



**Polynomial and rational filtering for
eigenvalue problems and the EVSL project**
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Large eigenvalue problems in applications

- Challenge in eigenvalue problems: extract large number of eigenvalues & vectors of very large matrices (quantum physics/chemistry, ...) - often in the middle of spectrum.
- Example: *Excited states* involve transitions → much more complex computations than for DFT (ground states)
- Large matrices, *many* eigen-pairs to compute

Illustration:

'Hamiltonian of size $n \sim 10^6$ get 10% of bands'

Solving large interior eigenvalue problems

Three broad approaches:

1. Shift-invert (real shifts)
2. Polynomial filtering
3. Rational filtering (Cauchy, + others).

Issues with shift-and invert (and related approaches)

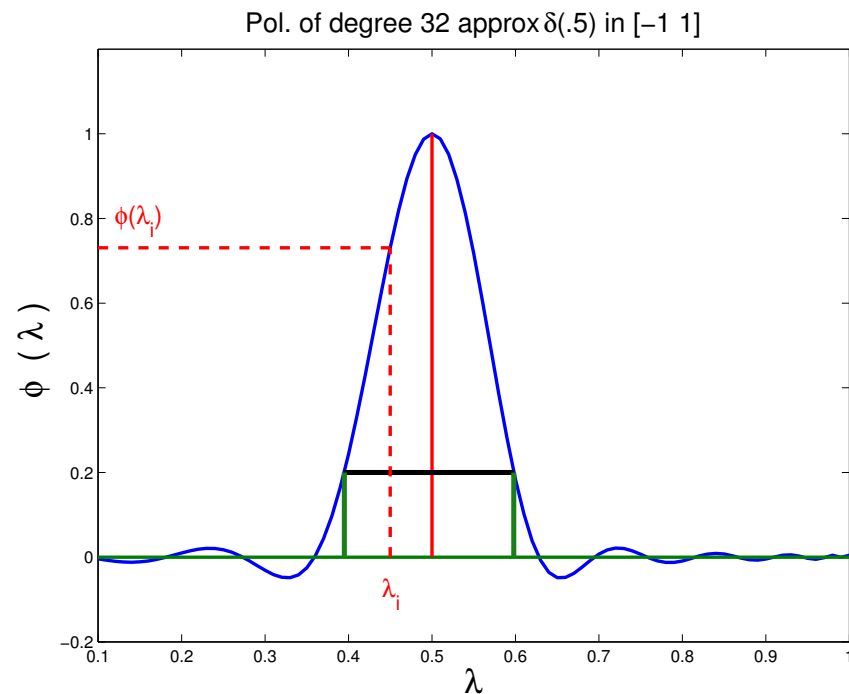
- Issue 1: factorization may be too expensive
 - Can use iterative methods?
- Issue 2: Iterative techniques often fail –
 - Reason: Highly indefinite problems.
- First Alternative: ‘Spectrum slicing’ with Polynomial filtering

“Spectrum Slicing”

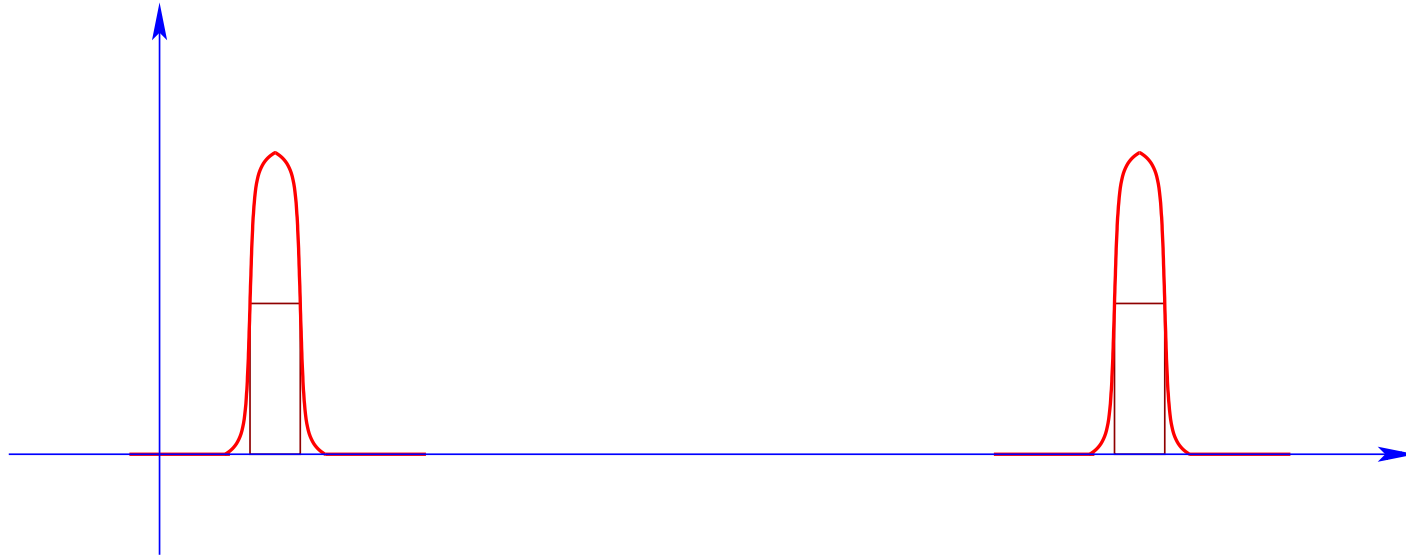
- Situation: very large number of eigenvalues to be computed
- Goal: compute spectrum by slices by applying filtering
- Apply Lanczos or Subspace iteration to problem:

$$\phi(A)u = \mu u$$

$\phi(t) \equiv$ a polynomial or rational function that enhances wanted eigenvalues



Rationale. Eigenvectors on both ends of wanted spectrum need not be orthogonalized against each other :

