

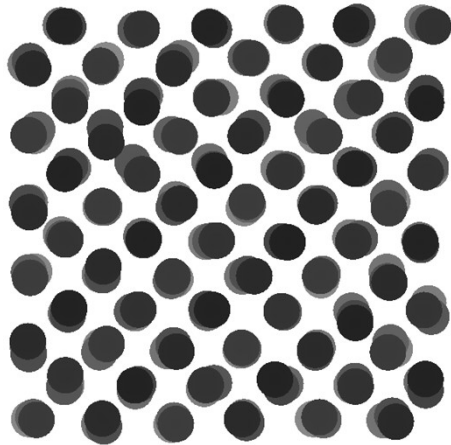
Vibrationally Accurate Interatomic Potentials

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Modes (Phonons) & MD Simulations

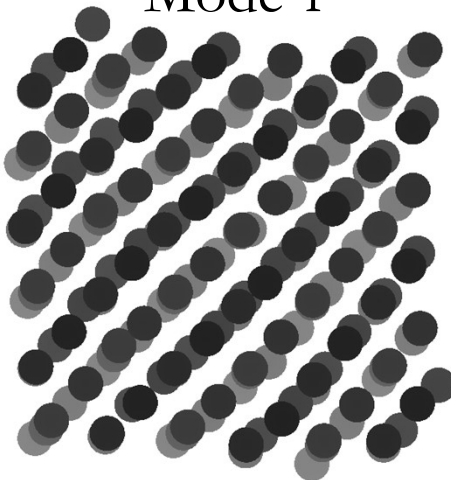


Mode 1

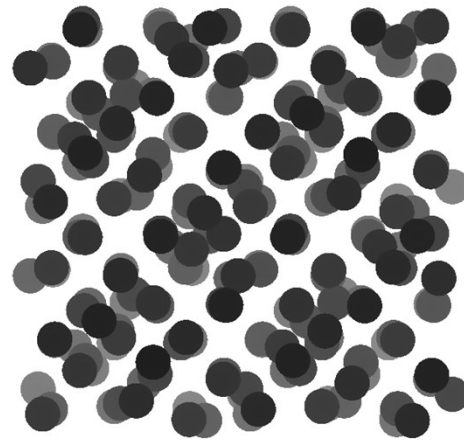
Heat flux Q

$$\text{Thermal conductivity } \kappa \propto \int_0^{\infty} \langle Q(0)Q(t) \rangle dt$$

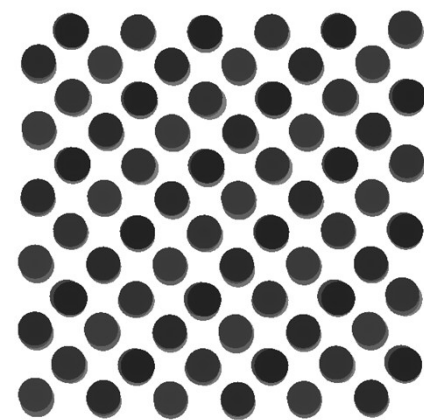
$$\kappa = \kappa_{\text{mode},1} + \kappa_{\text{mode},2} + \kappa_{\text{mode},3} + \dots$$



Mode 2



Mode 3



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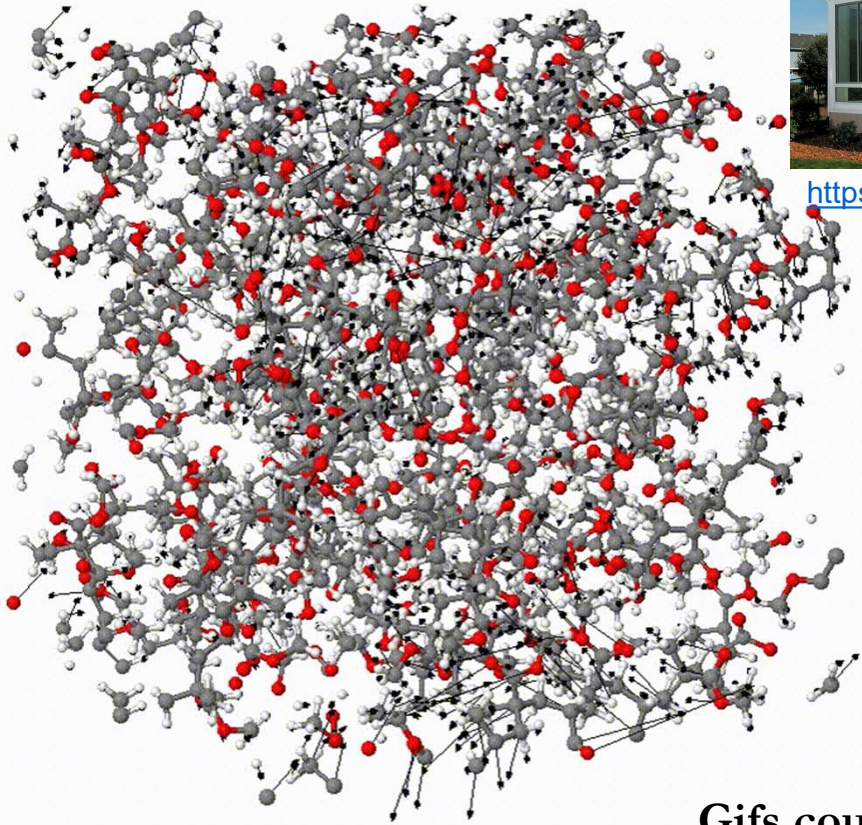
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Vibrational Modes & Heat Transfer

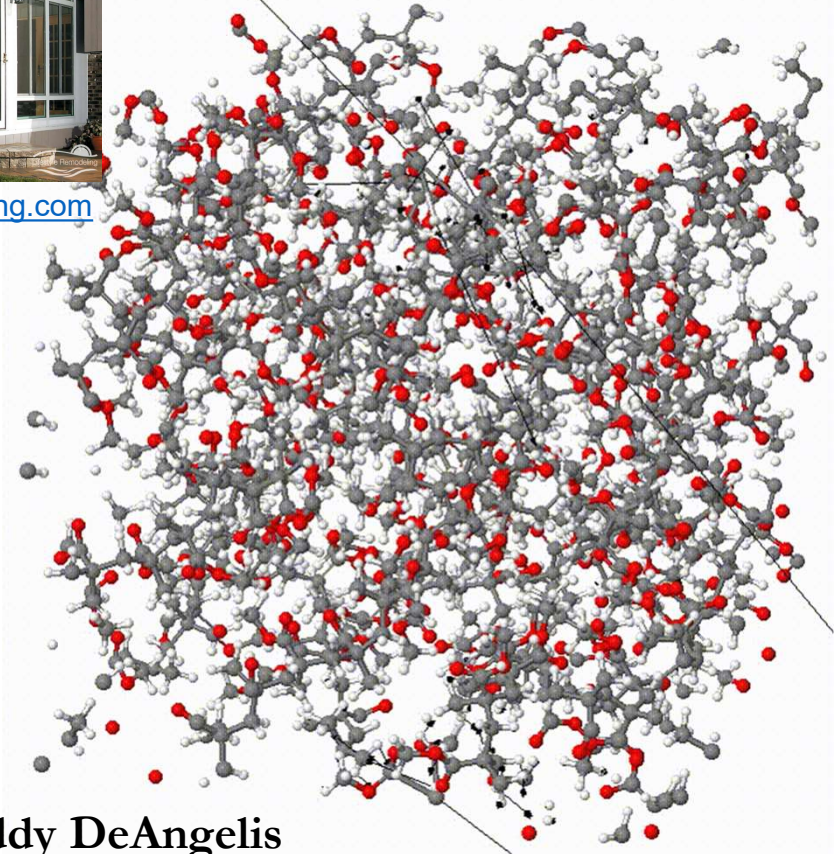


Aids heat transfer



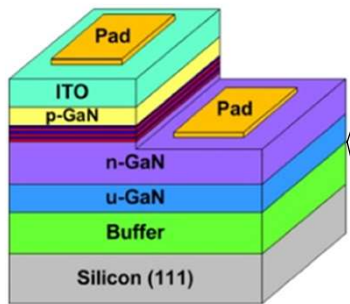
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Inhibits heat transfer

