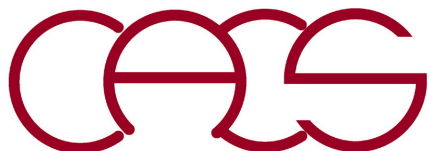# Lanczos Method for Eigensystems

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1. $O(N)$ (*vs.* conventional $O(N^3)$) eigensolver
2. Krylov subspace

B. N. Parlett
The Symmetric Eigenvalue Problem
(Prentice-Hall, '80) Secs. 11-13

Top 10 Algorithms in History

In putting together this issue of *Computing in Science & Engineering*, we knew three things: it would be difficult to list just 10 algorithms; it would be fun to assemble the authors and read their papers; and, whatever we came up with in the end, it would be controversial. We tried to assemble the 10 algorithms with the greatest influence on the development and practice of science and engineering in the 20th century. Following is our list (here, the list is in chronological order; however, the articles appear in no particular order):

- Metropolis Algorithm for Monte Carlo
- Simplex Method for Linear Programming
- Krylov Subspace Iteration Methods
- The Decompositional Approach to Matrix Computations
- The Fortran Optimizing Compiler
- QR Algorithm for Computing Eigenvalues
- Quicksort Algorithm for Sorting
- Fast Fourier Transform
- Integer Relation Detection
- Fast Multipole Method

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Rayleigh Quotient

Theorem

Let A be an $n \times n$ real symmetric matrix, $\lambda_1[A] \leq \ldots \leq \lambda_n[A]$ its eigenvalues in ascending order, $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$, & the Rayleigh quotient

$$\rho(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{A}) = \frac{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}}{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}} \quad \text{then} \quad \begin{cases} \lambda_1[\mathbf{A}] = \min_{\mathbf{x} \in \Re^n} \rho(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{A}) \\ \lambda_n[\mathbf{A}] = \max_{\mathbf{x} \in \Re^n} \rho(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{A}) \end{cases}$$

Proof

Let $\mathbf{q}^{(k)}$ be the k-th orthonormalized eigenvector of $\mathbf{A}$, $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{q}_k = \lambda_k \mathbf{q}_k$, & orthogonal transformation matrix, $\mathbf{Q} = [\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2, \ldots, \mathbf{q}_n]$, then

$$\mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Let $x = Qz$ (note $\mathbf{Q}^T\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{I}$), then

$$\rho(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{A}) = \frac{\mathbf{z}^T \mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{z}}{\mathbf{z}^T \mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{z}} = \frac{z_1^2 \lambda_1 + \cdots + z_n^2 \lambda_n}{z_1^2 + \cdots + z_n^2}$$

which is a weighted average of $\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_n$, & the minimum is when $\mathbf{z}^T = (1,0,\ldots,0) = \mathbf{e}_1$ & $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{e}_1 = \mathbf{q}_1$.

Rayleigh-Ritz Procedure

Theorem

Let $\{q_1,\ldots,q_m\}$ ($q_j \in \mathbf{R}^n$; $j = 1,\ldots,m$; $m < n$) be an orthonormal set, so that any vector $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$ in the range is expressed as a linear combination of $q_1,\ldots,q_m$:

$$\mathbf{x} = z_1 \mathbf{q}_1 + \cdots + z_m \mathbf{q}_m \quad \text{or} \quad n\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = n\begin{bmatrix} \overset{1}{\mathbf{q}_1} & \cdots & \overset{m}{\mathbf{q}_m} \end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix} \overset{1}{z_1} \\ \vdots \\ z_m \end{bmatrix}m = \mathbf{Qz}$$

$\mathbf{x} \in$ rank-m subspace $\subset \mathbf{R}^n$

then the best approximations for $\lambda_1[\mathbf{A}]$ & $\lambda_n[\mathbf{A}]$ are obtained by diagonalizing

$$\underset{m\times m}{\mathbf{H}} = \underset{m\times n}{\mathbf{Q}^T}\ \underset{n\times n}{\mathbf{A}}\ \underset{n\times m}{\mathbf{Q}}$$

as $\lambda_1[\mathbf{H}]$ & $\lambda_m[\mathbf{H}]$.

Proof

Note $(\mathbf{Q}^T\mathbf{Q})_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} Q_{ki} Q_{kj} = \mathbf{q}_i \bullet \mathbf{q}_j = \delta_{ij}$

then $\quad \rho(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{A}) = \dfrac{\mathbf{z}^T \mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{A Q z}}{\mathbf{z}^T \mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{Q z}} = \dfrac{\mathbf{z}^T \mathbf{H z}}{\mathbf{z}^T \mathbf{z}} = \dfrac{z_1^2 \lambda_1(\mathbf{H}) + \cdots + z_m^2 \lambda_m(\mathbf{H})}{z_1^2 + \cdots + z_m^2}$

the minimum of which is $\lambda_1[\mathbf{H}]$ (*cf.* proof in the previous page).

