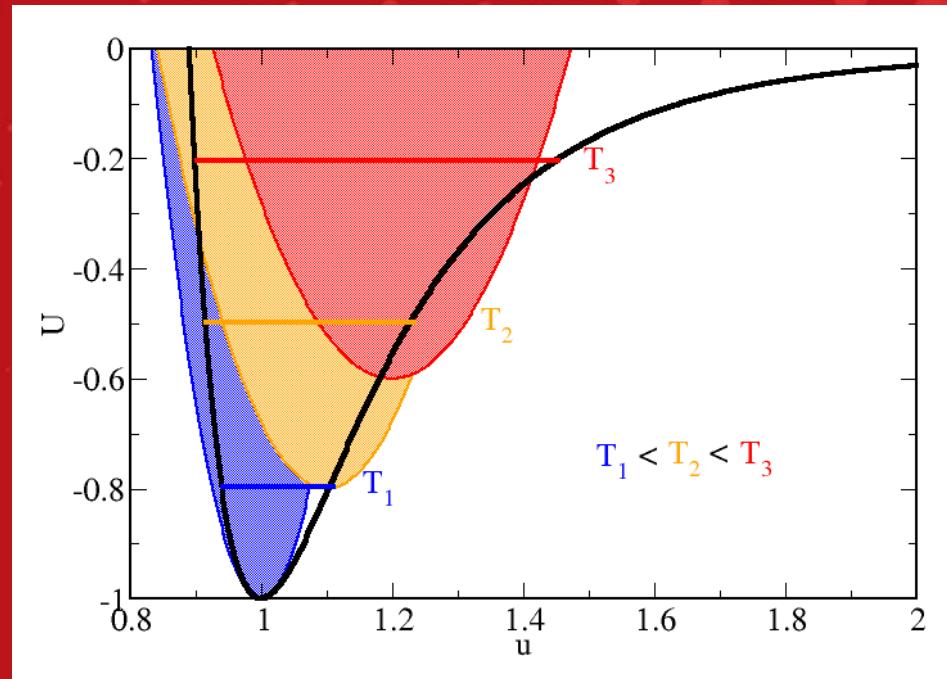


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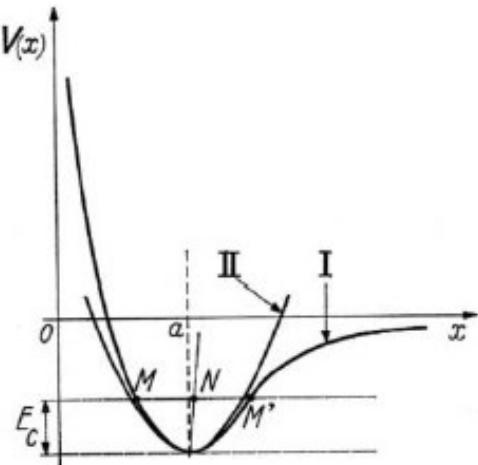


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## Harmonic approximation

The temperature acts only through the filling of the energy levels.

## Quasi-harmonic approximation

Includes the thermal expansion. The phonon frequencies **implicitly** depend on the temperature (through the volume).

Calculations at 0 K (DFPT, FD...)

The QHA gives good results in numerous cases... except when the phonon frequencies evolve at constant V.