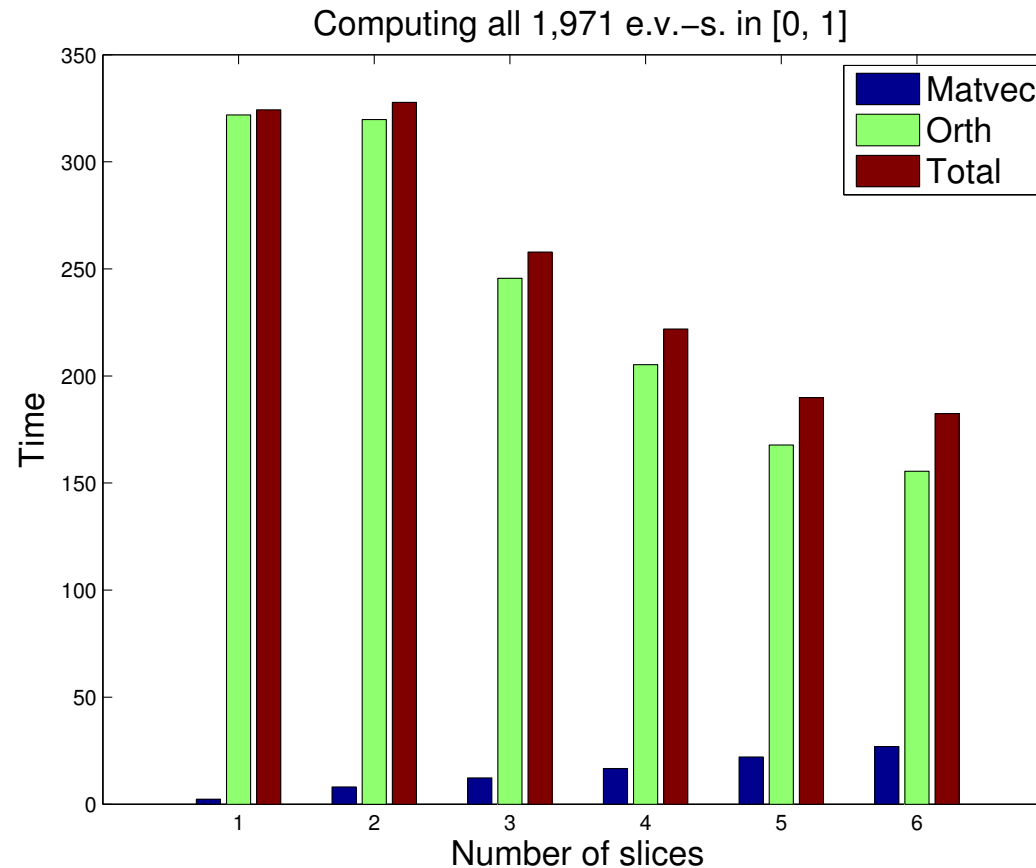


- Idea: Get the spectrum by 'slices' or 'windows' [e.g., a few hundreds or thousands of pairs at a time]
- Can use polynomial or rational filters

*Hypothetical scenario: large A , *many* wanted eigenpairs*

- Assume A has size $10M$
- ... and you want to compute 50,000 eigenvalues/vectors (huge for numerical analysis, not for physicists) ...
- ... in the lower part of the spectrum - or the middle.
- By (any) standard method you will need to orthogonalize at least 50K vectors of size $10M$. Then:
 - Space needed: $\approx 4 \times 10^{12}$ b = 4TB *just for the basis*
 - Orthogonalization cost: 5×10^{16} = 50 PetaOPS.
 - At step k , each orthogonalization step costs $\approx 4kn$
 - This is $\approx 200,000n$ for k close to 50,000.

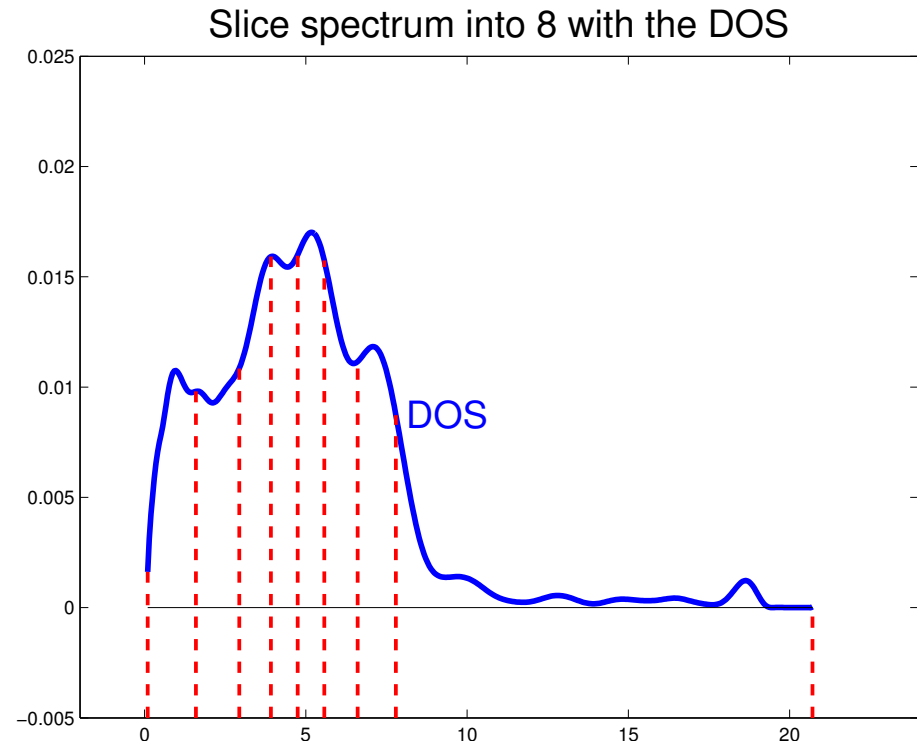
Illustration: All eigenvalues in $[0, 1]$ of a 49^3 Laplacean



Note: This is a **small pb.** in a **scalar** environment. Effect likely much more pronounced in a fully parallel case.

How do I slice my spectrum?

Answer: Use the DOS.



