

Function Reconstruction via  
Maximum Entropy  
Approach: Application to  
Electronic Structure

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# Introduction

- Classical Moment Problem as an Inverse Problem:
  - How to construct a solution from an incomplete set of data
- Moments:
  - A mathematical way to express the properties of a distribution.

$$\mu_n^p = \int_a^b p(x) f(x) dx \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\mu_n < \infty \quad \text{for } n \rightarrow \infty \quad f(x) \in [a, b]$$

- Classical Moment Problem (CMP):

Given a set of finite moments  $\{\mu_n\}$ , construct an approximate density distribution function  $f^A(x)$  that satisfies the moments

(Akheizer 1965, Shohat and Tamarkin 1963)

- Maximum Entropy

- Provides an unbiased solution of CMP.

For finite moments, multiple solutions exist

- Maximum Entropy Method:
  - Shannon entropy functional

$$S[f] = - \int f(x) \ln[f(x)] dx$$

MaxEnt provides a *least biased* solution consistent with the moments by maximizing the entropy [Jaynes 1957, Kullback-Libler 1951]

Mead and Papanicolaou (JMP 1984); Turek (JPC 1988); Silver (PRB 1997); Bandyopadhyay, Biswas, et. al. (PRE 2006)

# Power and Chebyshev Moments

- Power moments

$$\mu_n = \int x^n f(x) dx \quad \times$$

- Chebyshev moments

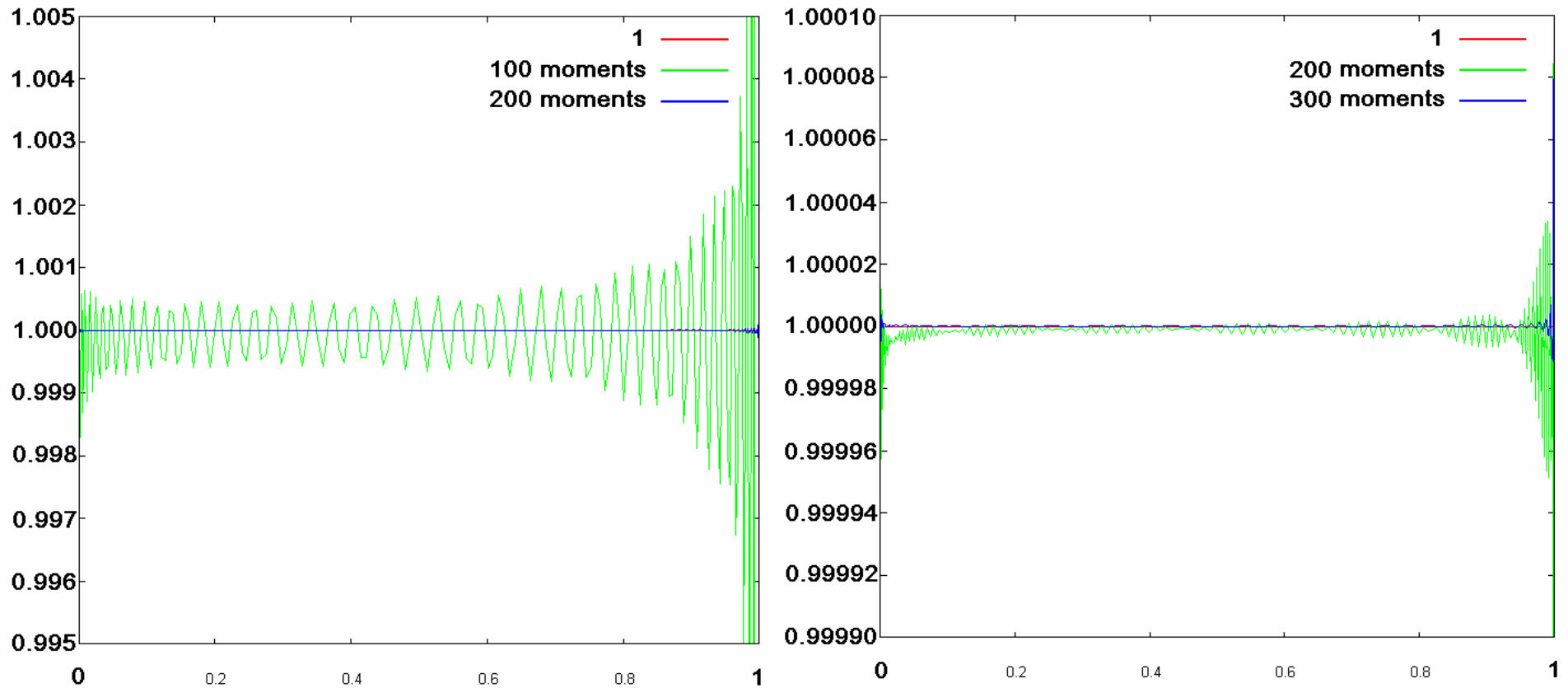
$$\mu_n = \int T_n(x) f(x) dx \quad \checkmark$$

