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PHONONS IN LOW DIMENSIONAL SYSTEMS

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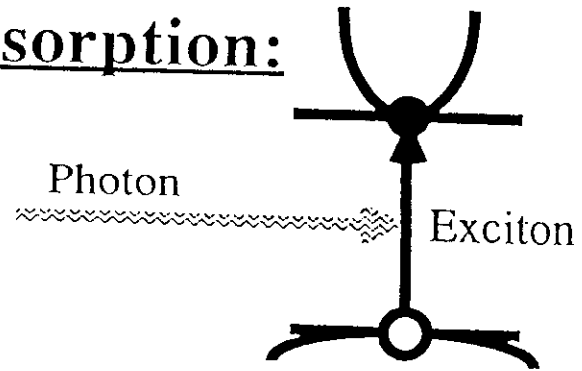
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# **Phonons in low dimensional systems**

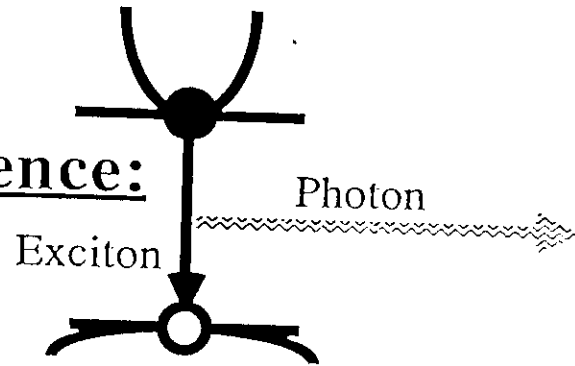
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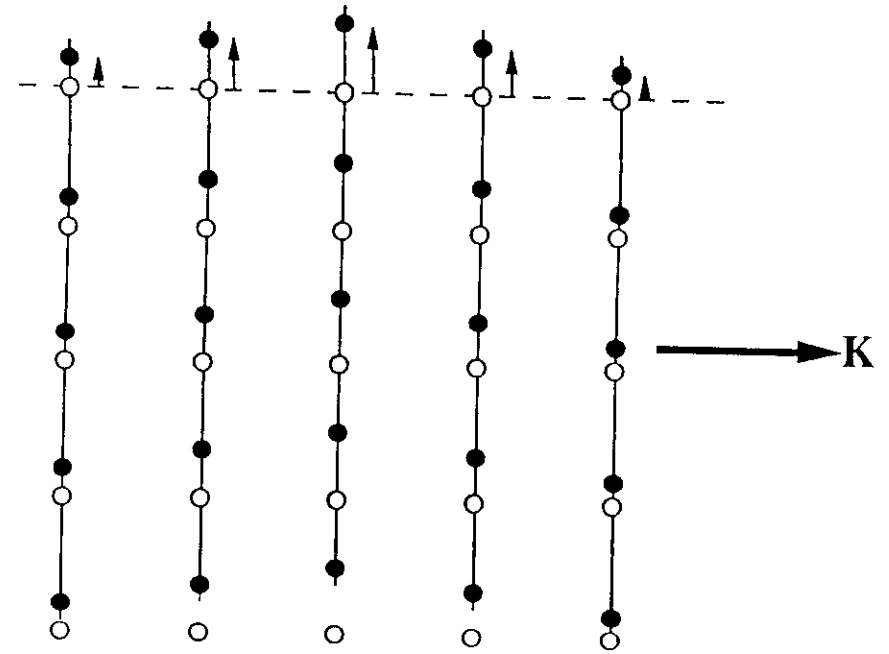
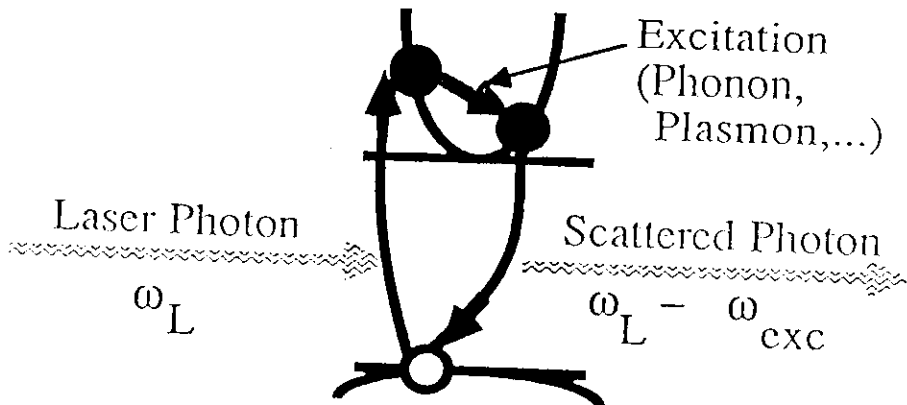
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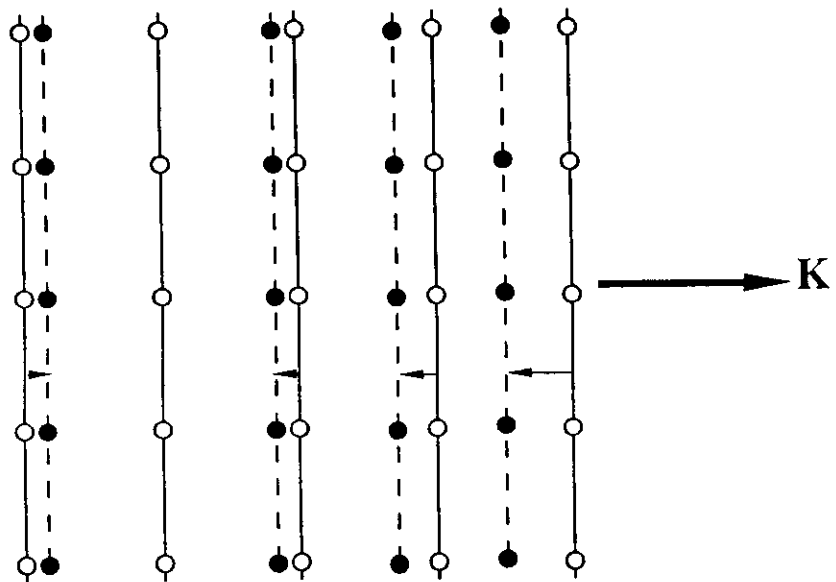


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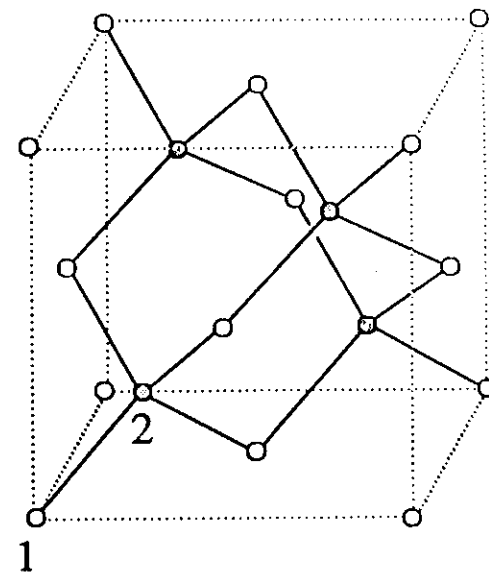


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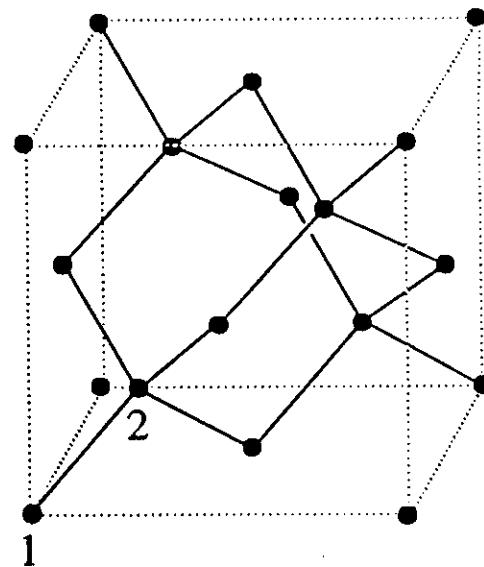




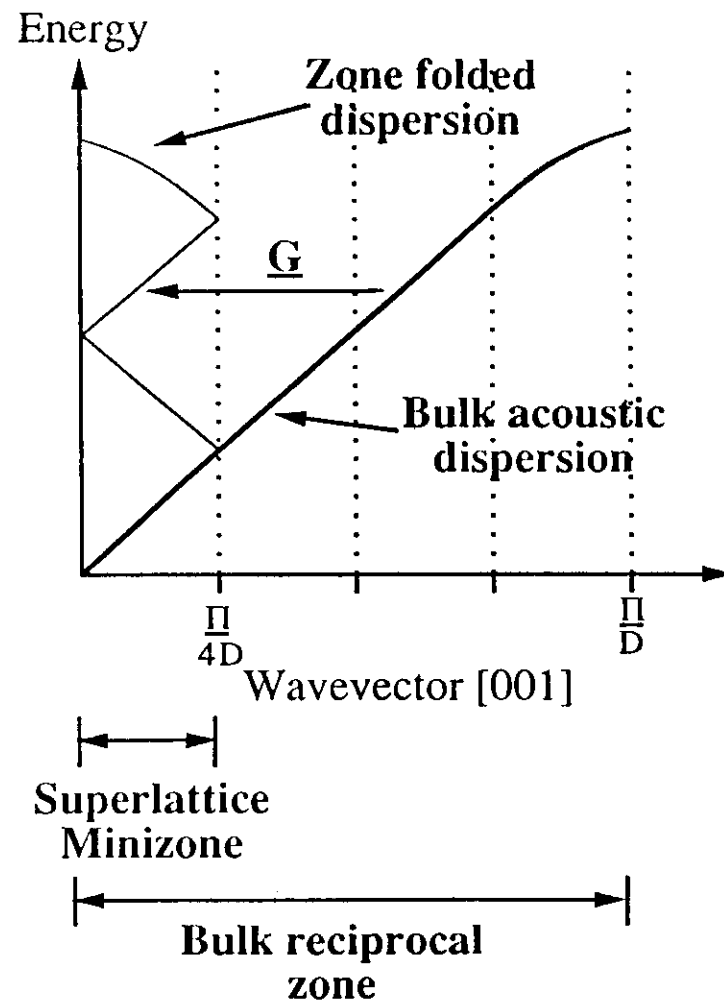
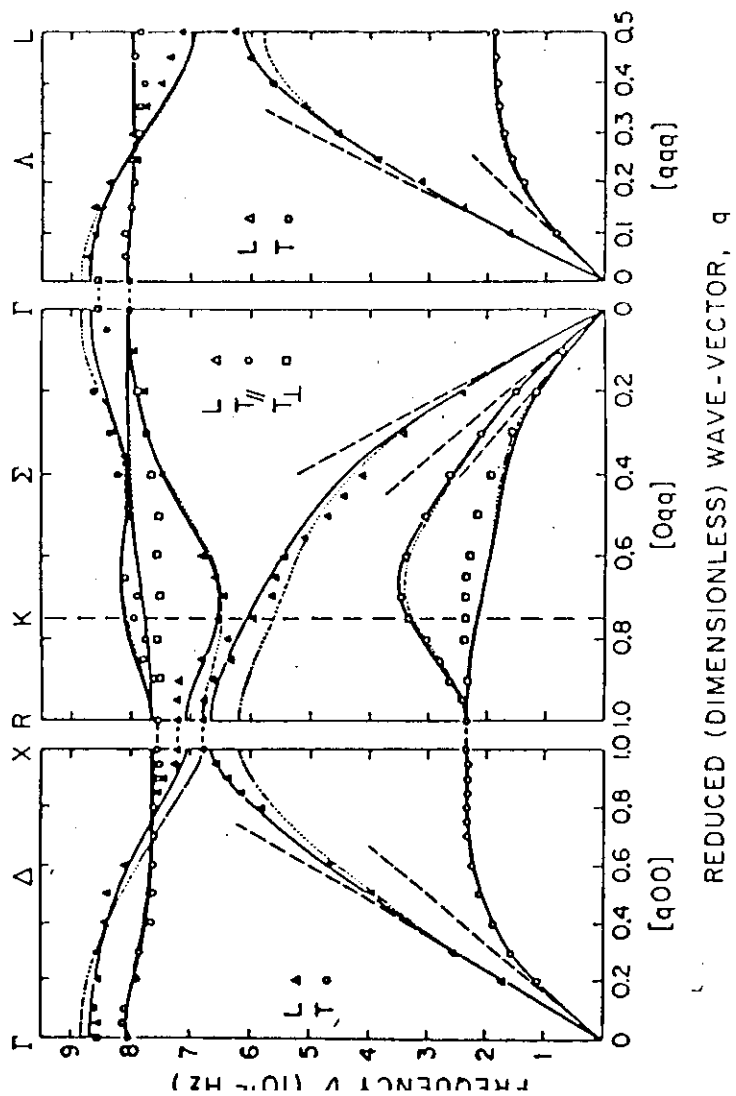
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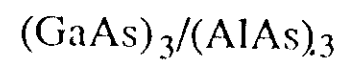
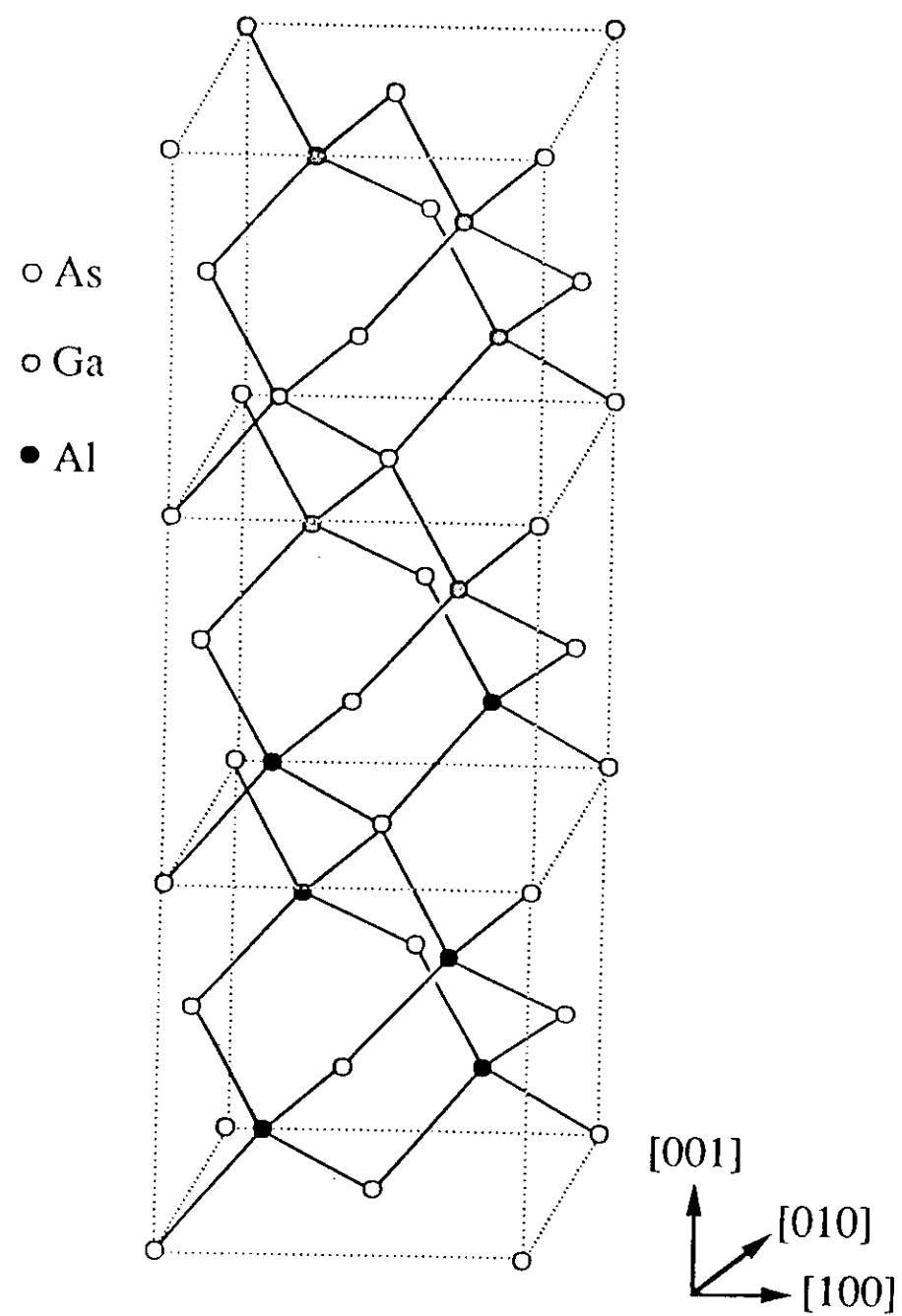
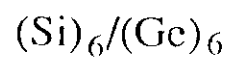
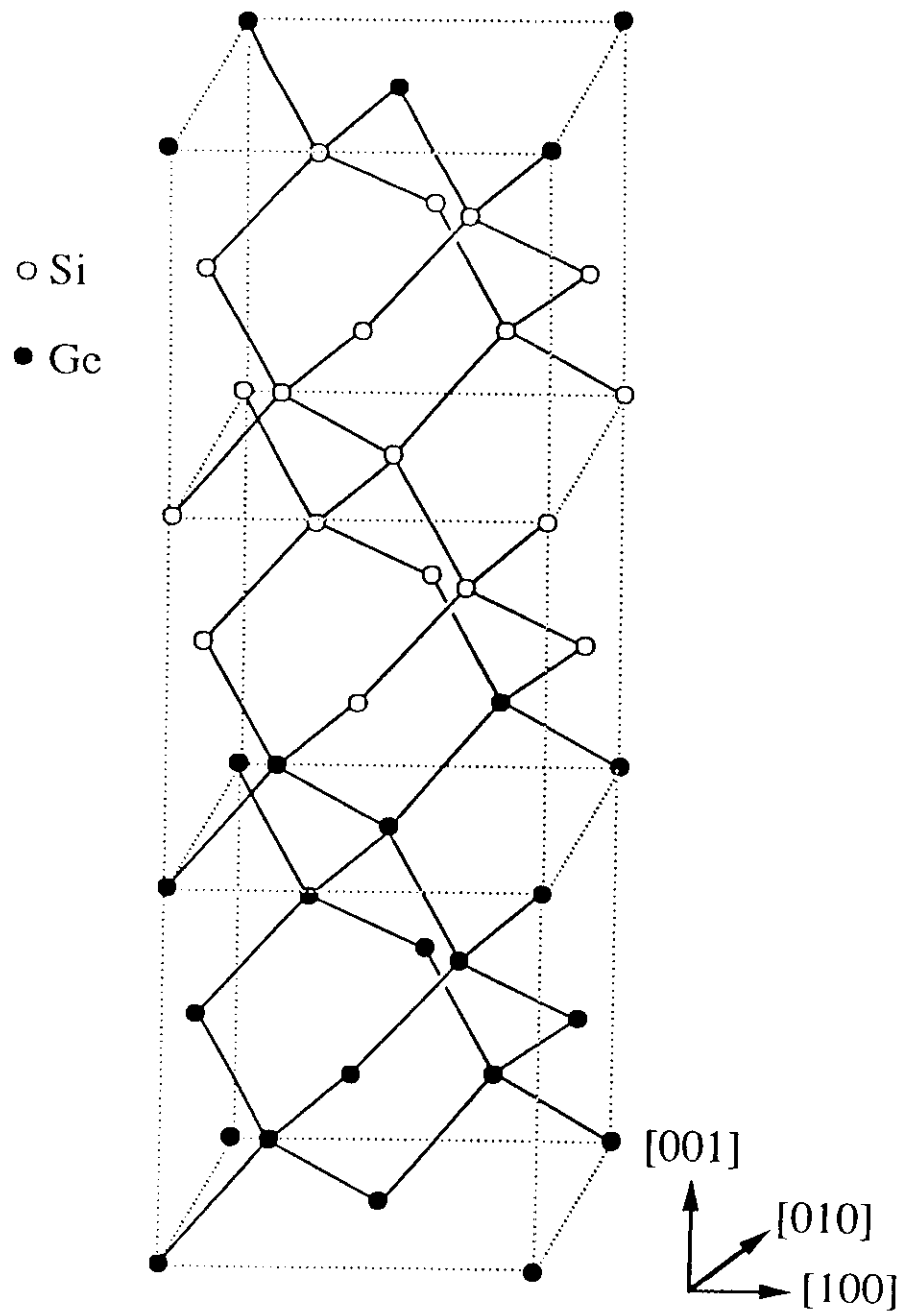


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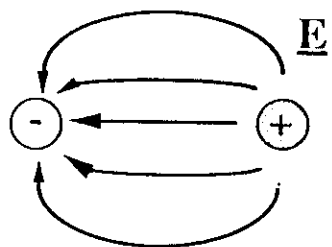




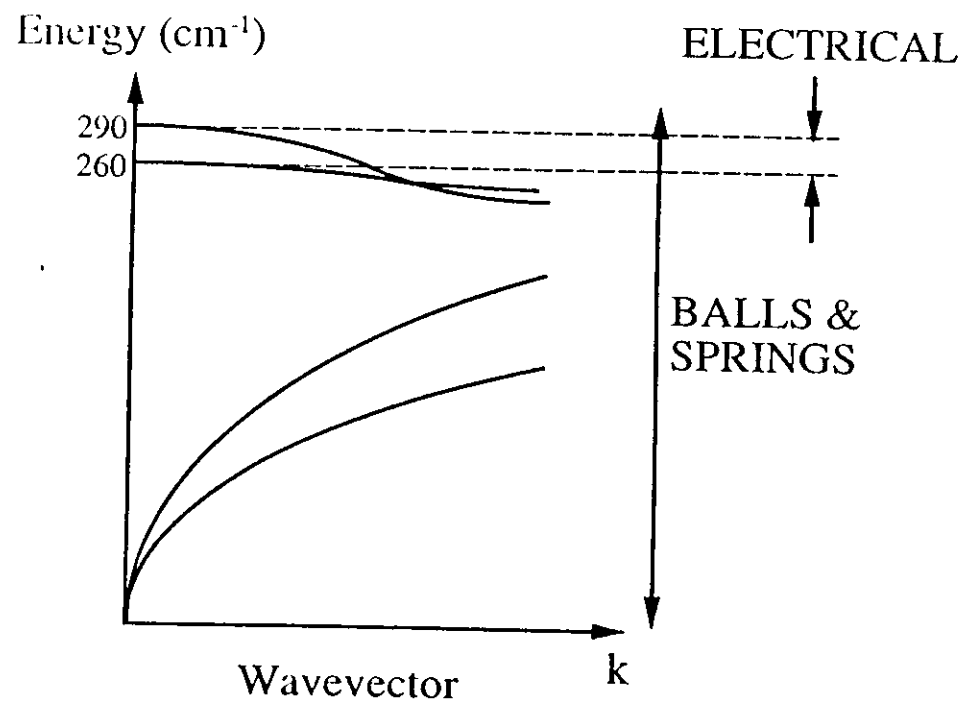
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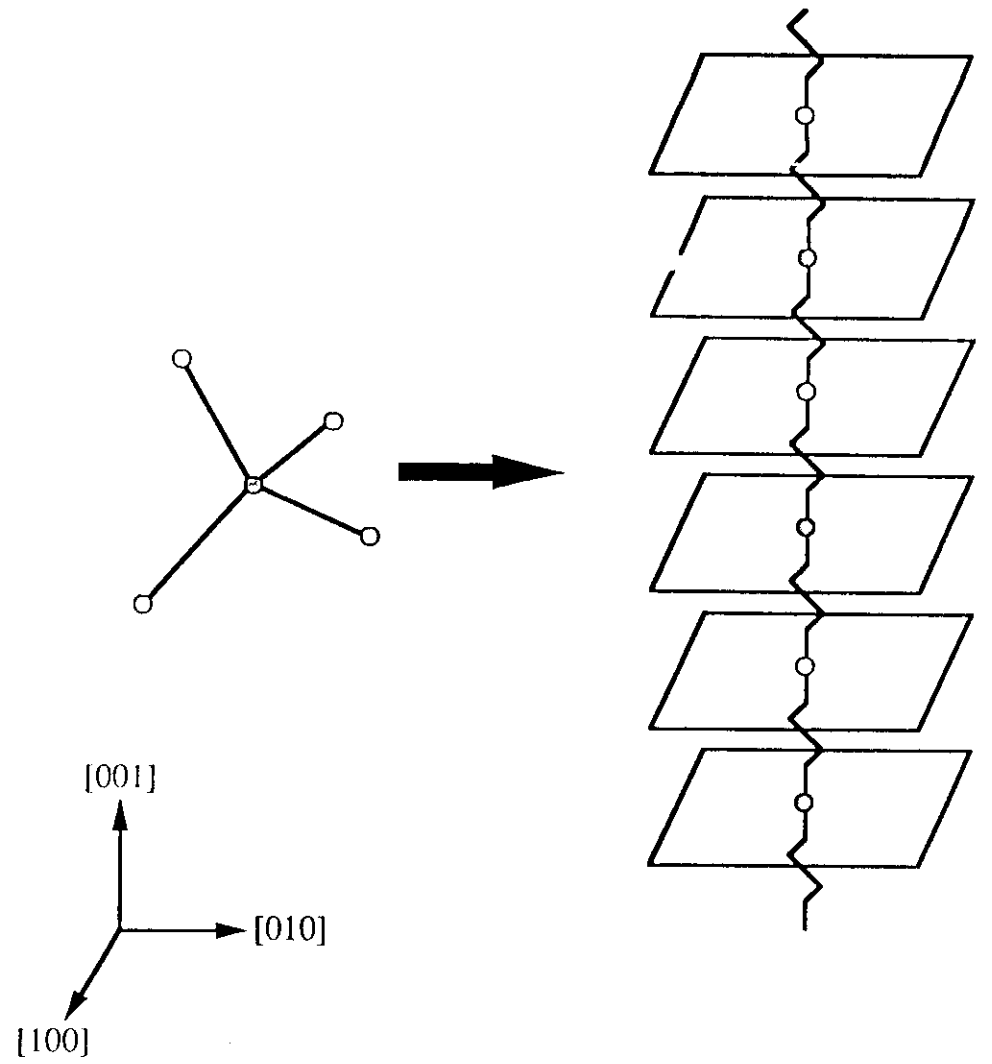
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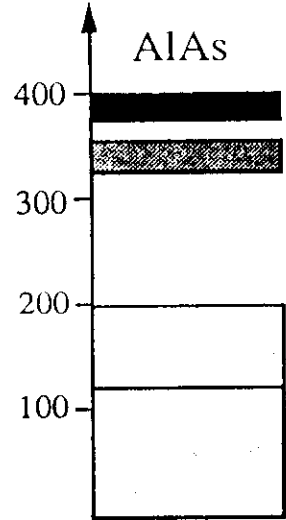
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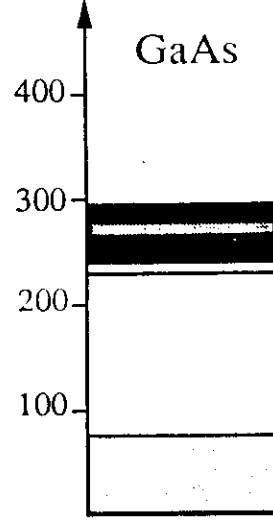


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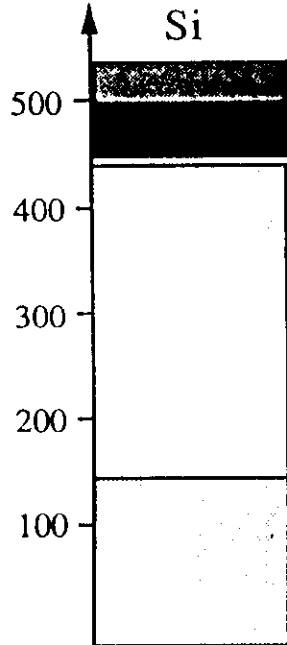
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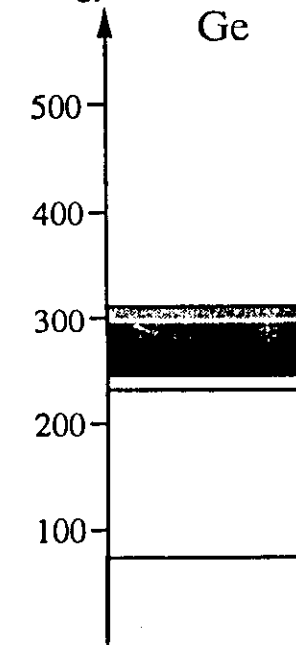
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### Acoustic Phonons in superlattices

From Rytov;

$$\cos(Qd) = \cos\left(\omega \frac{d_a}{v_a}\right) \cos\left(\omega \frac{d_b}{v_b}\right) - \left(1 + \frac{\alpha^2}{2}\right) \sin\left(\omega \frac{d_a}{v_a}\right) \sin\left(\omega \frac{d_b}{v_b}\right) \quad (1)$$

Where  $d=d_1+d_2$  and  $Q$  is the superlattice wavevector and

$$\alpha = |\rho_a v_a - \rho_b v_b| / (\rho_a v_a + \rho_b v_b)$$

For the case where the acoustic modulation of the superlattice is small ( $\alpha=0$ ) (1)

reduces to;

$$Qd = \frac{\omega}{d} \left( \frac{d_a}{v_a} + \frac{d_b}{v_b} \right) \quad (2)$$

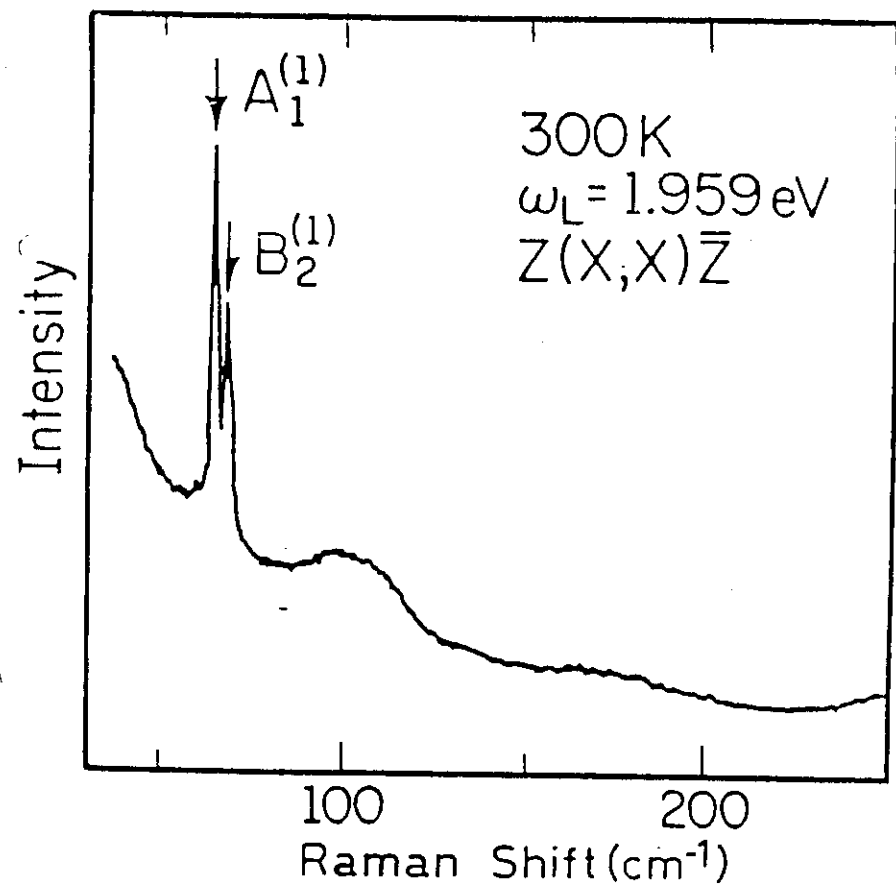
using  $v_g = \frac{d\omega}{dq}$ , we find that the average velocity of acoustic waves through the superlattice,  $v_s$  is;

$$v_s = \frac{v_1 v_2}{x v_1 + (1-x) v_2} \quad (3)$$

Where  $x=d_b/d$ .

