

GWL tutorial

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GW calculation with QE and GWL

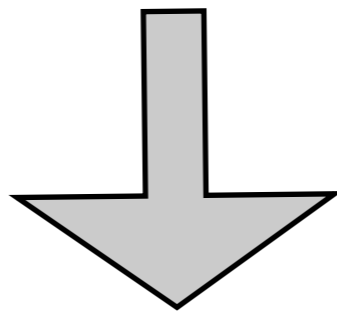
Benefits:

- Optimal basis (reduced) for representing polarizability operators
- Full convergence on sums over empty states through a Lanczos chain algorithm
- Use analytic continuation no plasmon-pole

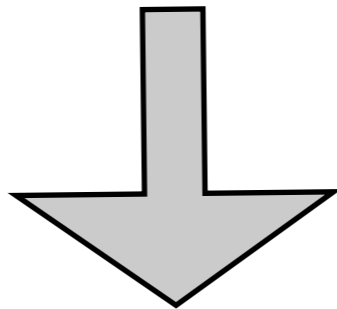
A minimal example: CH₄

3 steps:

pw.x, for scf calculation



pw4gww.x, for preparing matrices



gww.x, for GW calculation

CH₄: pw.x

methane_scf.in

Only : Gamma point
calculations

```
&control
  calculation = 'scf',
  restart_mode='from_scratch',
  prefix='ch4',
  tprnfor = .true.,
  pseudo_dir = './',
/
&system
 ibrav= 1,
celldm(1) =15.0,
nat=5,
ntyp= 2,
ecutwfc =40.0,
nbnd=5
/
&electrons
  diagonalization='cg'
  mixing_beta = 0.5,
  conv_thr = 1.0d-8
/
ATOMIC_SPECIES
H 1.0 H.pz-vbc.UPF
C 12.0 C.pz-vbc.UPF
ATOMIC_POSITIONS {bohr}
H 1.198204546 1.198204546 1.198204546
H -1.198204546 -1.198204546 1.198204546
H 1.198204546 -1.198204546 -1.198204546
H -1.198204546 1.198204546 -1.198204546
C 0.000000000 0.000000000 0.000000000
```

CH₄: pw4gww.x

methane_pw4gww.in

valence states

total # of KS states

Use truncated Coulomb interaction for isolated systems and define radius (bohr)

```
&inputpw4gww
prefix='ch4'
num_nbndv(1)=4
num_nbnds=5
l_truncated_coulomb=.true.
truncation_radius=7.5d0
numw_prod=50
/
```

Dimension of optimal polarizability basis

CH₄:gww.x

$$\tau = \frac{2}{\Omega} n$$

tot # of states

from state

to state

methane_gww.in

Length of frequency grid

of *main* grid points

Length of time grid

Length of frequency for fitting e.v. of self-energy, and # of points

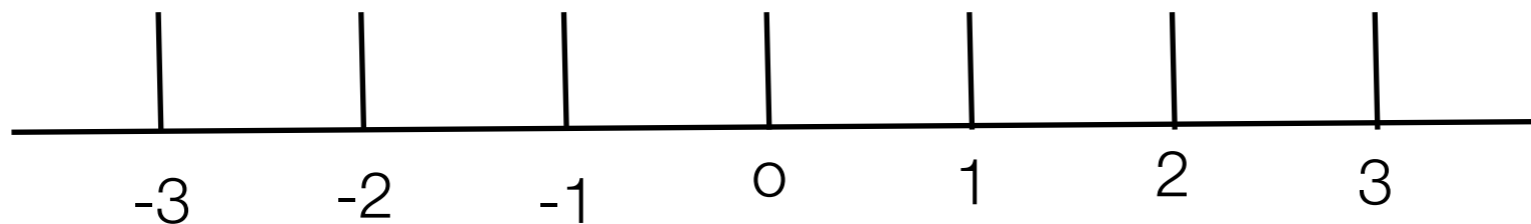
actually fitted

of poles in multipole expansion

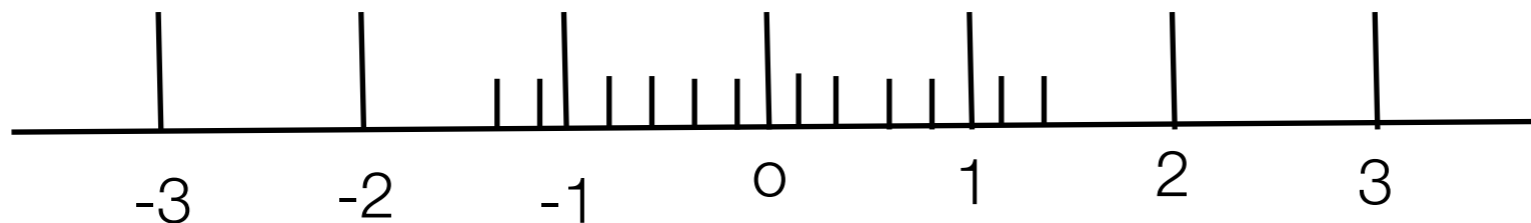
```
&inputgww
ggwin%prefix='ch4'
ggwin%max_i=5,
ggwin%i_min=1
ggwin%i_max=5
ggwin%omega=20
ggwin%n=118,
ggwin%tau=11.8
ggwin%grid_freq=5
ggwin%second_grid_i=3
ggwin%second_grid_n=10
ggwin%omega_fit=20
ggwin%n_grid_fit=240
ggwin%n_fit=120,
ggwin%n_multipoles=2
ggwin%l_truncated_coulomb=.true.
/
```

