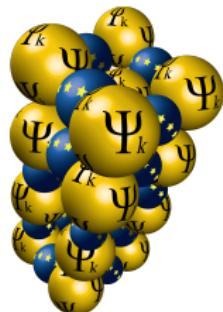


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Lecture Thu.1

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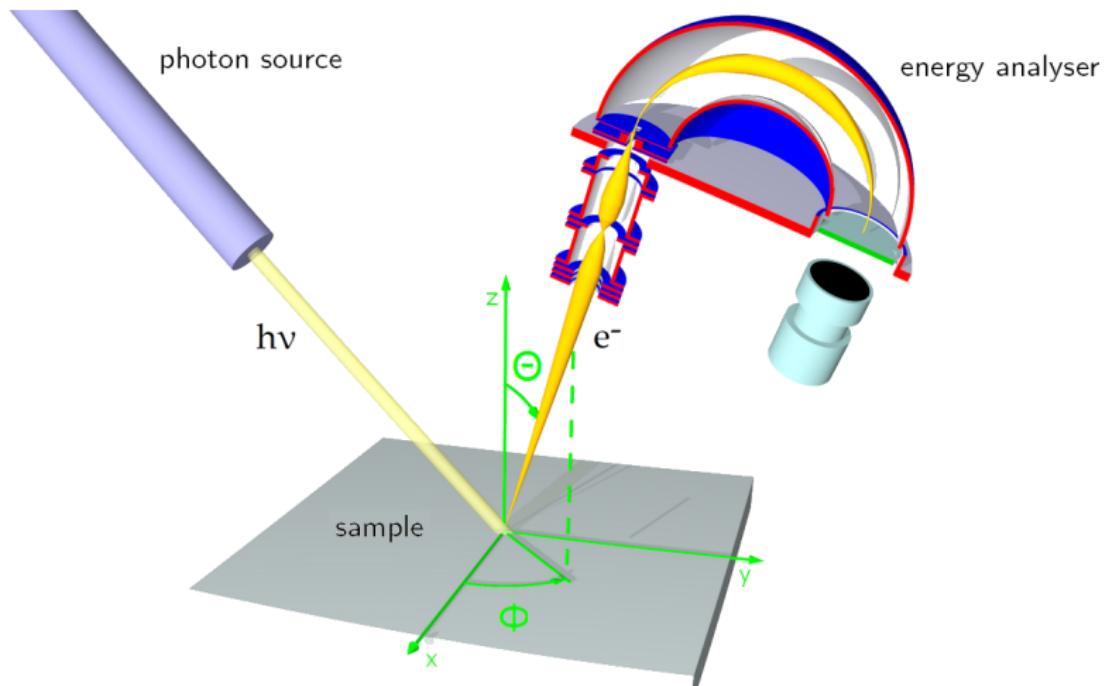
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Lecture Summary

- Satellites in photoelectron spectroscopy
- Phonon Green's function and self-energy
- Connection with density-functional perturbation theory
- Non-adiabatic phonons
- Phonon lifetimes
- Electron-phonon matrix element and Fröhlich interaction

Angle-resolved photoelectron spectroscopy (ARPES)



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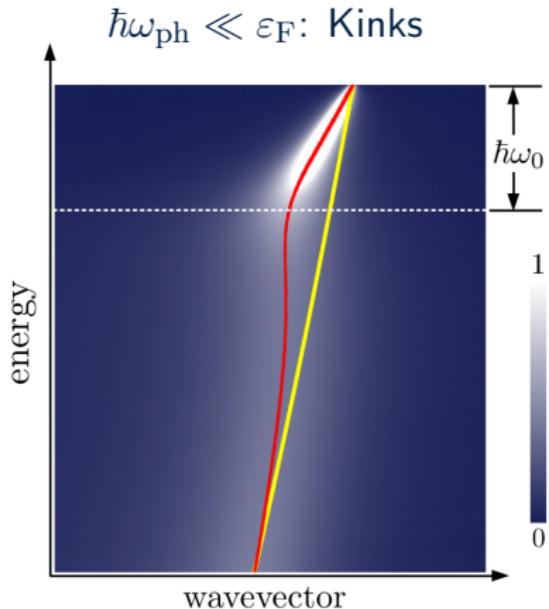


