

# Density-Functional Theory for Practitioners - Tutorial 3

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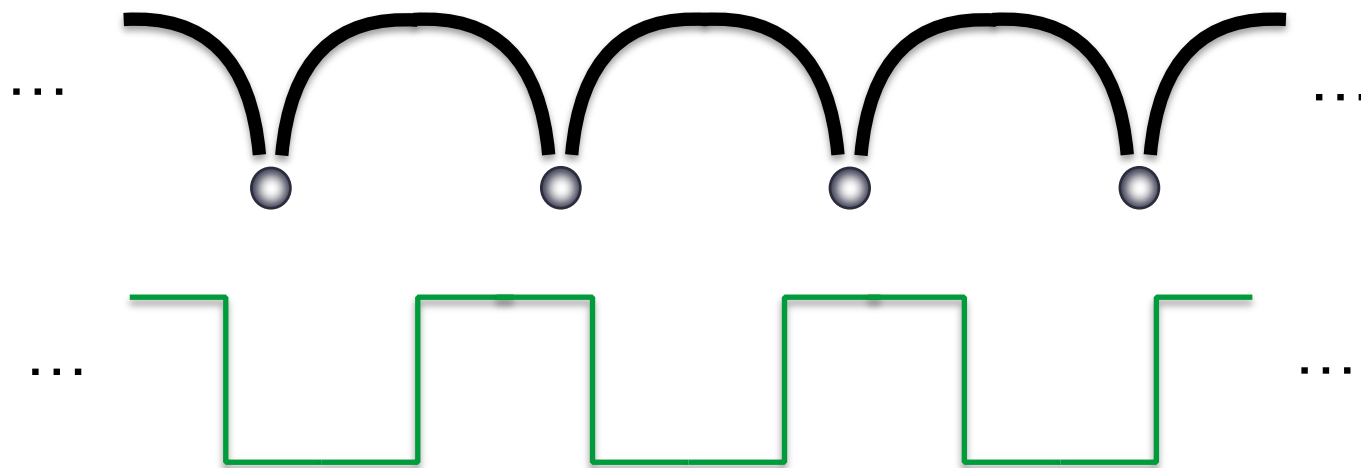
# House Keeping – Bloch Theorem

periodic potential:  
(translational symmetry)

$$U(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{R}) = U(\mathbf{r})$$

$\mathbf{R}$  is one of our lattice vectors:

$$\mathbf{R} = n_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + n_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + n_3 \mathbf{a}_3$$



Then you can find solution  
Schrödinger equation with  
that potential in this form:

Still 1 e<sup>-</sup> wavefunction

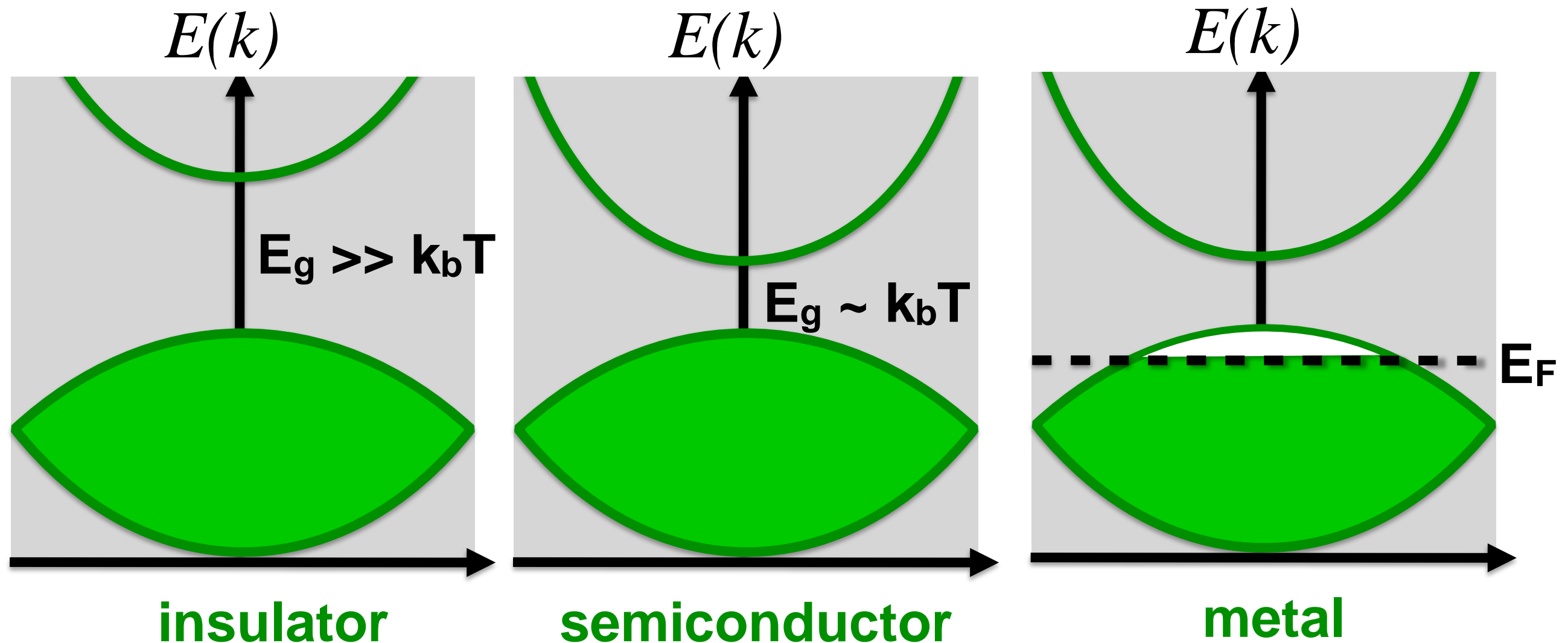
$$\psi(\mathbf{r}) = e^{i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{r}} u(\mathbf{r})$$

Phase factor

$$u(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{R}) = u(\mathbf{r})$$

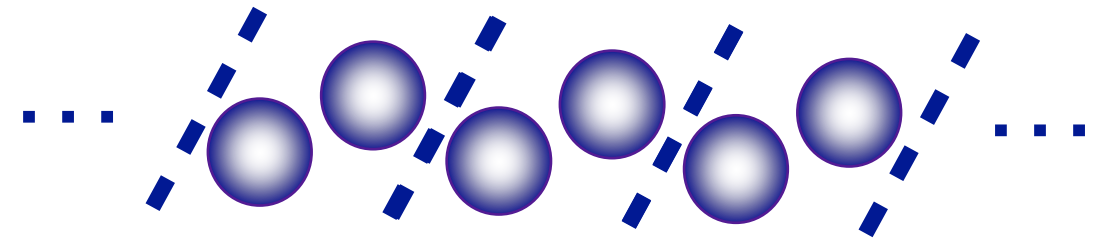
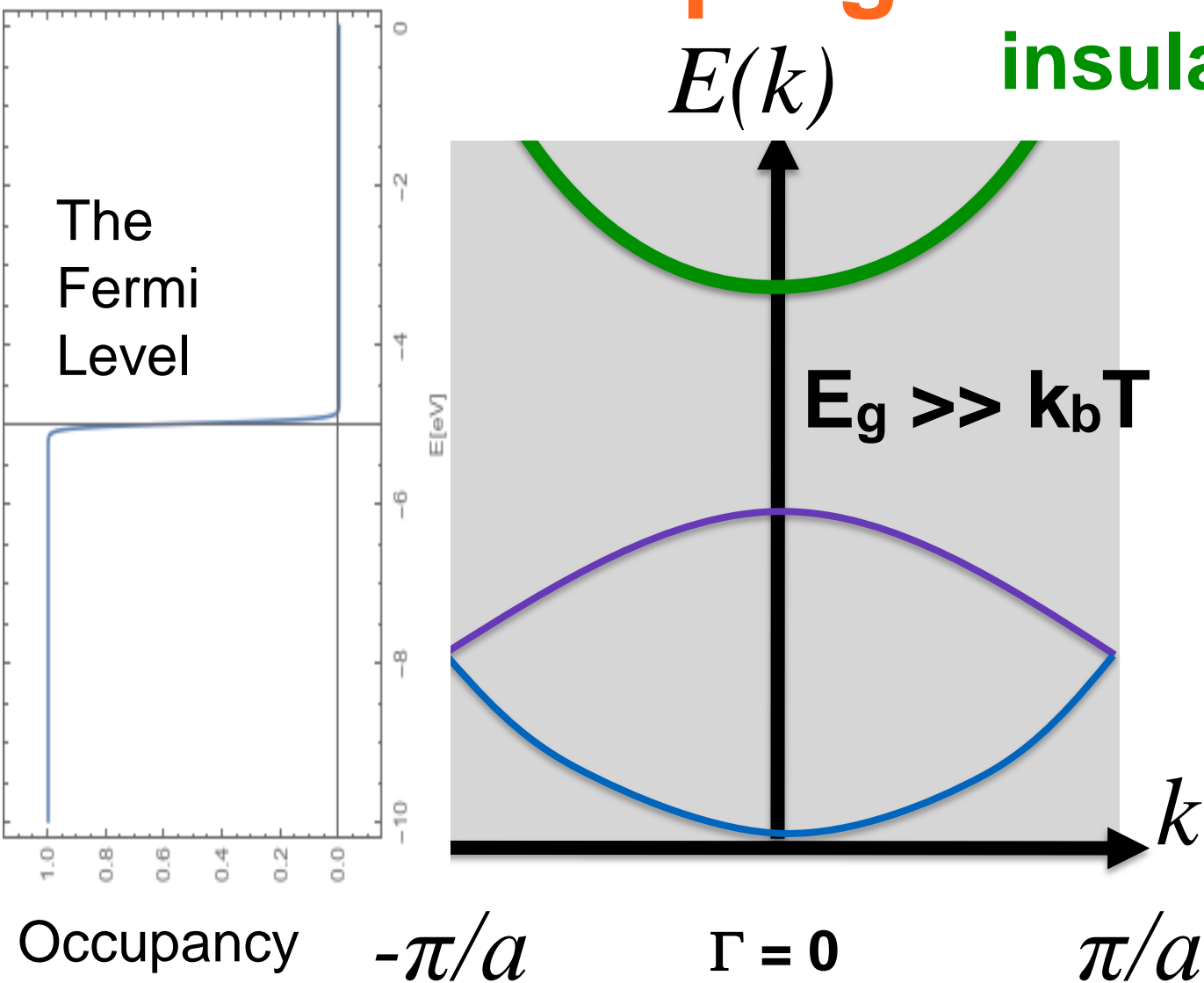
Periodically  
repeating part

# House Keeping – Band structure confusion



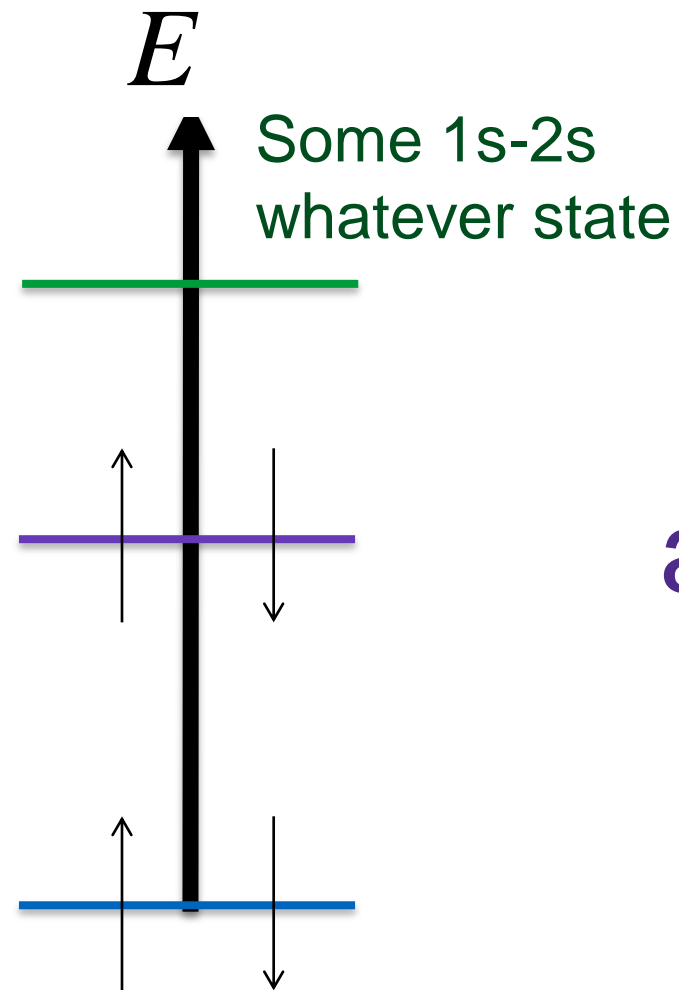
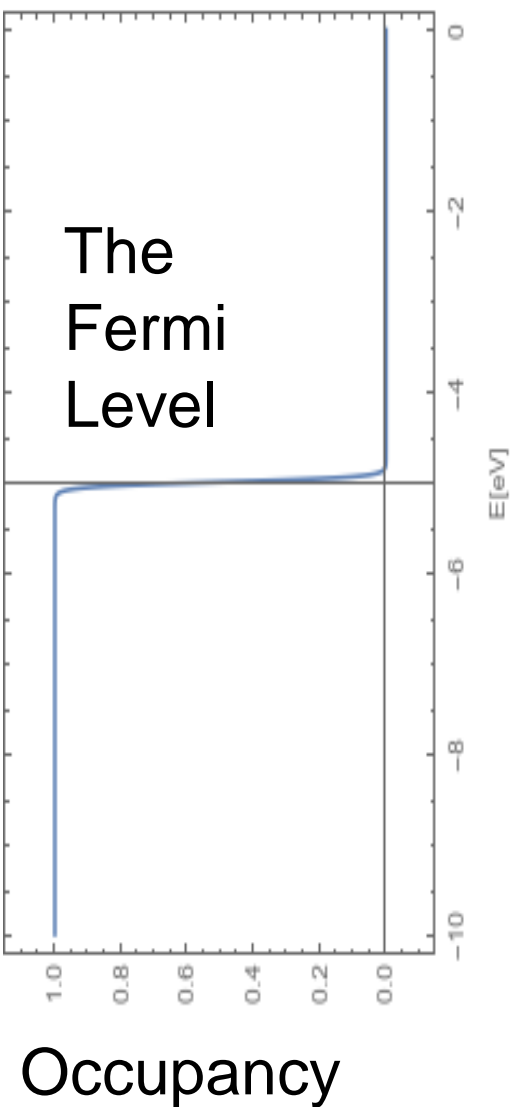
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# House Keeping – 1D chain of “2He atoms”



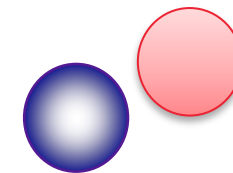
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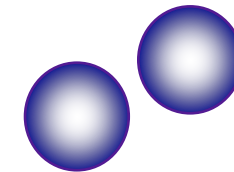


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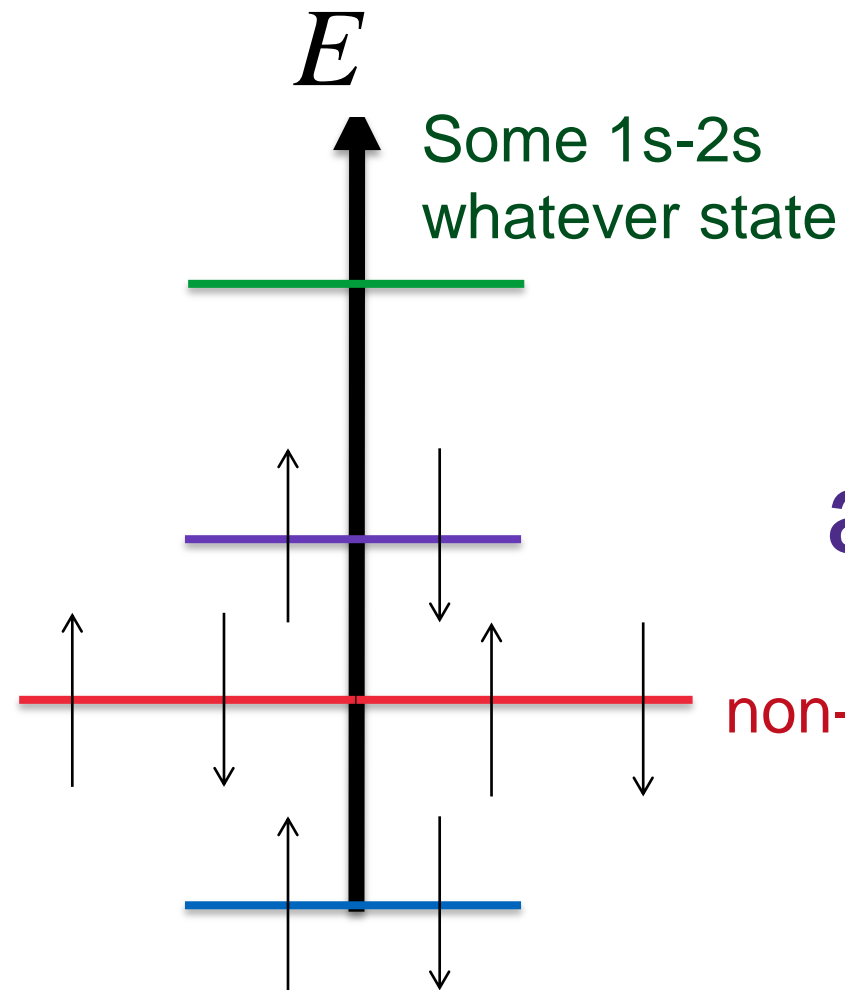
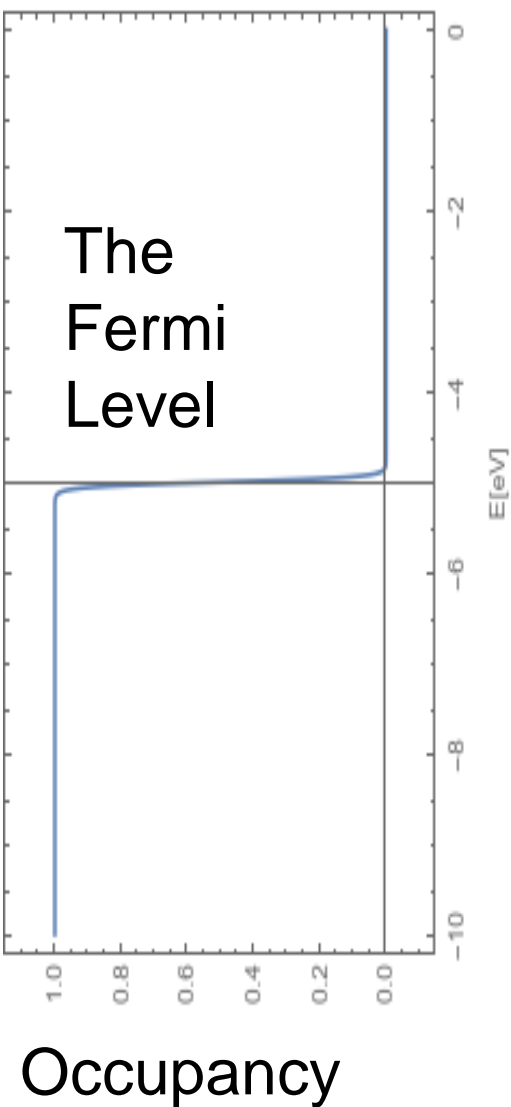
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bonding