gww.x: Frequency grids

Equally spaces grid: \longrightarrow `ggwin%grid_freq=3`



Augmented at origin: \longrightarrow `ggwin%grid_freq=5`



Main points to be augmented: \longrightarrow `ggwin%second_grid_i=1`

augmented points in half-interval \longrightarrow `ggwin%second_grid_n=2`

gww.x: results

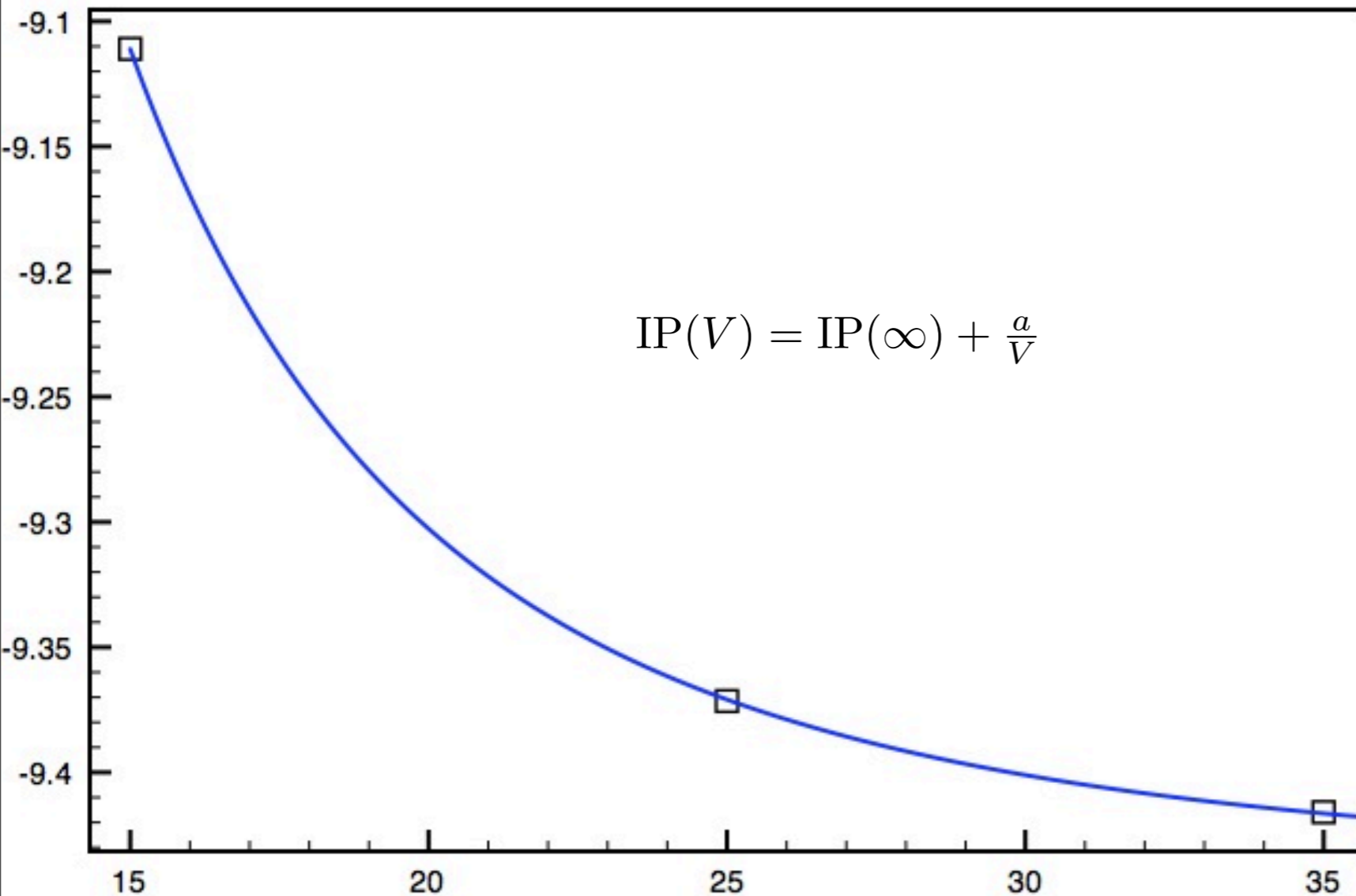
QUASI-PARTICLES ENERGIES IN Ev, Spin: 1 1

State: 1DFT : -16.61246 GW-PERT : -20.35596 GW : -20.12100 HF-pert : -25.31687
State: 2DFT : -9.11161 GW-PERT : -13.67554 GW : -13.58892 HF-pert : -14.42308
State: 3DFT : -9.11161 GW-PERT : -13.67151 GW : -13.58390 HF-pert : -14.42308
State: 4DFT : -9.11161 GW-PERT : -13.67654 GW : -13.58950 HF-pert : -14.42308
State: 5DFT : -0.56517 GW-PERT : 0.21436 GW : 0.21384 HF-pert : 0.90049

IMAGINARY ENERGIES IN Ev:

State: 1 GW (Im) : 0.51158
State: 2 GW (Im) : -0.04833
State: 3 GW (Im) : -0.05202
State: 4 GW (Im) : -0.04985
State: 5 GW (Im) : 0.02240

