

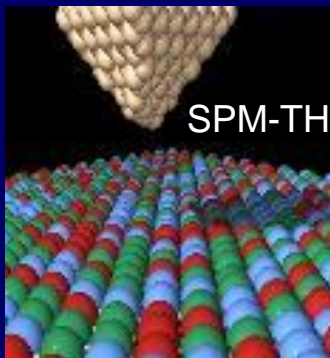
# Linear-scaling ab initio study of surface defects in metal oxide and carbon nanostructures

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# SPM-TH

Scanning Probe Microscopy Theory & Nanomechanics Group  
Forces and Transport in Nanostructures

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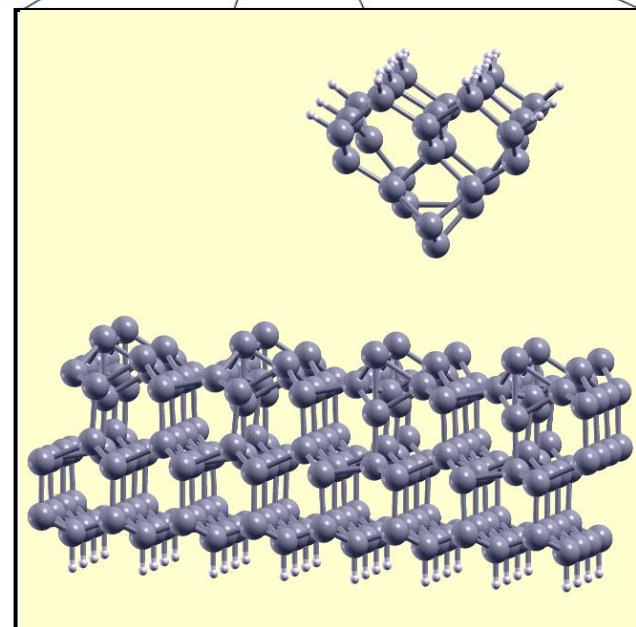
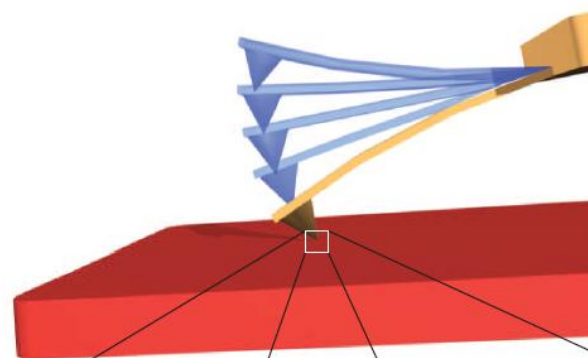


Our work is focused on *ab initio* Materials Science and Nanotechnology **currents at the atomic scale**. In and develop new capacities for the **Scanning Probe Microscopy** use currents and forces to visualize nanoscale.

We work, in close collaboration worldwide, in topics such as:

1. **Scanning Tunneling (STM) and Atomic Force (AFM)** energy dissipation mechanisms and nanomanipulation.
2. **Nanomechanics:** Fracture. Friction and Wear at the Transport properties of nanocontacts.
3. **Adsorption, reactivity, and self-organization** of fullerene on surfaces.

We use a suite of total-energy methods based in Density Functional Theory. We use very efficient codes based on local orbitals (like FIREBALL and SIESTA) and plane-wave codes (CASTEP, VASP).



SR forces amenable to  
ab initio calculations

# Methodology

Ab-initio total energy methods

(based in Density Functional Theory)

both plane wave & **local orbital basis**:  
**accuracy/efficiency balance**



Non-equilibrium  
Green's Functions



Linked with the local  
orbital description

Structure + electronic properties

Electronic transport

Energy vs tip height  $\Rightarrow$  Forces !!

OPENMX  
VASP



**O(N) Method (Krylov subspace) !!**

+ vdW corrections:

semi-empirical (Grimme); vdW-DF (Klimes)

“The computer is a tool for clear thinking” Freeman J. Dyson



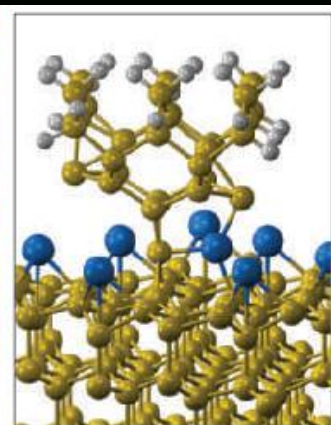
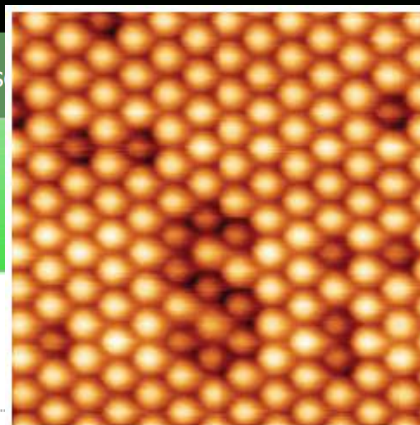
Chemical identification with FM-AFM

Nature 446, 64 (2007).

Single-atom manipulation with FM-AFM

Science 322, 413 (2008)

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### Forces and Currents in Carbon Nanostructures: Are We Imaging Atoms?

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## Understanding Dissipative Tip–Molecule Interactions with Submolecular Resolution on an Organic Adsorbate

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We use a suite of total-energy methods based in Density Functional Theory (DFT) with very efficient codes based on local orbitals (like FIREBALL and OPENMX) to more accurately describe the interactions between the tip and the molecule.

Doctorate.

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# What are Tier-0 machines and PRACE?

Tier-0: 50.000 – 460.000 cores, petaflop scale

System Name	Hosting Centre	Launch date	Architecture	Speed
CURIE	GENCI@CEA, France	Q2 2011	Bullx cluster	2 Petaflops/s
Hermit	GCS@HLRS, Germany	Q3 2011	Cray XE6	5 Petaflops/s
FERMI	CINECA, Italy	Q2 2012	BlueGene/Q	2 Petaflops/s
SuperMUC	GCS@LRZ, Germany	Q2 2012	iDataPlex	3 Petaflops/s
JUQUEEN	GCS@FZJ, Germany	Q4 2012	BlueGene/Q	5.87 Petaflops/s
MareNostrum	BSC, Spain	Q4 2012	iDataPlex	1 Petaflops/s

## Partnership for Advanced Computing in Europe

PRACE (Partnership for Advanced Computing in Europe), the European research infrastructure for High Performance Computing (HPC), makes it possible for researchers from across Europe and the world to apply for access to Tier-0 HPC systems via a peer-review process.

# Why Tier-0? (or better... Why bother?)

- ❑ It requires extra effort & different perspective from Tier-1 (typical job: from hundreds to thousands of processors)
- ❑ Many popular codes (e.g. VASP) do not have the required scalability
- ✓ Access to massive resources in terms of computer power and time

**TGCC : PRACE Project 2012060986 on CURIE**

PRACE Project : 2012060986

Project number : RA0986

**16.250.000 core hours** on standard nodes on Curie.

dates : 2012-11-01 to 2013-11-01



# How?: Applying for a PRACE Tier-0 project

- Technical review
  - Scalability
- Scientific review

Project access vs Preparatory access  
(different calls!!)