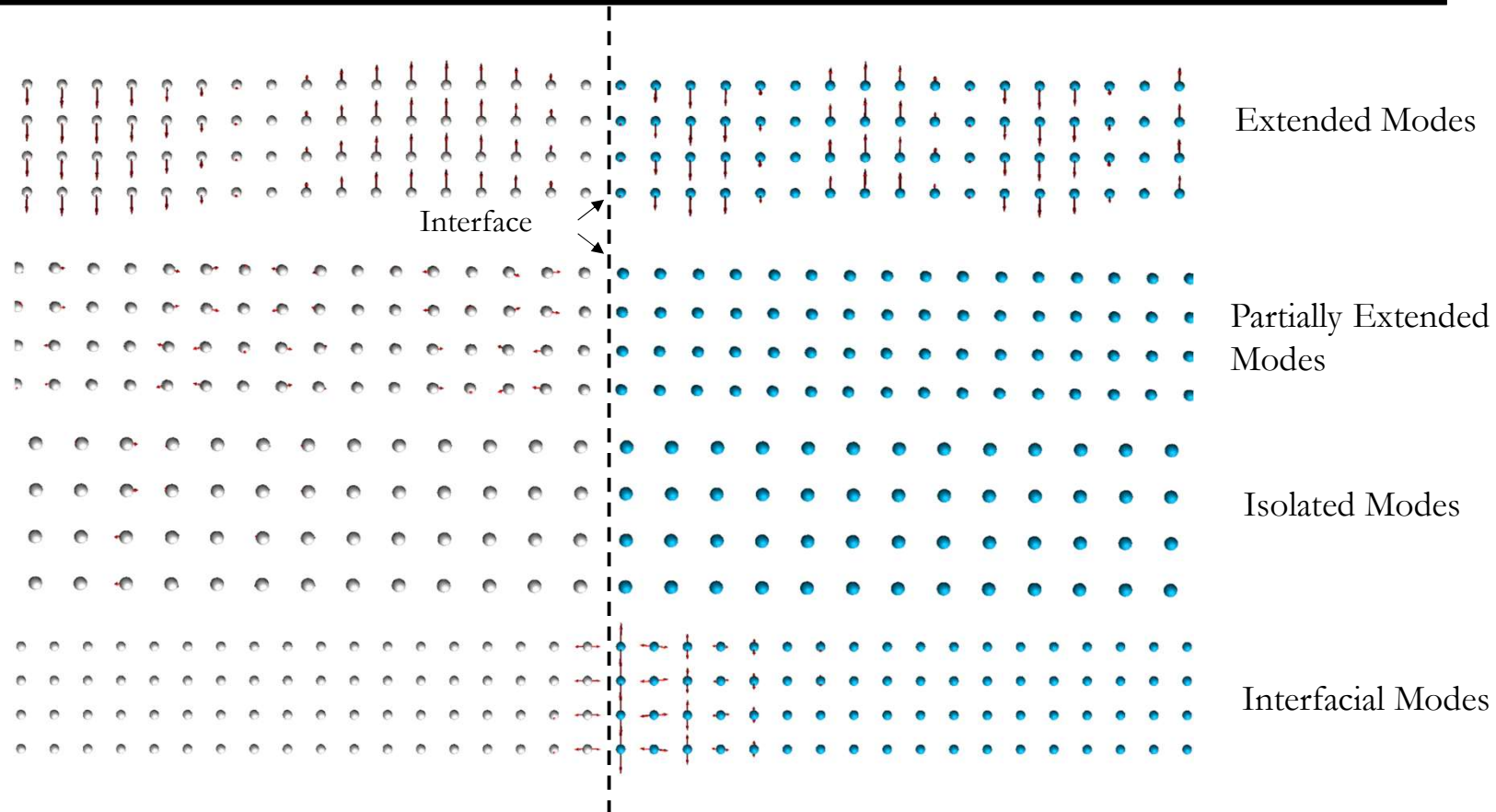


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Modes at Interfaces



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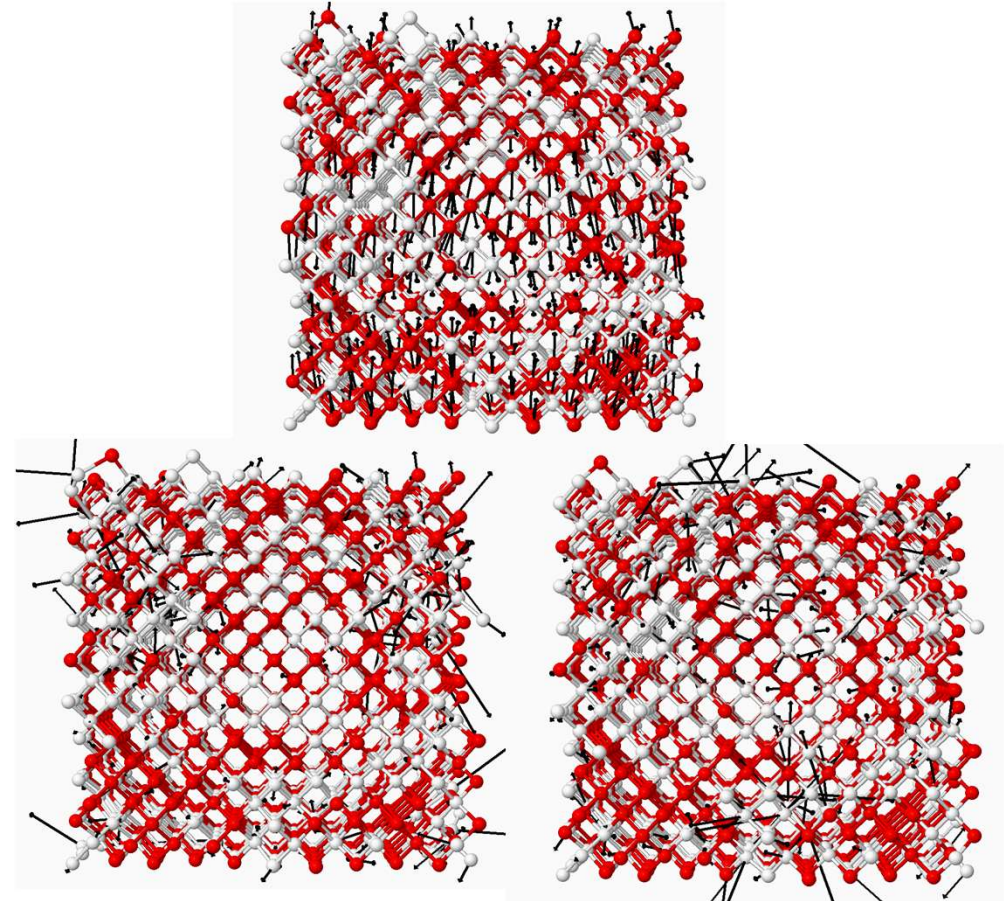