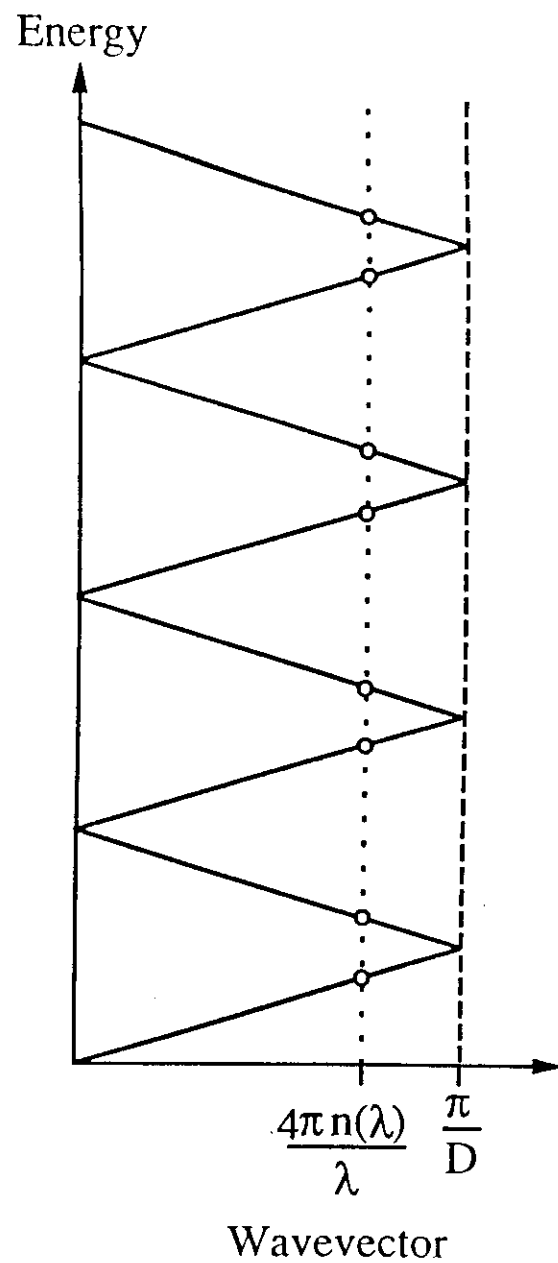
$$\Delta\Omega^2 = \alpha^2 \frac{v^2}{d^2} \sin^2 \pi \left\{ \frac{x v_1 - (1-x) v_2}{x v_1 + (1-x) v_2} \right\} \quad (4)$$

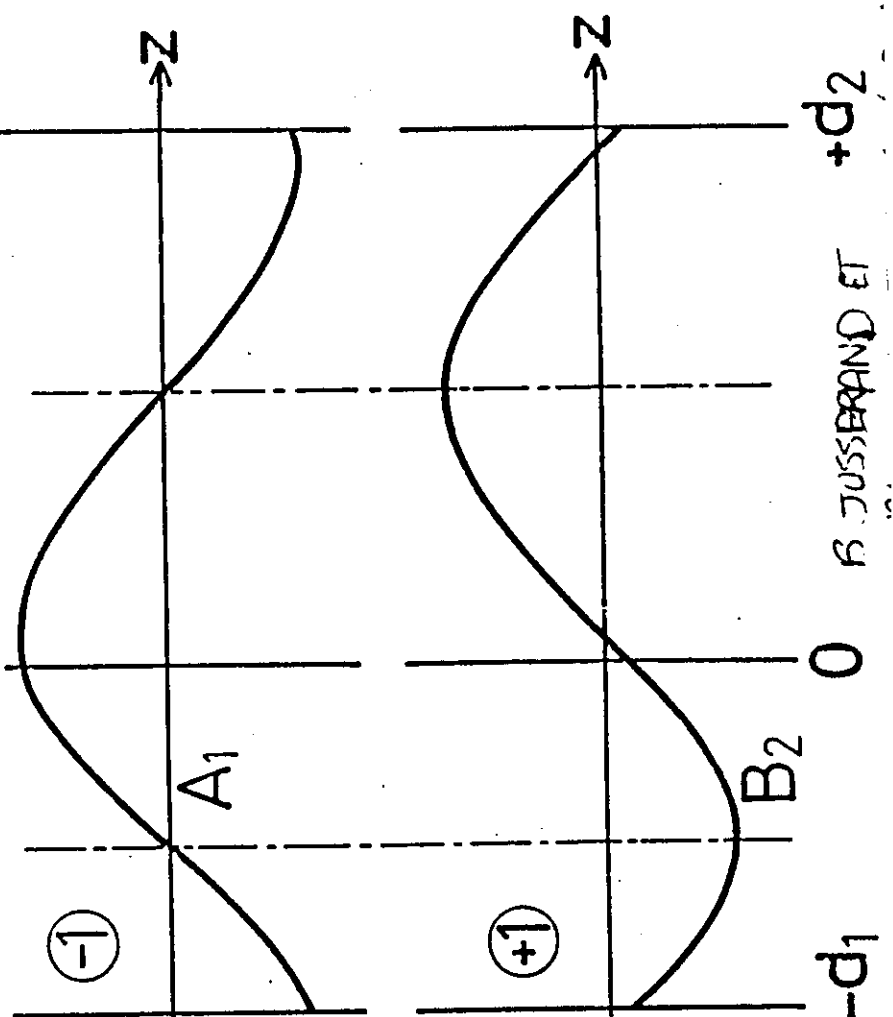
The gap at the zone centre being  $2\Delta\Omega$ .



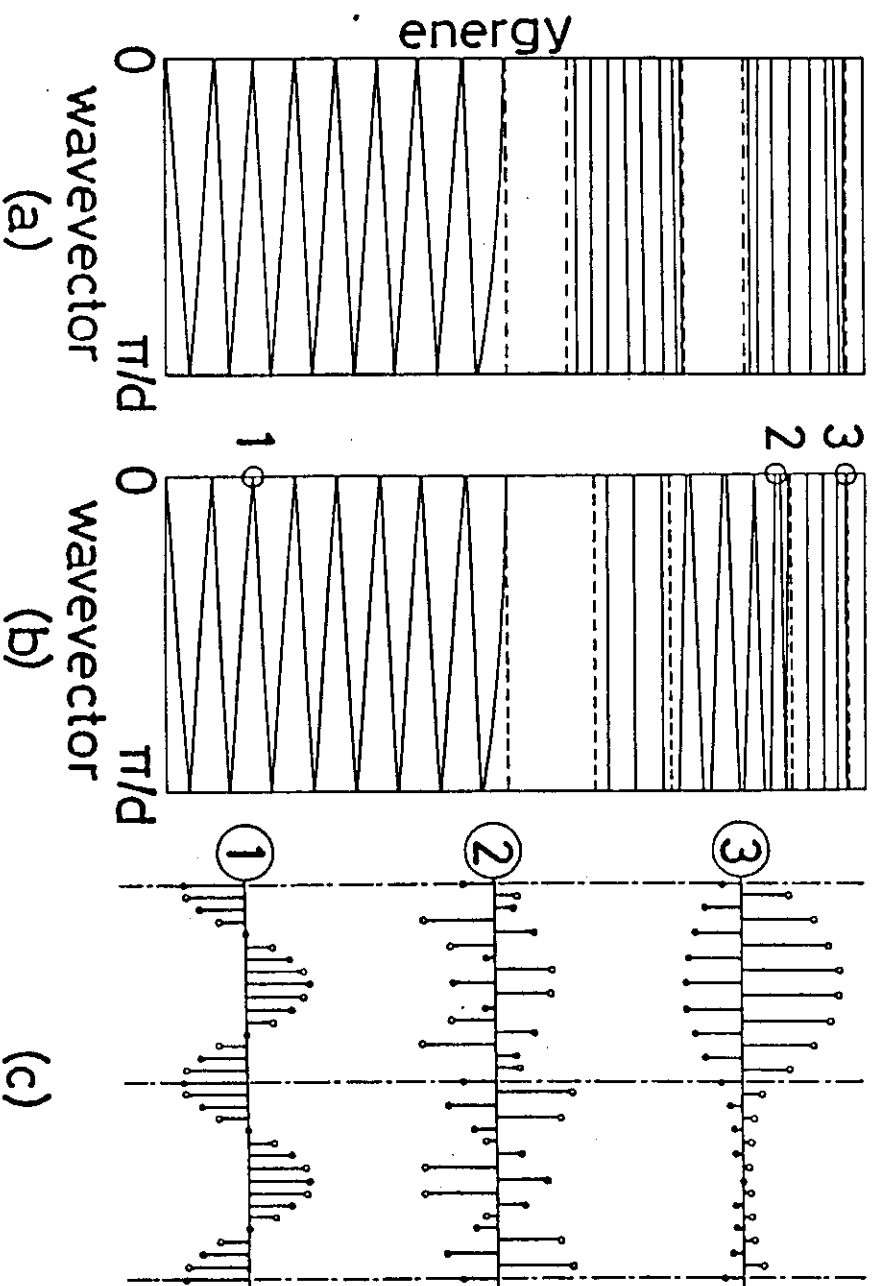
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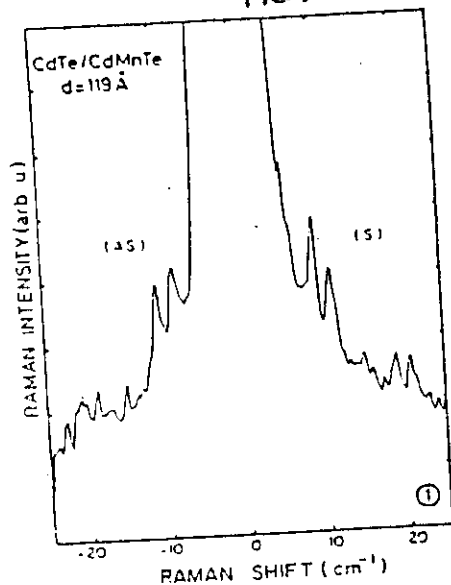




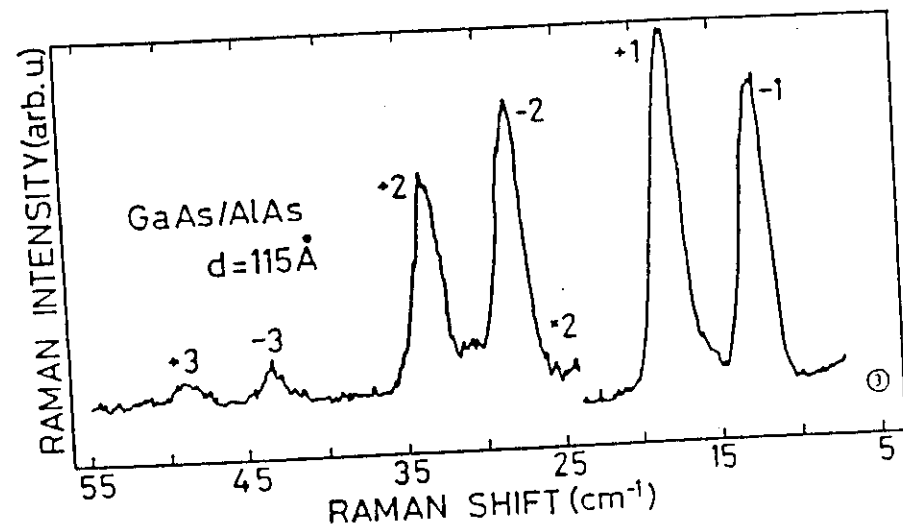
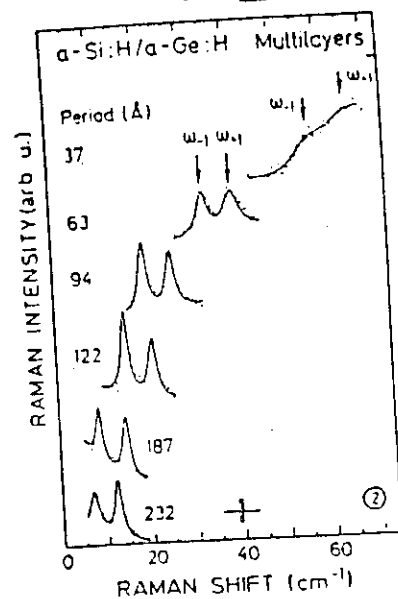
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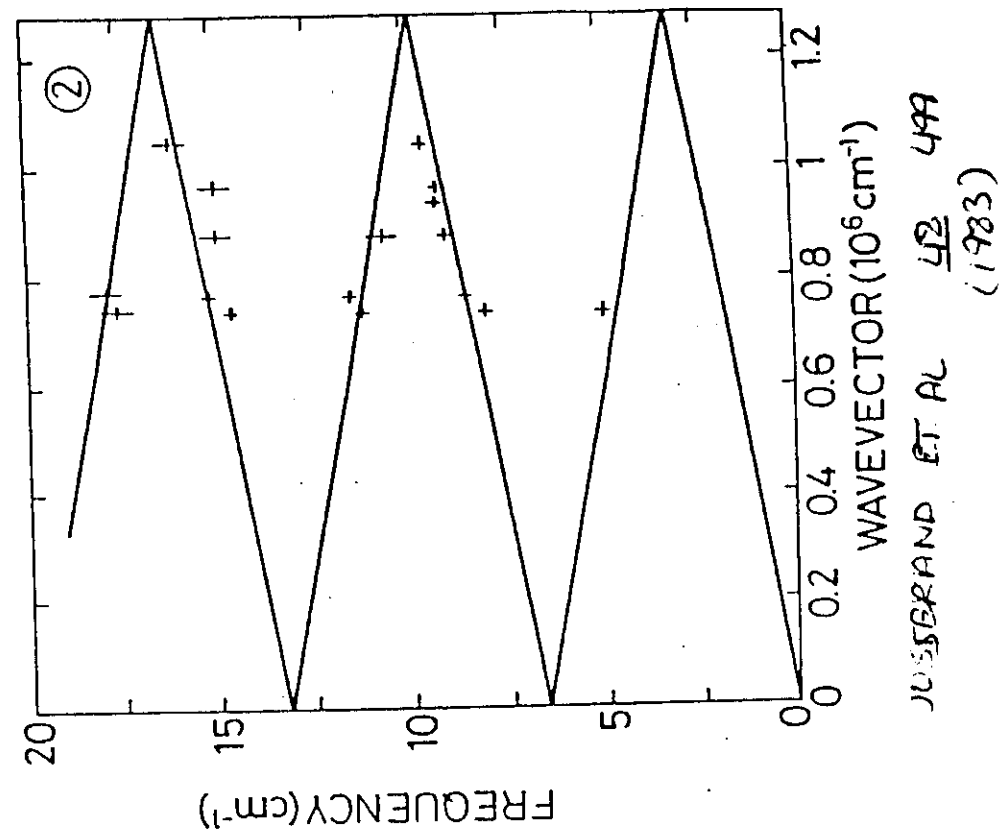
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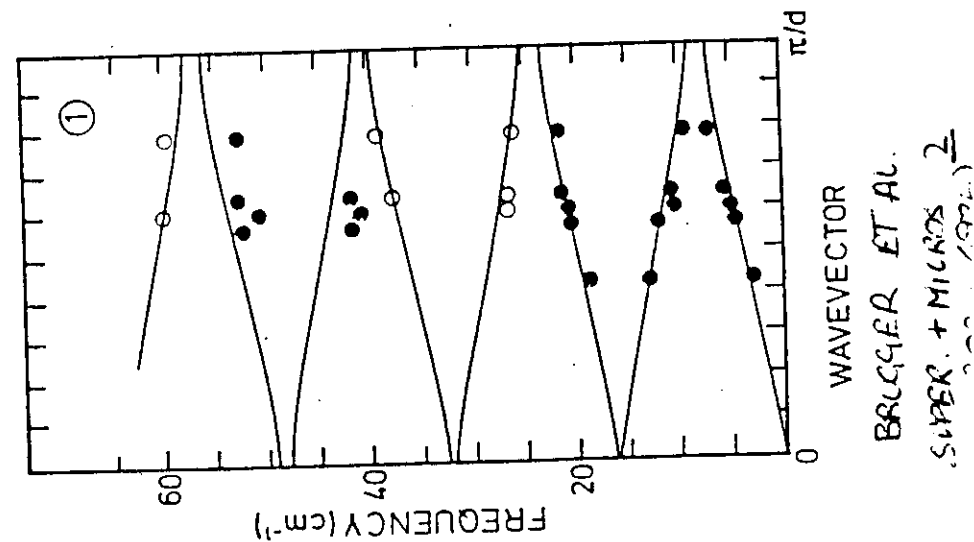
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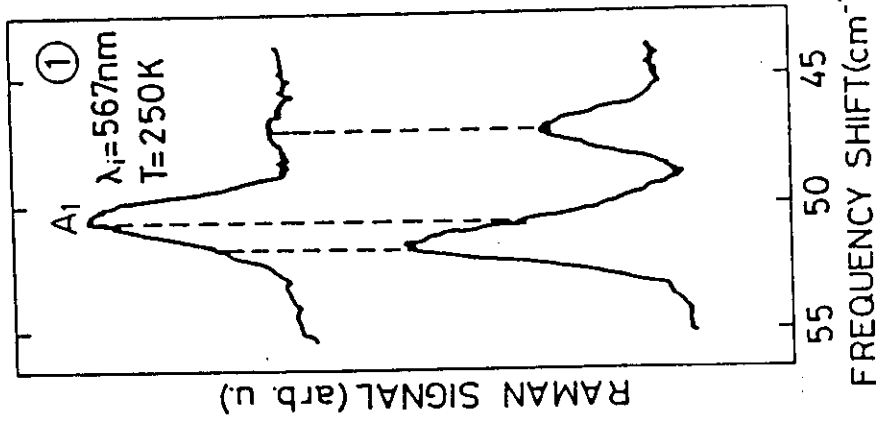


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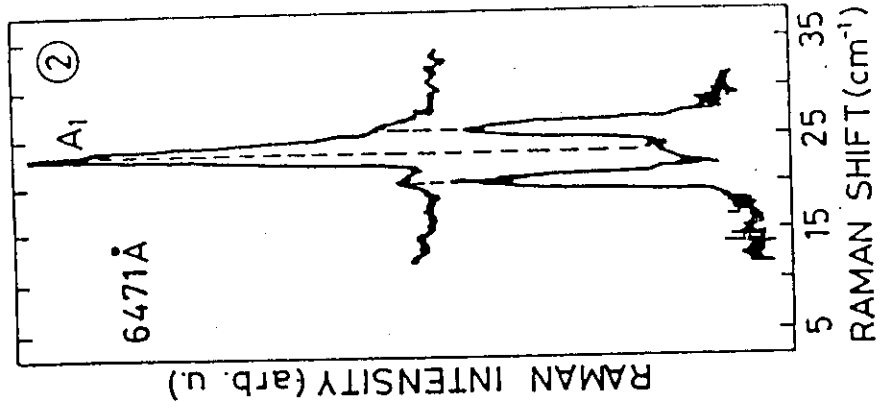


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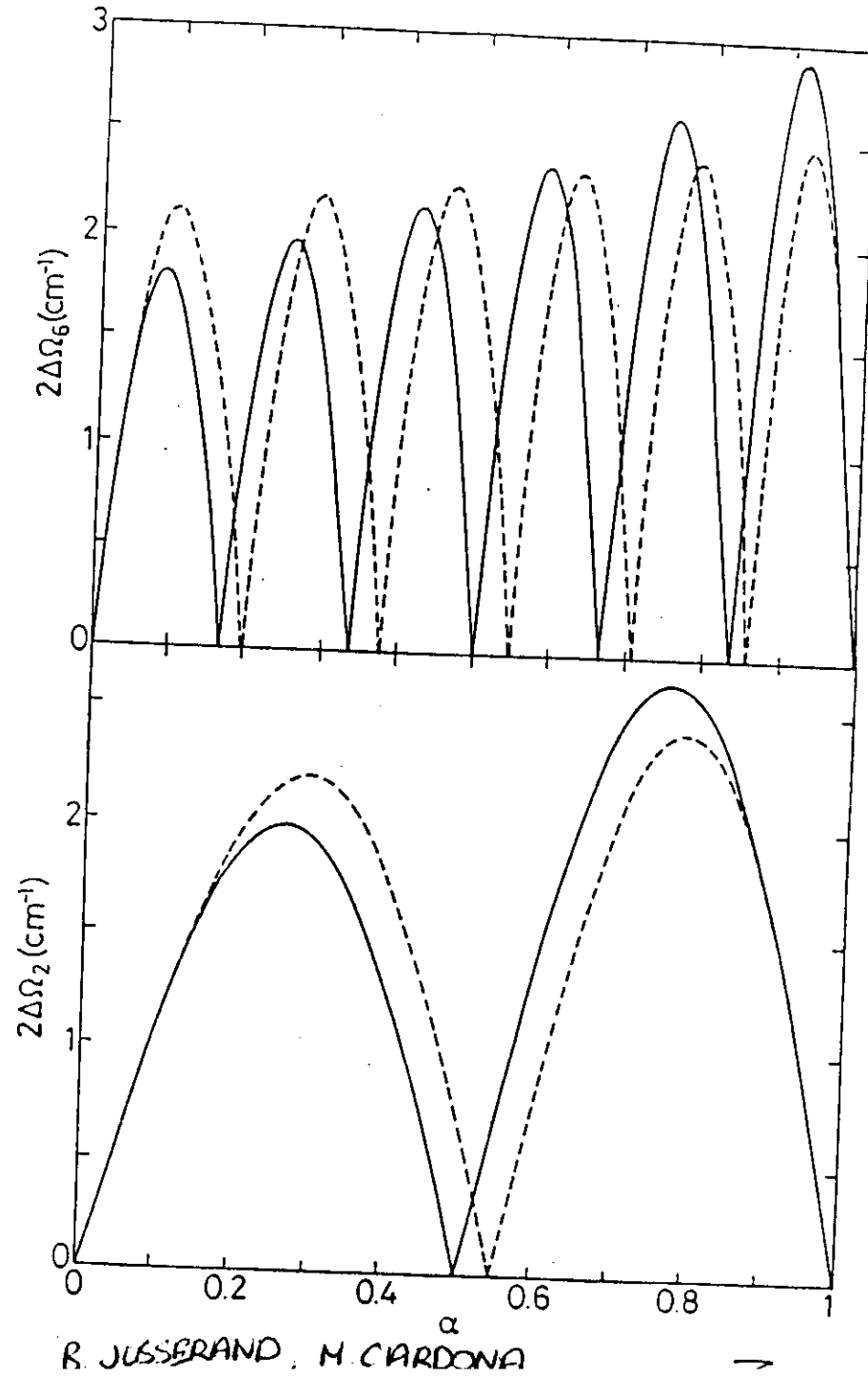


