
MAX School on Advanced Materials and Molecular Modelling
with QUANTUM ESPRESSO

density-functional perturbation theory

response functions, phonons, and all that

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at the very least, try to memorise the general concepts and terminology; all the technical details can be found in:

SB, S. de Gironcoli, A. Dal Corso, and P. Giannozzi, Rev. Mod. Phys. **73**, 515 (2001)



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▸ Born effective charges

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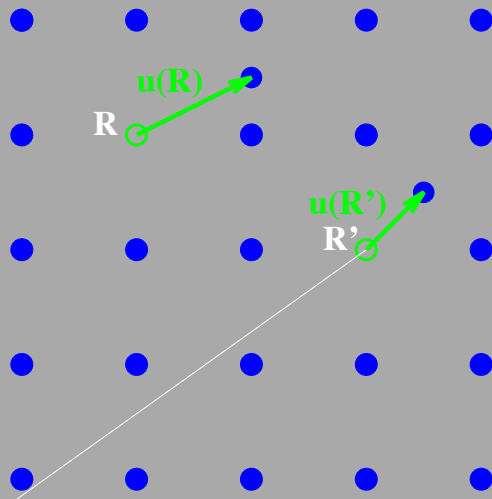
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simulating atomic vibrations ...

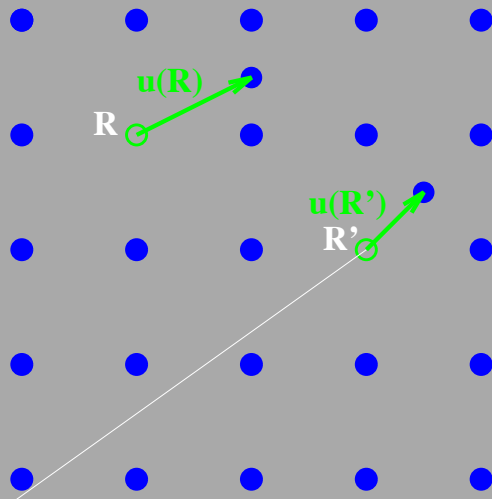


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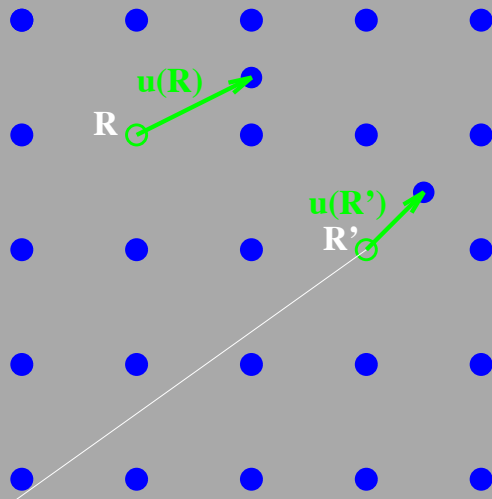
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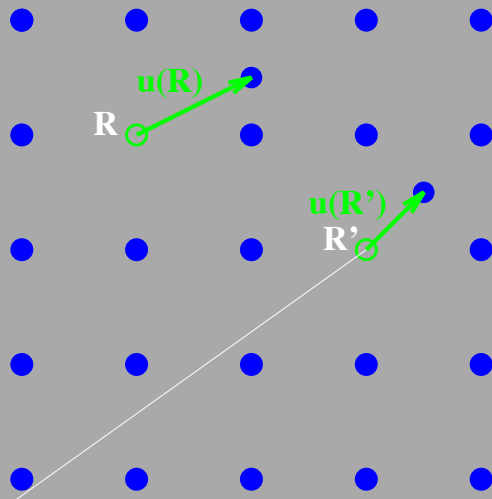