# How?: Preparatory access projects

**GOAL: to show the scalability of your code**

## 1.1. Proposal ID

2010PA0638 **(Type A PA project intended for code scalability testing)**

## 1.3. Period of access to the PRACE facilities

01/11/2011 to 31/12/2011 **(just two months !!)**

## 1.4. Name of the PRACE facility assigned

Curie **(why?: large memory on Curie fat nodes)**

## 2.1. Project name

**Large-scale  $O(N)$  DFT simulations of defects in metal oxides**

## 2.2. Research field

Astrophysics

Earth Sciences and Environment

Medicine and Life Sciences

**Chemistry and Materials**

Fundamental Physics

Engineering and Energy

Mathematics and Computer Science

Finance and Social Science

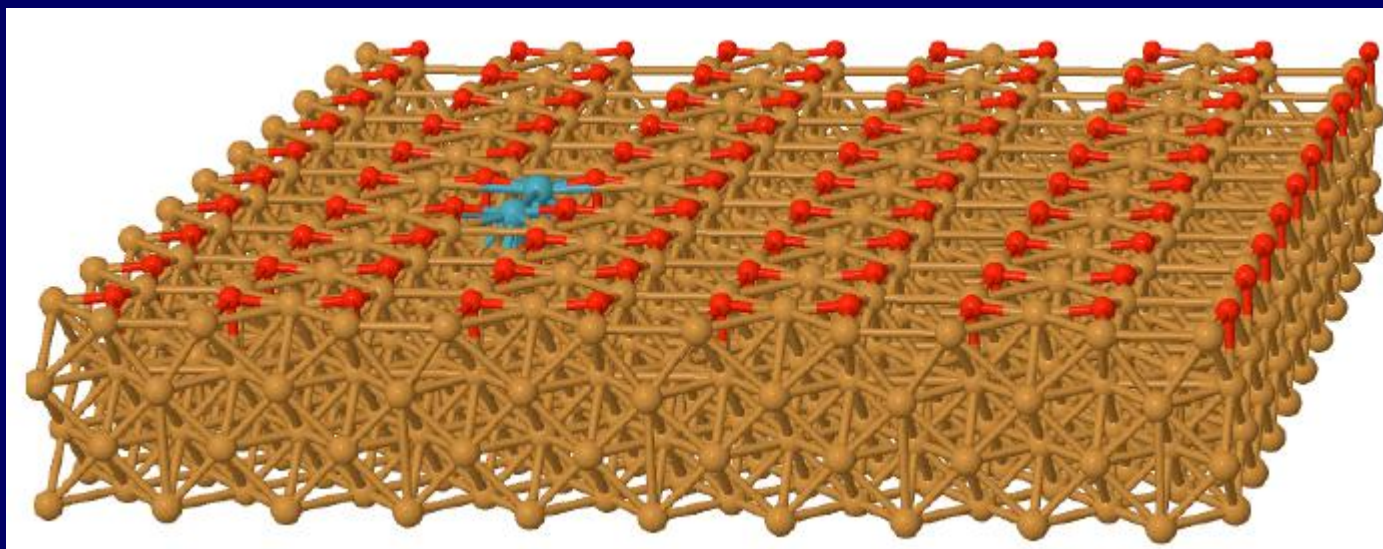
Linguistics and Encryption

# OpenMX scalability with hybrid MPI/OpenMP

# of MPI process X # of threads (1-32) = # of cores < 4096 (limitation Prep. Acc.)

Table 1: 3400 atoms, 8 thread test

<u># cores</u>	<u>absolute timing (s)</u>	<u>speed-up</u>	<u>ideal speed-up</u>	<u>efficiency [%]</u>
<u>256</u>	<u>53.0</u>	<u>1.0000</u>	<u>1.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>
<u>512</u>	<u>31.3</u>	<u>1.6924</u>	<u>2.0</u>	<u>84.6</u>
<u>1024</u>	<u>15.7</u>	<u>3.3760</u>	<u>4.0</u>	<u>84.4</u>
<u>2048</u>	<u>9.4</u>	<u>5.6572</u>	<u>8.0</u>	<u>70.7</u>
<u>4096</u>	<u>7.3</u>	<u>7.3057</u>	<u>16.0</u>	<u>45.7</u>

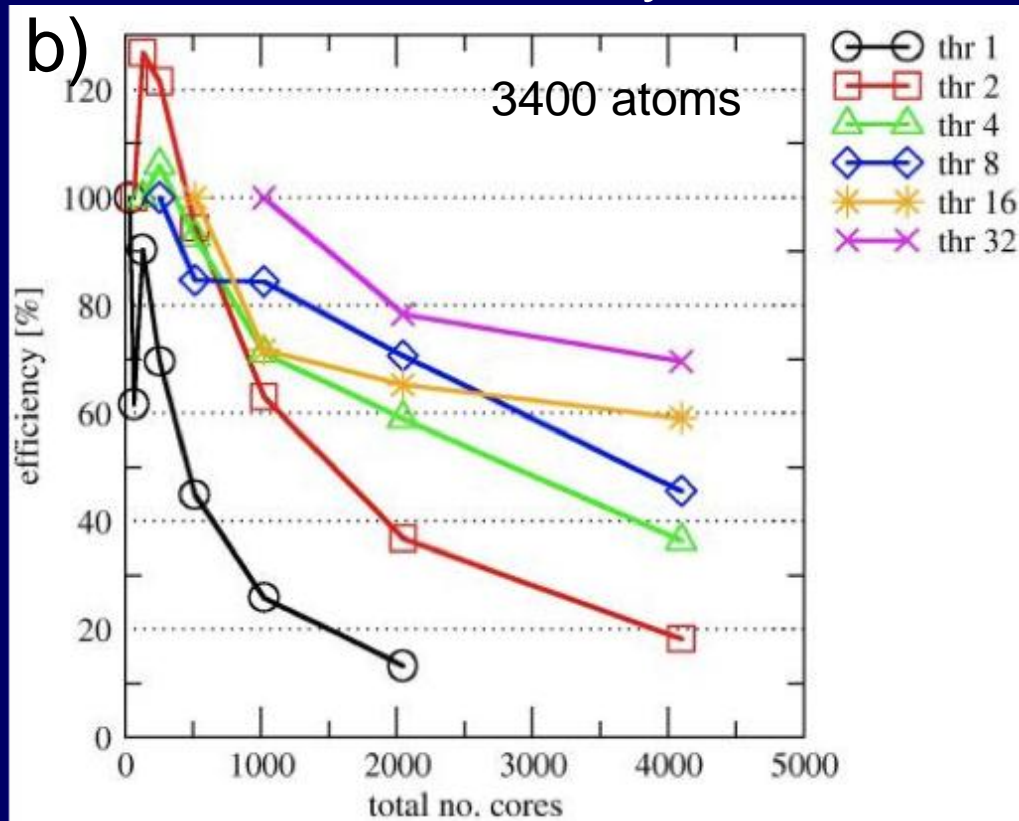
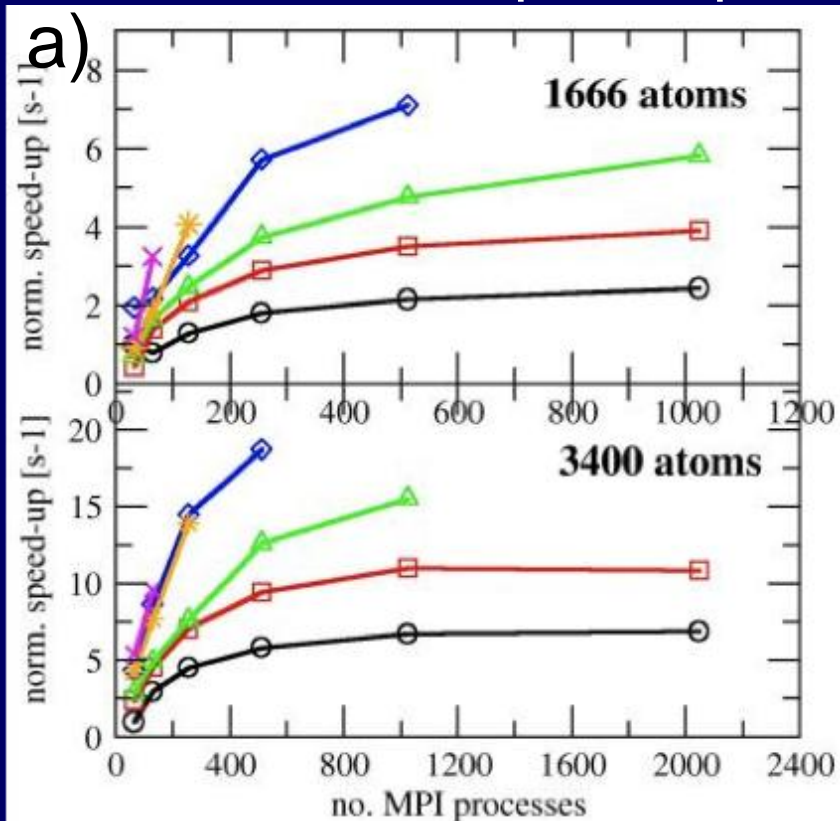


