

## Goals

**DGDFT: Discontinuous Galerkin Method for Density Functional Theory**  
<http://www.dgdft-scidac.org/>

A new method and code for quantum molecular dynamics (QMD) simulations, capable of modeling complex, mixed-phase systems, containing **10,000 atoms or more**.

Apply the new methodology to understand the detailed chemistry and dynamics of the solid-electrolyte interphase (SEI) layer in Li-ion cells, a key factor in performance, lifetime, and safety.

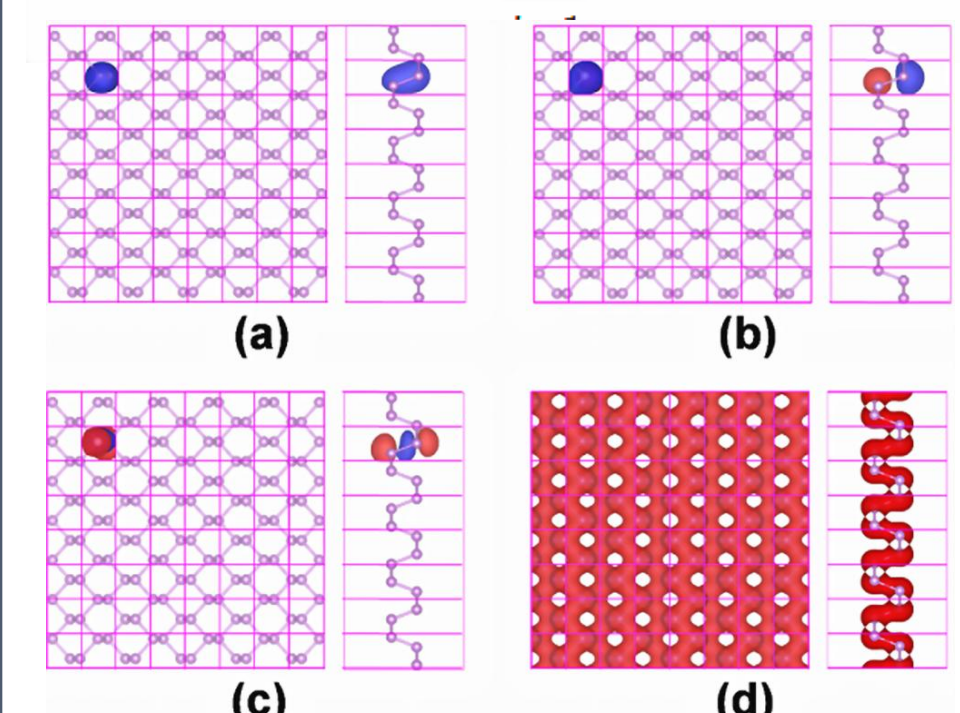
## Theory

### Adaptive Local Basis (ALB) Set

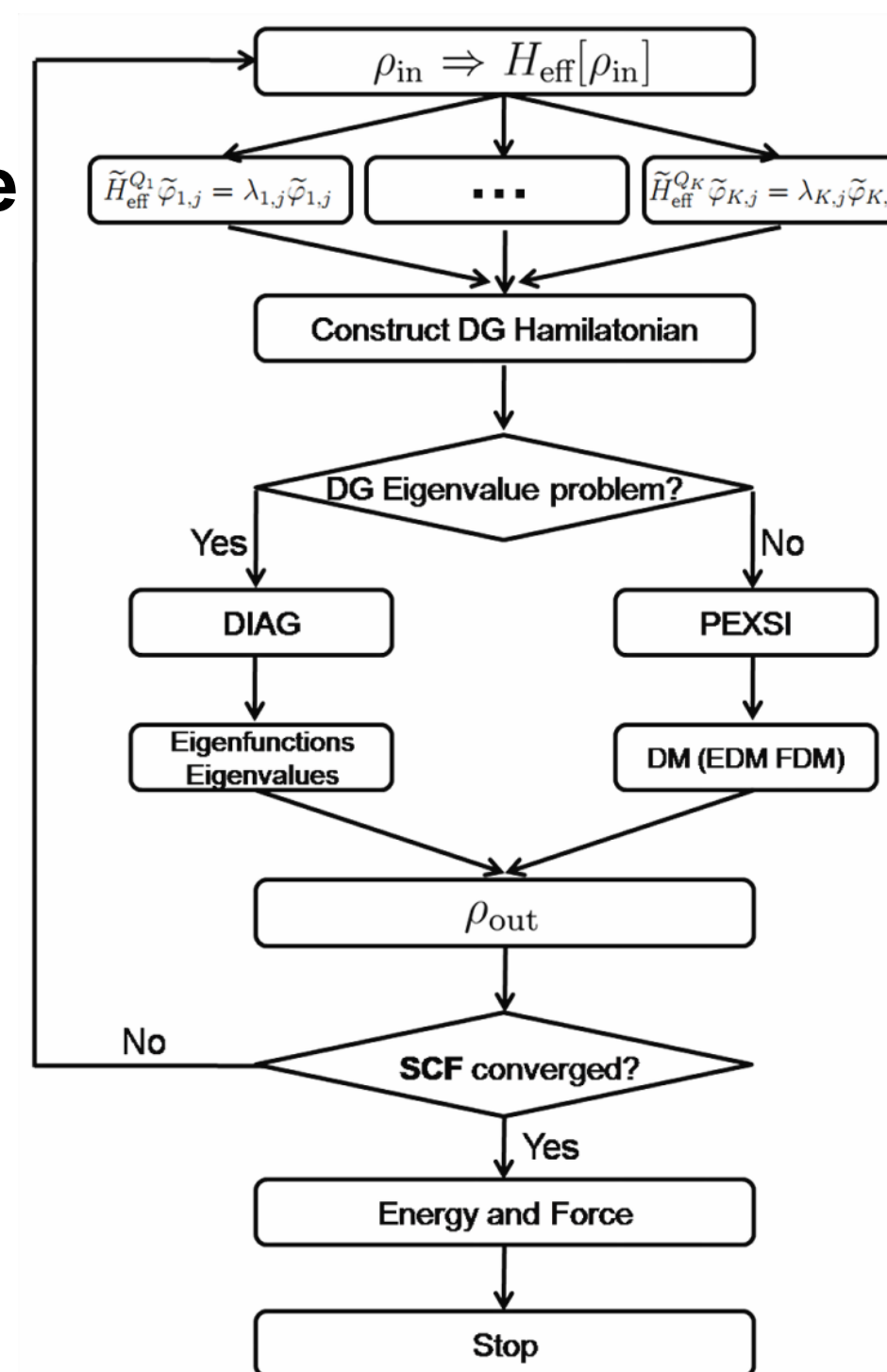
Discontinuous, local, systematically improvable  
Effect of chemical environment

$$E_{DG}(\{\psi_i\}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \langle \nabla \psi_i, \nabla \psi_i \rangle_{\mathcal{T}} + \langle V_{\text{eff}}, \rho \rangle_{\mathcal{T}}$$

$$+ \sum_{I=1}^{N_A} \sum_{\ell=1}^{L_I} \gamma_{I,\ell} \sum_{i=1}^N \langle [b_{I,\ell}(\cdot - R_I), \psi_i]_{\mathcal{T}} \rangle^2 - \sum_{i=1}^N \langle \{ \{ \nabla \psi_i \}, [\psi_i] \}_S + \alpha \sum_{i=1}^N \langle [\psi_i], [\psi_i] \rangle_S$$