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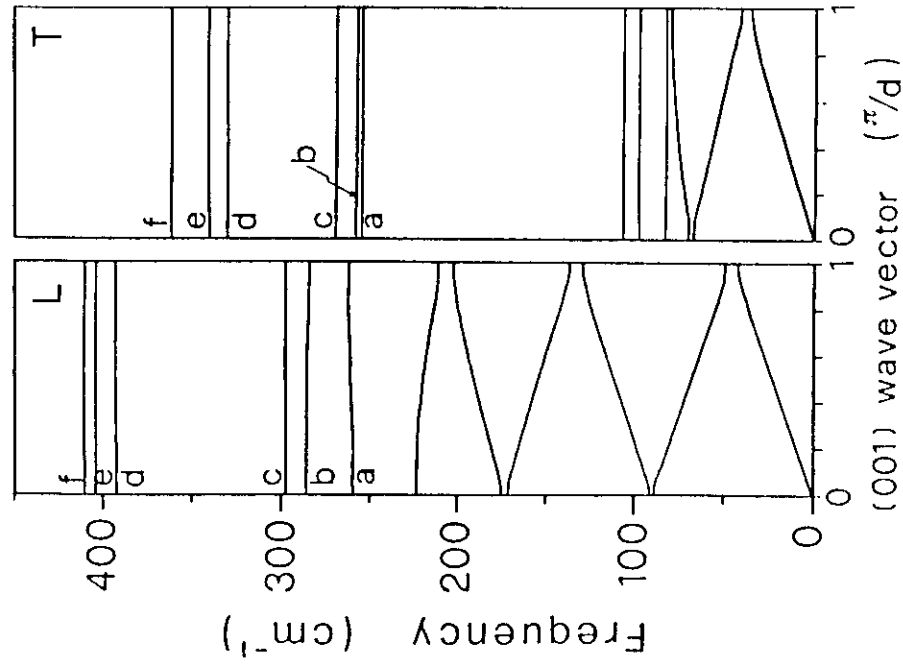
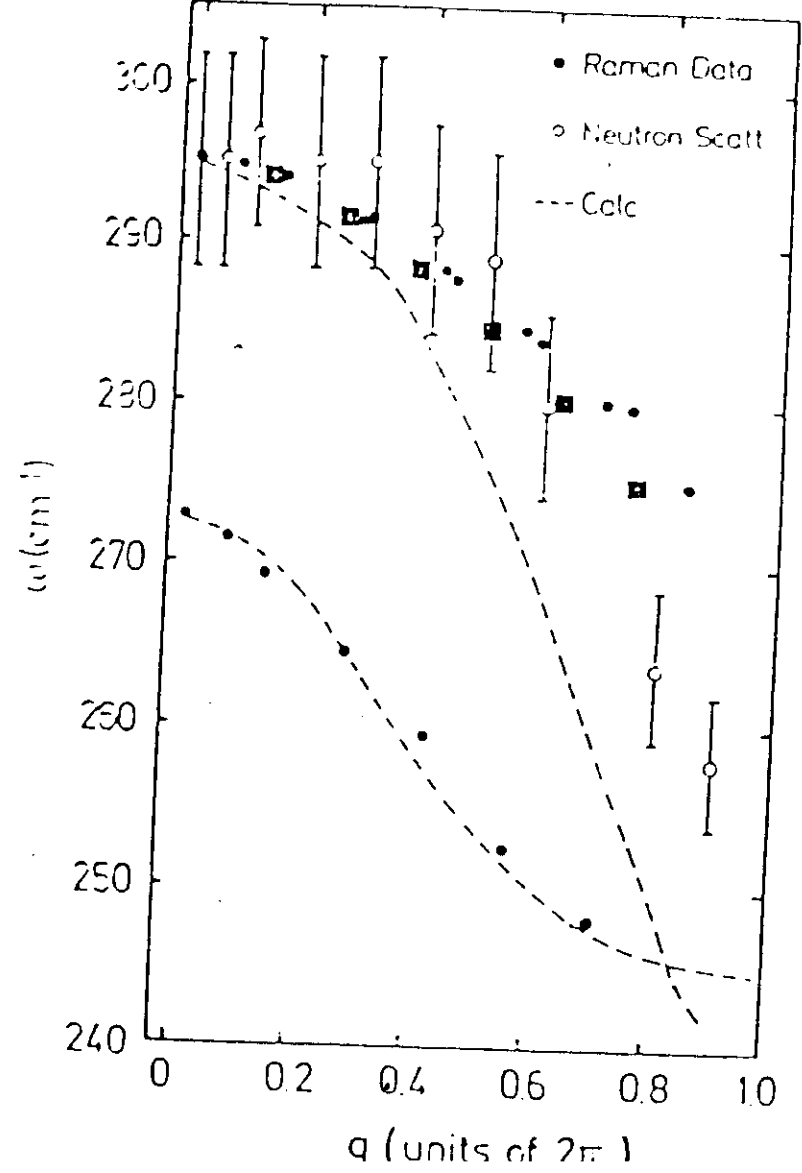
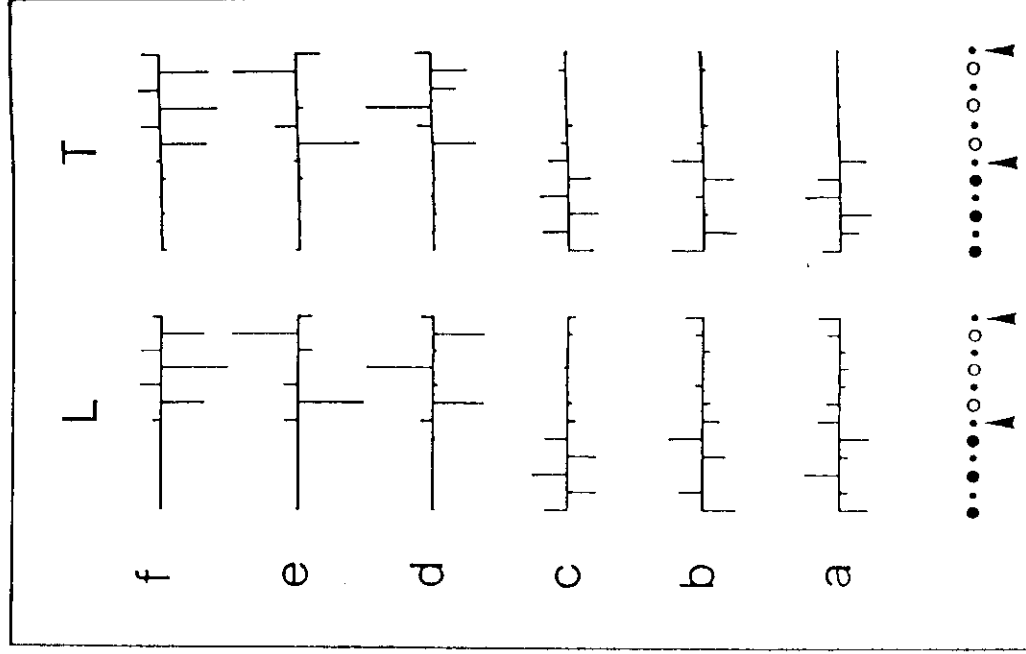
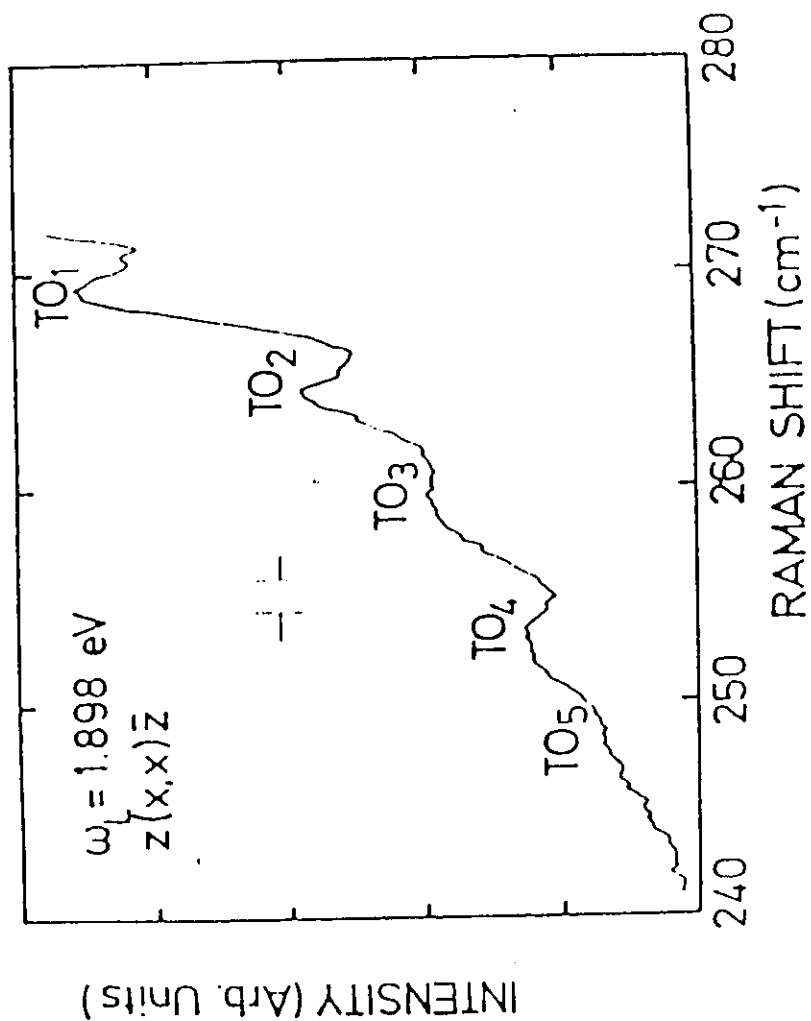


Fig.1. Longitudinal and transverse frequency dispersion along the (001) direction for the  $(\text{GaAs})_3(\text{AlAs})_3$  superlattice ( $d = 3 \text{ \AA}$ ). The corresponding displacement amplitudes at  $\Gamma$  for modes a-f are shown in Fig.2.

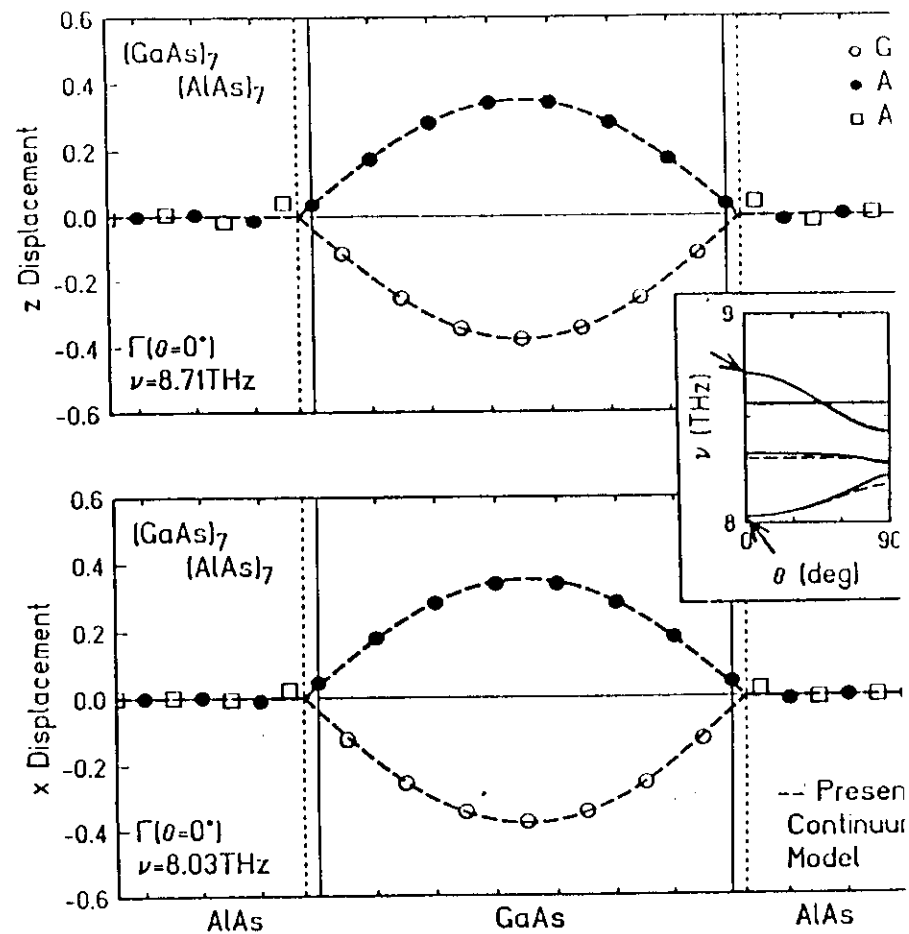


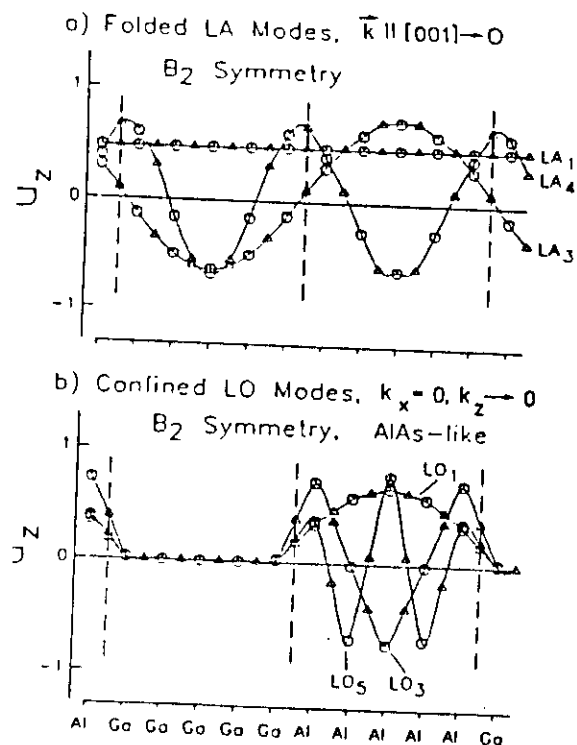
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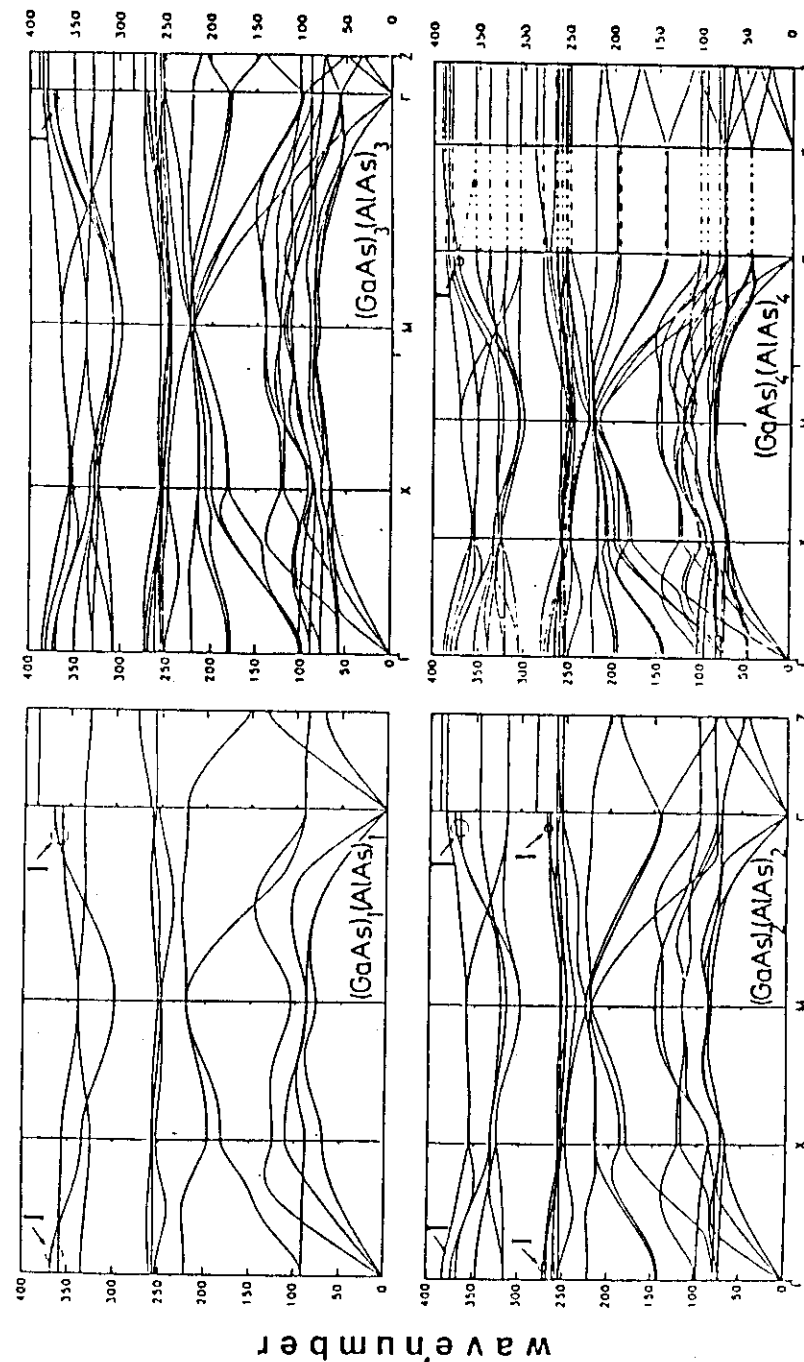
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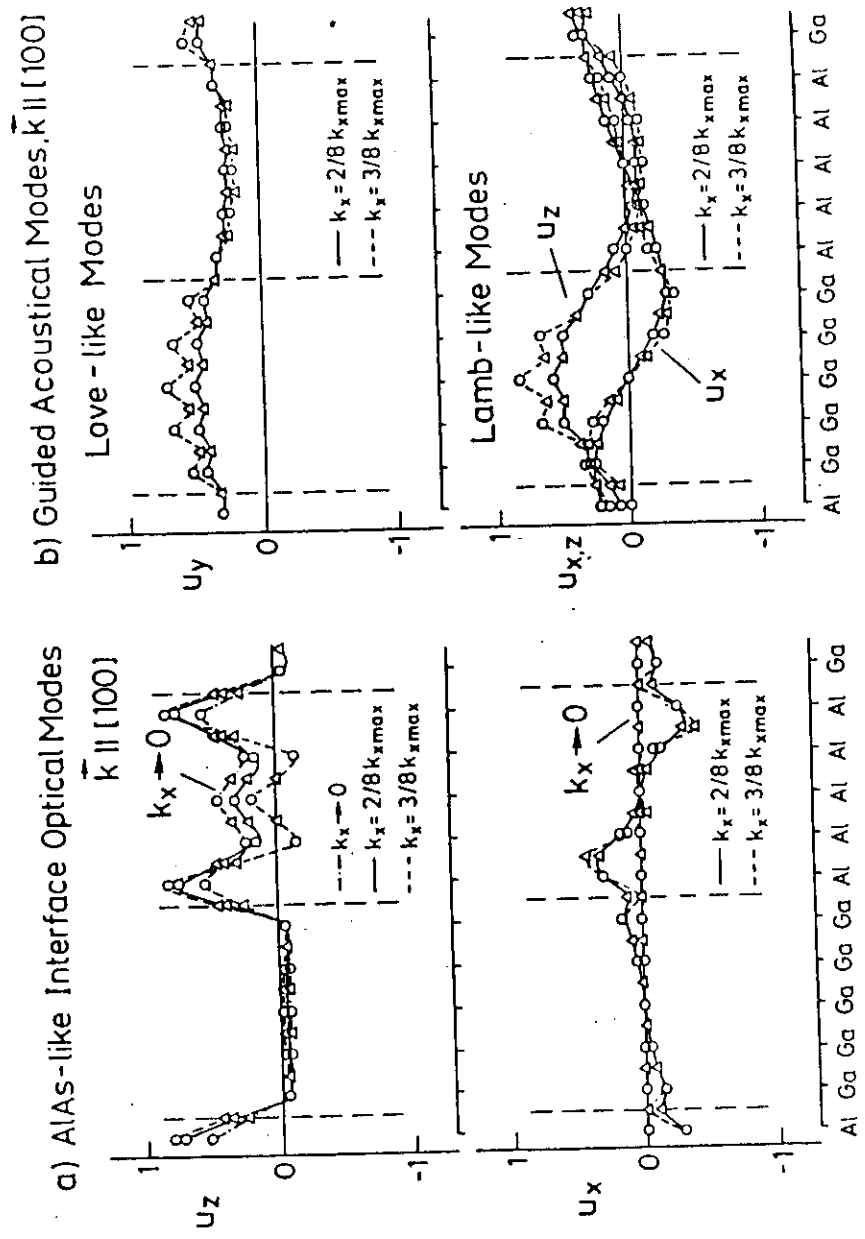


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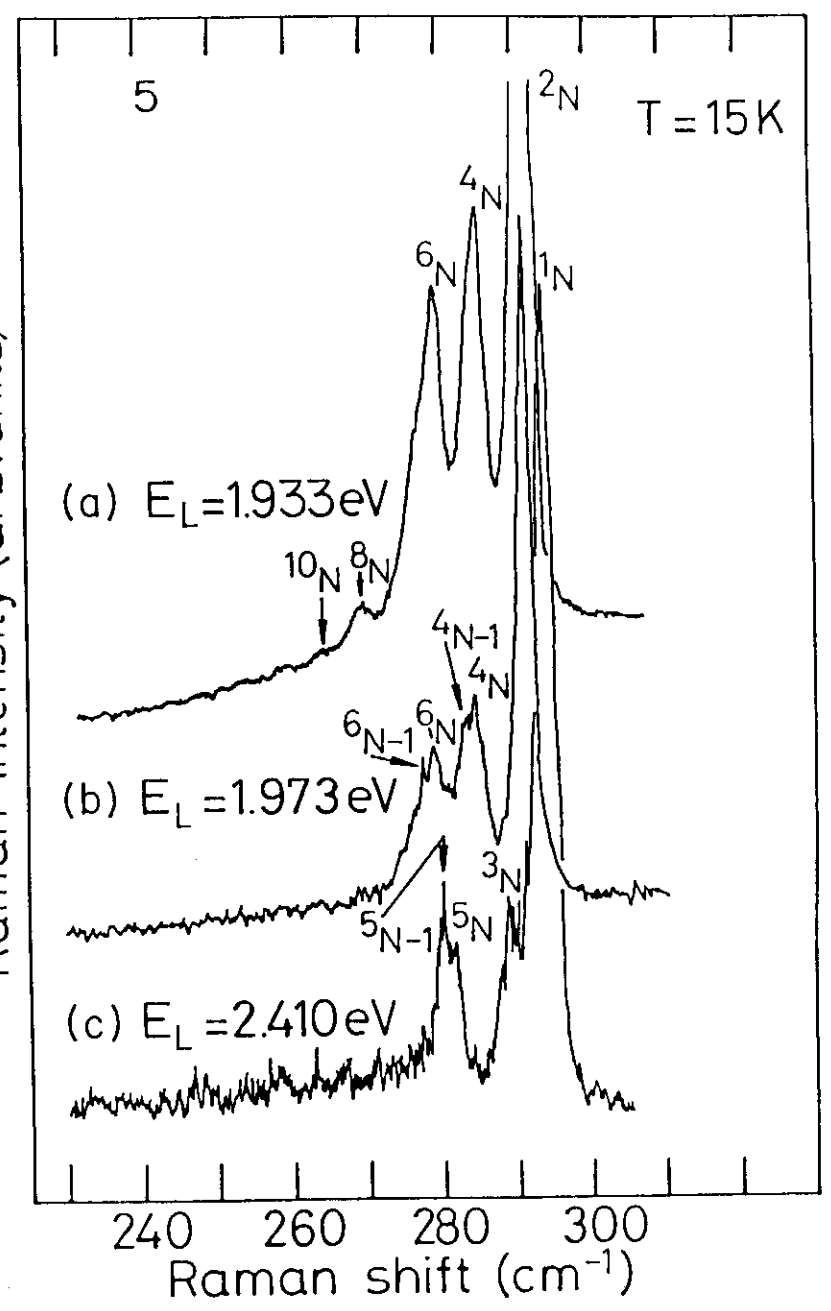
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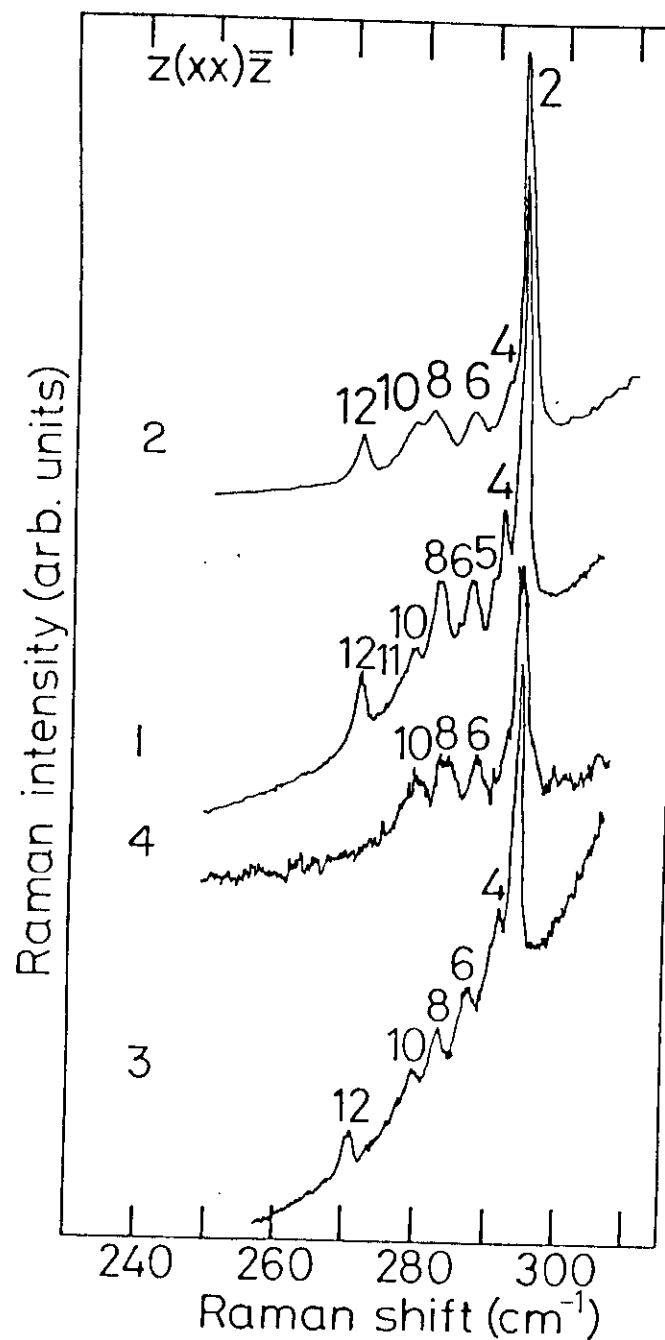
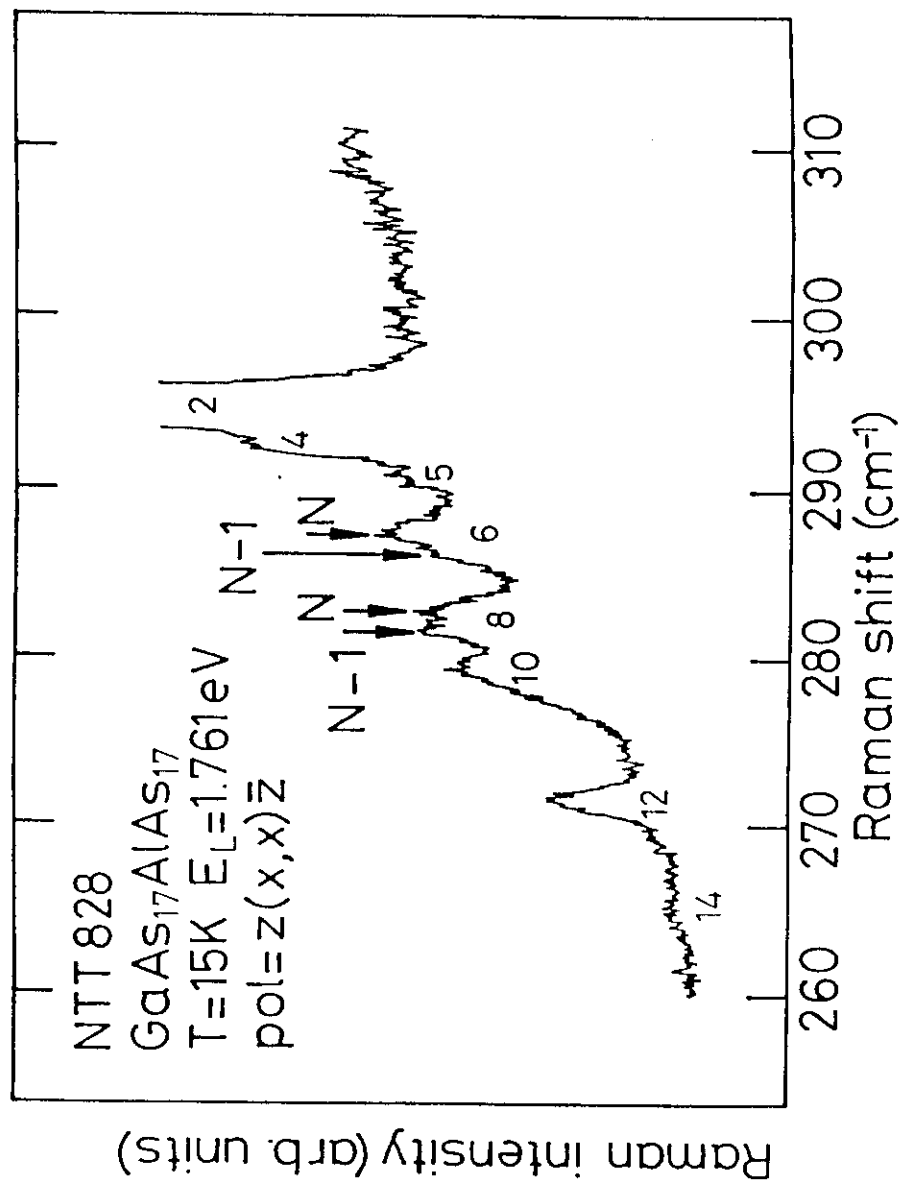


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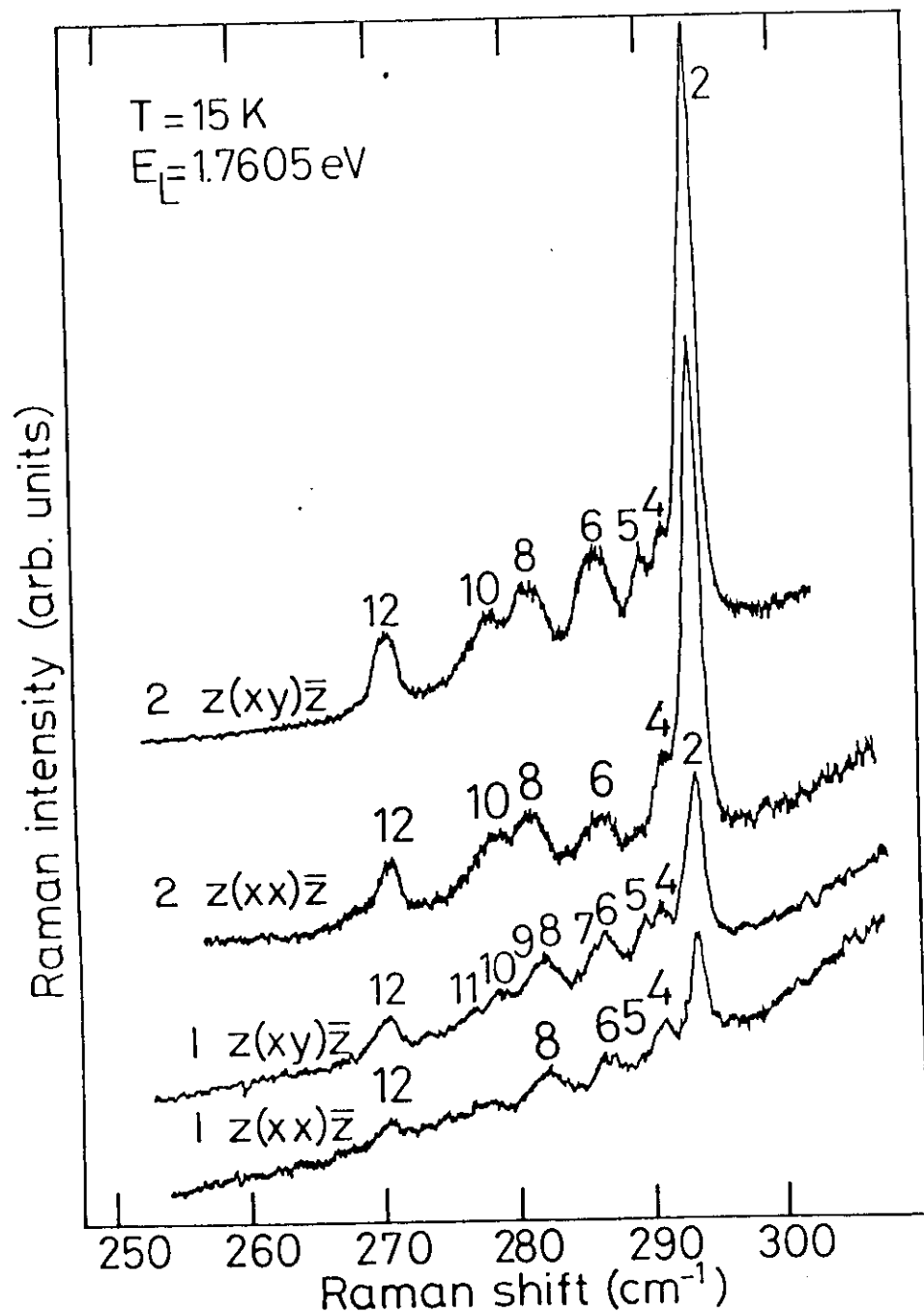