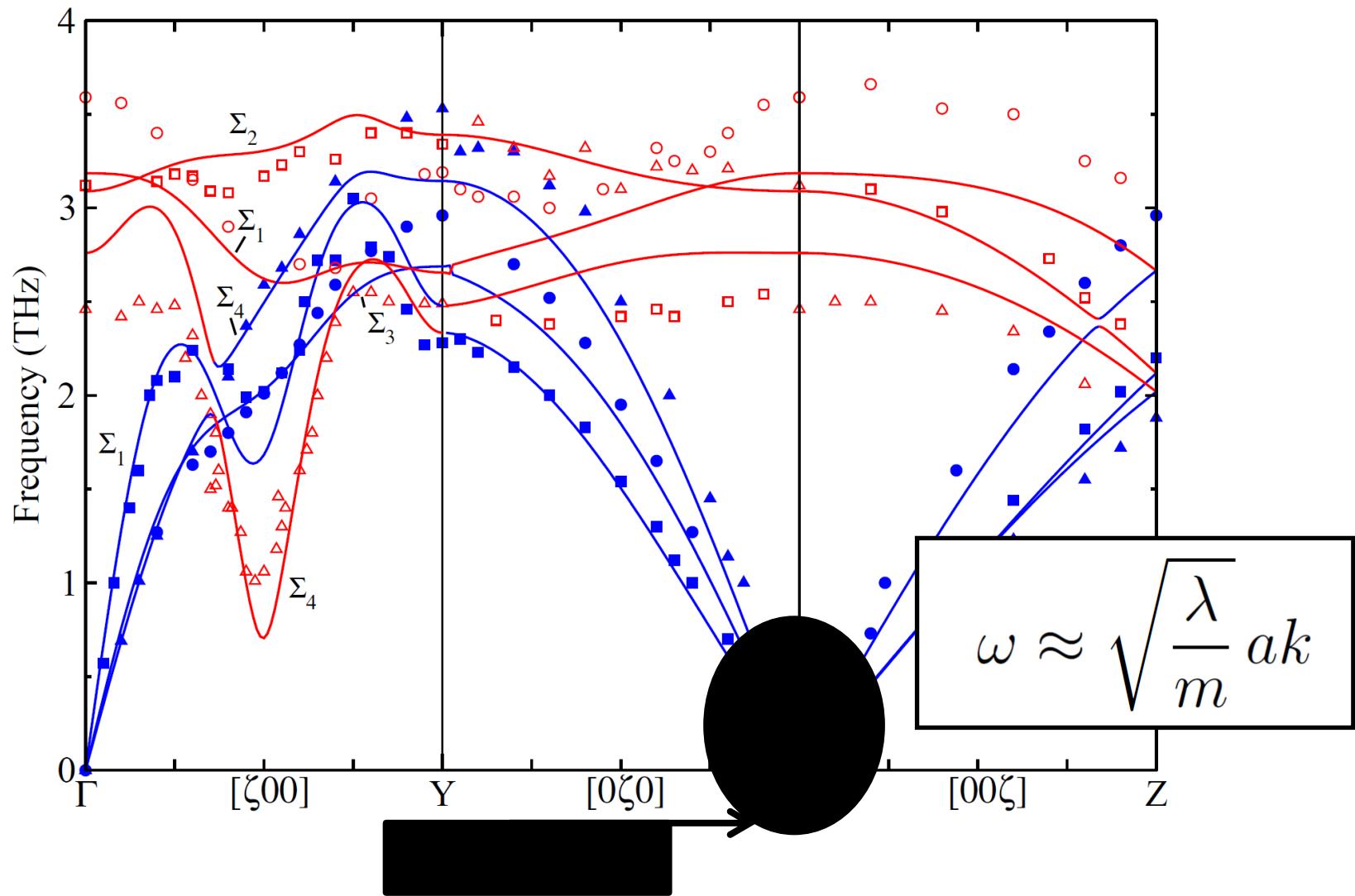
$\omega(T, V(T))$

## Anharmonic effects

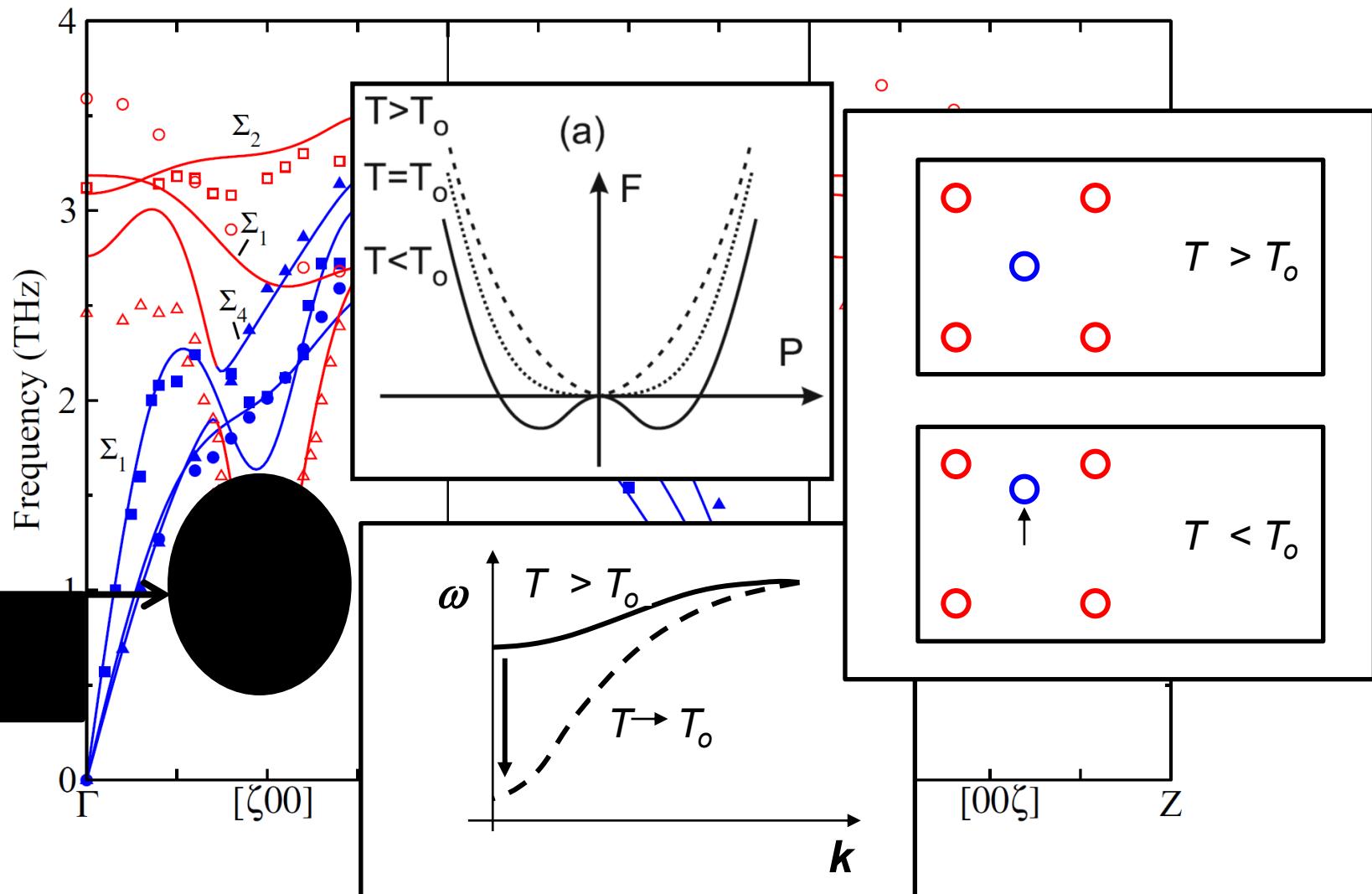
The phonon frequencies **explicitly** depend on the temperature

The temperature has to be explicitly taken into account (MD, MC...)