For 2D phosphorene  $P_{140}$   
 $1 \times 8 \times 8$  2D element partition

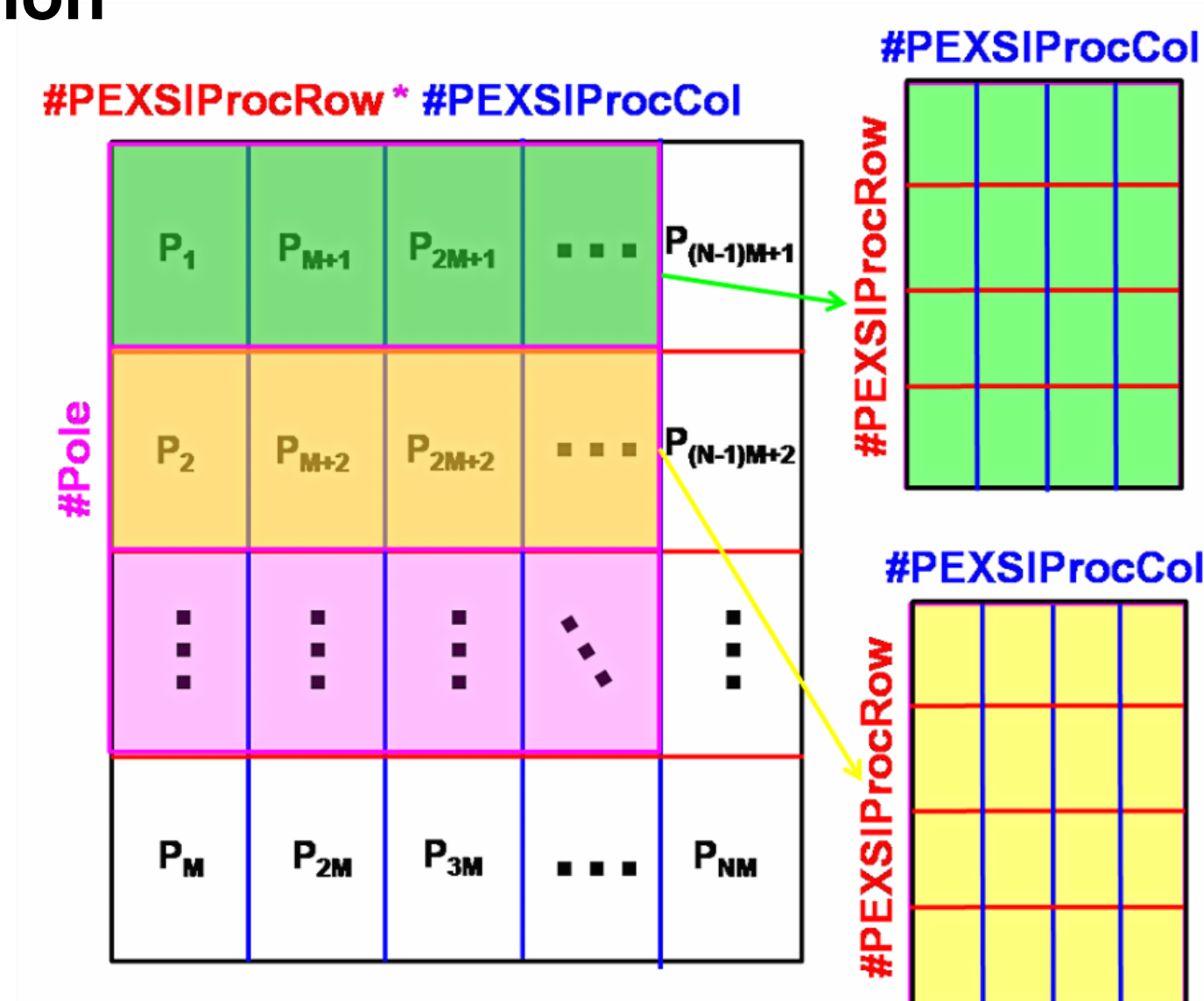


### Pole Expansion and Selected Inversion (PEXSI)

Fermi operator expansion <http://www.pexsi.org/>

Solving KSDFT without diagonalization

$$\rho \approx \text{diag} \sum_{i=1}^Q \frac{\omega_i}{H - z_i I}$$