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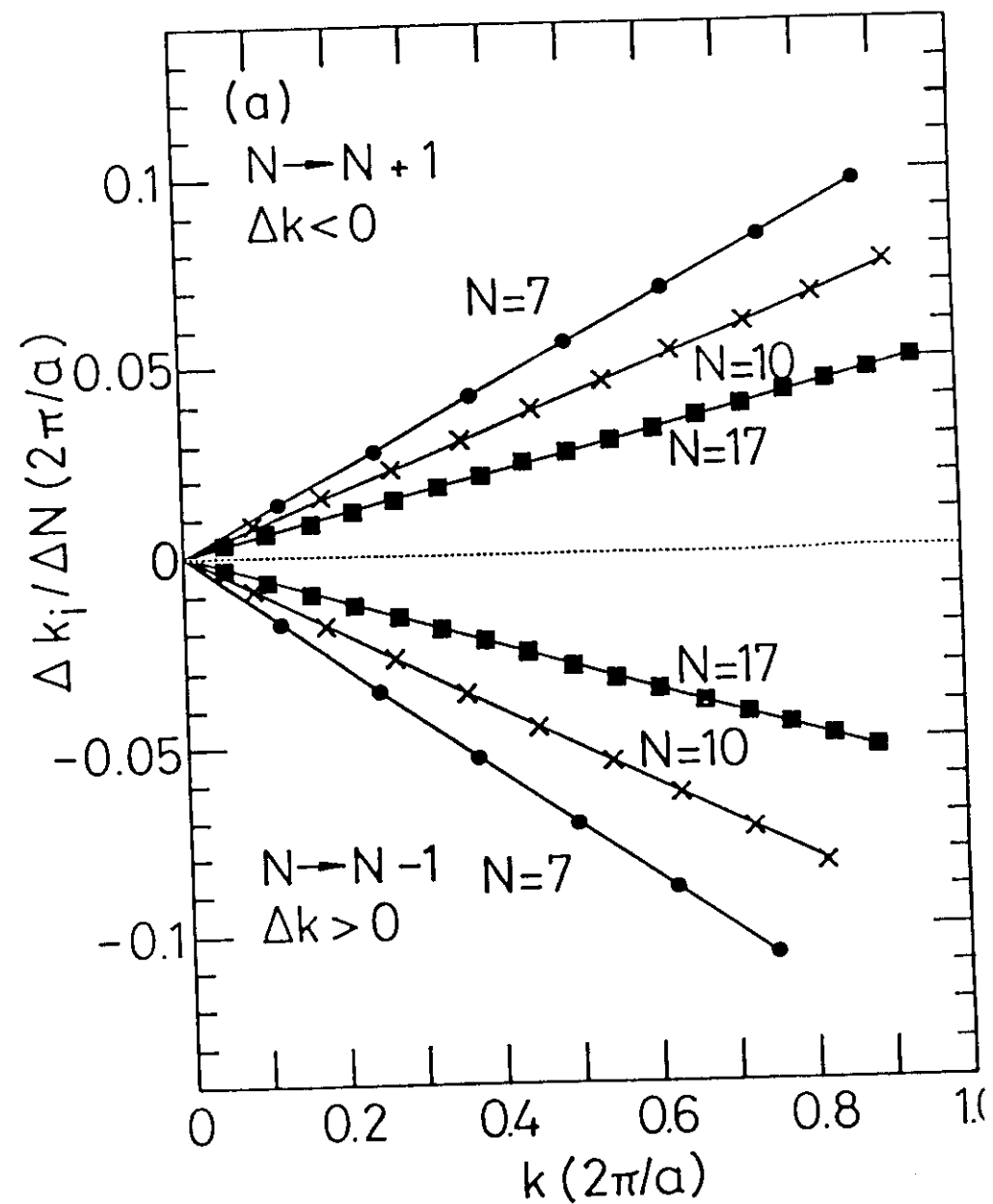
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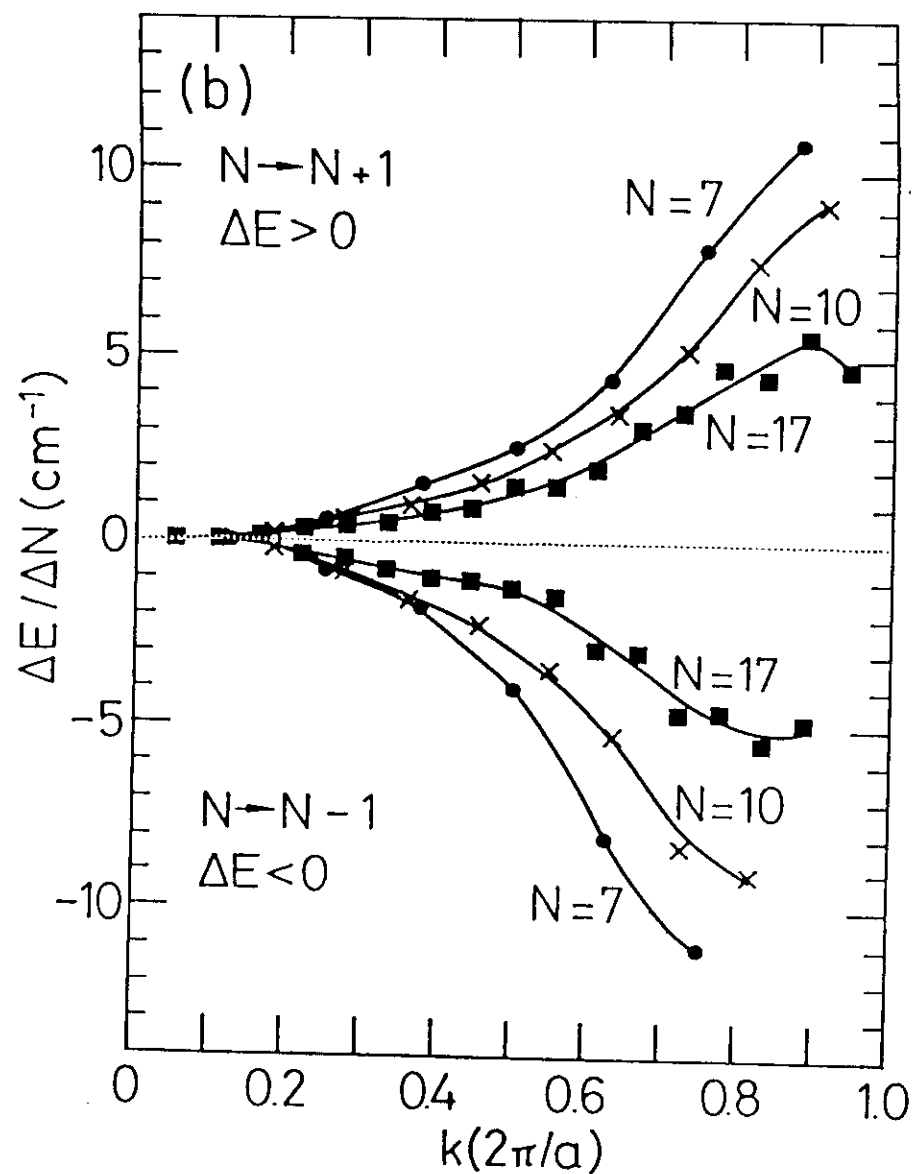


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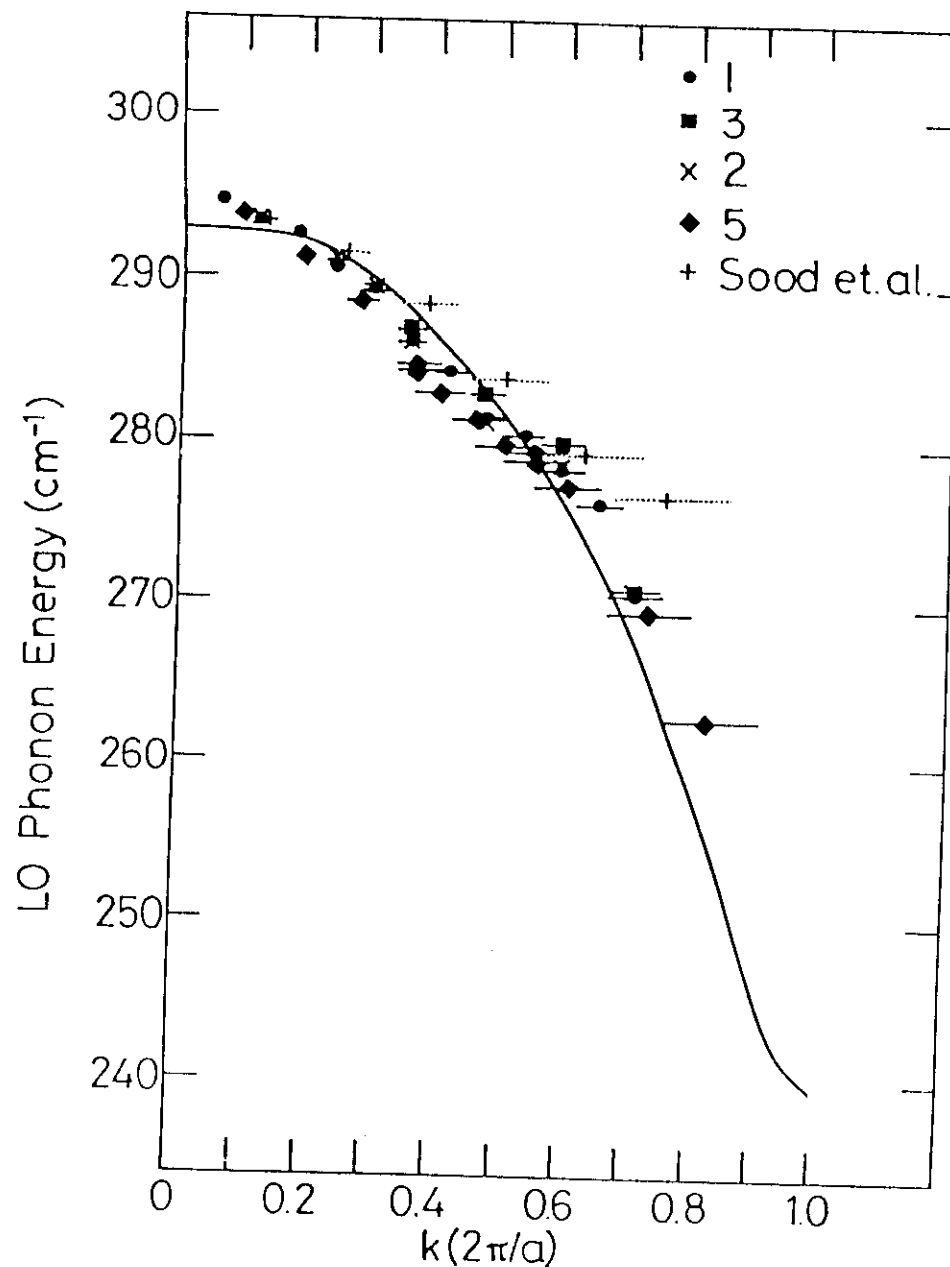
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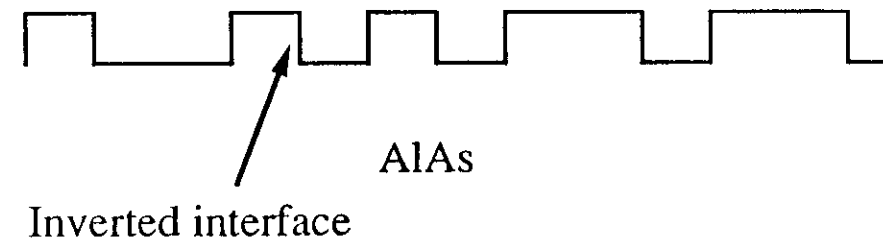
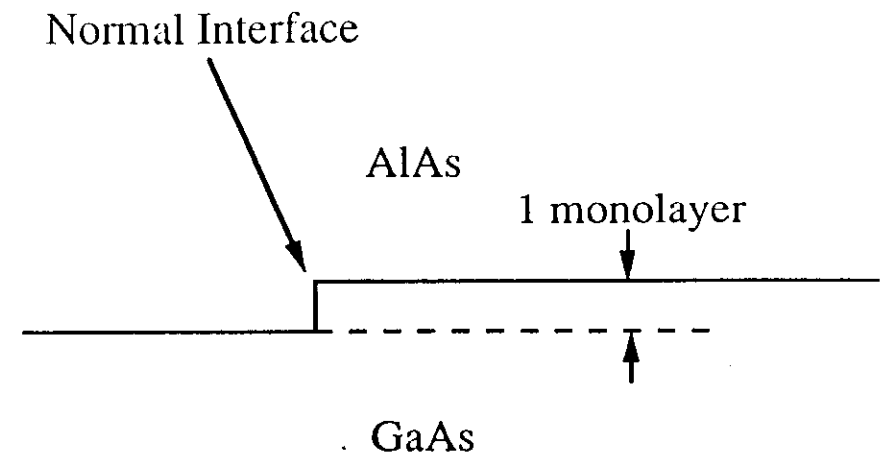
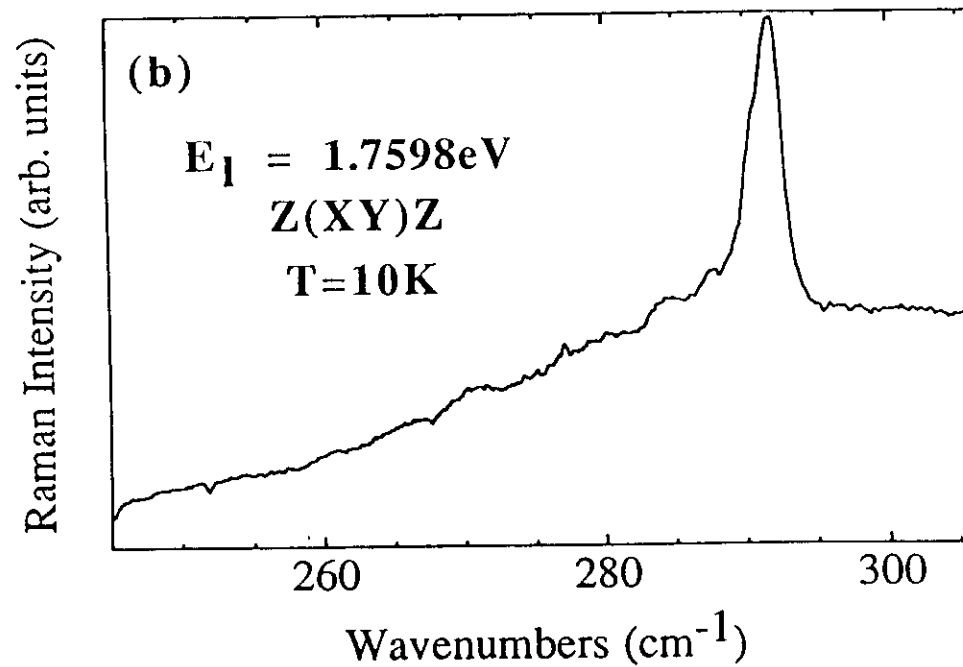
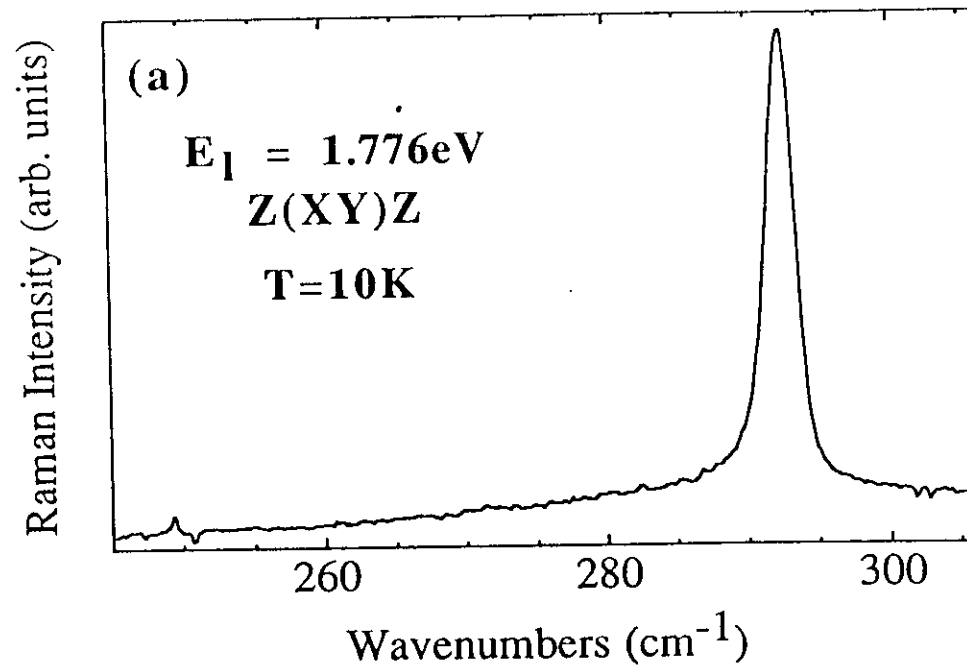
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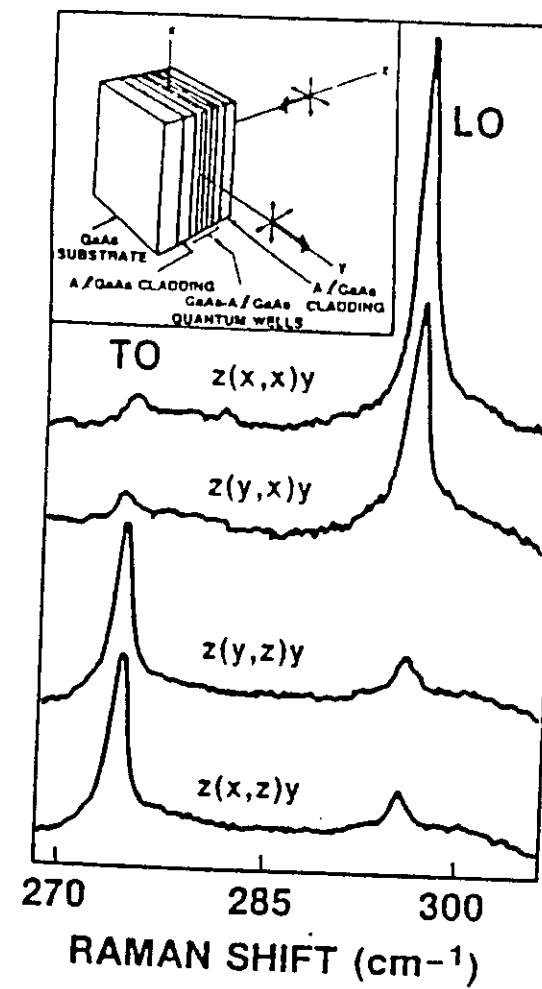
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Normal interface coherence length  $\sim$  few  $\mu\text{m}$

Inverted interface coherence length  $\sim 100\text{\AA}$



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## Unit Cells for [001] Si/Ge and GaAs/AlAs superlattices

4k monlayers:

$$a \parallel [1,1,0] \quad b \parallel [\bar{1},1,0] \quad c \parallel [0,0,1]$$

4k+2 monlayers:

$$a \parallel [1,1,0] \quad b \parallel [\bar{1},1,0] \quad c \parallel a_0[0,2,N]$$

Where  $N = n_1 + n_2$

## Unit cells for $D_{4h}$ superlattices

$$(Si)_1/(Ge)_2 \Rightarrow \{(Si)_1/(Ge)_2 : (Si)_1/(Ge)_2\}$$

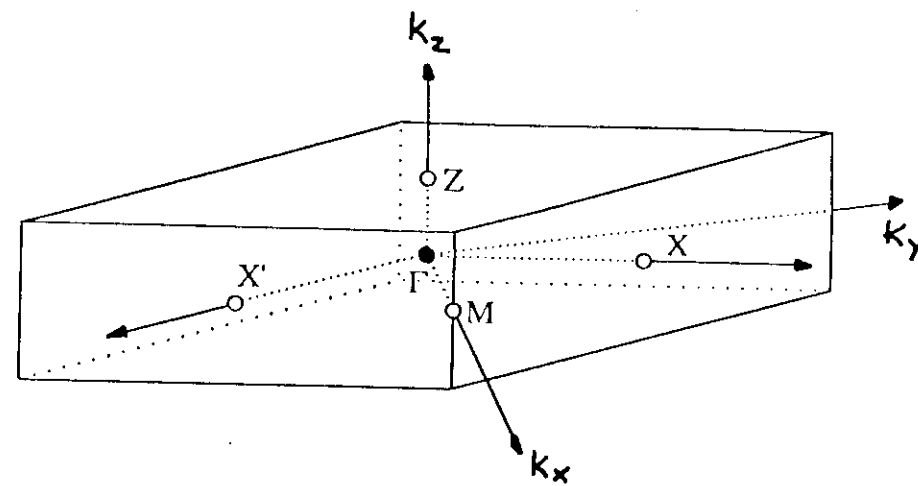
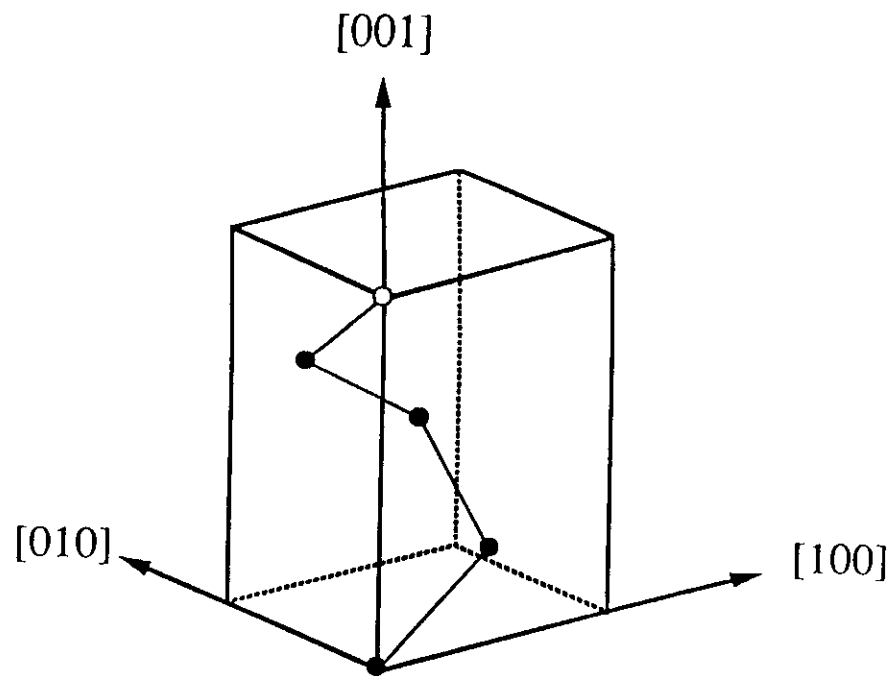
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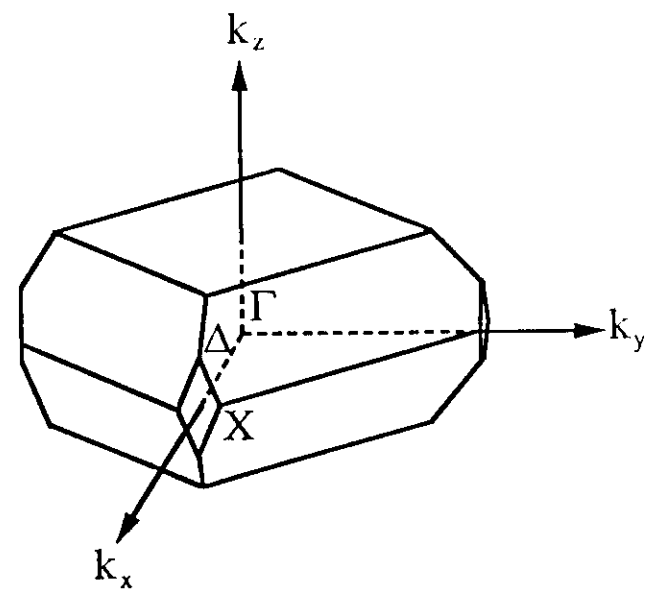
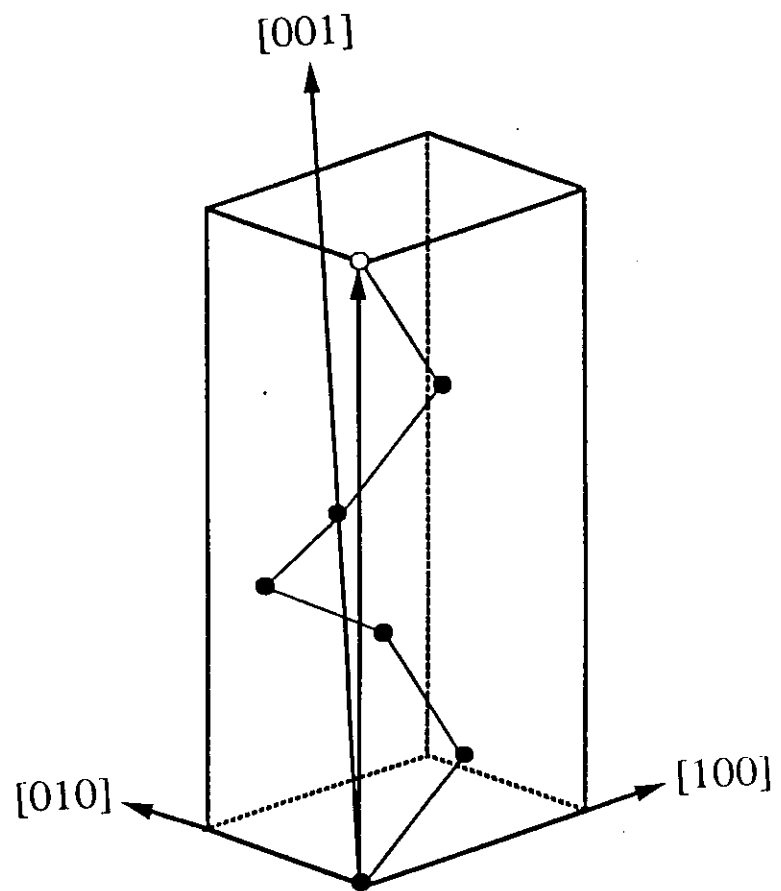
| $(GaAs)_{n_1}/(AlAs)_{n_2}$ | Space Group |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| $n_1 + n_2$ ; even          | $D_{2d}^5$  |
| $n_1 + n_2$ ; odd           | $D_{2d}^9$  |

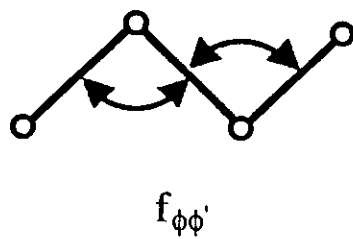
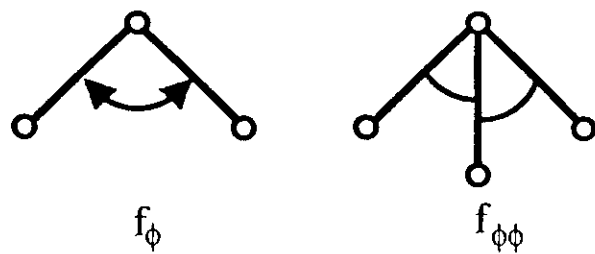
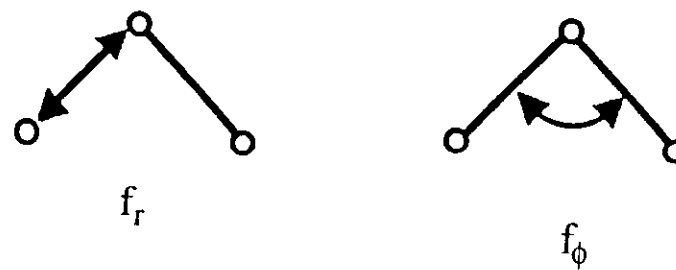
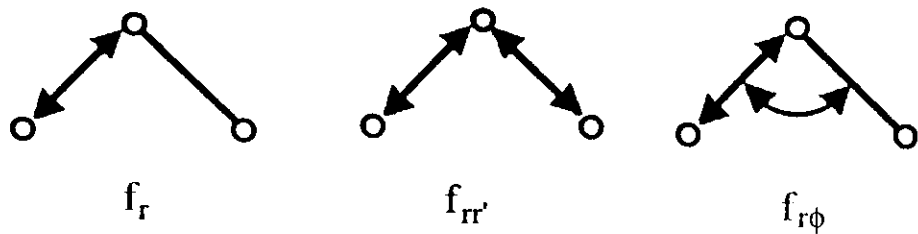
Table 1: The possible symmetries of [001] GaAs/AlAs superlattices.

| $(Si)_{n_1}/(Ge)_{n_2}$           | Space Group   |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| $n_1 = n_2 = 1$                   | $T_d^2$       |
| $n_1$ ; odd $n_2$ ; odd           |               |
| $n_1 + n_2 = 4\kappa$             | $D_{2d}^5$    |
| $n_1 + n_2 = 4\kappa + 2$         | $D_{2d}^9$    |
| $n_1$ ; even, $n_2$ ; even        |               |
| $n_1 + n_1 = 4\kappa$             | $D_{2h}^5$    |
| $n_1 + n_1 = 4\kappa + 2$         | $D_{2h}^{28}$ |
| $n_1, n_2$ ; even/odd or odd/even | $D_{4h}^{19}$ |

Table 2: The possible symmetries of the Si/Ge [001] superlattices.