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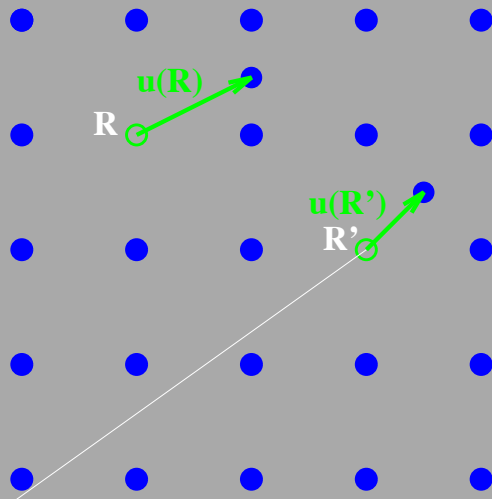
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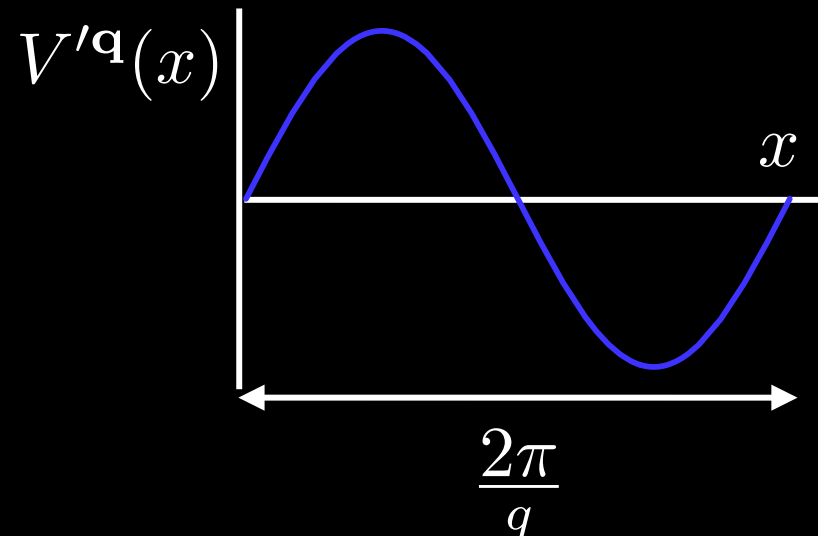
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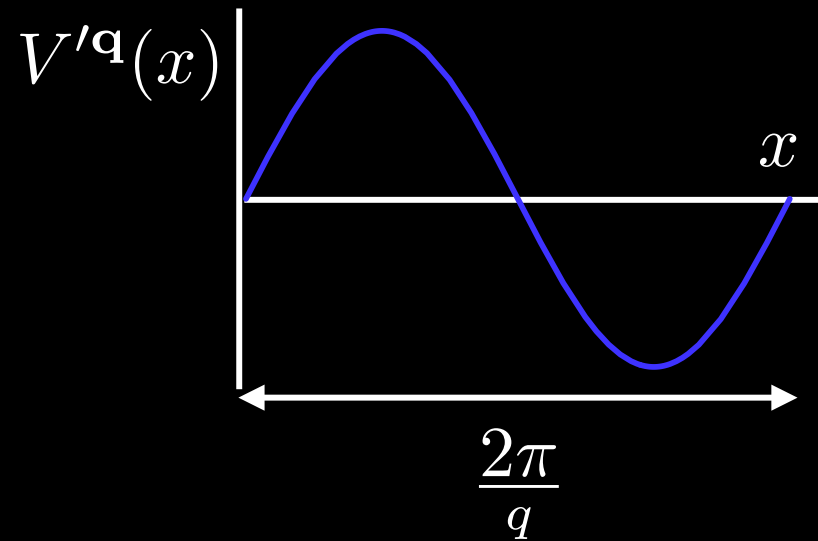
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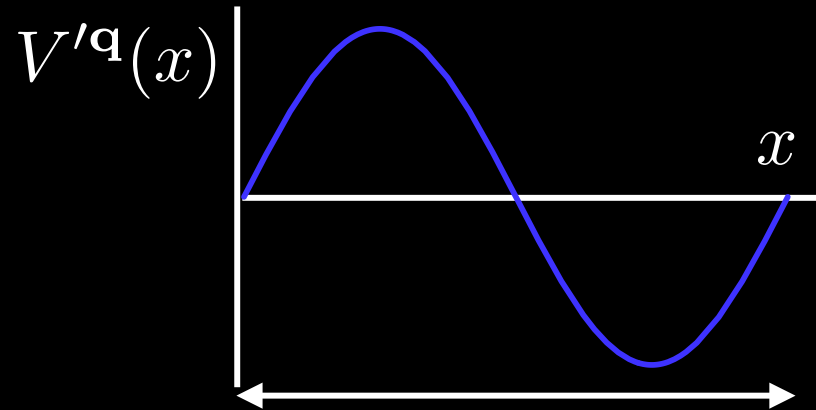