### Two Level Parallelization

Highly scalable up to 128,000 cores

**Intra-element** parallelization

numBasis: 10 ~ 100 cores

**Inter-element** parallelization

numElement: 4 ~ 10,000 cores

## Accuracy and efficiency

### Computational Accuracy

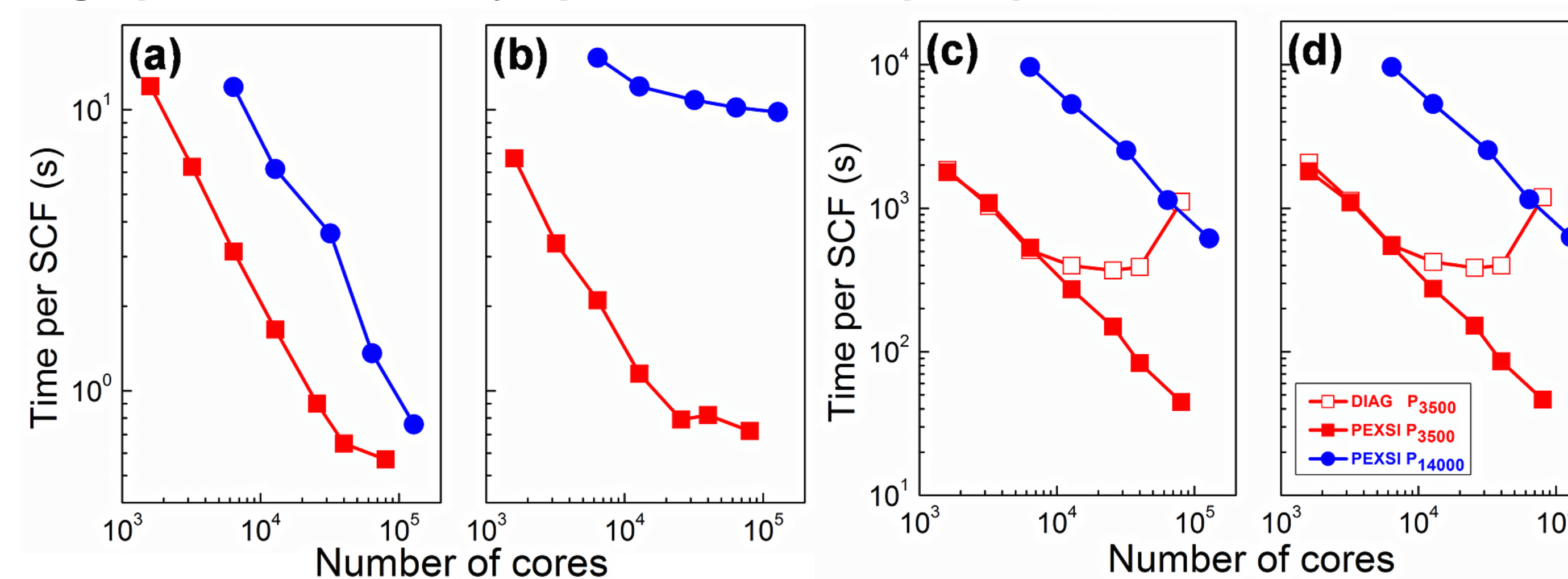
Total energy and atomic forces for 2D phosphorene