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Modes & Energy Conversion



Thermoelectric generator



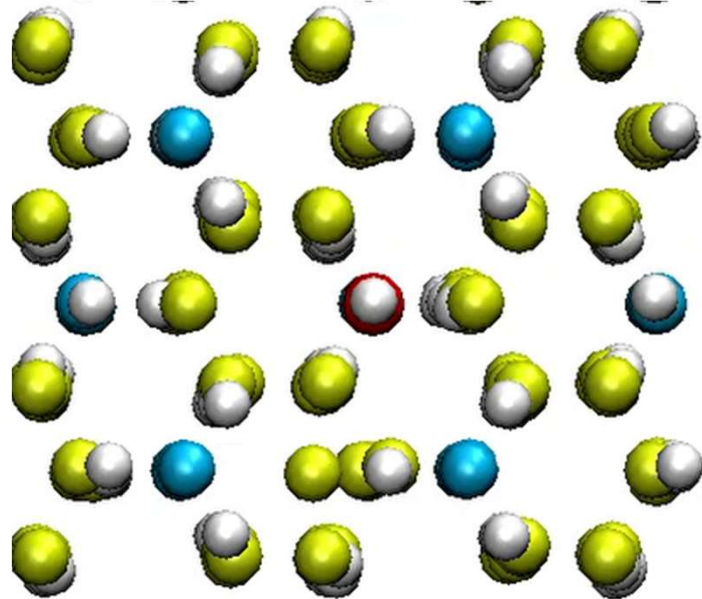
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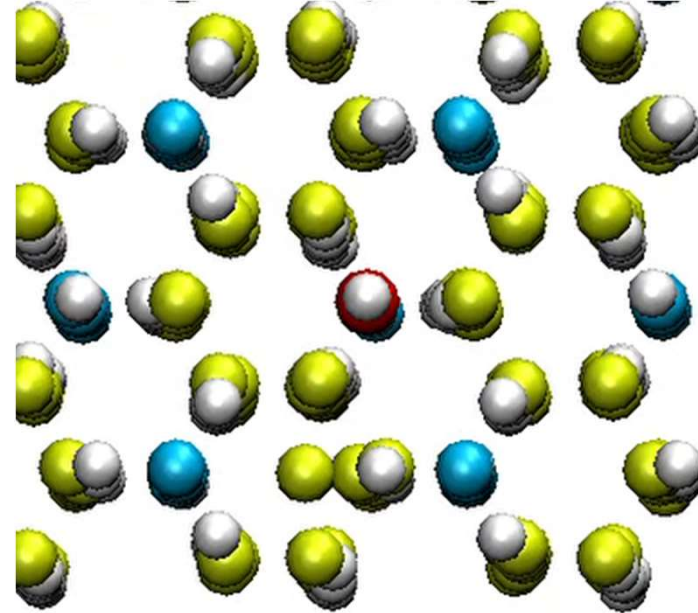
Modes Make Things Happen



MD @ T=300K



MD @ T=300K + energy input to
a few selected modes



- Li
- P
- O
- Ge

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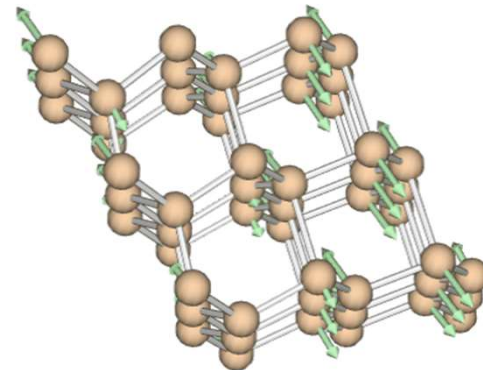
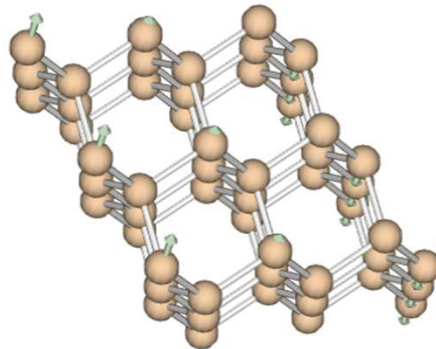
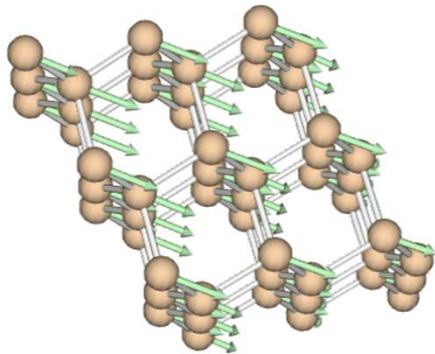
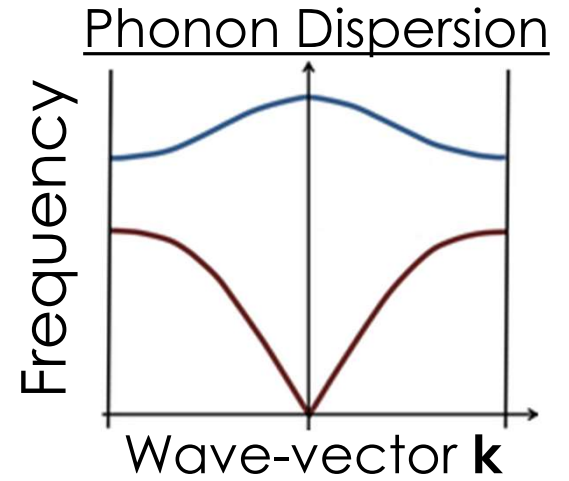
Phonon Theory



$$u_i = x_i - x_i^{equilibrium}$$

Mass \times Acceleration = Harmonic Force

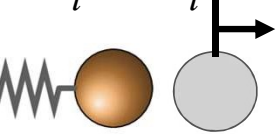
$$m_i \ddot{u}_i = - \sum_j K_{ij} u_j$$