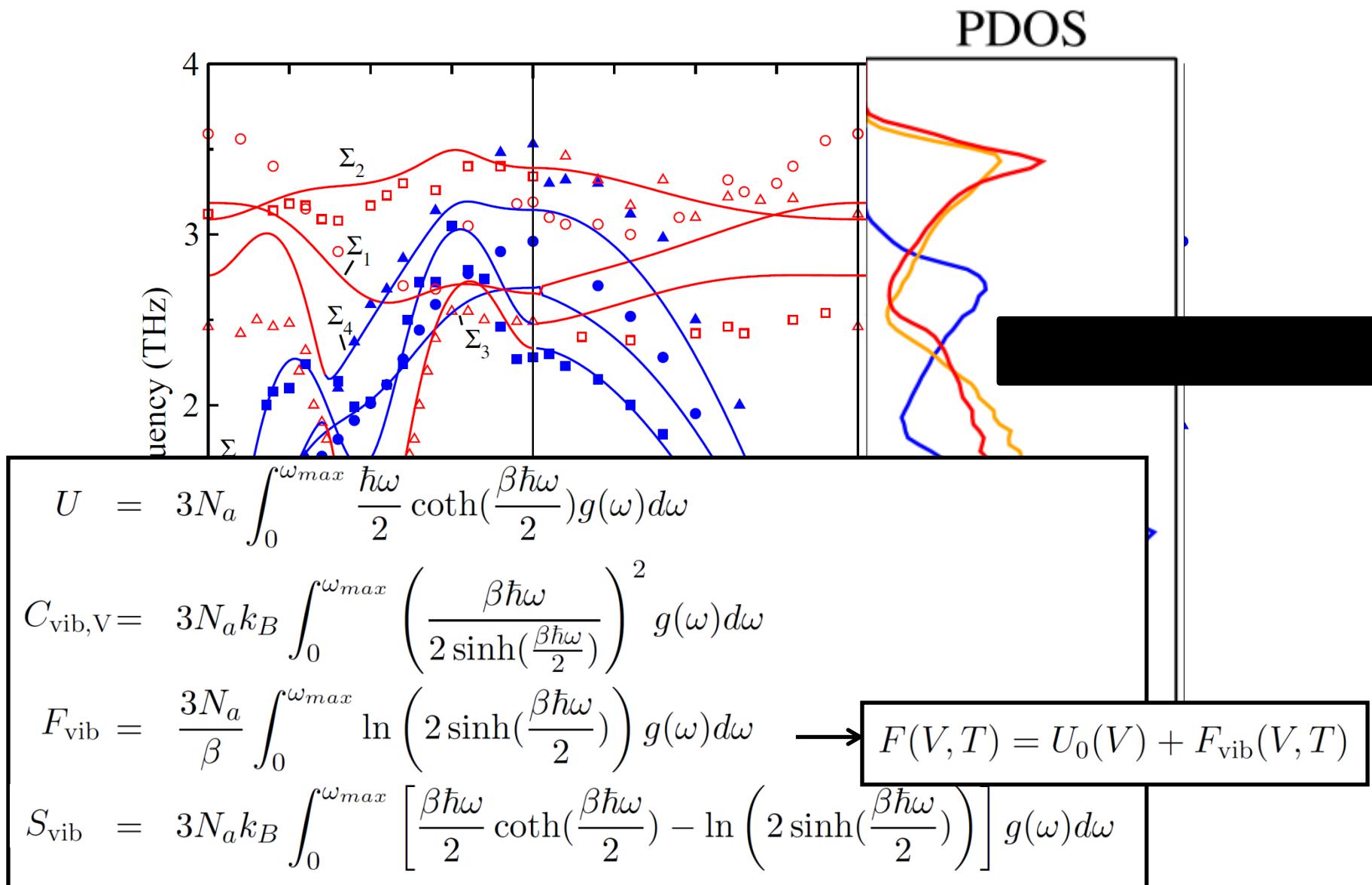
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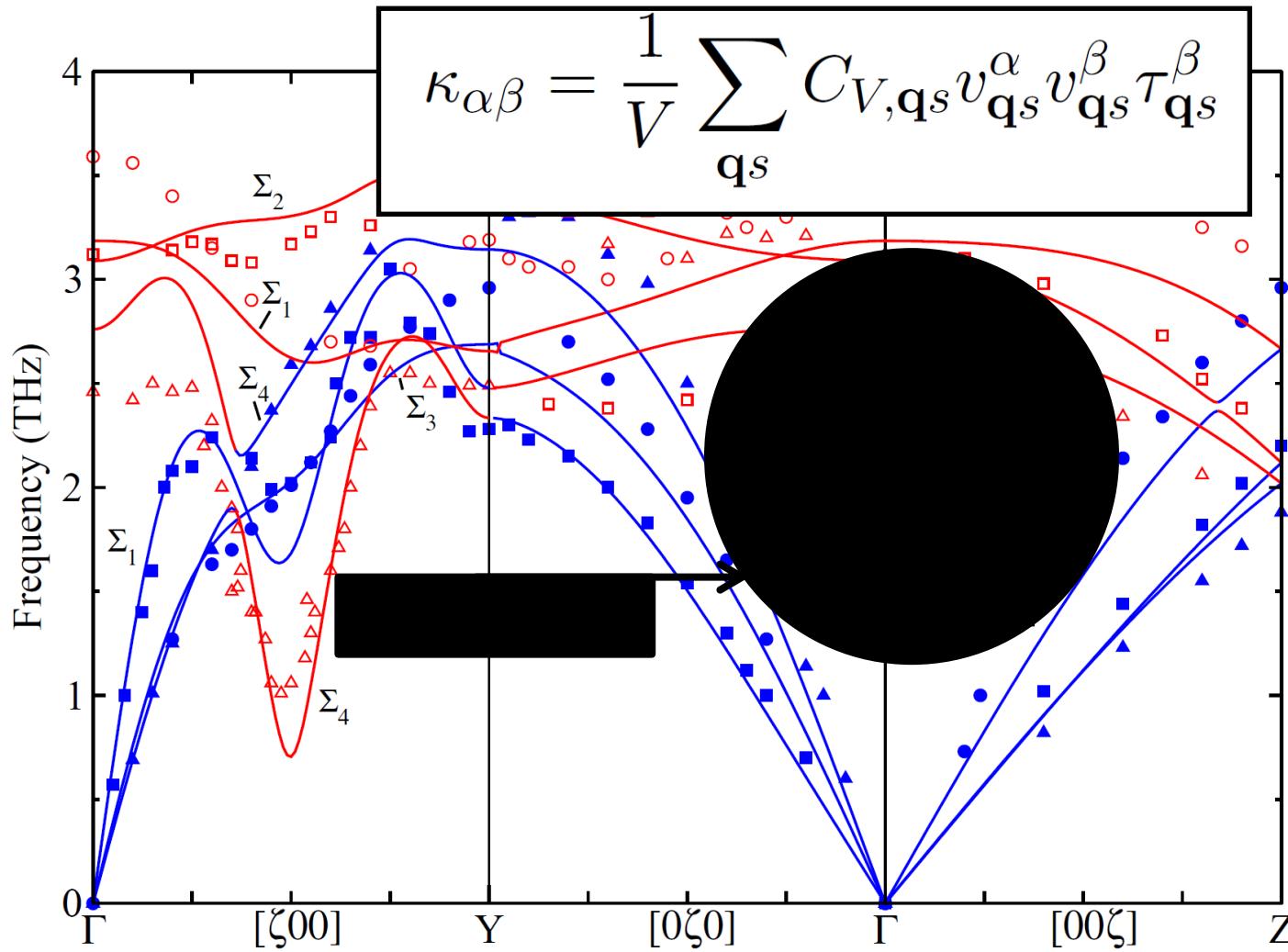
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Everything depends on IFC

Grüneisen parameter :

$$\gamma_i = - \left( \frac{\partial \ln \omega_i}{\partial \ln V} \right)_T = - \frac{V}{\omega_i} \left( \frac{\partial \omega_i}{\partial V} \right)_T$$

$$\gamma_s(\mathbf{q}) = - \frac{1}{6\omega_s^2(\mathbf{q})} \sum_{ijk, bc, \alpha\beta\gamma} \Psi_{ijk}^{\alpha\beta\gamma}(0, b, c) \frac{X_{is}^{*\alpha}(\mathbf{q}) X_{js}^{\beta}(\mathbf{q})}{\sqrt{M_i M_j}} \tau_k^{\gamma} \exp[i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{R}(b)]$$

$$\alpha_p = \frac{\gamma C_V}{B_T V}$$

Thermal expansion :

$$\begin{aligned} C_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} &= A_{\alpha\gamma\beta\delta} + A_{\beta\gamma\alpha\delta} - A_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \\ \alpha_p &= \frac{1}{B} \sum_{i=1}^{3N_a} \left( -\frac{C_{V,i}}{\omega_i} \right) \left( \frac{\partial \omega_i}{\partial V} \right)_T \bar{V} \sum_{ij} \Phi_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} d_{ij}^{\gamma} d_{ij}^{\delta} \\ B_T &= ((C_{11} + C_{22} + C_{33}) + 2(C_{12} + C_{13} + C_{23}))/9 \end{aligned}$$

specific heat :

$$\max \left( \frac{\beta \hbar \omega}{\sinh(\frac{\beta \hbar \omega}{2})} \right)^2 g(\omega) d\omega$$

$$g(\omega) = \frac{1}{3N_a} \sum_{i=1}^{N_a} \delta(\omega - \omega_i)$$

Bulk Modulus :

$$C_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = A_{\alpha\gamma\beta\delta} + A_{\beta\gamma\alpha\delta} - A_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}$$

# THE INTERATOMIC FORCE CONSTANTS

**Taylor expansion of the potential energy around equilibrium :**

$$U_{\text{model}} = U_0 + \sum_{i,\alpha} \Pi_i^\alpha u_i^\alpha + \frac{1}{2!} \sum_{ij,\alpha\beta} \Phi_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} u_i^\alpha u_j^\beta + \frac{1}{3!} \sum_{ijk,\alpha\beta\gamma} \Psi_{ijk}^{\alpha\beta\gamma} u_i^\alpha u_j^\beta u_k^\gamma + O(u^4)$$

**Here, the forces are :**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_{i,\text{model}}^\alpha &= -\Pi_i^\alpha - \sum_{j,\beta} \Phi_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} u_j^\beta - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{jk,\beta\gamma} \Psi_{ijk}^{\alpha\beta\gamma} u_j^\beta u_k^\gamma + O(u^3) \\ &= \sum_{p\lambda} f_{i,\lambda p}^\alpha(\mathbf{u}) \theta^{\lambda p} \end{aligned}$$

**Non-linear wrt  $\mathbf{u}$**

**Linear wrt  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$**

**AIMD : (  $\mathbf{F}_{MD}(\mathbf{t})$  ;  $\mathbf{u}_{MD}(\mathbf{t})$  )  $\longrightarrow$   $\mathcal{F}_{i,\text{MD}}^\alpha(t) = \sum_{p\lambda} f_{i,\lambda p}^\alpha(\mathbf{u}_{MD}(t)) \theta^{\lambda p}$**