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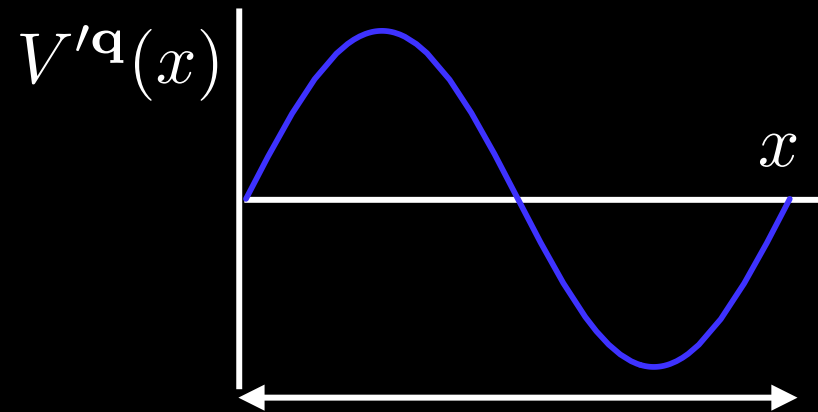
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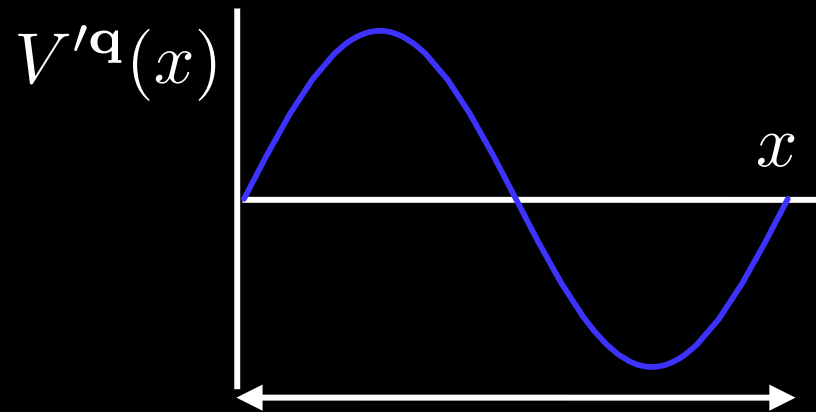
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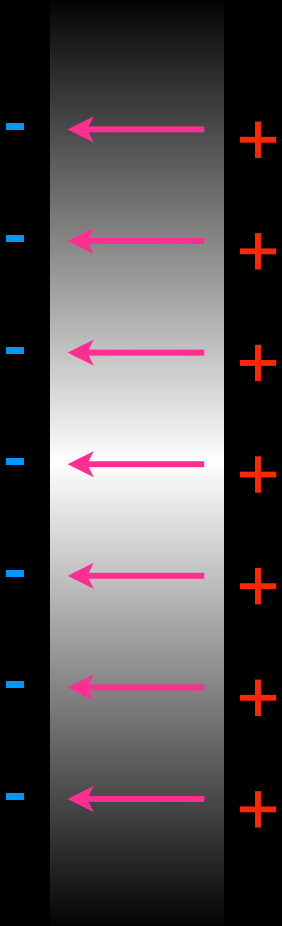
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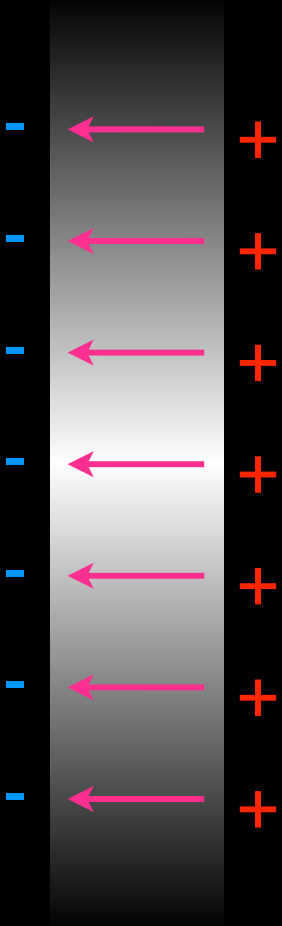
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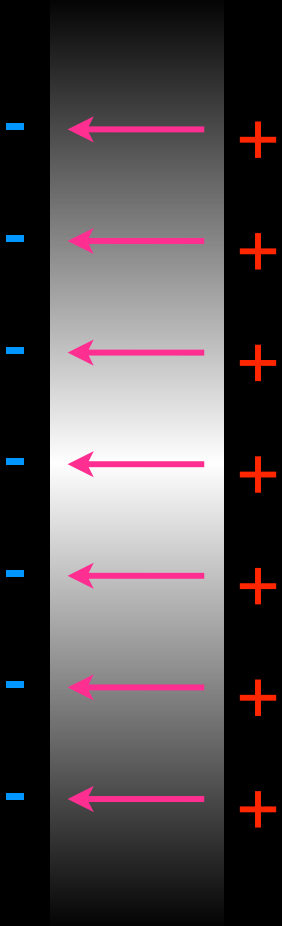
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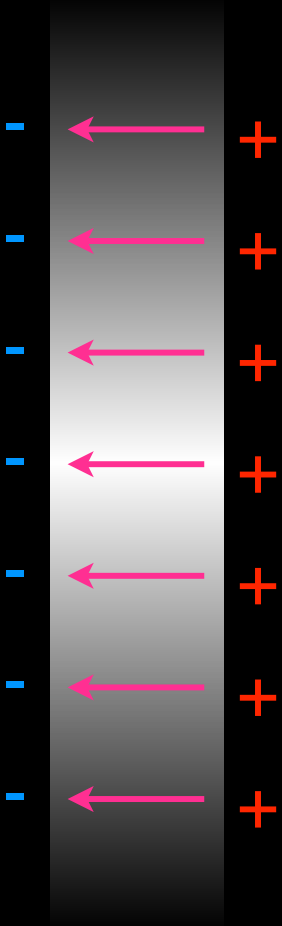


