

A posteriori error estimation for the non-self-consistent Kohn-Sham equations

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Aim of a *posteriori* error analysis

- Starting point: Problem has been solved numerically
 - Question: How good is the answer?
 - Annotate *guaranteed* upper bound on numerical error
 - \simeq Error bars of experimental science
 - Balance sources of error:
 - Bigger basis? Tighter convergence criterion? Double precision?
 - \Rightarrow **Aim:** Automatic selection of accuracy parameters
- \Rightarrow Need **accurate** and **computable** bounds on errors

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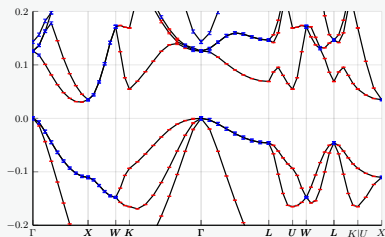
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Quantity of interest, models and results

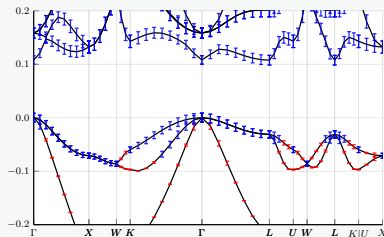
- Band structure, i.e. eigenpairs $H_{\mathbf{k}}\psi = \varepsilon\psi$ per \mathbf{k} -point
- Plane-wave discretisation
- Implementation:  **DFTK**, <https://dftk.org>

Cohen-Bergstresser Silicon



- Fitted model potential
- Finite range in Fourier space

non-self-consistent Silicon



- XC, Hartree dropped
- Goedecker-Teter-Hutter pseudos



- 16 months of development, \approx 5000 lines of **julia**
- Sizeable feature list (see <https://docs.dftk.org>):
 - Ground state and a bit of response theory
 - Compose your model: Gross-Pitaevskii, analytic potentials ...
 - Multitude of SCF approaches (> 800 electrons possible)
 - Multi-level threading
 - 1D / 2D / 3D systems
 - Arbitrary floating point type
 - Integration with materials-related python modules
- **Performance:** Within factor 2 of established codes
- Platform for **multidisciplinary** collaboration
- Documentation and examples: <https://docs.dftk.org>

Algorithm and discretisation error

- Residual $\tilde{\mathbf{r}} = \mathbf{H}\tilde{\psi} - \tilde{\varepsilon}\tilde{\psi}$ related to error:

$$|\tilde{\varepsilon} - \varepsilon| \leq \|\tilde{\mathbf{r}}\| \quad \text{Bauer-Fike}$$


$$|\tilde{\varepsilon} - \varepsilon| \leq \frac{\|\tilde{\mathbf{r}}\|^2}{\delta} \quad \text{Kato-Temple, gap } \delta$$

- Two-grid approach:
 - $(\tilde{\varepsilon}, \tilde{\psi})$ solved on basis X
 - Assume \mathbf{H} computable on extended basis $Y \supset X$ \Rightarrow Compute $\|P_Y \tilde{\mathbf{r}}\|$, get upper bound for $\|P_{Y^\perp} \tilde{\mathbf{r}}\|$
 \Rightarrow Get lower bound for δ
- Algorithm error: In-basis $\|P_X \tilde{\mathbf{r}}\|$
- Discretisation error: Out-of-basis $\|P_{X^\perp} \tilde{\mathbf{r}}\|$

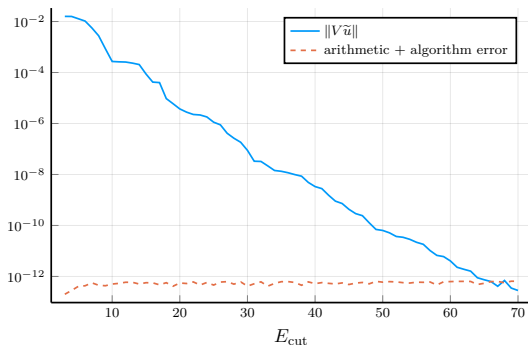
Arithmetic error

- Interval arithmetic: Represent $x \in \mathbb{R}$ by interval

$$[a, b] \quad a, b \in \text{DP}, \quad a \leq x \leq b$$

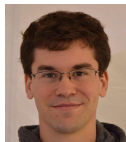
- Can be used as floating-point type in  **DFTK**

⇒ By computing in-basis $\|P_{\mathbf{X}} \tilde{\mathbf{r}}\|$: Arithmetic + algorithm error



- Other quantities of interest:
 - Eigenvectors, density, forces, response, ...
 - Extend to non-linear Kohn-Sham DFT (with Hartree and XC)
 - Preliminary work on BZ integration and Gross-Pitaevskii
 - Automatic balancing of accuracy parameters
 - User chooses target accuracy
 - Code chooses basis cutoff, convergence threshold and floating-point precision
 - Dynamic selection *while SCF converges*
- ⇒ Fully black-box modelling

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