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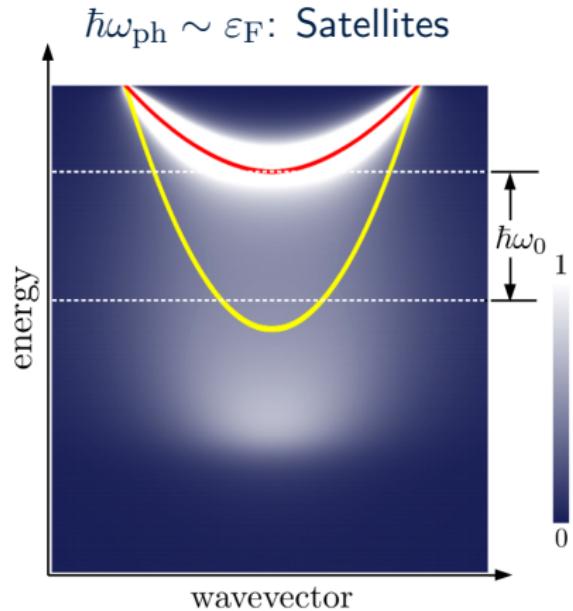
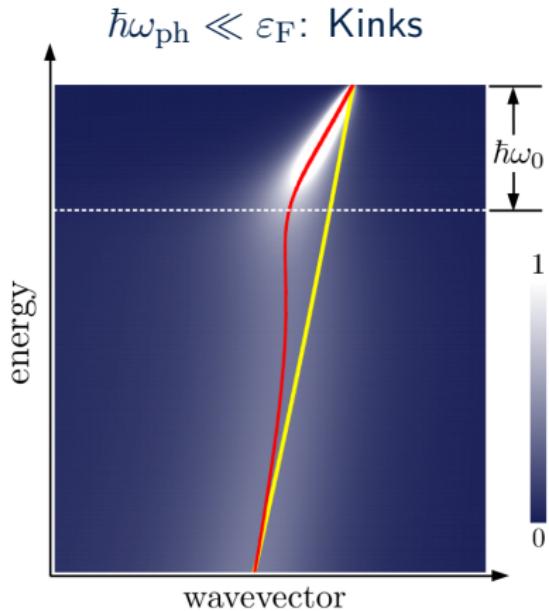
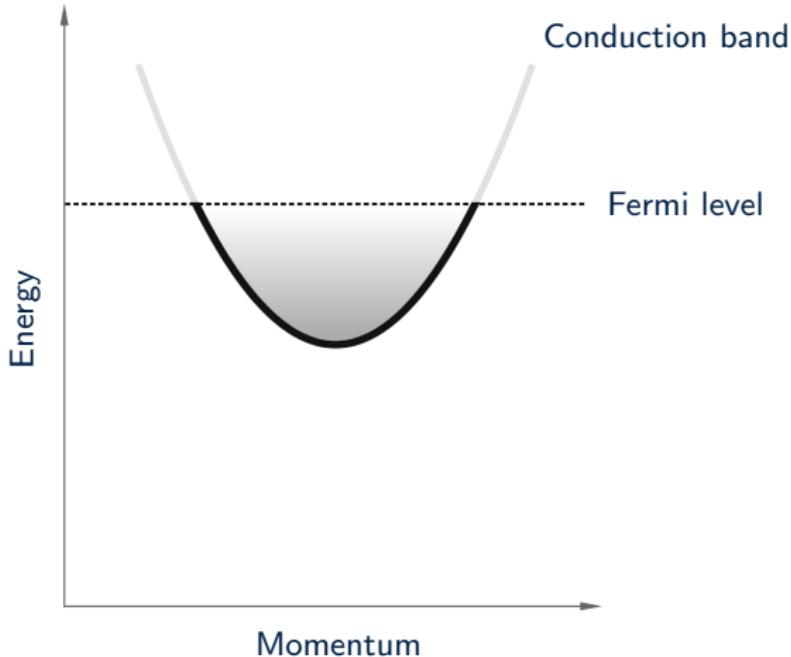
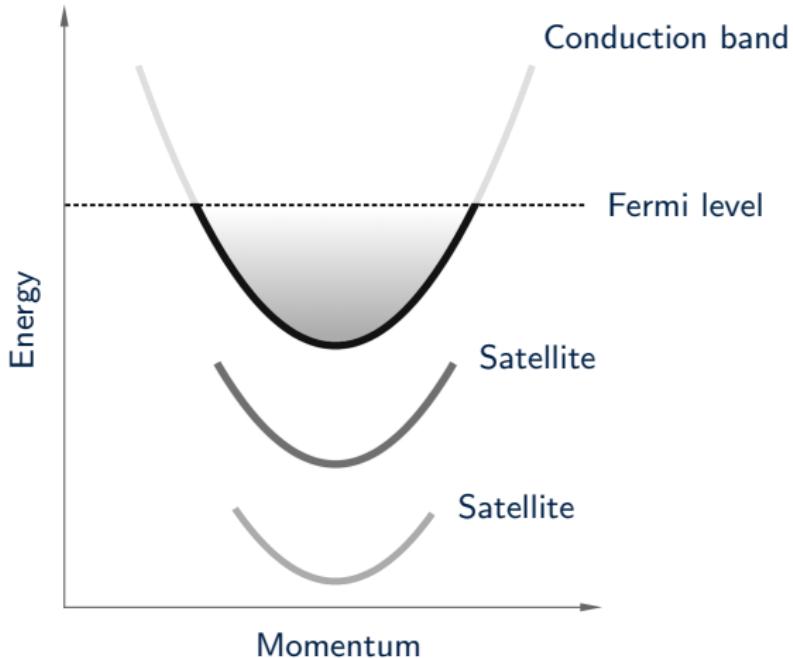


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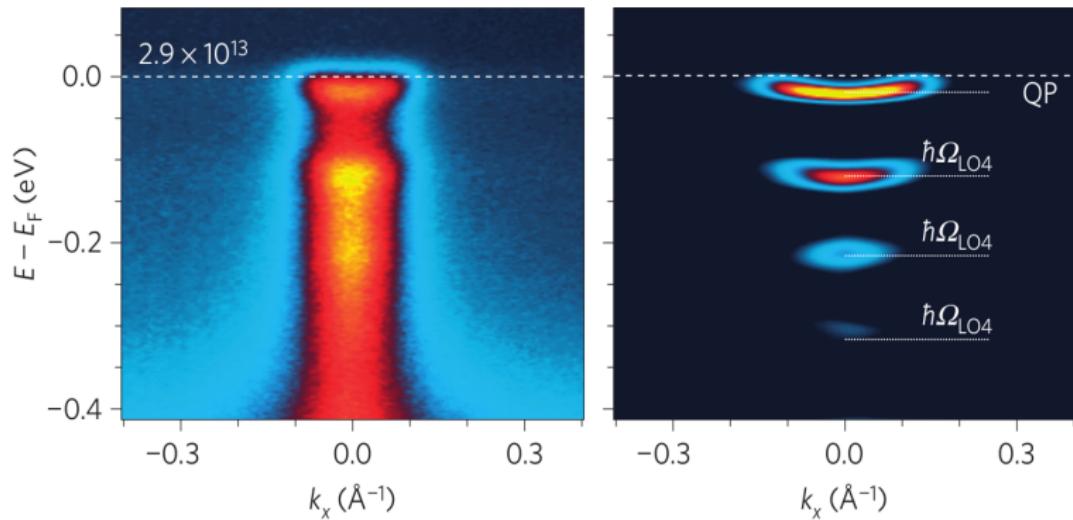
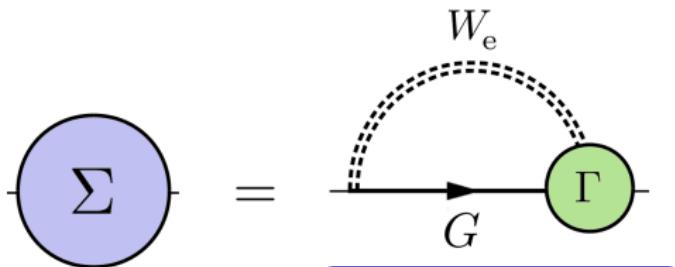
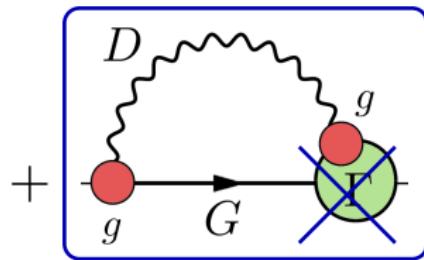