**$\longrightarrow$  solved using a least squares method**

**The solution giving the lowest residual is :**

$$\boldsymbol{\Theta} = \mathbf{f}^\dagger \cdot \mathbf{F}_{MD}$$

O. Hellman *et al.*, PRB **84**, 180301(R) (2011) ; O. Hellman *et al.*, PRB **87**, 104111 (2013).

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**Using invariances (translation & rotation), symmetries of the crystal, dynamical matrix, elastic tensor, etc, the number of IFC coefficients can be strongly reduced.**

**For 100 atoms : → at the 2<sup>nd</sup> order : from ~ 90 000 to ~ 20**

**→ at the 3<sup>rd</sup> order : from ~ 27 000 000 to ~ 200**

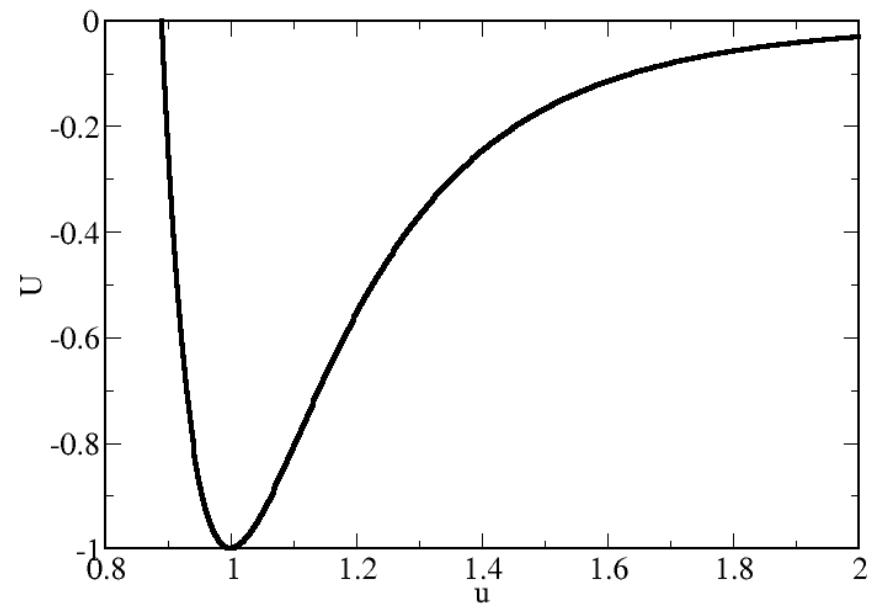
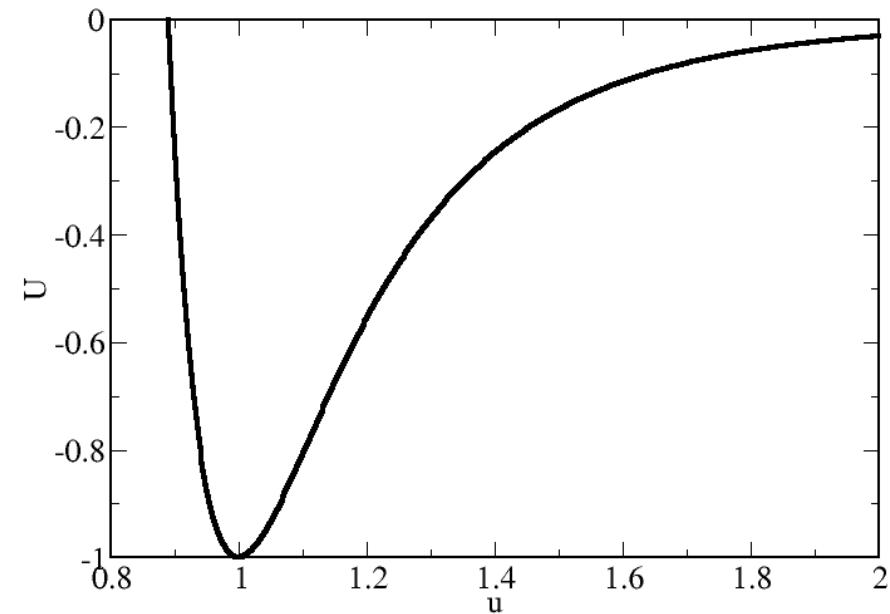
$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{F}_1^x(1) \\ \vdots \\ \theta_{11} \\ \vdots \\ \theta_{p\Lambda_p} \\ \vdots \\ \mathcal{F}_{N_a}^z(N_t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f_{1,11}^x(1) & f_{1,12}^x(1) & \dots & f_{1,p\Lambda_p}^x(1) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ f_{N_a,11}^z(N_t) & \dots & f_{N_a,p\Lambda_p}^z(N_t) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ f_{N_a,11}^z(N_t) & f_{N_a,12}^z(N_t) & \dots & f_{N_a,p\Lambda_p}^z(N_t) \end{pmatrix}^\dagger \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \theta_{11} \\ \vdots \\ \mathcal{F}_1^x(1) \\ \vdots \\ \mathcal{F}_{N_a}^z(N_t) \\ \vdots \\ \theta_{p\Lambda_p} \end{pmatrix}$$

# « TEMPERATURE DEPENDENT EFFECTIVE POTENTIAL »

$$U = U_0 + \frac{1}{2!} \sum_{ij,\alpha\beta} \Phi_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} u_i^\alpha u_j^\beta + \frac{1}{3!} \sum_{ijk,\alpha\beta\gamma} \Psi_{ijk}^{\alpha\beta\gamma} u_i^\alpha u_j^\beta u_k^\gamma + \frac{1}{4!} \sum_{ijkl,\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \chi_{ijkl}^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} u_i^\alpha u_j^\beta u_k^\gamma u_l^\delta + O(u^5)$$

$$U = U_0 + \frac{1}{2!} \sum_{ij,\alpha\beta} \Theta_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}(T) u_i^\alpha u_j^\beta$$