Energy position of vacuum level

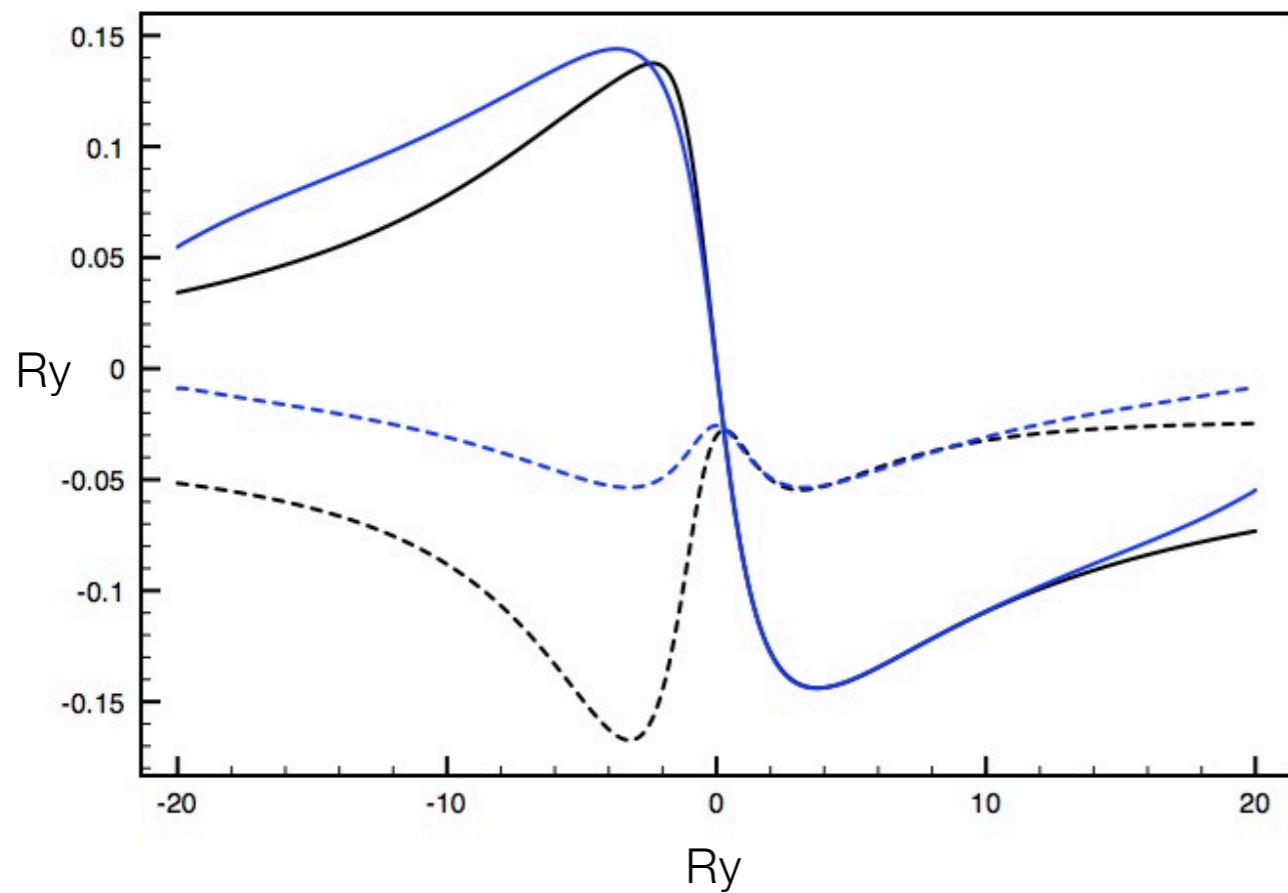


- $IP_{LDA} = 9.44 \text{ eV}$
- $IP_{GW} = 13.91 \text{ eV}$
- $IP_{\text{ext}} = 13.6 \text{ eV}$

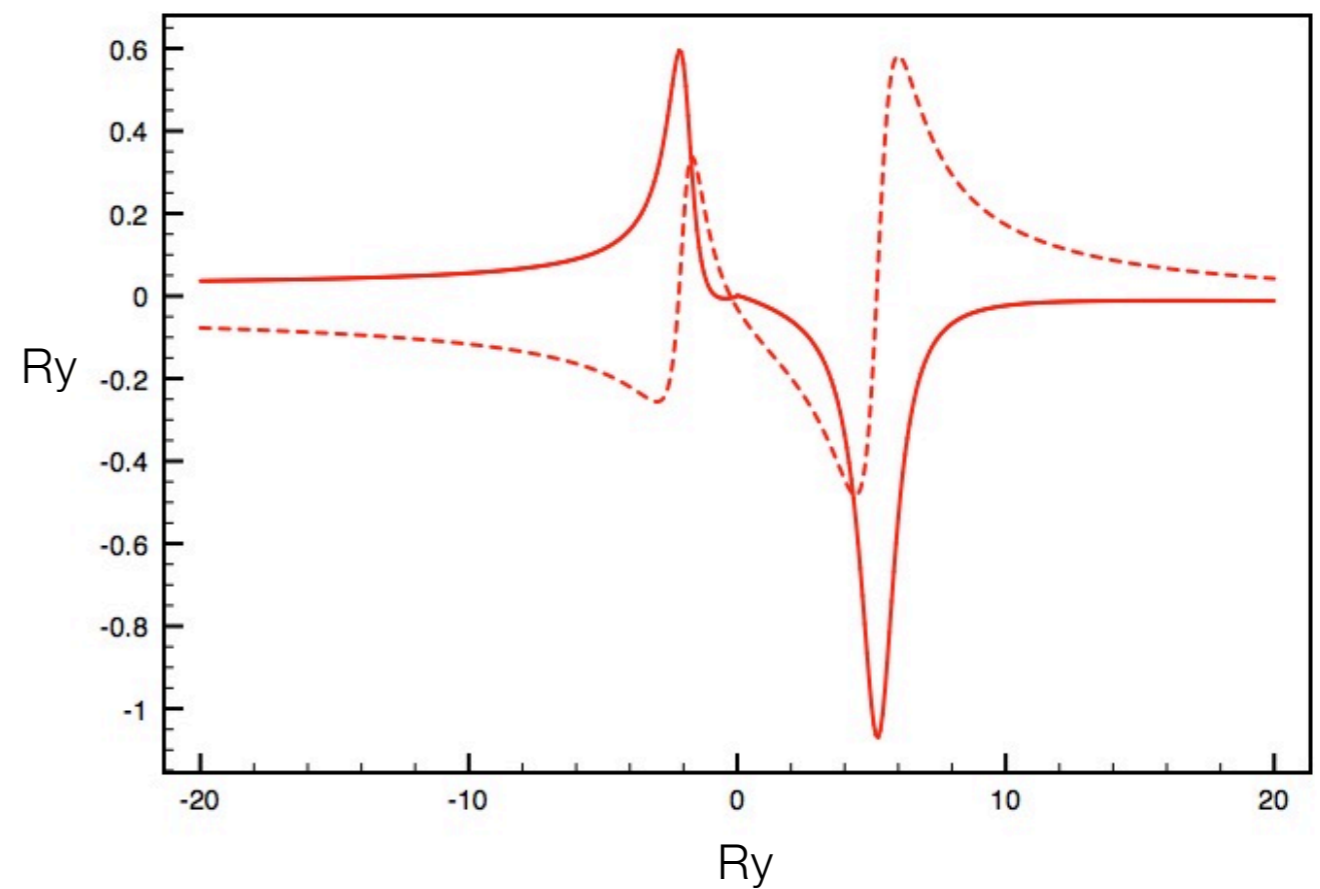
Self-energy files:

Expectation values of the self-energy operator: real (dashed) *re_on_im000XX* and imaginary *im_on_im000XX* parts:

On imaginary energy:



On real energy:



- calculated
- fitted
- analytically continued

The rules of the game: G_0W_0 Approximation

M.S. Hybertsen and S.G. Louie, Phys. Rev. Lett 55, 1418 (1985)

$$E_n \simeq \epsilon_n + \langle \Sigma_{G^0W^0}(E_n) \rangle_n - \langle V_{xc} \rangle_n$$

$$\Sigma_{G^0W^0}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega) = \frac{i}{2\pi} \int d\omega' G^0(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega - \omega') W^0(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega')$$

$$W^0 = v + v \cdot \Pi^0 \cdot v \quad \text{where} \quad \Pi^0 = P^0 \cdot (1 - v \cdot P^0)^{-1}$$

$$P^0(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int d\omega' G^0(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega - \omega') G^0(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega')$$

$$G^0(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega) = \sum_i \frac{\psi_i(\mathbf{r}) \psi_i^*(\mathbf{r}')}{\omega - \epsilon_i \pm i\delta}$$