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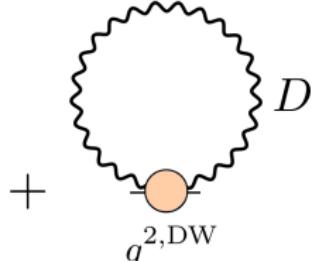
Diagrammatic representation of the self-energy



Standard GW self-energy
(we will ignore this from now on)



Fan-Migdal self-energy



Debye-Waller self-energy

Cumulant expansion method

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The equation shows the definition of the cumulant Γ as a sum of contributions. The first term is represented by three dots. The second term is a diagram showing a wavy line entering from the left, a triangular loop containing two wavy lines, and a wavy line exiting to the right. The third term is another diagram showing a wavy line entering from the left, a triangular loop containing three wavy lines, and a wavy line exiting to the right. Subsequent terms are indicated by three dots.

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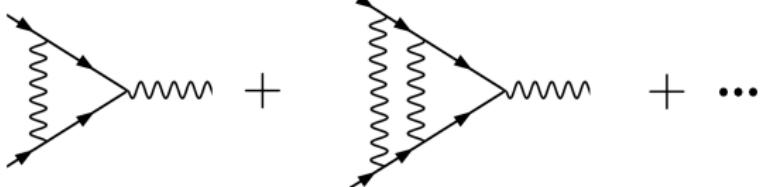
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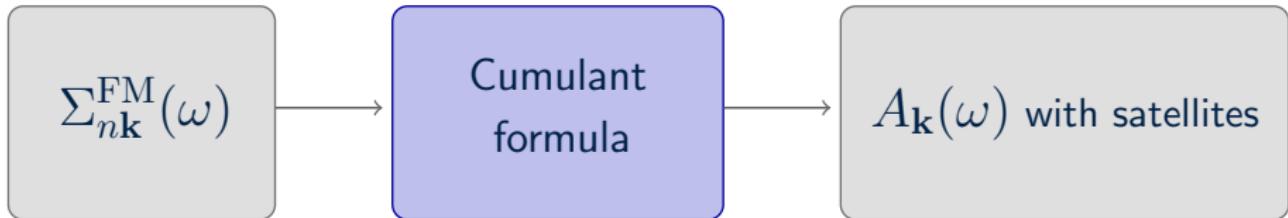
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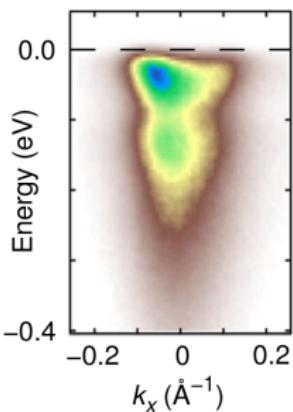
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ARPES experiment



Moser et al,
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Calculation

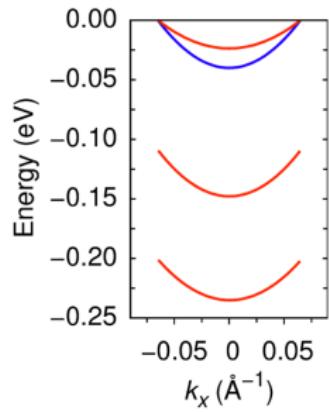
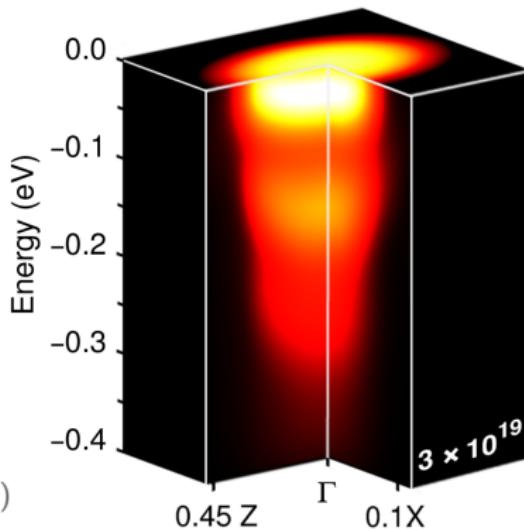
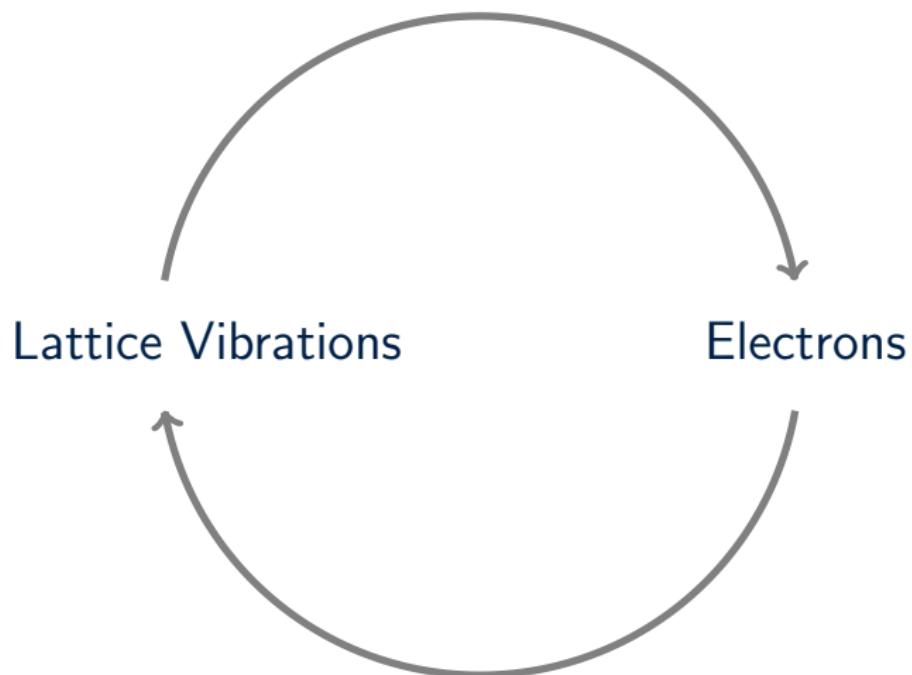
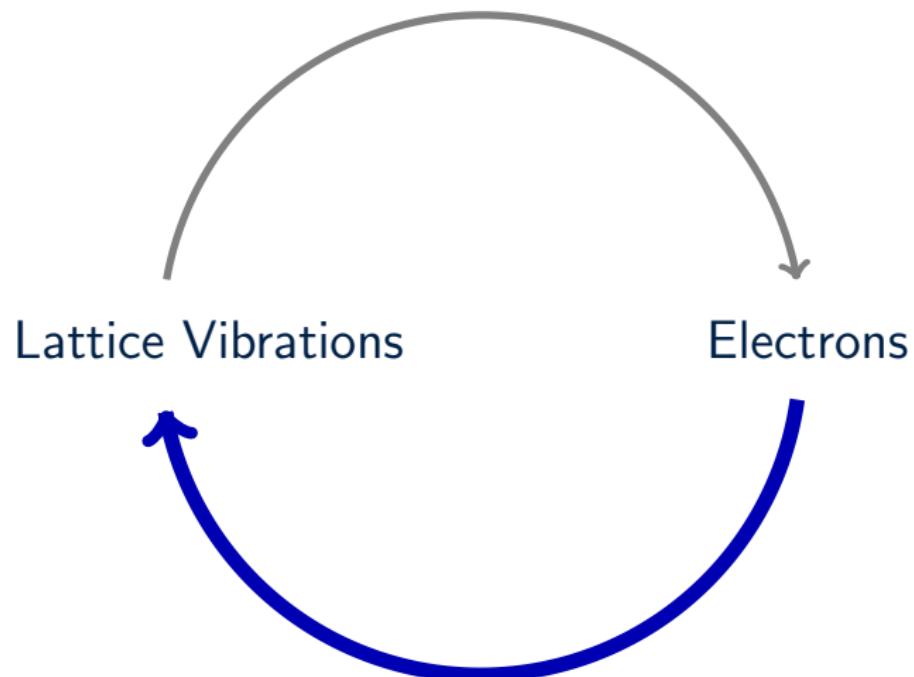