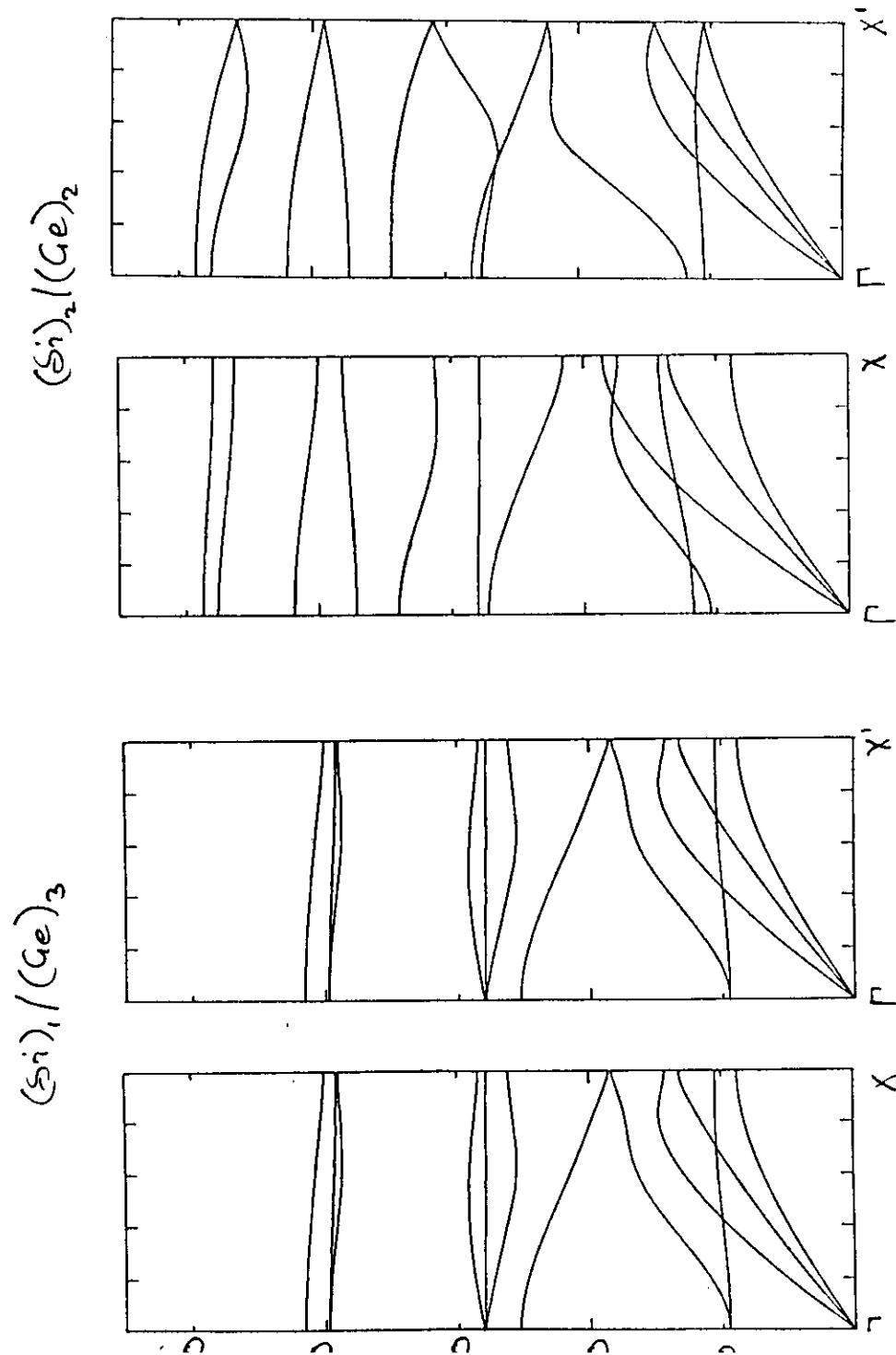
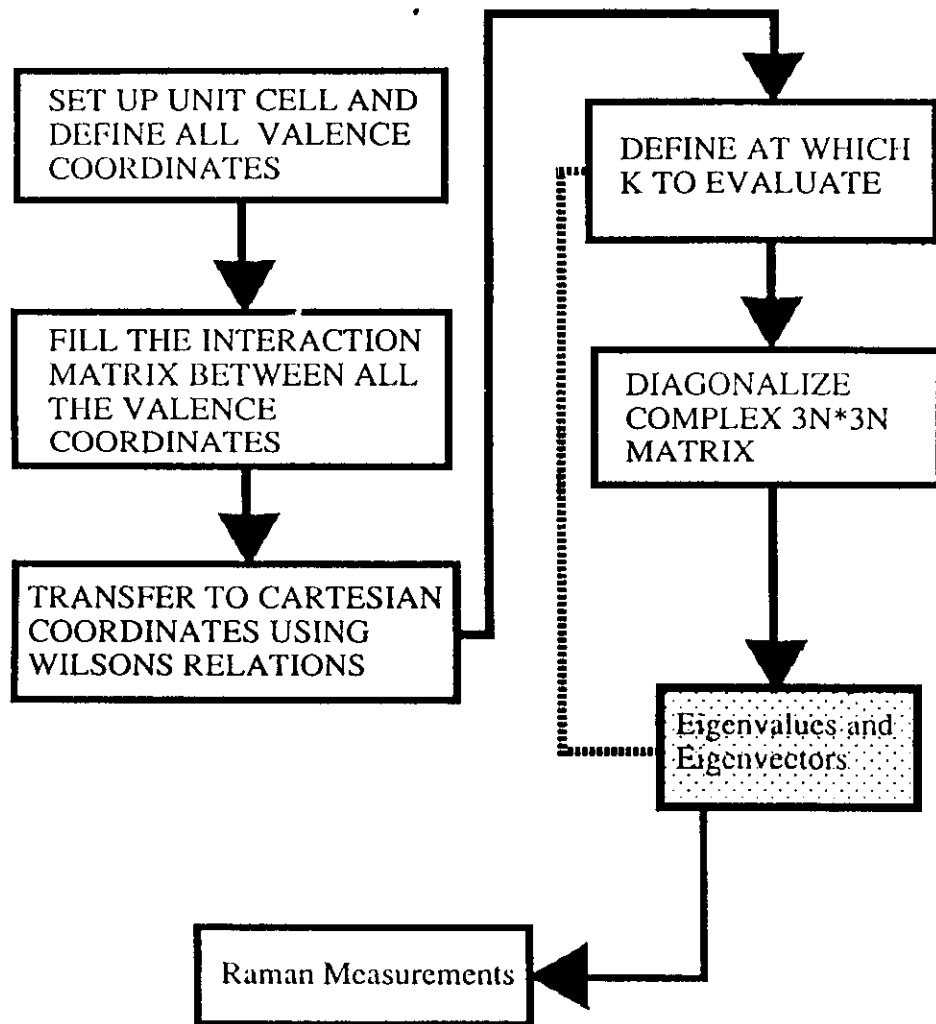




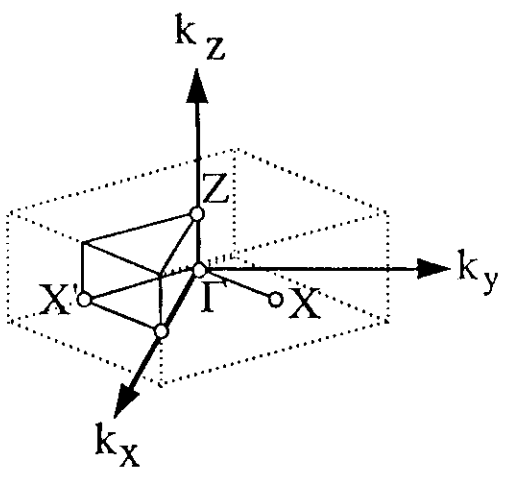


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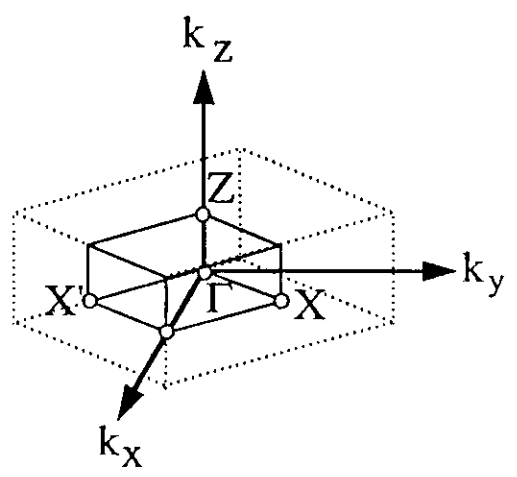
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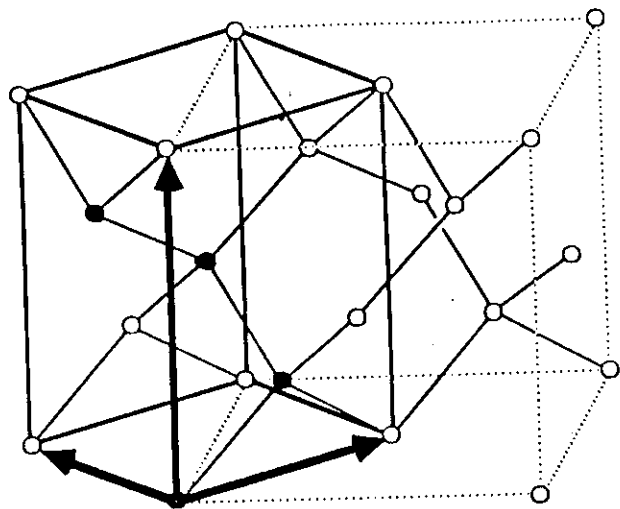


Primitive  
zone for  $D_{2d}$



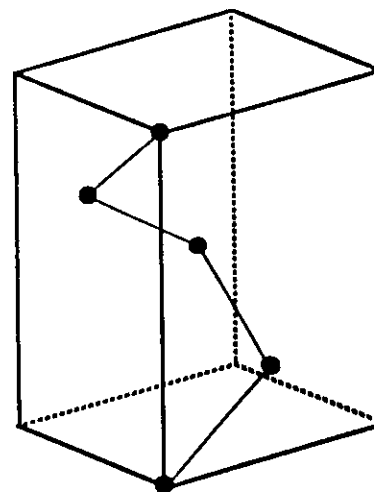
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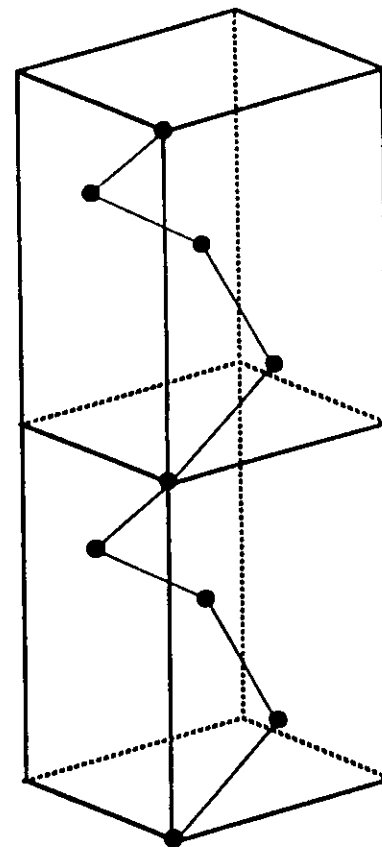


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Si

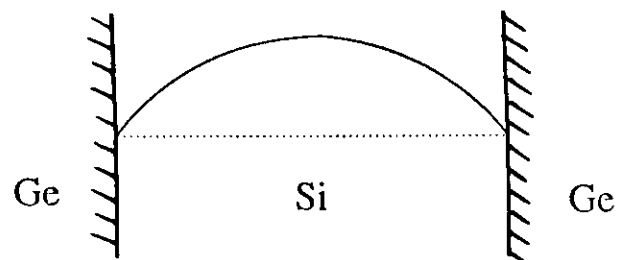
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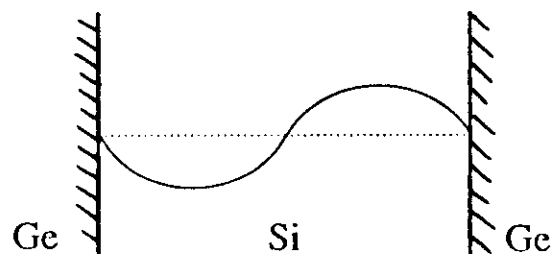
$(\text{Si})_2/(\text{Ge})_2$



$(\text{Si})_4/(\text{Ge})_4$



$n=1$



$n=2$

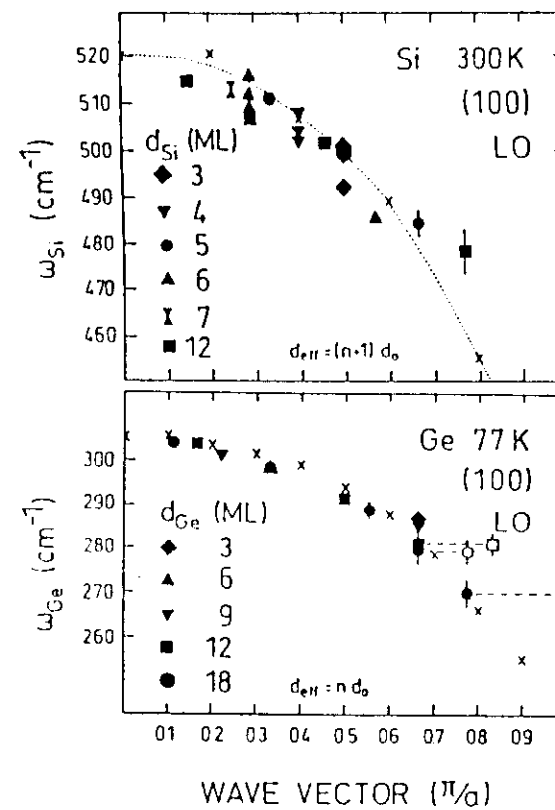
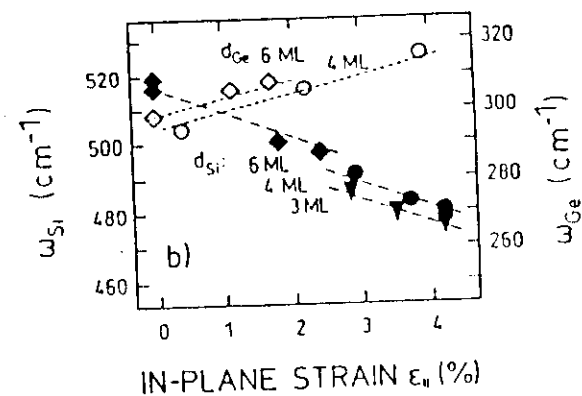
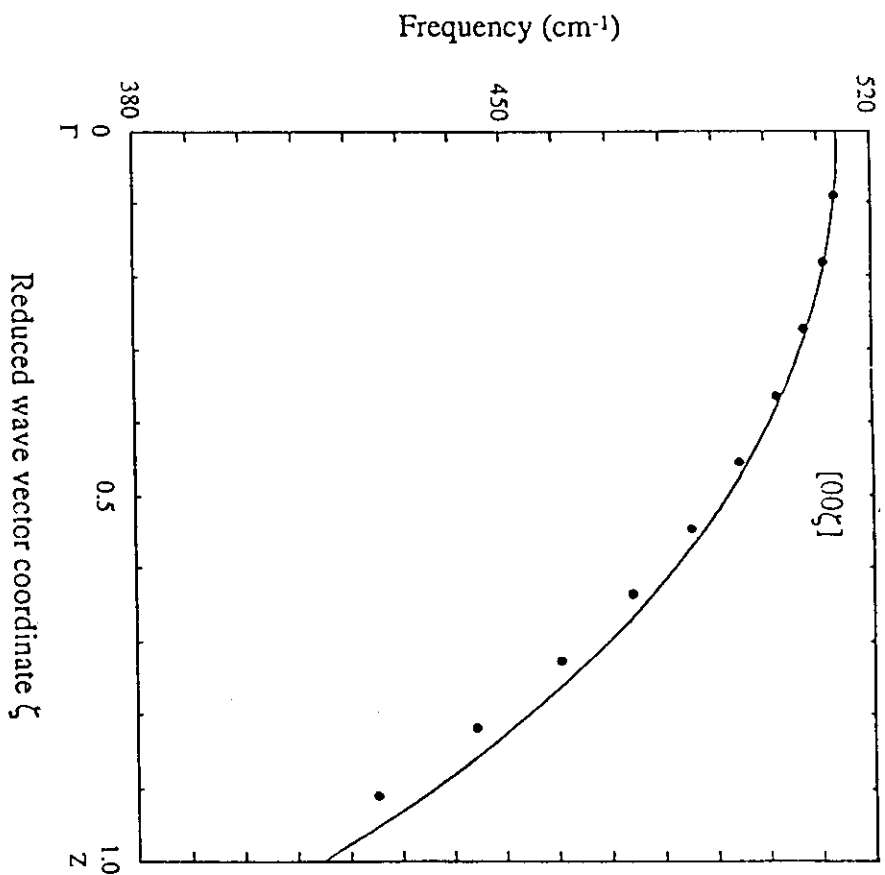
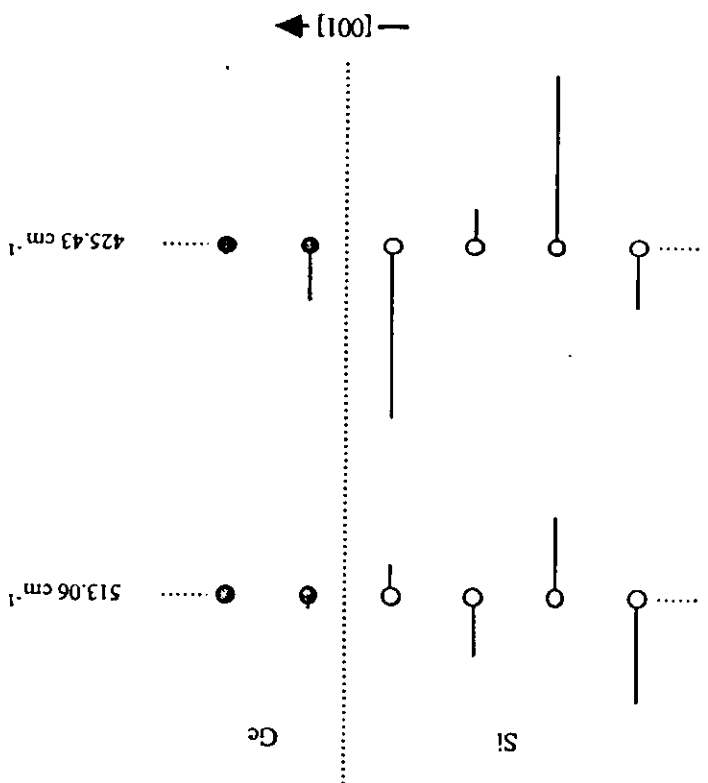