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Normalized Speed-up

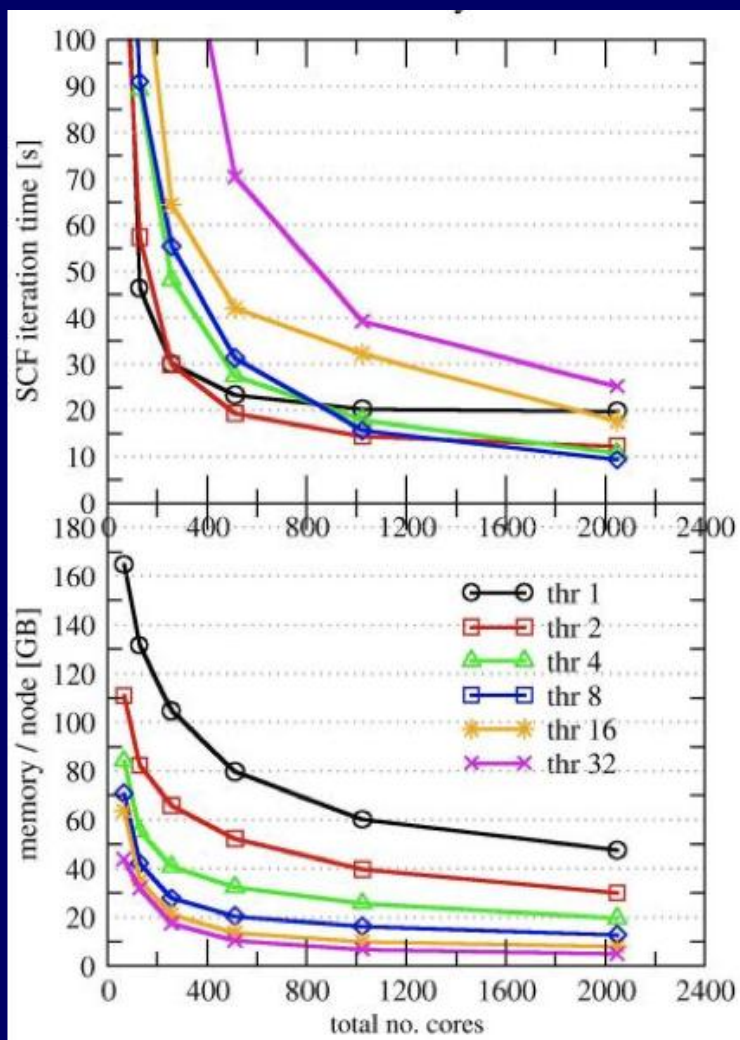
Parallel Efficiency



- a) OpenMX speed-up performance with multithreading for large test calculation sizes (normalized to the first data point)
- b) corresponding parallel efficiency computed for the 3400 atom test input.

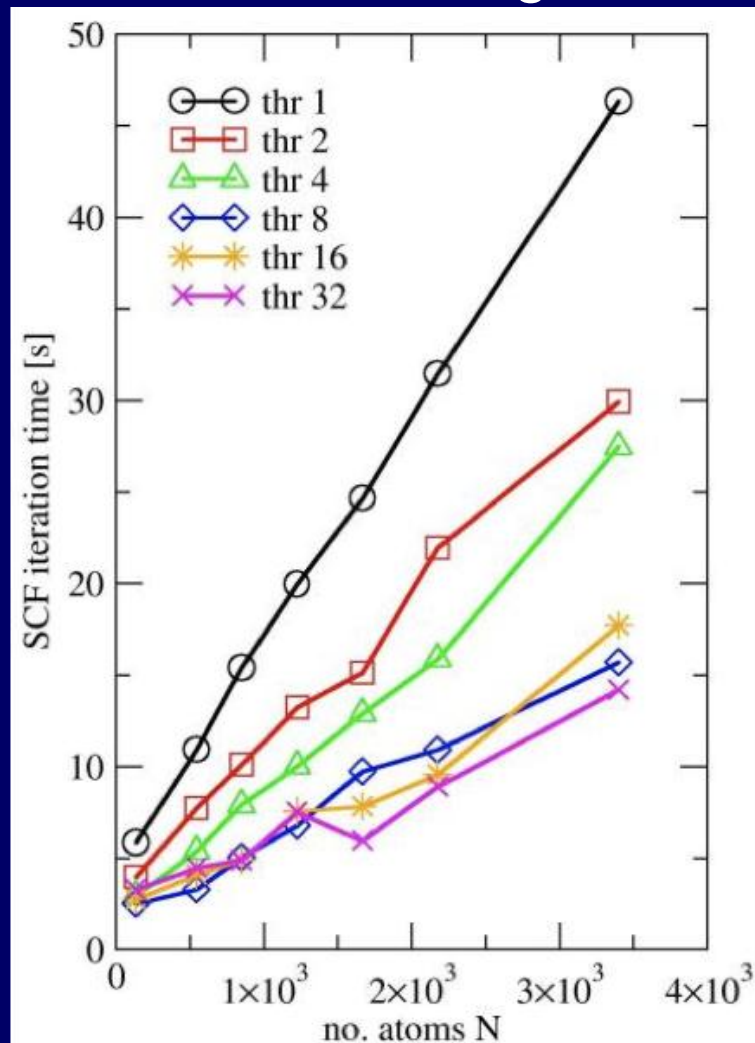
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## Resources vs Threading



Variation in computational resources with multithreading for a constant number of cores (3400 atom calculation)

## Linear scaling



Linear-scaling of computational time with test system size (128 MPI procs with multithreading)

# Problems in the testing stage

- ❑ Make sure that you test the same architecture you want to apply for: **tests** on the CURIE **fat nodes** (larger memory) **BUT** most of the PRACE **time** allocated on CURIE **thin nodes**)

FIX: Repeat selected tests at the beginning of the project.