Orthogonalization by QR Decomposition

- **Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization:** **The orthonormal set Q required for the Rayleigh-Ritz procedure is obtained starting from an arbitrary set of m vectors, $S = [s_1 \ldots s_m]$ ($s_j \in \mathbf{R}^n$) as (see** <u>supplementary note</u>**):**

$$\mathbf{q}_1 = \mathbf{s}_1 / |\mathbf{s}_1|$$

$$\text{for} \quad i = 2 \quad \text{to} \quad m$$

$$\mathbf{q}'_i = \mathbf{s}_i - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \mathbf{q}_j \left(\mathbf{q}_j \bullet \mathbf{s}_i \right)$$

$$\mathbf{q}_i = \mathbf{q}'_i / |\mathbf{q}'_i|$$

$$\text{endfor}$$

$|s_i\rangle$

$(1 - |\hat{q}_j\rangle\langle\hat{q}_j|)|s_i\rangle$

$|\hat{q}_j\rangle$

$|\hat{q}_j\rangle\langle\hat{q}_j|s_i\rangle$

Project out!

$$\left(1 - \overset{\sum_{j=1}^{i-1} |\hat{q}_j\rangle\langle\hat{q}_j|}{\underset{\widetilde{\widehat{P}}}{}} \right) |s_i\rangle$$

- **The Gram-Schmidt procedure amounts to QR decomposition, $S = QR$, where R is an $m \times m$ right-triangle matrix:**

$$
n \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{s}_1 & \mathbf{s}_2 & \mathbf{s}_3 & \mathbf{s}_4 \end{bmatrix}
= n \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{q}_1 & \mathbf{q}_2 & \mathbf{q}_3 & \mathbf{q}_4 \end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
|\mathbf{q}'_1| & \mathbf{q}_1 \bullet \mathbf{s}_2 & \mathbf{q}_1 \bullet \mathbf{s}_3 & \mathbf{q}_1 \bullet \mathbf{s}_4 \\
0 & |\mathbf{q}'_2| & \mathbf{q}_2 \bullet \mathbf{s}_3 & \mathbf{q}_2 \bullet \mathbf{s}_4 \\
0 & 0 & |\mathbf{q}'_3| & \mathbf{q}_3 \bullet \mathbf{s}_4 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & |\mathbf{q}'_4|
\end{bmatrix} m
$$

(top labels m over each matrix)

$$\therefore \mathbf{s}_i = |\mathbf{q}'_i|\mathbf{q}_i + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \mathbf{q}_j \left(\mathbf{q}_j \bullet \mathbf{s}_i \right)$$

cf. QR decomposition
$A = Q [\blacksquare]$

Rayleigh-Ritz Algorithm

1. Start from $\mathbf{S} = [\mathbf{s}_1 \ldots \mathbf{s}_m]$ ($\mathbf{s}_j \in \mathbf{R}^n$) & do Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization, $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{QR}$, to obtain an orthonormal set $\mathbf{Q} = [\mathbf{q}_1 \ldots \mathbf{q}_m]$

2. Form $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{Q}^T\mathbf{AQ}$

3. Diagonalize $\mathbf{H}$ to get $\lambda_1[\mathbf{H}], \ldots, \lambda_m[\mathbf{H}]$: $\mathbf{Hg}_k = \lambda_k[\mathbf{H}]\mathbf{g}_k$ $(k = 1, \ldots, m)$

4. Approximations of $\lambda_1[\mathbf{A}]$ & $\lambda_n[\mathbf{A}]$ are given by $\lambda_1[\mathbf{H}]$ & $\lambda_m[\mathbf{H}]$ with the corresponding eigenvectors, $\mathbf{y}_k = \mathbf{Qg}_k$ ($k = 1$ & m).

$$\overbrace{\mathbf{Q}^T\mathbf{AQ}}^{\mathbf{H}}\,\mathbf{g}_k = \lambda_k(\mathbf{H})\mathbf{g}_k$$

$$* \quad \downarrow \quad \mathbf{Q}\times$$

$$\mathbf{A}\,\overbrace{\mathbf{Qg}_k}^{\mathbf{y}_k} \cong \lambda_k(\mathbf{H})\,\overbrace{\mathbf{Qg}_k}^{\mathbf{y}_k}$$

$^*\mathbf{QQ}^T \neq \mathbf{I}^{n\times n}$ but spans a subspace of the n-dimensional space

cf. $\mathbf{Q}^T\mathbf{Q} \neq \mathbf{I}^{m\times m}$ — orthonormal in $\mathbf{R}^m$ subspace but not complete in total $\mathbf{R}^n$ space