Taylor Expansion Potential



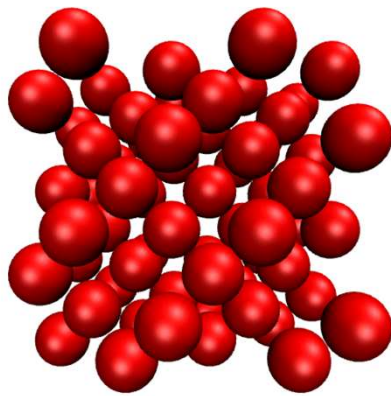
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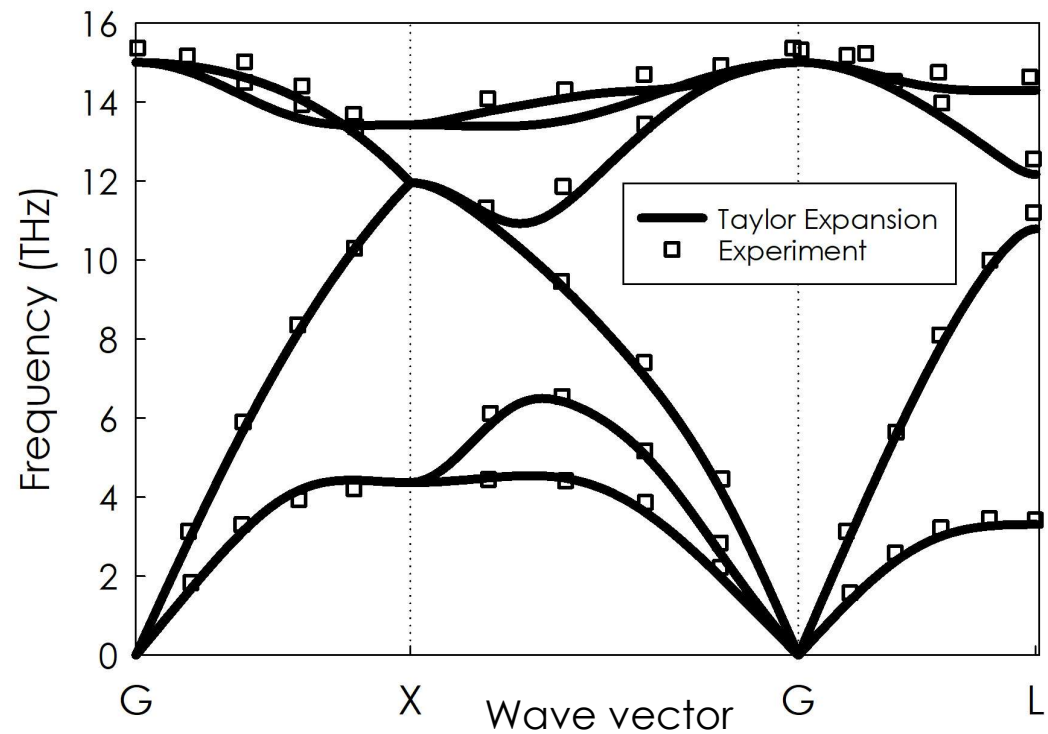
$$E = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} K_{ij} u_i u_j + \frac{1}{3!} \sum_{ijk} K_{ijk} u_i u_j u_k + \dots$$

$$K_{ij} = \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial u_i \partial u_j}$$

$$K_{ijk} = \frac{\partial^3 E}{\partial u_i \partial u_j \partial u_k}$$



Silicon Phonon Dispersion

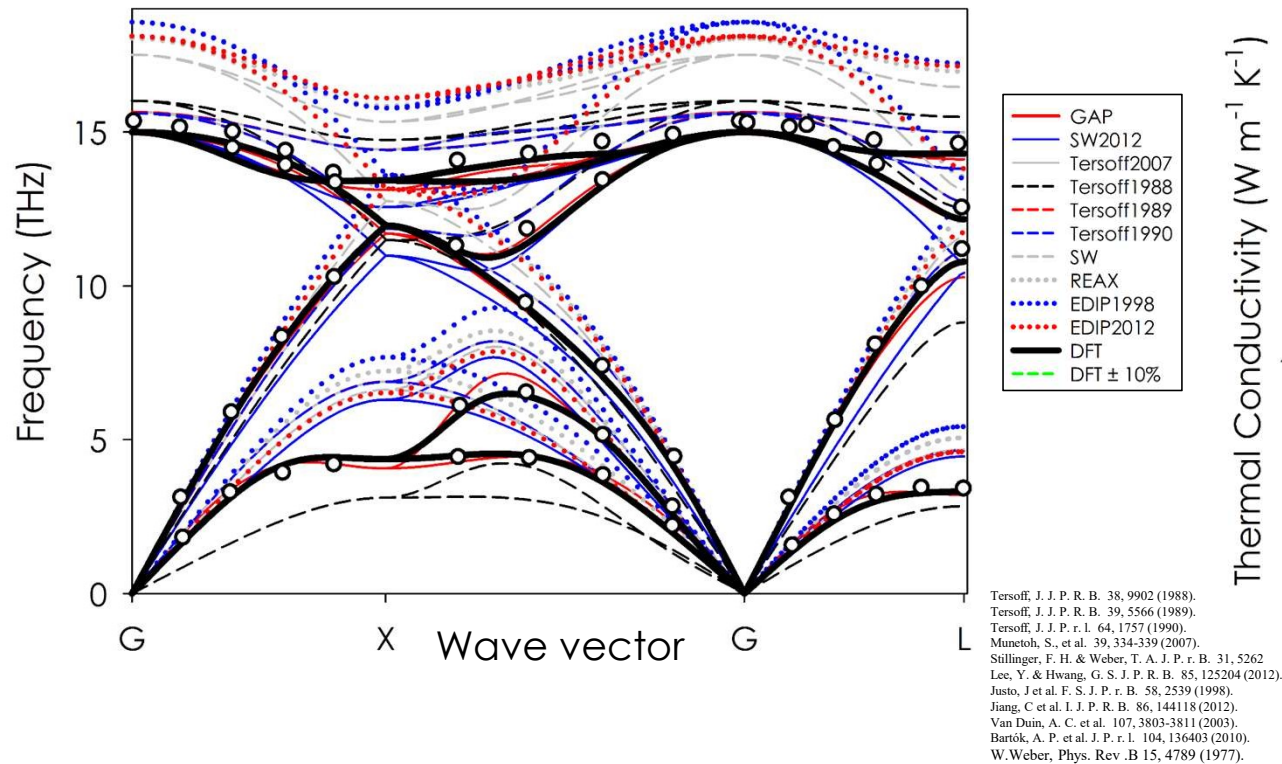


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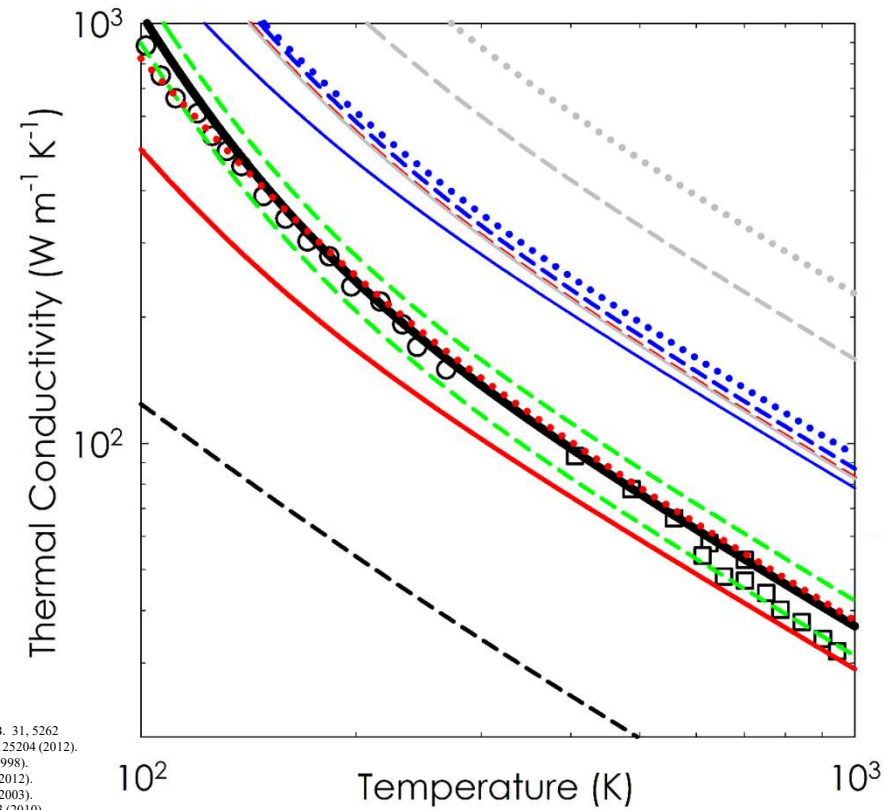
Current Potentials