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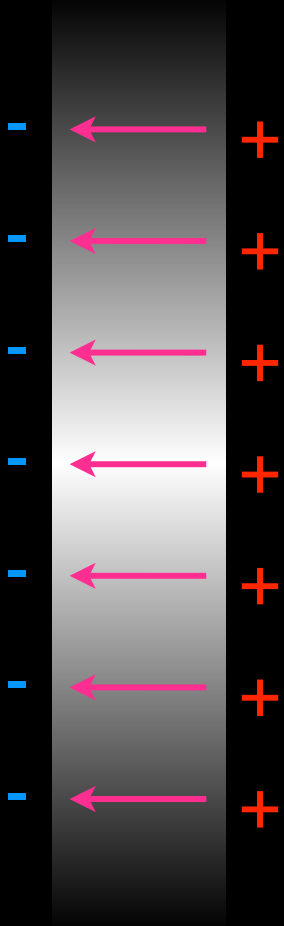
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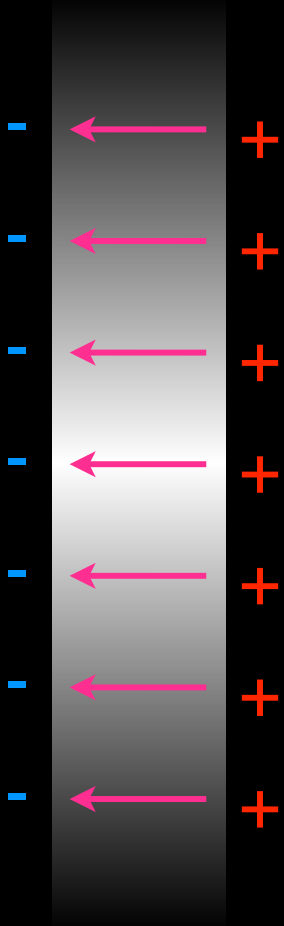
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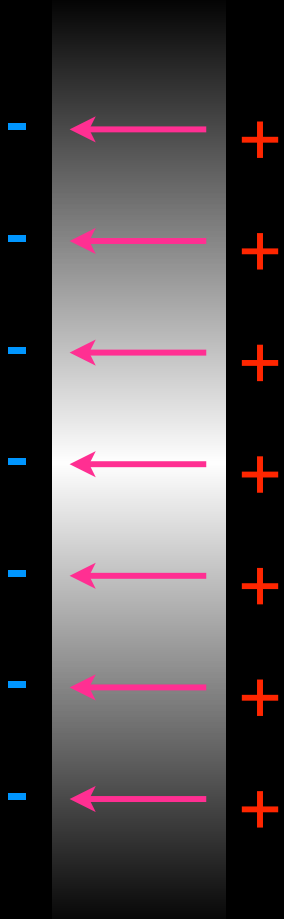
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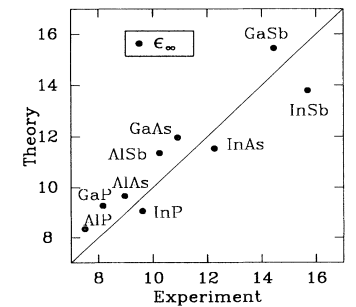