Krylov Subspace

- **Krylov subspace S_m is spanned by a Krylov matrix, $K^m(f) = [f\ Af\ \dots\ A^{m-1}f]$ ($f \in R^n$)**

Theorem

Let Q_m be the orthonormal basis obtained by QR factorization, $K_m(f) = Q_m R$, then $T_m = Q_m^T A Q_m$ is a tridiagonal matrix

Proof (see supplementary note)

For $i > j+1$, $q_i^T(Aq_j) = 0$, since $Aq_j \subset S_{j+1}$ by construction & $q_i \perp S_{j+1}$ by Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization for $i > j+1$. By the symmetry of A, $q_i^T(Aq_j) = q_j^T(A^T q_i) = q_j^T(Aq_i) = 0$ for $j > i+1$ or $i < j-1$.

$$\mathbf{T}_m = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 & \beta_1 & & & \\ \beta_1 & \alpha_2 & \beta_2 & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & & \ddots \\ & & \beta_{m-2} & \alpha_{m-1} & \beta_{m-1} \\ & & & \beta_{m-1} & \alpha_m \end{bmatrix} \qquad \begin{cases} \alpha_j = \mathbf{q}_j^T \mathbf{A}\mathbf{q}_j & j = 1, \dots, m \\ \beta_j = \mathbf{q}_{j+1}^T \mathbf{A}\mathbf{q}_j & j = 1, \dots, m-1 \end{cases}$$

- **Tridiagonal matrix can be diagonalized in $O(N)$ time**
  cf. tqli() in Numerical Recipes

Alexei Krylov with daughter Anna, later Anna Kapitsa, wife of Pyotr Kapitsa (1904)

Recursion Formula

- **Due to the tridiagonality, Aq_i is a linear combination of q_{i-1}, q_i & q_{i+1}:**

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{q}_i = \beta_{i-1}\mathbf{q}_{i-1} + \alpha_i\mathbf{q}_i + \beta_i\mathbf{q}_{i+1} \quad 2 \le i \le m-1$$

If we define $q_0 = 0$, the above equation is valid for $i = 1$ as well. Let $r_i \equiv \beta_i q_{i+1}$ (r_i is a component of Aq_i orthogonal to q_j for $j \le i$), then

$$\mathbf{r}_i = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{q}_i - \beta_{i-1}\mathbf{q}_{i-1} - \alpha_i\mathbf{q}_i \qquad 1 \le i \le m-1$$

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{q}_i = \beta_{i-1}\mathbf{q}_{i-1} + \alpha_i\mathbf{q}_i + \beta_i\mathbf{q}_{i+1} \quad 2 \le i \le m-1$$

- **Lanczos algorithm:**

Given $\mathbf{r}_0, \beta_0 = \|\mathbf{r}_0\|$ ($\mathbf{q}_0 = 0$)

for $i = 1, \dots, m$

   $\mathbf{q}_i \leftarrow \mathbf{r}_{i-1}/\beta_{i-1}$

   $\mathbf{r}_i \leftarrow \mathbf{A}\mathbf{q}_i - \beta_{i-1}\mathbf{q}_{i-1}$

   $\alpha_i \leftarrow \mathbf{q}_i^T\mathbf{r}_i \quad \because \mathbf{q}_i^T(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{q}_i - \beta_{i-1}\mathbf{q}_{i-1}) = \mathbf{q}_i^T\mathbf{A}\mathbf{q}_i = \alpha_i$ (orthogonality)

   $\mathbf{r}_i \leftarrow \mathbf{r}_i - \alpha_i\mathbf{q}_i$

   $\beta_i = \|\mathbf{r}_i\|$ (only when $i \le m-1$) $\quad \beta_i = \mathbf{q}_{i+1}^T\mathbf{A}\mathbf{q}_i$

