

Step by step Tutorial

Day-3 **Phonons**

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Introduction

```
hfyeh@cluster:~> cd phonon/
```

```
hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon> ls
```

```
0-relaxation 1-supercell 2-forces 3-dispersion 4-thermo EXPAL INPHON phon
```

0-relaxation: to relax FCC bulk Al to ground state

1-supercell: to generate a 2x2x2 supercell based on Al-FCC primitive cell and generate displacement of ions inasmuch as non-zero force might occur.

2-forces: to calculate forces acting on each ion in the supercell.

3-dispersion: to derive dispersion curve

4-thermo: to calculate thermodynamic properties such as free energy, specific heat

EXPAL: phonon dispersion experimental data

phon: phonon program

INPHON: input information and parameters of phon

0-Relaxation

```
hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon> cd 0-relaxation
hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon/0-relaxation> ls
INCAR KPOINTS POSCAR POTCAR run.sh
hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon> cat POSCAR
```

```
Al
3.9688275000
0.5000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.0000000000000000
0.0000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.5000000000000000
0.5000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 0.5000000000000000
1
Direct
0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000
```

```
hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon/0-relaxation> cat KPOINTS
```

```
4x4x4
0
Monkhorst
4 4 4
0 0 0
```

Use 4x4x4 k-points for primitive cell, and 2x2x2 for super cell, which we'll see later

```
hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon/0-relaxation> cat INCAR
```

```
System = Al
ISMEAR = 1
SIGMA = 0.05
NSW = 50
ISIF = 7
IBRION = 2
```

Relax cell volume

Relax the bulk Al until it reaches its minimum energy and its corresponding lattice constant, then go to next section.

1-Generating super cell

```
hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon/0-relaxation> cd ../1-supercell/
hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon/1-supercell> cp ../0-relaxation/POSCAR .
hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon/1-supercell> ls
INPHON phon POSCAR
hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon/1-supercell> cat POSCAR
```

Relaxed POSCAR

```
Al
3.968827500000000
0.5094932521529604 0.5094932521529604 0.0000000000000000
0.0000000000000000 0.5094932521529604 0.5094932521529604
0.5094932521529604 0.0000000000000000 0.5094932521529604
1
Direct
0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000
```

```
hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon/1-supercell> cat INPHON
```

```
# number of ions types and masses
NTYPES = 1; MASS =26.98
```

Displacement = 1/25 angst.

```
# displacement of ions
DISP = 25
```

LSUPER: phon will generate super cell
NDIM: super cell dimensions

```
# generate superlattice
LSUPER = .T.; NDIM = 2 2 2;
DXSTART = 1 -1 1
```

Direction of displacement in lattice coordinate. In this case, the displacement is along x-axis. Program would choose a proper direction automatically if this tag is absent.

1-Generating super cell

```
hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon/1-supercell> ./phon > phon.out
```

```
hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon/1-supercell> ls
```

```
DISP INPHON phon phon.out POSCAR SPOSCAR
```

Blocks are output files

```
hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon/1-supercell> cat SPOSCAR
```

2x2x2 FCC-Al super cell

```
super cell
```

```
3.9688275000
```

```
1.018986504305921 1.018986504305921 0.0000000000000000
```

```
0.0000000000000000 1.018986504305921 1.018986504305921
```

```
1.018986504305921 0.0000000000000000 1.018986504305921
```

```
8
```

```
Direct
```

```
0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000
```

```
0.5000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000
```

```
0.0000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.0000000000000000
```

```
0.5000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.0000000000000000
```

```
0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 0.5000000000000000
```

```
0.5000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 0.5000000000000000
```

```
0.0000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.5000000000000000
```

```
0.5000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.5000000000000000
```

```
hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon/1-supercell> cat DISP
```

```
" 1 0.00494538 -0.00494538 0.00494538 "\
```

Displacement of first ion
would be record in DISP

Displacement of first ion, in basis vector (fractional coordinate)

2-Calculating forces on ions

```
hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon/1-supercell> cd ../2-forces/
hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon/2-forces> cp ../1-supercell/SPOSCAR ./POSCAR
hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon/2-forces> cp ../1-supercell/DISP .
hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon/2-forces> vi DISP
```

```
" 1 0.00494538 -0.00494538 0.00494538" \
```

Type 'yy' to yank this line

```
hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon/2-forces> vi POSCAR
```

super cell

3.9688275000

1.018986504305921 1.018986504305921 0.0000000000000000

0.0000000000000000 1.018986504305921 1.018986504305921

1.018986504305921 0.0000000000000000 1.018986504305921

8

Direct

0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000

0.5000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000

0.0000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.0000000000000000

0.5000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.0000000000000000

0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 0.5000000000000000

0.5000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 0.5000000000000000

0.0000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.5000000000000000

0.5000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.5000000000000000

Type 'p' to past the information you yanked before, then type 'dd' to delete this line.