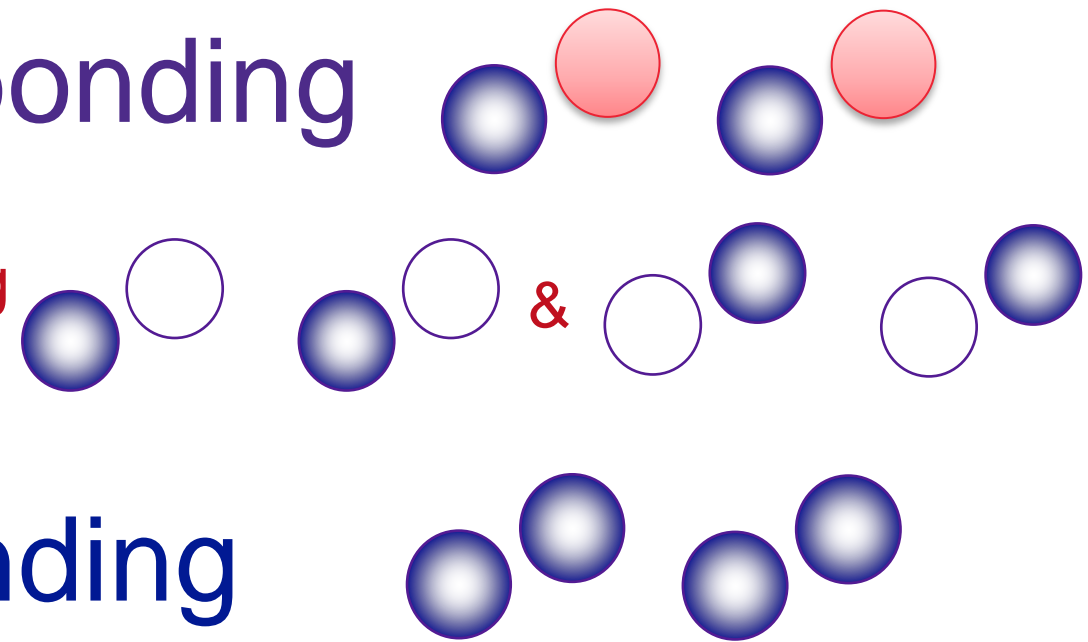
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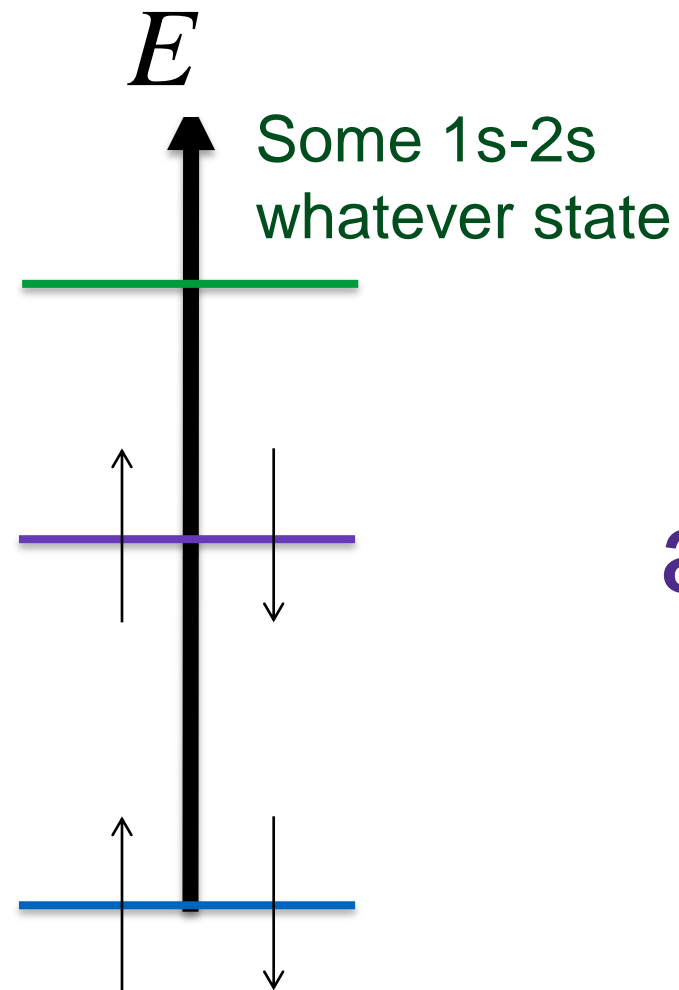
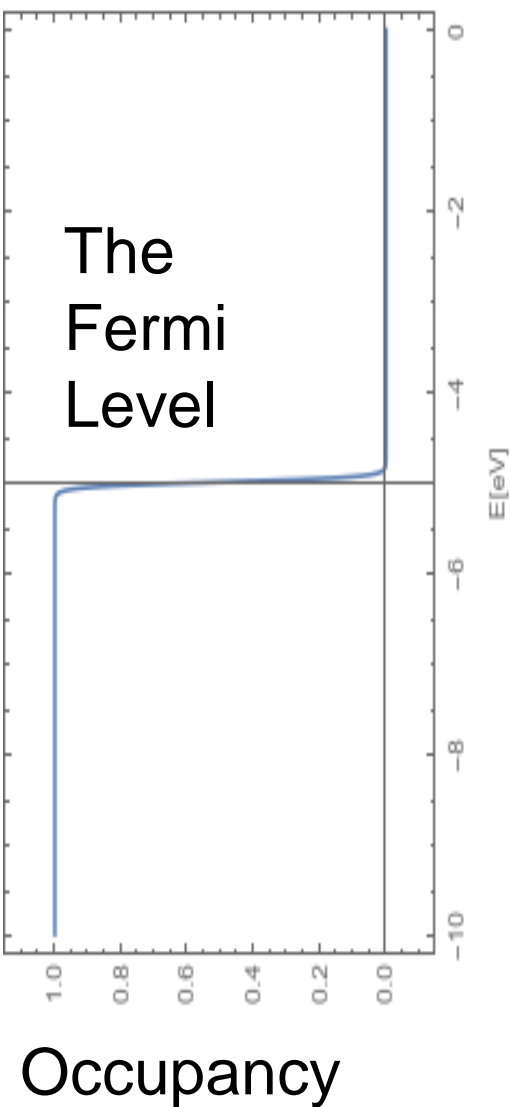
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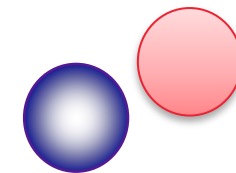


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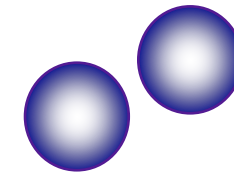