endfor

Keep increasing m until $\lambda_1[T_m]$ converges

Application of Rayleigh-Ritz/Lanczos

- **Search for transition states (with a negative eigenvalue of the Hessian matrix, $\partial^2 E/\partial r_i \partial r_j$) by following the eigenvector with the smallest eigenvalue**
  - **Rayleigh-Ritz:** Kumeda, Wales & Munro, *Chem. Phys. Lett.* **341**, 185 ('01)
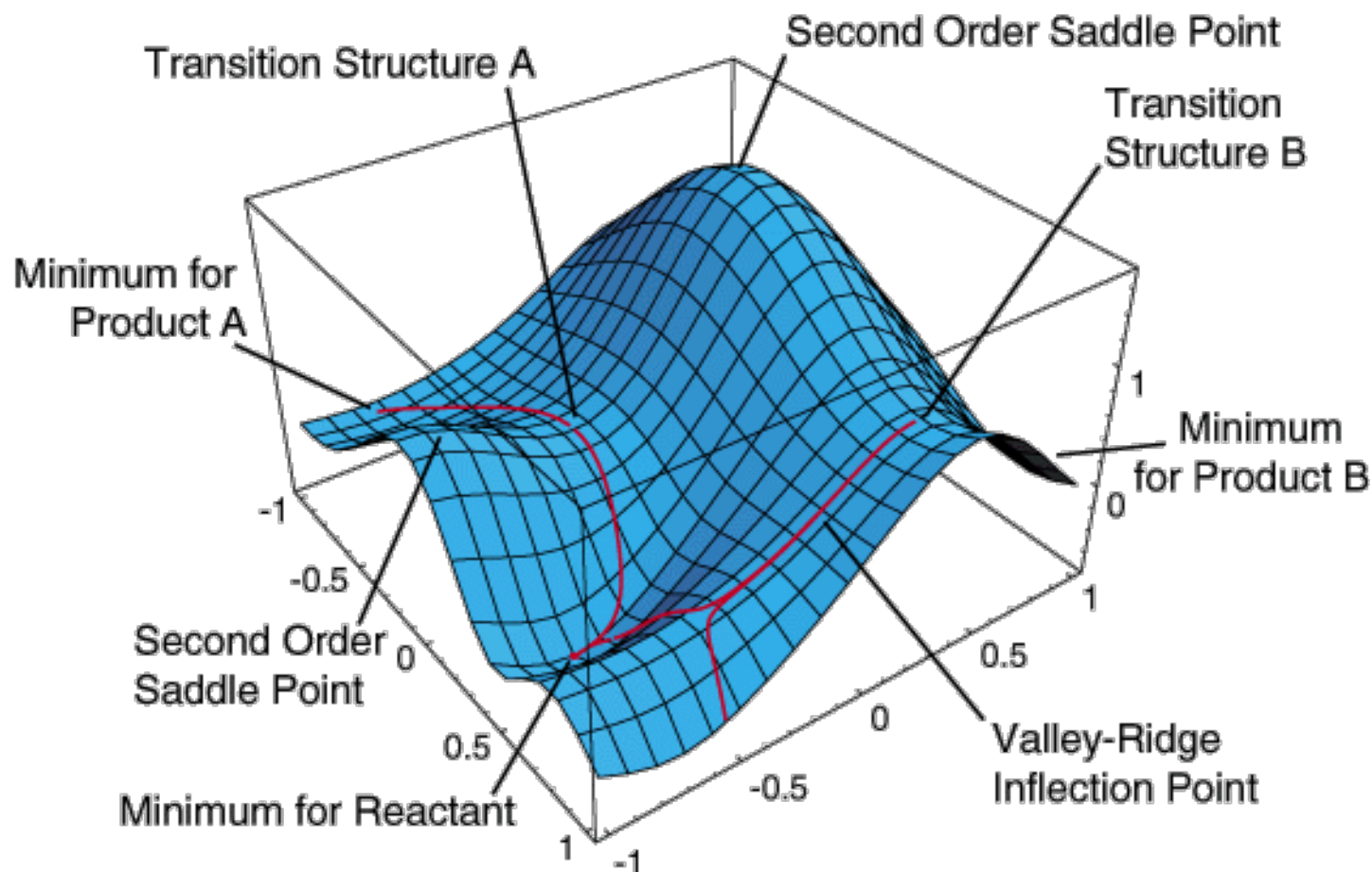 - **Lanczos:** Mousseau *et al.*, *J. Mol. Graph. Model.* **19**, 78 ('01)