- ❑ Limited resources: < 4096 cores + small time allocation (while you are really intended to go for larger production jobs...)

FIX: We got access to a larger machine  
(Cray XT5 @ JAIST, Japan)

+ (validation of scripts for scalability tests in Curie)

# Applying for a PRACE Tier-0 project

## □ Technical review

- Scalability
- minimum request: 5 million hours
- minimum job size > 512 cores (system dependent)

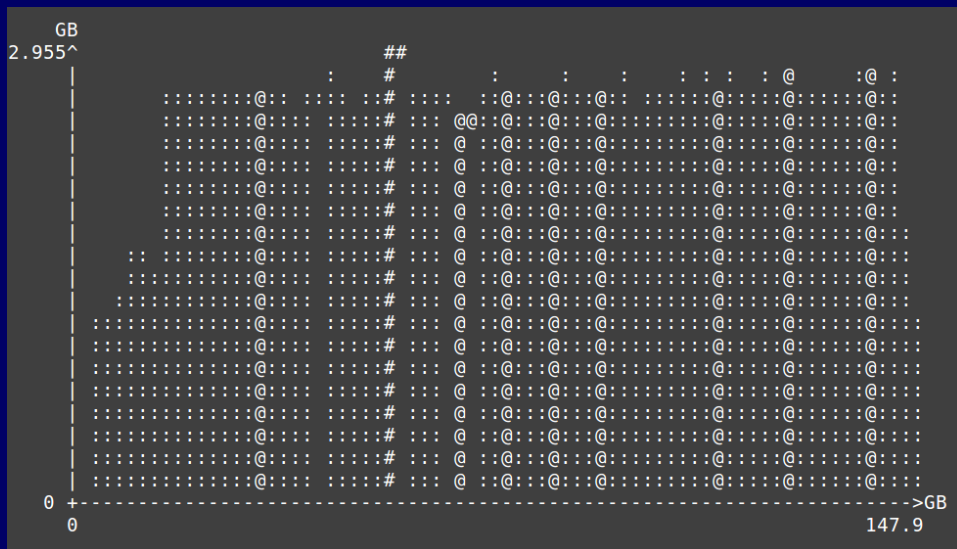
## □ Scientific review

- Scientific excellence, novelty and impact
- Focus on topics of major relevance for European research
- Suggestion of three qualified reviewers.

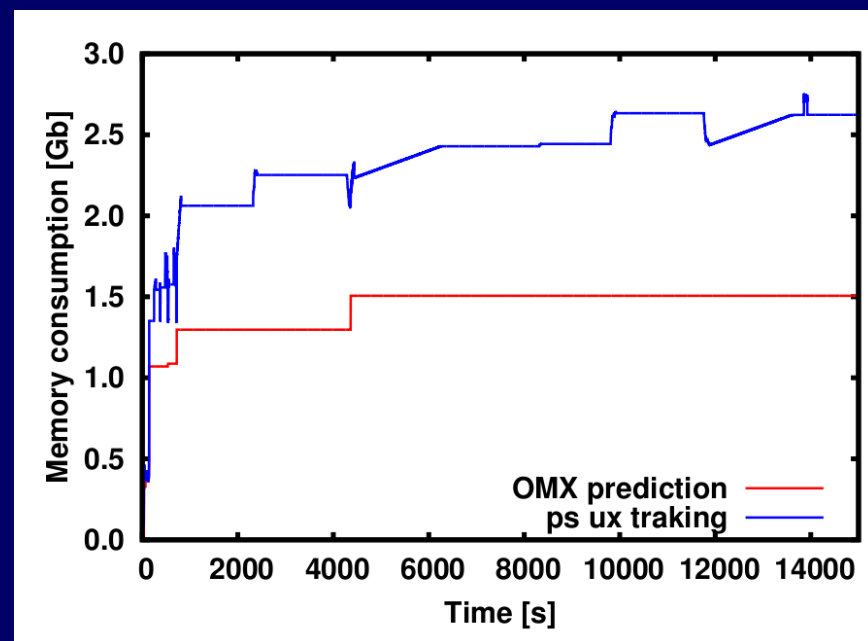
# Problems in the running stage (I)

- ❑ Beware of changing the parameters of the calculations (errors get amplified... and you are blacklisted !!!)
- ❑ Do not trust your internal functions to estimate the memory usage; use tools like **Valgrind**

Mem. peak predicted by OpenMX: **1.542 Gb**  
Mem. peak given by *ps ux* tracking: **2.932 Gb**  
Mem. peak (real) given by Valgrind: **2.955 Gb**



Memory consumption profile from Valgrind code for a test OpenMX calculation (288 atoms, 13 orbitals, 2x2x1 grid for SCF & 10x10x1 DOS)