Silicon Phonon Dispersion



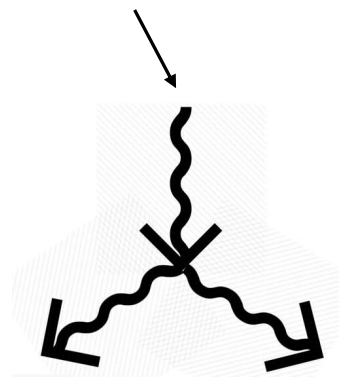
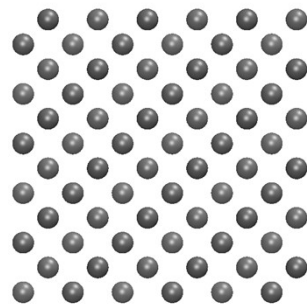
Silicon Thermal Conductivity



The “Phonon Potential”



$$E = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} K_{ij} u_i u_j + E_{\text{anharmonic}}$$



Morse

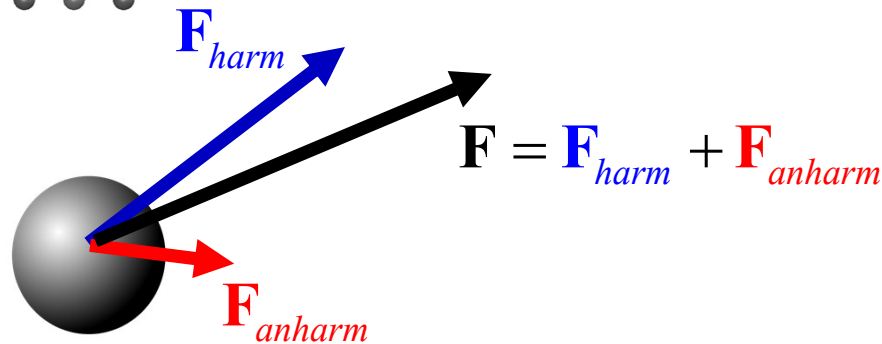
$$E = \lambda_1 \left[1 - \exp(-\lambda_2 (r - \lambda_3)) \right]^2$$

3-body

$$E = \lambda_1 (\theta - \theta_0)^2 + \lambda_2 (\theta - \theta_0)^3 + \dots$$

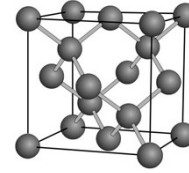
SNAP

$$E = \beta_0 + \sum_k \beta_k B_k$$



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Silicon



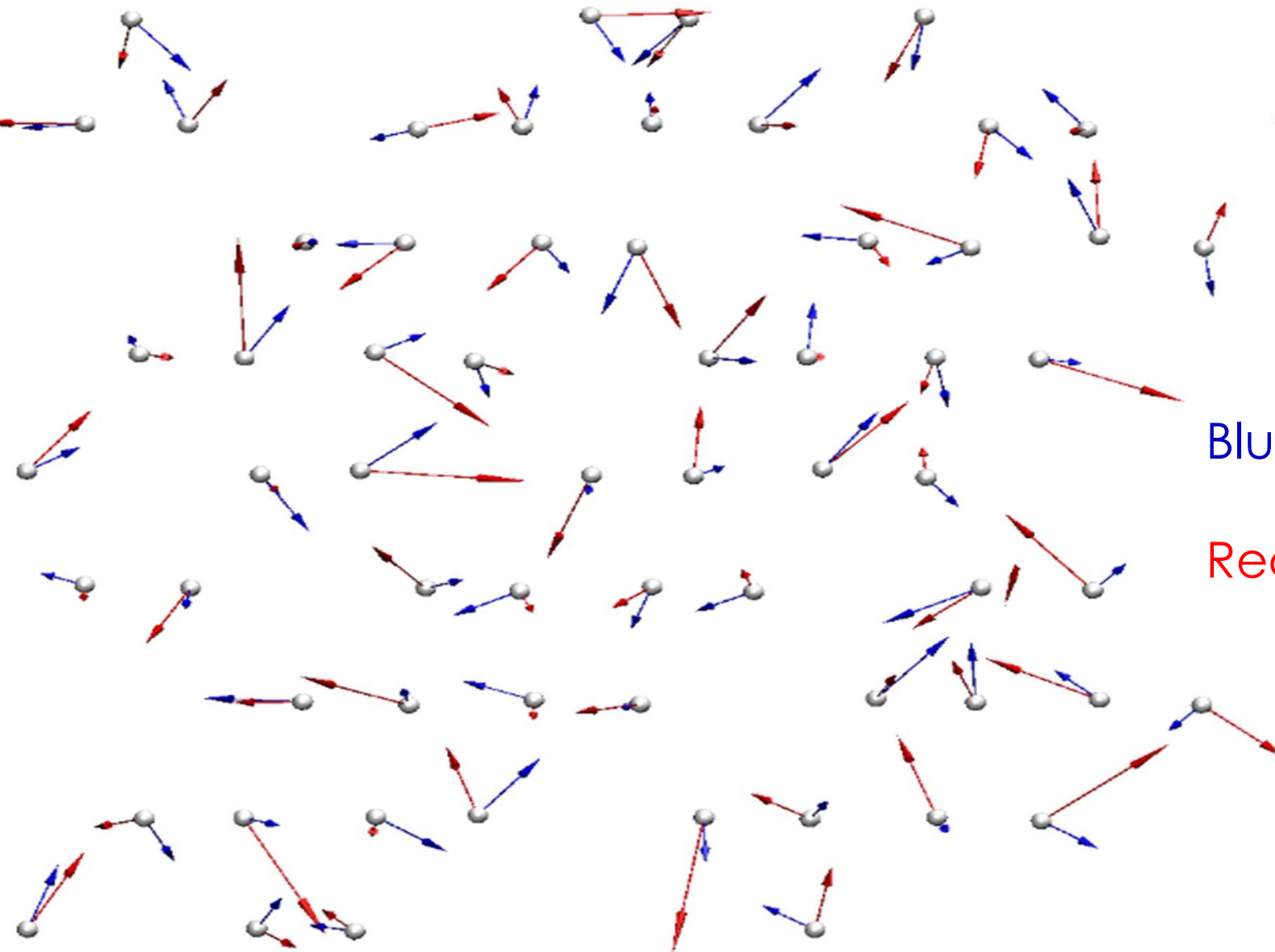
$$E = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} K_{ij} u_i u_j}_{\text{Harmonic part fit with least squares}} + \underbrace{\lambda_1 \left[1 - \exp(-\lambda_2 (r - \lambda_3)) \right]^2 + \lambda_4 (\theta - \theta_0)^2}_{\text{Anharmonic part fit with genetic algorithm}}$$

Harmonic part fit
with least squares



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Anharmonic part fit
with genetic algorithm