One needs to move ions in super cell to calculate the induced force. Yank the lattice coordinate in DISP and replace to first ion position in POSCAR.

2-Calculating forces on ions

```
hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon/2-forces> cat POSCAR
```

The resultant POSCAR
would be like this

```
super cell
3.9688275000
1.018986504305921 1.018986504305921 0.0000000000000000
0.0000000000000000 1.018986504305921 1.018986504305921
1.018986504305921 0.0000000000000000 1.018986504305921
8
Direct
0.0049453800000000 -0.0049453800000000 0.0049453800000000
0.5000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000
0.0000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.0000000000000000
0.5000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.0000000000000000
0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 0.5000000000000000
0.5000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 0.5000000000000000
0.0000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.5000000000000000
0.5000000000000000 0.5000000000000000 0.5000000000000000
```

```
hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon/2-forces> cat KPOINTS
```

```
2x2x2
0
Monkhorst
2 2 2
0 0 0
```

Use 2x2x2 k-points for super cell

```
hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon/2-forces> cat INCAR
```

```
System = Al
ISMEAR = 1
SIGMA = 0.05
NSW = 0
```

Run electron self-consistent loops only

2-Calculating force on ions

```
hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon/2-forces> ls
INCAR KPOINTS POSCAR POTCAR run.sh
hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon/2-forces> qsub run.sh
(wait)
hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon/2-forces> vi OUTCAR
```

Type '/FORCE' to search this line

```
...
POSITION                                TOTAL-FORCE (eV/Angst)
-----
0.04000  4.04418  4.04418  -0.167093  0.000000  0.000000
2.02209  2.02209  0.00000  0.060648  0.036092  0.000000
0.00000  2.02209  2.02209  -0.029221  0.000000  0.000000
2.02209  4.04418  2.02209  0.060648  0.000000  -0.036092
2.02209  0.00000  2.02209  0.060648  0.000000  0.036092
4.04418  2.02209  2.02209  -0.029221  0.000000  0.000000
2.02209  2.02209  4.04418  0.060648  -0.036092  0.000000
4.04418  4.04418  4.04418  -0.017057  0.000000  0.000000
-----
total drift:                0.004241  -0.000185  -0.000181
...
```

Put cursor on this line then type '8yy' to yank the following 8 lines

The block shows the forces on ions in Cartesian coordinate. It's clear that the first ion suffers a relatively large negative force in x-axis since we shifted it along positive x.

2-Calculating force on ions

```
hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon/2-forces> vi FORCES
```

Generate FORCES by yourself

1

Number of displacements

1 0.00494538 -0.00494538 0.00494538

-0.167093 0.000000 0.000000

0.060648 0.036092 0.000000

-0.029221 0.000000 0.000000

0.060648 0.000000 -0.036092

0.060648 0.000000 0.036092

-0.029221 0.000000 0.000000

0.060648 -0.036092 0.000000

-0.017057 0.000000 0.000000

First displacement, which is printed in DISP

Block region in previous page

FORCES is used to calculate dispersion relation, for phon, the force unit is eV/Angst

3-Dispersion

Note here one should use
undisplaced super cell POSCAR

```
hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon/2-forces> cd ../3-dispersion
hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon/3-dispersion> cp ../1-supercell/SPOSCAR ./POSCAR
hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon/3-dispersion> cp ../2-forces/FORCES .
hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon/3-dispersion> cat INPHON
```

```
# number of ions types and masses
NTYPES = 1; MASS =26.98
```

```
# displacement of ions
DISP = 25
```

Turn off super cell generation (and
phon will calculate dispersion relation)

```
# generate superlattice
LSUPER = .F.; NDIM = 2 2 2;
DXSTART = 1 -1 1
```

If LRECIP=.T., QI and QF are in unit of reciprocal space
lattice vectors; otherwise, they are in Cartesian coordinate.

```
# q points section
LRECIP = .F.
```

```
ND = 3; NPOINTS = 51
```