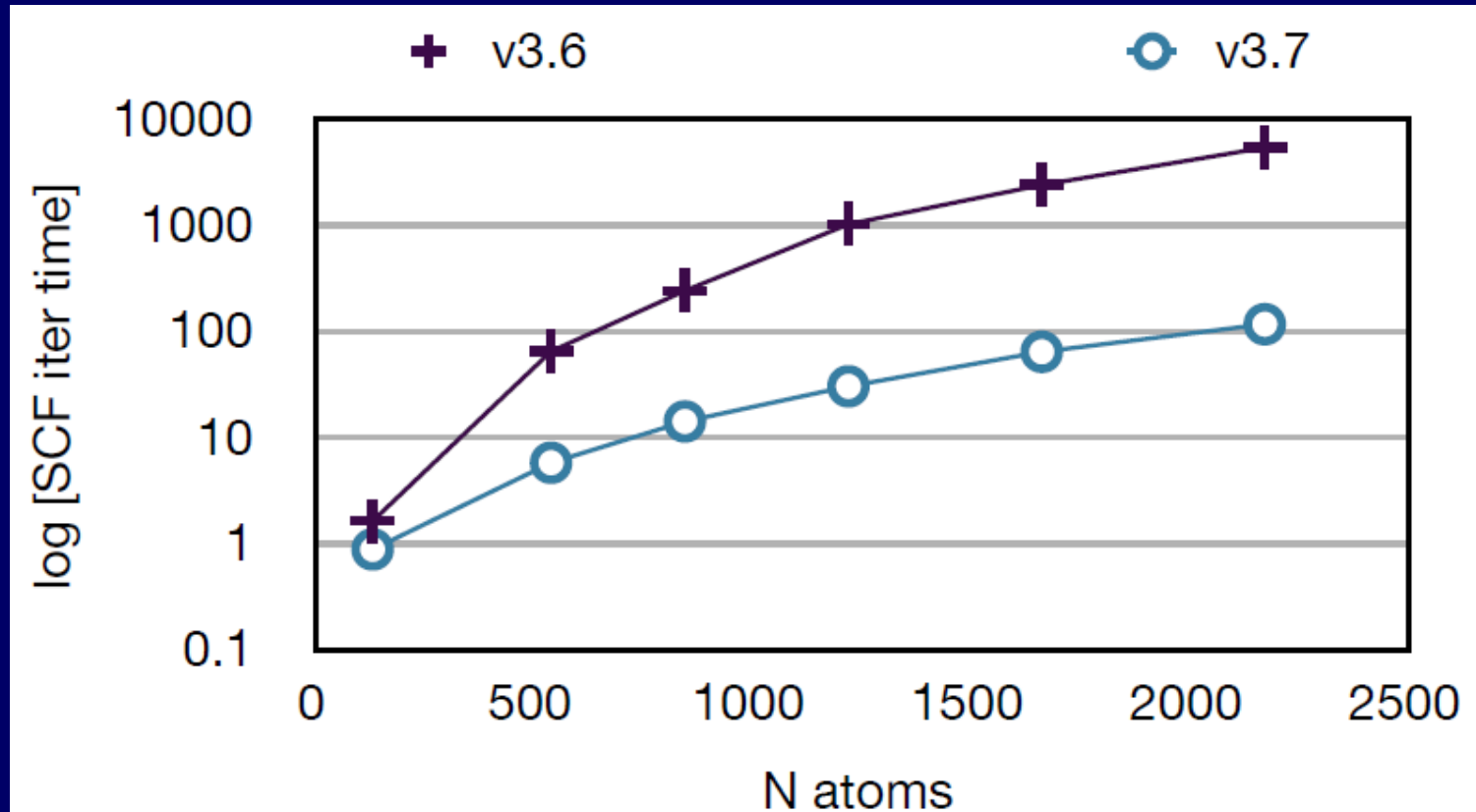




# Problems in the running stage (II)

- ❑ Significant improvement in the performance of your code (3x for  $O(N)$ ,  $> 10x$  for diagonalization): you have asked for too much time...

v3.644 -O1 (lapack) vs v3.7 -O3 (elpa1 diagonalisation library)