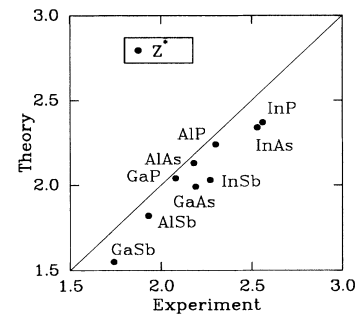
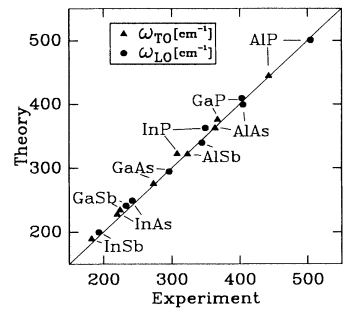
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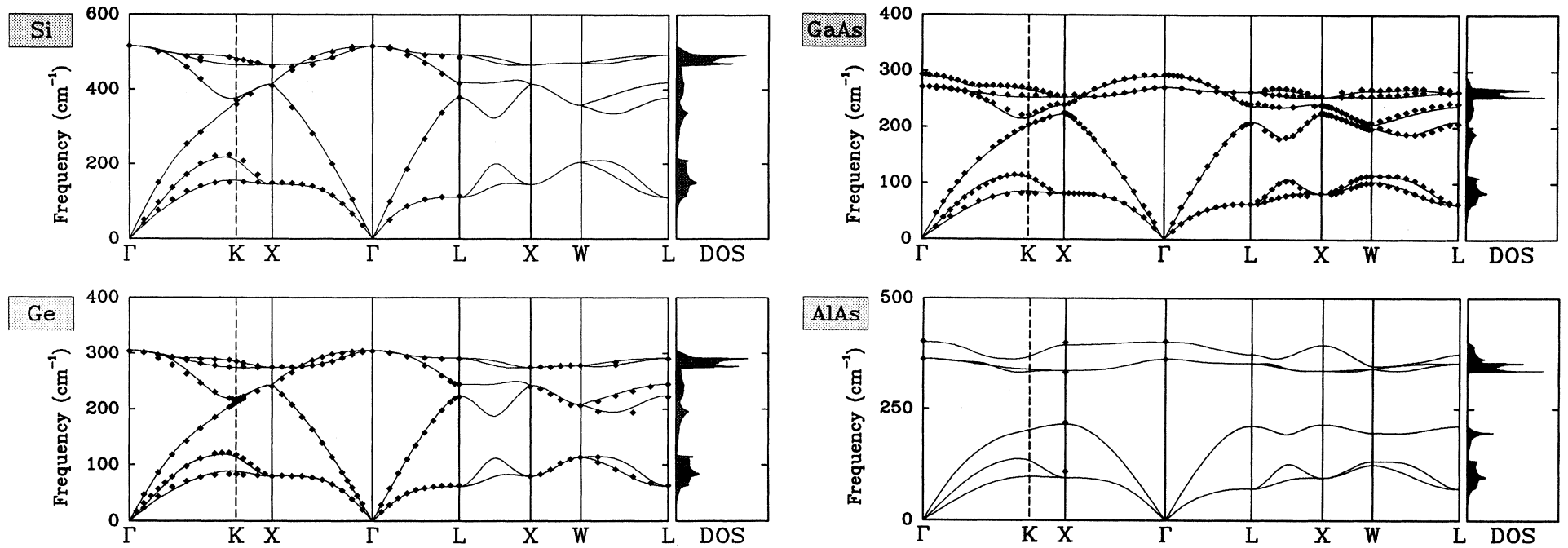
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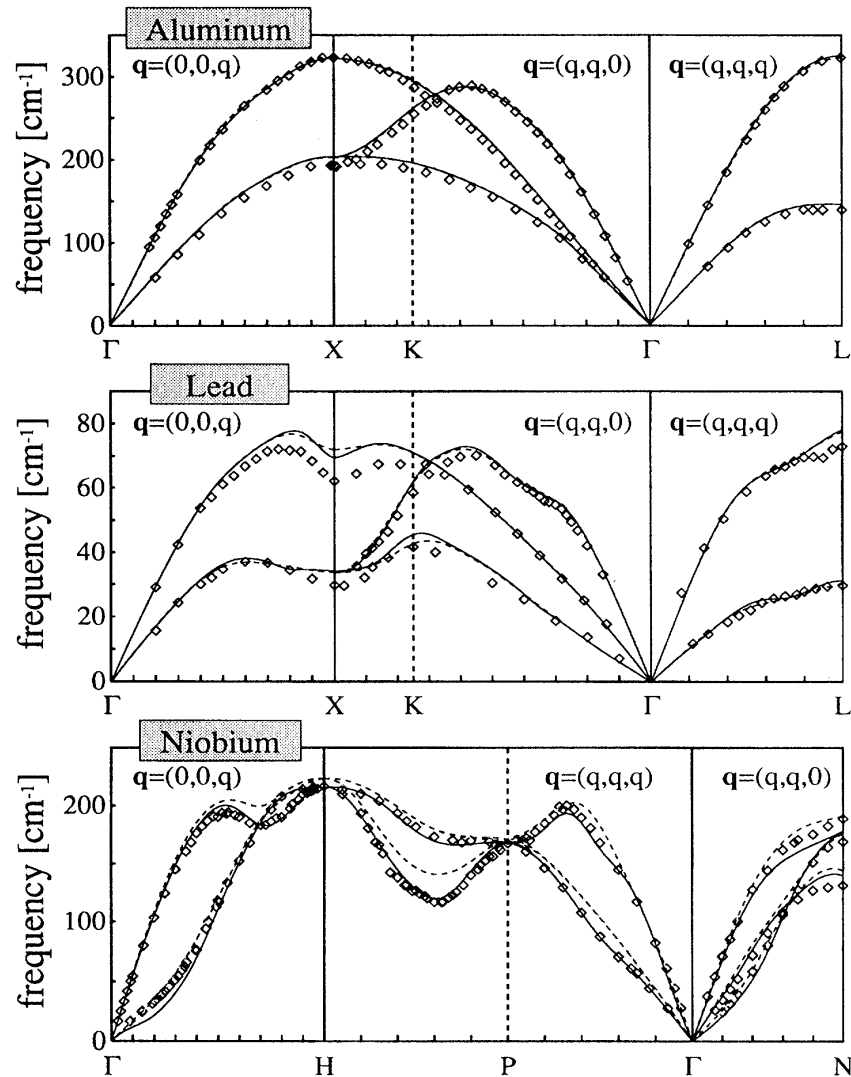
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- Phonon