DGDFT $P_{140}$		DIAG		PEXSI	
Ecut	#ALB	$\Delta E$	$\Delta F$	$\Delta E$	$\Delta F$
20	91.43	5.22E-04	4.03E-03	3.22E-04	4.03E-03
40	18.28	4.51E-02	5.97E-02	4.57E-02	5.97E-02
40	27.42	6.67E-04	2.51E-03	6.85E-04	2.52E-03
40	36.57	1.34E-04	6.16E-04	1.59E-04	6.18E-04
40	45.71	7.00E-05	4.00E-04	6.44E-05	5.23E-04
40	91.43	-4.32E-07	5.93E-04	1.34E-04	5.93E-04
100	91.43	1.59E-05	1.97E-04	8.04E-05	1.97E-04
200	91.43	3.39E-06	1.06E-04	8.12E-05	1.06E-04

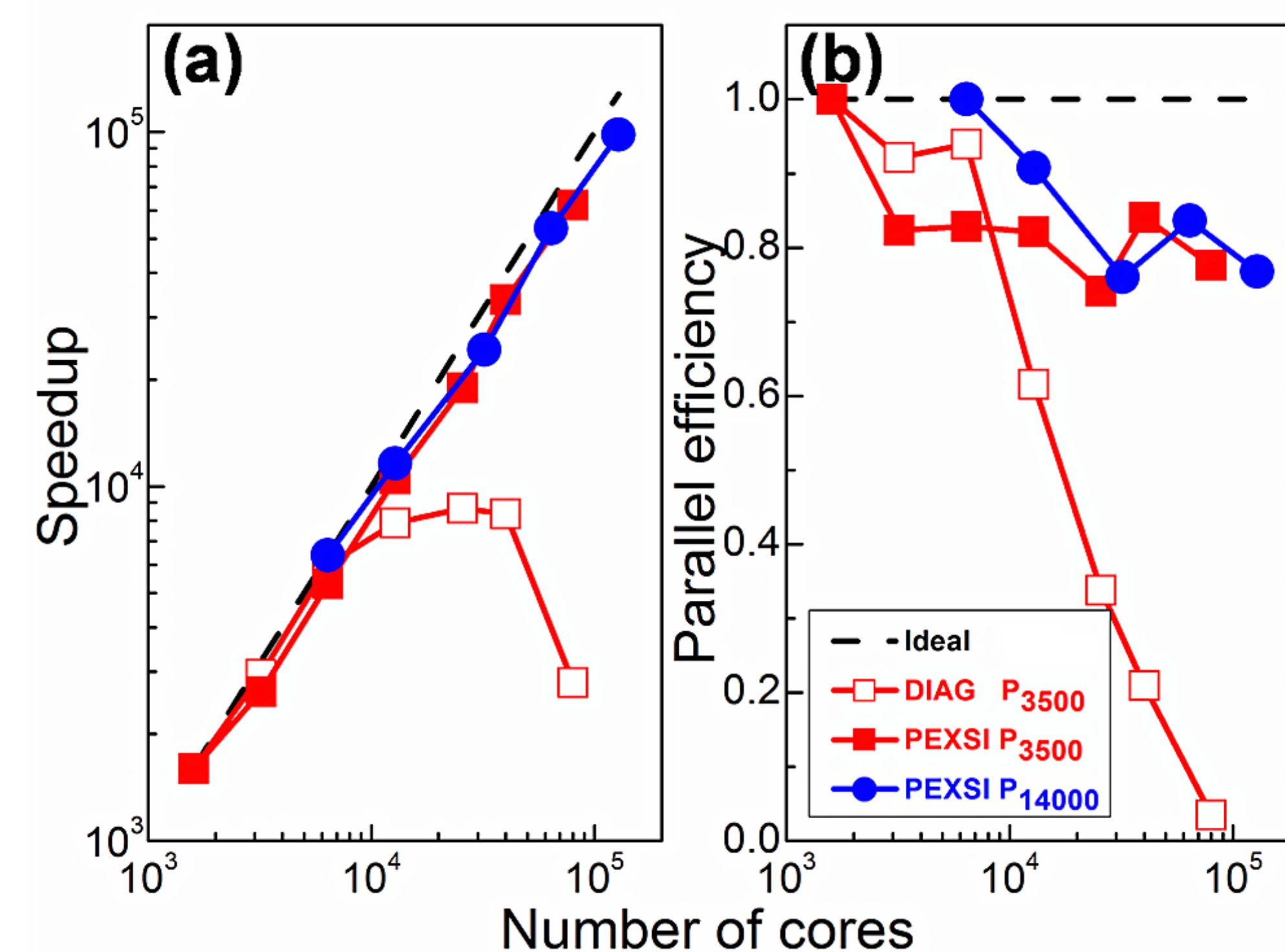
### Computational Time and Parallel Efficiency