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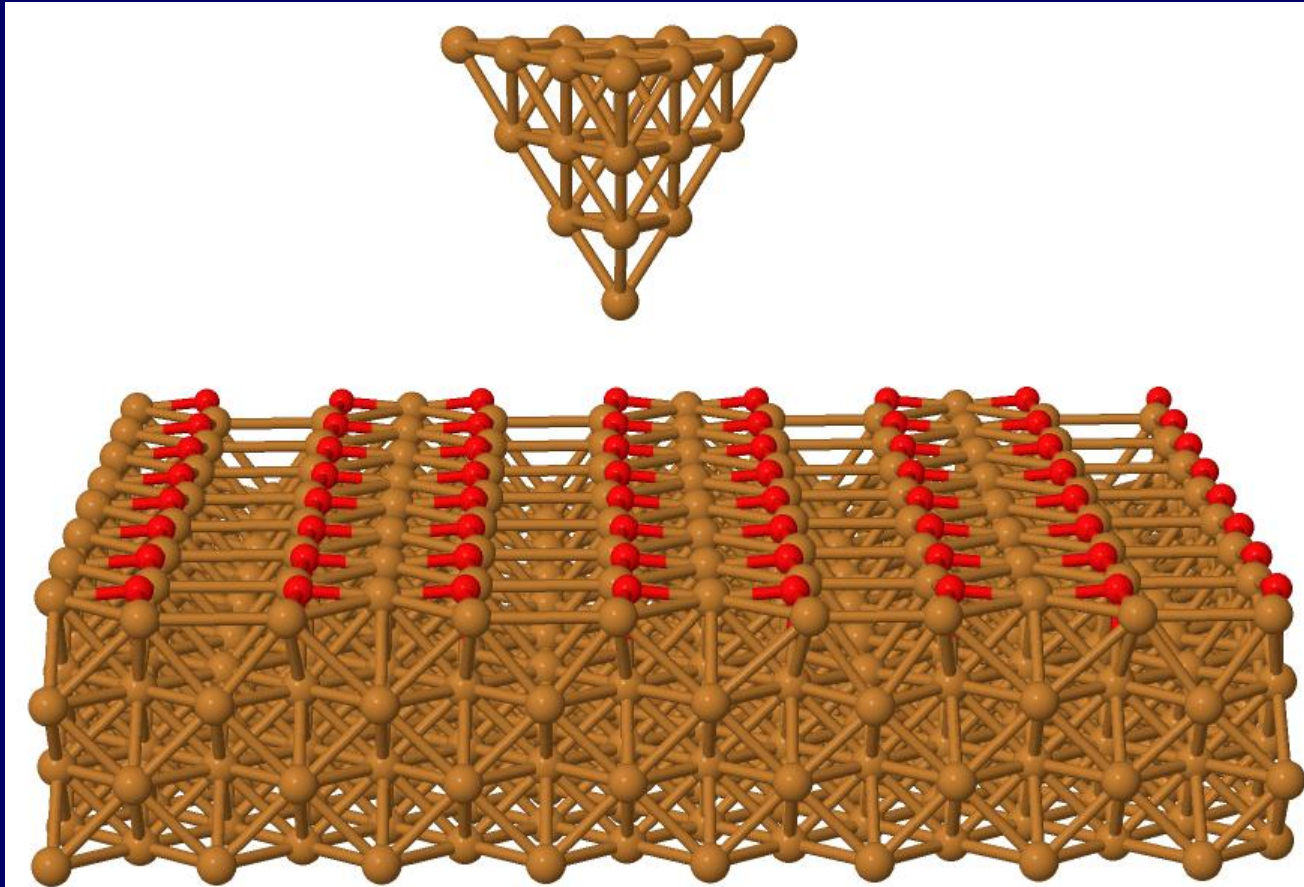
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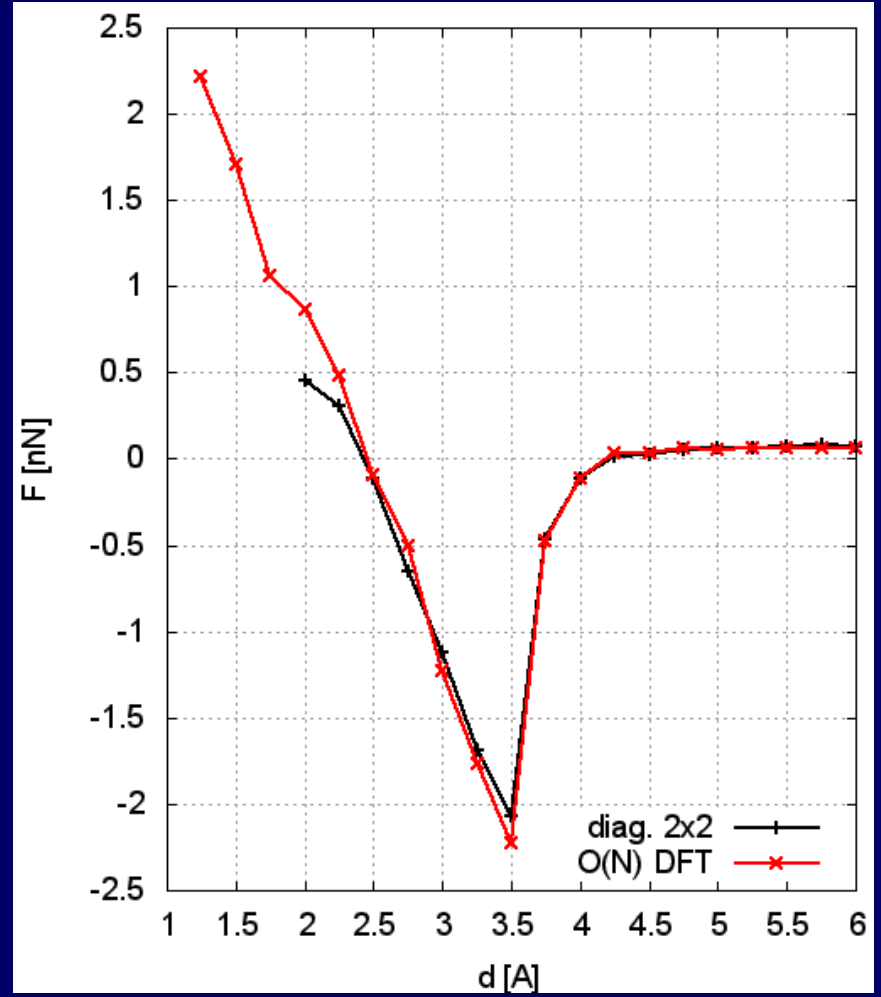
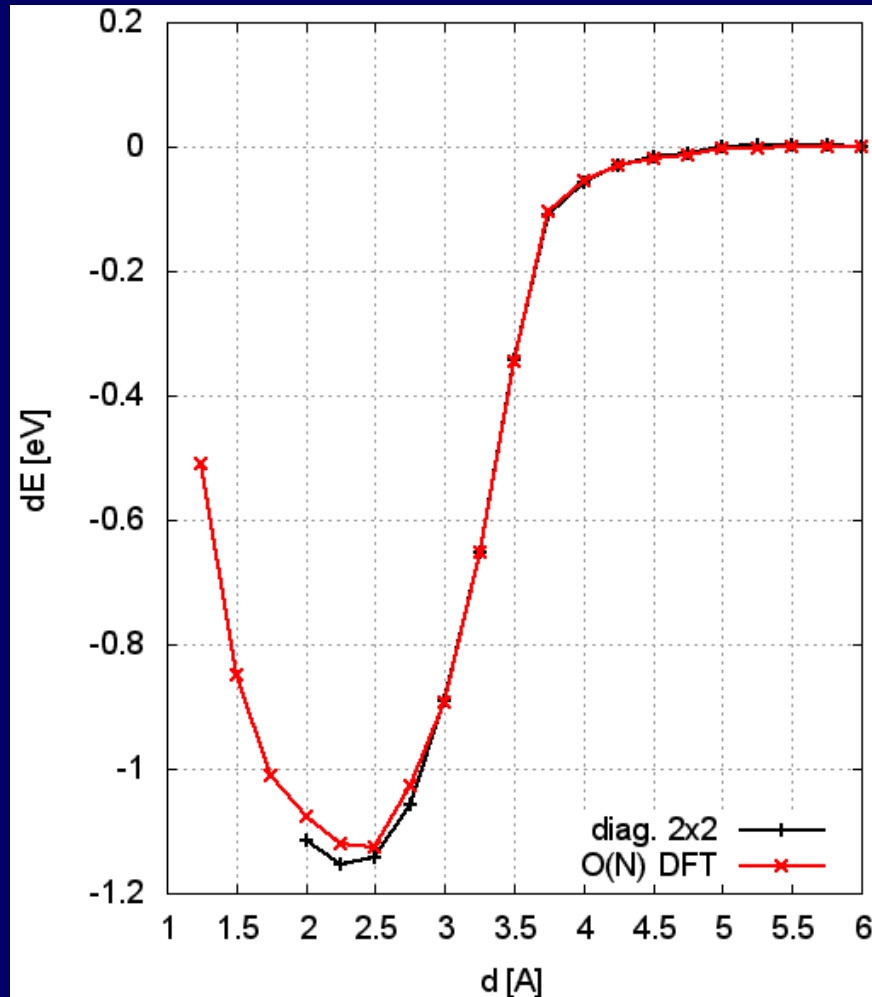
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# Cu(100)-0: An oxide ML on top of a metal