For accurate calculations: analytic continuation method

M.M. Rieger, L. Steinbeck, I.D. White, H.N. Rojas and R.W. Godby, Comp. Phys. Comm. 117 211 (1999)

Optimal polarizability basis

If an optimal representation of P° can be found:

$$P^\circ(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega) \simeq \sum_{\alpha\beta} \Phi_\alpha(\mathbf{r}) P^\circ_{\alpha\beta}(\omega) \Phi_\beta(\mathbf{r}')$$

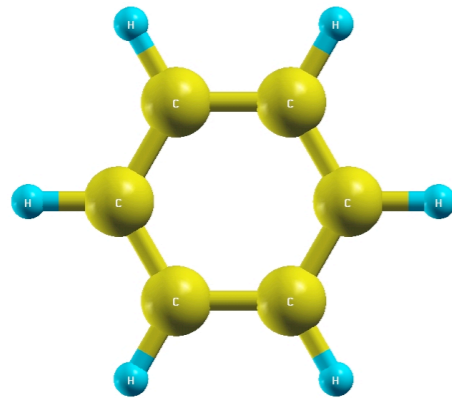
$$\Pi^\circ(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega) \simeq \sum_{\alpha\beta} \Phi_\alpha(\mathbf{r}) \Pi^\circ_{\alpha\beta}(\omega) \Phi_\beta(\mathbf{r}')$$

$$W^\circ(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega) \simeq \int d\mathbf{r}'' d\mathbf{r}''' \sum_{\alpha\beta} v(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'') \Phi_\alpha(\mathbf{r}'') \Pi^\circ_{\alpha\beta}(\omega) \Phi_\beta(\mathbf{r}''') v(\mathbf{r}''', \mathbf{r}')$$

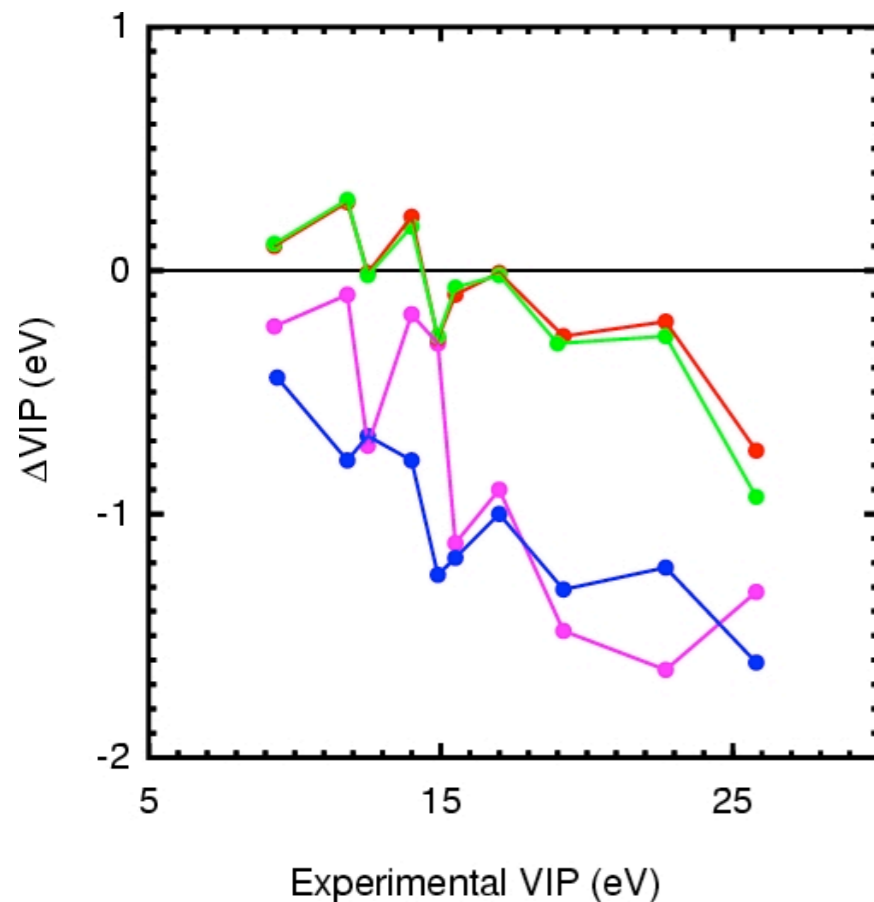
then a **high** speed-up can be achieved