- Chebyshev polynomials

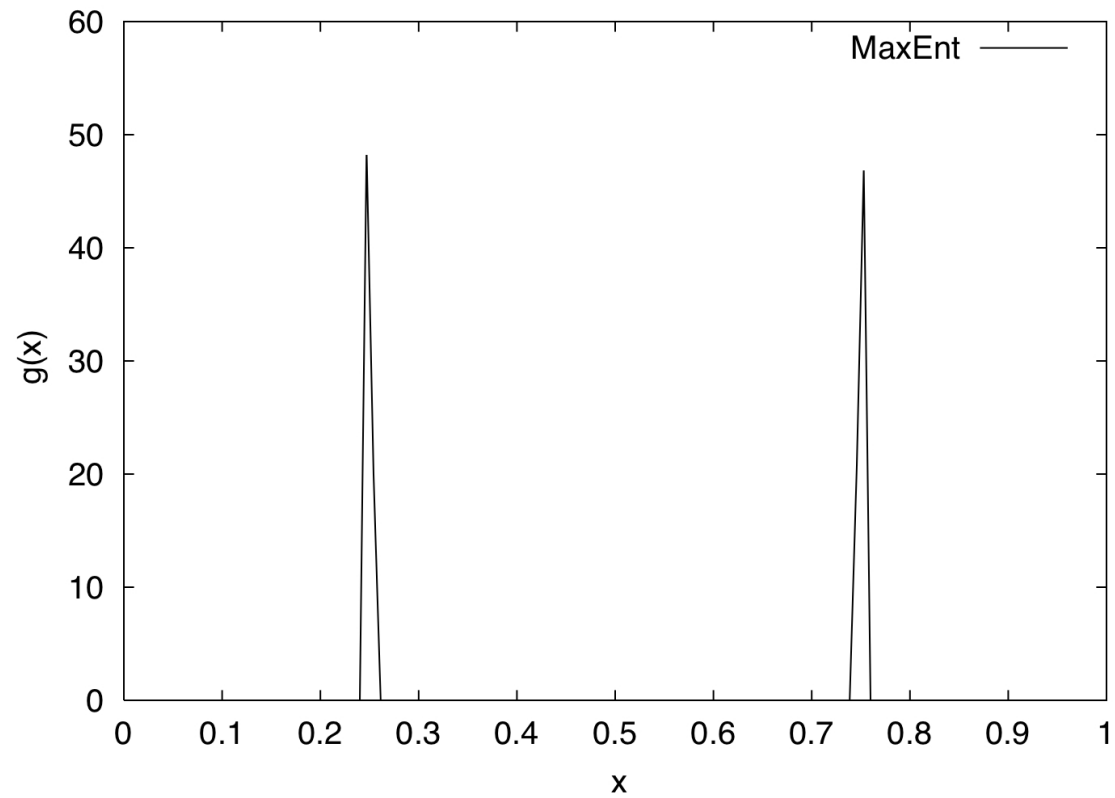
- A minmax polynomial
- More accurate results
- But somewhat slower than power moment