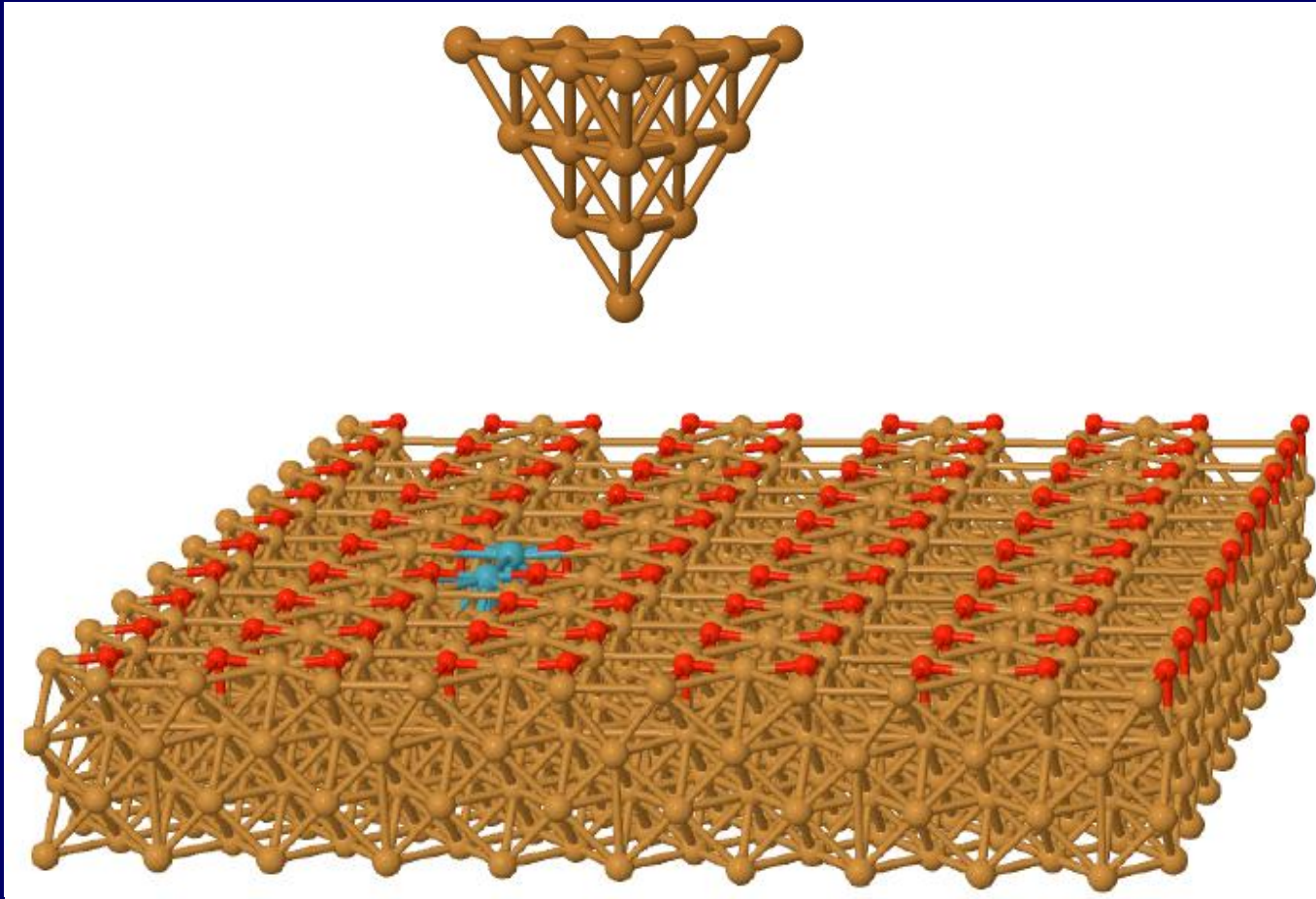


# Cu tip on Cu(100)-0: O(N) vs diagonalization

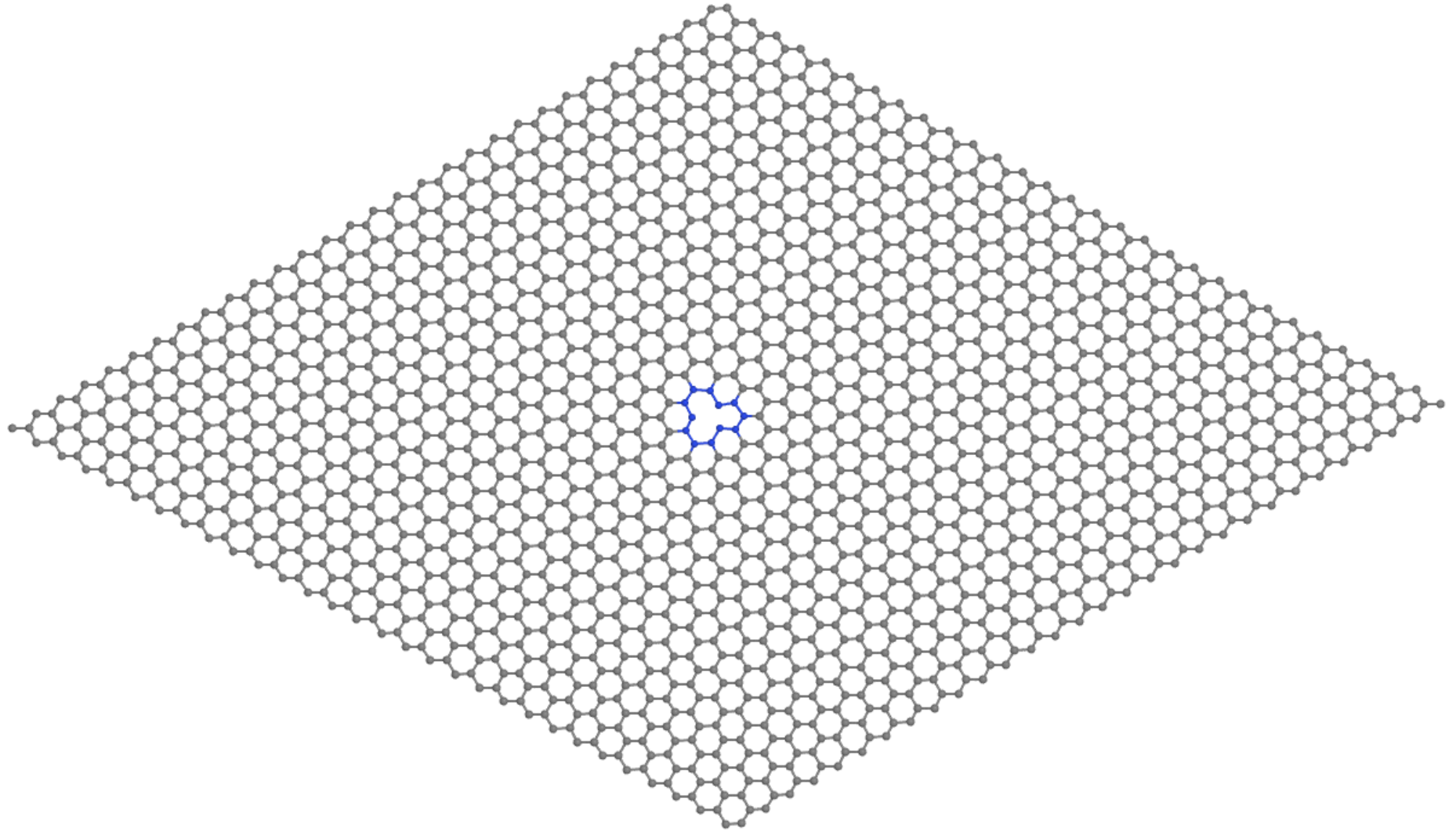


Large Diagonalization calcs possible with the elpa1 library !!!