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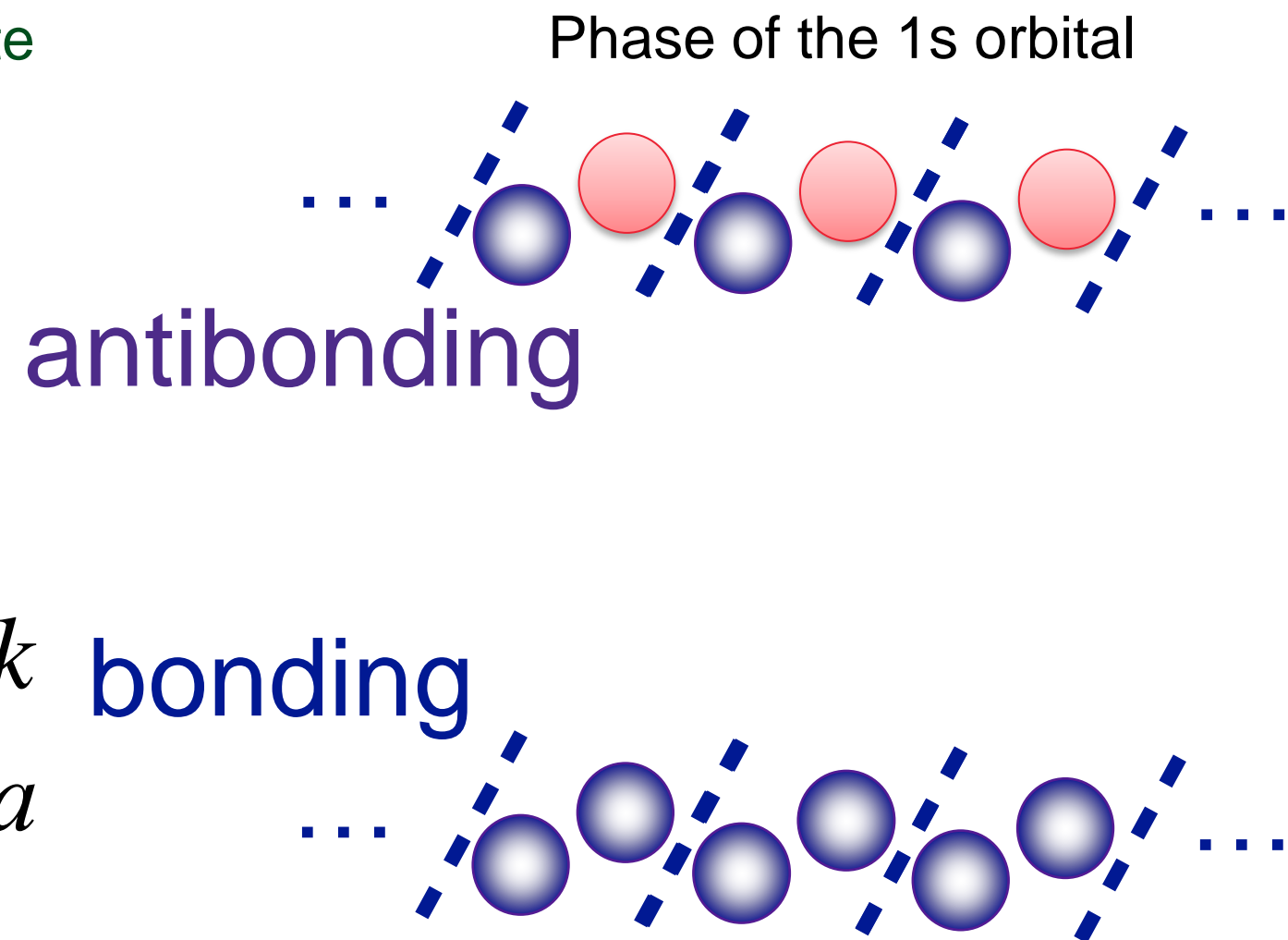
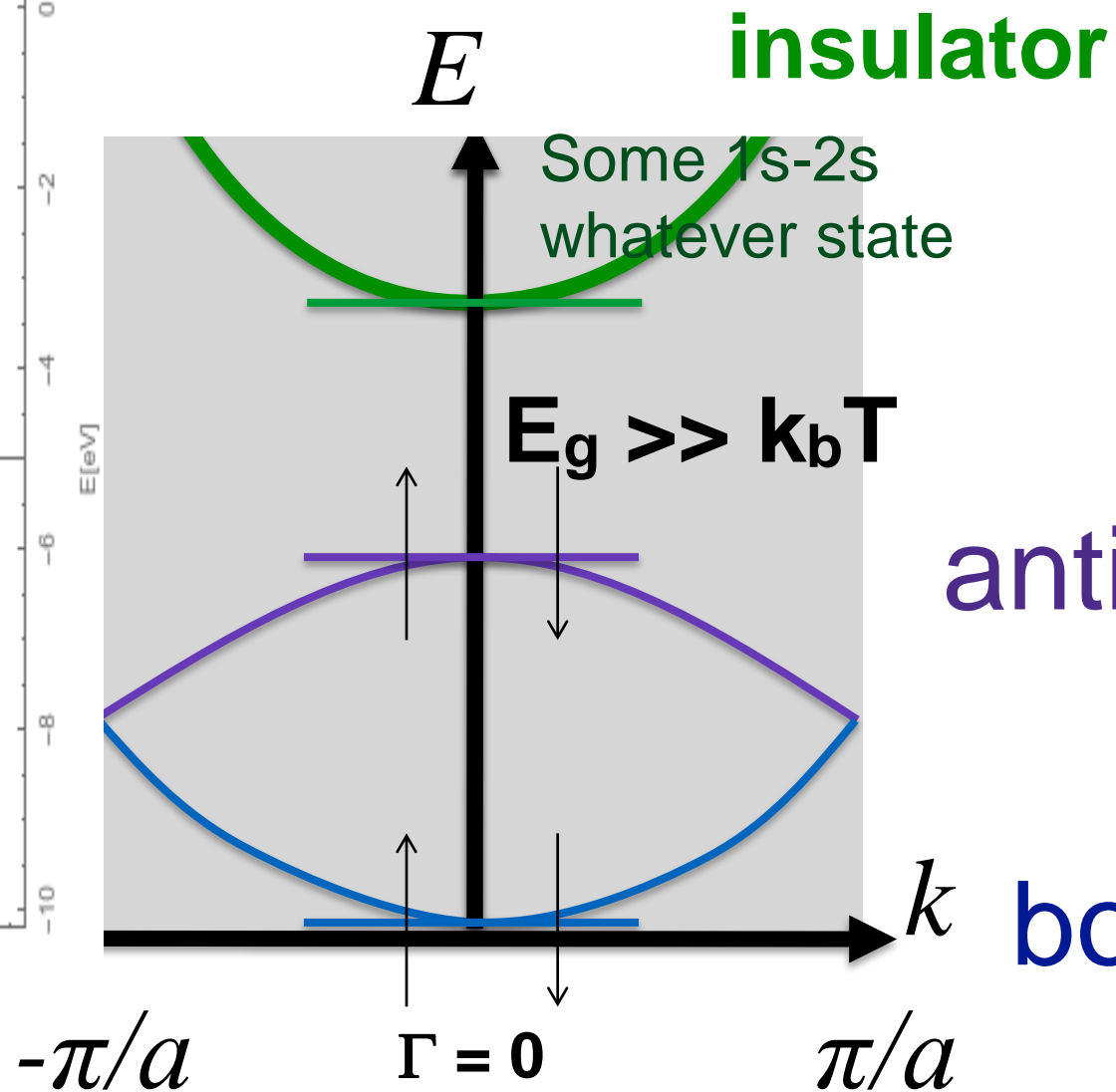
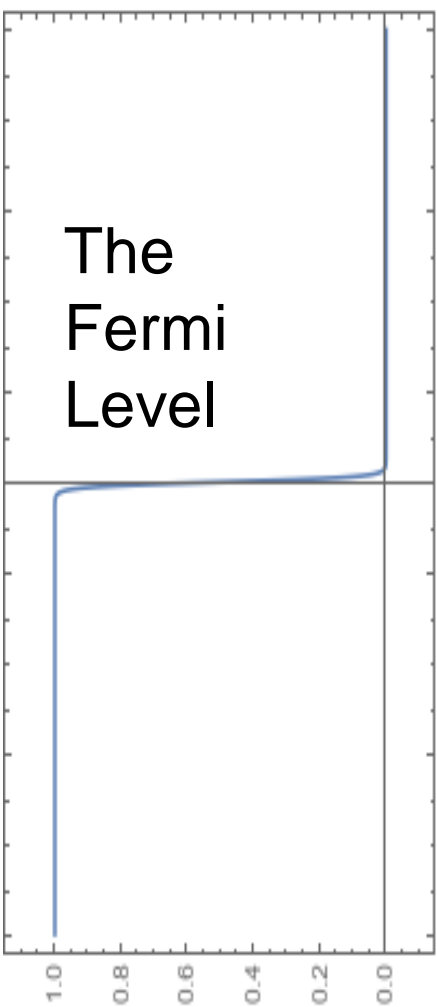
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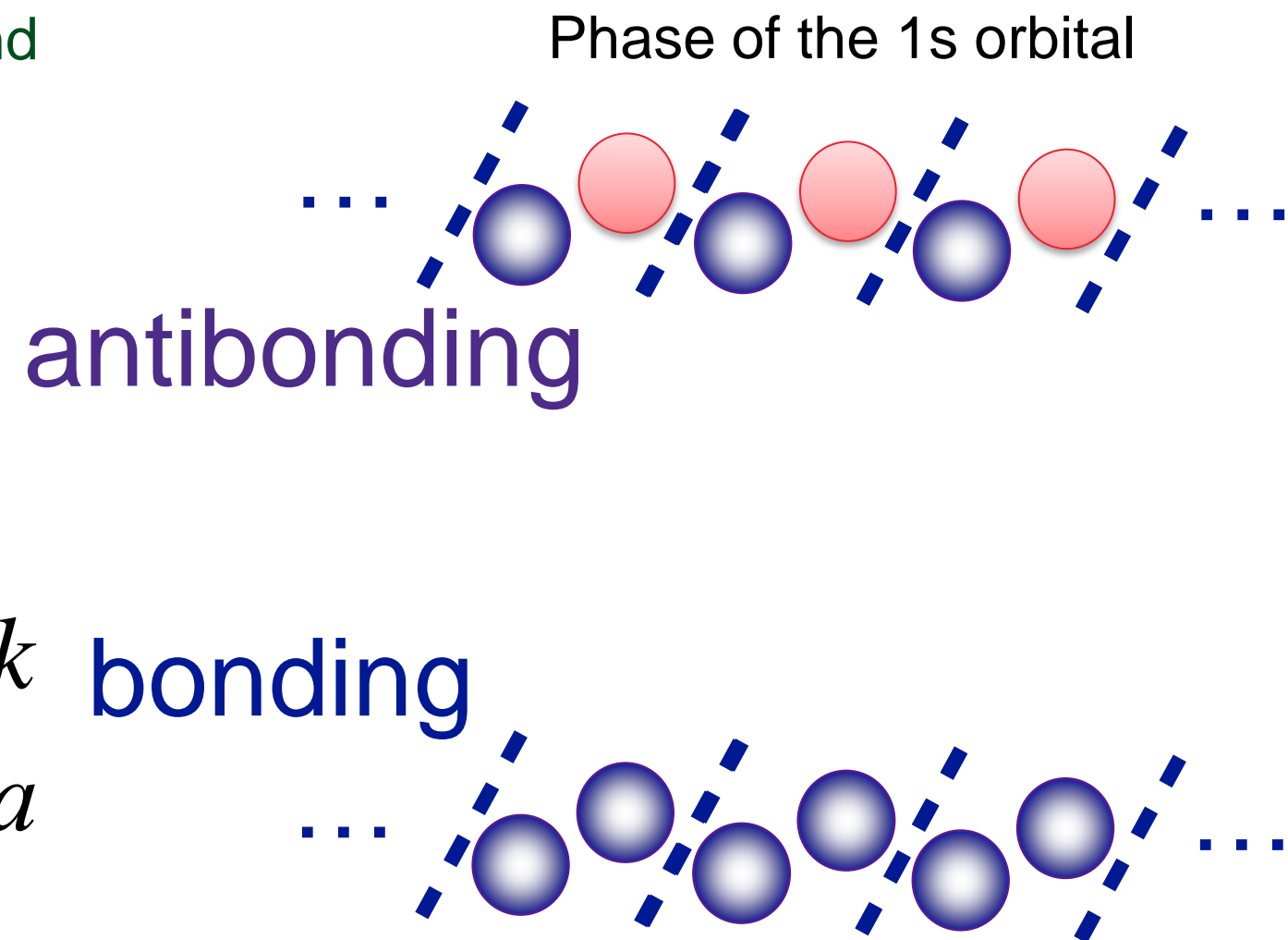
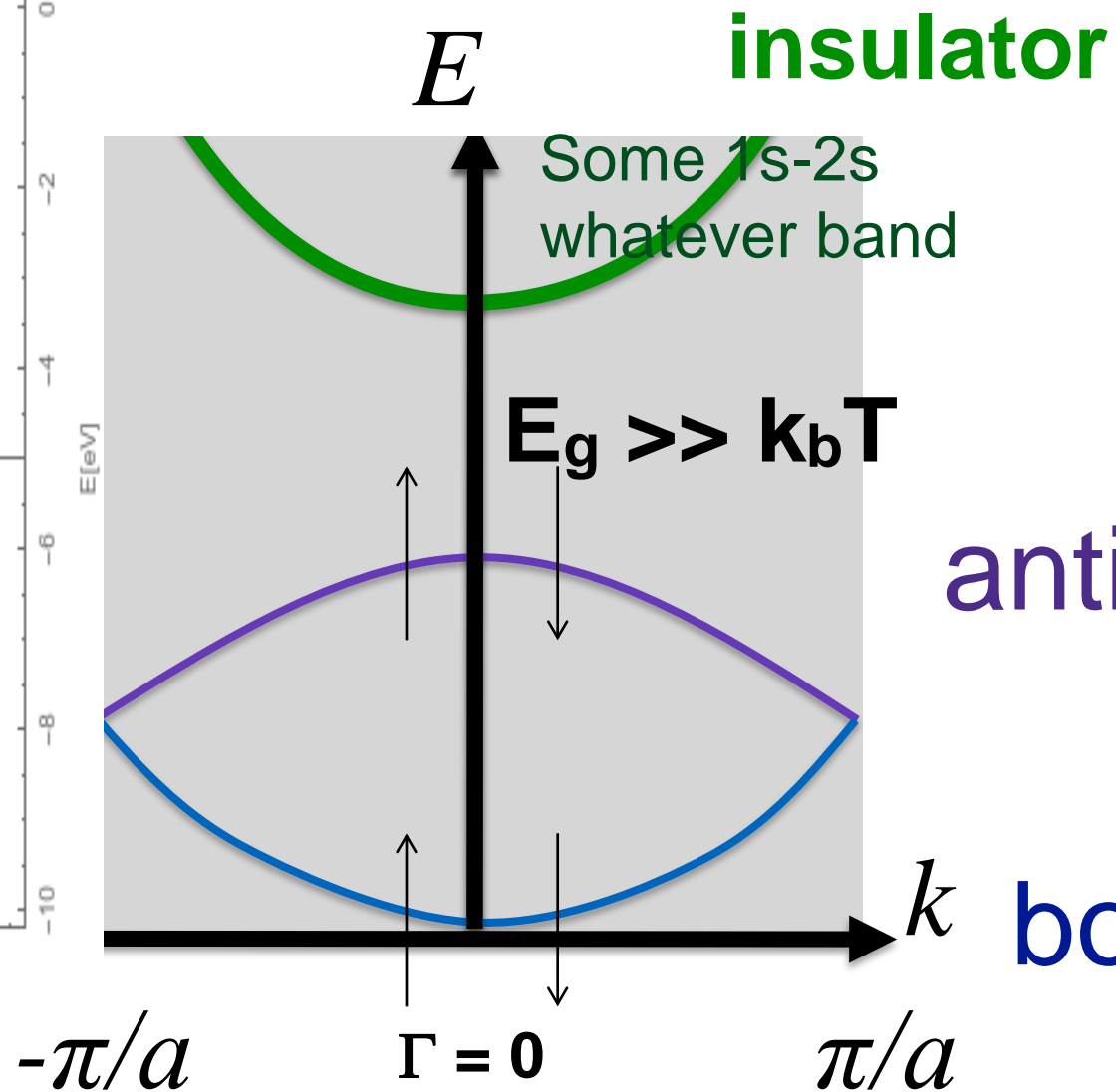
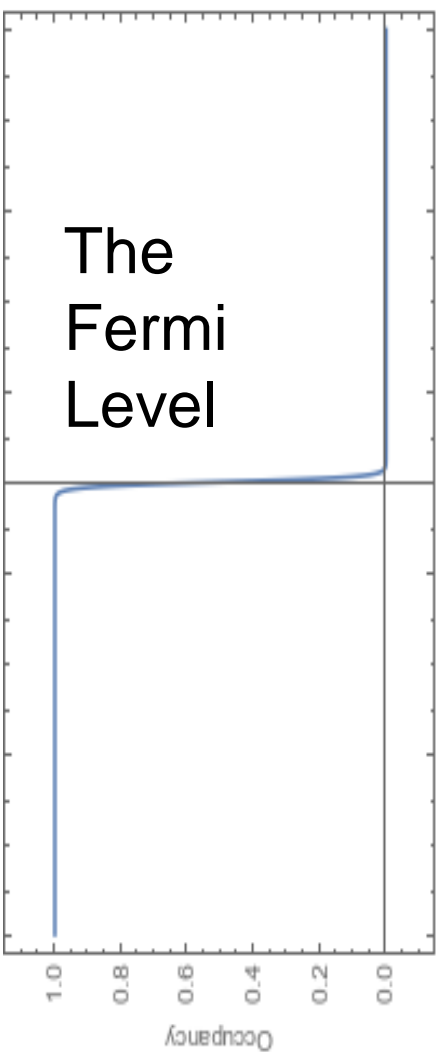
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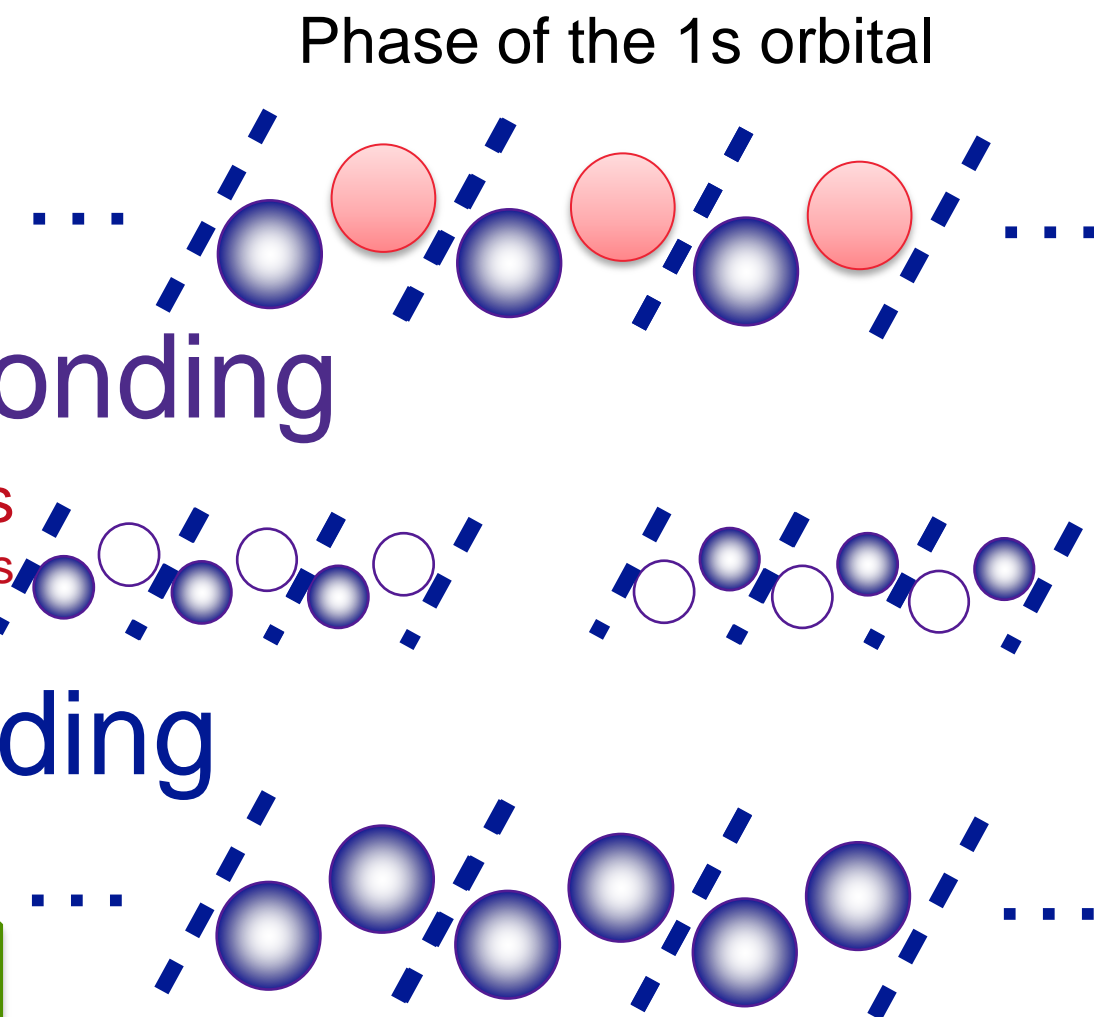
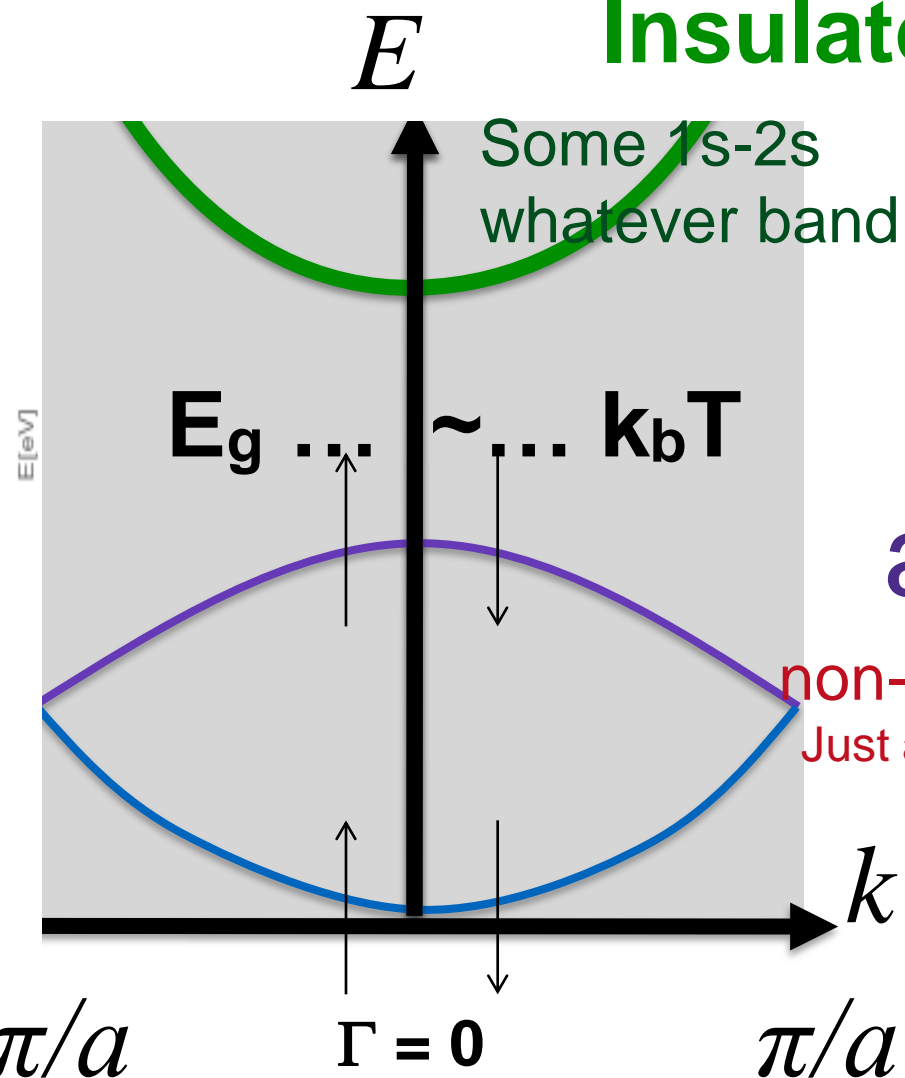
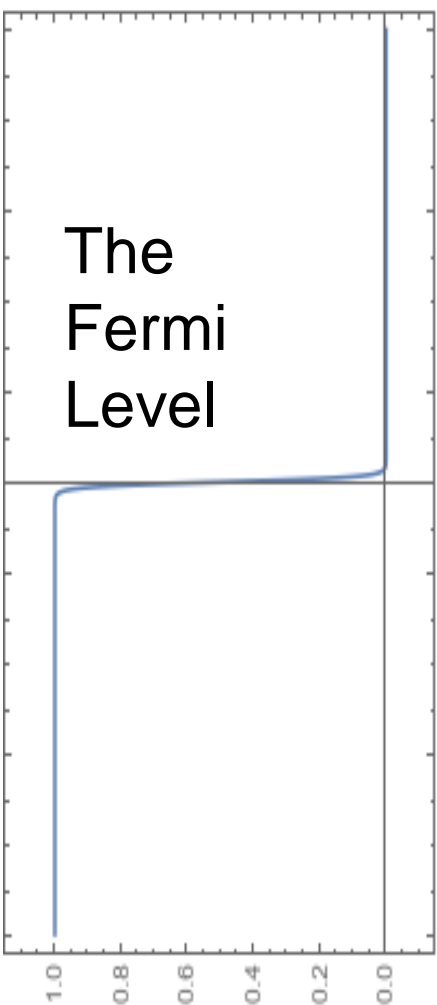
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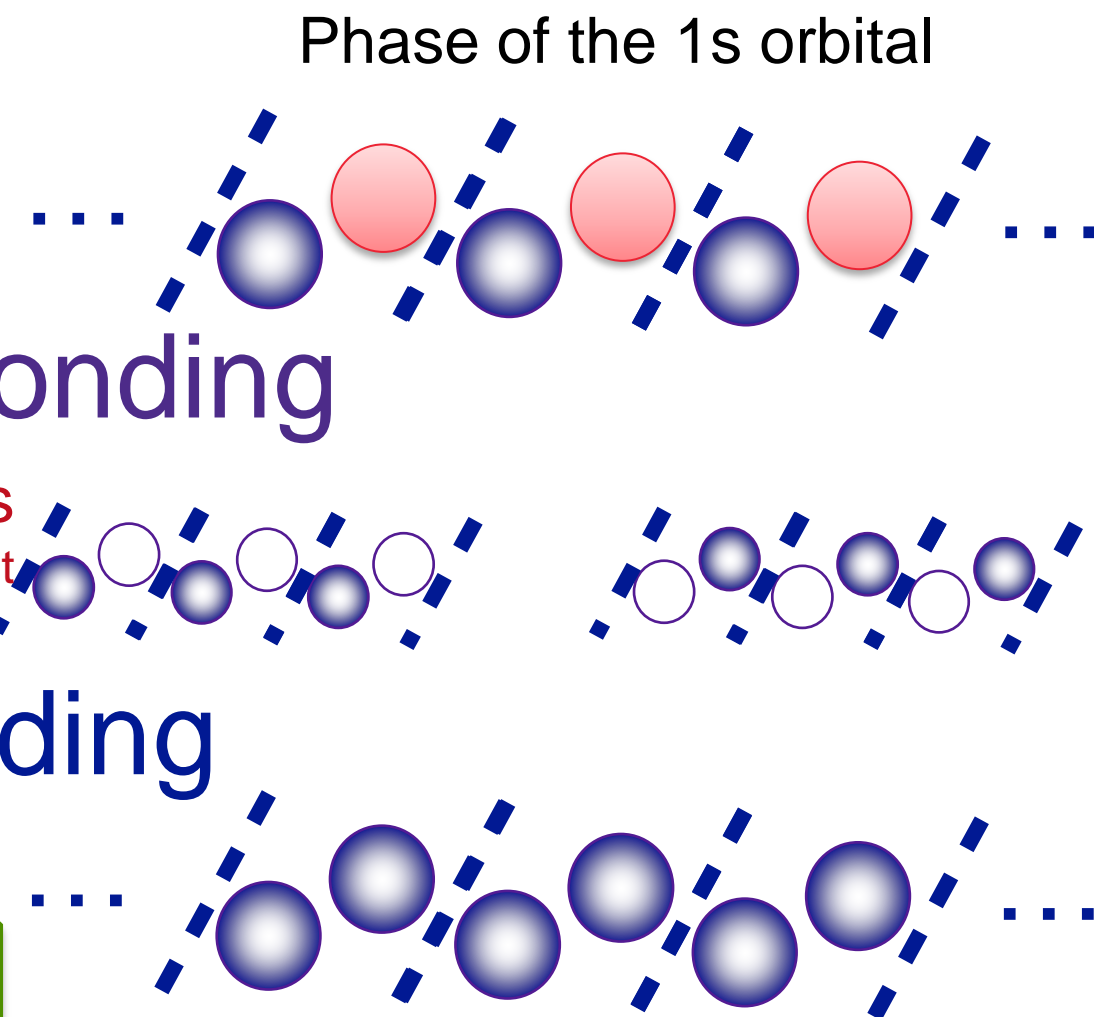
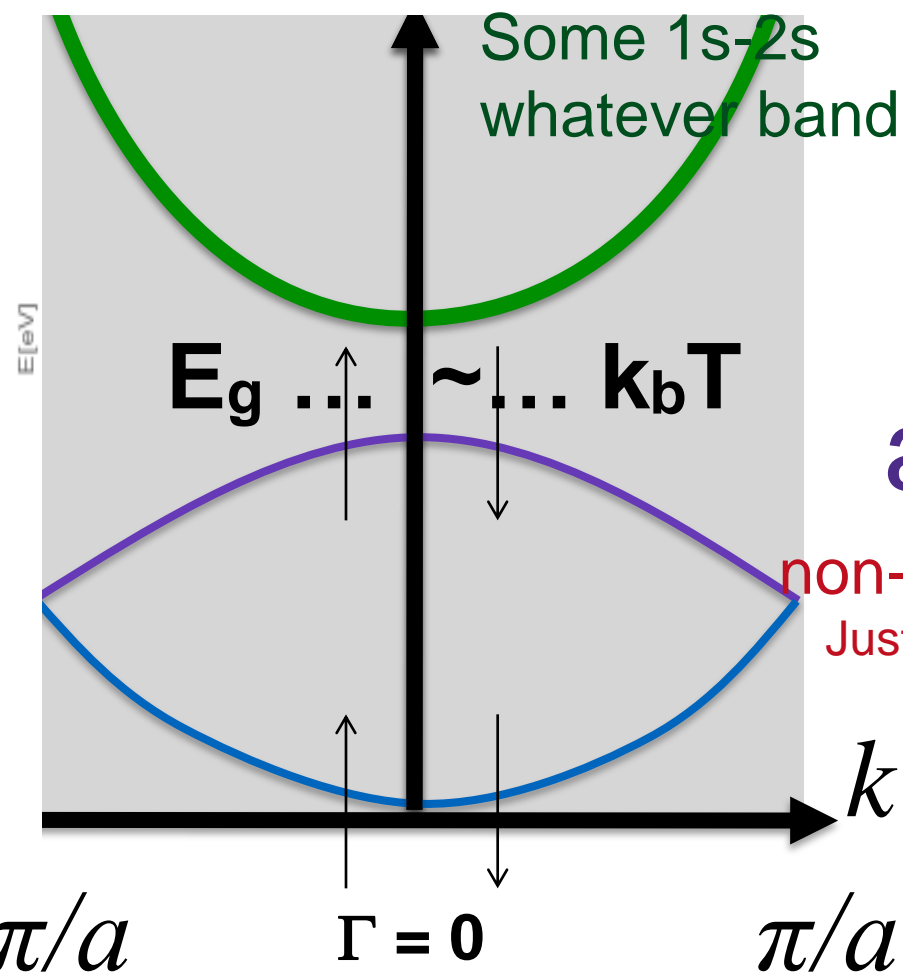
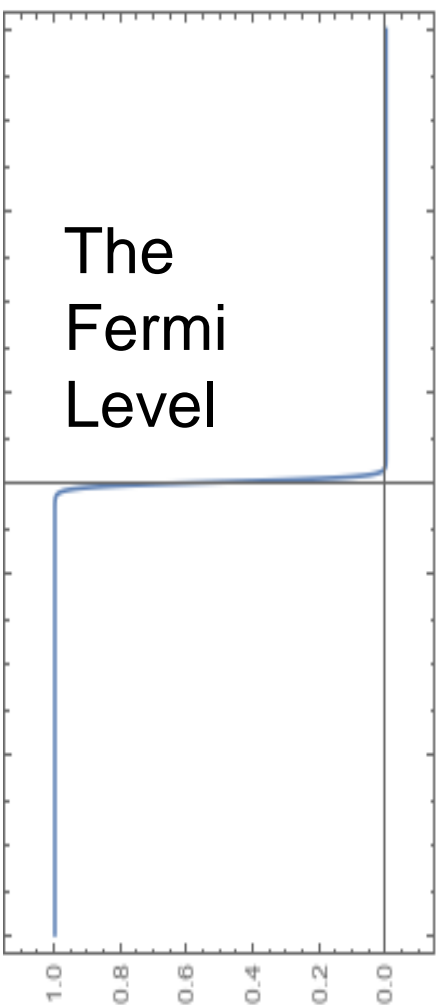
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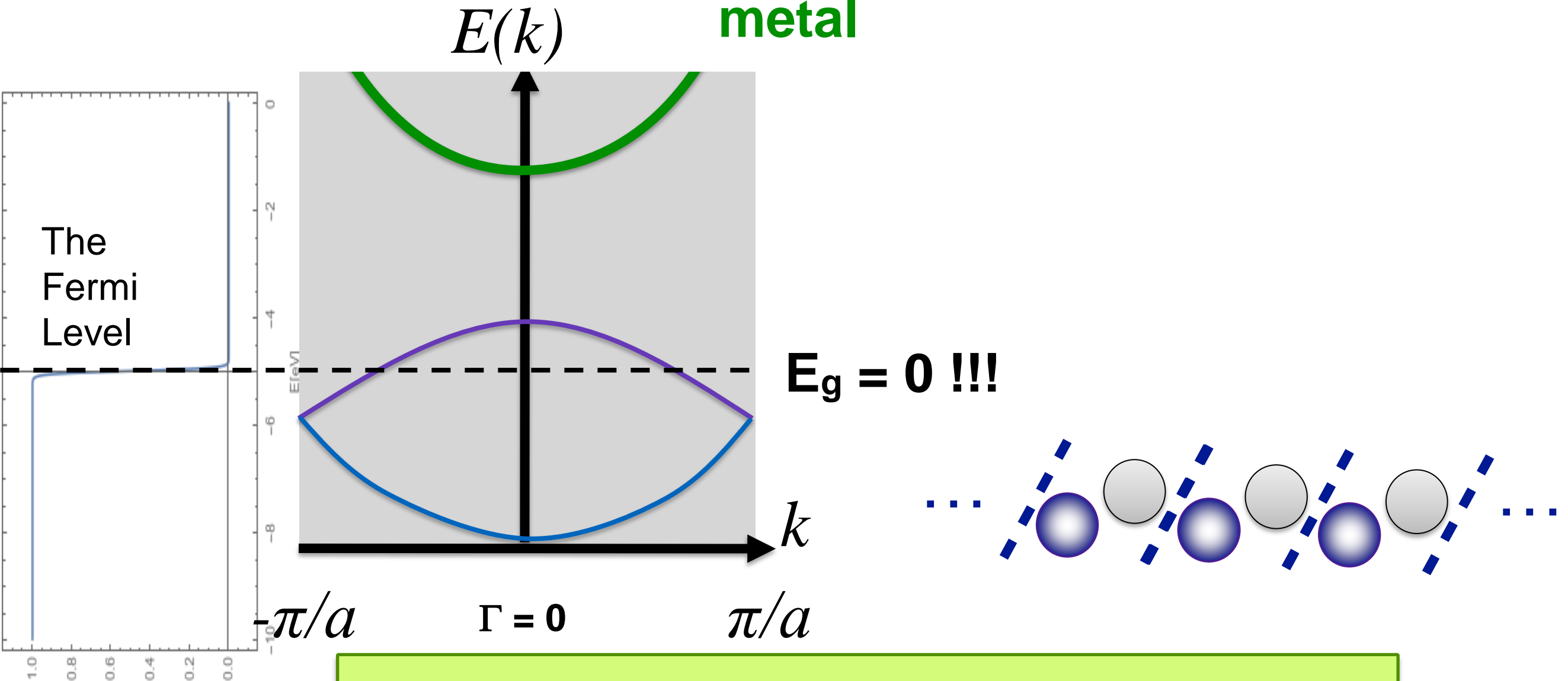
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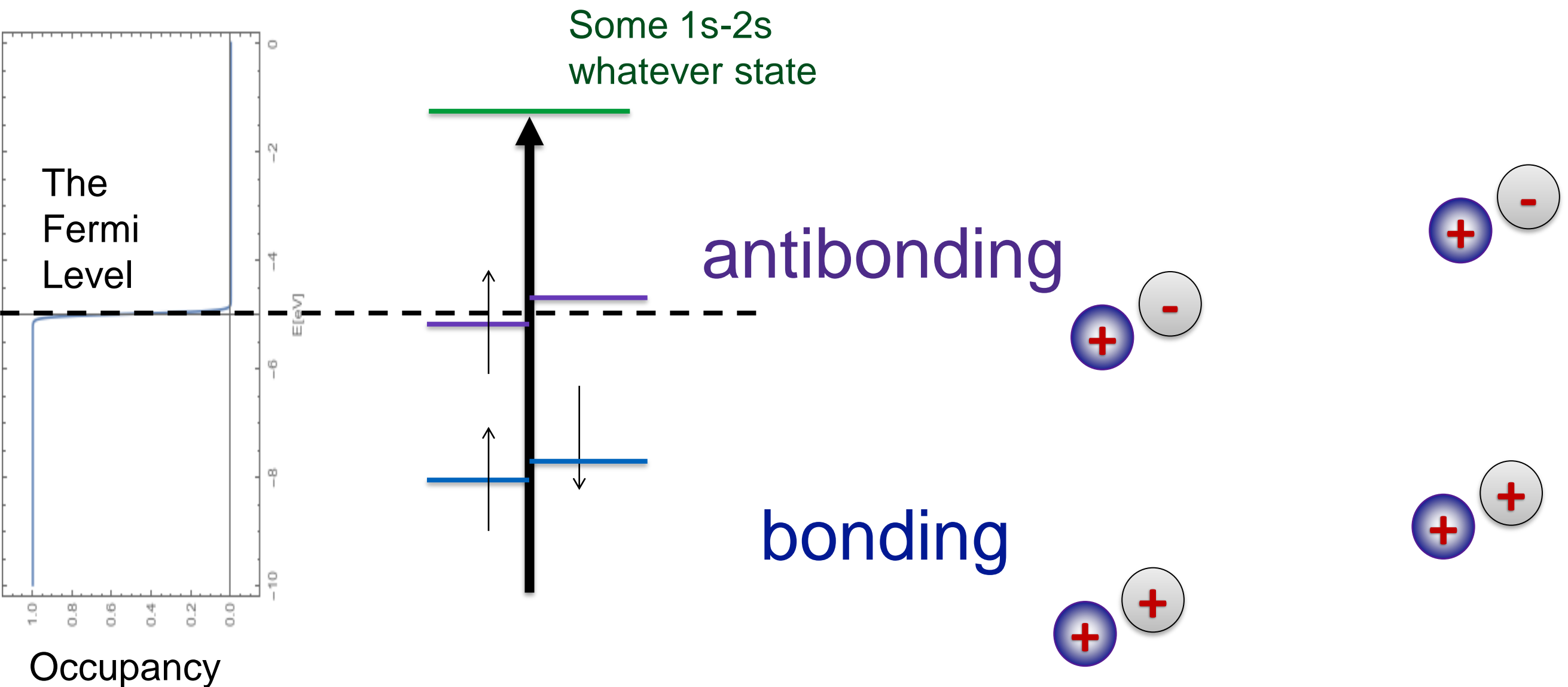
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metal