We take the most important eigenvectors of $P(E^*, t = 0)$

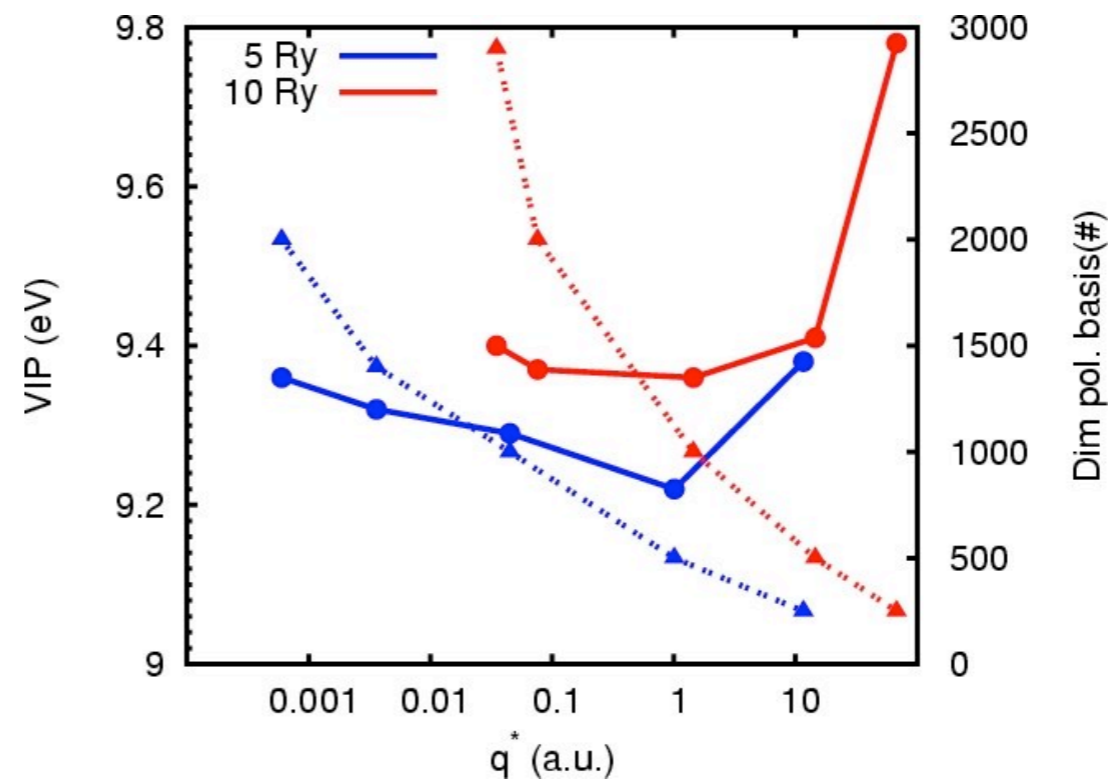
Optimal polarizability basis: Benzene



convergence of IPs



convergence of first IP



- $E=10\text{Ry } q^* = 0.035\text{a.u. } N = 2900$
- $E=10\text{Ry } q^* = 14.5\text{a.u. } N = 500$
- Extrapolations
- Plane waves $E = 5 \text{ Ry } N = 1500$

Optimal polarizability basis: exercise

```
methane_pw4gww_basis.in
```

```
&inputpw4gww
```

```
  prefix='ch4'
```

```
  num_nbandv(1)=4
```

```
  num_nbnds=5
```

```
  l_truncated_coulomb=.true.
```

```
  truncation_radius=7.5d0
```

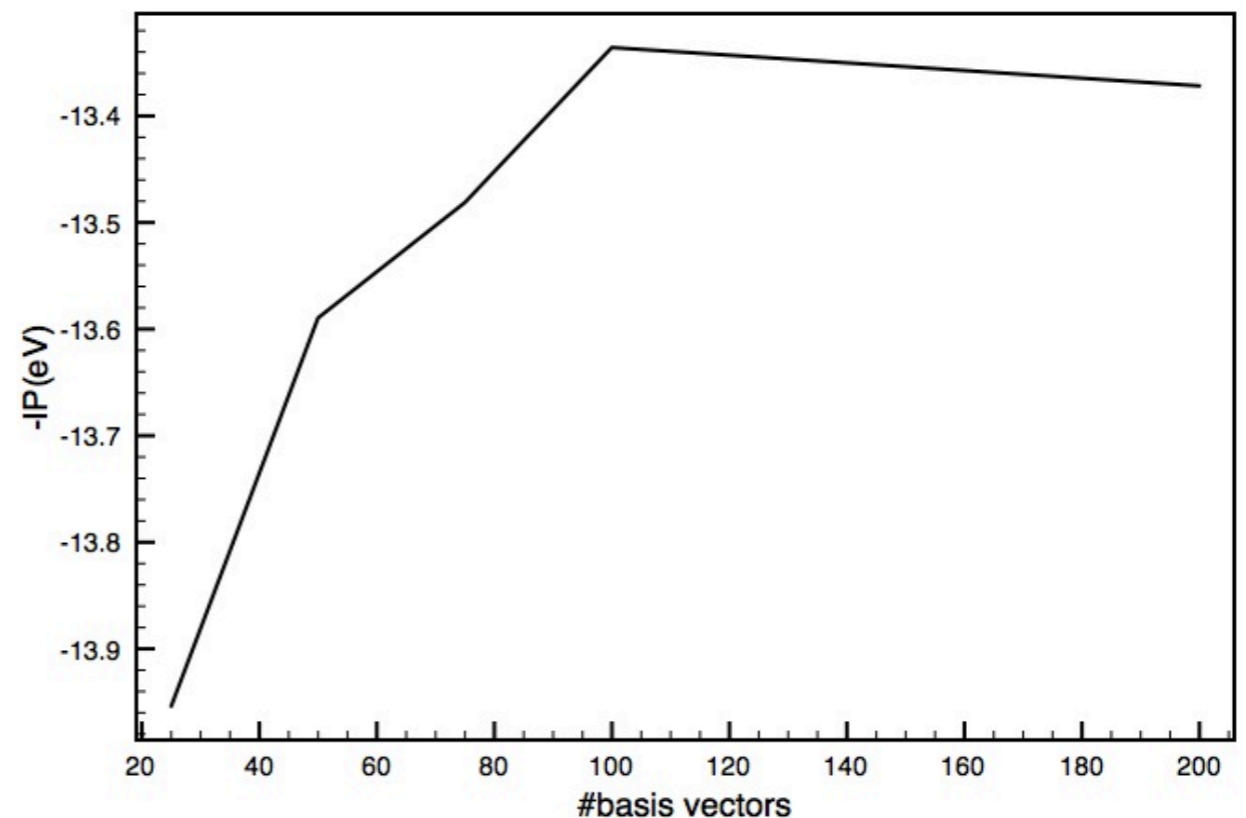
```
  numw_prod=100
```

```
  pmat_cutoff=3d0
```

```
/
```

Dimension of optimal polarizability basis

E^*



Lanczos chains

Sternheimer approach for P

The polarizability matrix $P_{\mu\nu}^{\circ}(i\omega)$:

$$P_{\mu\nu}^{\circ}(i\omega) = -4\Re \sum_{v,c} \frac{\int d\mathbf{r}d\mathbf{r}' \Phi_{\mu}(\mathbf{r})\psi_v(\mathbf{r})\psi_c(\mathbf{r})\psi_v(\mathbf{r}')\psi_c(\mathbf{r}')\Phi_{\nu}(\mathbf{r}')}{\epsilon_c - \epsilon_v + i\omega}.$$

the projector over the conduction manifold Q_c :

$$Q_c(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = \sum_c \psi_c(\mathbf{r})\psi_c(\mathbf{r}') = \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') - \sum_v \psi_v(\mathbf{r})\psi_v(\mathbf{r}'),$$

with the notation:

$$\langle \mathbf{r} | \psi_i \Phi_{\nu} \rangle = \psi_i(\mathbf{r})\Phi_{\nu}(\mathbf{r}).$$

We can now eliminate the sum over c :

$$P_{\mu\nu}^{\circ}(i\omega) = -4\Re \sum_v \langle \Phi_{\mu}\psi_v | Q_c (H - \epsilon_v + i\omega)^{-1} Q_c | \psi_v \Phi_{\nu} \rangle,$$

See also: F. Giustino, M.L. Cohen, and S.G. Louie PRB **81**, 115105 (2019).