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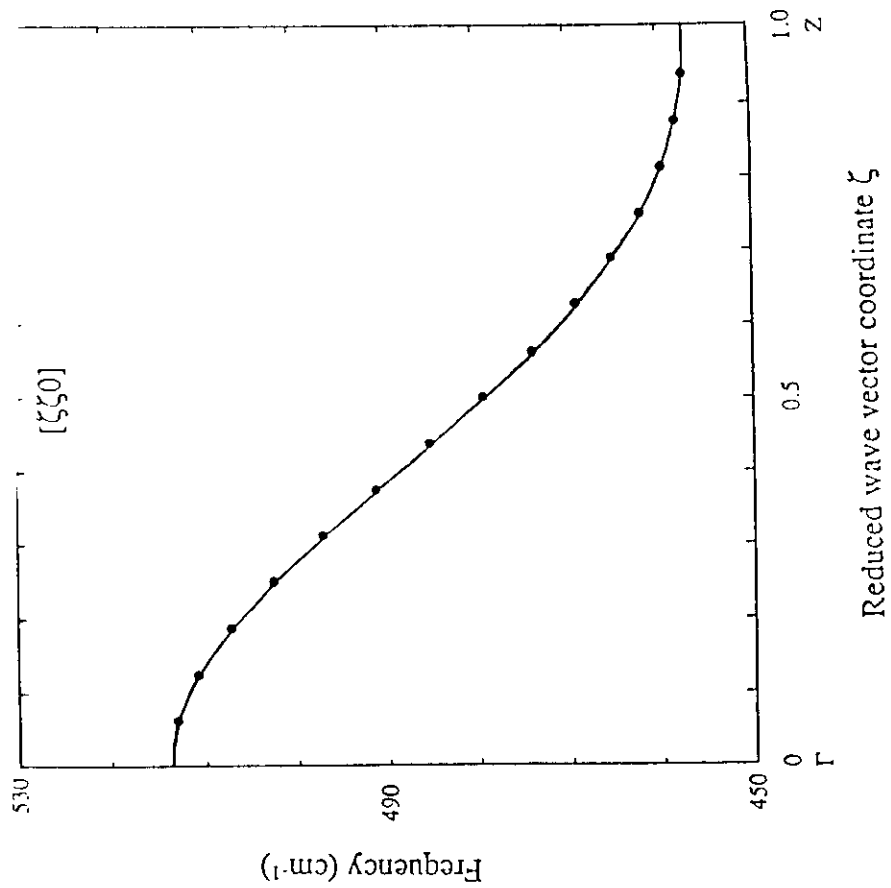
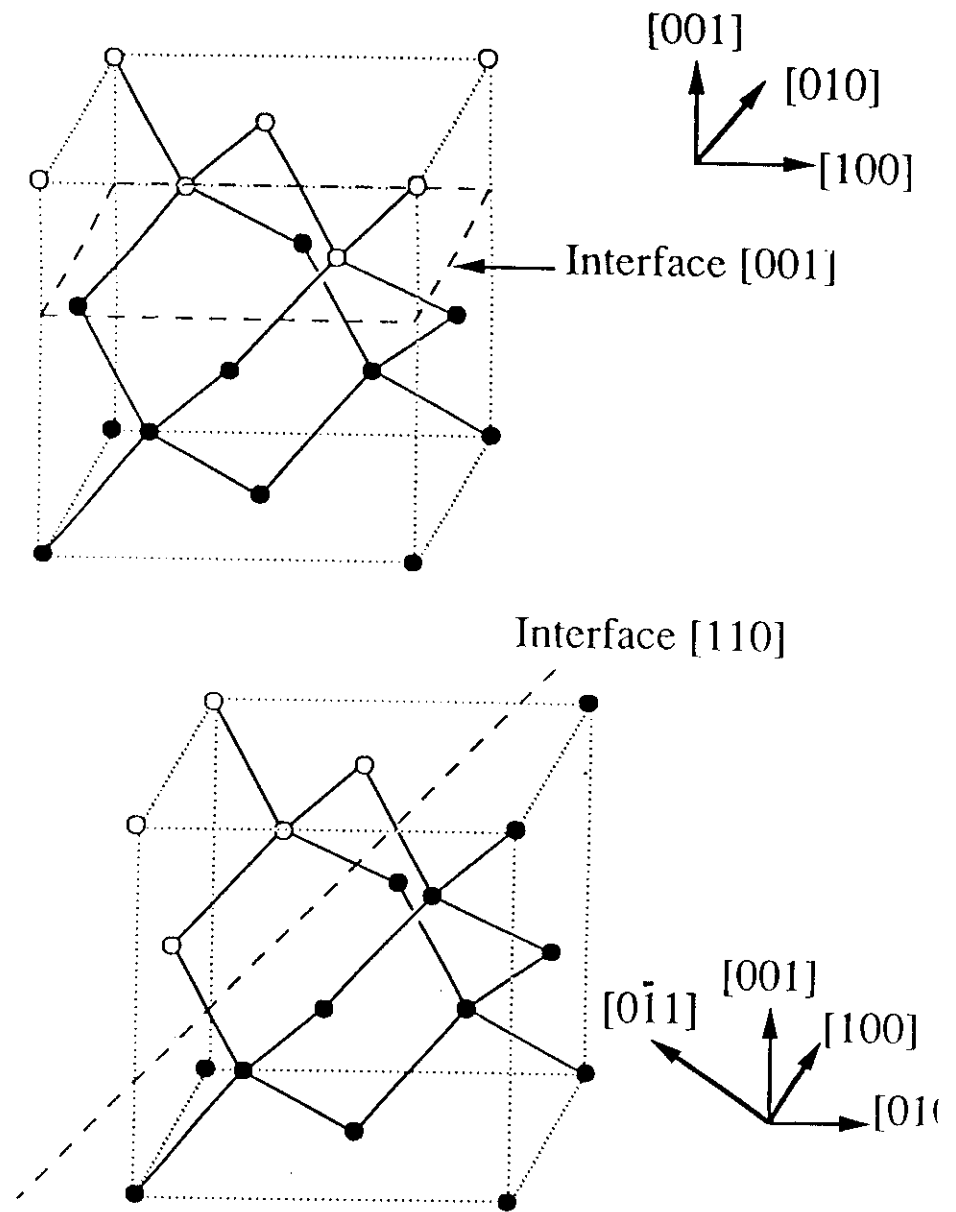
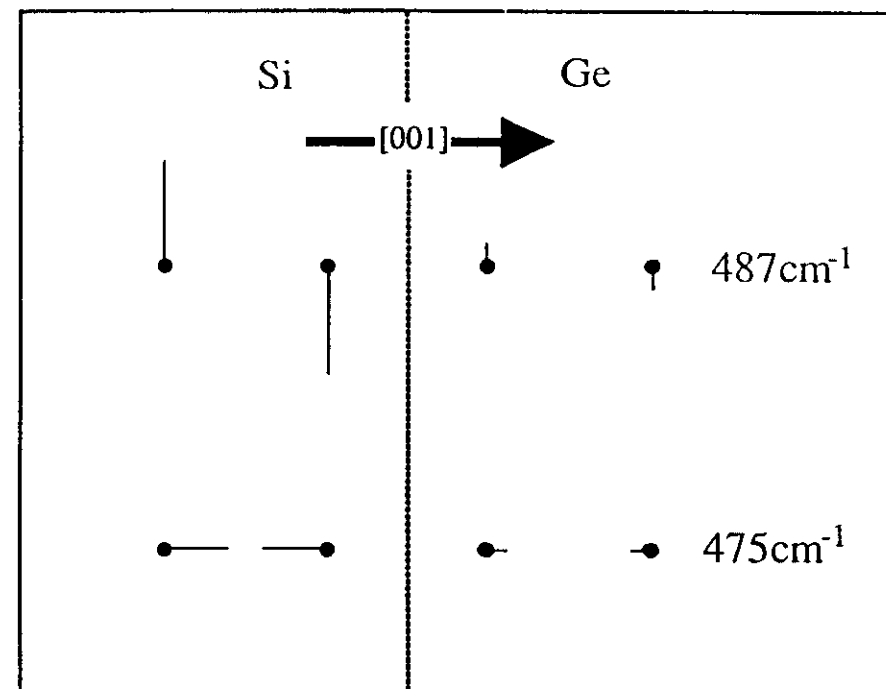
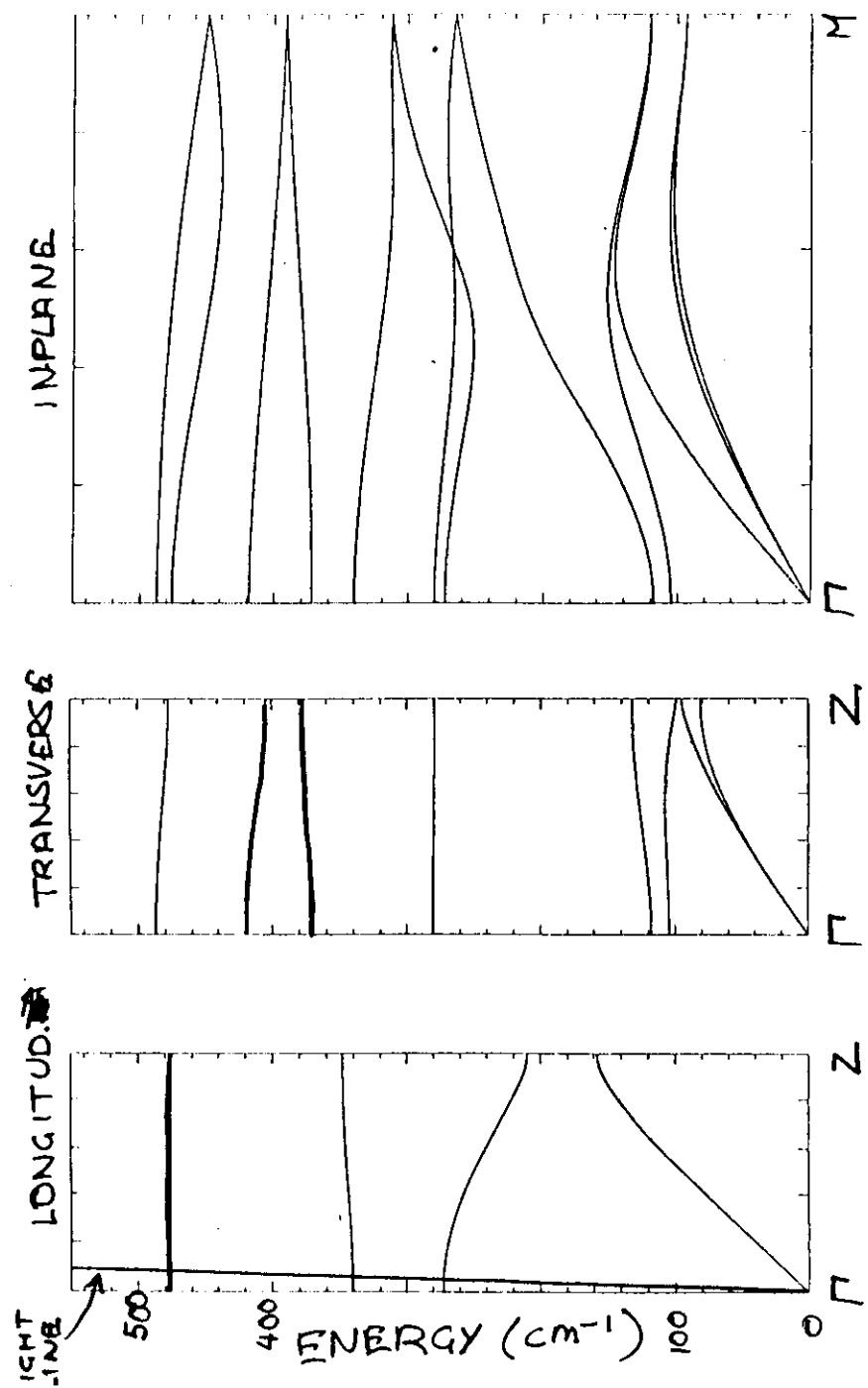
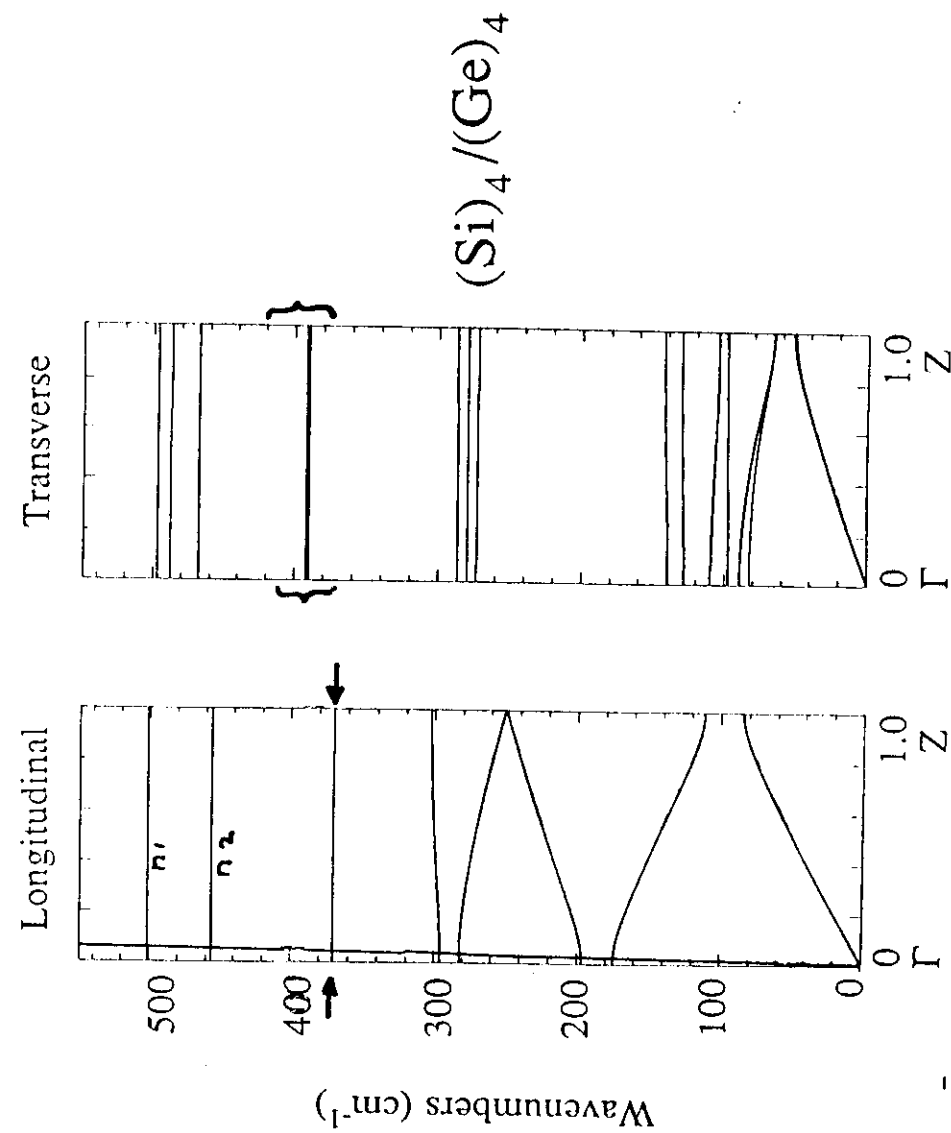
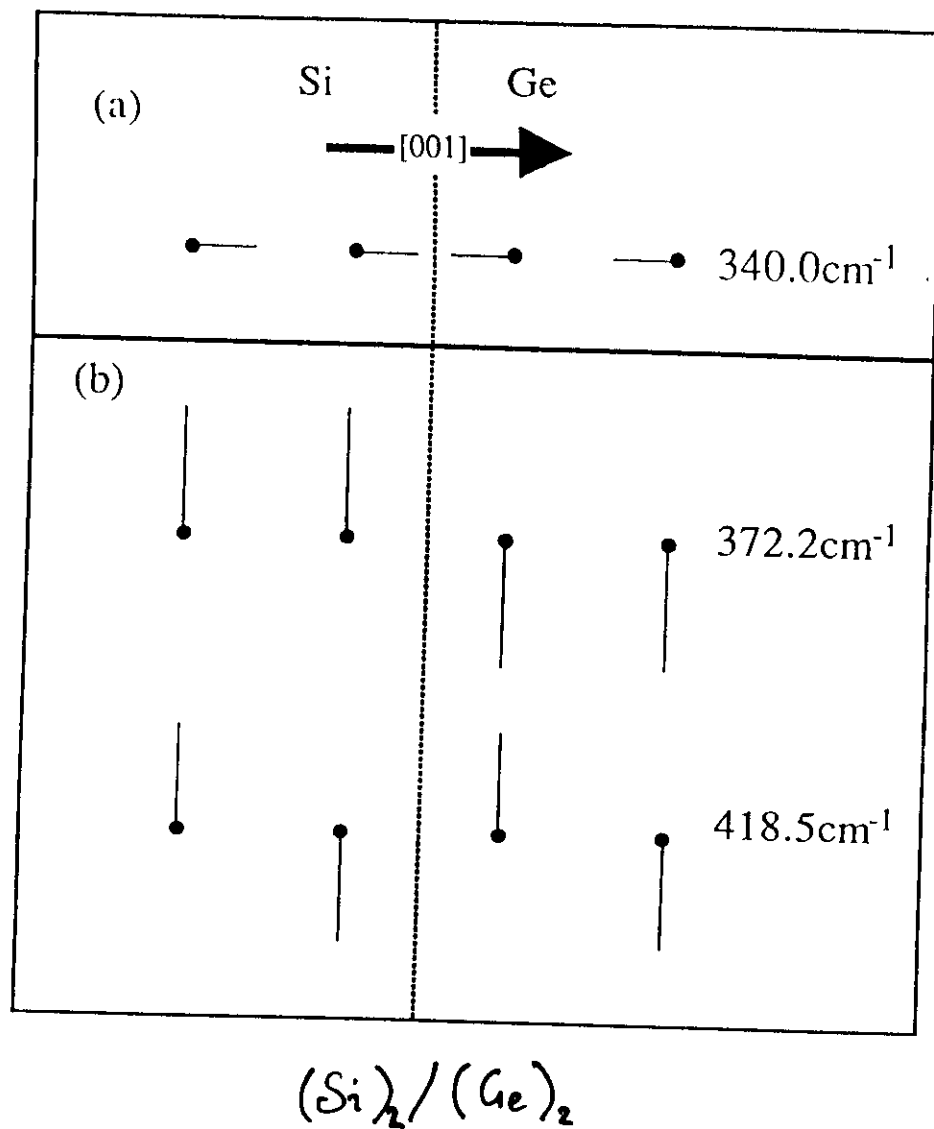


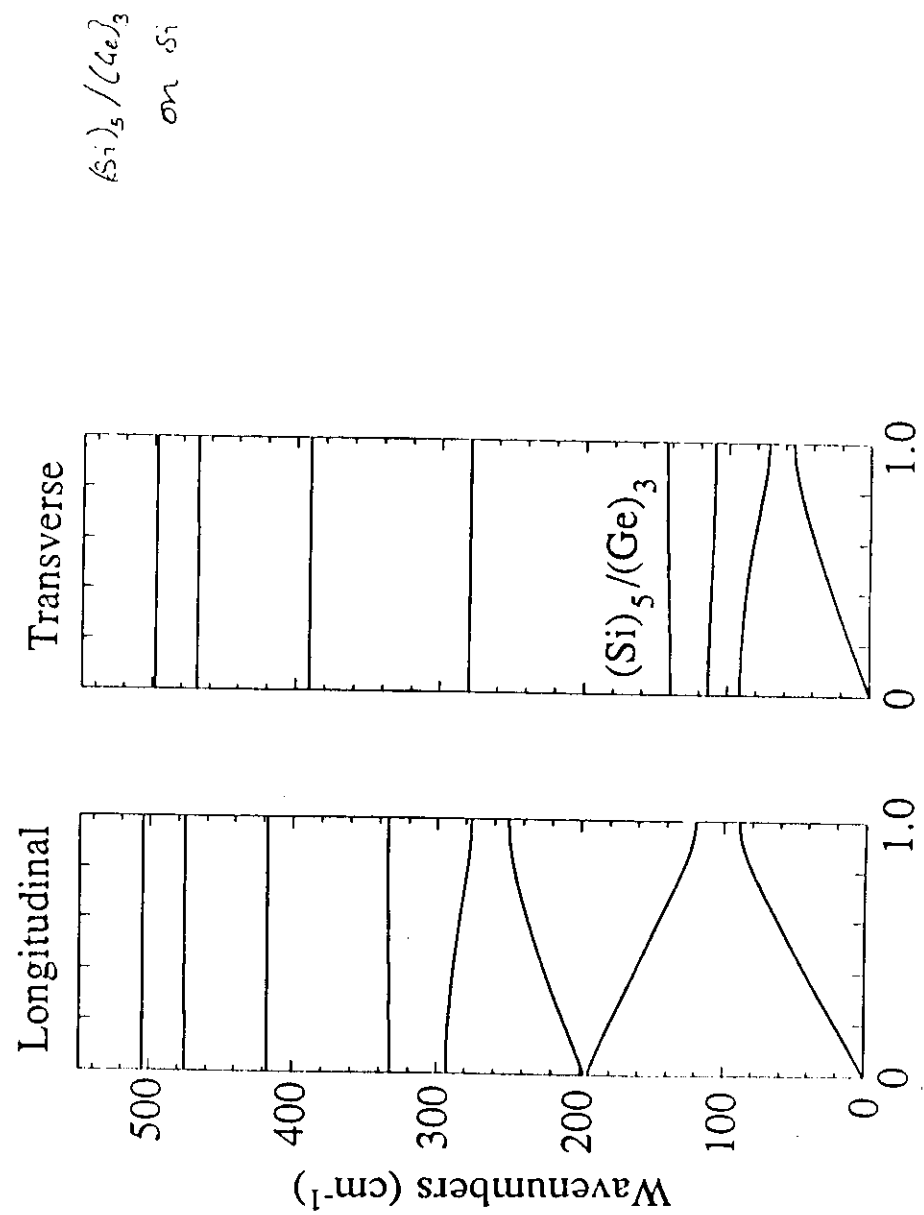
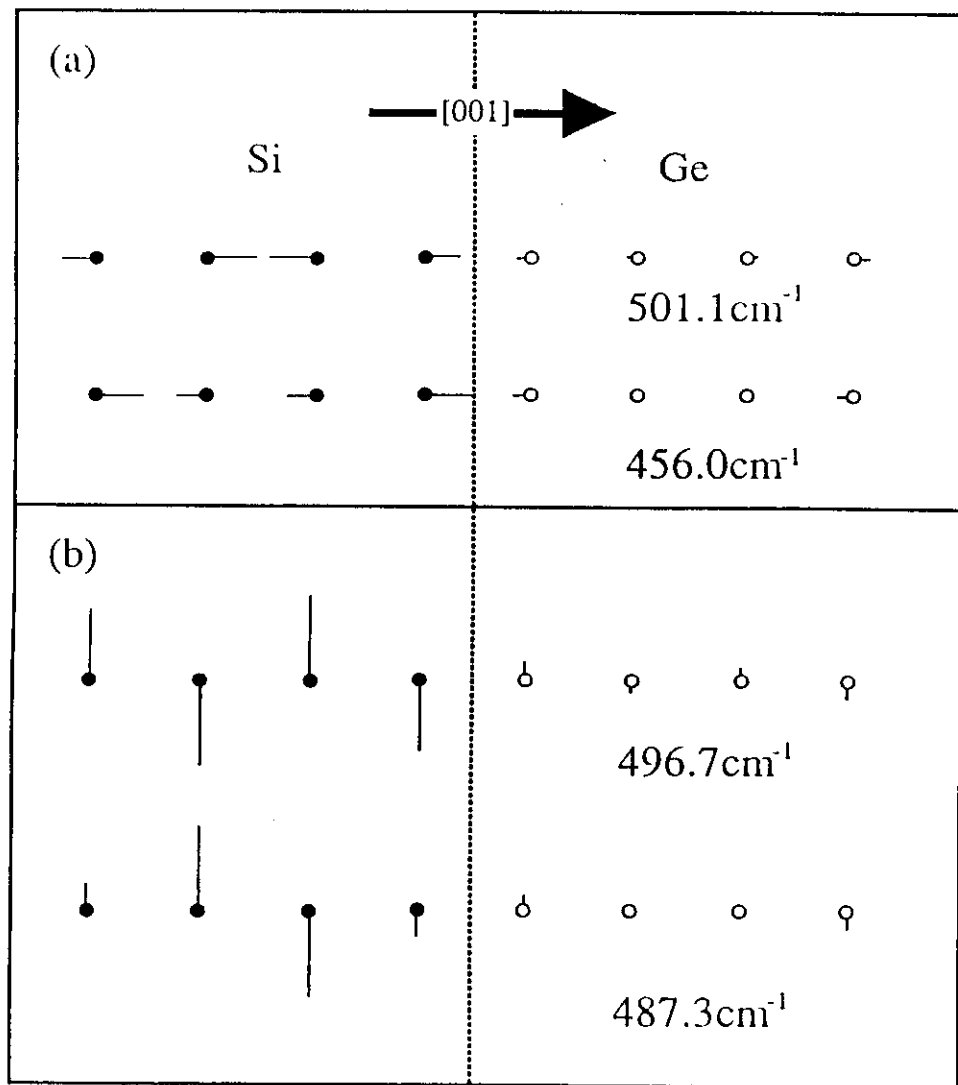
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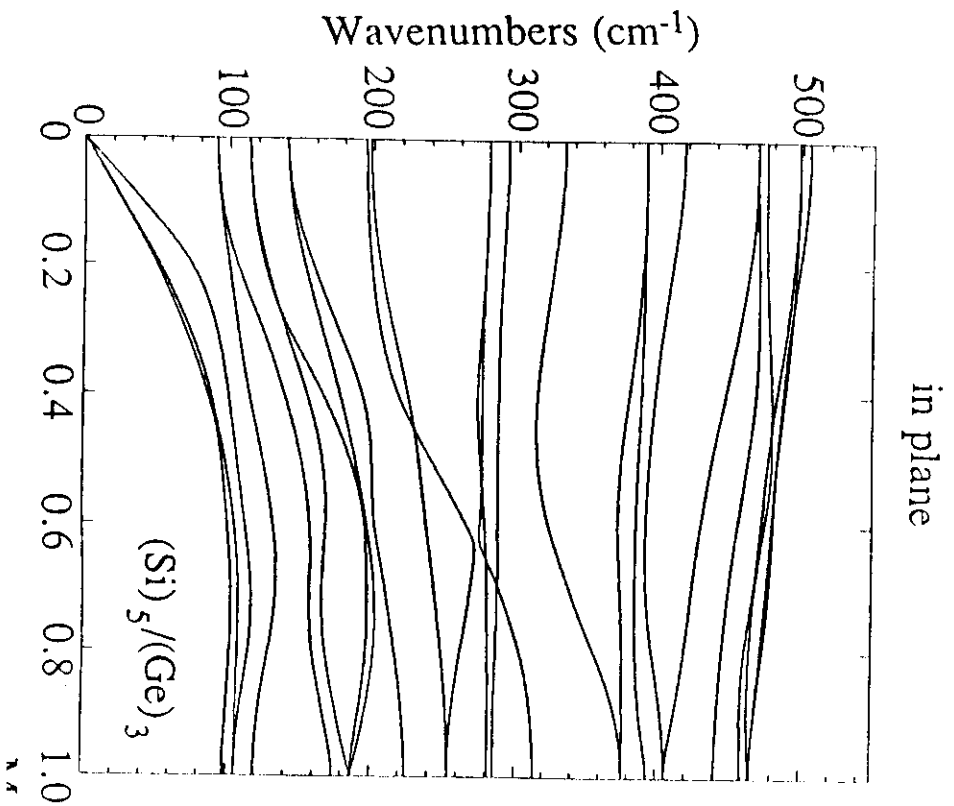
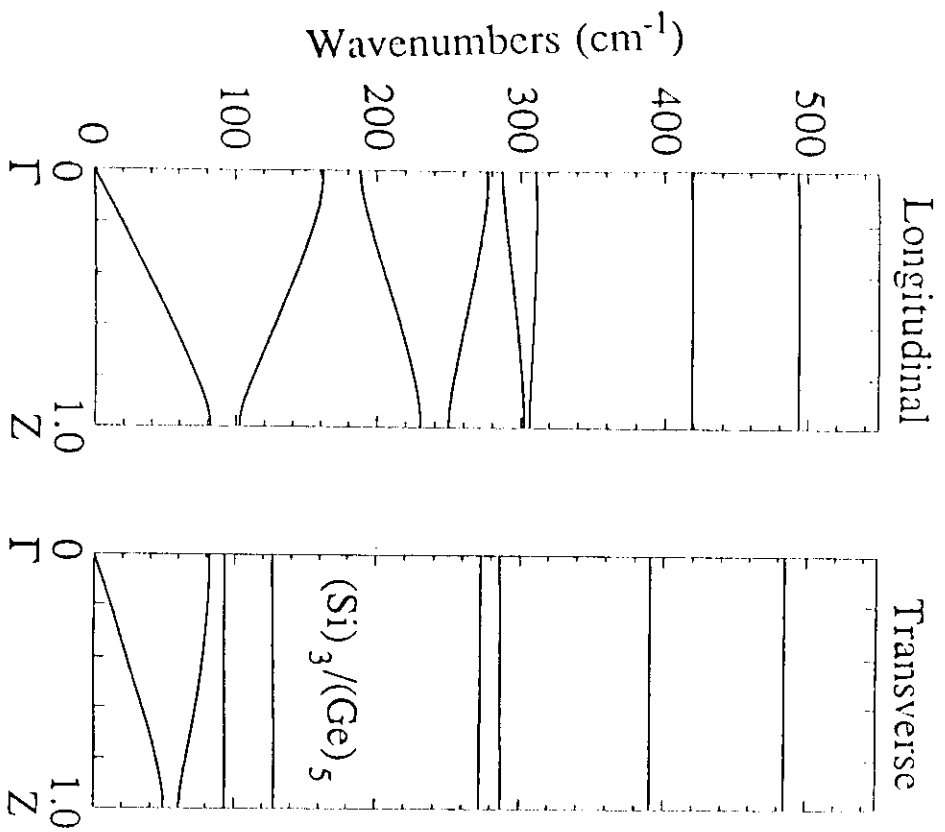
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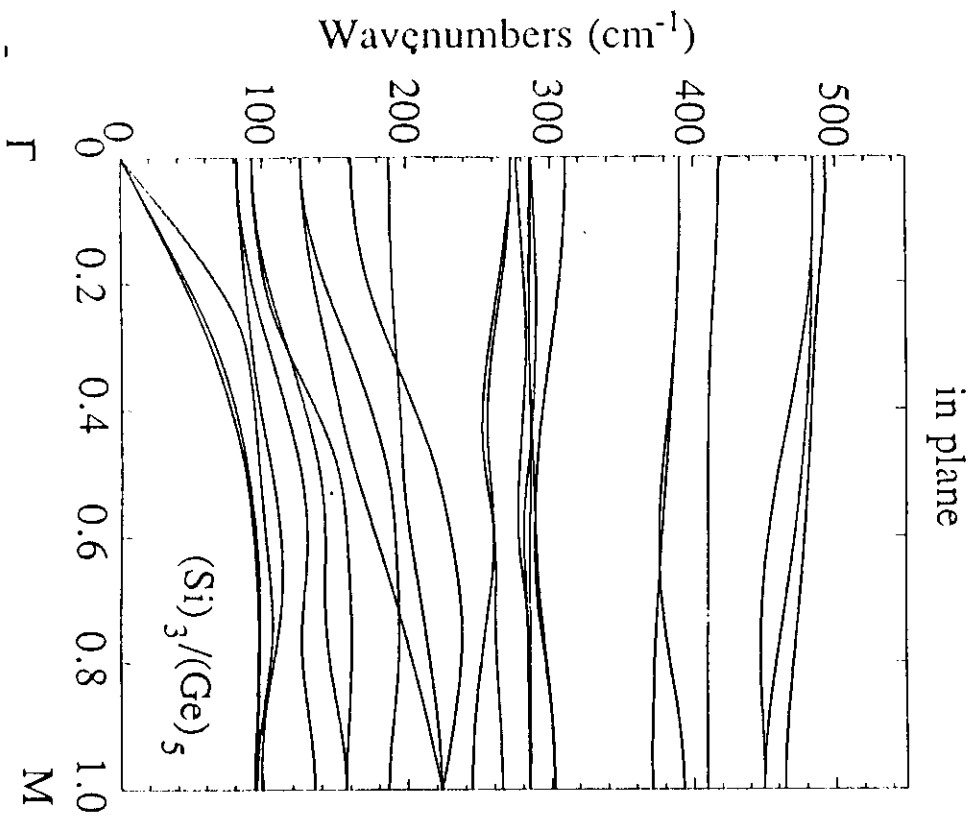
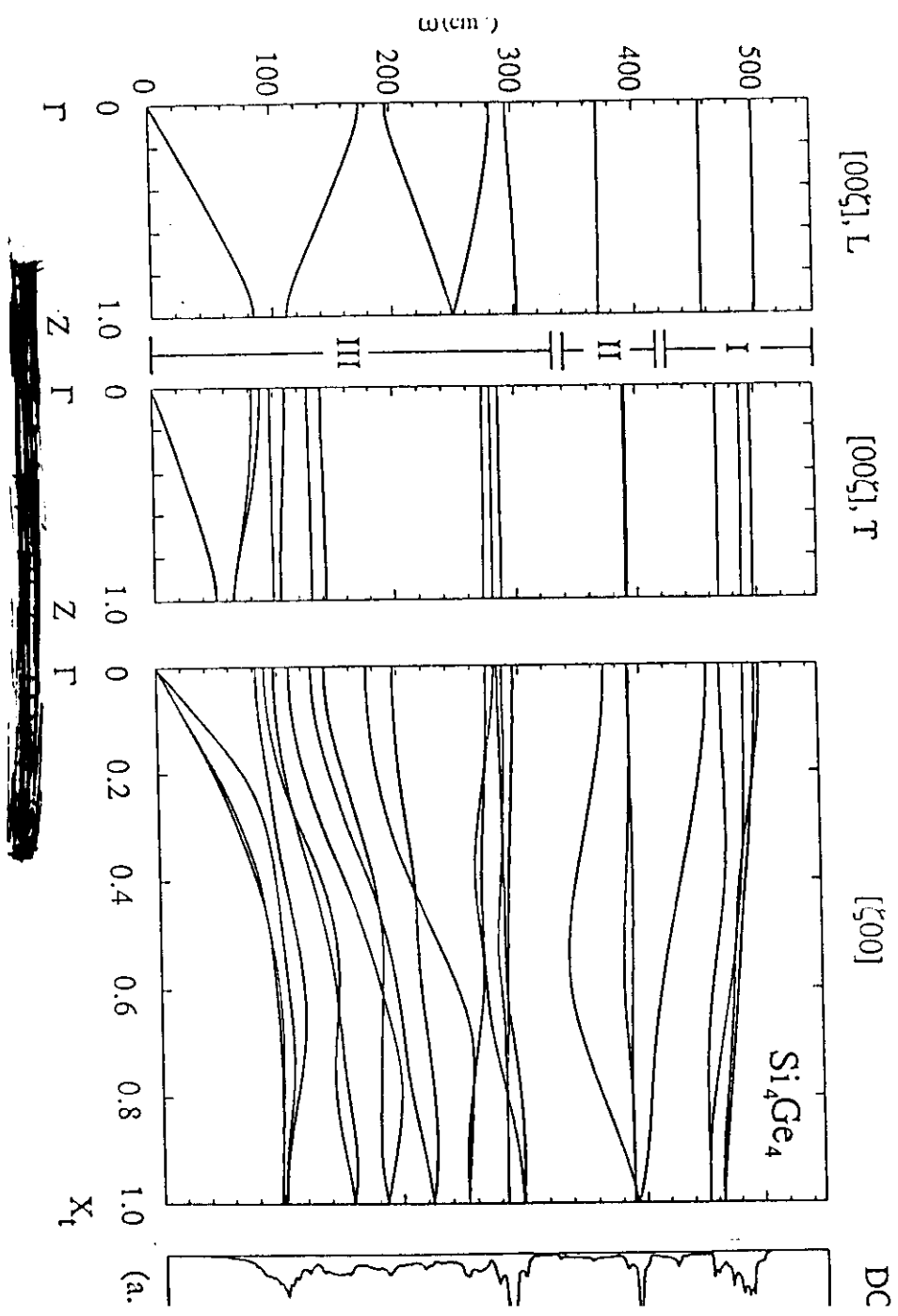