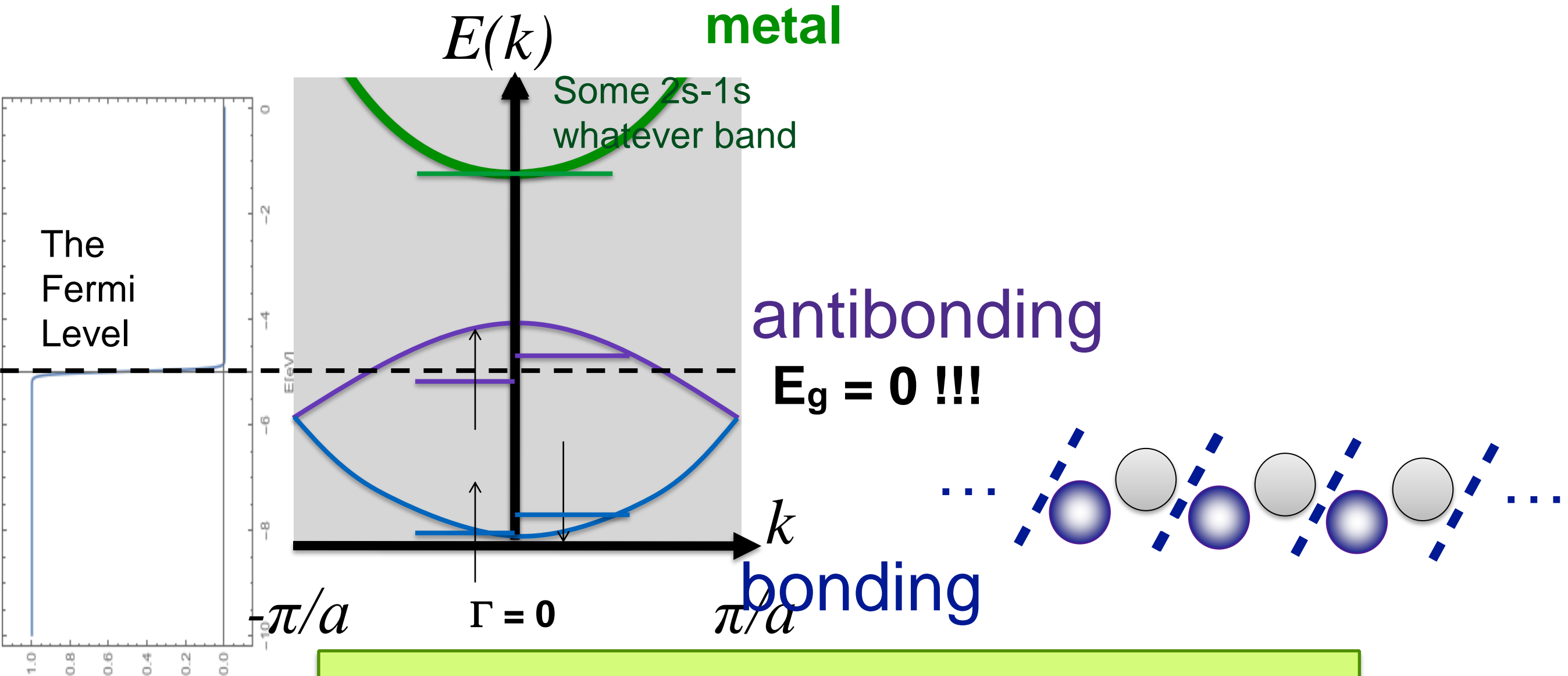


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# House Keeping – Back to molecule “He-H atoms” metal



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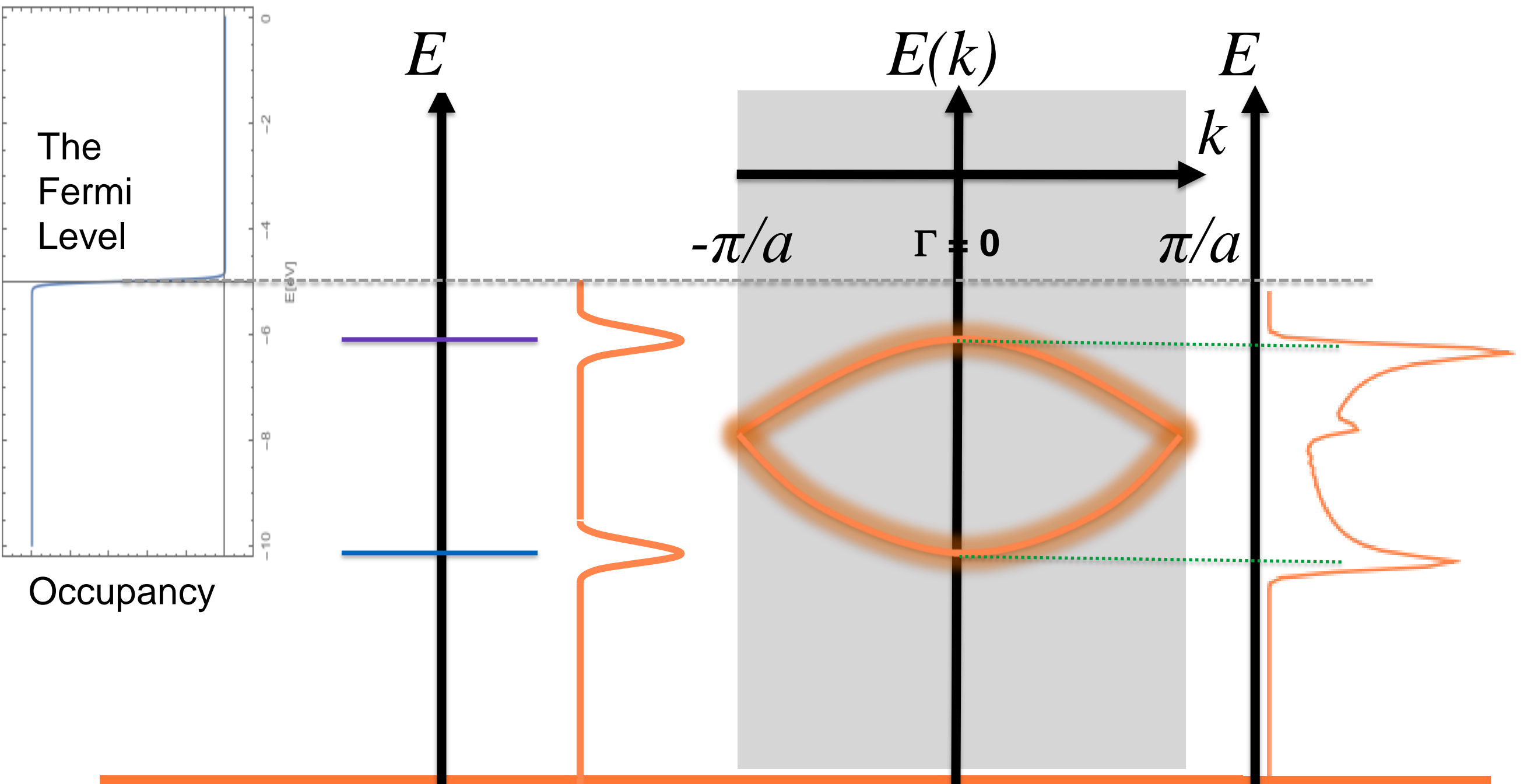