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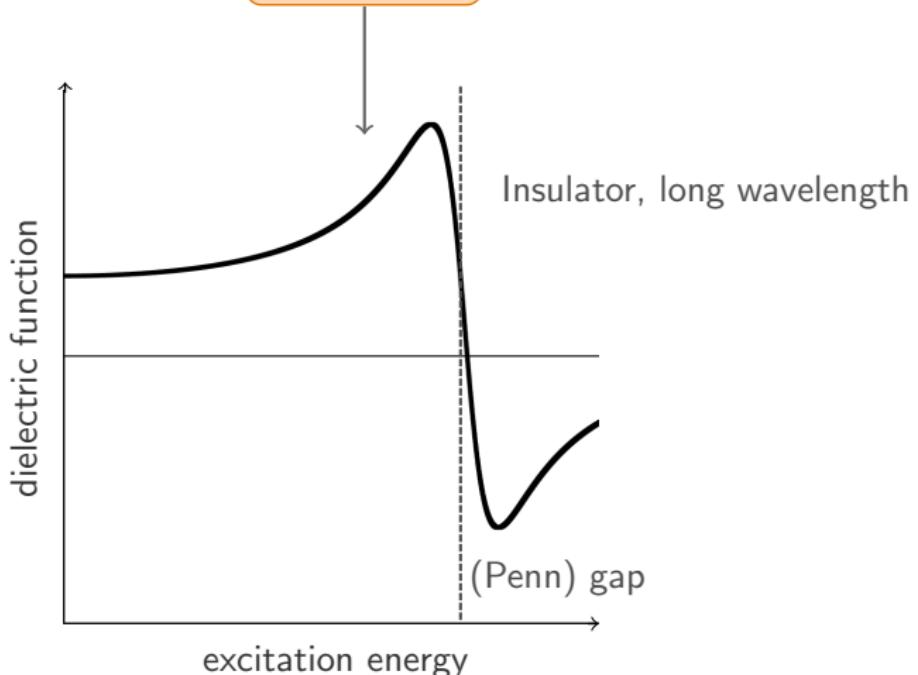
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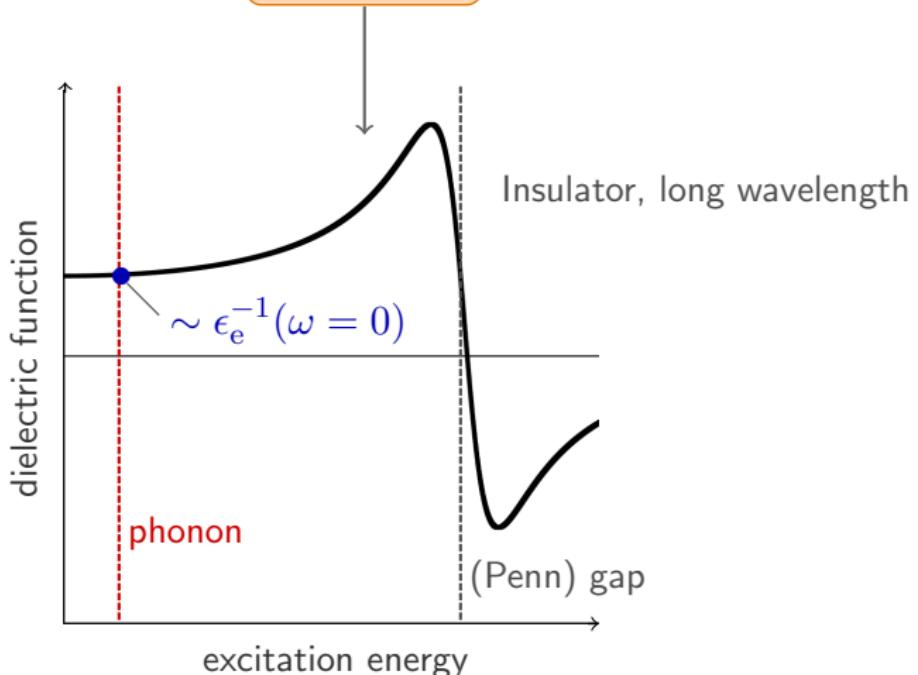
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(Lecture Mon.2)