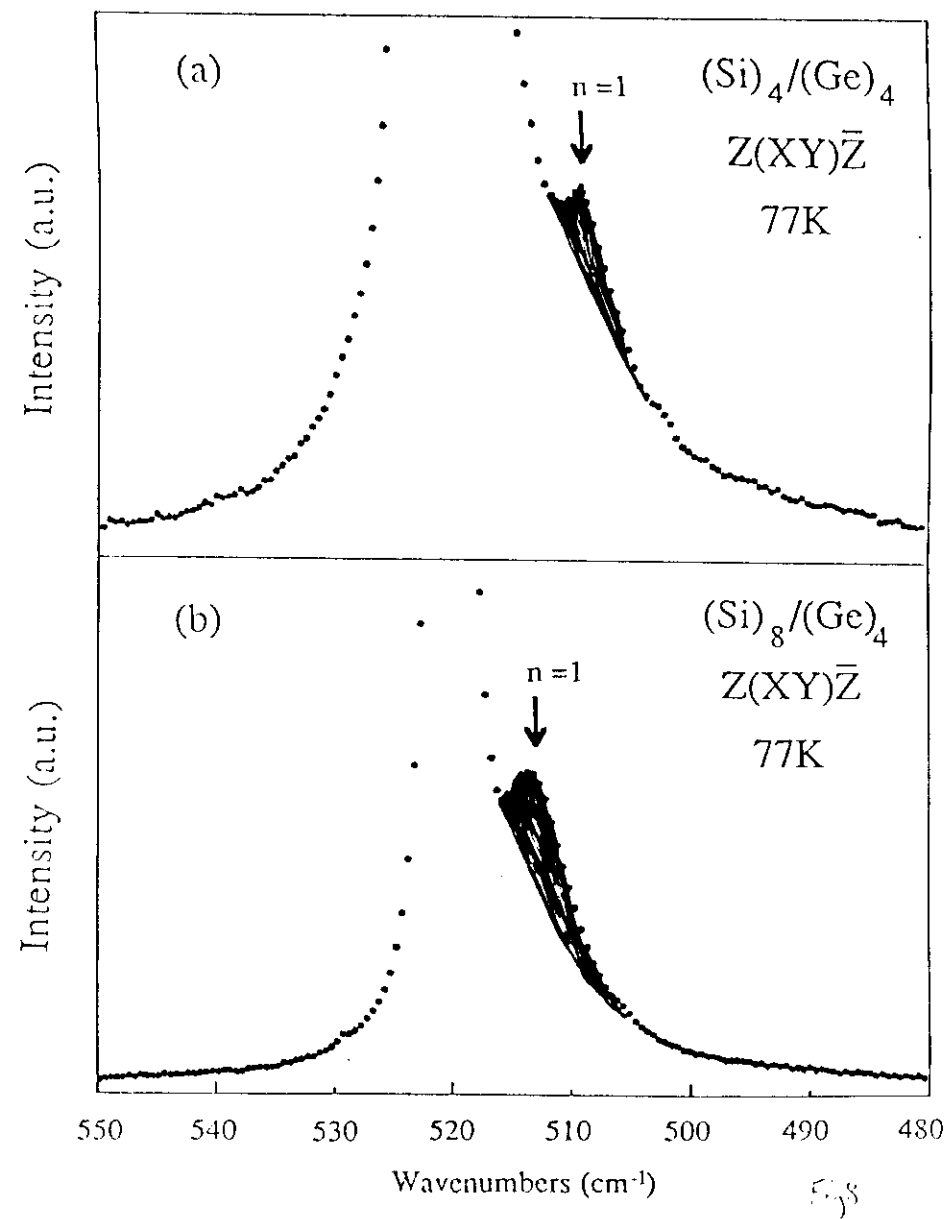
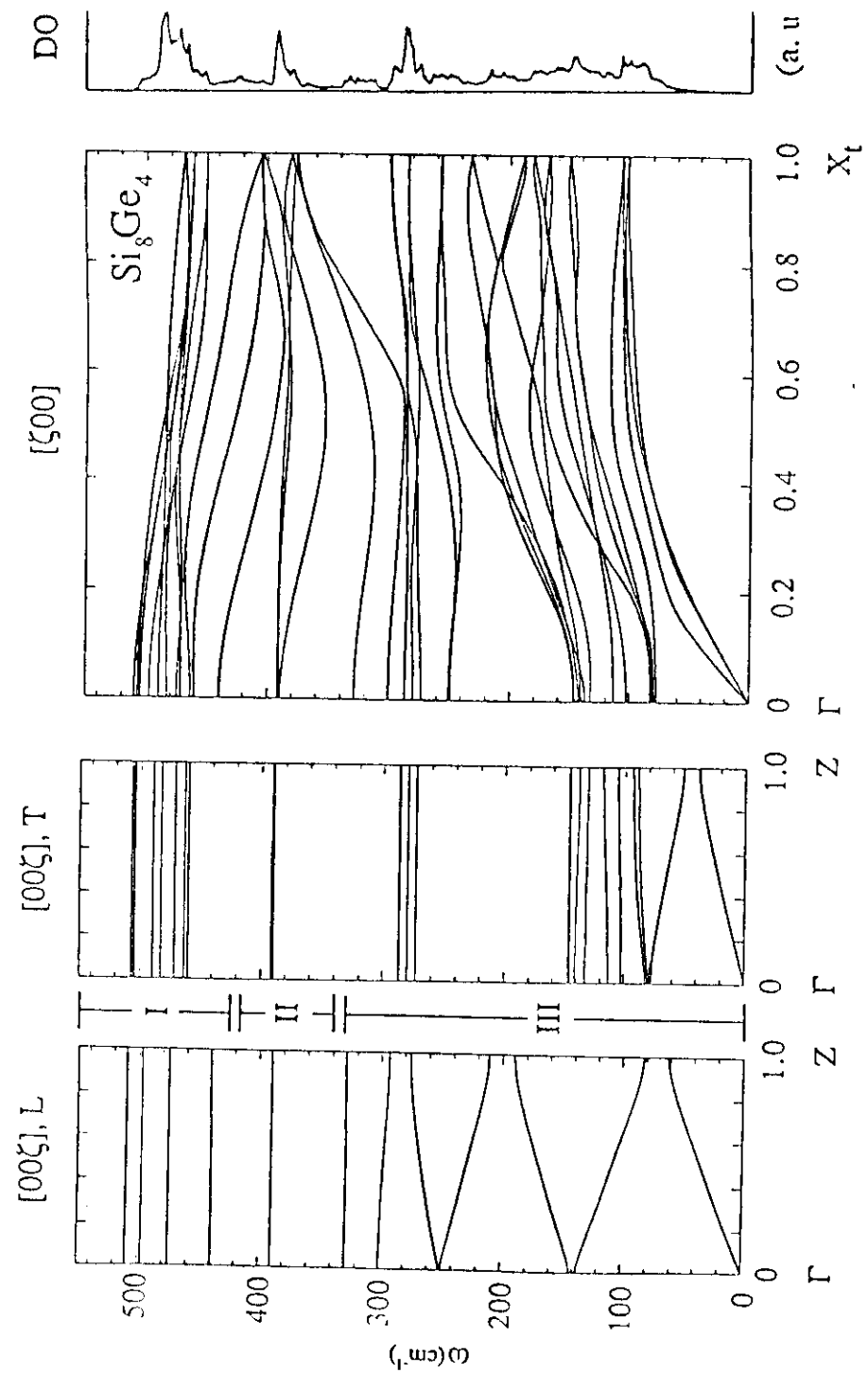


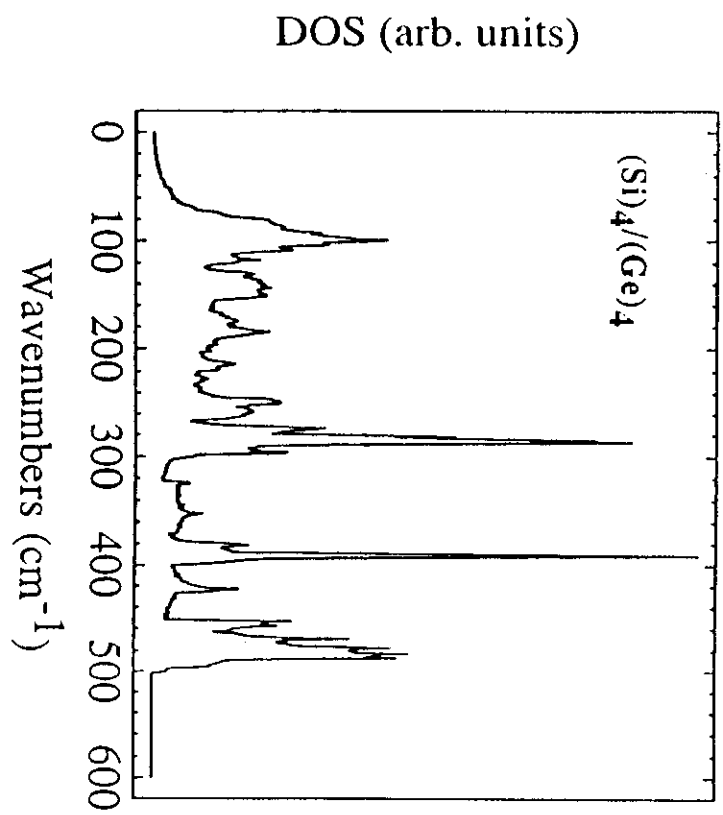


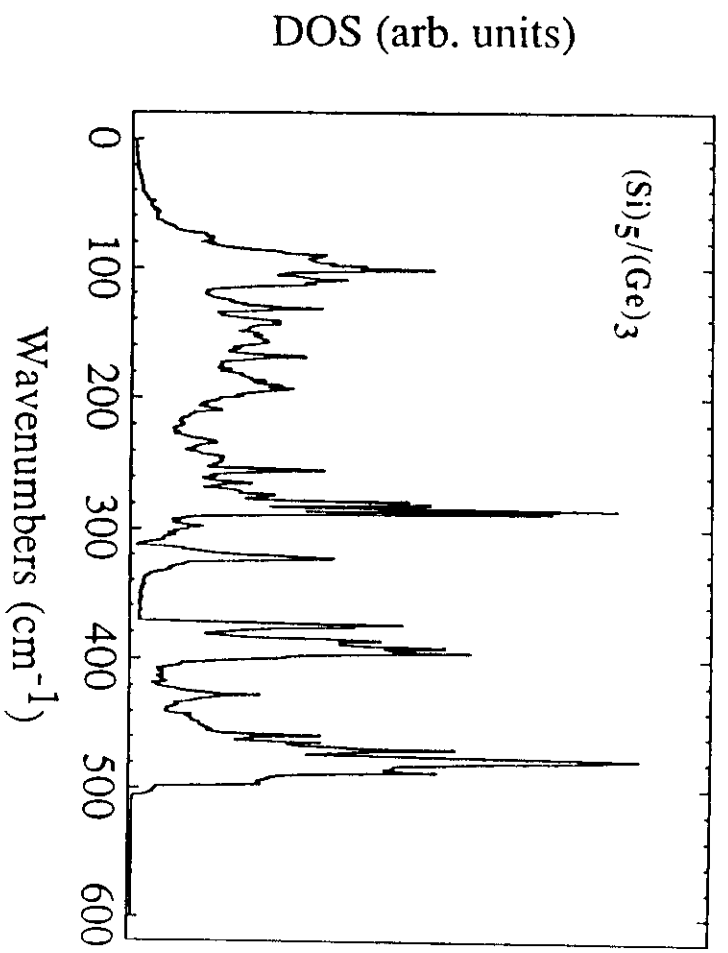
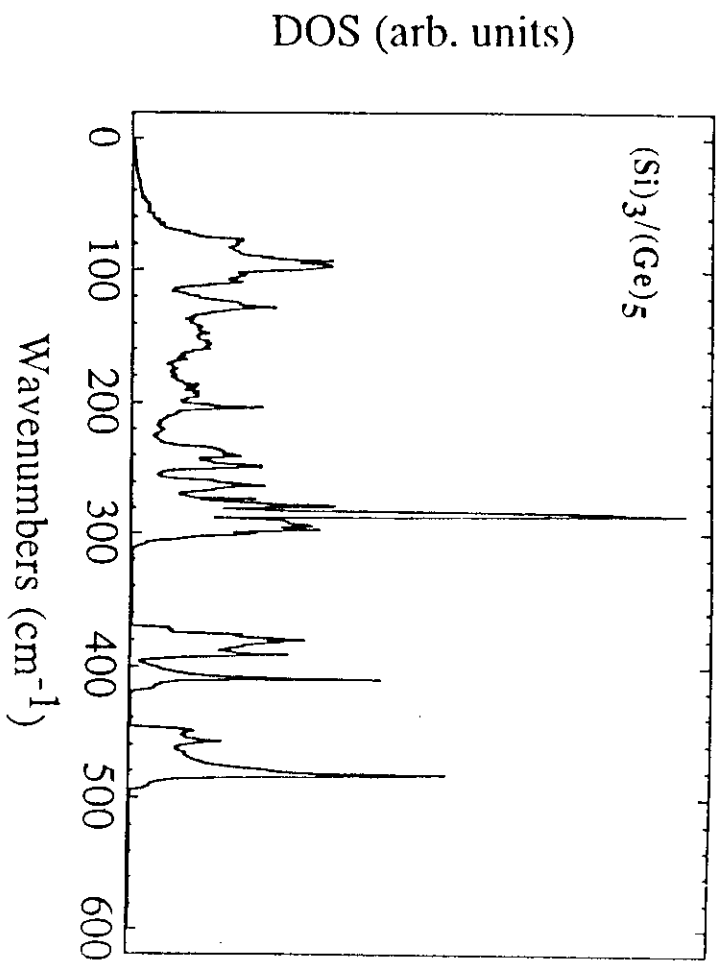
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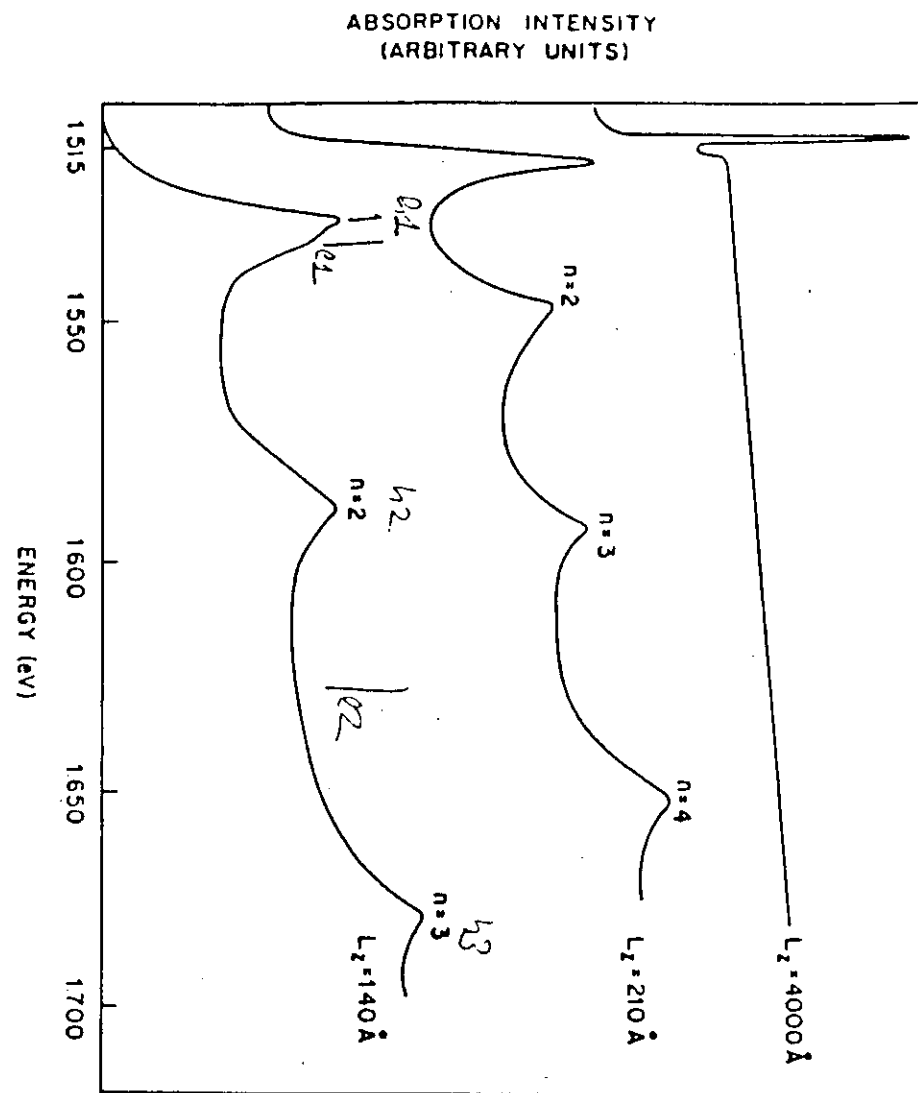
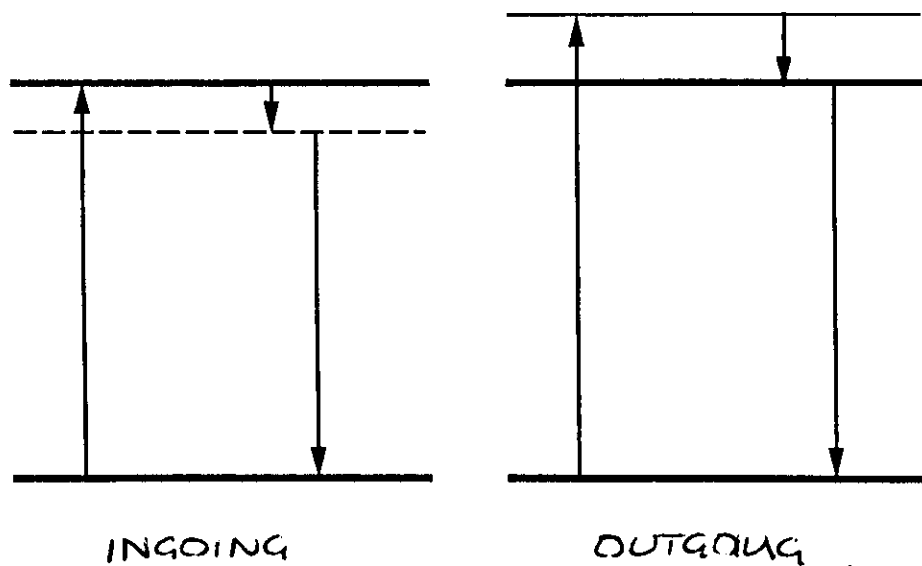
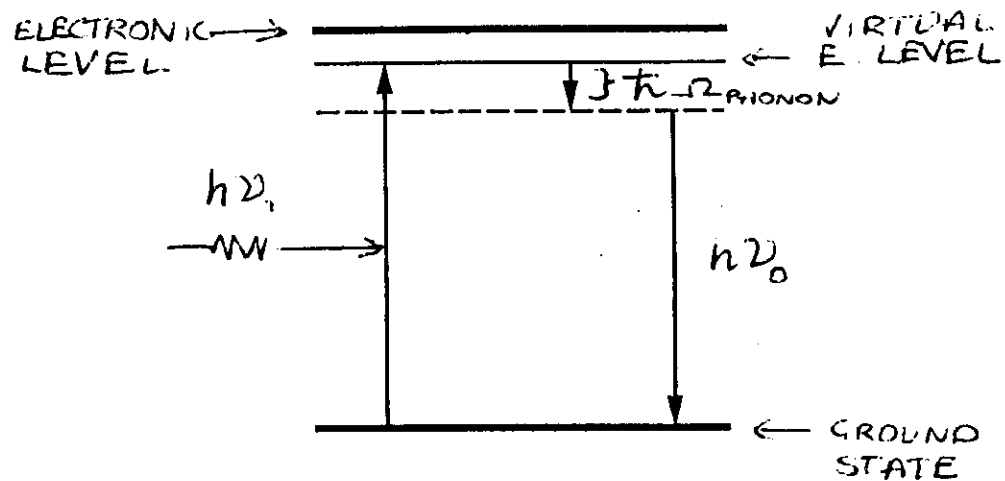


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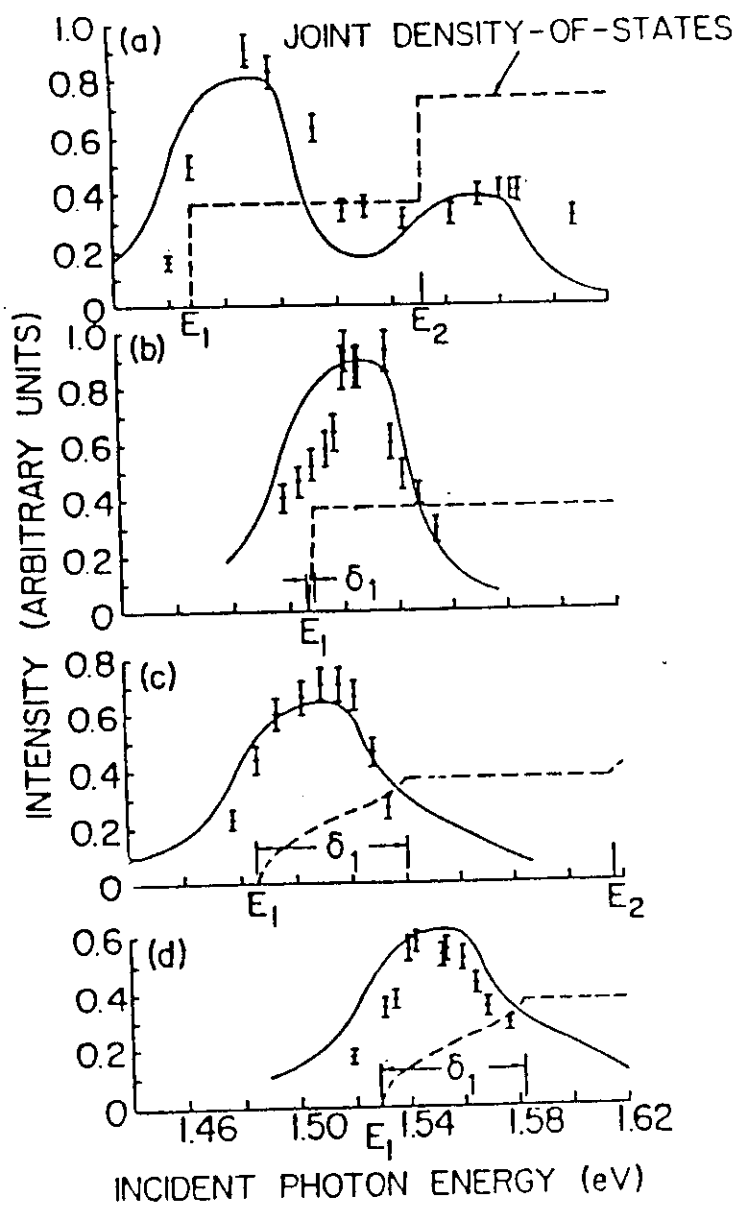




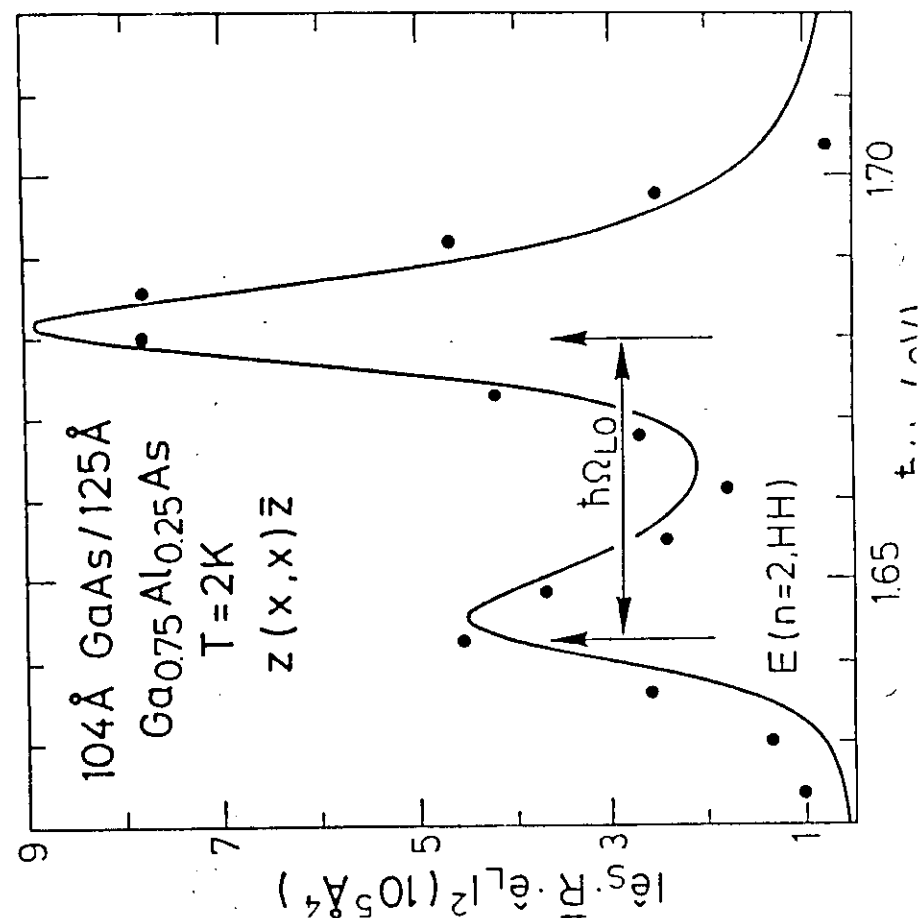




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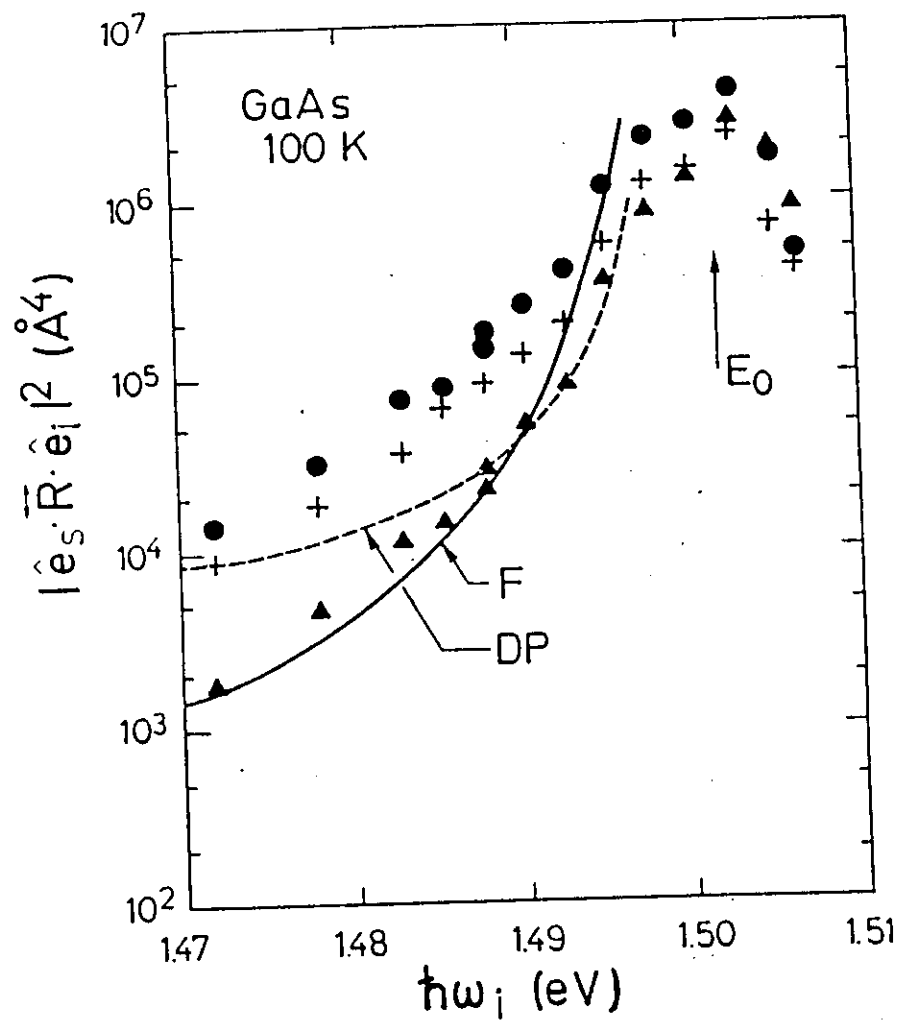