**No gap – electron can anytime be excited into the conduction part of the band**

# House Keeping – Measurables: occ. states spectroscopy

gas molecule “He<sub>2</sub> ”:  
No momentum

1D “He<sub>2</sub>” solid:  
Momentum resolved × momentum integrating

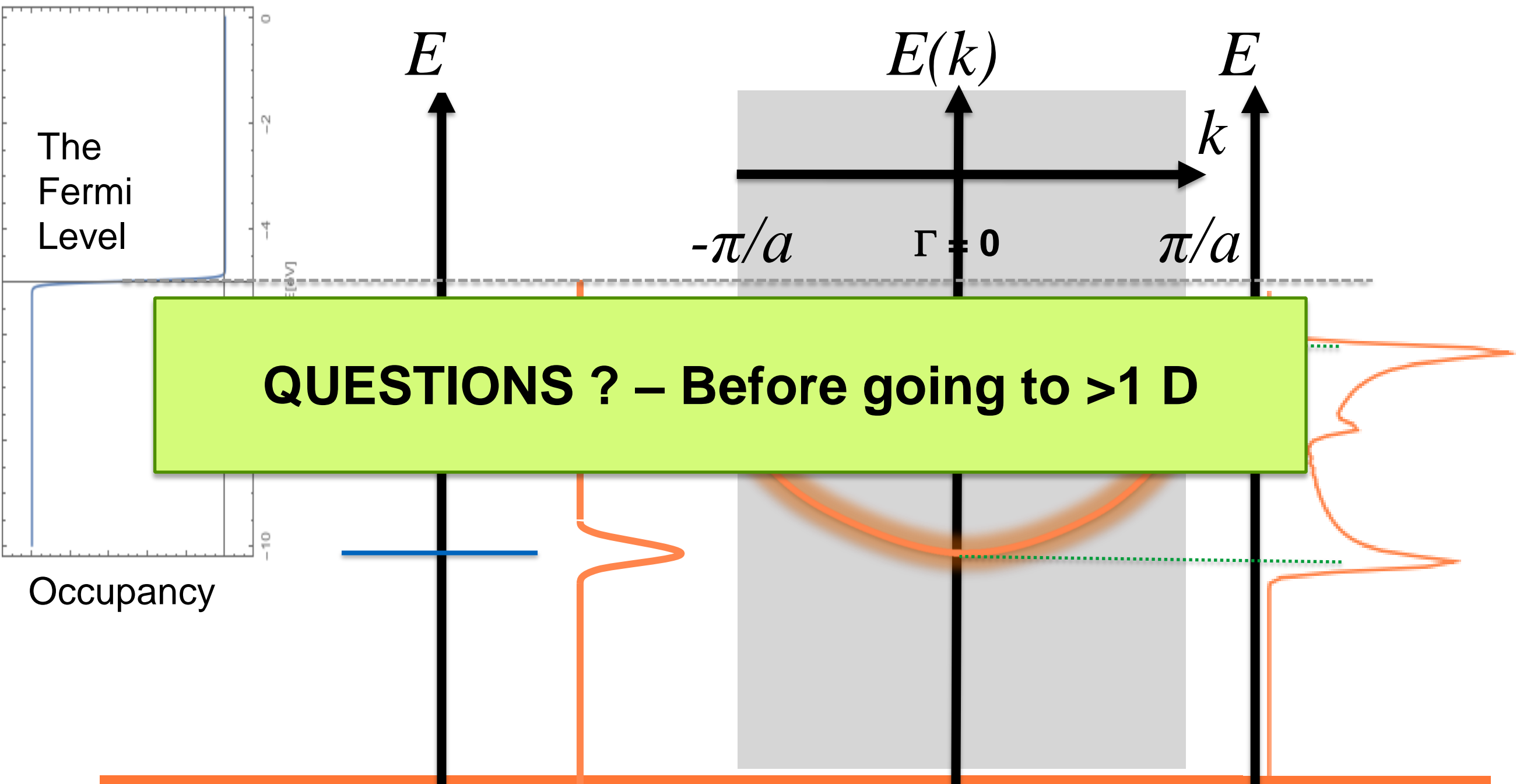


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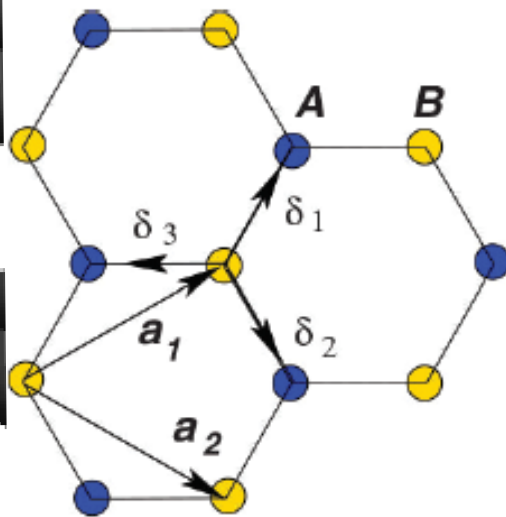
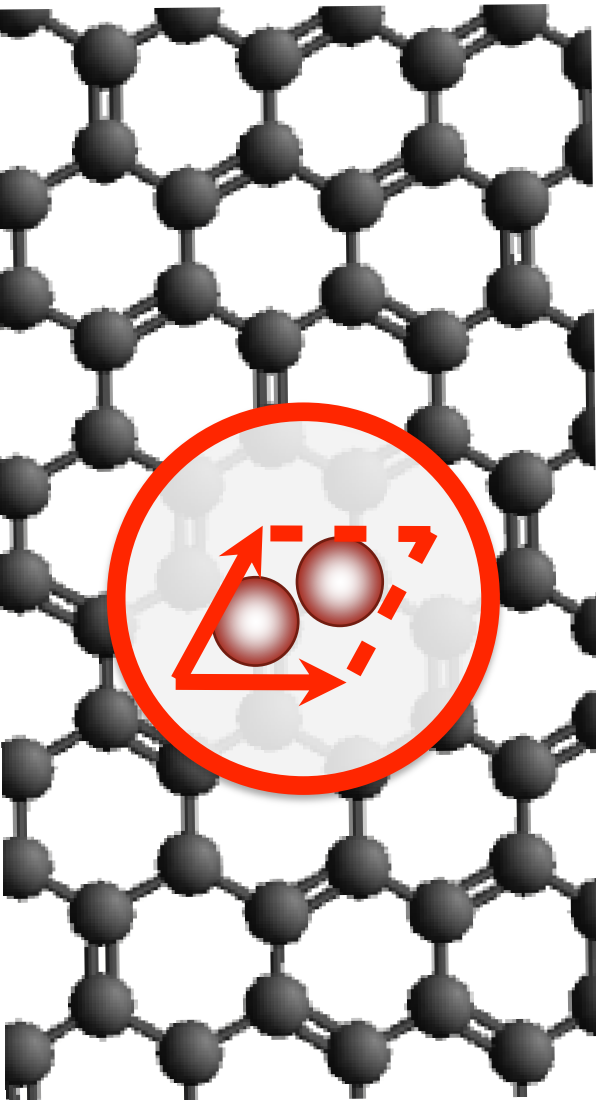




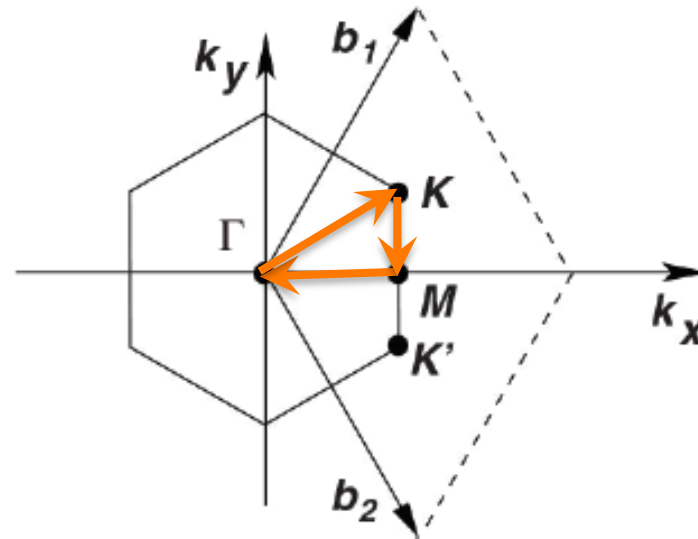
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Graphene

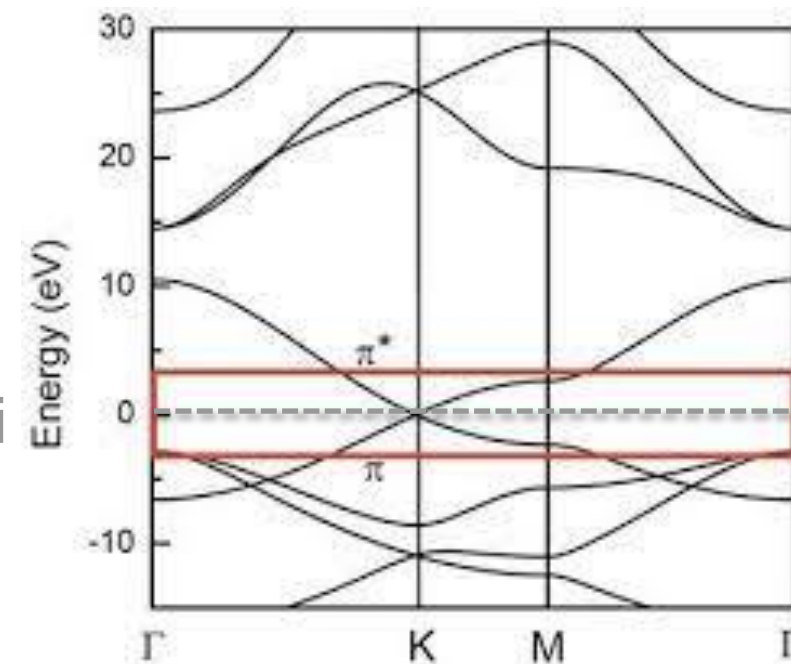
Real space lattice:



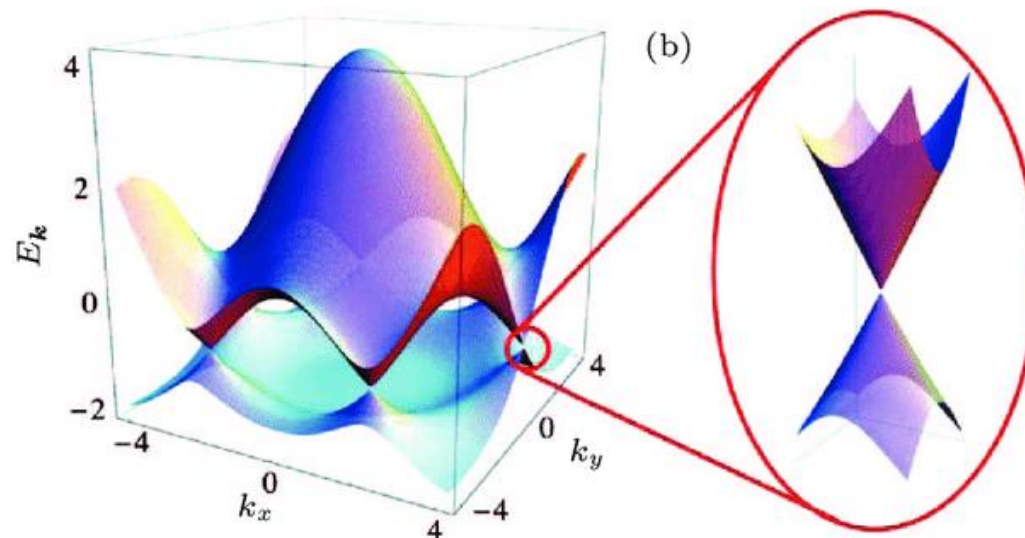
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1D projection:



2D band structure:

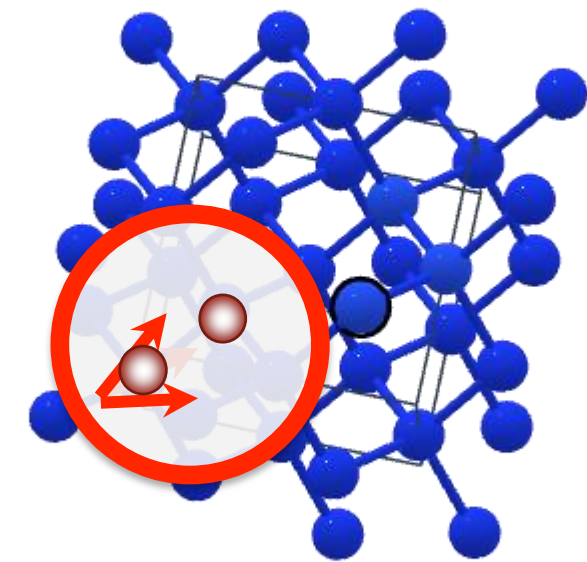


The Fermi Level

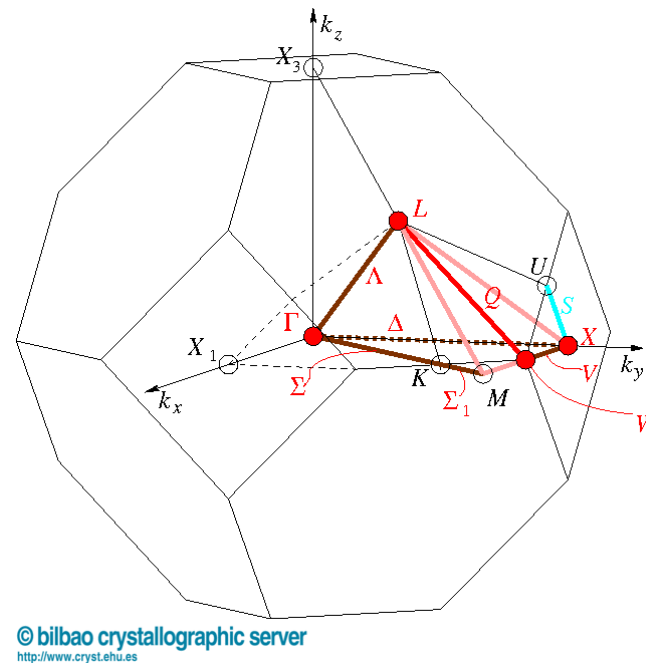
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Silicon

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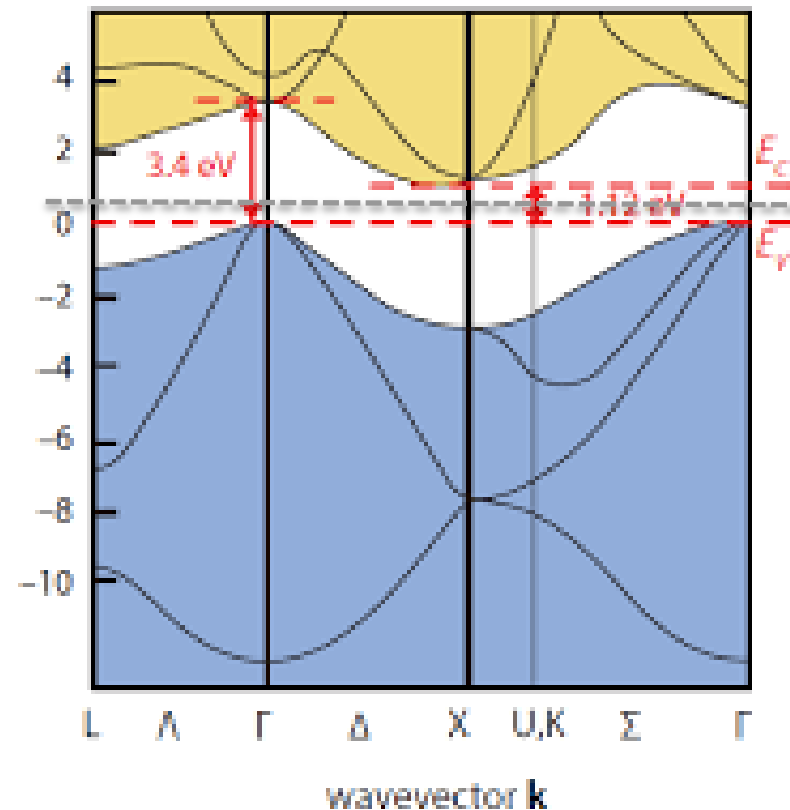
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1D path

Along 3D band structure  
*\*no real standardization*

E vs. top of the  
valence band



The  
Fermi  
Level

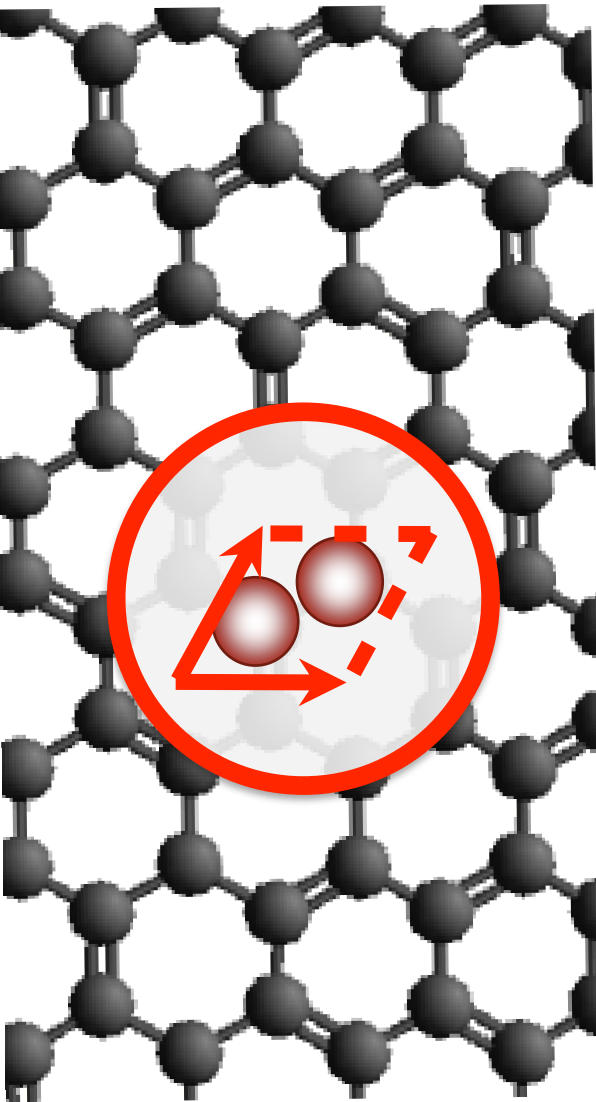
Occupancy

[https://www.cryst.ehu.es/cryst/get\\_kvec.html](https://www.cryst.ehu.es/cryst/get_kvec.html) - add there  $Fd-3m = 227$

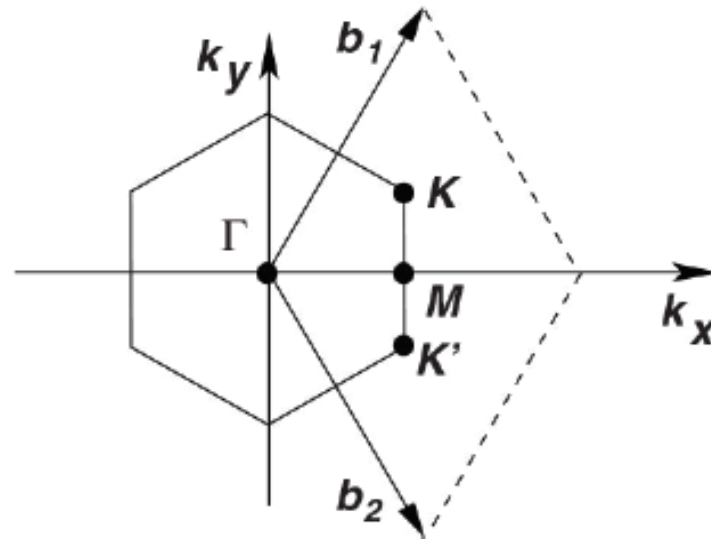
# House Keeping – 2D crystal calculations

Graphene

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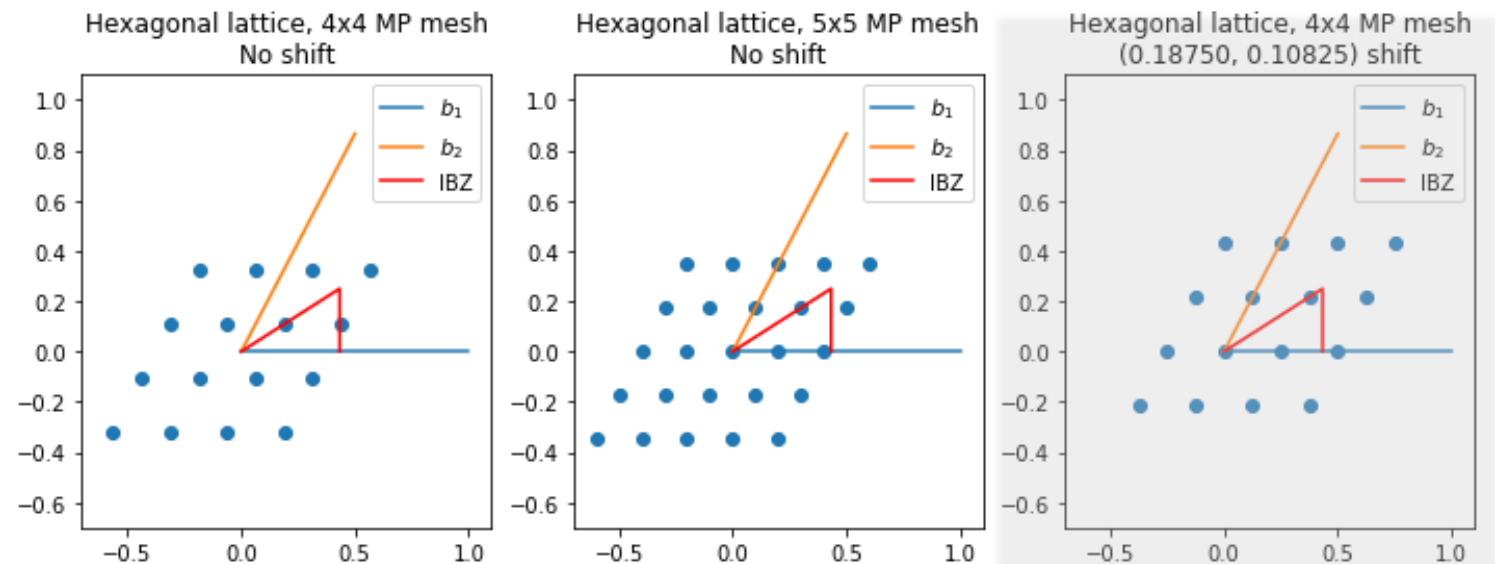
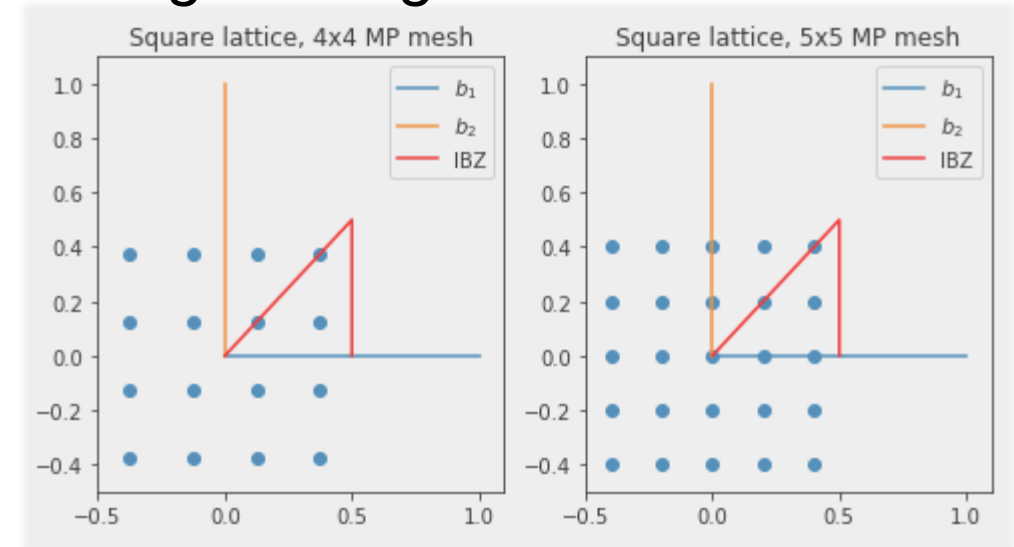