Highly scalable up to 128,000 cores (**3500 and 14000 atoms**)

High parallel efficiency up to 80% for 2D phosphorene



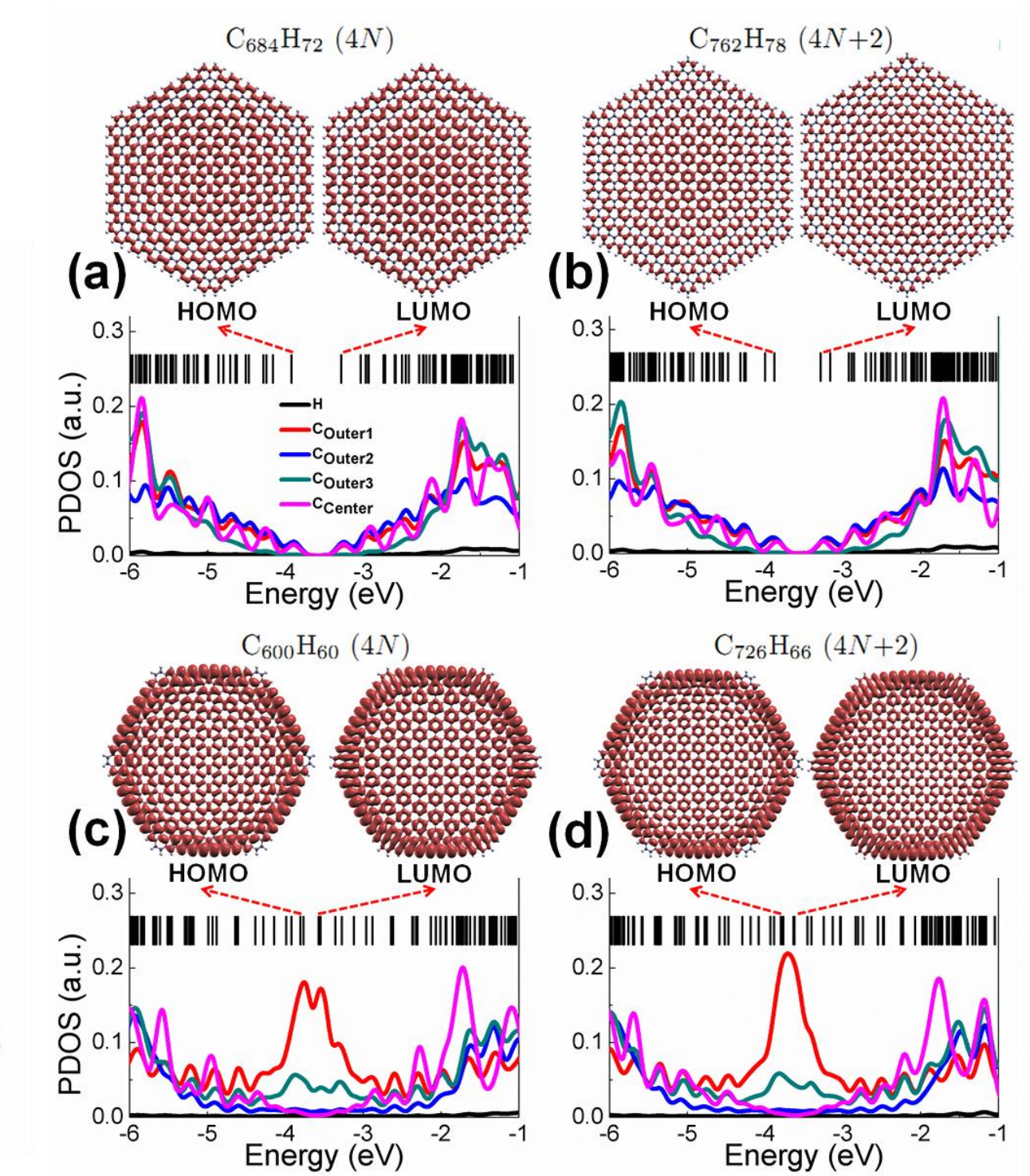
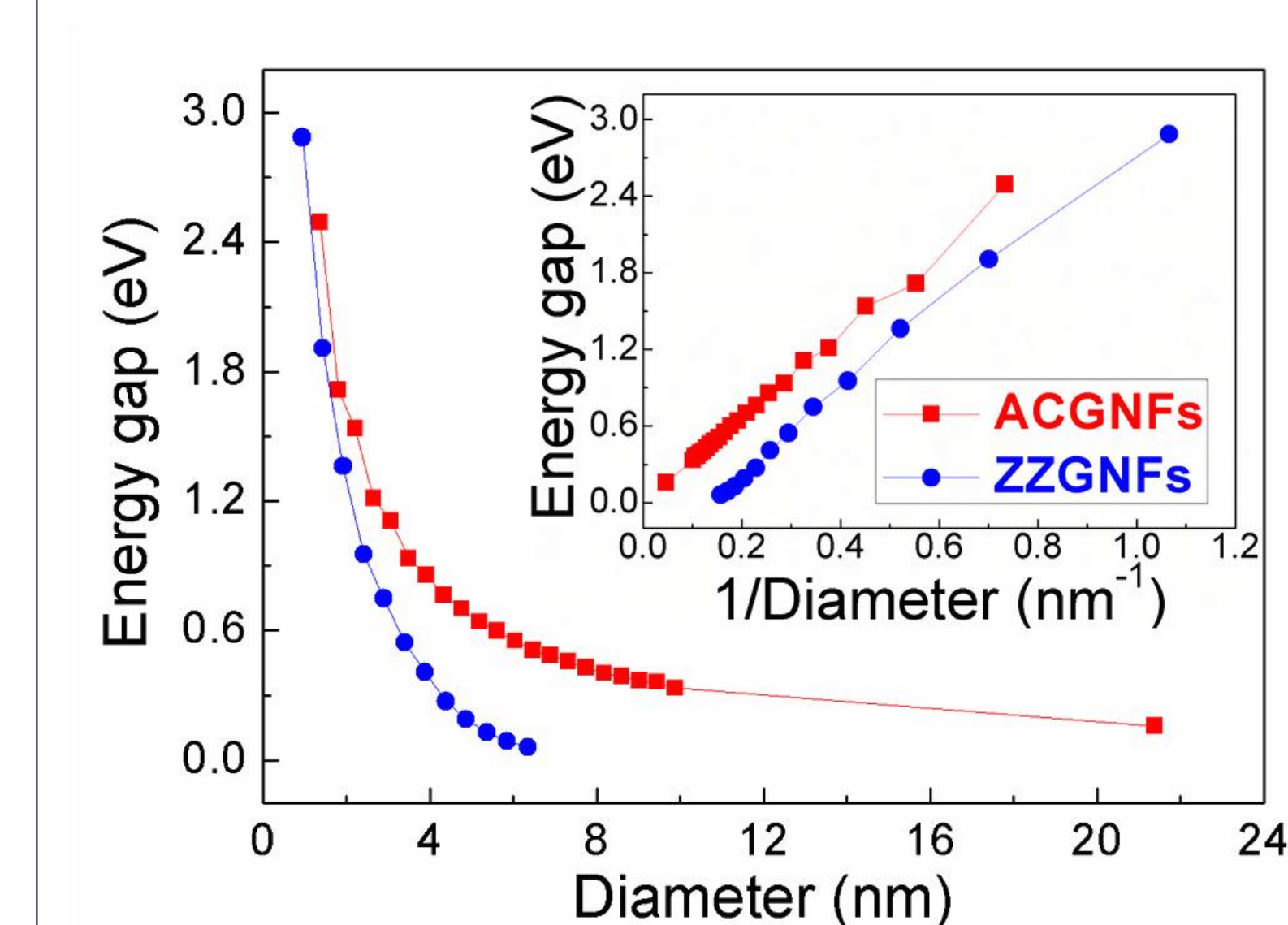
Generate ALB basis, Construct DG Hamiltonian, Diagonalize DG Hamiltonian