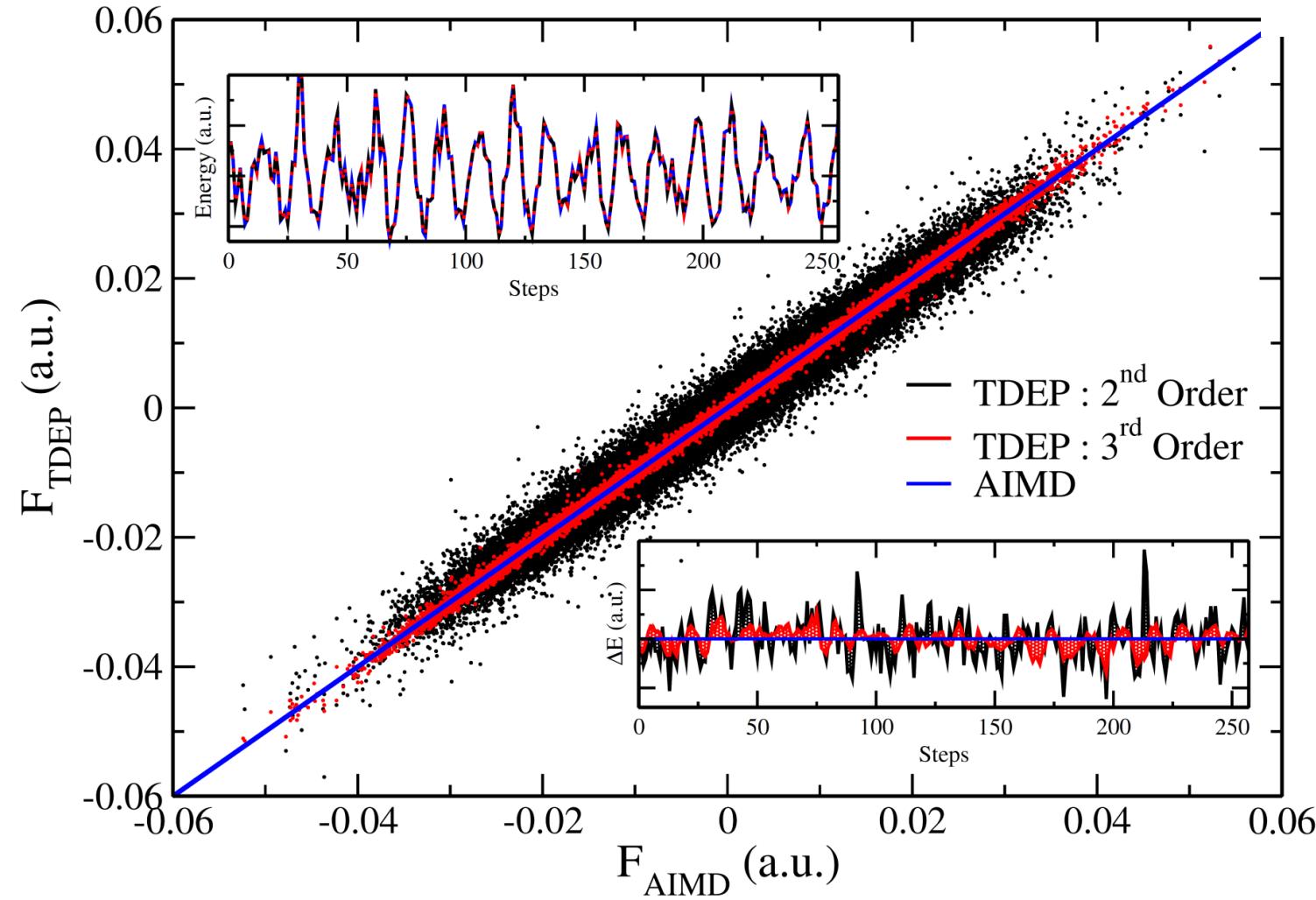
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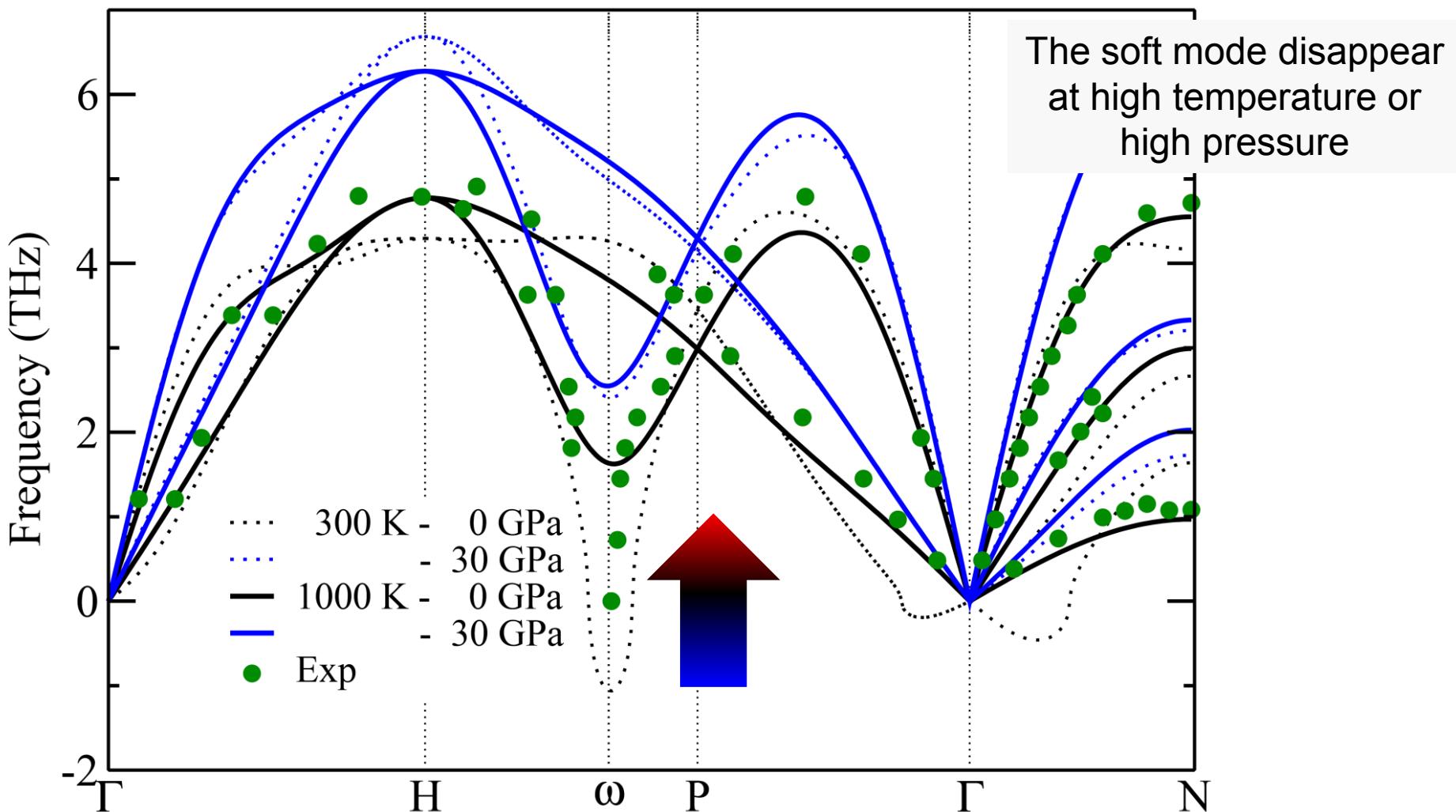
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# ZIRCONIUM (BCC) : STABILISATION AT HIGH T OR HIGH P