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1<sup>st</sup> BZ:

Has to be represented on a GRID!!!  
*Discreet grid – e.g Monkhorst-Pack mesh*

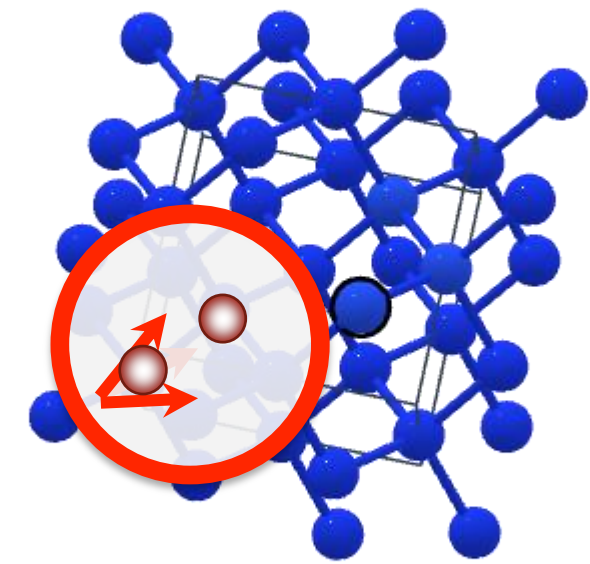


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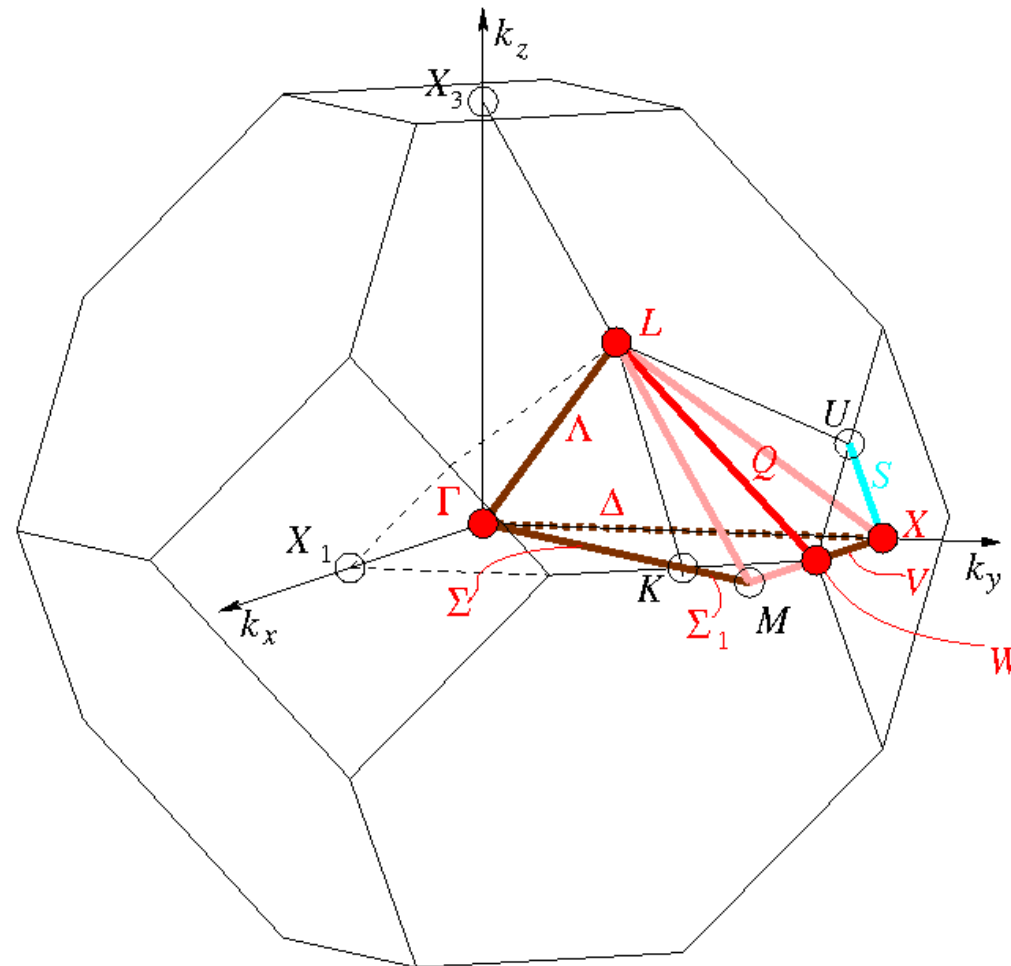
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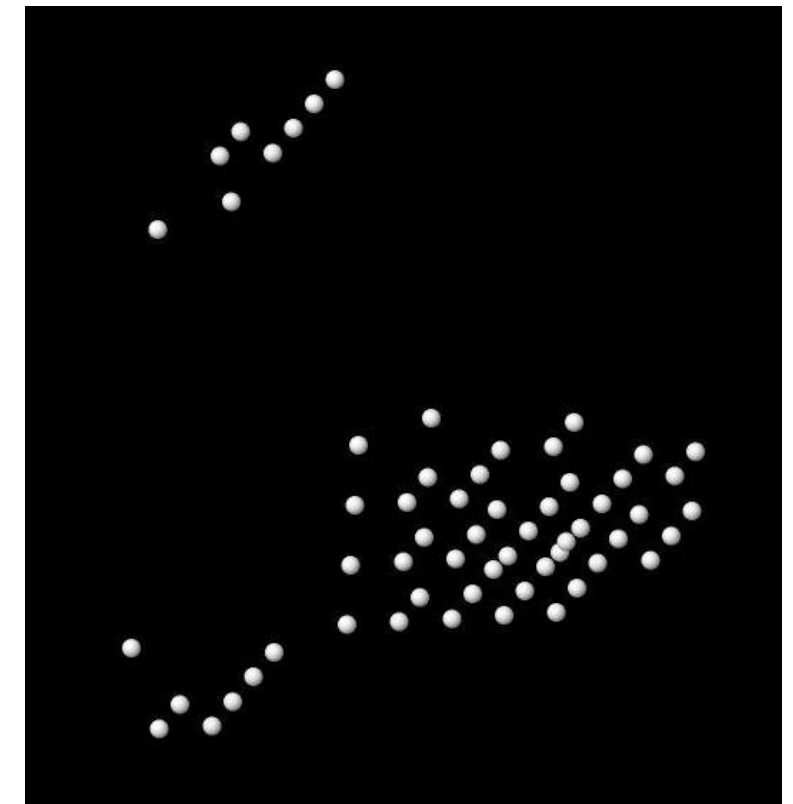


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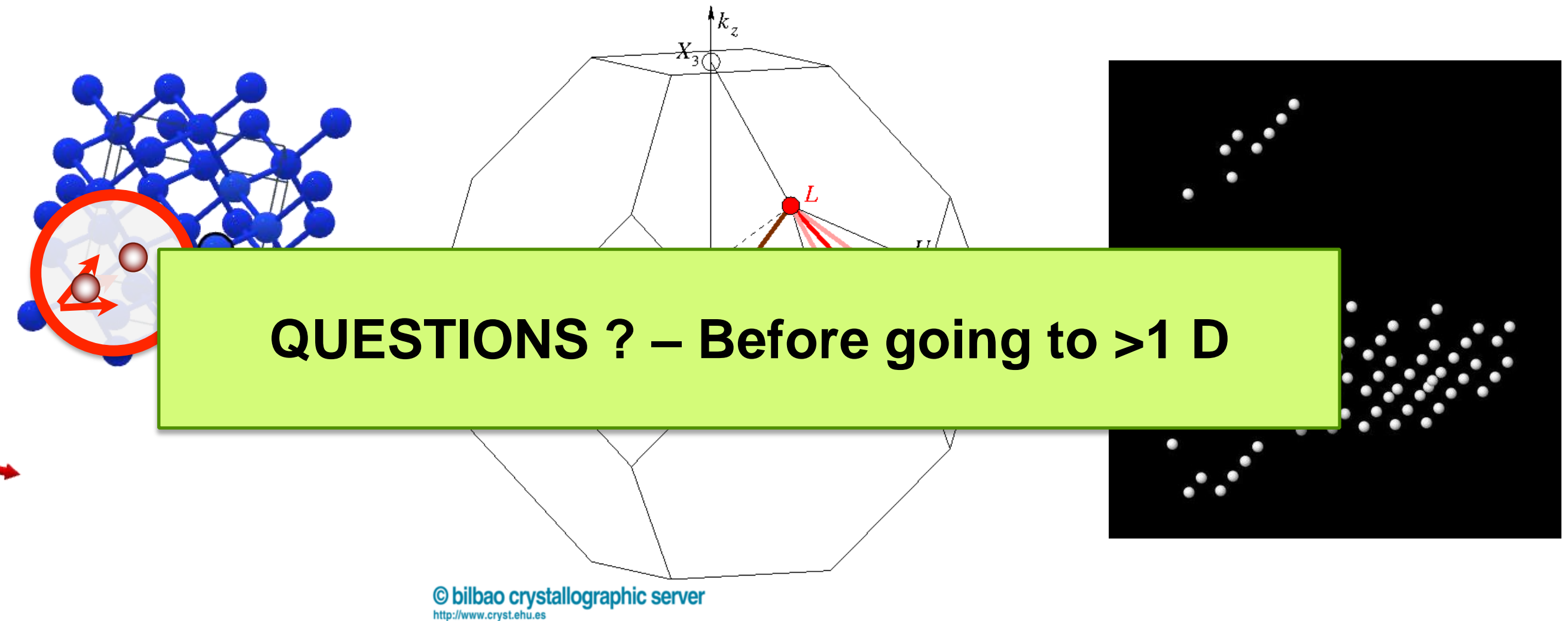
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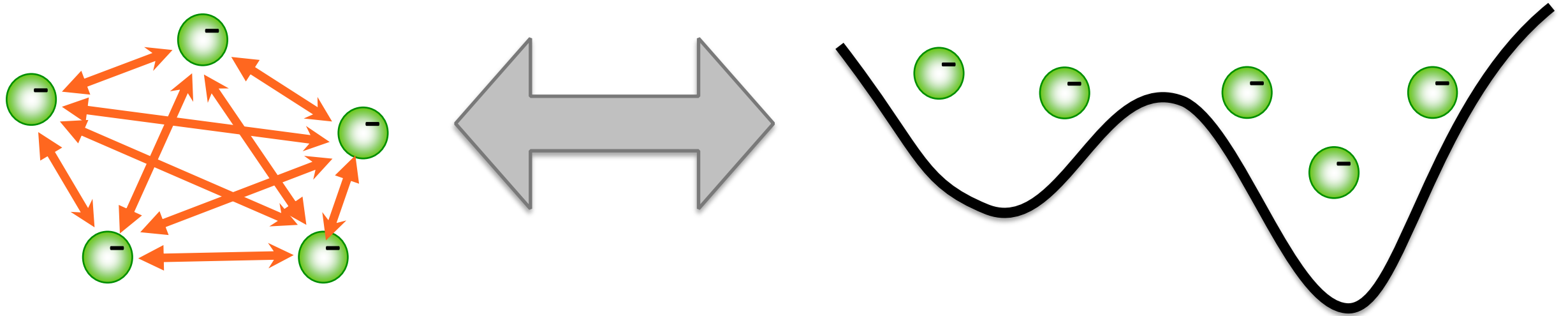


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# Last week at the same time

$$v_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}) \Leftrightarrow n_0(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_e} |\phi_i(\mathbf{r})|^2$$



## Kohn-Sham DFT:

- interacting system can be mapped onto fictitious non-interacting system.
- this makes DFT tractable.

# Kohn-Sham (KS) equations

Now we can solve coupled equations:

$$v_{\text{aux}}[n](\mathbf{r}) = v_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}) + v_{\text{Hartree}}[n](\mathbf{r}) + v_{\text{xc}}[n](\mathbf{r})$$

 **KS potential**

**KS orbitals/wave functions**

$$\left[ -\frac{\nabla_{\mathbf{r}}^2}{2} + v_{\text{aux}}[n](\mathbf{r}) \right] \phi_i(\mathbf{r}) = \epsilon_i \phi_i(\mathbf{r})$$

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

 **KS eigenvalues**

# Basis functions

Let's expand Kohn-Sham states in a basis.

$$\phi_j(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_i c_{ij} \varphi_i(\mathbf{r})$$

Many basis choices:

- plane waves or real space
  - linear augmented plane waves (LAPW)
  - projector augmented plane waves (PAW)
- local orbitals (LCAO)
  - Gaussian orbitals
  - numeric atom centered orbitals (NAOs)



# Basis functions in FHI-aims

In FHI-aims: flexible basis function choice

$$\varphi_{i[lm]}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{u_i(r)}{r} Y_{lm}(\Omega)$$

radial function


spherical harmonic

solution of a radial Schrödinger equation:

$$\left[ -\frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} + v_i(r) + v_{\text{cut}}(r) \right] u_i(r) = \epsilon_i u_i(r)$$

# Basis functions in FHI-aims

- **free atom like:**  $v_i(r) = v_{\text{free atom}}^{\text{DFT}}(r)$
- **Hydrogen like:**  $v_i(r) = Z/r$
- **free ions, harm. osc. (Gaussians), ...**


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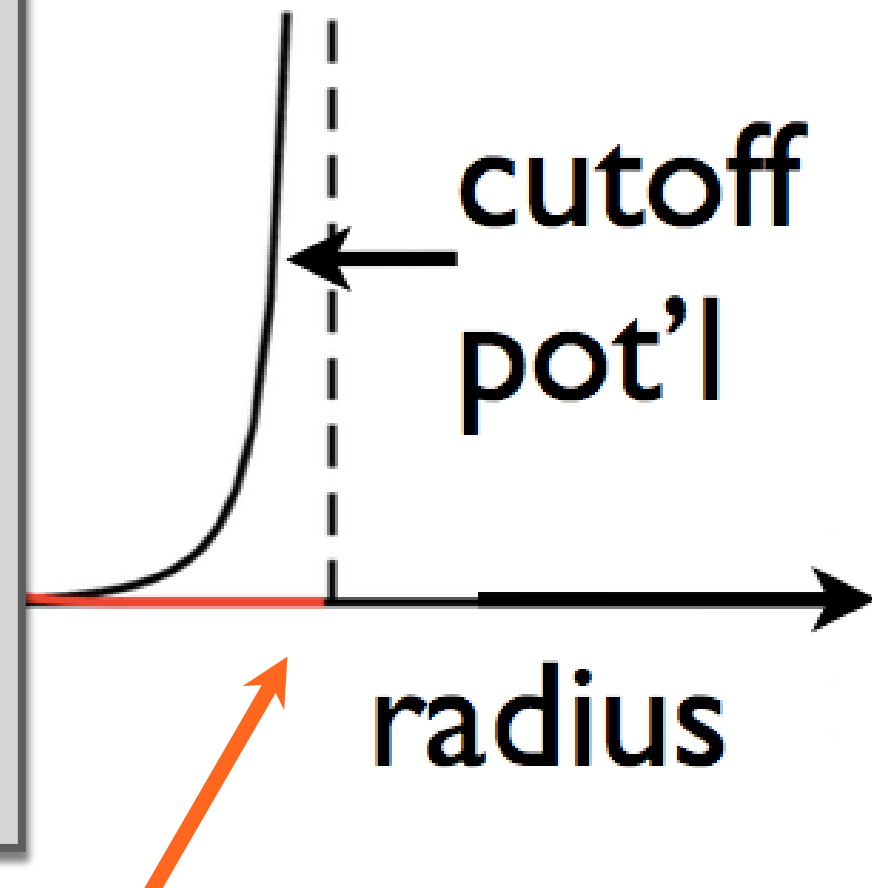
FHI-aims technical detail:

specification of the cut-off potential

cut\_pot onset width scale

e.g.

cut\_pot 3.5 1.5 1.0



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⇒ improves computational scaling!**

# Basis functions in FHI-aims

How are the basis functions picked?

radius

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# Basis functions in FHI-aims