# Results

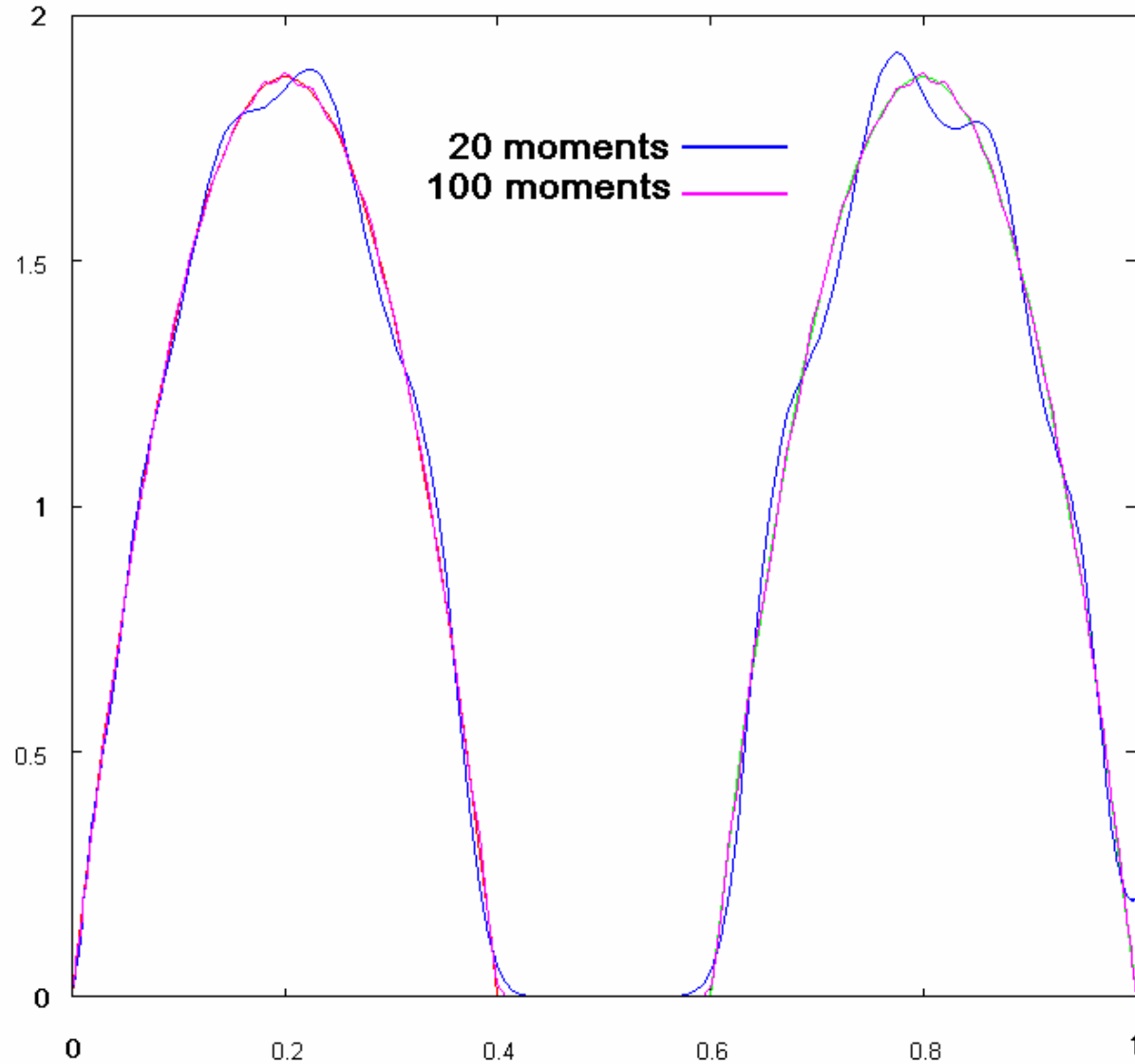
Step Function  $f(x) = 1$



# MaxEnt Construction of Delta Function



$$f(x) = \delta\left(x - \frac{1}{4}\right) + \delta\left(x - \frac{3}{4}\right)$$



