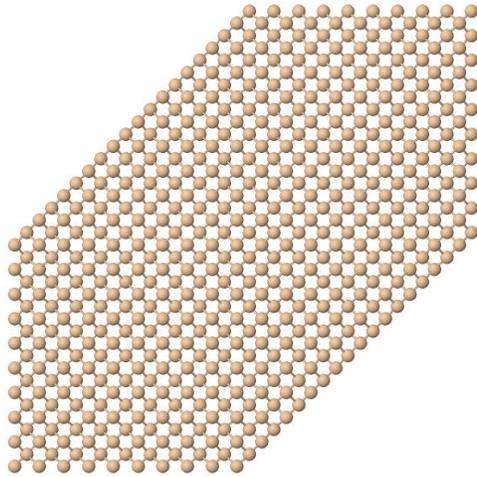
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# Computation of Matrix Inverse Square Root



Newton-Schulz method + Taylor expansion

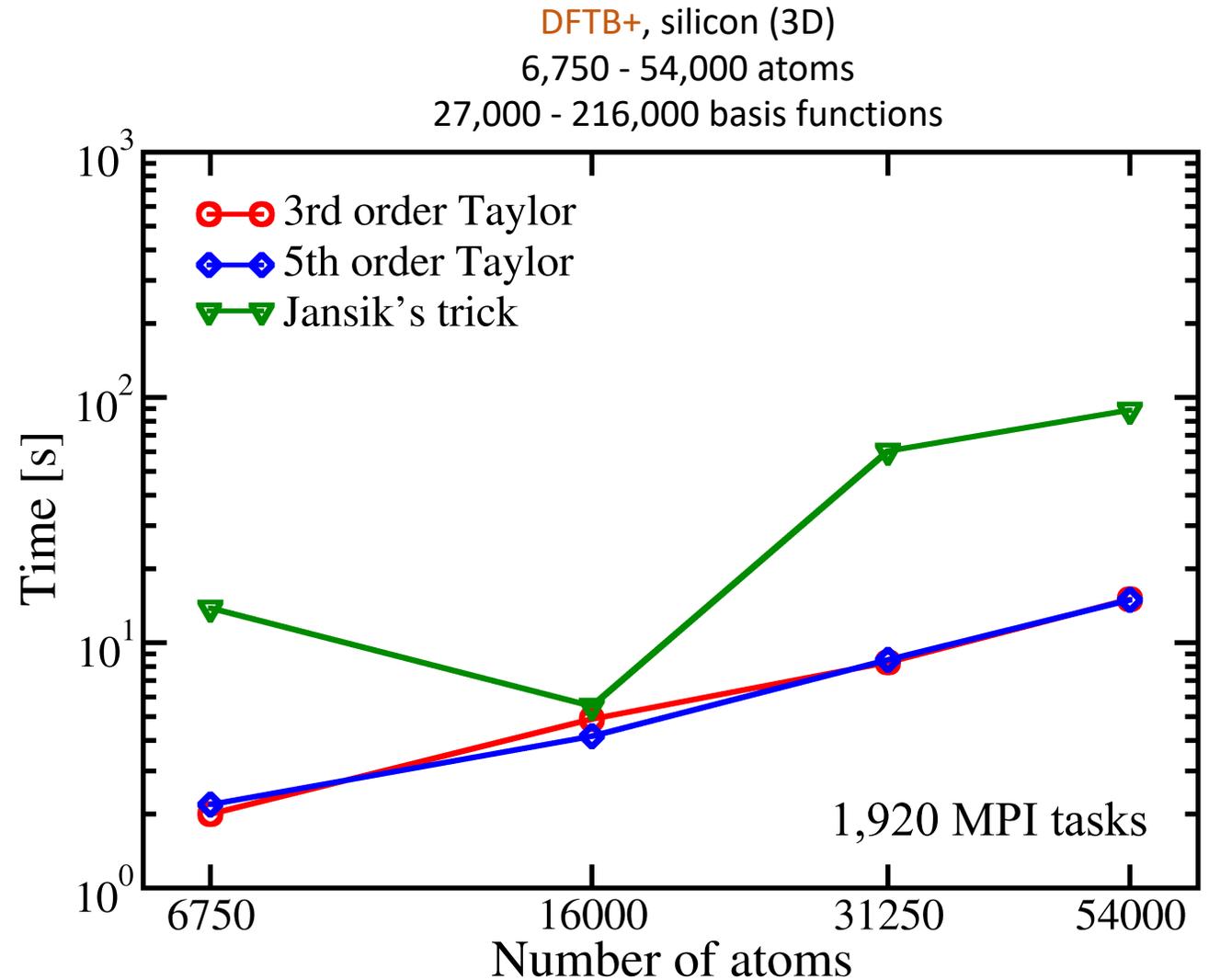
$$(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{X})^{-1/2} = \mathbf{I} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{X} + \frac{3}{8}\mathbf{X}^2 + \frac{5}{16}\mathbf{X}^3 + \dots$$