➤ We must have:

$$\int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} \phi(t) dt = \frac{1}{n_{slices}} \int_a^b \phi(t) dt$$

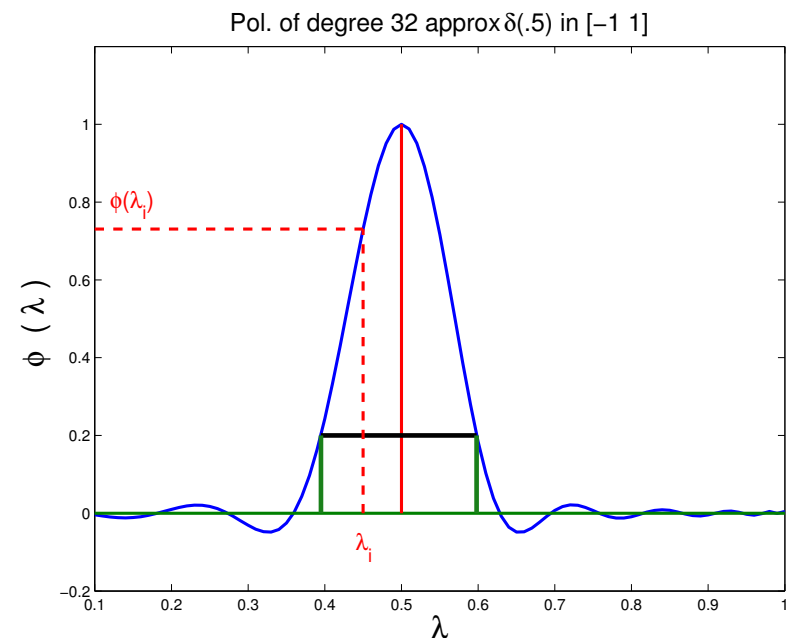
Polynomial filtering

- Apply Lanczos or Sub-space iteration to: $M = \rho(A)$ where $\rho(t)$ is a polynomial
- Each *matvec* $y = Av$ is replaced by $y = \rho(A)v$.
- Eigenvalues in high part of filter will be computed first.
- Old (forgotten) idea. But new context is *very* favorable

What polynomials?

➤ LS approximations to δ -Dirac functions

➤ Obtain the LS approximation to the δ -Dirac function – Centered at some point (TBD) inside the interval. →



➤ W'll express everything in the interval $[-1, 1]$

Theory

The Chebyshev expansion of δ_γ is

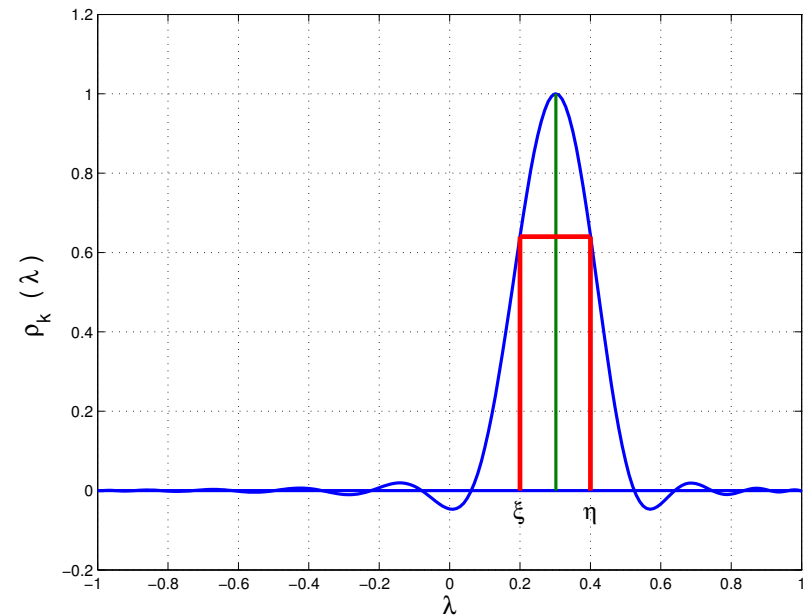
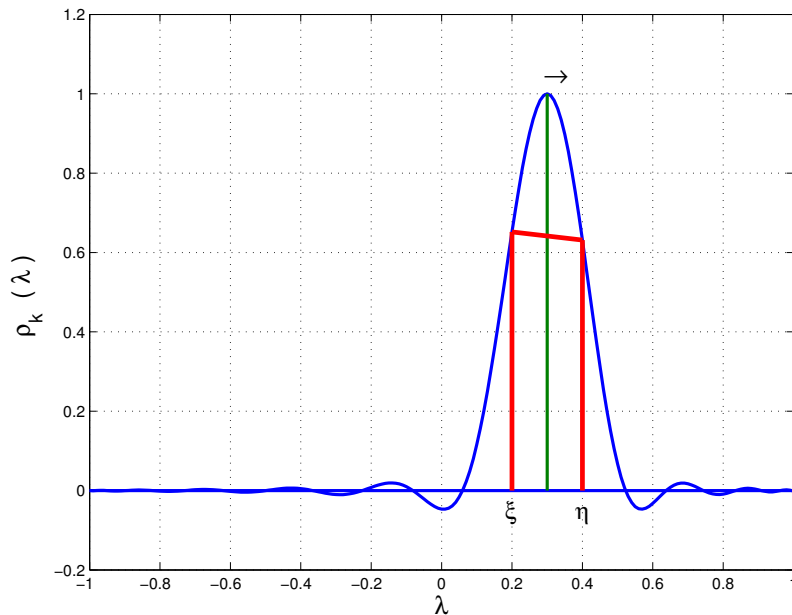
$$\rho_k(t) = \sum_{j=0}^k \mu_j T_j(t) \quad \text{with} \quad \mu_j = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & j = 0 \\ \cos(j \cos^{-1}(\gamma)) & j > 0 \end{cases}$$

➤ Recall: The delta Dirac function is not a function – we can't properly approximate it in least-squares sense. However:

Proposition Let $\hat{\rho}_k(t)$ be the polynomial that minimizes $\|r(t)\|_w$ over all polynomials r of degree $\leq k$, such that $r(\gamma) = 1$, where $\|\cdot\|_w$ represents the Chebyshev L^2 -norm. Then $\hat{\rho}_k(t) = \rho_k(t) / \rho_k(\gamma)$.