Figure from Prof. H. B. Schlegel; http://chem.wayne.edu/schlegel

Lanczos Algorithm for Hessian Calculation

Algorithm Lanczos
Input:
 $\mathbf{R} \in \mathbb{R}^{3N}$: a state
 logical *initialize*: TRUE for the first call in each event generation; FALSE otherwise
Output:
 λ_1: the minimum eigenvalue of the Hessian matrix, $\mathbf{H(R)} = \partial^2 V / \partial \mathbf{R}^2$
 $\mathbf{V}^1 \in \mathbb{R}^{3N}$: the Hessian eigenvector corresponding to λ_1
Steps:
 if *initialize*
  randomize $\Delta \in \mathbb{R}^{3N}$, such that it contains no translational motion
 $s \leftarrow 0$
 $\beta^s \leftarrow \|\Delta\|$
 $\mathbf{Q}^s \ (\in \mathbb{R}^{3N}) \leftarrow 0$
 do
  $s \leftarrow s+1$
  $\mathbf{Q}^s \leftarrow \Delta / \beta^{s-1}$
  $c_{\text{fd}} \leftarrow \max_{i\alpha}\{|q_{i\alpha}^s| \mid i = 1, \dots, N; \alpha = x, y, z\}/\delta_{\text{fd}}$
  $\Delta \leftarrow c_{\text{fd}}[-\mathbf{F(R + Q}^s/c_{\text{fd}}) + \mathbf{F(R)}] - \beta^{s-1}\mathbf{Q}^{s-1}$
  $\alpha^s \leftarrow \mathbf{Q}^{s\mathrm{T}}\Delta$
  $\Delta \leftarrow \Delta - \alpha^s \mathbf{Q}^s$
  $\beta^s \leftarrow \|\Delta\|$

$$\overbrace{}^{-\vec{\bar{H}}(\vec{R})}$$
$$\vec{F}(\vec{R} + \vec{Q}) = \vec{F}(\vec{R}) + \partial\vec{F}/\partial\vec{R} \bullet \vec{Q}$$
$$\therefore \vec{\bar{H}}(\vec{R}) \bullet \vec{Q} = -\vec{F}(\vec{R} + \vec{Q}) + \vec{F}(\vec{R})$$

$$\text{diagonalize } \mathbf{T}_s = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 & \beta_1 & & & & \\ \beta_1 & \alpha_2 & \beta_2 & & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & & \\ & & & \beta_{s-2} & \alpha_{s-1} & \beta_{s-1} \\ & & & & \beta_{s-1} & \alpha_s \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{so that } \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_s^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{T}_s\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_s = \text{diag}(\tilde{\lambda}_1^s, \dots, \tilde{\lambda}_s^s)^*$$

$tqli() - O(N)$

 while $|(\tilde{\lambda}_1^s - \tilde{\lambda}_1^{s-1})/\tilde{\lambda}_1^{s-1}| > \Delta_{\text{eigen}}$
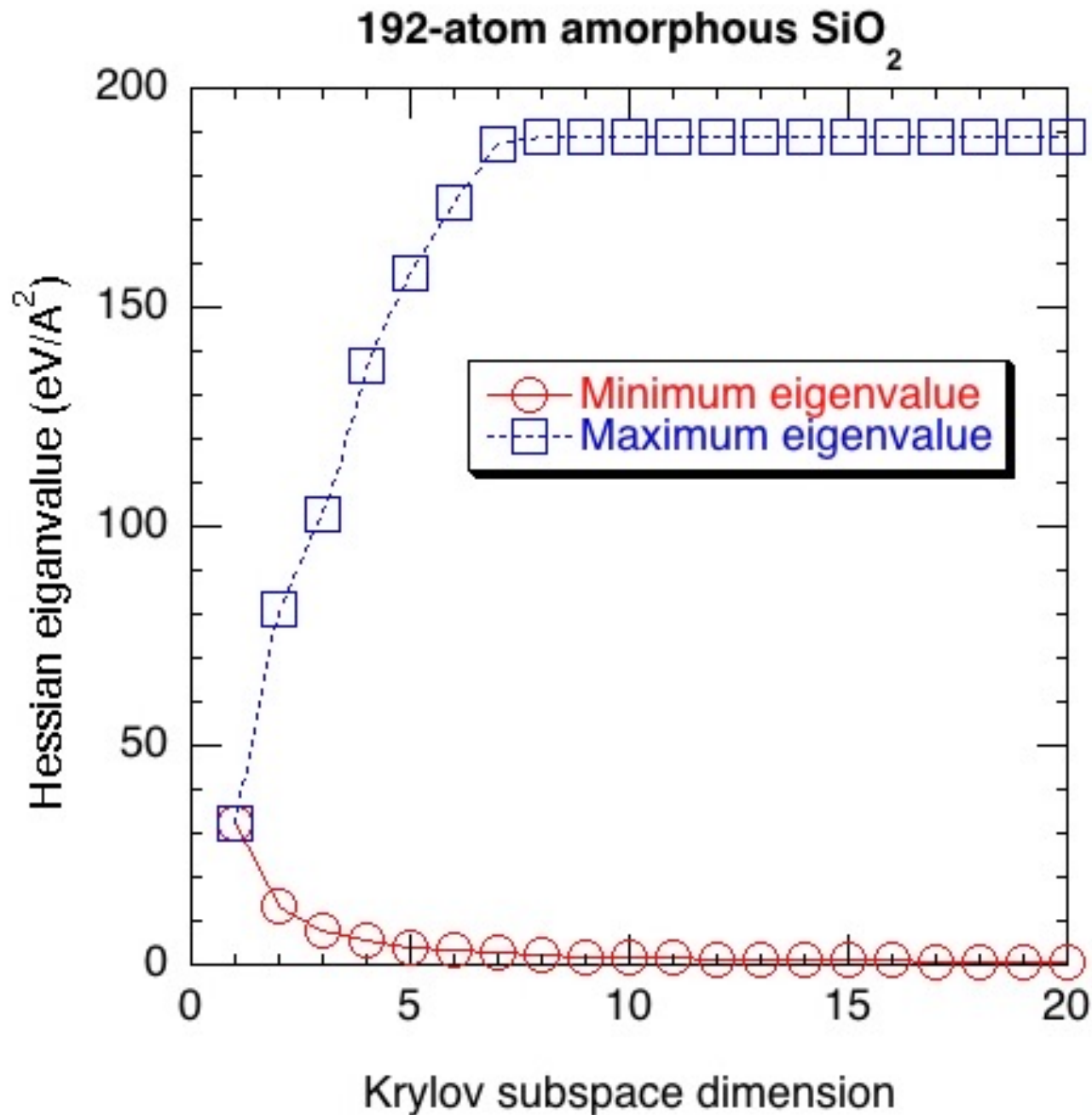 $\lambda_1 \leftarrow \tilde{\lambda}_1^s$
 $\mathbf{V}^1 \leftarrow \sum_{k=1}^s \mathbf{Q}^k \tilde{q}_k^1$
 $\mathbf{V}^1 \leftarrow \mathbf{V}^1 / \|\mathbf{V}^1\|$