$$f(x) = Ax(x - x_1)$$

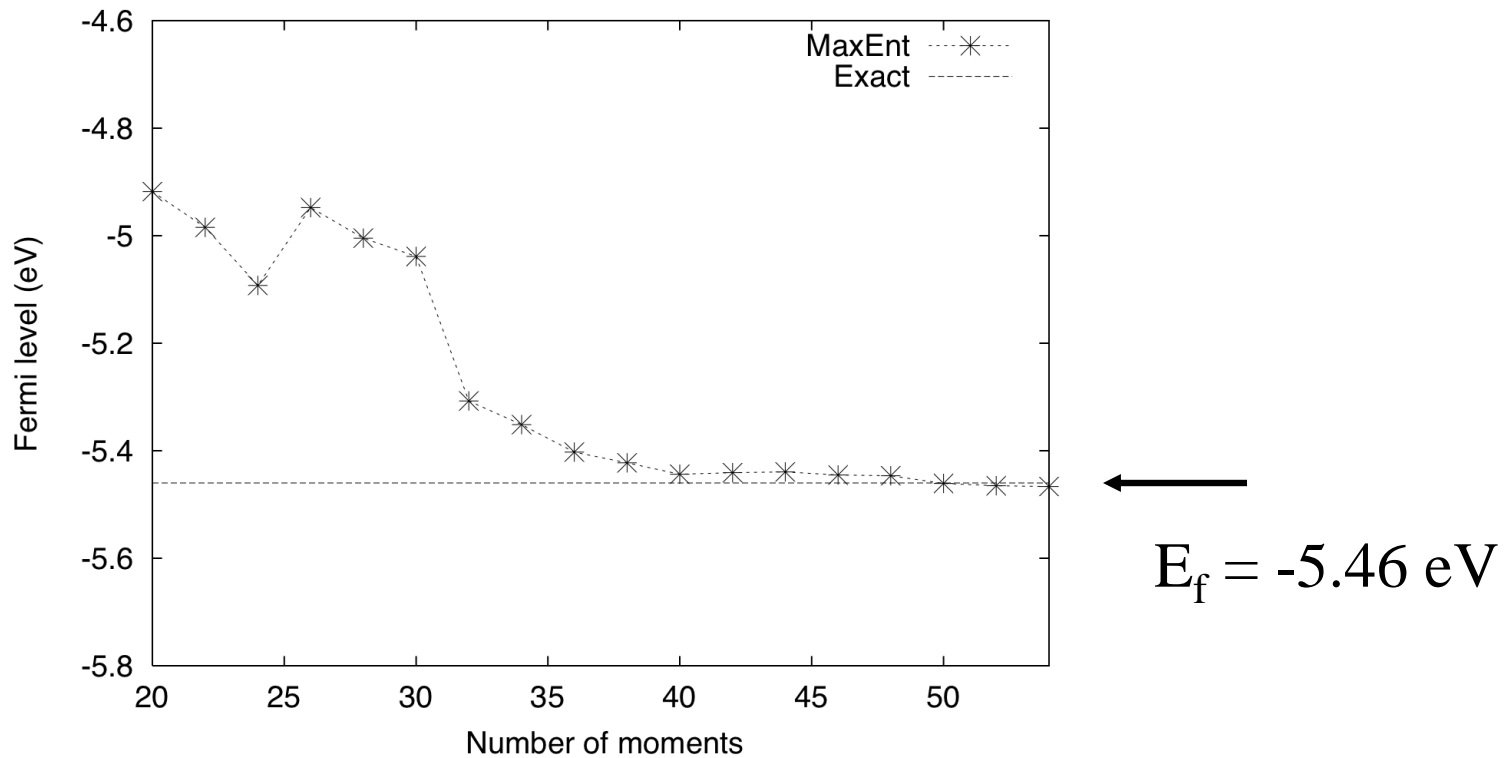
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A = \frac{3}{x_1^3} \\ x_1 = 0.4 \\ 0 \leq x \leq 0.4 \end{array} \right.$$

$$f(x) = B(x - x_2)(1 - x)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} B = \frac{3}{(1 - x_2)^3} \\ x_2 = 0.6 \\ 0.6 \leq x \leq 1.0 \end{array} \right.$$



# Application to Electric Structure: Calculation of Fermi Energy in a-SiO<sub>2</sub>



Electronic force from MaxEnt :1) MD Simulation

2) Effects of perturbing the moments

# Conclusions

- Stable and accurate results from the Maxent Chebyshev iterative algorithm to the function reconstruction
- Leading to an accurate electronic structure (Fermi energy and band energy) with the systematic study of this scheme

# One Parabola