A few technical details. Issue # one: 'balance the filter'

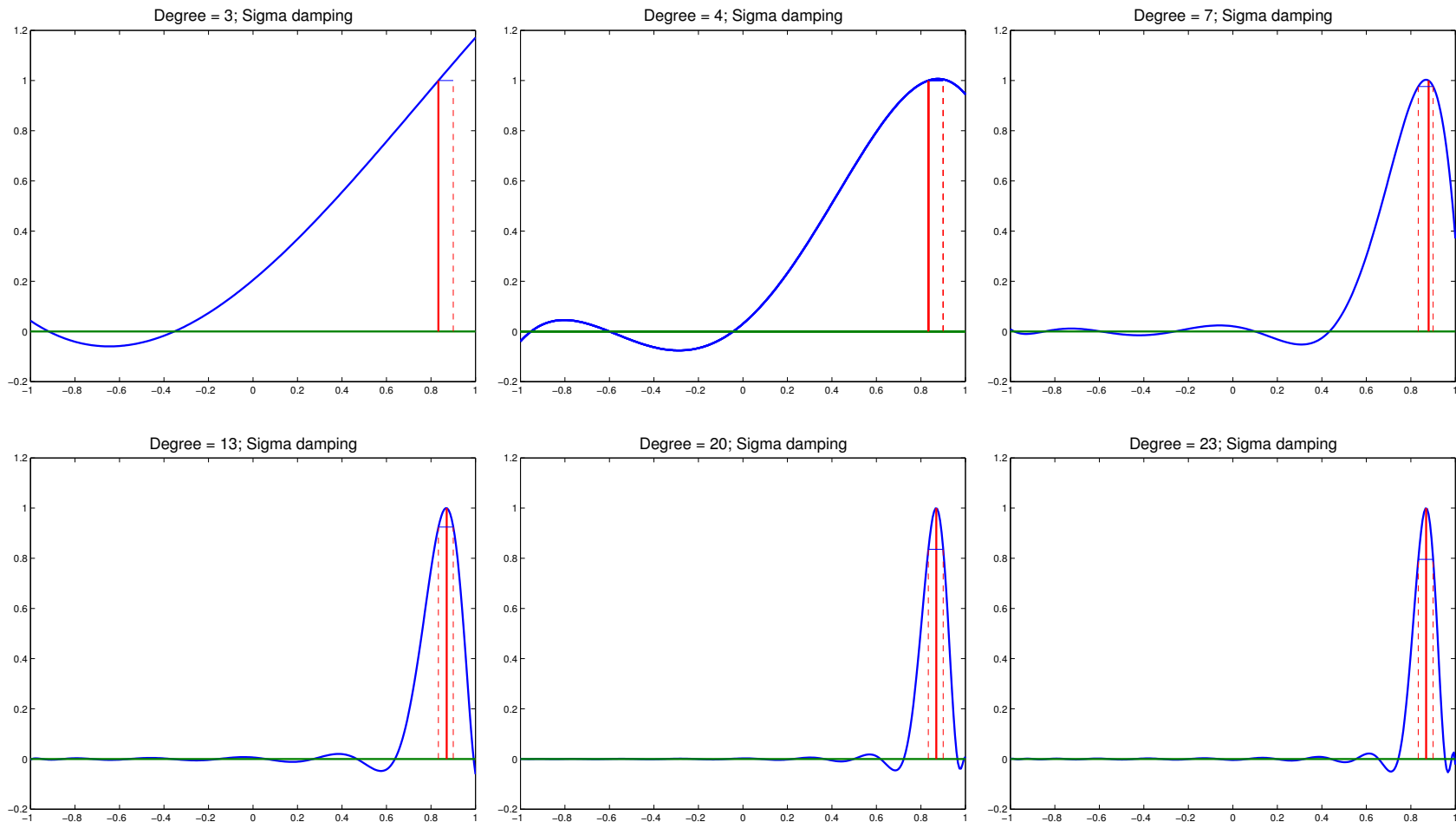
- To facilitate the selection of 'wanted' eigenvalues [Select λ 's such that $\rho(\lambda) > \text{bar}$] we need to ...
- ... find γ so that $\rho(\xi) == \rho(\eta)$



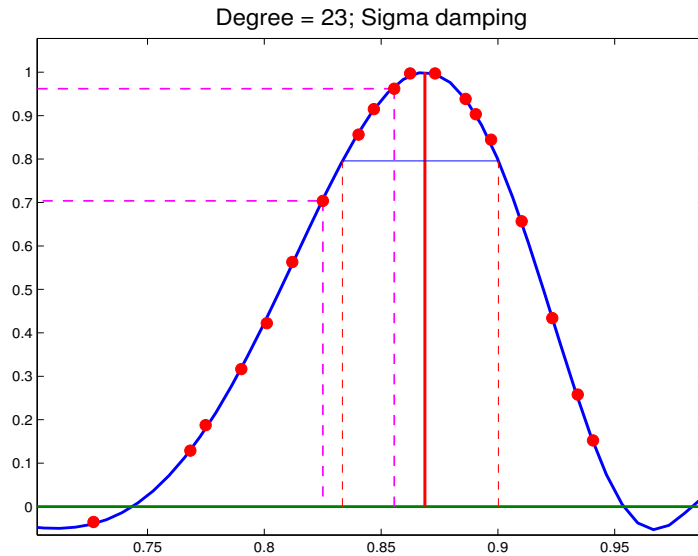
Procedure: Solve the equation $\rho_\gamma(\xi) - \rho_\gamma(\eta) = 0$ with respect to γ , **accurately**. Use Newton or eigenvalue formulation.

Issue # two: Determine degree & polynomial (automatically)

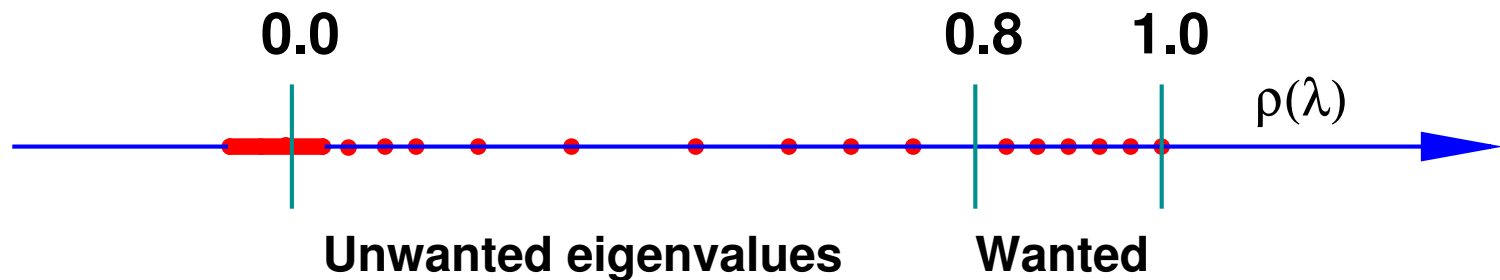
Start low then increase degree until value (s) at the boundary (ies) become small enough - Exple for [0.833, 0.907..]