Number of QI-QF sets and
number of points between
them.

```
QI = 0.0    0.0    0.0 \
     1.0    1.0    0.0 \
     0.0    0.0    0.0
```

```
QF = 1.0    0.0    0.0 \
     0.0    0.0    0.0 \
     0.5    0.5    0.5
```

The first QI-QF set on dispersion curve

3-Dispersion

```
hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon/3-dispersion> ls
```

```
FORCES INPHON phon POSCAR
```

```
hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon/3-dispersion> ./phon > phon.out
```

```
hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon/3-dispersion> ls
```

```
DOS DOS.cm DOS.meV FORCES FREQ FREQ1 FREQ.cm INPHON phon  
phon.out POSCAR
```

Density of states in THz, cm^{-1} , and meV

Dispersion curve in THz, and in cm^{-1}

```
hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon/3-dispersion> vi FREQ.cm
```

0.00000000	-0.00001	-0.00001	-0.00001
0.02000000	4.55203	4.55203	10.65446
0.04000000	9.10731	9.10731	21.30137
0.06000000	13.66898	13.66898	31.93319
0.08000000	18.23998	18.23998	42.54230
0.10000000	22.82299	22.82299	53.12101
0.12000000	27.42028	27.42028	63.66153
0.14000000	32.03368	32.03368	74.15597
0.16000000	36.66447	36.66447	84.59628

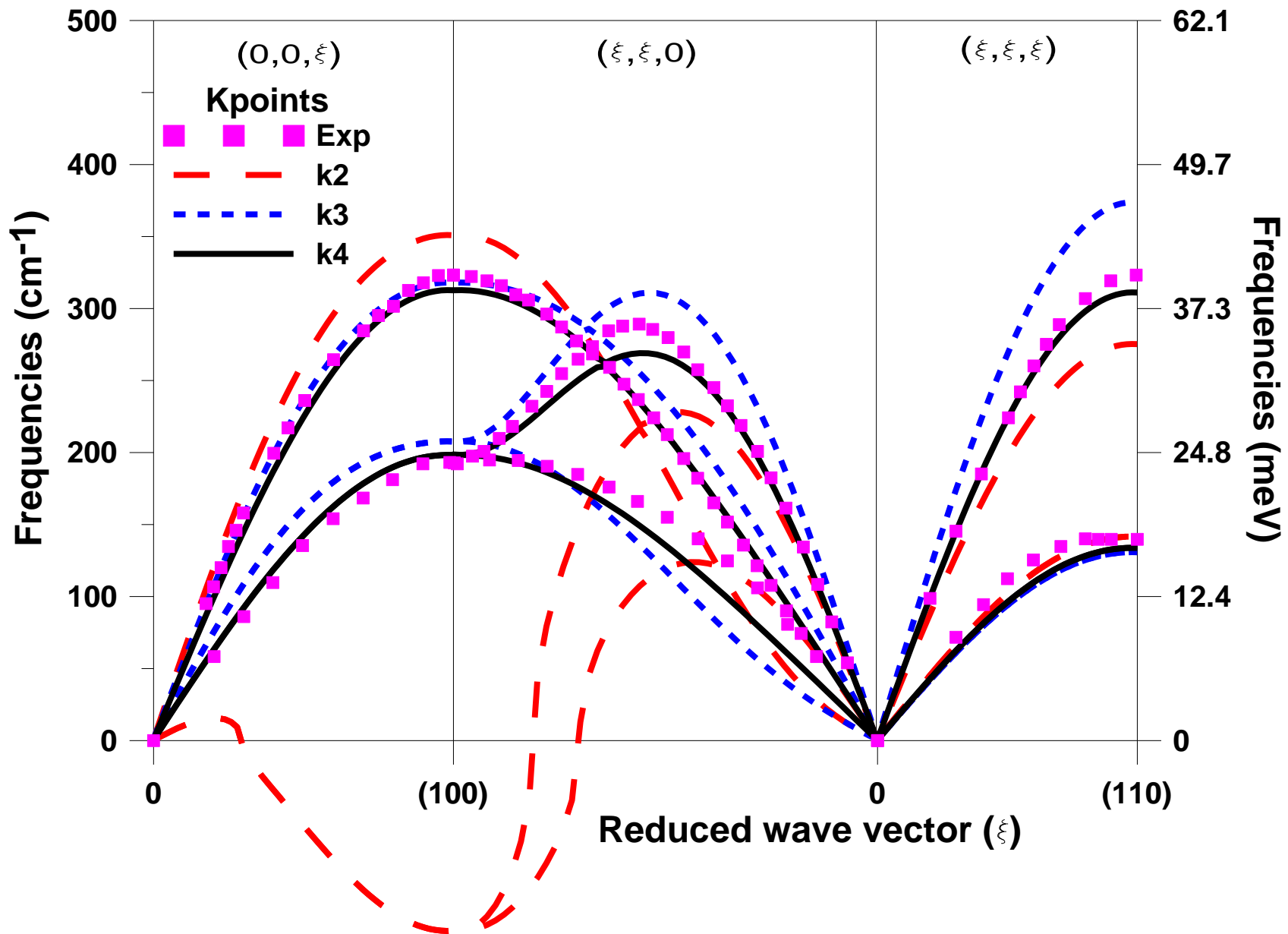
...