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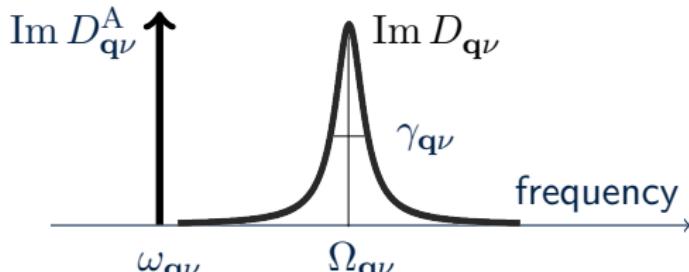
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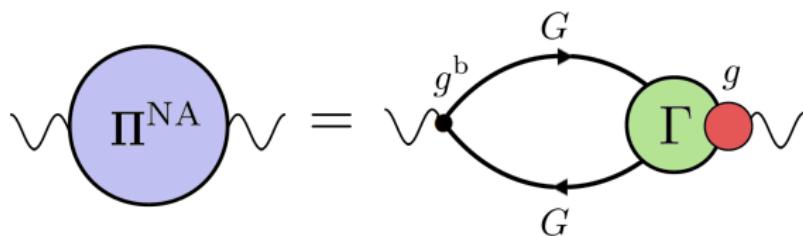
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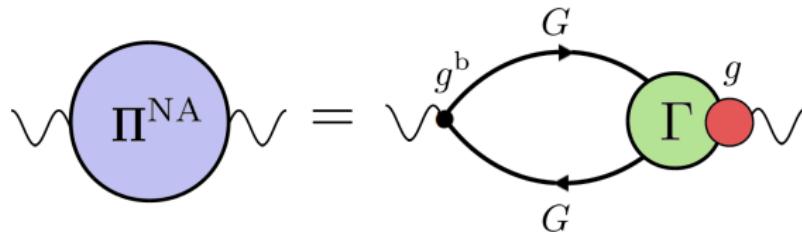
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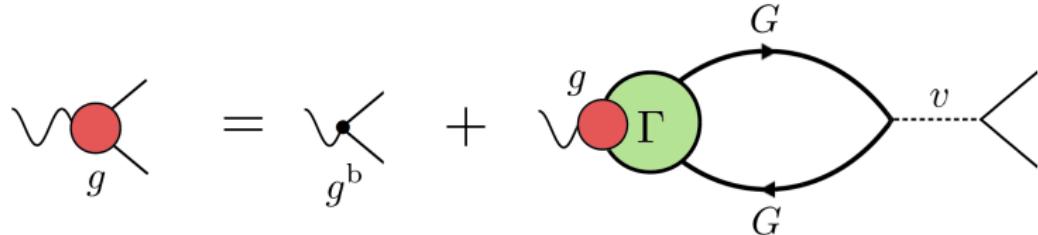
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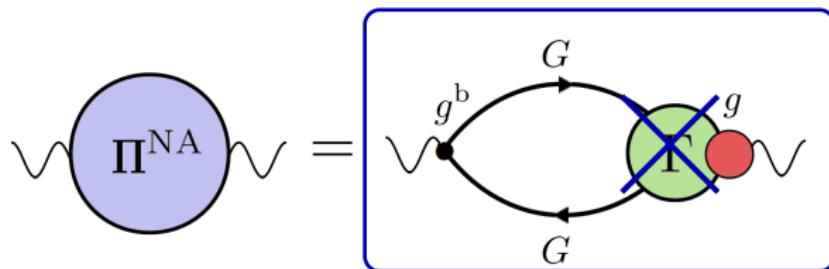
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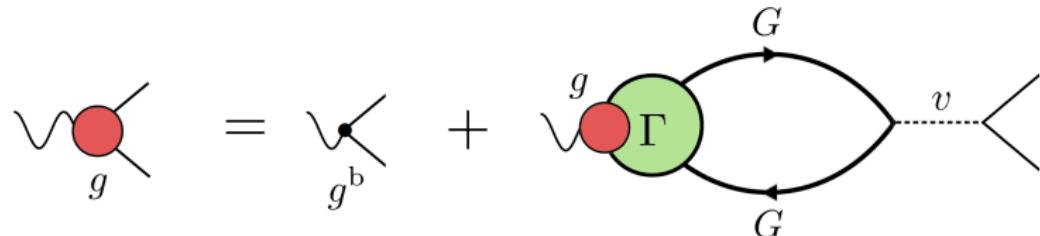
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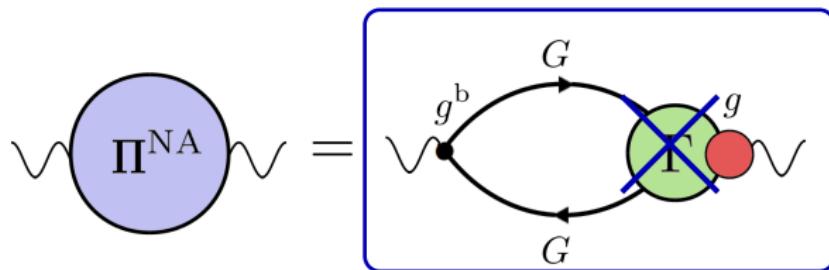
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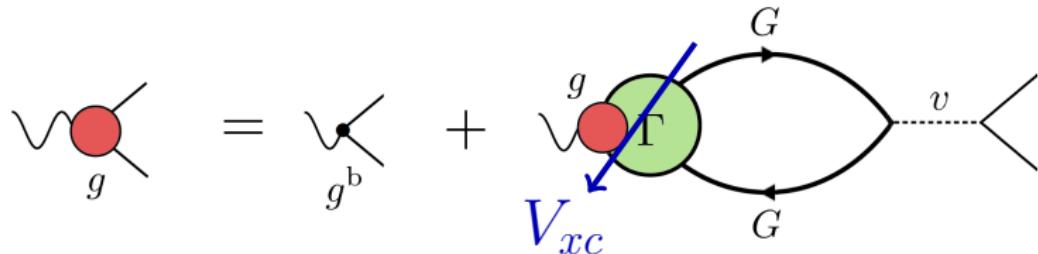
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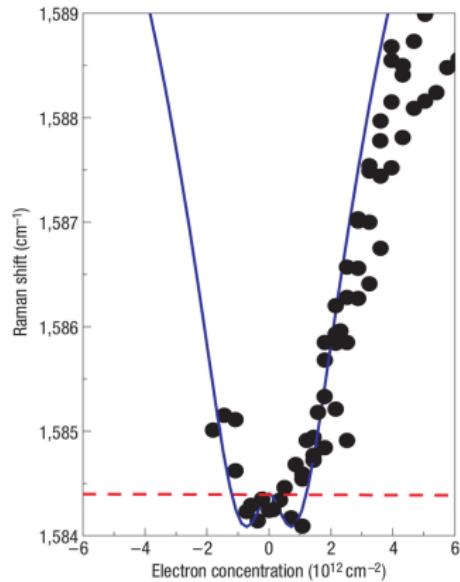
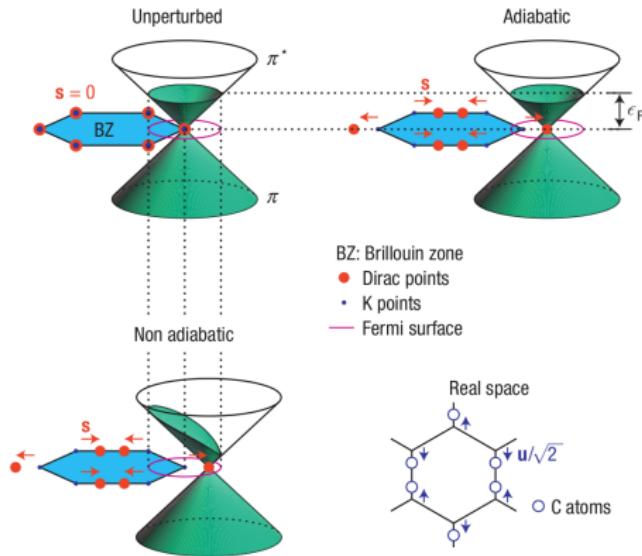
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- Can be significant in small or zero-gap systems (metals, graphene, degenerate semiconductors)