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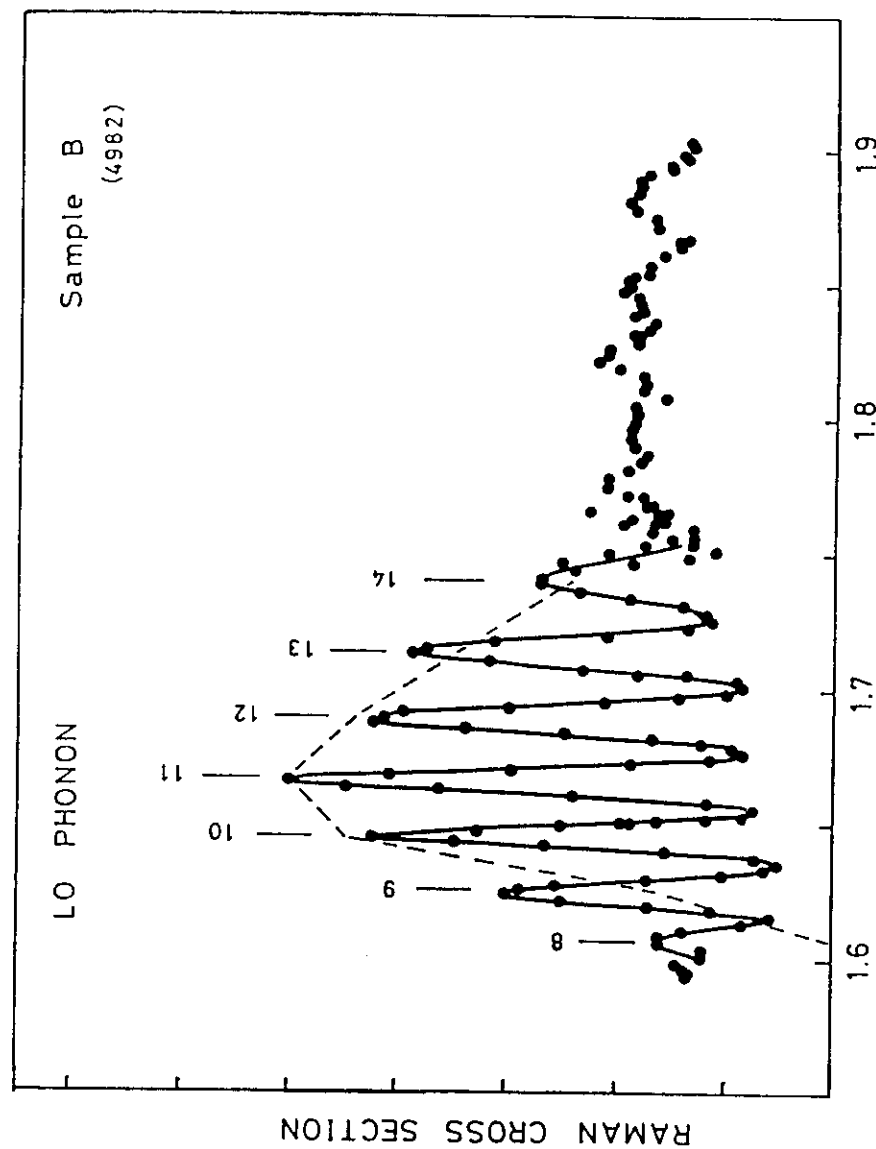


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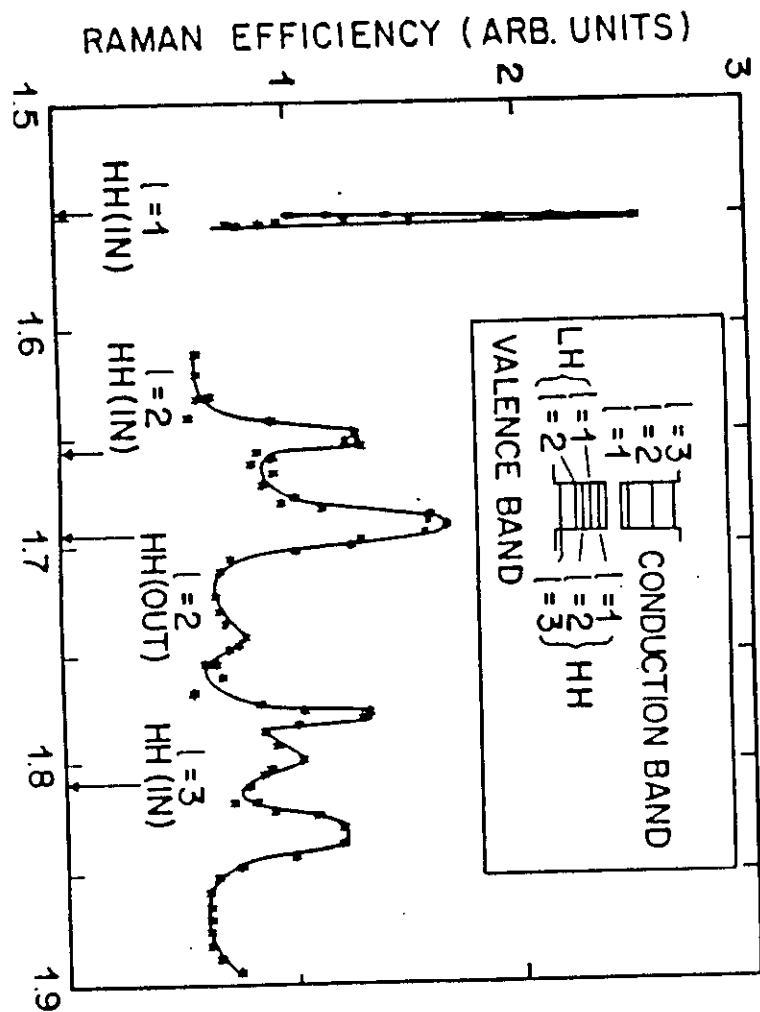
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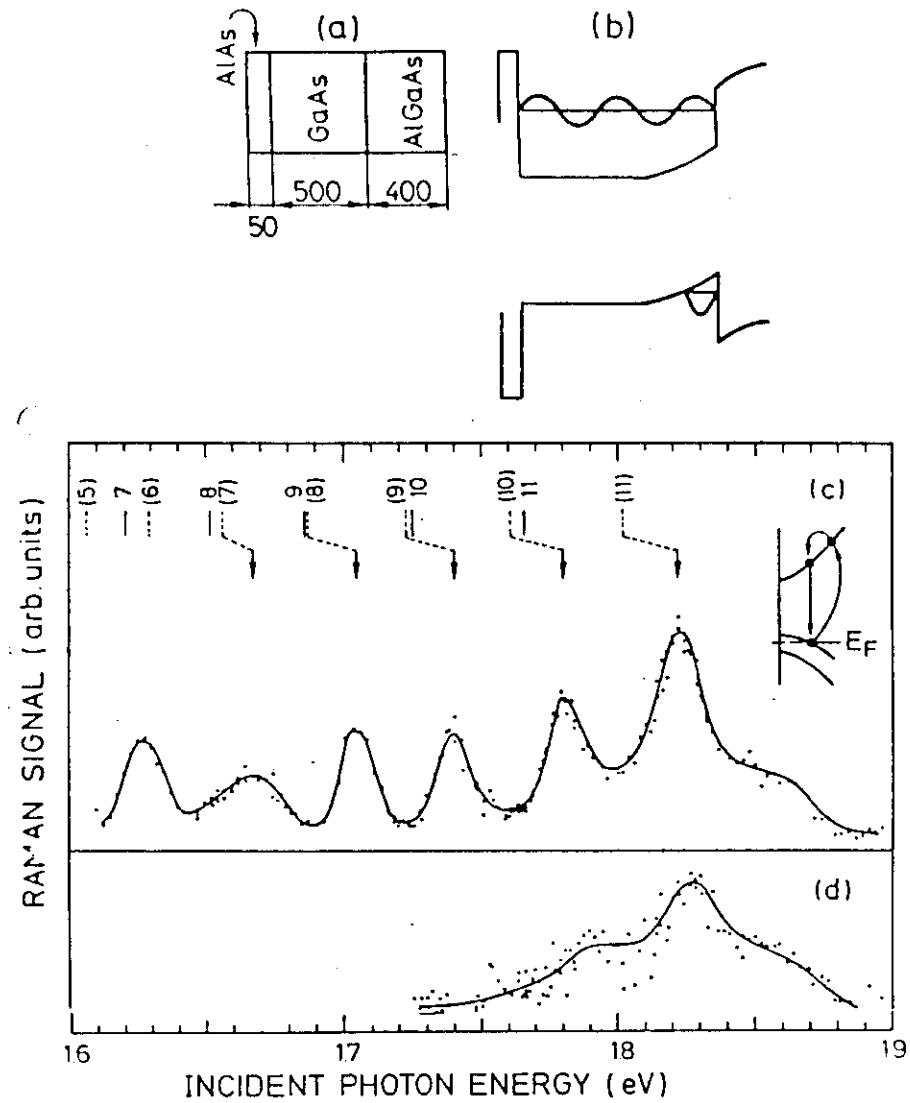


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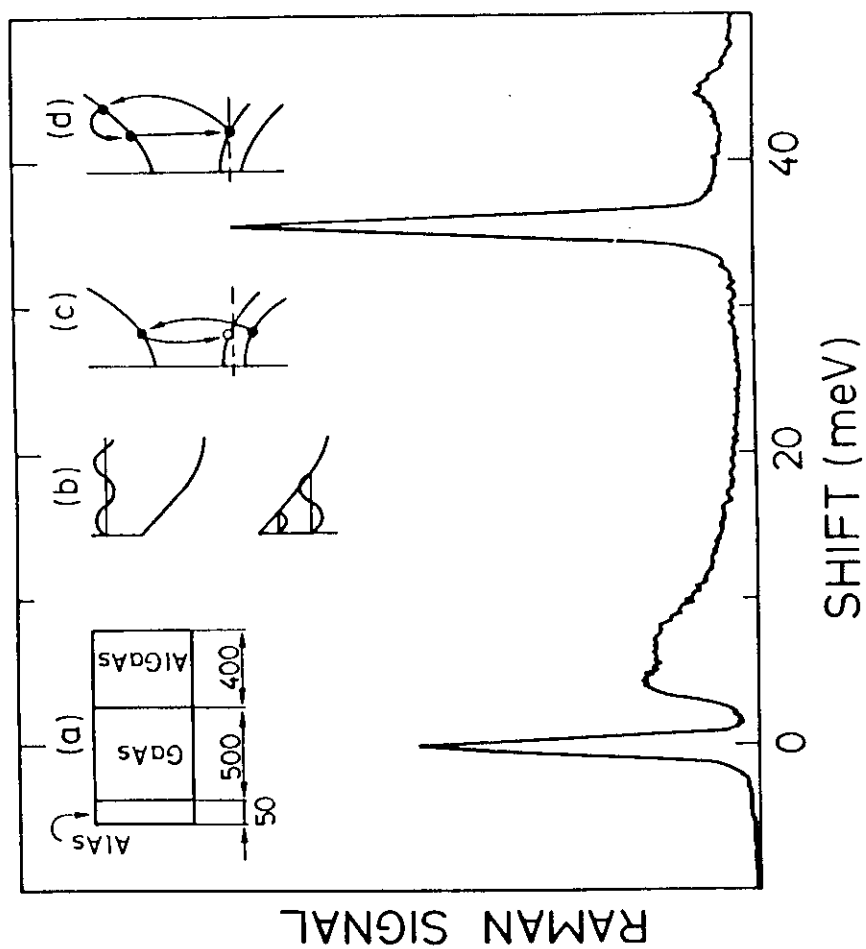
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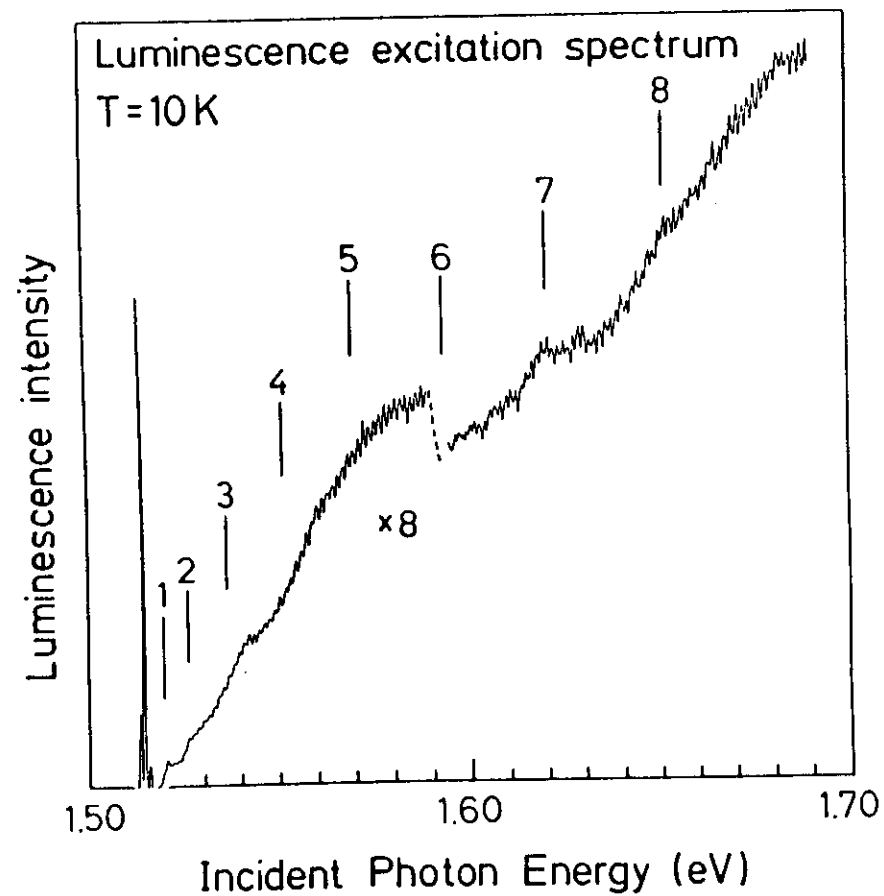


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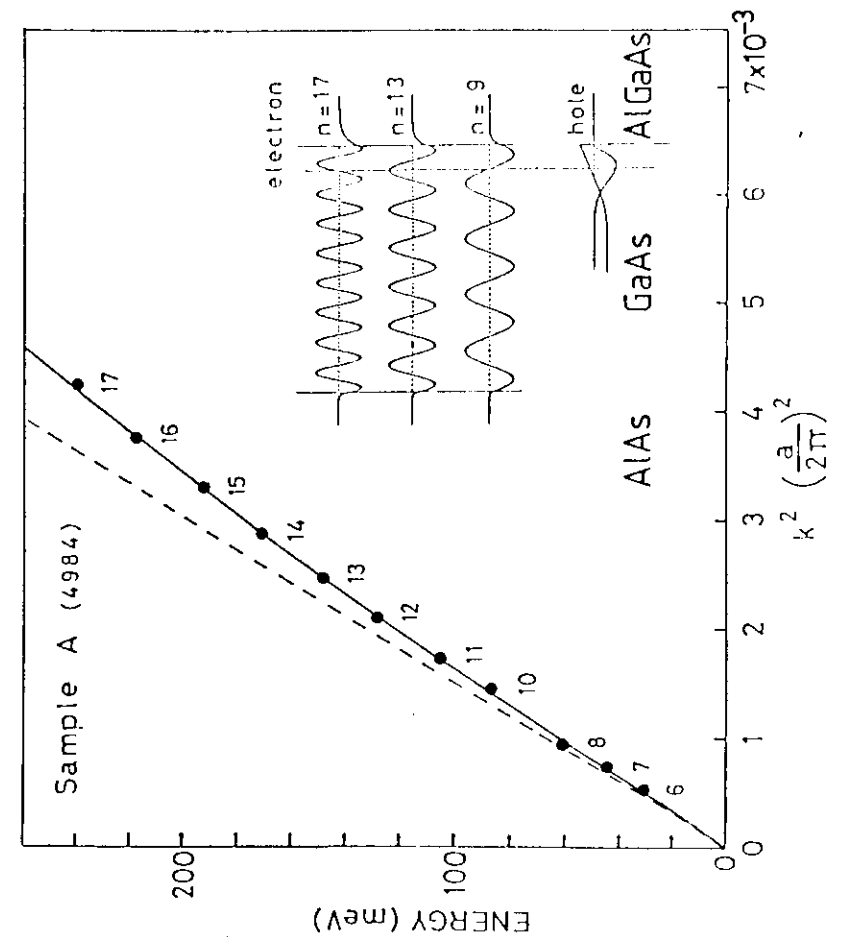
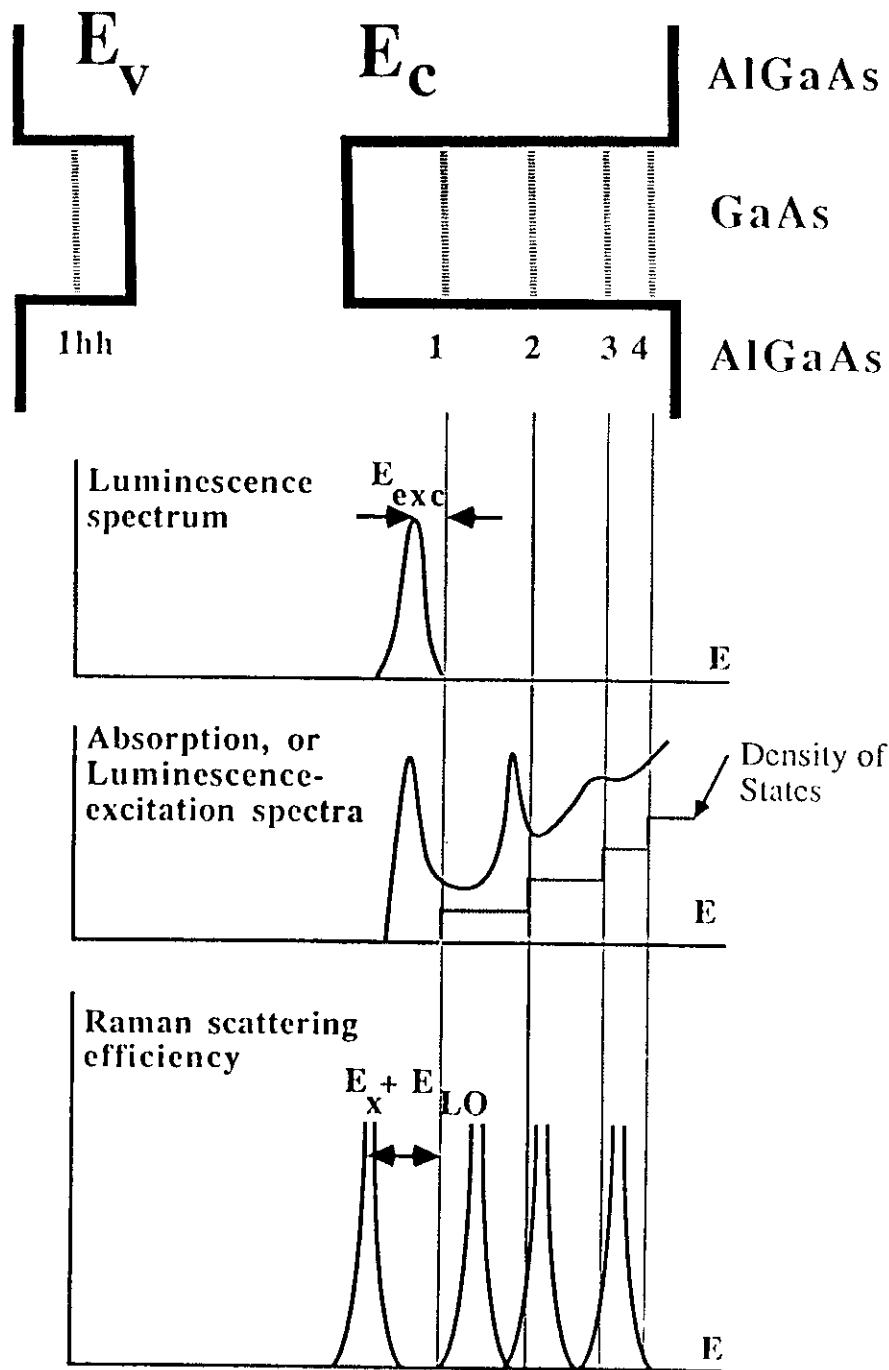
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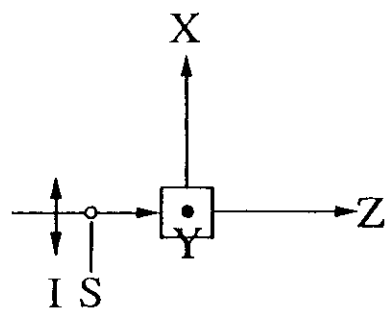
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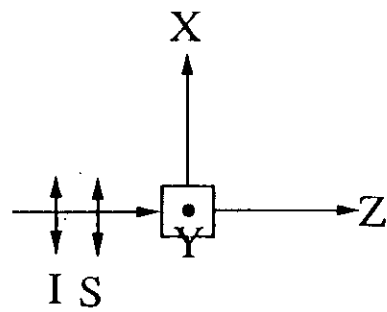
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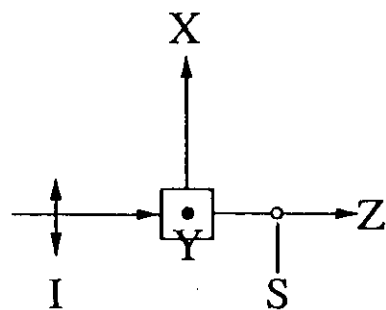
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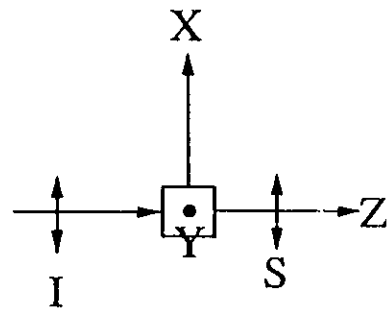
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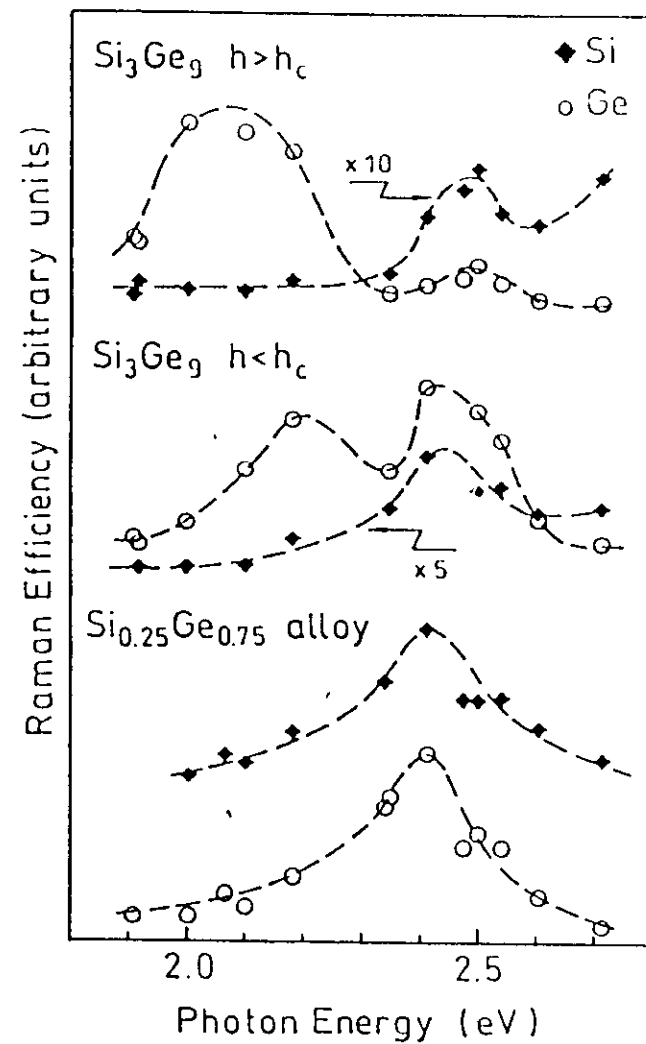
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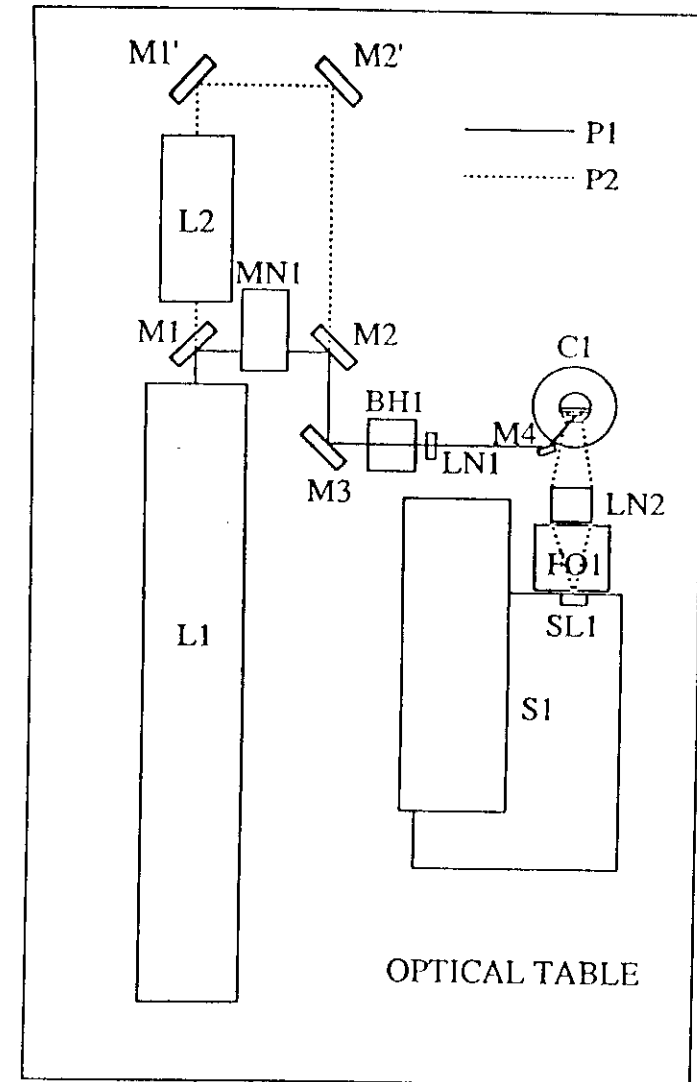
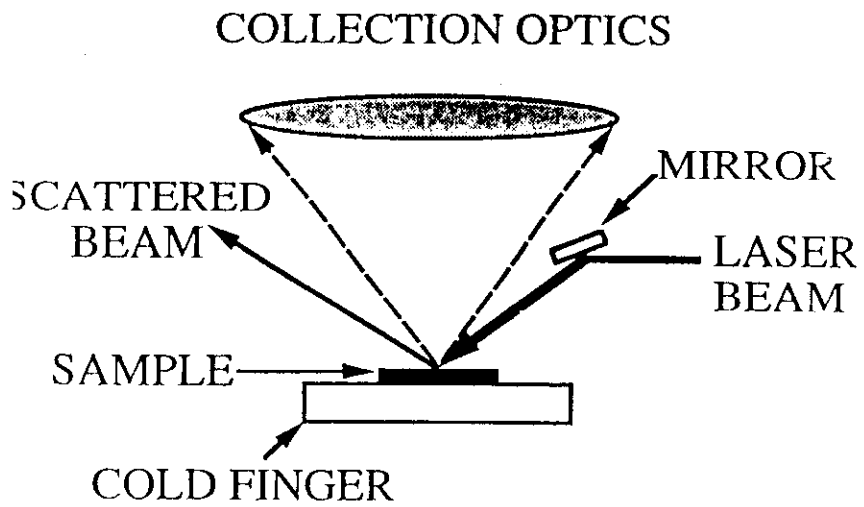
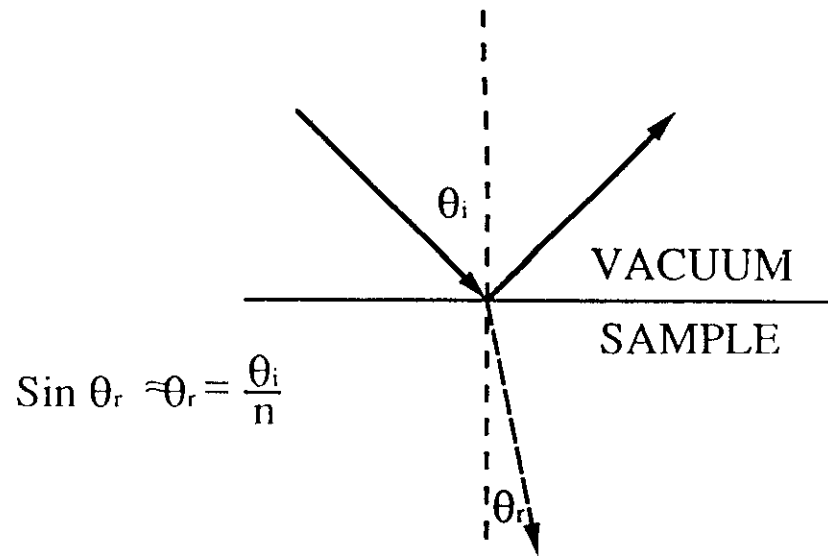


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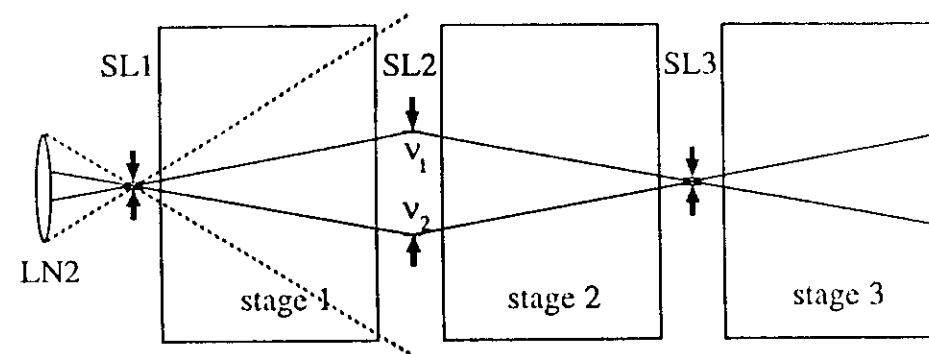


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## Backscattering in practice



(a) Double Subtractive Mode



(b) High Dispersion Mode