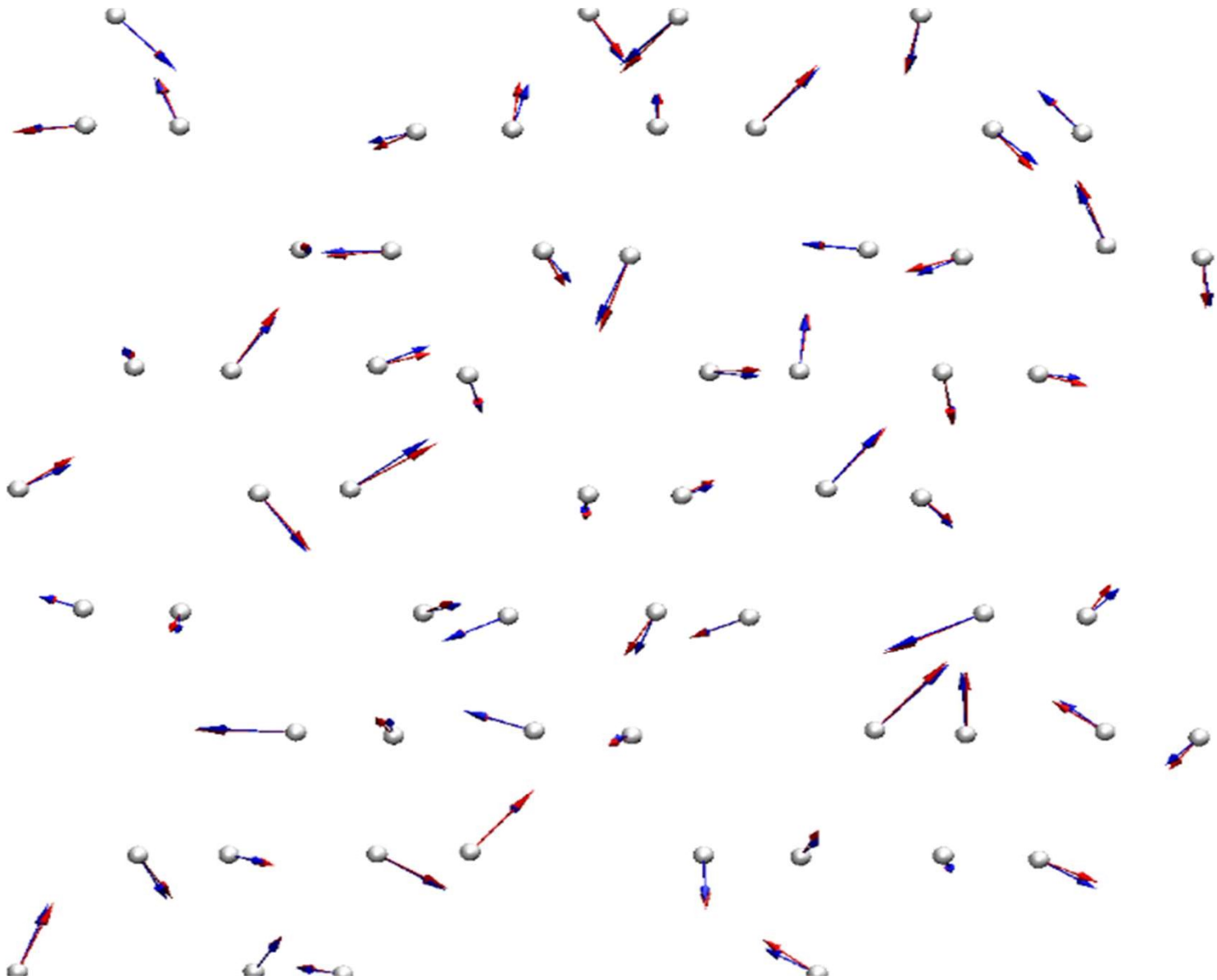


50 % force error

$$Error = \sum \frac{|\mathbf{F}_{DFT} - \mathbf{F}_{potential}|}{|\mathbf{F}_{DFT}|}$$

Blue: DFT force

Red: Potential force



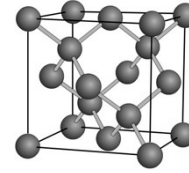
3 % force error

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Blue: DFT force

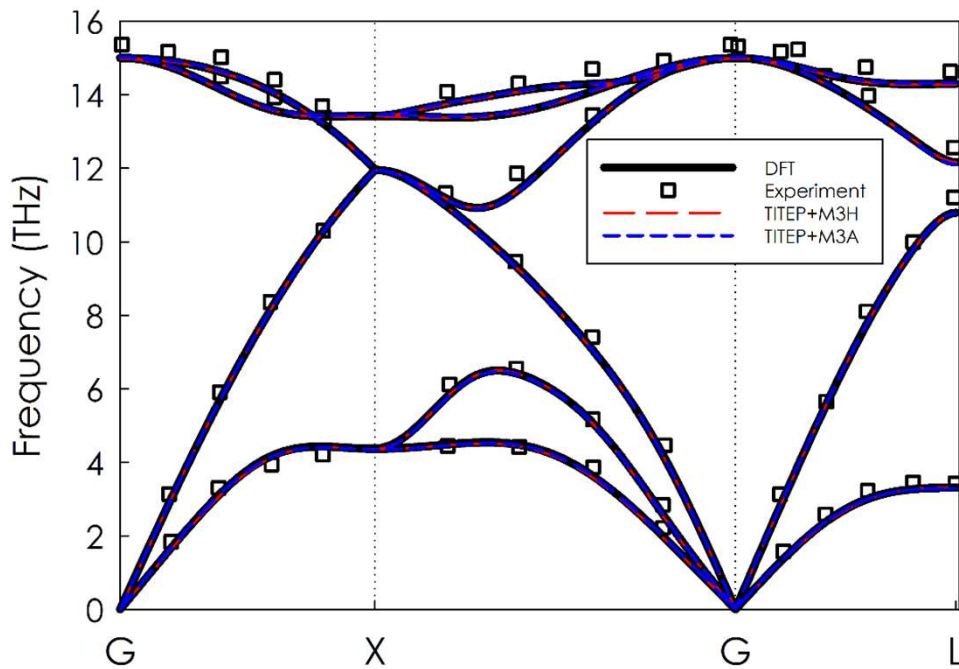
Red: Potential force

Silicon

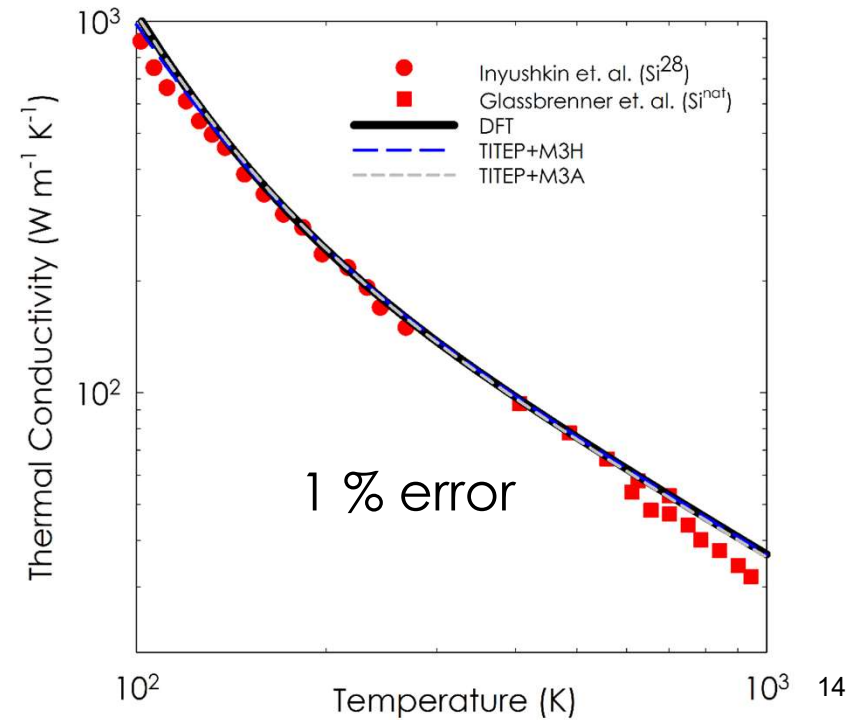


$$E = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} K_{ij} u_i u_j + \lambda_1 \left[1 - \exp(-\lambda_2 (r - \lambda_3)) \right]^2 + \lambda_4 (\theta - \theta_0)^2$$