Polynomial filtered Lanczos: No-Restart version

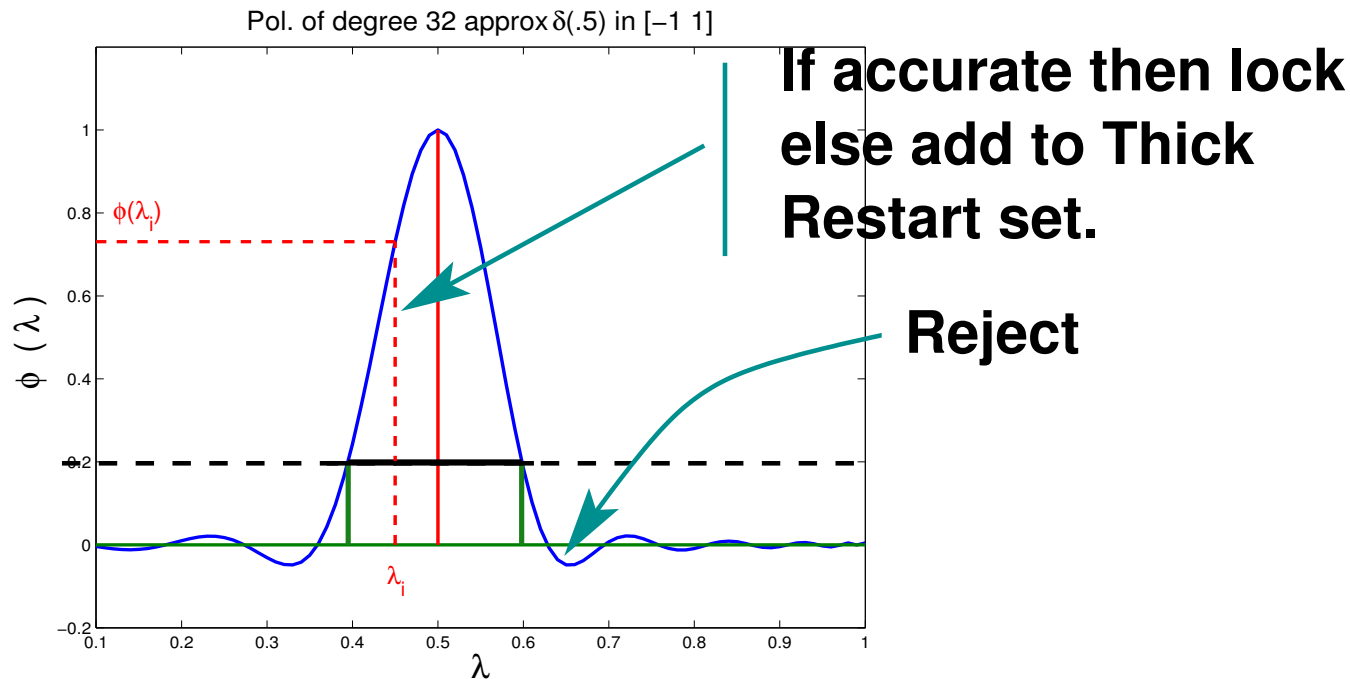


- Use Lanczos with full reorthogonalization on $\rho(A)$. Eigenvalues of $\rho(A)$: $\rho(\lambda_i)$
- Accept if $\rho(\lambda_i) \geq \text{bar}$
- Ignore if $\rho(\lambda_i) < \text{bar}$



Polynomial filtered Lanczos: Thick-Restart version

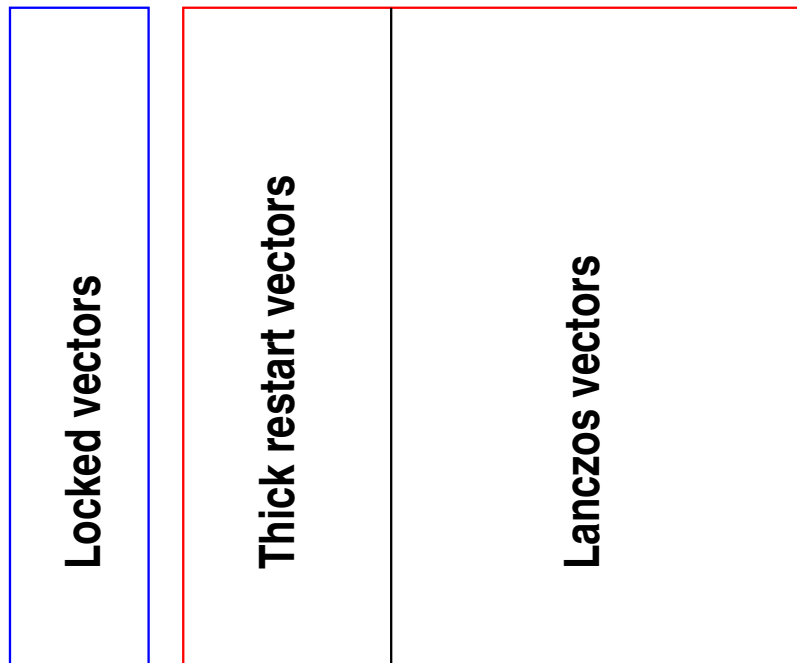
- PolFilt Thick-Restart Lanczos in a picture:



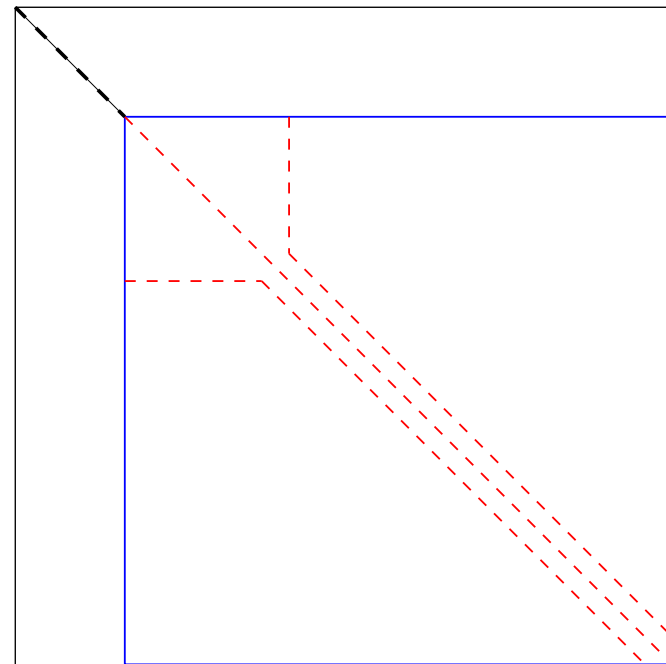
- Due to locking, no more candidates will show up in wanted area after some point → Stop.

TR Lanczos: The 3 types of basis vectors

Basis vectors



Matrix representation



Experiments: Hamiltonian matrices from PARSEC

Matrix	n	\sim nnz	$[a, b]$	$[\xi, \eta]$	$\nu_{[\xi, \eta]}$
$\text{Ge}_{87}\text{H}_{76}$	112,985	7.9M	$[-1.21, 32.76]$	$[-0.64, -0.0053]$	212
$\text{Ge}_{99}\text{H}_{100}$	112,985	8.5M	$[-1.22, 32.70]$	$[-0.65, -0.0096]$	250
$\text{Si}_{41}\text{Ge}_{41}\text{H}_{72}$	185,639	15.0M	$[-1.12, 49.82]$	$[-0.64, -0.0028]$	218
$\text{Si}_{87}\text{H}_{76}$	240,369	10.6M	$[-1.19, 43.07]$	$[-0.66, -0.0300]$	213
$\text{Ga}_{41}\text{As}_{41}\text{H}_{72}$	268,096	18.5M	$[-1.25, 1301]$	$[-0.64, -0.0000]$	201

Results: (No-Restart Lanczos)

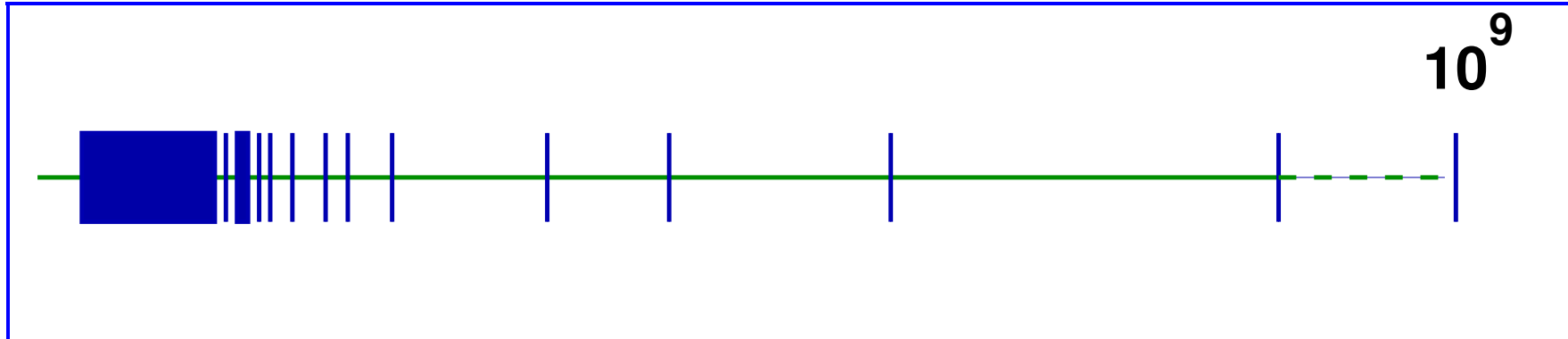
Matrix	deg	iter	matvec	CPU time (sec)			max residual
				matvec	orth.	total	
Ge ₈₇ H ₇₆	26	1,020	26,784	48.58	18.67	74.45	1.20×10^{-12}
Ge ₉₉ H ₁₀₀	26	1,090	28,642	60.11	20.44	86.52	7.20×10^{-12}
Si ₄₁ Ge ₄₁ H ₇₂	32	950	30,682	105.05	28.25	144.19	1.20×10^{-10}
Si ₈₇ H ₇₆	29	1,010	29,561	76.45	39.16	128.95	4.30×10^{-12}
Ga ₄₁ As ₄₁ H ₇₂	174	910	158,889	693.5	34.16	759.99	3.70×10^{-12}

➤ Demo with Si₁₀H₁₆ [$n = 17,077$, $nnz(A) = 446,500$]

RATIONAL FILTERS

Why use rational filters?

- Consider a spectrum like this one:



- Polynomial filtering utterly ineffective for this case
- Second issue: situation when Matrix-vector products are expensive
- Generalized eigenvalue problems.