at surfaces, interfaces, super-lattices, and nano-structures
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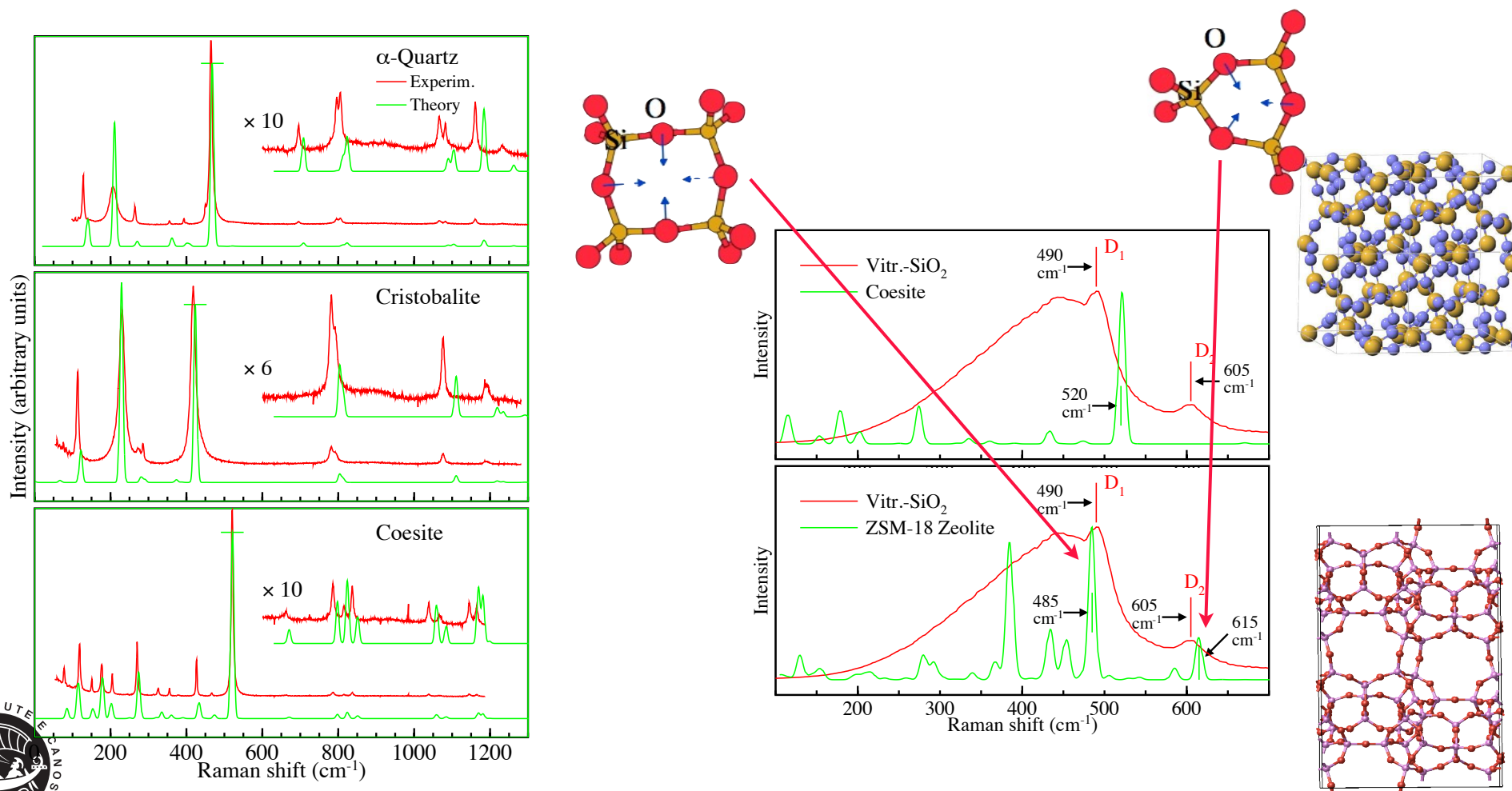
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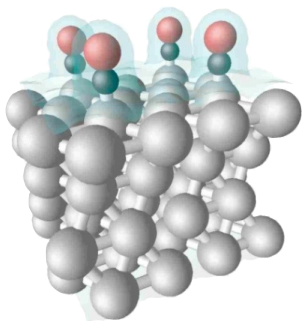
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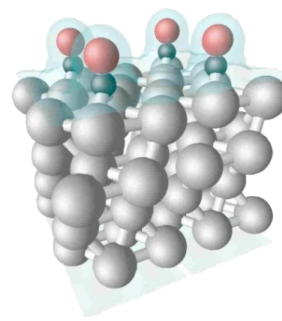