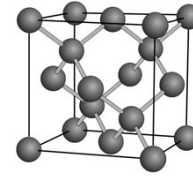
Dispersion



Thermal Conductivity

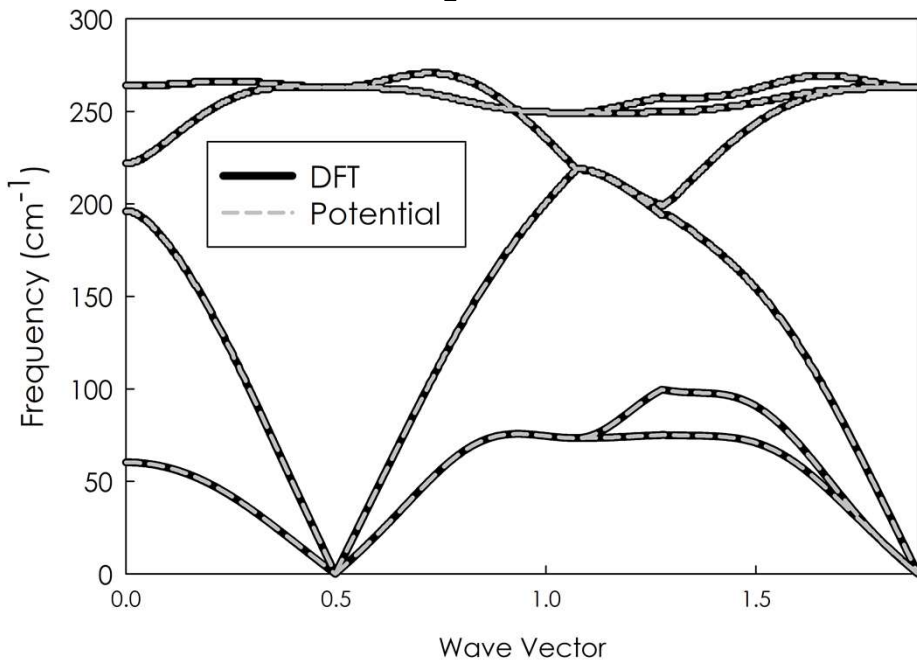


Germanium

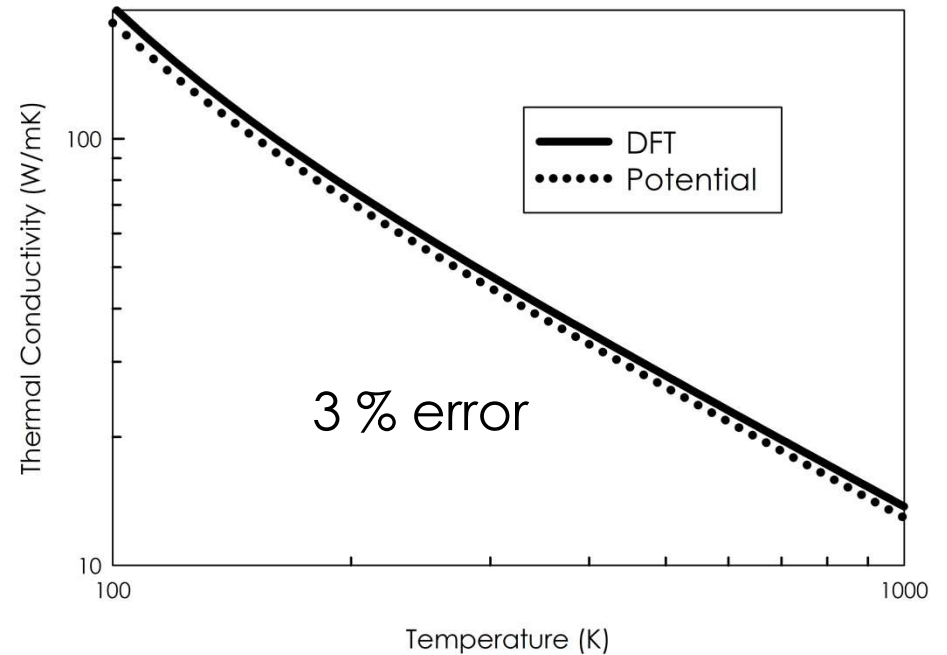


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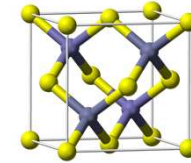
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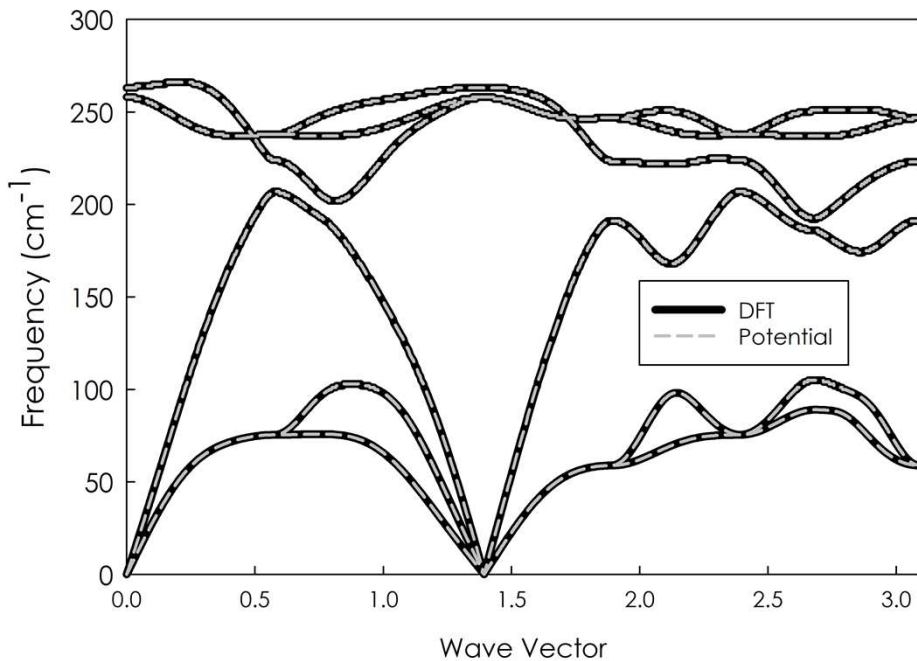