Self-energy

$$\langle \psi_i | \Sigma_c(i\omega) | \psi_i \rangle = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int d\omega' \sum_{\mu, \nu} \langle \psi_i (v\Phi_\mu) | (H^0 - i(\omega - \omega'))^{-1} | (v\Phi_\nu) \psi_i \rangle \Pi_{\mu\nu}(i\omega')$$

Equivalent Lanczos approach for the **self-energy**:

$$\langle \mathbf{r} | \psi_n (v\Phi_\mu) \rangle \approx \sum_{\alpha} s_{\alpha}^0(\mathbf{r}) S_{\alpha, n\mu},$$

with:

$$\langle \mathbf{r} | (v\Phi_\mu) \rangle = \int d\mathbf{r}' v(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \Phi_\mu(\mathbf{r}')$$

For constructing s vectors: block algorithm starting from KS states

Lanczos chains

The computational load can be hugely reduced:

with an optimal basis:

$$\langle r|Q_c|\psi_v\Phi_\mu\rangle \approx \sum_{\alpha} t_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r})T_{\alpha,v\mu},$$

We can **easily** solve:

$$\langle t_{\alpha}|(H - \epsilon_v + i\omega)^{-1}|t_{\beta}\rangle$$

for every ϵ_v and every ω using Lanczos chains.

Implemented in the *quantum-Espresso* package

www.quantum-espresso.org

See: P.Umari, G Stenuit and S. Baroni PRB **79** 201014R (2009)

See: P.Umari, G Stenuit and S. Baroni PRB **81** 115104 (2010)

t basis construction: recipe

1. For each Wannier valence function: construct local orthonormal basis
2. With a block algorithm construct global orthonormal basis
3. Construct Lanczos chains and store overlap terms with global basis

Lanczos steps for self-energy: exercise

methane_pw4gww_steps.in

```
&inputpw4gww
```

```
prefix='ch4'
```

```
num_nbandv(1)=4
```

```
num_nbands=5
```

```
l_truncated_coulomb=.true.
```

```
truncation_radius=7.5d0
```

```
numw_prod=100
```

```
nsteps_lanczos_self=2
```

```
restart_gww=2
```

```
lanczos_restart=3
```

```
s_first_state=4
```

```
s_last_state=4
```

```
/
```

we can restart from a previous calculation

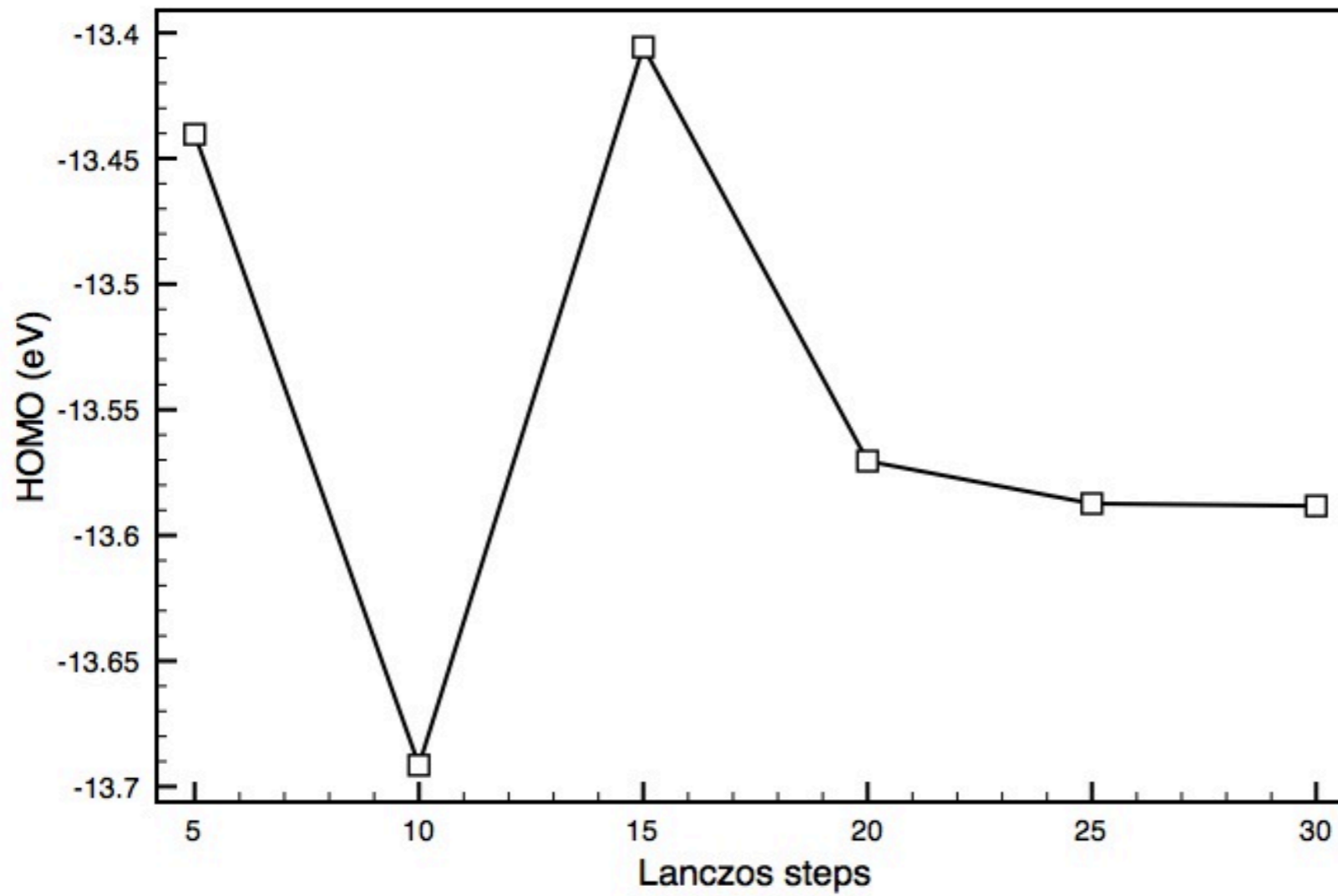
number of Lanczos steps for self-energy

start from calculated *local* *s*, vectors

KS states considered in *global* *s* basis

in methane_gww.in, we set: ggwin%starting_point=6

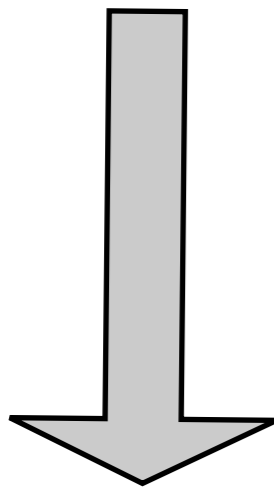
Lanczos steps...