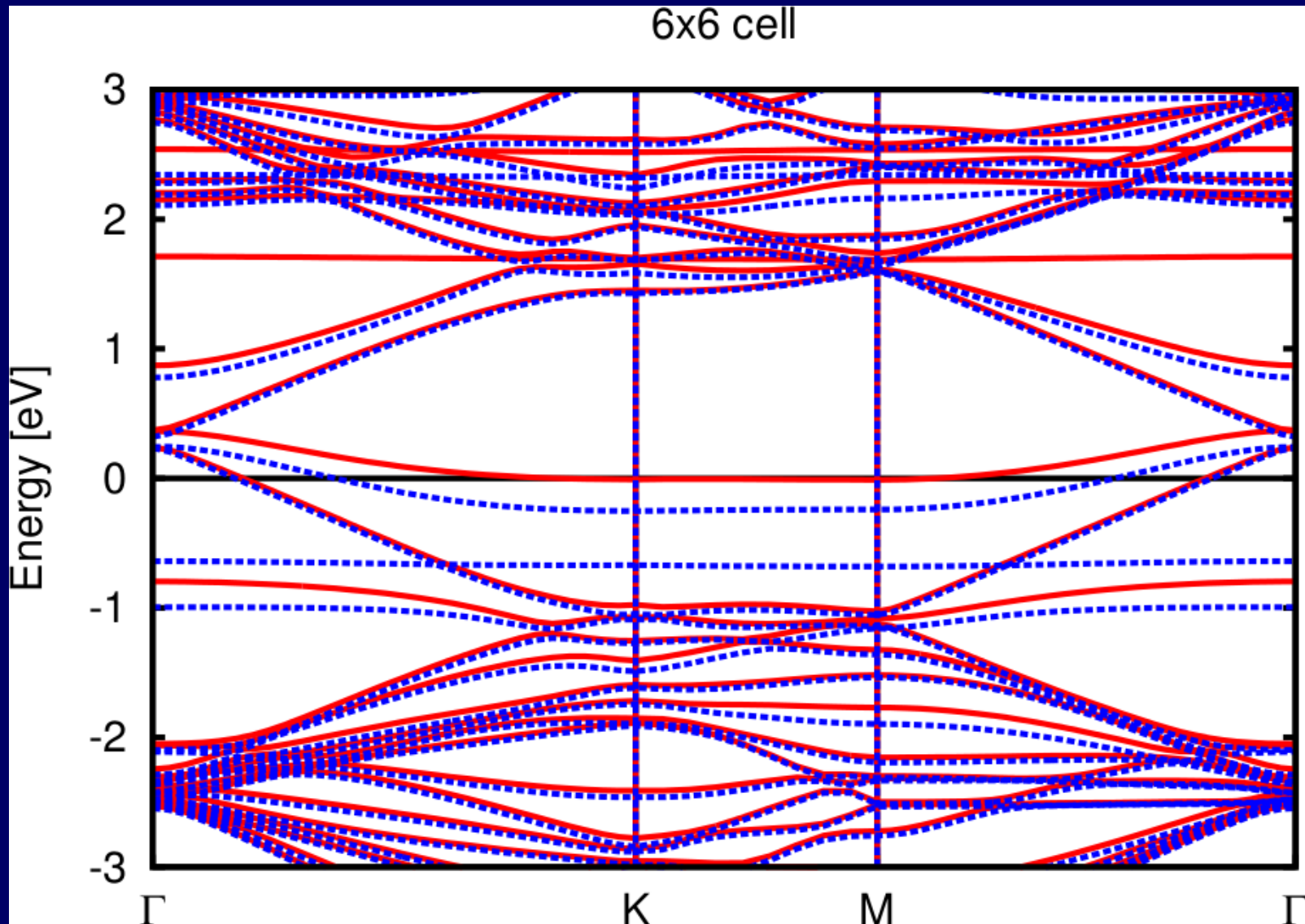
# Cu(100)-0: Force contrast around the defect



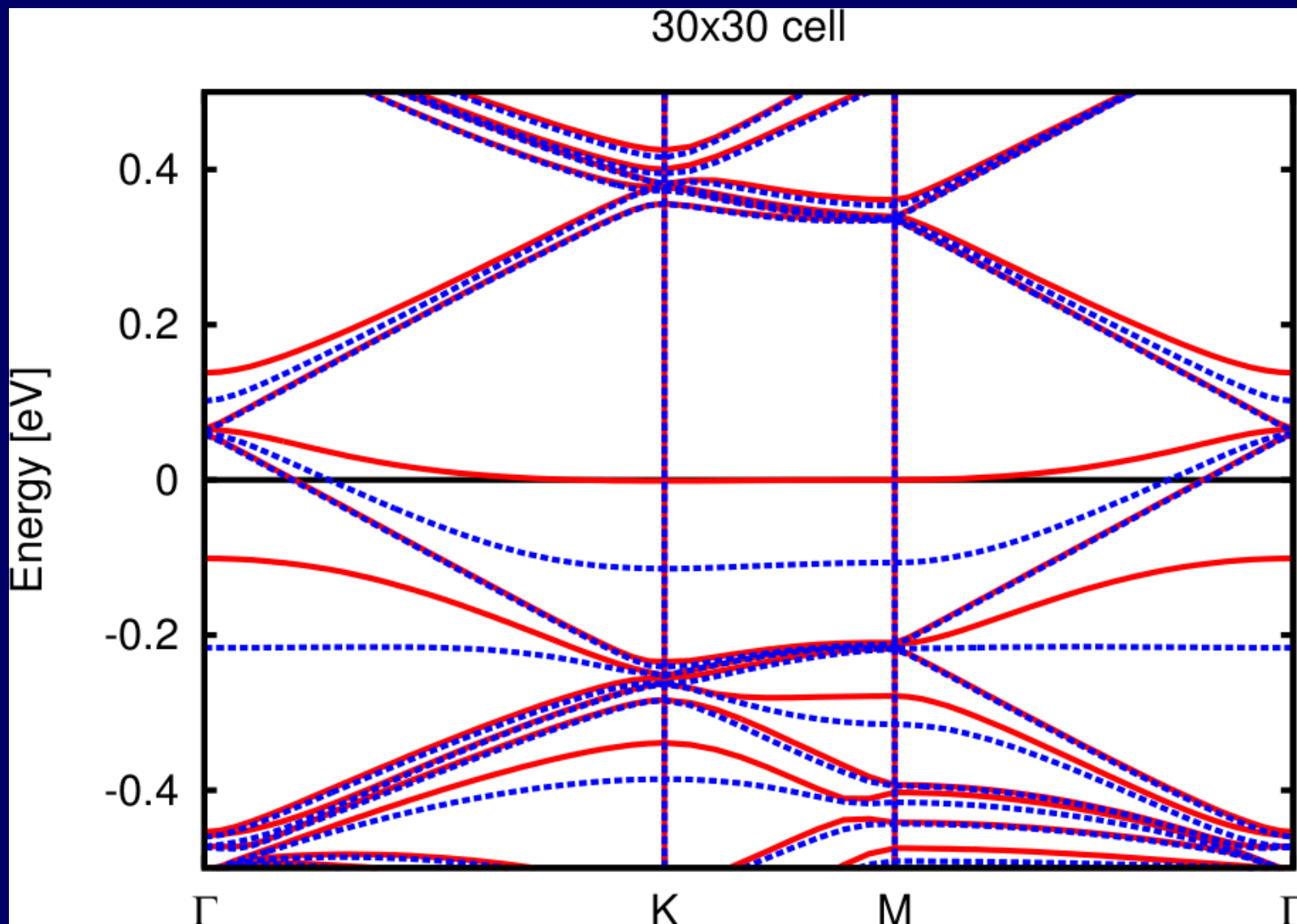
# Vacancies in Graphene: Magnetism??



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# Conclusions

## 1. **Ab initio $O(N)$ energies and forces on metallic nanostructures**

CuO: large scale defect structures; domain nucleation and growth,  
link between forces and chemical reactivity

Vacancies on Graphene: magnetic and mechanical properties

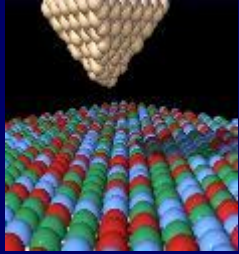
## 2. **PRACE Tier-0 Project Access: Key points for success**

Preparatory Access: demonstrate code scalability

Project Access: World-class science project

# Apply in the next PRACE call !!

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