Examples of non-adiabatic phonons

- Non-adiabatic Kohn-anomaly in graphene

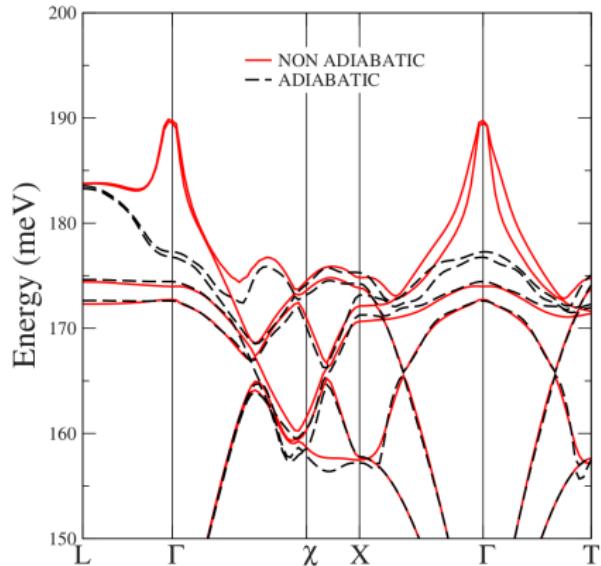
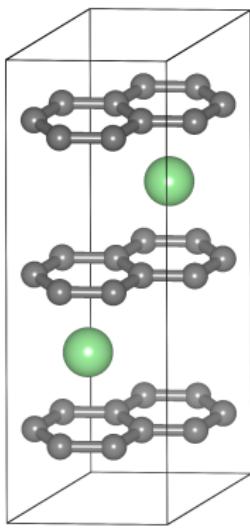


Figures from Pisana et al, Nat. Mater. 6, 198 (2007)

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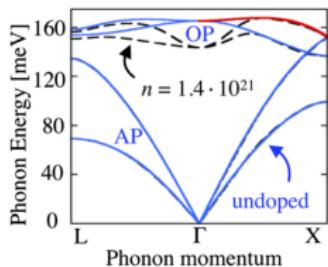
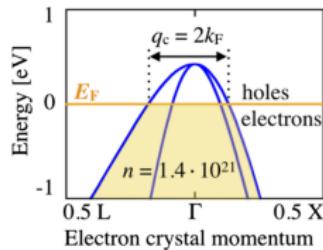


Right figure from Calandra et al, Phys. Rev. B 82, 165111 (2010)

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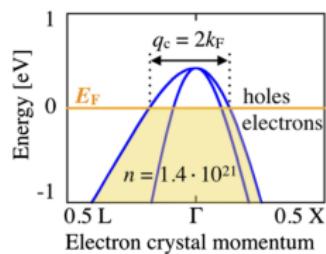
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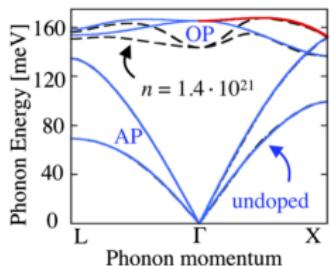
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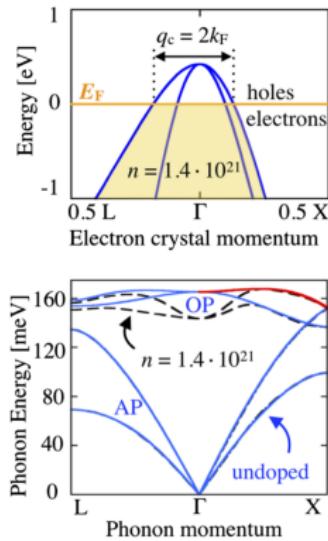
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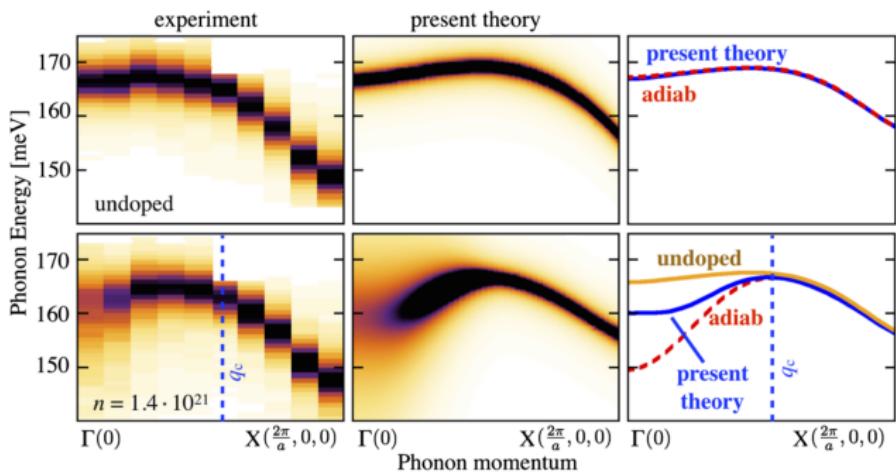
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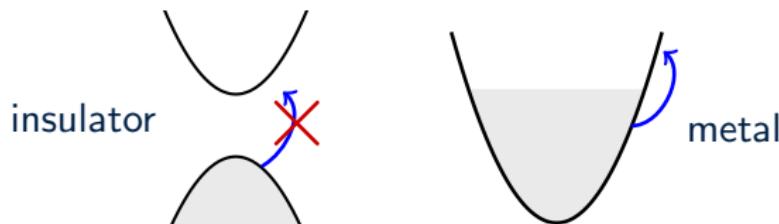
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'Double-delta' approximation to the phonon linewidth in **metals**