Gallium Arsenide

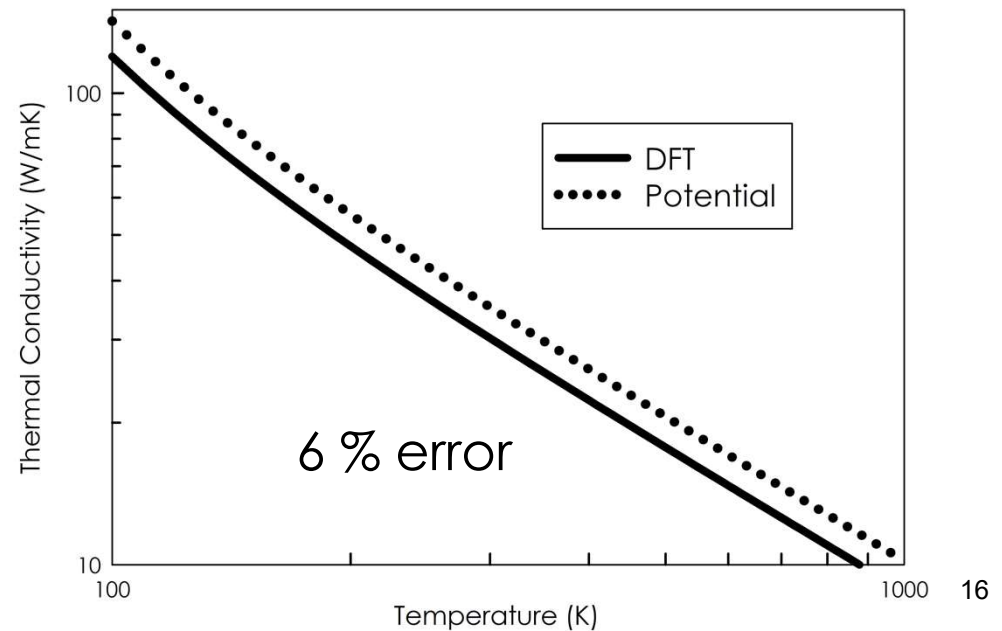


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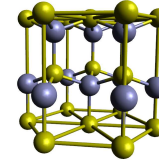
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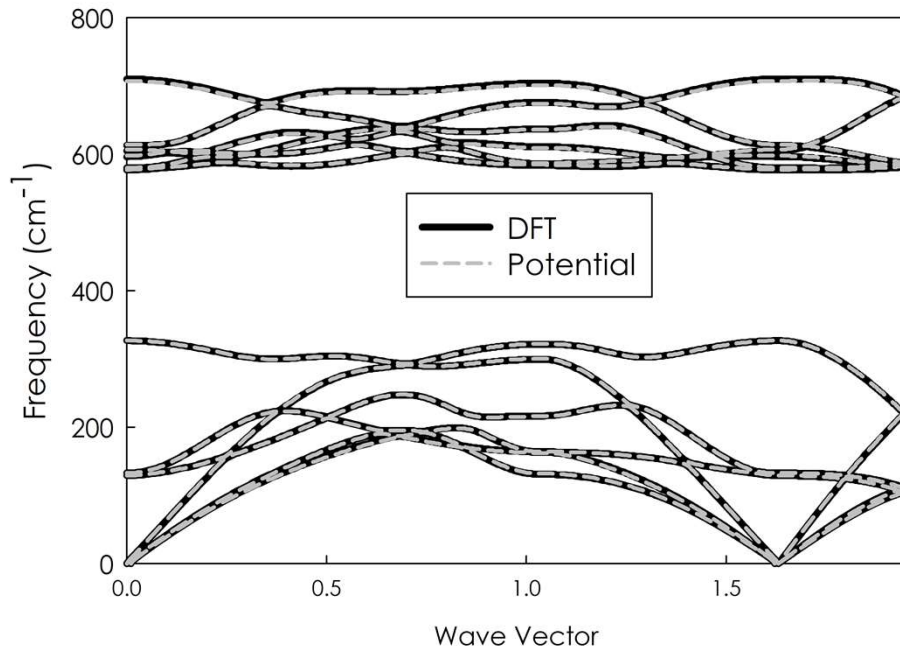


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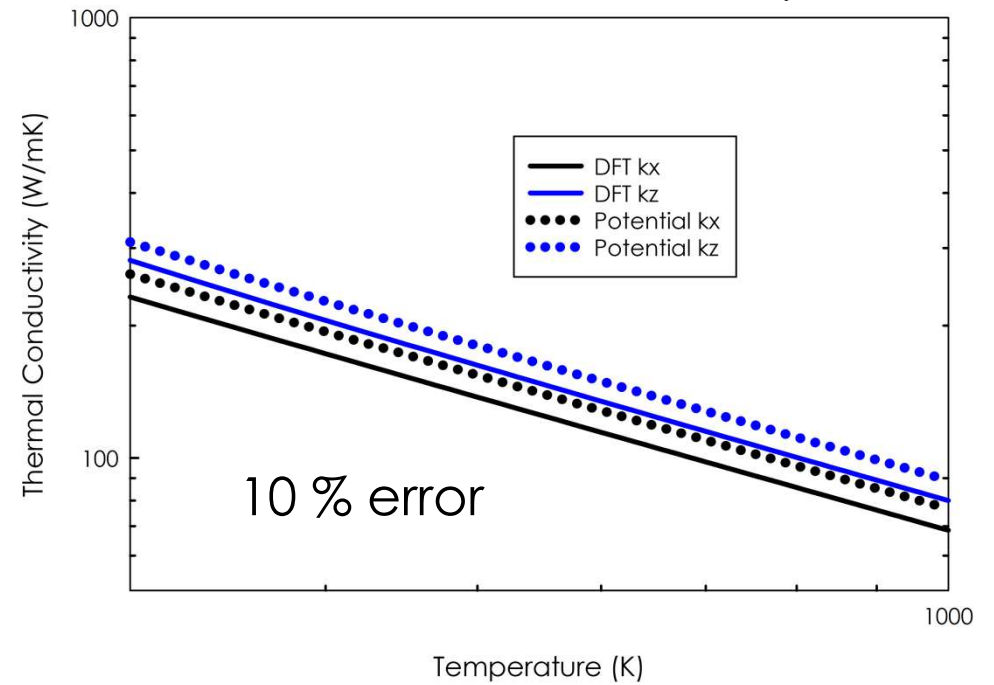


$$E = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} K_{ij} u_i u_j + \beta_0 + \sum_k \beta_k B_k \quad (\text{SNAP})$$

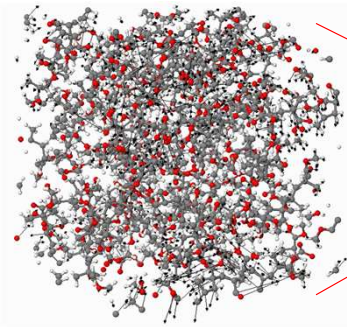
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Thermal Conductivity



Conclusion

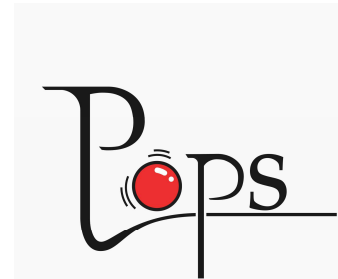
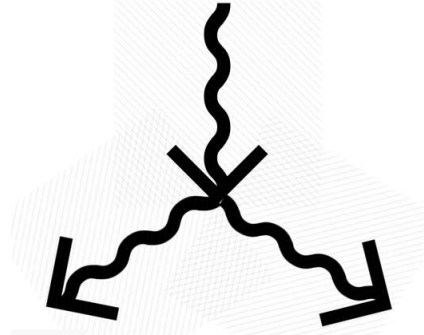
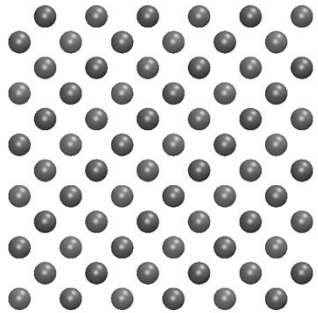


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