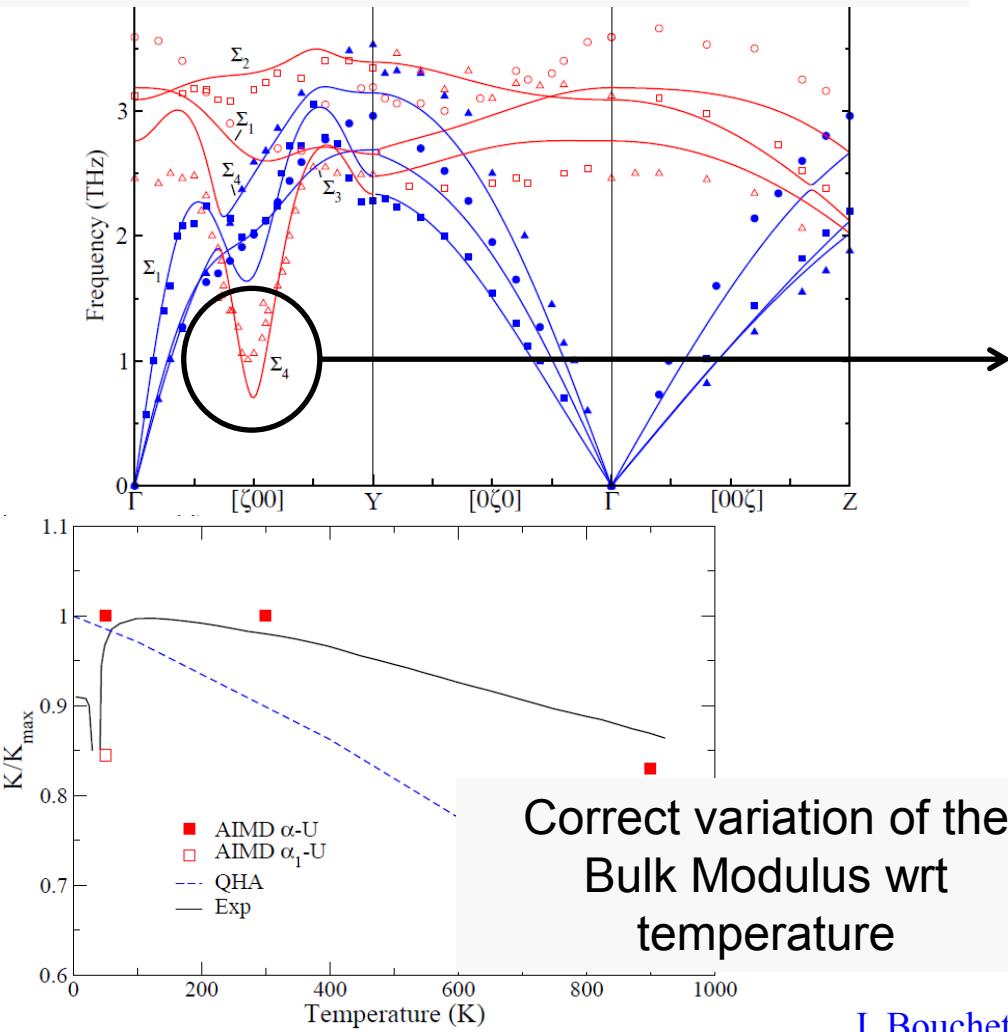


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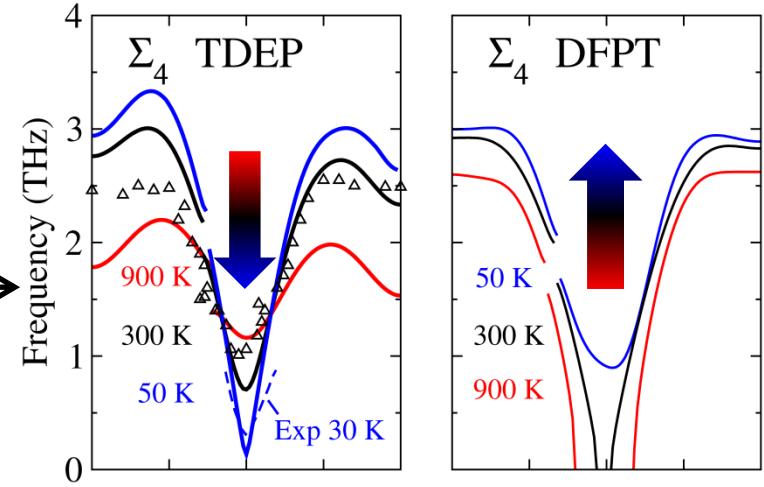
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# URANIUM (ALPHA) : FAILURE OF THE QHA

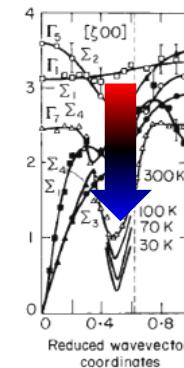
aTDEP phonon spectrum in good agreement with experiment (300K)



Correct variation of the phonon modes wrt temperature

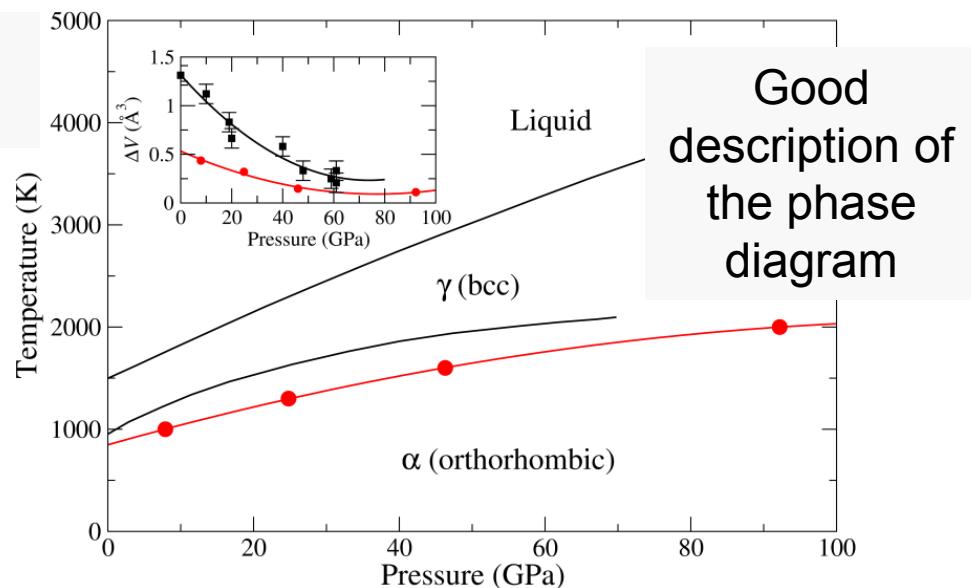
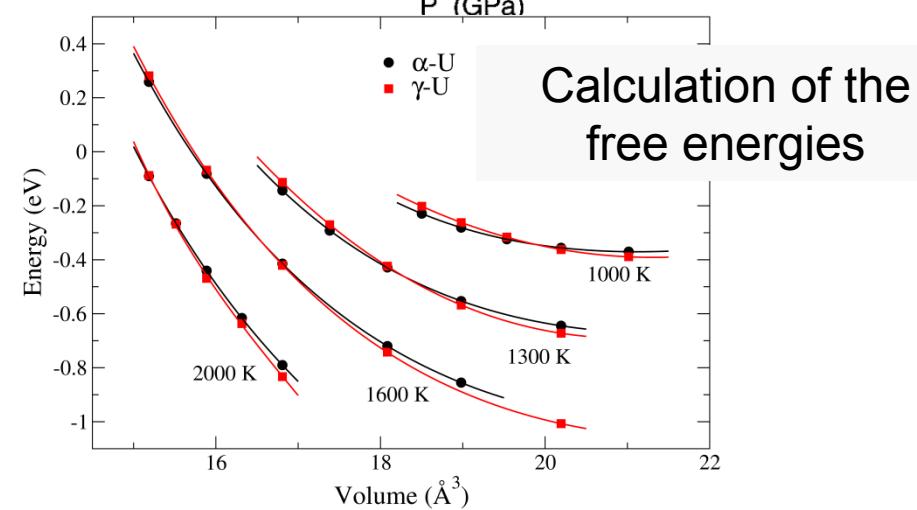
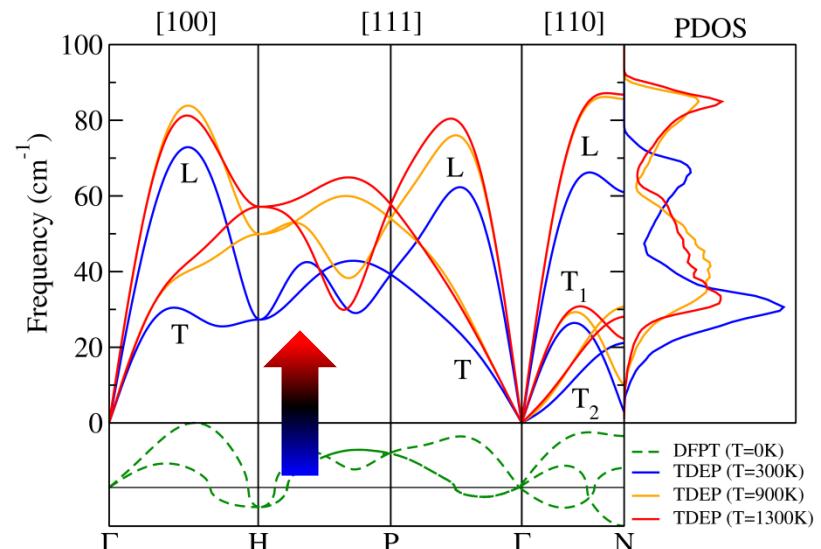
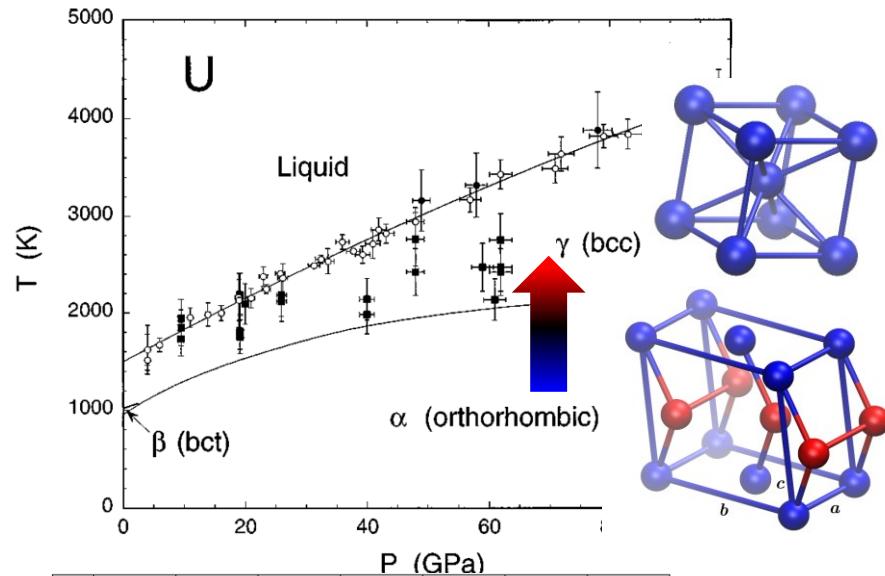