(Note this is the half-width at half-maximum)

Example of phonon linewidths

- Phonon linewidths of MgB_2 , IXS vs. DFT

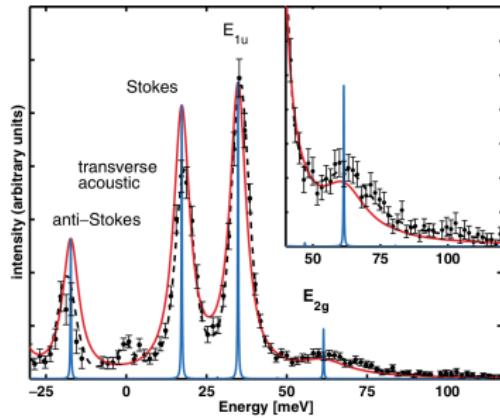
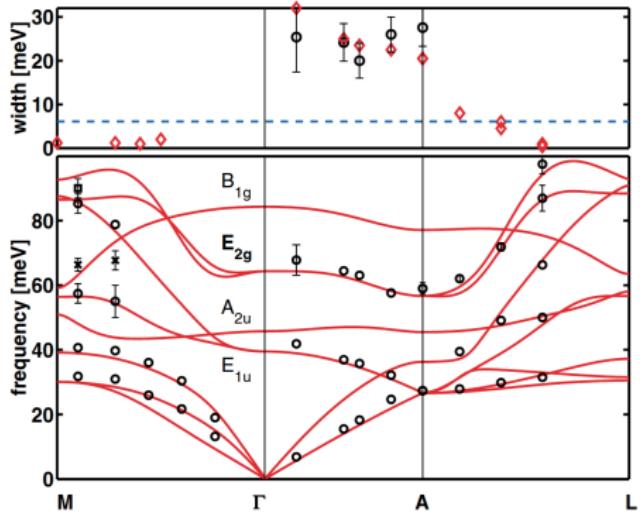


FIG. 1 (color online). Energy loss scan in almost transverse geometry measured at $\mathbf{Q} = (1.2 \ 0.3)$ corresponding to $0.6 \Gamma\text{-}A$. The data, normalized to the incident flux, are shown with the least-squares fit (dashed line) and the *ab initio* spectrum with and without broadening due to experiment and electron phonon coupling (solid lines).



Figures from Shukla et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 90, 095506 (2003)

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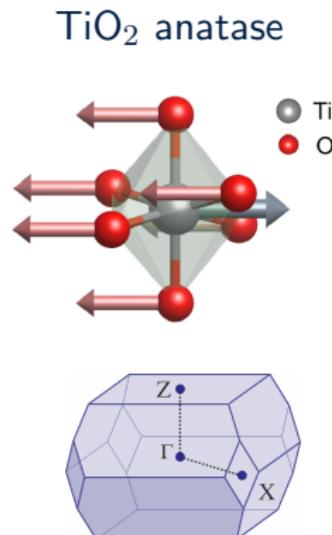
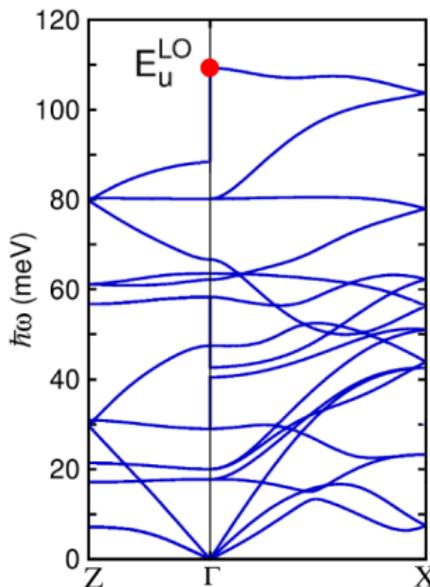
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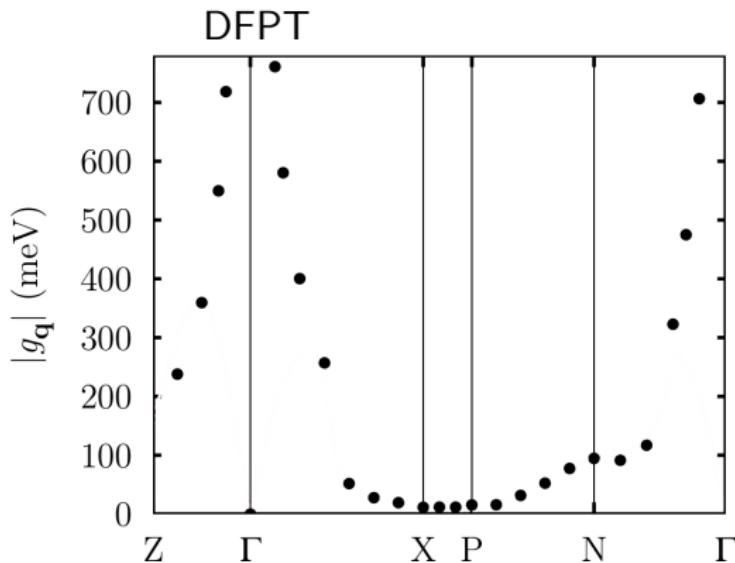