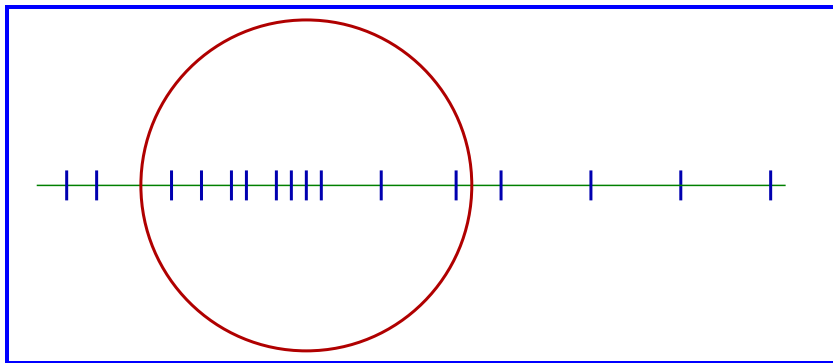
- Alternative is to use rational filters:

$$\phi(z) = \sum_j \frac{\alpha_j}{z - \sigma_j}$$

$$\phi(A) = \sum_j \alpha_j (A - \sigma_j I)^{-1}$$

→ We now need to solve linear systems

- Tool: Cauchy integral representations of spectral projectors

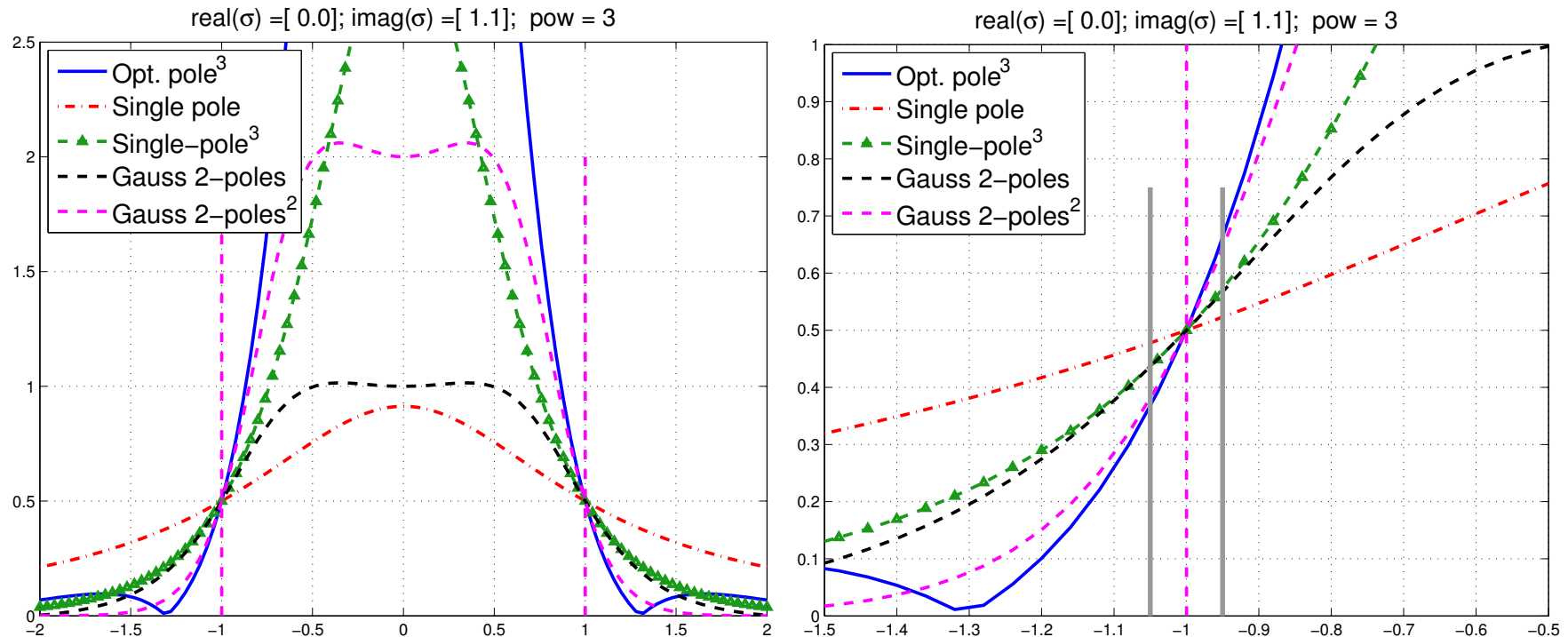


$$P = \frac{-1}{2i\pi} \int_{\Gamma} (A - sI)^{-1} ds$$

- Numer. integr. $P \rightarrow \tilde{P}$
- Use Krylov or S.I. on \tilde{P}

- Sakurai-Sugiura approach [Krylov]
- FEAST [Subs. iter.] (E. Polizzi)

What makes a good filter



- Assume subspace iteration is used with above filters. Which filter will give better convergence?
- Simplest and best indicator of performance of a filter is the magnitude of its derivative at -1 (or 1)

The Gauss viewpoint: Least-squares rational filters

➤ Given: poles $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_p$

➤ Related basis functions $\phi_j(z) = \frac{1}{z - \sigma_j}$

Find $\phi(z) = \sum_{j=1}^p \alpha_j \phi_j(z)$ that minimizes

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} w(t) |h(t) - \phi(t)|^2 dt$$

➤ $h(t) =$ step function $\chi_{[-1,1]}$.

➤ $w(t) =$ weight function.

For example $a = 10$,

$\beta = 0.1$

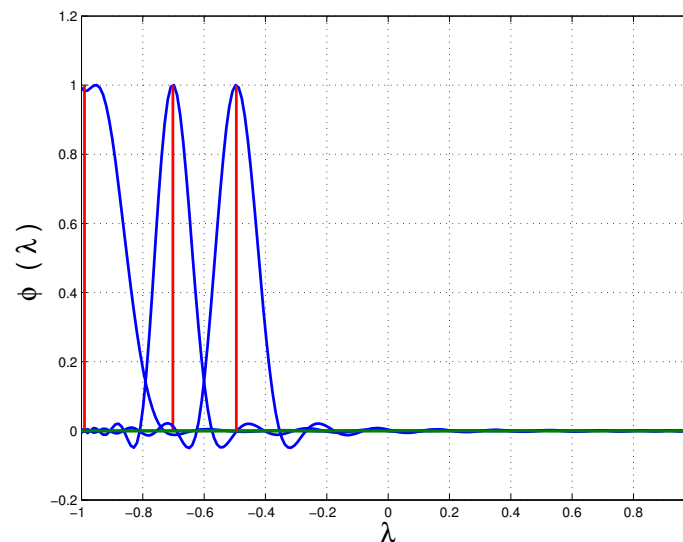
$$w(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } |t| > a \\ \beta & \text{if } |t| \leq 1 \\ 1 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

- Advantages:
 - Can select poles far away from real axis → faster iterative solvers
 - Very flexible – can be adapted to many situations
 - Can repeat poles (!)
- Implemented in EVSL.. [Interfaced to SuiteSparse as a solver]