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* $\text{diag}(\tilde{\lambda}_1^s, \dots, \tilde{\lambda}_s^s)$ is an s by s diagonal matrix, with its diagonal elements given by $\tilde{\lambda}_1^s, \dots, \tilde{\lambda}_s^s$. $\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}^s = [\tilde{q}^1, \dots, \tilde{q}^s]$ is an s by s orthogonal matrix, with $\tilde{q}^m \in \mathbb{R}^s$ is the mth eigenvector of $\mathbf{T}_s$.

Sample Run of Lanczos Program

192-atom amorphous SiO_2

Electronic Energy Bands of GaAs

- **8-band k•p model**

$$H_k = \begin{vmatrix} A & 0 & V^* & 0 & \sqrt{3}V & -\sqrt{2}U & -U & \sqrt{2}V^* \\ 0 & A & -\sqrt{2}U & -\sqrt{3}V^* & 0 & -V & \sqrt{2}V & U \\ V & -\sqrt{2}U & -P+Q & -S^* & R & 0 & \sqrt{\tfrac{3}{2}}S & -\sqrt{2}Q \\ 0 & -\sqrt{3}V & -S & -P-Q & 0 & R & -\sqrt{2}R & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}S \\ \sqrt{3}V^* & 0 & R^* & 0 & -P-Q & S^* & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}S^* & \sqrt{2}R^* \\ -\sqrt{2}U & -V^* & 0 & R^* & S & -P+Q & \sqrt{2}Q & \sqrt{\tfrac{3}{2}}S^* \\ -U & \sqrt{2}V^* & \sqrt{\tfrac{3}{2}}S^* & -\sqrt{2}R^* & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}S & \sqrt{2}Q & -P-\Delta & 0 \\ \sqrt{2}V & U & -\sqrt{2}Q & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}S^* & \sqrt{2}R & \sqrt{\tfrac{3}{2}}S & 0 & -P-\Delta \end{vmatrix}$$

$$A = E_c - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_0}(\partial_x^2 + \partial_y^2 + \partial_z^2),$$