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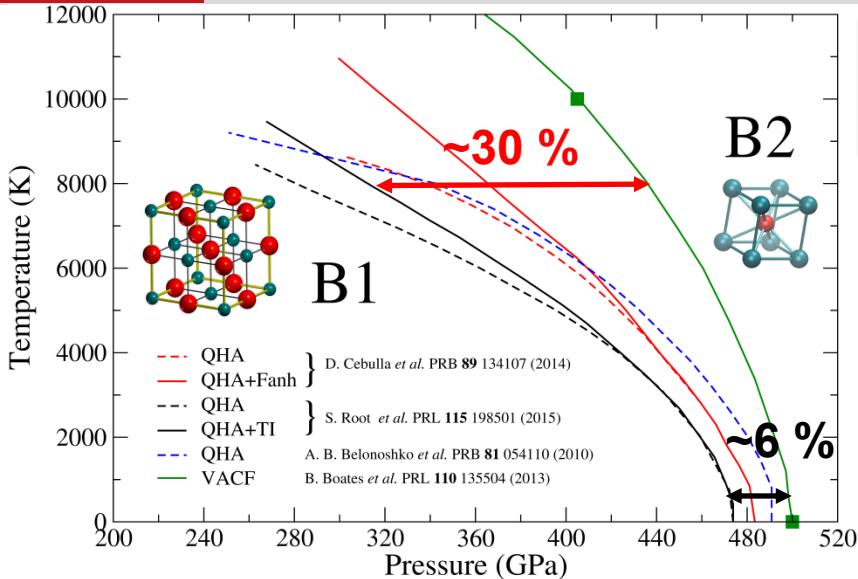
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# URANIUM (GAMMA) : THE PHASE DIAGRAM

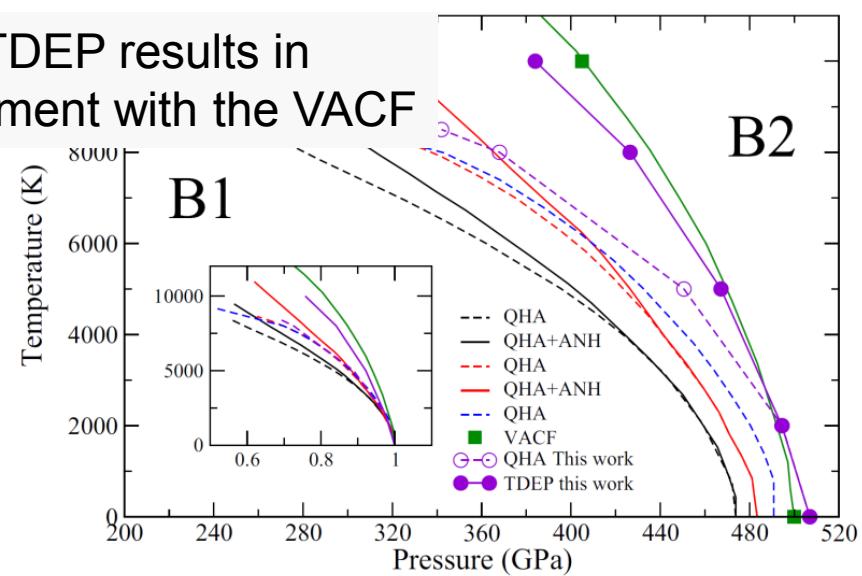


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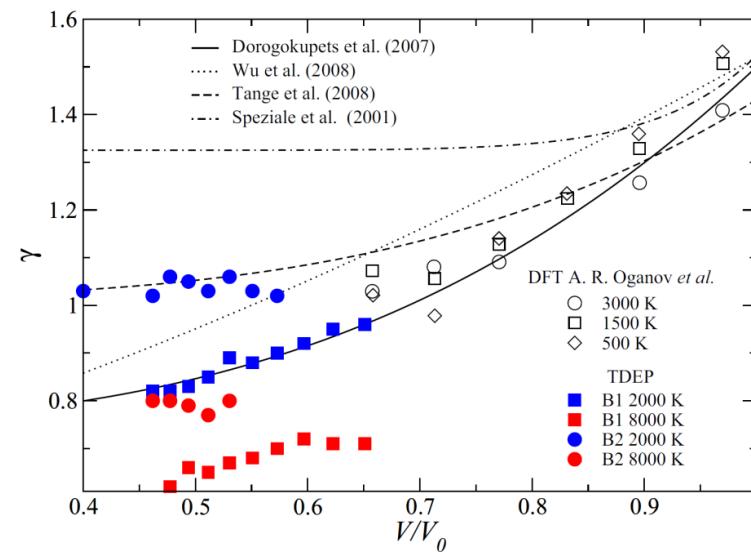
# MGO : THE B1-B2 PHASE TRANSITION



TDEP results in  
agreement with the VACF



Variation of the  
Gruneisen parameter  
wrt temperature (along  
an isochoric process)