## Applications

### Graphene Nanoflakes

11700 atoms SIESTA-PEXSI



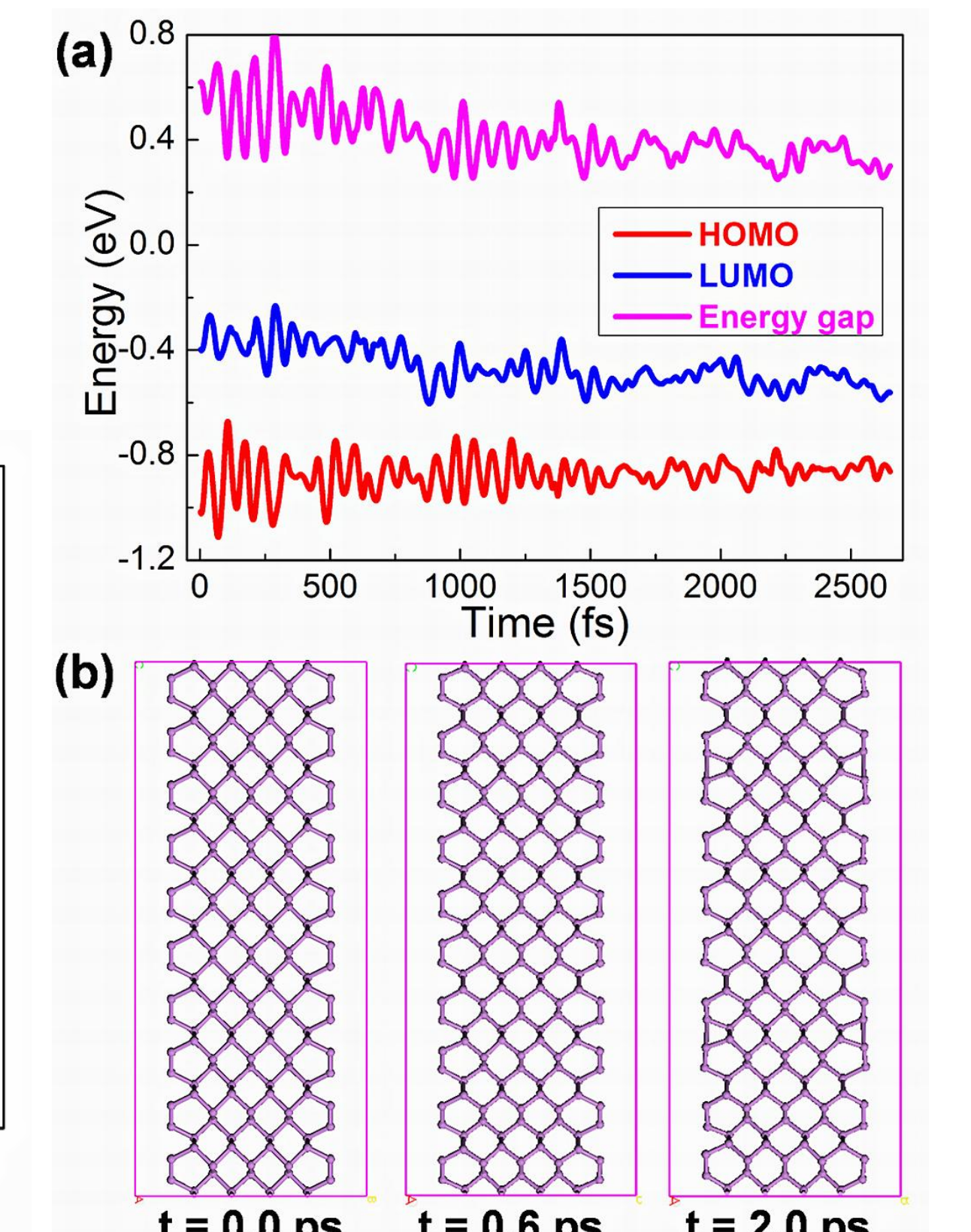
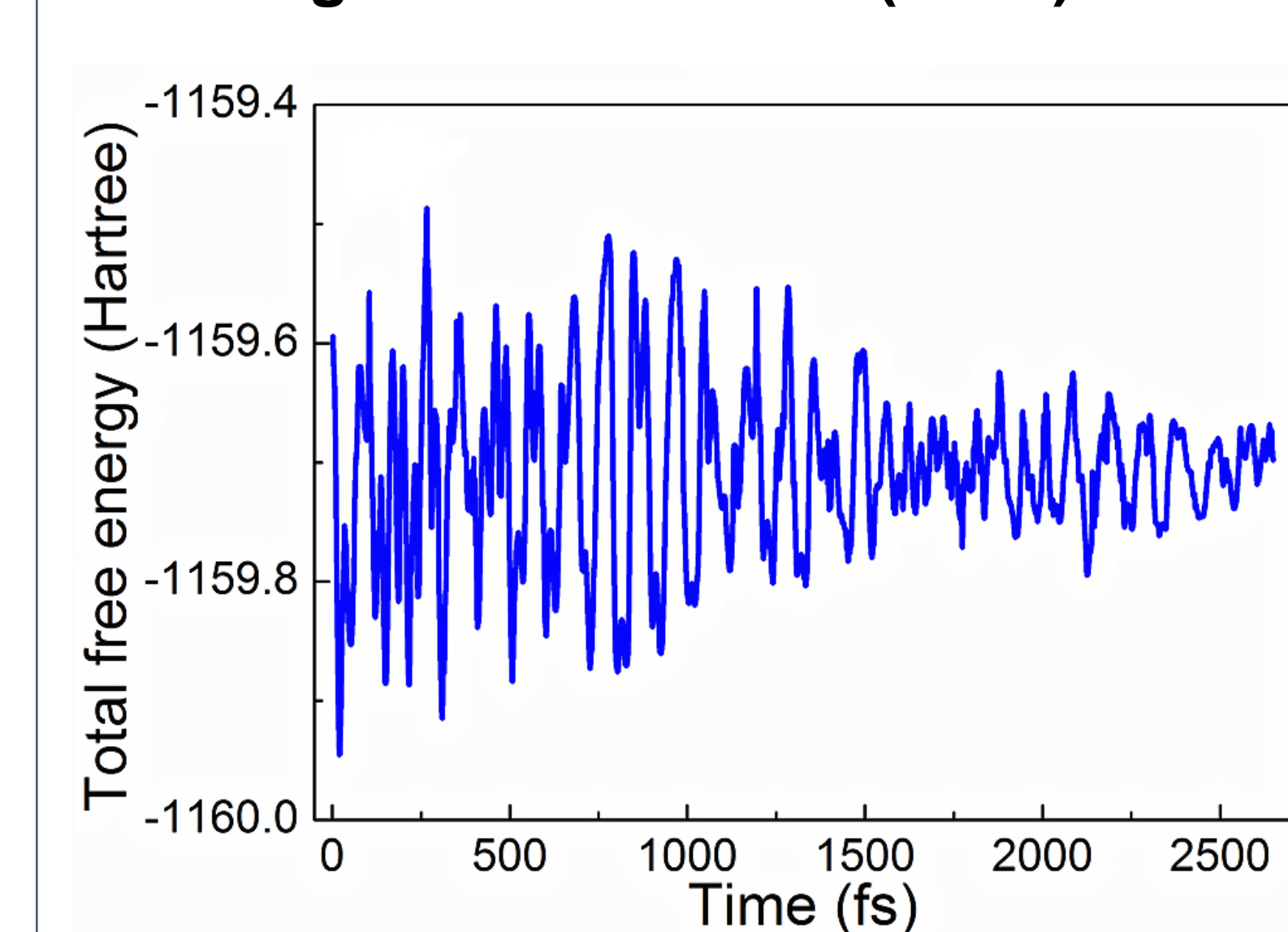
### Armchair Phosphorene Nanoribbons

10800 atoms DGDFT-PEXSI

AIMD Nose-Hoover NVT

Total time: 2.6 ps Time step: 2.0 fs

2 × 1 edge reconstruction (300K)



### Li-ion anode-electrolyte interface

4720 atoms DGDFT-PEXSI

DGDFT:

1 × 30 × 30 2D element partition

22 basis functions per atom

PEXSI:

50 poles, 30 × 30 cores per pole

Maximum cores scale to 45,000