## Wishlist:

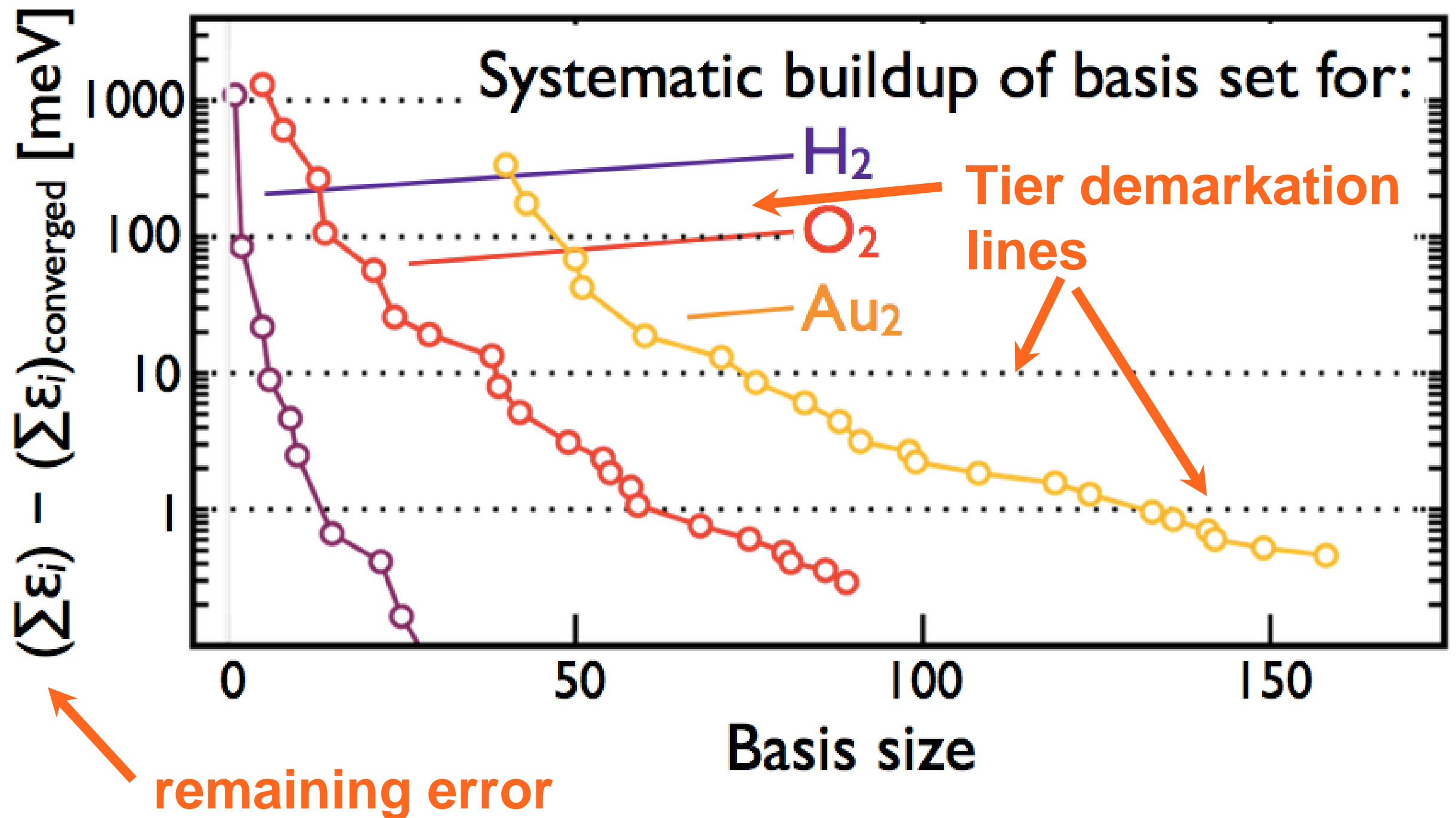
- element specific
- transferable
- from fast qualitative to meV-converged total energy accuracy

**Good news! – FHI-aims developers prepared set of “Tiers” to systematically improve the accuracy!\***

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# Basis function selection in FHI-aims



# Result: Hierarchical Basis Set Library for All Elements

	H	C	O	Au
minimal	1s	[He]+2s2p	[He]+2s2p	[Xe]+6s5d4f
Tier 1	H(2s,2.1)	H(2p,1.7)	H(2p,1.8)	Au <sup>2+</sup> (6p)
	H(2p,3.5)	H(3d,6.0)	H(3d,7.6)	H(4f,7.4)
		H(2s,4.9)	H(3s,6.4)	Au <sup>2+</sup> (6s)
				H(5g,10)
				H(6h,12.8)
Tier 2				H(3d,2.5)
	H(1s,0.85)	H(4f,9.8)	H(4f,11.6)	H(5f,14.8)
	H(2p,3.7)	H(3p,5.2)	H(3p,6.2)	H(4d,3.9)
	H(2s,1.2)	H(3s,4.3)	H(3d,5.6)	H(3p,3.3)
	H(3d,7.0)	H(5g,14.4)	H(5g,17.6)	H(1s,0.45)
Tier 3		H(3d,6.2)	H(1s,0.75)	H(5g,16.4)
				H(6h,13.6)
	H(4f,11.2)	H(2p,5.6)	O <sup>2+</sup> (2p)	H(4f,5.2)*
	H(3p,4.8)	H(2s,1.4)	H(4f,10.8)	H(4d,5.0)
	...	...	...	...

Systematic hierarchy of basis (sub)sets, iterative *automated* construction based on *dimers*

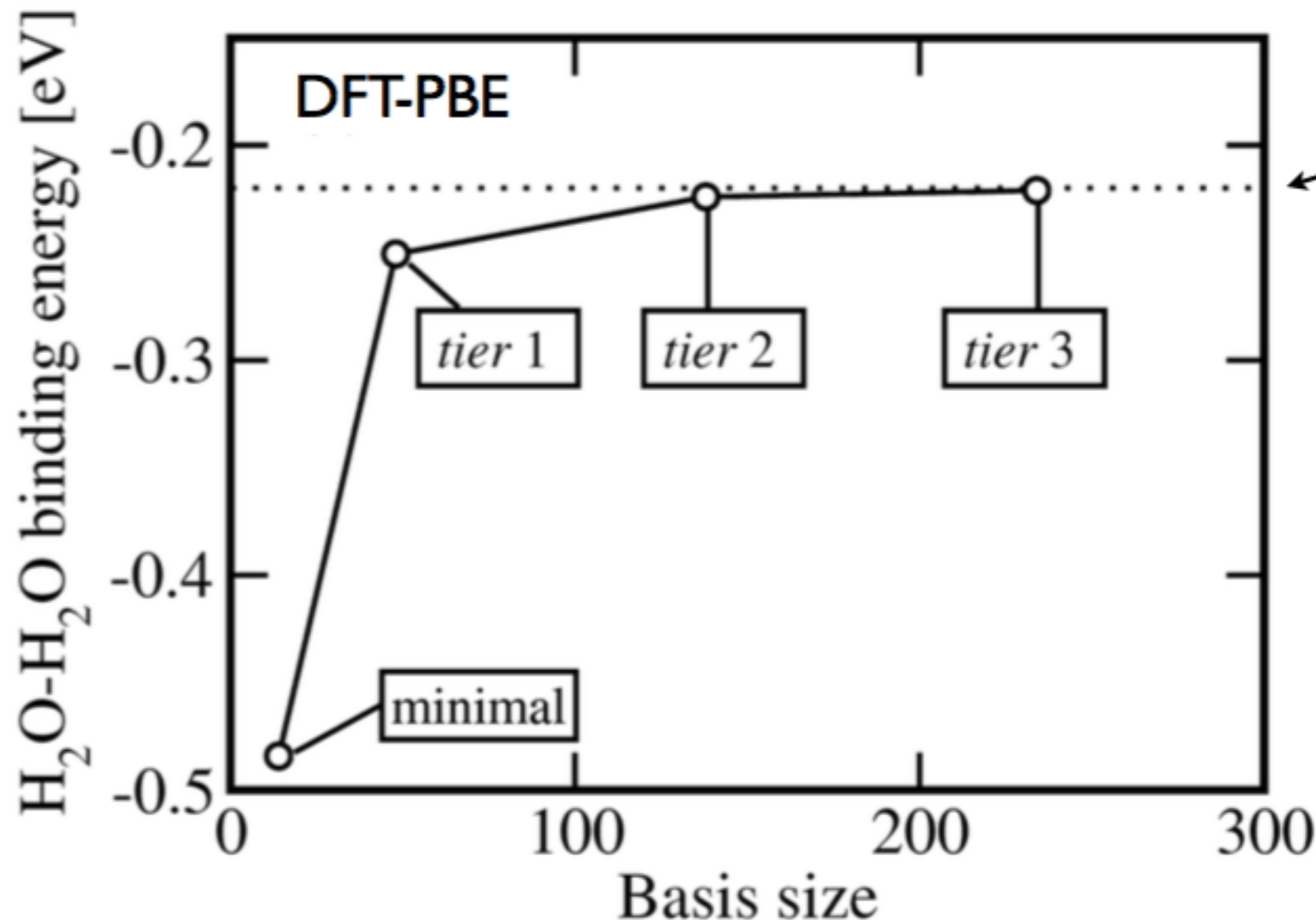
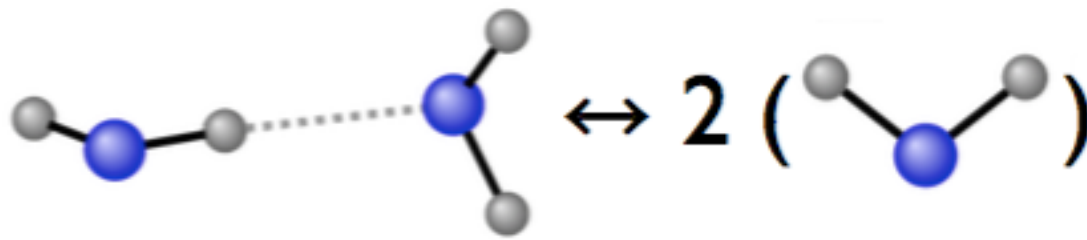
“First tier (level)”

“Second tier”

“Third tier”  
...



# Accuracy: (H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub> Hydrogen Bond Energy



Basis set limit (independent):  
 $E_{\text{Hb}} = -219.8 \text{ meV}$

Basis sets: Radial fn. character

	H	C,N,O
minimal	1s	[He]+2s2p
tier 1	s,p	s,p,d
tier 2	s,p,s,d	s,p,d,f,g
tier 3	s,p,d,f	s,p,d,f



# Kohn-Sham equations in a basis

**Pick basis set  $\{\varphi_i\}$  and expand:**

$$\phi_n(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_i c_{ni} \varphi_i(\mathbf{r})$$

**Solve generalised eigenvalue problem:**

$$\mathbf{h}\mathbf{c}_n = \epsilon_n \mathbf{S}\mathbf{c}_n$$

$$h_{ij} = \langle \varphi_i | \hat{h} | \varphi_j \rangle$$

$$s_{ij} = \langle \varphi_i | \varphi_j \rangle$$

# Kohn-Sham equations in a basis

**Two advantages:**

- 1. number of  $\{\varphi_i\}$   $\ll$  number of  $\mathbf{r}$  points  
 $\Rightarrow$  smaller matrices**
- 2. matrix algebra very efficient on computers**

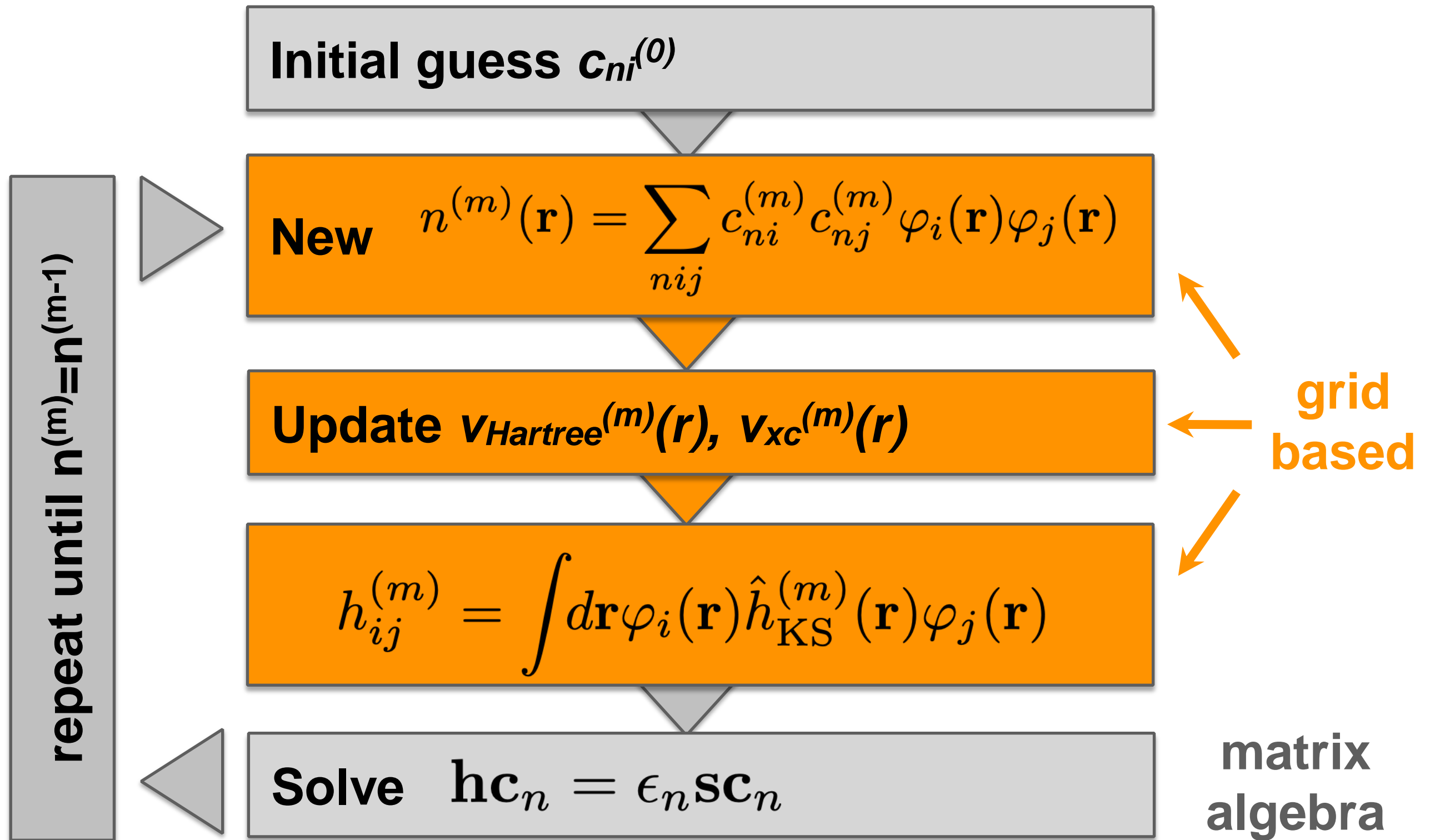
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# Kohn-Sham self-consistency cycle



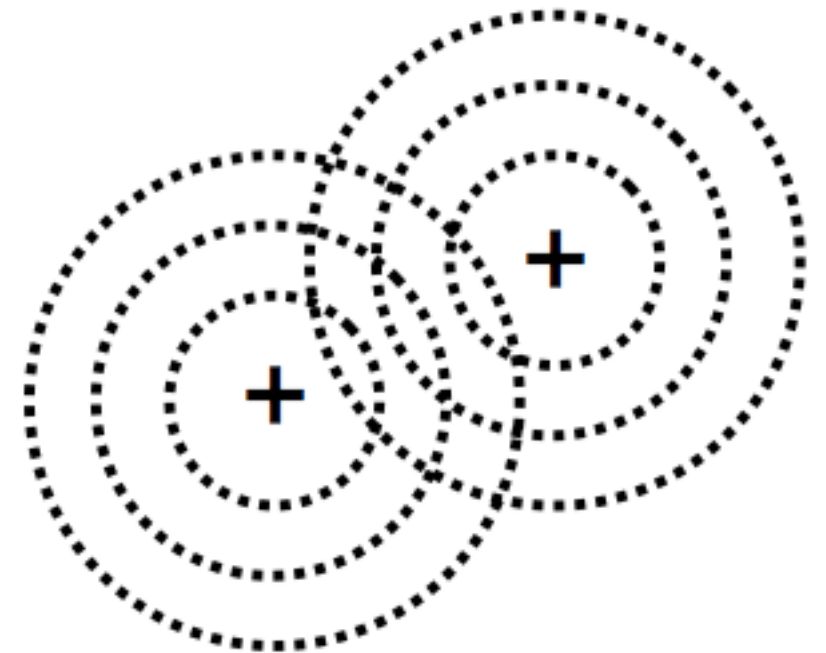
# Grid-based operations

$$h_{ij}^{(m)} = \int d\mathbf{r} \varphi_i(\mathbf{r}) \hat{h}_{\text{KS}}^{(m)}(\mathbf{r}) \varphi_j(\mathbf{r})$$

**Discretise to integration grid:**

$$\int d\mathbf{r} f(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow \sum_{\mathbf{r}} w(\mathbf{r}) f(\mathbf{r})$$

**FHI-aims uses overlapping atom-centered grids:**



# Grid-based operations

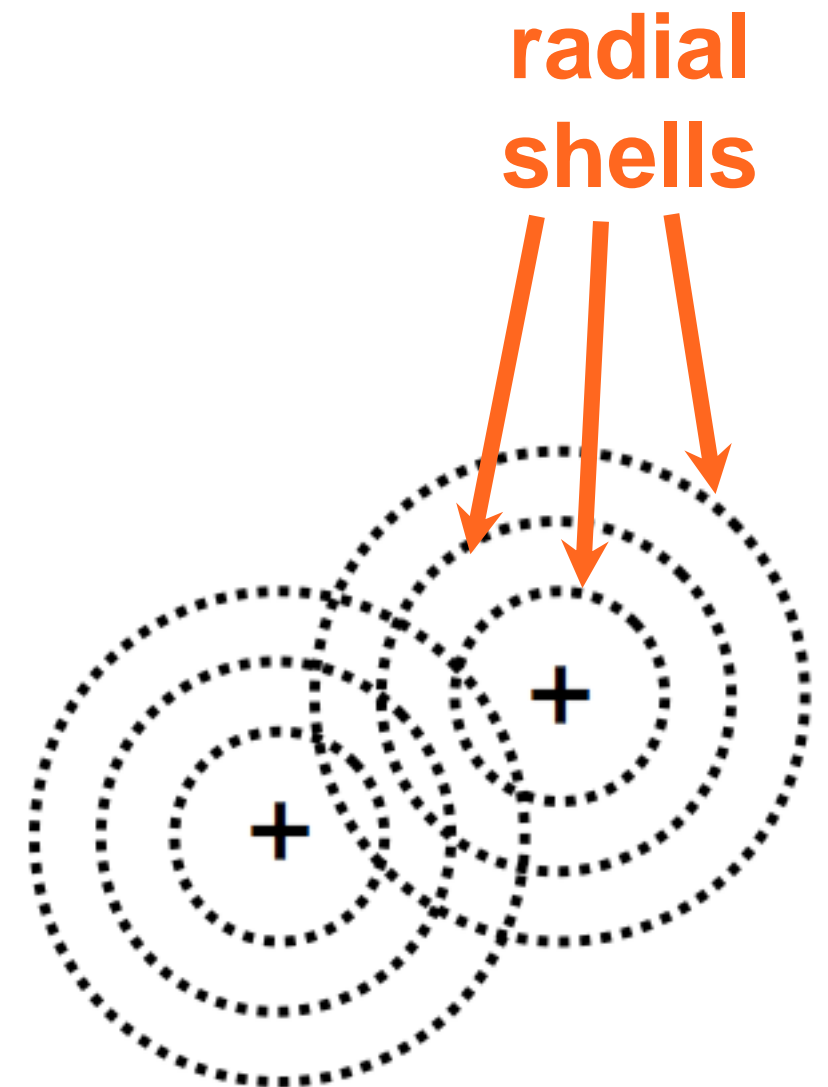
## FHI-aims technical detail:

FHI-aims uses logarithmic grids with the following settings:

radial\_base : 36 5.0  
radial\_multip : 1  
lier

**# points**  
**max. radius**  
**multiplies # points**

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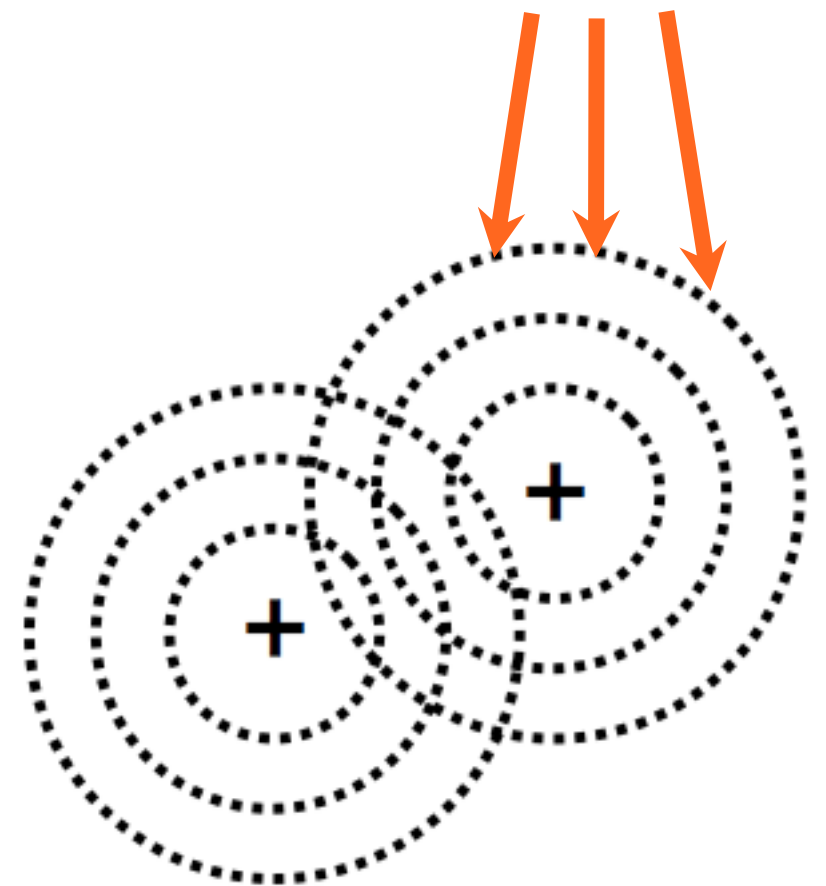
Lebedev grids can be made denser in outer regions:

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angular_grids specified
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division 0.4451 110
division 0.6052 194
# division 0.7543 302
outer_grid 194
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# points

radius

Specific angular point distribution (“Lebedev”)



# FHI-aims grid accuracy settings

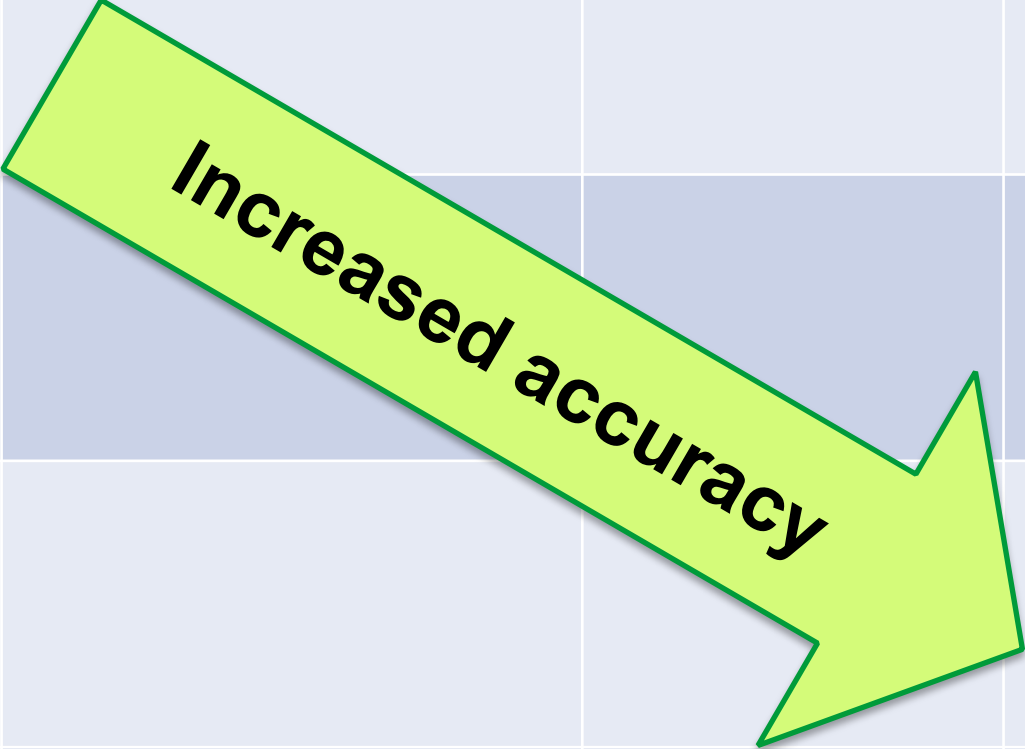
## FHI-aims technical detail:

grid settings can be pre-defined:

- light : computationally cheap, out-of-the-box settings for fast prerelaxations, structure searches, etc.
- intermediate : For *hybrid-XC*: improved accuracy (derived from tight), but with lower computation costs.
- tight : safe, guaranteeing meV-level accurate energy differences also for large structures.
- really tight : for most purposes, strongly overconverged settings for convergence verification beyond tight.

# FHI-aims basis set overview

	light	intermediate	tight	really tight
<i>Tier 1</i>				
<i>Tier 2</i>				
<i>Tier 3</i>				
<i>Tier 4</i>				





# FHI-aims basis set overview

	light	intermediate	tight	really tight
<i>Tier 1</i>		<b><i>New – for hybrid XC with improved accuracy, but keeping the computational cost down</i></b>		
<i>Tier 2</i>	<b><i>these combinations don't make much sense</i></b>		<b><i>Usually sufficient</i></b>	
<i>Tier 3</i>				
<i>Tier 4</i>				

# Questions?

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- Download from Mycourses
- /work/courses/unix/PHYS/E0546/TUTORIALS
- Ask for printouts

**Interesting links related to the tutorial:**

Bilbao crystallographic server – <https://www.cryst.ehu.es/>

Materials project – <https://materialsproject.org>

Web of Elements - <https://www.webelements.com/>

**Don't forget to put your name in the list of attendance!**

# Basis functions in FHI-aims

## Wishlist:

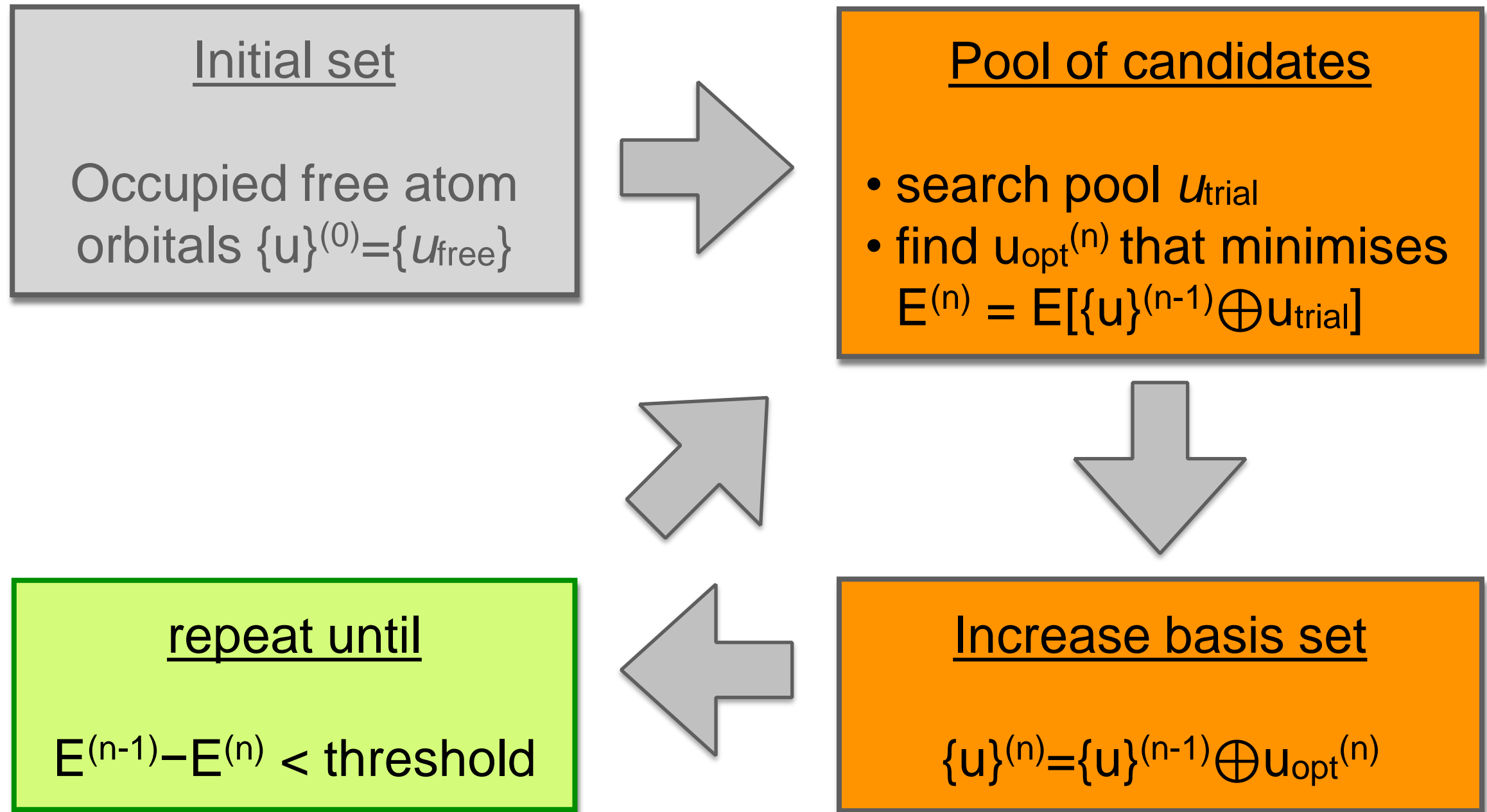
- element specific
- transferable
- from fast qualitative to meV-converged total energy accuracy

Maybe the computer can help us pick a good basis set.

- free atom like:  $v_i(r) = v_{\text{free atom}}^{\text{DFT}}(r)$
- Hydrogen like:  $v_i(r) = Z/r$
- free ions, harm. osc. (Gaussians), ...

# Basis function selection in FHI-aims

Robust iterative selection strategy (e.g., Delley 1990)



# Basis function selection in FHI-aims

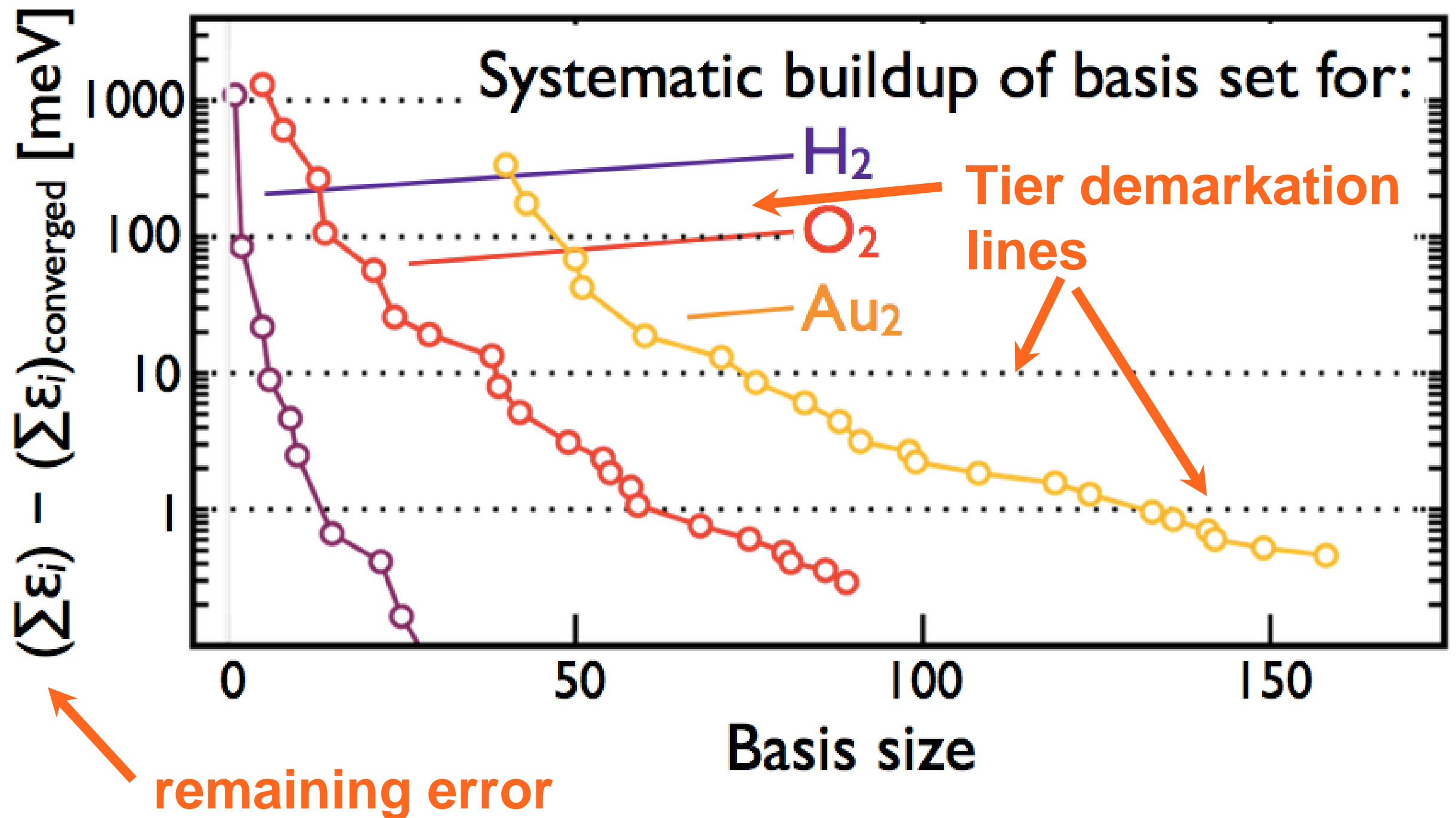
## Pool of trial functions $u(r)$ :

- 2+ ionic
- Hydrogen-like for  $z=0.1-20$

## Optimisation target:

Non-self-consistent symmetric dimers,  
averaged for different bonding distances

# Basis function selection in FHI-aims



# Result: Hierarchical Basis Set Library for All Elements

	H	C	O	Au
minimal	1s	[He]+2s2p	[He]+2s2p	[Xe]+6s5d4f
Tier 1	H(2s,2.1)	H(2p,1.7)	H(2p,1.8)	Au <sup>2+</sup> (6p)
	H(2p,3.5)	H(3d,6.0)	H(3d,7.6)	H(4f,7.4)
		H(2s,4.9)	H(3s,6.4)	Au <sup>2+</sup> (6s)
				H(5g,10)
				H(6h,12.8)
Tier 2				H(3d,2.5)
	H(1s,0.85)	H(4f,9.8)	H(4f,11.6)	H(5f,14.8)
	H(2p,3.7)	H(3p,5.2)	H(3p,6.2)	H(4d,3.9)
	H(2s,1.2)	H(3s,4.3)	H(3d,5.6)	H(3p,3.3)
	H(3d,7.0)	H(5g,14.4)	H(5g,17.6)	H(1s,0.45)
Tier 3		H(3d,6.2)	H(1s,0.75)	H(5g,16.4)
				H(6h,13.6)
	H(4f,11.2)	H(2p,5.6)	O <sup>2+</sup> (2p)	H(4f,5.2)*
	H(3p,4.8)	H(2s,1.4)	H(4f,10.8)	H(4d,5.0)
	...	...	...	...

Systematic hierarchy of basis (sub)sets, iterative *automated* construction based on *dimers*

“First tier (level)”

“Second tier”

“Third tier”  
...



# Grid-based operations

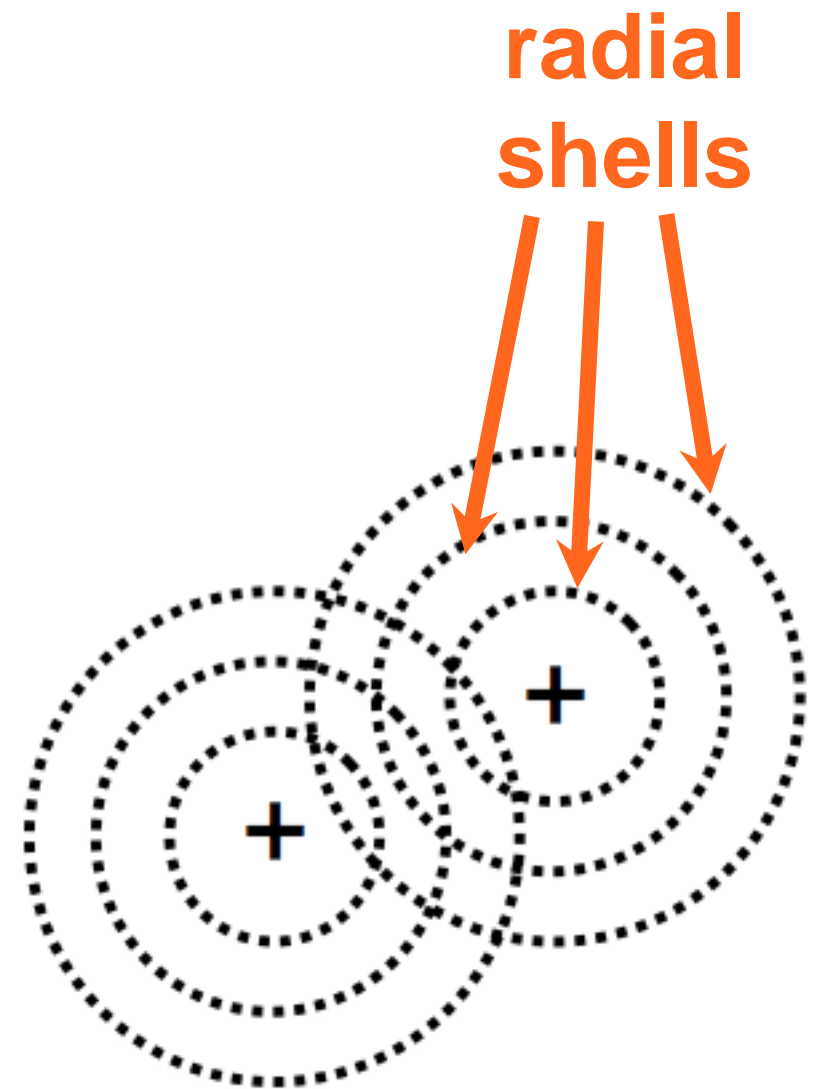
## FHI-aims technical detail:

FHI-aims uses logarithmic grids with the following settings:

radial\_base : 36 5.0  
radial\_multip : 1  
lier

**# points** (points to 36)  
**max. radius** (points to 5.0)  
**multiplies # points** (points to 1)

**FHI-aims uses overlapping atom-centered grids:**





# Grid-based operations

## FHI-aims technical detail:

Lebedev grids can be made denser in outer regions:

angular\_grids specified

division 0.2659 50

division 0.4451 110

division 0.6052 194

# division 0.7543 302

outer\_grid 194

# points

radius

Specific angular point distribution (“Lebedev”)