J. Bouchet, F. Bottin, V. Recoules, F. Remus, G. Morard, R.M. Bolis & A. Benazzi-Mounaix, PRB 99, 094113 (2019)

# HOW TO RUN ATDEP

As usual...

```
tdep < input.files > log
```

...with 3 lines in the `input.files`...

```
input.in  
HIST.nc  
output
```

... and a few variables in the `input.in` file (see the atdep suite) :

```
NormalMode
# Unit cell definition
    brav    7    0
    natom_unitcell      5
    xred_unitcell   0.0 0.0 0.0 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.0 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.0 0.5 0.5 0.0
    typat_unitcell  3   2   1   1   1
# Supercell definition
    multiplicity  2.00  0.00  0.00  0.00  2.00  0.00  0.00  0.00  2.00
    temperature    495.05
# Computation details
    nstep_max       101
    nstep_min        1
    Rcut          7.426
# Optional inputs
    Ngqpt2 2 2 2
    TheEnd
```

# THE OUTPUT FILES OF ATDEP

## **A large number of files :**

- Phonon frequencies (omega.dat)
  - Dynamical matrices (dij.dat & DDB)
  - Interatomic Force Constants (ifc.dat & ifc.nc)
  - Thermodynamic data (thermo.dat)
  - ...
  - Main output file :

```
#####
##### Grunlesen par#####
##### vibrat See the grunlesen.dat#####
#####
##### Grunlesen par#####
##### vibrat See the vdos.dat and TDEP#####
##### Write the IFC of TDEP in #####
##### For each shell#####
##### NEL GUELL#####


```

➤ ...

## ➤ Main output file :

```

#####
##### Elastic constant
#####
##### Bulk and Shear modulus -> Voigt
ISOTHERMAL modulus [in GPa]: B
Average of Young modulus E [in GPa]= 105.595
Velocities [in m.s-1]: compressive
Debye velocity [in m.s-1]= 354

#####
##### Using the formulation proposed
Cijkl [in GPa]=
| C11 C12 C13 C14 C15 C16 | 105.595
| C21 C22 C23 C24 C25 C26 | 52.501
| C31 C32 C33 C34 C35 C36 | 52.501
| C41 C42 C43 C44 C45 C46 | 0.000
| C51 C52 C53 C54 C55 C56 | 0.000
| C61 C62 C63 C64 C65 C66 | 0.000

#####
##### For an Anisotropic Material ==
Sijkl [in GPa-1]=
| S11 S12 S13 S14 S15 S16 | 0.014
| S21 S22 S23 S24 S25 S26 | -0.005
| S31 S32 S33 S34 S35 S36 | -0.005
| S41 S42 S43 S44 S45 S46 | 0.000
| S51 S52 S53 S54 S55 S56 | 0.000
| S61 S62 S63 S64 S65 S66 | 0.000

#####
##### For an Orthotropic Material (symmetric)
Young modulus E1, E2 and E3 [in GPa]= 70
Poisson ratio Nu11, Nu31, Nu23, Nu12, Nu11
Shear modulus G23, G13 and G12 [in GPa]= 354
Sijkl [in GPa-1]=
| S11 S12 S13 S14 S15 S16 | 0.014
| S21 S22 S23 S24 S25 S26 | -0.005
| S31 S32 S33 S34 S35 S36 | -0.005
| S41 S42 S43 S44 S45 S46 | 0.000
| S51 S52 S53 S54 S55 S56 | 0.000
| S61 S62 S63 S64 S65 S66 | 0.000

#####
##### Elastic anisotropy index : A_U
Elastic anisotropy index : A_U = 0.000
Bulk anisotropy ratio : A_B = 0.000
Shear anisotropy ratio : A_G = 0.000

#####
##### Gruneisen parameter, Thermal expansion, Thermal pressure...
#####
##### vibra See the vdos.dat and TDEP Gruneisen.dat files
Write the IFC of TDEP in :
#####
##### For each shell, list of coefficients (IFC), number of neighbours...
#####
##### NEW SHELL (ishell= 1): There are 1 atoms on this shell
For iatcell= 1 ,with type= 1
For jatom = 1 ,with type= 1
For katom = 1 ,with type= 1
For latom = 1 ,with type= 1
\Phi1^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}=
0.106589 0.000000
0.000000 0.105230 0.000000
0.000000 0.000000 0.114645
\Phi1^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}=
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\Phi1^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}=
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0.000000 0.000000
0.000000 0.000000 0.000000
(i,j) vector components: 0.000000 0.000000 0.000000
(j,k) vector components: 0.000000 0.000000 0.000000
(k,l) vector components: 0.000000 0.000000 0.000000
\Phi1^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}=
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-0.015352 0.002431 -0.042105
-0.047539 -0.042105 -0.096677
\Phi1^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}=
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0.002571 0.021208 0.001079
-0.042105 0.001079 -0.055817
\Phi1^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}=
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0.000000 0.000000 0.114645

```

- ✓ **Implementation of the :**
  - 4th order IFCs
  - Dipole-dipole interaction (LO-TO splitting)
  - Alloy description (VCA)
  - Reweighting (see the presentation of A. Castellano)
  - Parallelisation over configurations
- ✓ **Creation of an aTDEP series of test (around 40 tests)**
- ✓ **Improvement of the documentation for the user (see the « Topic », the « Input variables » and the « User guide »)**
- ✓ **Building of a first « aTDEP tutorial »**

# ATDEP : USER GUIDE – TOPIC – INPUT VARIABLES - TUTORIAL

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## The aTDEP utility

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- User guide (in a pdf format): [aTDEP guide](#)
- Theory: [aTDEP paper](#) corresponding to the article [[Bottin2020](#)]

## Prerequisite and theory

The approach used in this code is detailed in a publication dedicated to the development of all formula (see [aTDEP paper](#)). We strongly encourage all the users to carefully read this paper before beginning. All the vibrational, elastic and thermodynamic quantities computed by aTDEP are presented with the same writing conventions as the ones used in the output files of aTDEP. In the same manner, a comprehensive understanding of some ABINIT basic variables is also required in order to fill the input file and read the output file of aTDEP.

In addition, this paper is also useful to understand the limitations and convergences which are inherent to the present method. These particular points are sometimes discussed in the article, with some references and illustrating examples.

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## aTDEP

This page gives hints on how to perform thermodynamic, elastic and transport properties calculations including explicit temperature effects with the ABINIT package.

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The original TDEP method [[Hellman2011](#)] is implemented in ABINIT. In particular, various

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## atdep input variables

This document lists and provides the description of the name (keywords) of the atdep input variables to be used in the input file for the atdep executable.

### alloy

Mnemonics: ALLOY treatment  
Mentioned in topic(s): [topic\\_aTDEP](#)  
Variable type: integer  
Dimensions: 3  
Default value: 0  
Added in version: 9.5.1

OPTIONAL: Defines the treatment of the alloy. The first value defines the approximation used (0=nothing and 1=Virtual Crystal Approximation). The second and the third values define the [typat\_unitcell] of the atoms which have to be alloyed.

### amu

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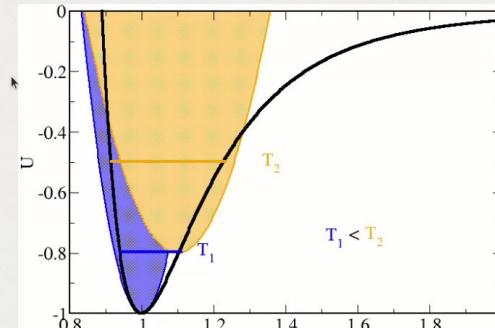
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