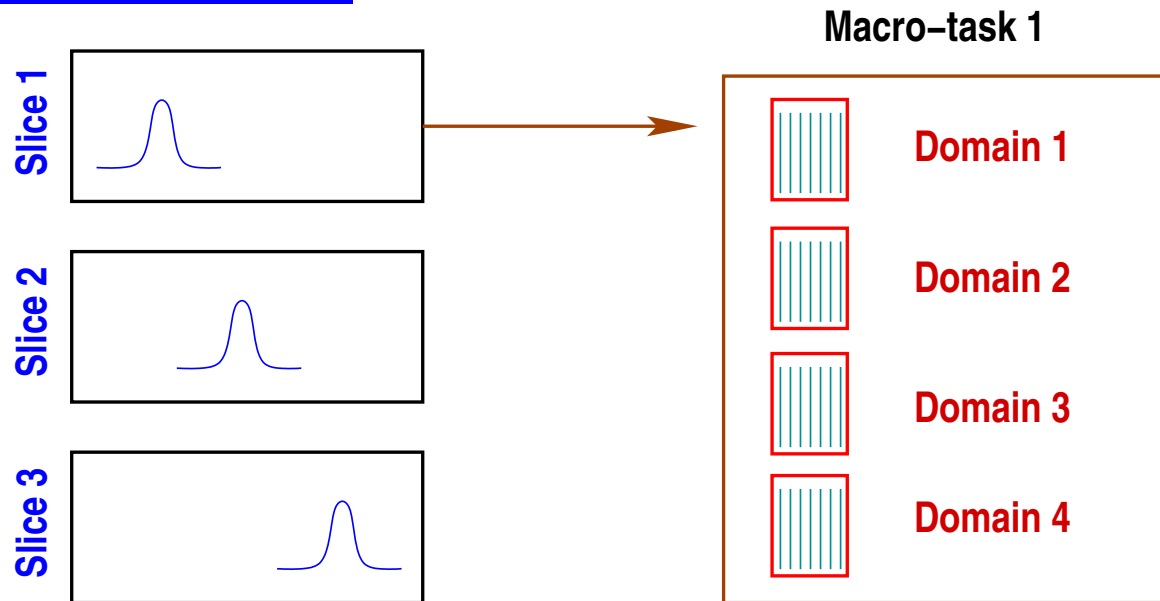
*Spectrum Slicing and the **EVSL** project*

- Newly released EVSL uses polynomial and rational filters
- Each can be appealing in different situations.

Spectrum slicing: cut the overall interval containing the spectrum into small sub-intervals and compute eigenpairs in each sub-interval independently.



Levels of parallelism



The two main levels of parallelism in **EVSL**

EVSL web-page - Mozilla Firefox

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www-users.cs.umn.edu/~saad/software/EVSL/index.html 90% Ruipeng Li

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EVSL: *EigenValues Slicing Library* -- (Version 1.0)

This version dated : Thu Jan 26 15:24:02 CST 2017
New version to be posted (~ July 2017)

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Welcome to the first release of EVSL (the EigenValues Slicing Library). EVSL provides routines for computing eigenvalues located in a given interval, and their associated eigenvectors, of a real symmetric matrix. It also provides tools for spectrum slicing, i.e., the technique of subdividing a given interval into p smaller subintervals and computing the eigenvalues in each subinterval independently. EVSL implements a polynomial filtered Lanczos (thick restart, no restart) a rational filtered Lanczos (thick restart, no restart), and a polynomial filtered subspace iteration.

The technical reports listed below provide details on the techniques used in the package. **Online documentation** (based on Doxygen) is now available - see below. The package will see frequent updates. We are currently working on various **interfaces to Fortran**.

Note: A new version of EVSL - with much added functionality - will be released in the next few weeks (Some time at the end of May/early June'17).

<http://www.cs.umn.edu/~saad/software>

Related publications

- **Ruipeng Li, Yuanzhe Xi, Eugene Vecharynski, Chao Yang, and Yousef Saad.**
A Thick-Restart Lanczos algorithm with polynomial filtering for Hermitian eigenvalue problems. SIAM J. Sci. Comput., 38 (2016), pp. A2512-A2534.
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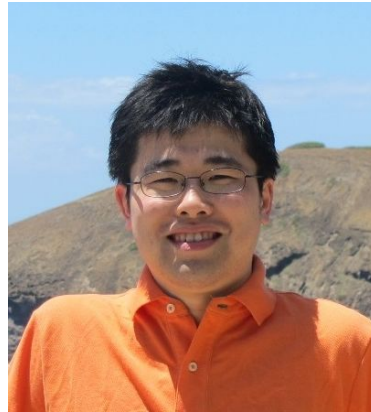
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... and by NSF [going forward]

EVSL: current status & plans

Version_1.0 Released in Sept. 2016

- Matrices in CSR format (only)
- Standard Hermitian problems (no generalized)
- Spectrum slicing with KPM (Kernel Polynomial Meth.)
- Trivial parallelism across slices with OpenMP
- Methods:
 - Non-restart Lanczos – polynomial & rational filters
 - Thick-Restart Lanczos – polynomial & rational filters
 - Subspace iteration – polynomial & rational filters

Version *_1.1.x*

V_1.1.0 Due for release end of July

- general `matvec` [passed as function pointer]
- $Ax = \lambda Bx$
- Fortran (03) interface.
- Spectrum slicing by Lanczos and KPM
- Efficient Spectrum slicing for $Ax = \lambda Bx$ (no solves with B).

Version *_1.2.x*

V_1.2.0 Early 2018 (?)

- Fully parallel version [MPI + openMP]
- Challenge application in earth sciences [in progress]

Conclusion

- Polynomial Filtering appealing when # of eigenpairs to be computed is large and **Matvecs** are not too expensive
- Somewhat costly for generalized eigenvalue problems
- Will not work well for spectra with large outliers.
- Alternative: Rational filtering –
- Both approaches implemented in EVSL
- Current focus: provide as many interfaces as possible.
- EVSL code available here:
`www.cs.umn.edu/~saad/software/EVSL`
- EVSL Also on github (development)