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$\nu_{\text{DFT}} = 2050 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

$\nu_{\text{exp}} = 2070 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

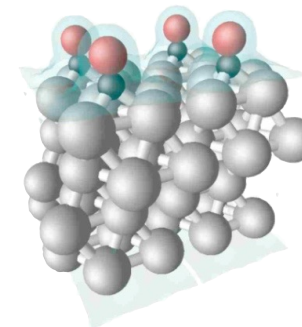


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$\nu_{\text{DFT}} = 1845 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

$\nu_{\text{exp}} = 1830 \text{ cm}^{-1}$



fcc (CO@Pt₃)

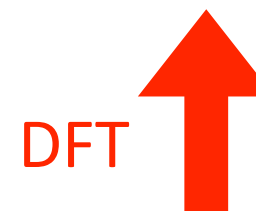
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$\nu_{\text{exp}} = 1780 \text{ cm}^{-1}$



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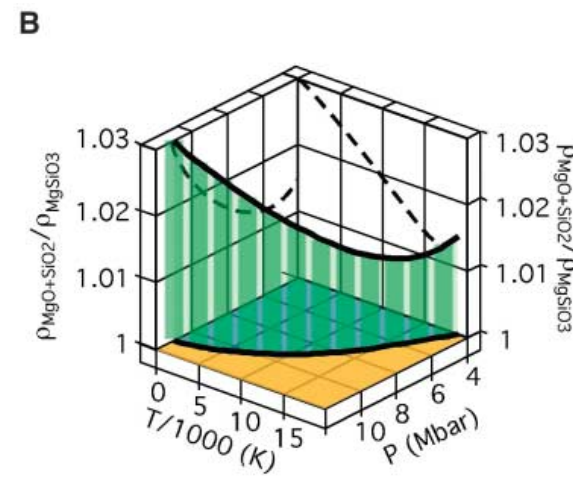
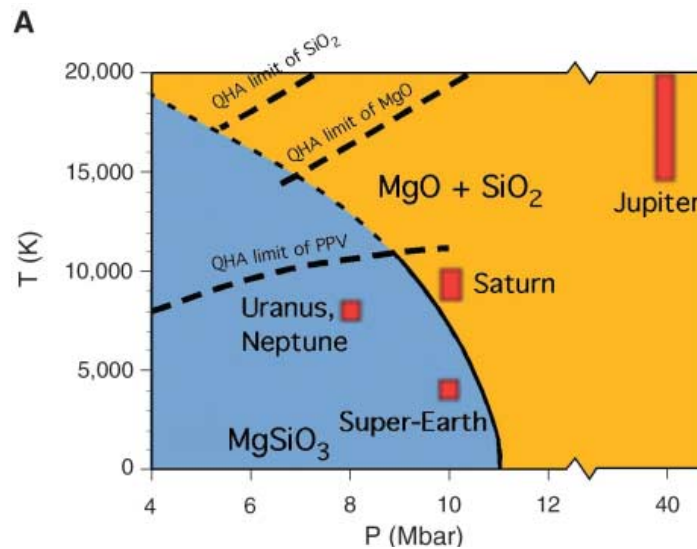
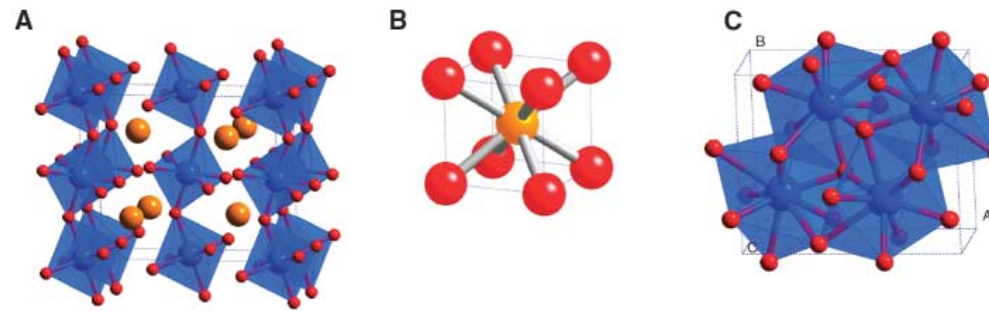
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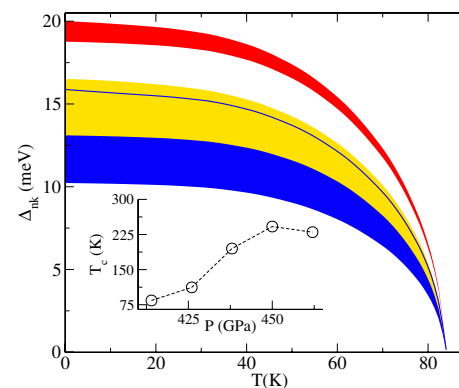
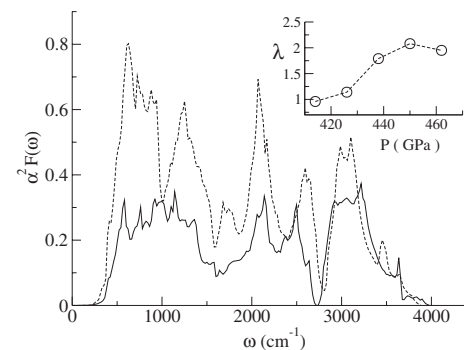
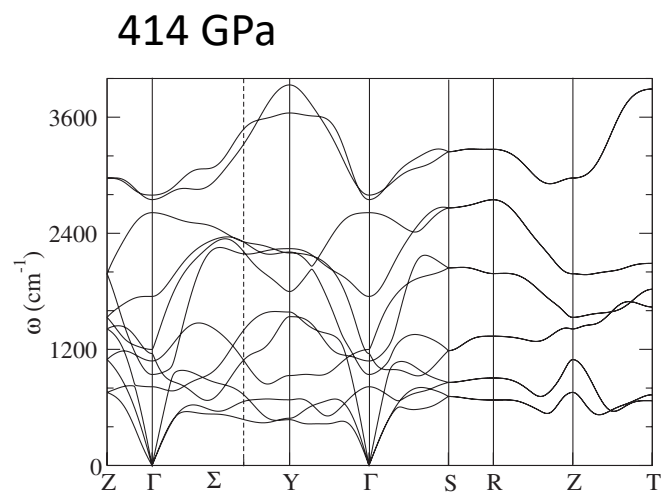
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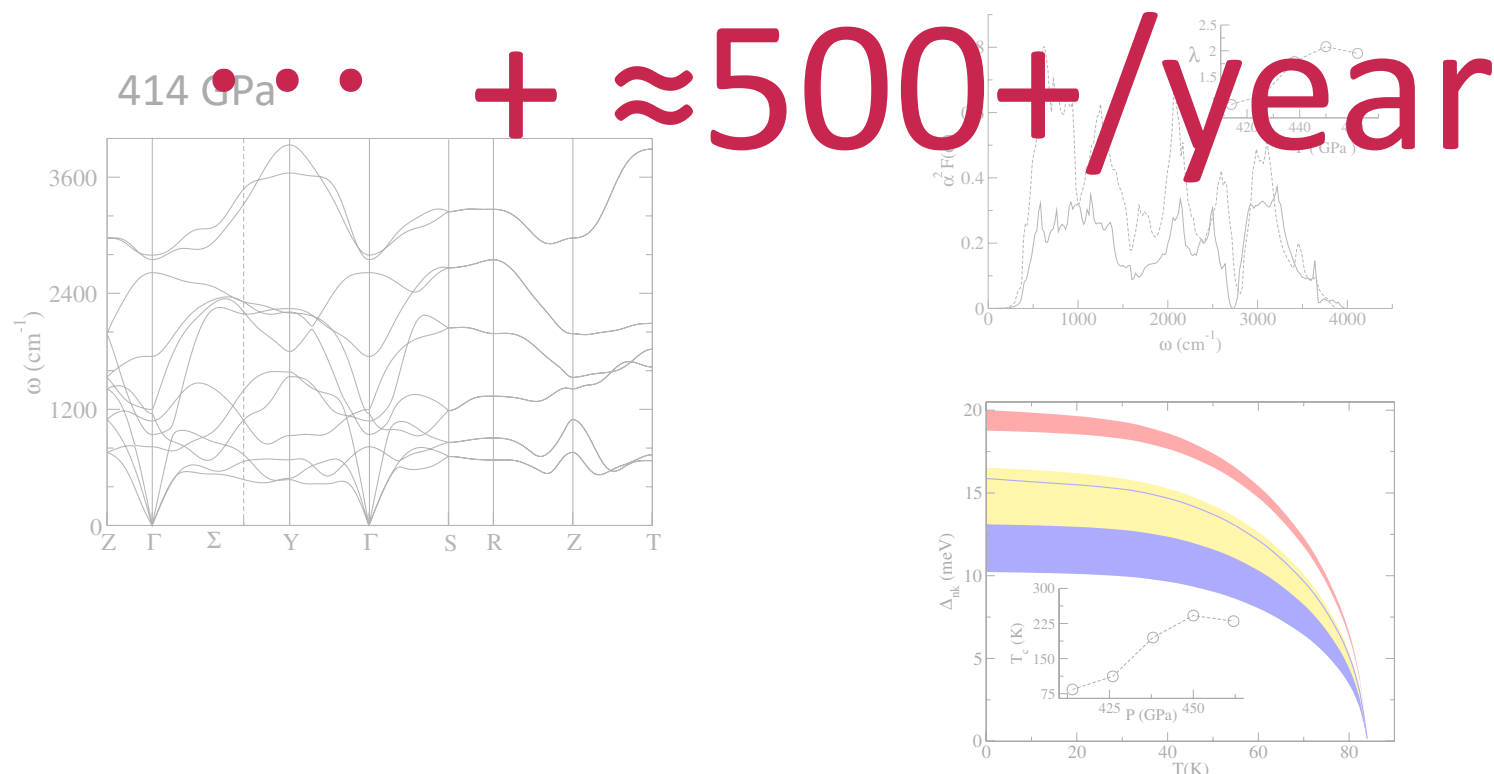
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