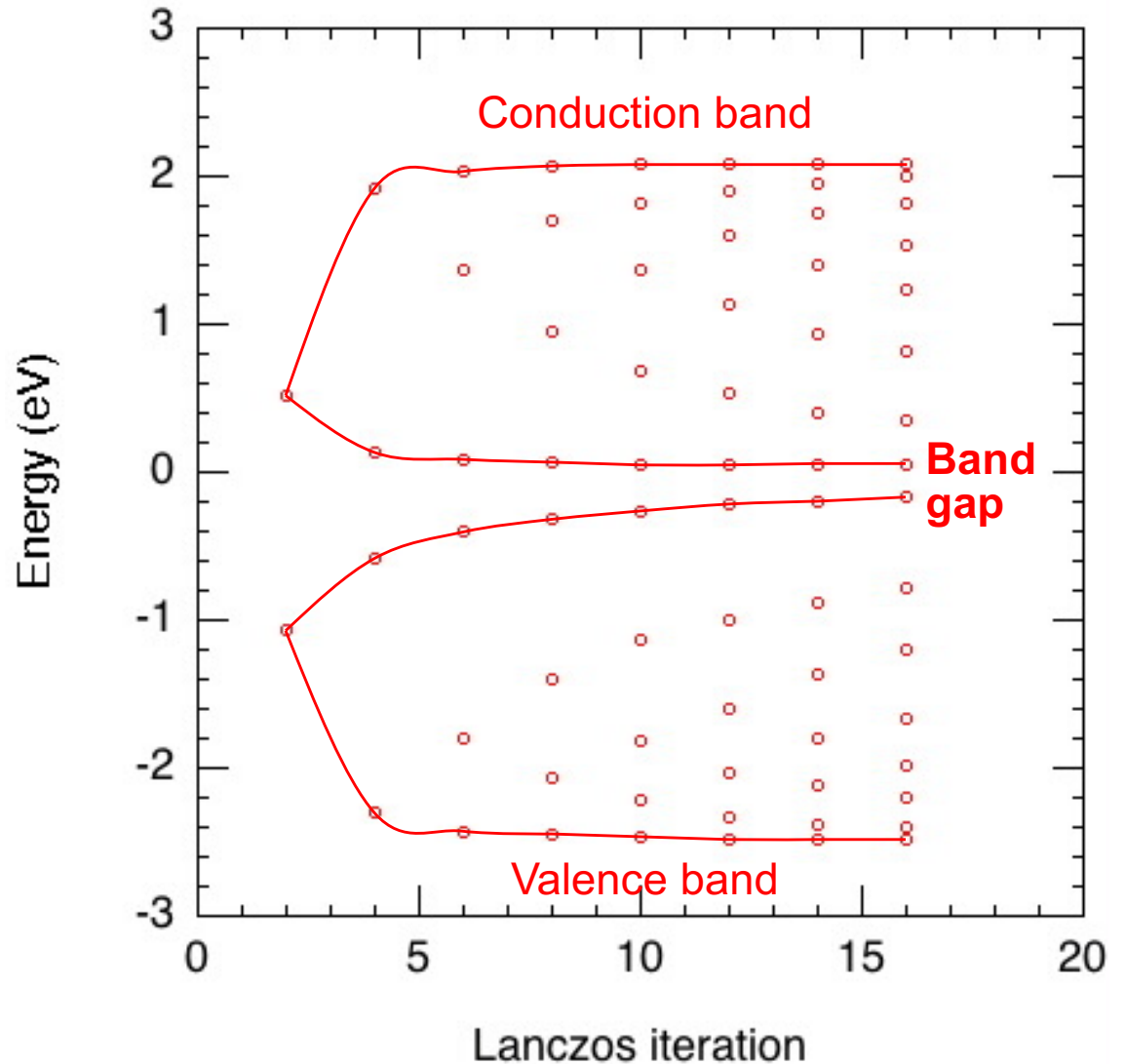$$P = -E_v - \gamma_1 \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_0}(\partial_x^2 + \partial_y^2 + \partial_z^2),$$

$$Q = -\gamma_2 \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_0}(\partial_x^2 + \partial_y^2 - 2\partial_z^2),$$

$$R = \sqrt{3}\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_0}[\gamma_2(\partial_x^2 - \partial_y^2) - 2i\gamma_3\partial_x\partial_y],$$

$$S = -\sqrt{3}\gamma_3\frac{\hbar^2}{m_0}\partial_z(\partial_x - i\partial_y),$$

$$U = \frac{-i}{\sqrt{3}}P_0\partial_z,$$

$$V = \frac{-i}{\sqrt{6}}P_0(\partial_x - i\partial_y).$$

C. Pryor, *Phys. Rev. B* **57**, 7190 ('98)

Conduction band

Band gap

Valence band

Energy (eV)