Convergence:  $\|\mathbf{X}\|_2 = \|\lambda\mathbf{S} - \mathbf{I}\|_2 \leq 1$

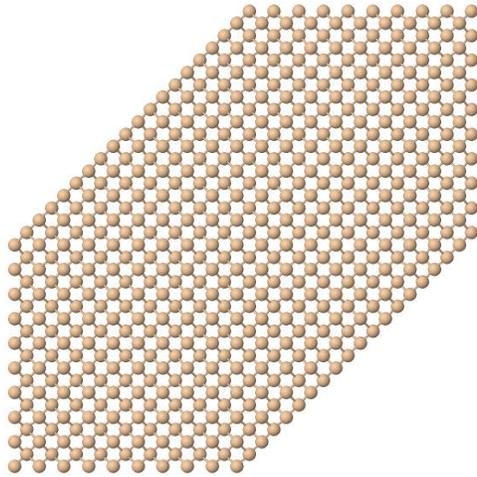
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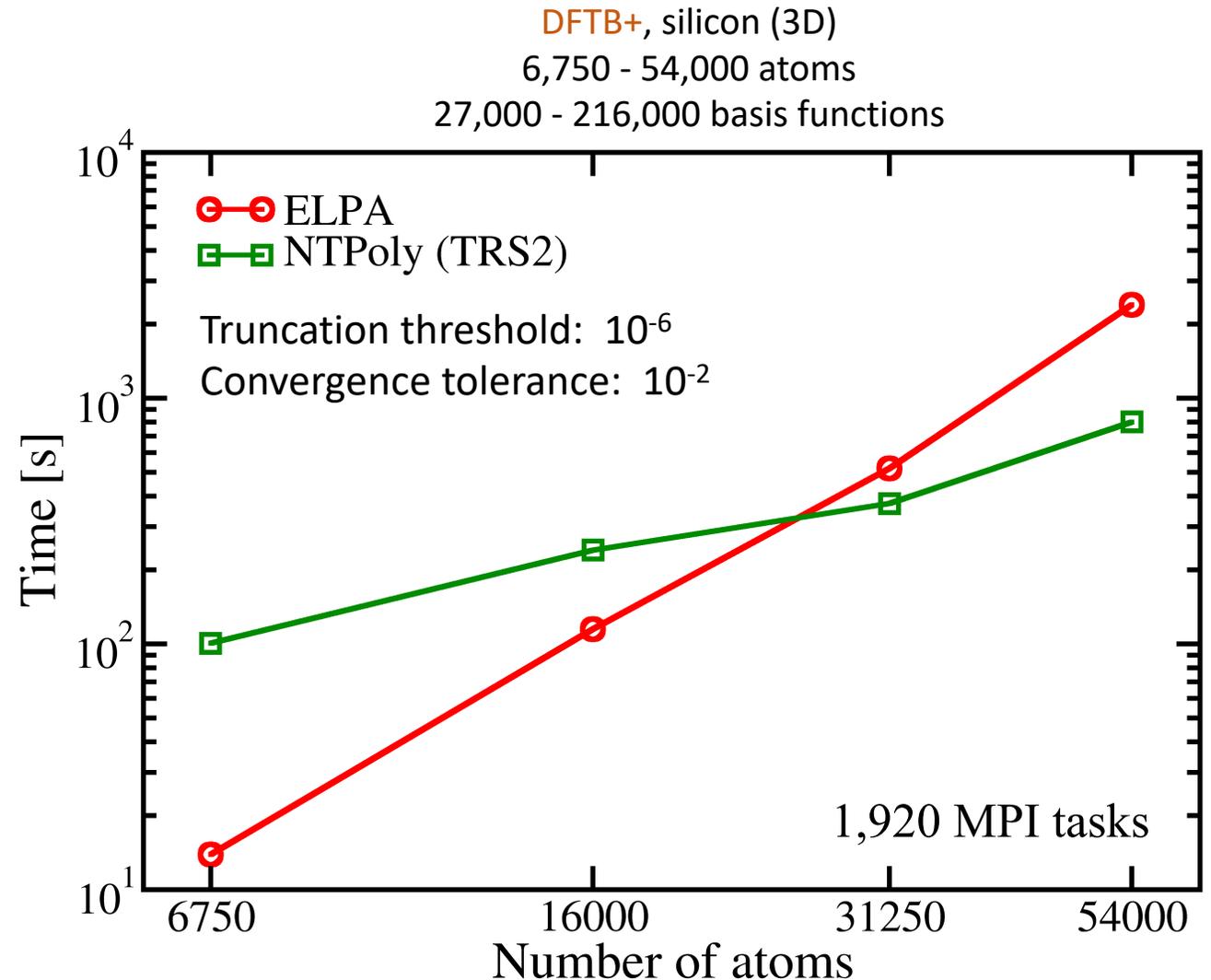
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# ELPA vs. NTPoly: 3-Dimensional DFTB+ Models



- Sparsity: > 99% zeros
- Theoretical scaling:
  - **ELPA**:  $O(N^3)$
  - **NTPoly**:  $O(N)$
- Tests with other purification algorithms ongoing



# Conclusions and Outlook

ELSI offers a seamless connection between electronic structure software and a variety of solver libraries.

- Solvers: ELPA, LAPACK, libOMM, NTPoly, PEXSI, SLEPc-SIPs
- Parallel matrix I/O, matrix visualization, chemical potential, ...

Based on our benchmarks and analysis, we recommend:

- An optimized dense eigensolver (ELPA) for small-to-medium-sized calculations;
- PEXSI for large, low-dimensional geometries;
- (Work-in-progress) Density matrix purification for large, bulk, gapped systems.

Future work directions include:

- More solvers: Iterative solvers (RCI), FEAST, Chebyshev filtering, and more!
- More users: Integration of ELSI into more electronic structure code projects.

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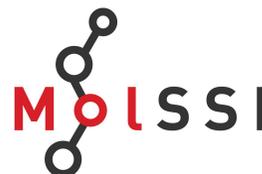
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