3 acoustic modes

Reciprocal spce length along the symmetry line your chosen

Dispersion curve

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4-Thermodynamic properties

```
hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon/3-dispersion> cd ../4-thermo/  
hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon/4-thermo> cp ../3-dispersion/POSCAR .  
hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon/4-thermo> cp ../3-dispersion/FORCES .  
hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon/4-thermo> cat INPHON
```

```
# number of ions types and masses
```

```
NTYPES = 1; MASS =26.98
```

```
# displacement of ions
```

```
DISP = 25
```

```
# generate superlattice
```

```
LSUPER = .F.; NDIM = 2 2 2;
```

```
DXSTART = 1 -1 1
```

```
# q points section
```

```
LRECIP = .F.
```

```
ND = 3; NPOINTS = 51
```

```
QI = 0.0      0.0      0.0 \
```

```
      1.0      1.0      0.0 \
```

```
      0.0      0.0      0.0
```

```
QF = 1.0      0.0      0.0 \
```

```
      0.0      0.0      0.0 \
```

```
      0.5      0.5      0.5
```

```
(Next page)
```

4-Thermodynamic properties

free energy calculation

LFREE = .TRUE.; TEMPERATURE = 0

LGAMMA = .True.

QA=8; QB=8; QC=8

PTEMP = 10 100

LFREE = .T., to turn on
thermodynamic properties
calculation.

TEMPERATURE = 0, initial
temperature.

QA,QB and QC are the divisions for
a Monkhorst-Pack special point grid
generations. LGAMMA = .TRUE.
means that the grid will pass through
 Γ .

Temperature increment,
number of increments

hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon/4-thermo> **ls**

FORCES INPHON phon POSCAR

hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon/4-thermo> **./phon > phon.out**

hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon/4-thermo> **ls**

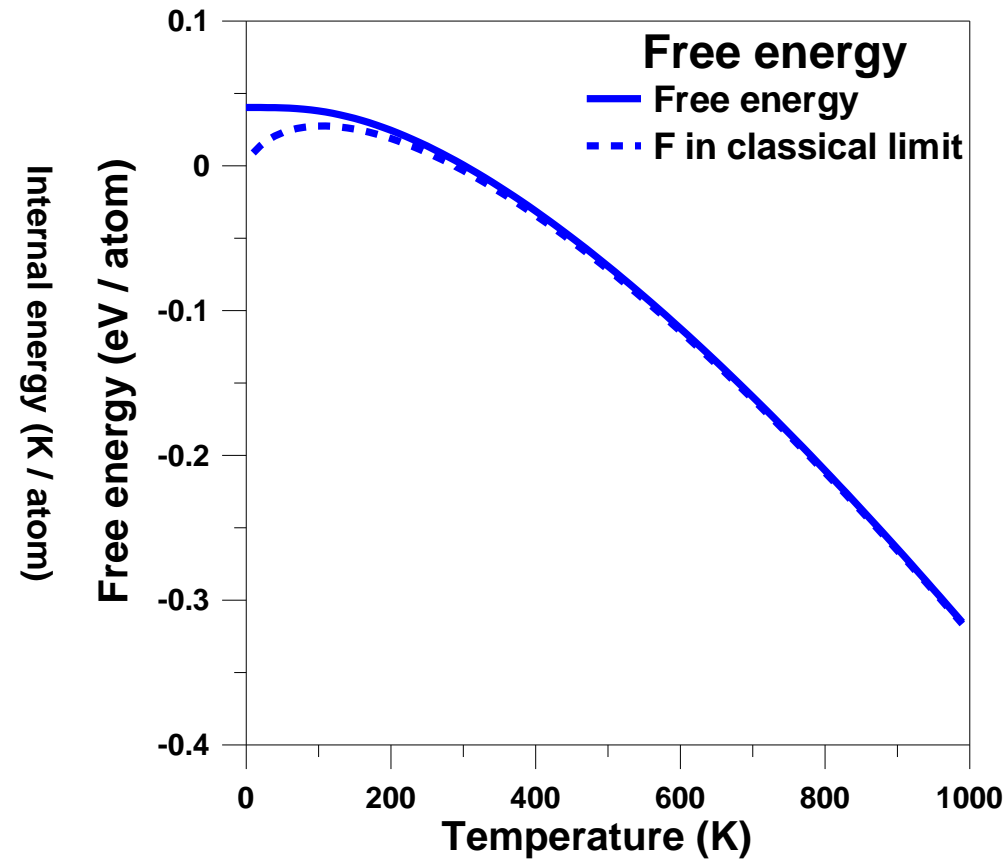
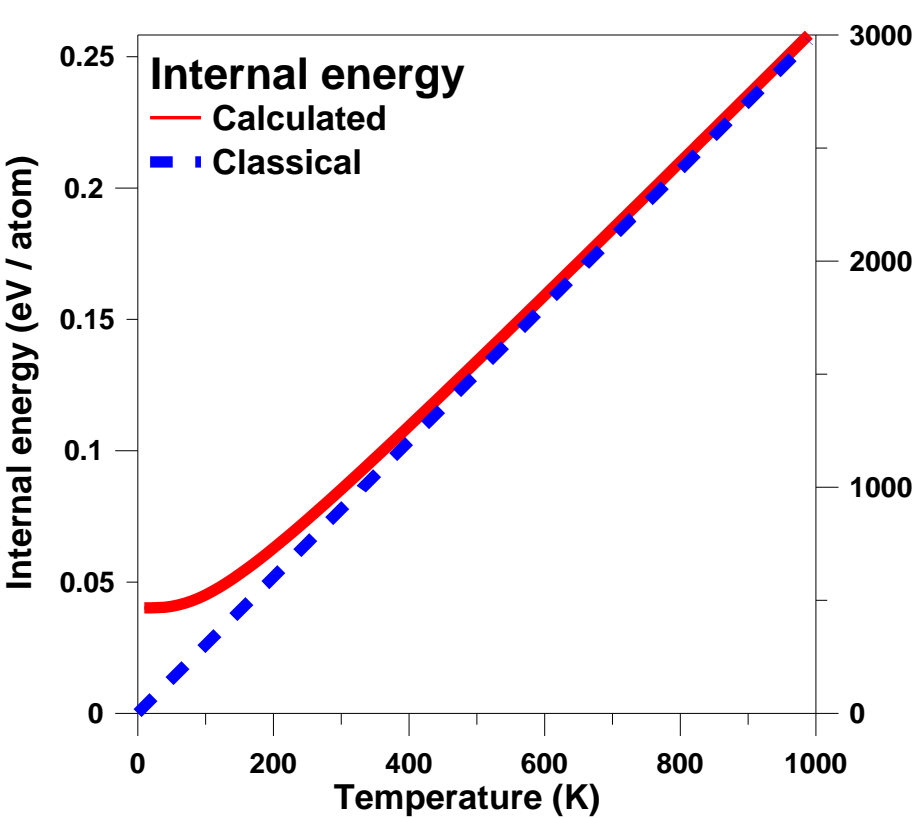
DOS DOS.cm DOS.meV FORCES INPHON phon phon.out POSCAR QPOINTS
THERMO

• 4-Thermodynamic properties

hfyeh@cluster:~/phonon/4-thermo> vi THERMO

#	T(K)	E(eV/cell)	F(eV/cell)	Fc(eV/cell)	S(kB/cell)	Cv(kB/cell)
	0.00	NaN	0.04112759	NaN	NaN	NaN
	10.00	0.04112811	0.04112744	0.00879789	0.00077527	0.00248405
	20.00	0.04113645	0.04112476	0.01401190	0.00678014	0.02129924
	30.00	0.04117695	0.04111227	0.01787321	0.02501740	0.08243949
	40.00	0.04129764	0.04107551	0.02085606	0.06444151	0.20873384
					

Temperature, internal energy, free energy, free energy in classical limit, entropy, and specific heat. Units are shown above, note the term 'per cell' means per primitive cell, which in our case is equivalent to per atom.



Entropy and specific heat

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