Lanczos iteration

Lanczos Program in Fortran

```fortran
do s = 1,NWF
  q(:,:,:,s) = v/bet(s-1)
  call hamiltonian_op(q(:,:,:,s),hv)  ! Operates Hamiltonian H on Q(S)
  v = hv-bet(s-1)*q(:,:,:,s-1)
  alp(s) = inner_product(q(:,:,:,s),v)
  v = v-alp(s)*q(:,:,:,s)
  bet(s) = sqrt(inner_product(v,v))
  call tridiag(eval,s)  ! Diagonalize the S by S tridiagonal matrix
end do  ! Lanczos iteration over s
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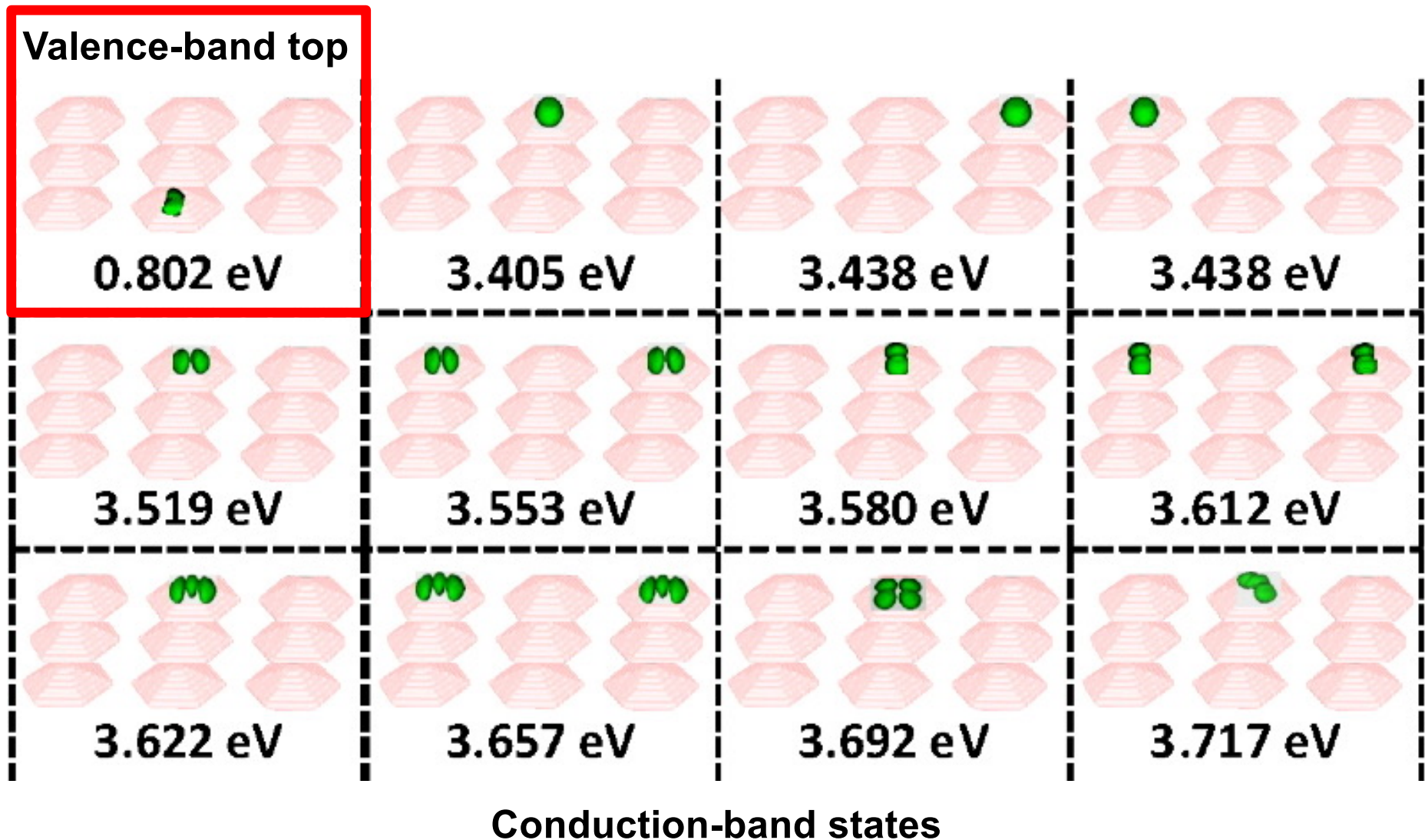
Given $\mathbf{r}_0, \beta_0 = \|\mathbf{r}_0\|$ ($\mathbf{q}_0 = 0$)

for $i = 1, \dots, m$

$\quad \mathbf{q}_i \leftarrow \mathbf{r}_{i-1}/\beta_{i-1}$

$\quad \mathbf{r}_i \leftarrow \mathbf{A}\mathbf{q}_i - \beta_{i-1}\mathbf{q}_{i-1}$

$\quad \alpha_i \leftarrow \mathbf{q}_i^T \mathbf{r}_i$

$\quad \mathbf{r}_i \leftarrow \mathbf{r}_i - \alpha_i \mathbf{q}_i$

$\quad \beta_i = \|\mathbf{r}_i\|$ (only when $i \leq m - 1$)

endfor

Band-edge Wave Functions

- **Band-edge states in an array of GaN quantum dots in AlN matrix**

Valence-band top

0.802 eV   3.405 eV   3.438 eV   3.438 eV

3.519 eV   3.553 eV   3.580 eV   3.612 eV

3.622 eV   3.657 eV   3.692 eV   3.717 eV

Conduction-band states

S. Sburlan, Ph.D. dissertation, USC ('13)