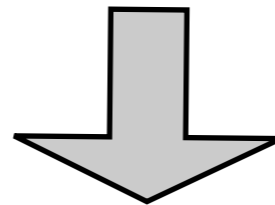
extended systems:

4 steps:

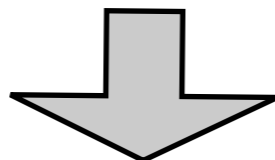
pw.x, for scf calculation with k-points sampling



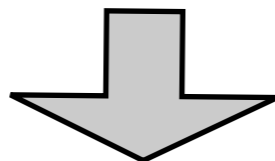
head.x, for head and wings of symmetric dielectric matrix



pw.x, for non-scf calculation Gamma point only sampling



pw4gww.x



gww.x

Example: bulk silicon

Note: a 8 Si atoms cell, is not enough for giving converged results, use at least 64 atoms cells for production calculations!

si_scf_k.in

```
&control
calculation='scf'
restart_mode='from_scratch',
prefix='si'
pseudo_dir='./'
/
&system
ibrav= 8, celldm(1)= 10.26,celldm(2)= 1, celldm(3)=1,
nat= 8, ntyp= 1,
ecutwfc = 15.0
/
&electrons
diagonalization='david',
conv_thr = 1.0d-10,
mixing_beta = 0.5,
startingwfc='random',
/
ATOMIC_SPECIES
Si 1. Si.pz-vbc.UPF
ATOMIC_POSITIONS (crystal)
Si 0.00000 0.00000 0.00000
Si 0.50000 0.50000 0.00000
Si 0.00000 0.50000 0.50000
Si 0.50000 0.00000 0.50000
Si 0.25000 0.25000 0.25000
Si 0.75000 0.75000 0.25000
Si 0.75000 0.25000 0.75000
Si 0.25000 0.75000 0.75000
K_POINTS (automatic)
4 4 4 1 1 1
```

si_head.in

```
&inputph
trans=.false.
l_head=.true.
tr2_ph=1.d-4,
prefix='si',
omega_gauss=20.0
n_gauss=97
grid_type=5
second_grid_i=1
second_grid_n=10
niter_ph=1
nsteps_lanczos=30
outdir='./'
/
0.0 0.0 0.0
```

frequency grid parameters
must be the same as in gww.x

of Lanczos steps

Example: bulk Si

si_nscf.in

```
&control
  calculation='nscf'
  restart_mode='from_scratch',
  prefix='si'
  pseudo_dir='./'
/
&system
 ibrav= 8, celldm(1)= 10.26,
celldm(2)= 1, celldm(3)=1,
  nat= 8, ntyp= 1,
  ecutwfc = 15.0, nosym=.true.
  nbnd=32
/
&electrons
  diagonalization='cg',
  conv_thr = 1.0d-10,
  mixing_beta = 0.5,
  startingwfc='random',
/
ATOMIC_SPECIES
Si 1. Si.pz-vbc.UPF
ATOMIC_POSITIONS (crystal)
Si 0.00000 0.00000 0.00000
Si 0.50000 0.50000 0.00000
Si 0.00000 0.50000 0.50000
Si 0.50000 0.00000 0.50000
Si 0.25000 0.25000 0.25000
Si 0.75000 0.75000 0.25000
Si 0.75000 0.25000 0.75000
Si 0.25000 0.75000 0.75000
```

si_pw4gww.in

```
&inputpw4gww
  prefix='si'
  num_nbn dv(1)=16
  num_nbn ds=32
  l_truncated_coulomb=.false.
  numw_prod=100
  pmat_cutoff=3d0
  s_self_lanczos=1d-8
/
```

extended system



accuracy of *global s* basis, default 1d-12



Bulk Si

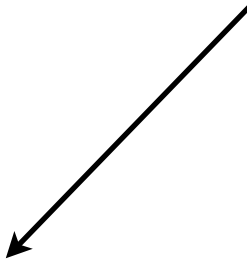
si_gww.in

```
&inputgww
ggwin%prefix='si'
ggwin%n=97,
ggwin%n_fit=120,
ggwin%max_i=32,
ggwin%i_min=1
ggwin%i_max=32
ggwin%l_truncated_coulomb=.false.
ggwin%grid_time=3
ggwin%grid_freq=5
ggwin%second_grid_i=1
ggwin%second_grid_n=10
ggwin%omega=20
ggwin%omega_fit=20
ggwin%n_grid_fit=240
ggwin%tau=9.8
ggwin%n_set_pola=16
/
```

extended system



how many valence states to save in memory at the same time while calculating the irreducible polarizability, it affects only the performance and memory requirements, default: 4



Comparison with plane waves basis sets

We use a plane-waves basis set for representing polarizability operators:

```
si_pw4gww_planewaves.in
```

```
&inputpw4gww
```

```
  prefix='si'
```

```
  num_nbndv(1)=16
```

```
  num_nbnds=32
```

```
  l_truncated_coulomb=.false.
```

```
  numw_prod=100
```

```
  pmat_cutoff=3d0
```

```
  pmat_type=5
```

```
  s_self_lanczos=1d-8
```

```
/
```