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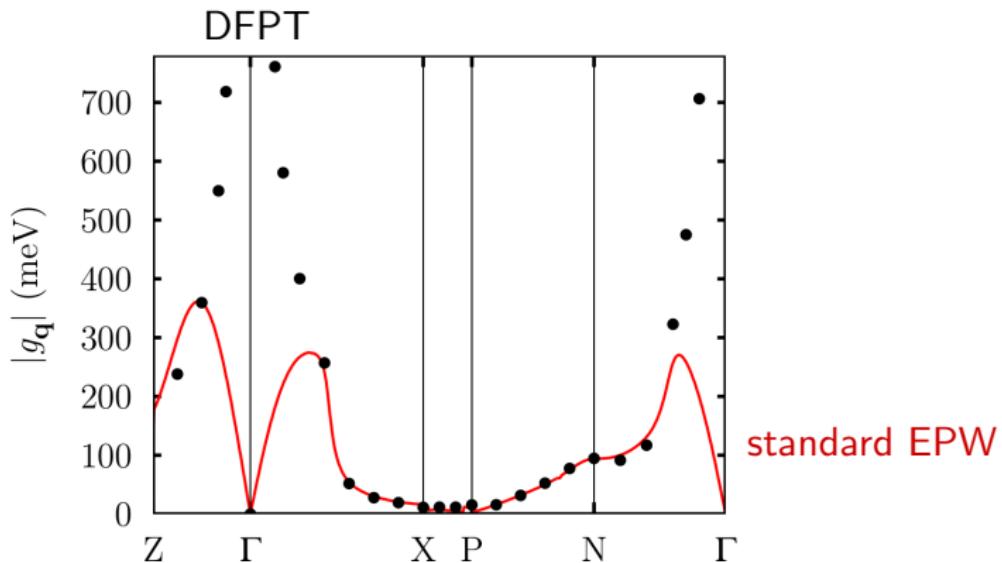


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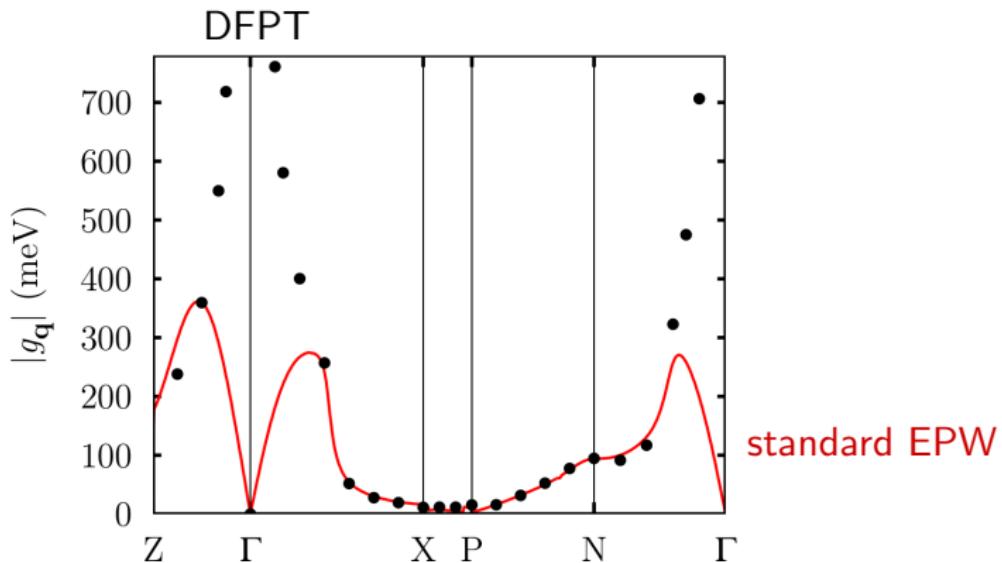


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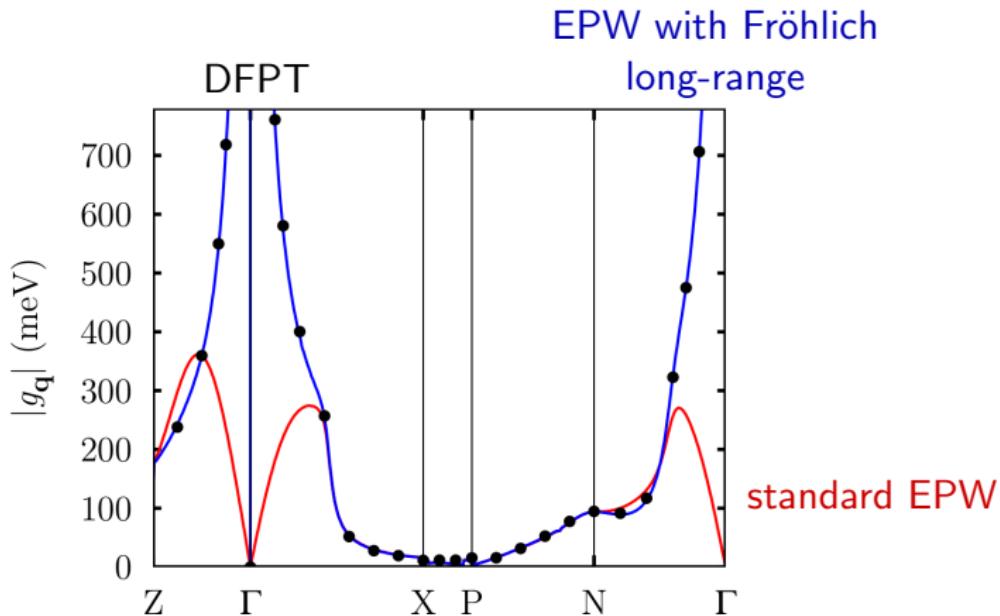


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Take-home messages

- Quantum field theory offers a rigorous and unambiguous framework to study phonons beyond DFT
- We can calculate non-adiabatic corrections to the phonon dispersion relations
- We can calculate phonon linewidths and lifetimes associated with electron-phonon interactions

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