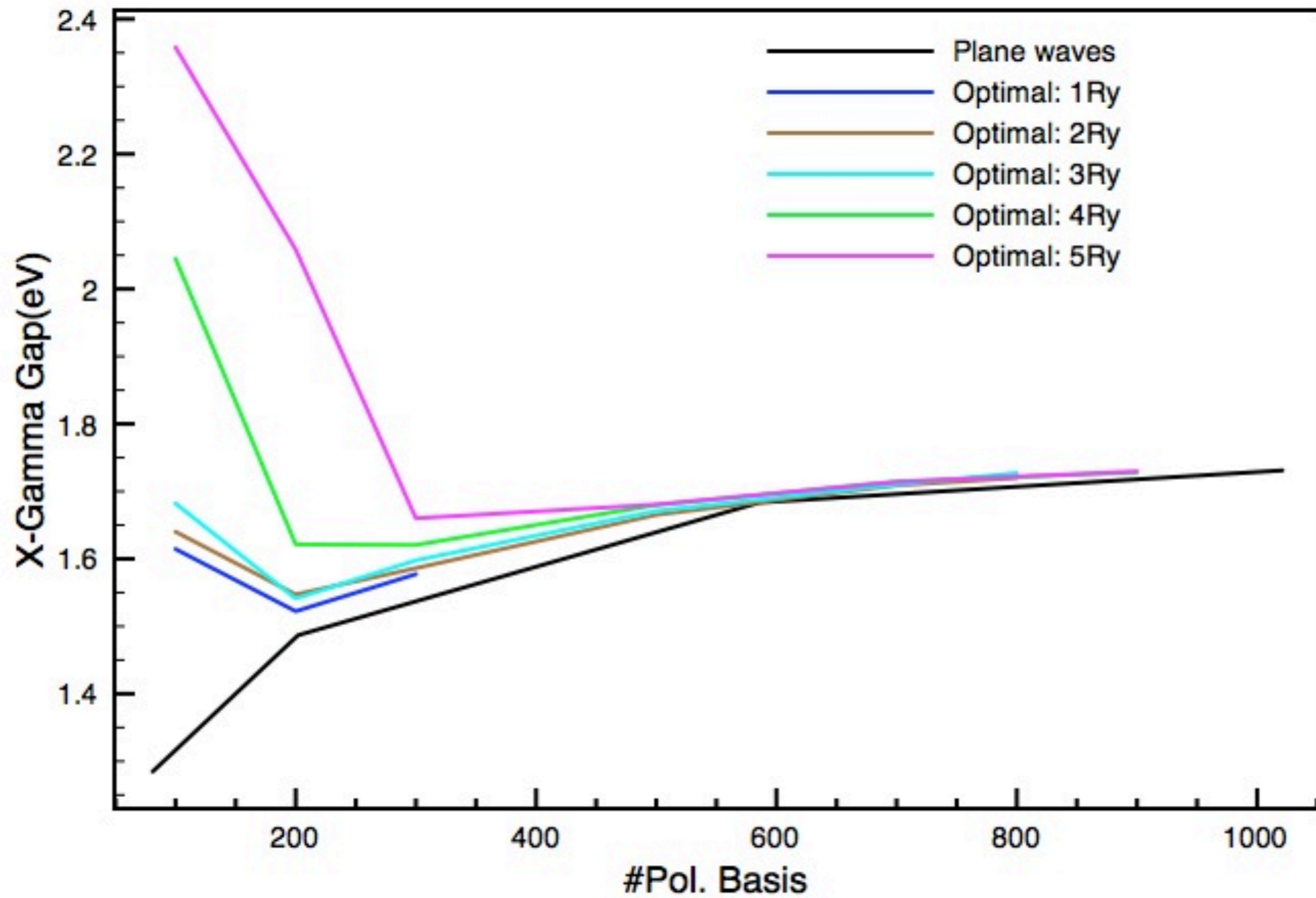
cutoff for plane-waves in Ry



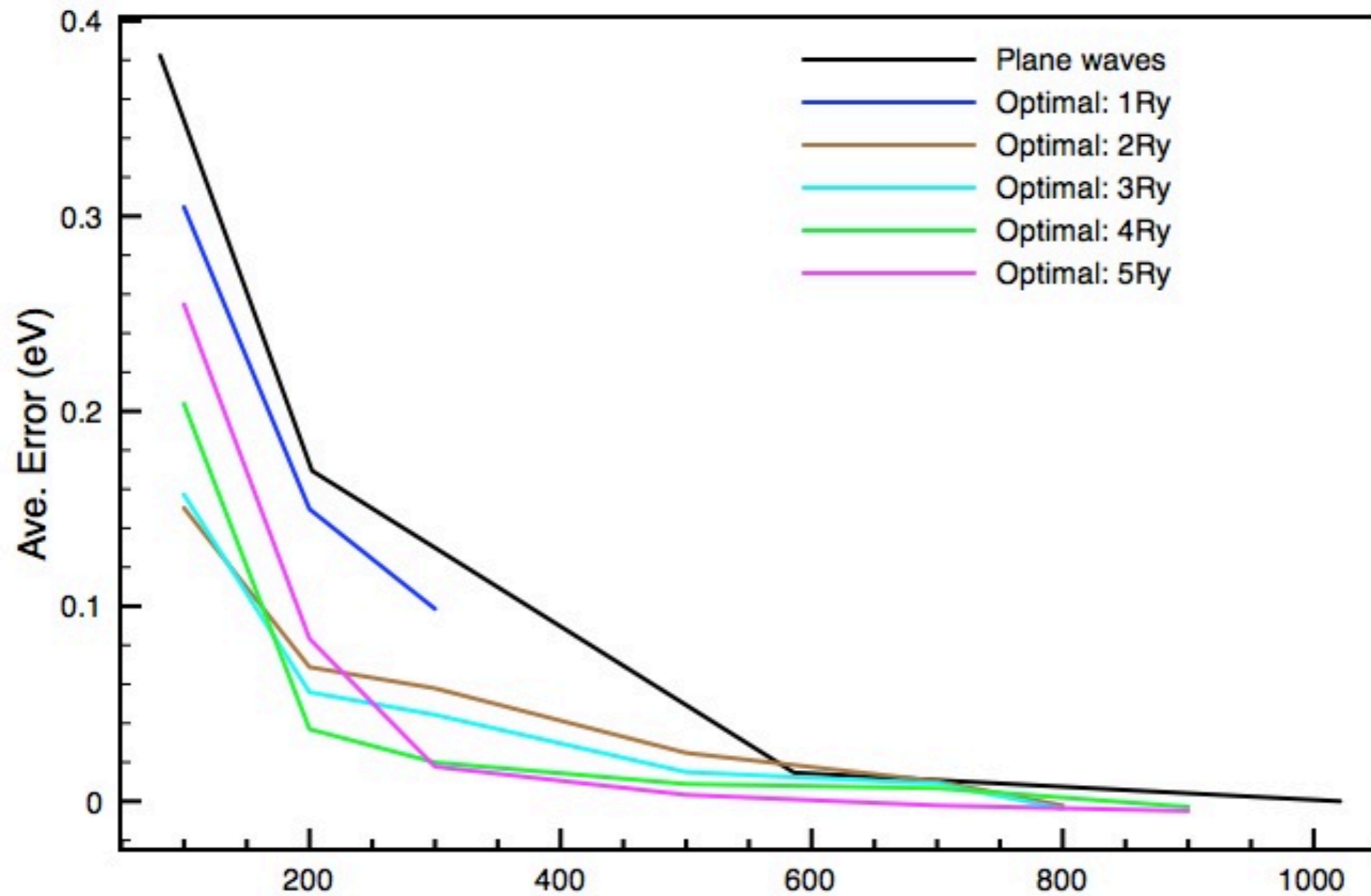
select plane-waves basis set



Optimal basis vs Plane-waves: results



Optimal basis vs Plane-waves: results



Conclusions:

Always check the convergence of your results!!