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# Wannier function perturbation theory & electron-induced phonon self-energy

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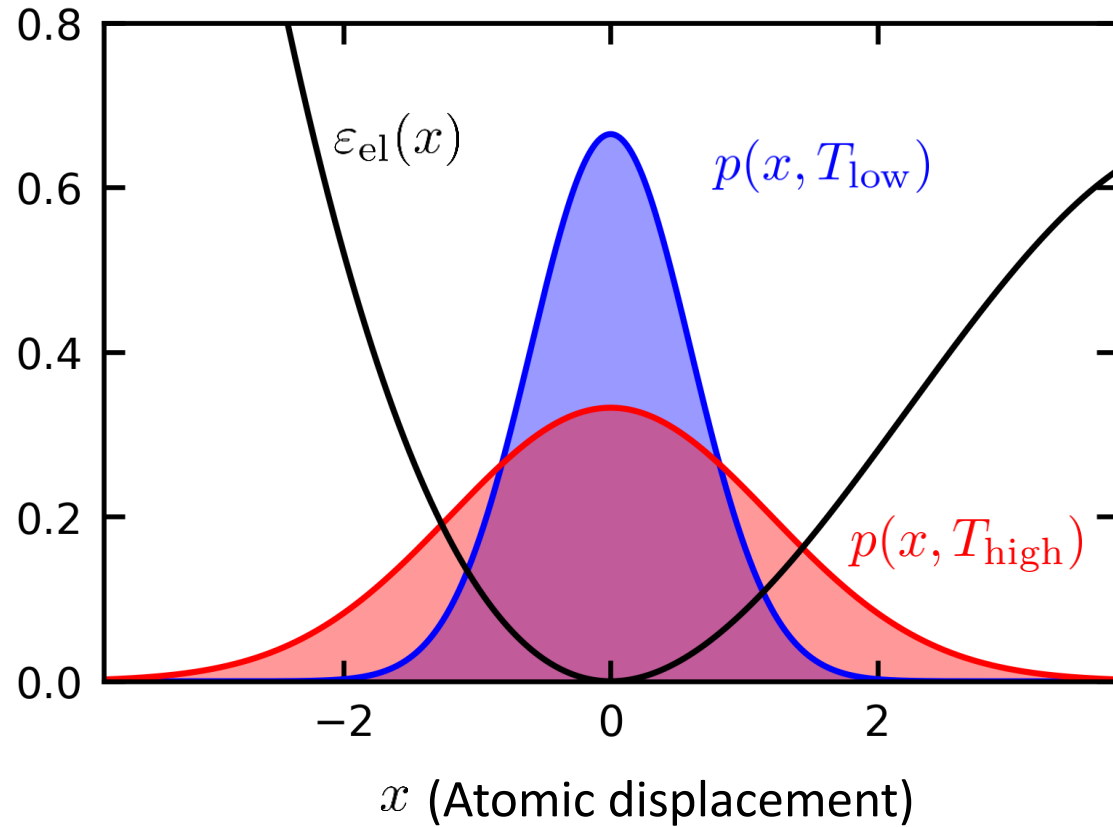
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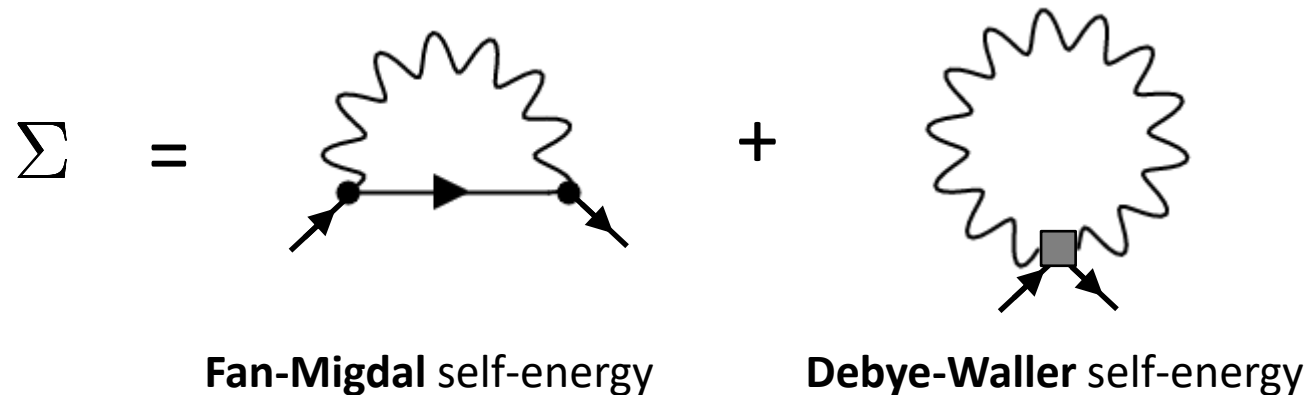
- Phonon-induced electron self-energy: Wannier function perturbation theory
- Electron-induced phonon self-energy: the two-temperature method

# Phonon-induced electron eigenvalue renormalization



$$\Delta\varepsilon_{\text{el}}(T) = \int dx [\varepsilon_{\text{el}}(x) - \varepsilon_{\text{el}}(0)] p(x, T)$$

# Allen-Heine-Cardona theory of band structure renormalization



Second-order perturbation for **linear** electron-phonon coupling

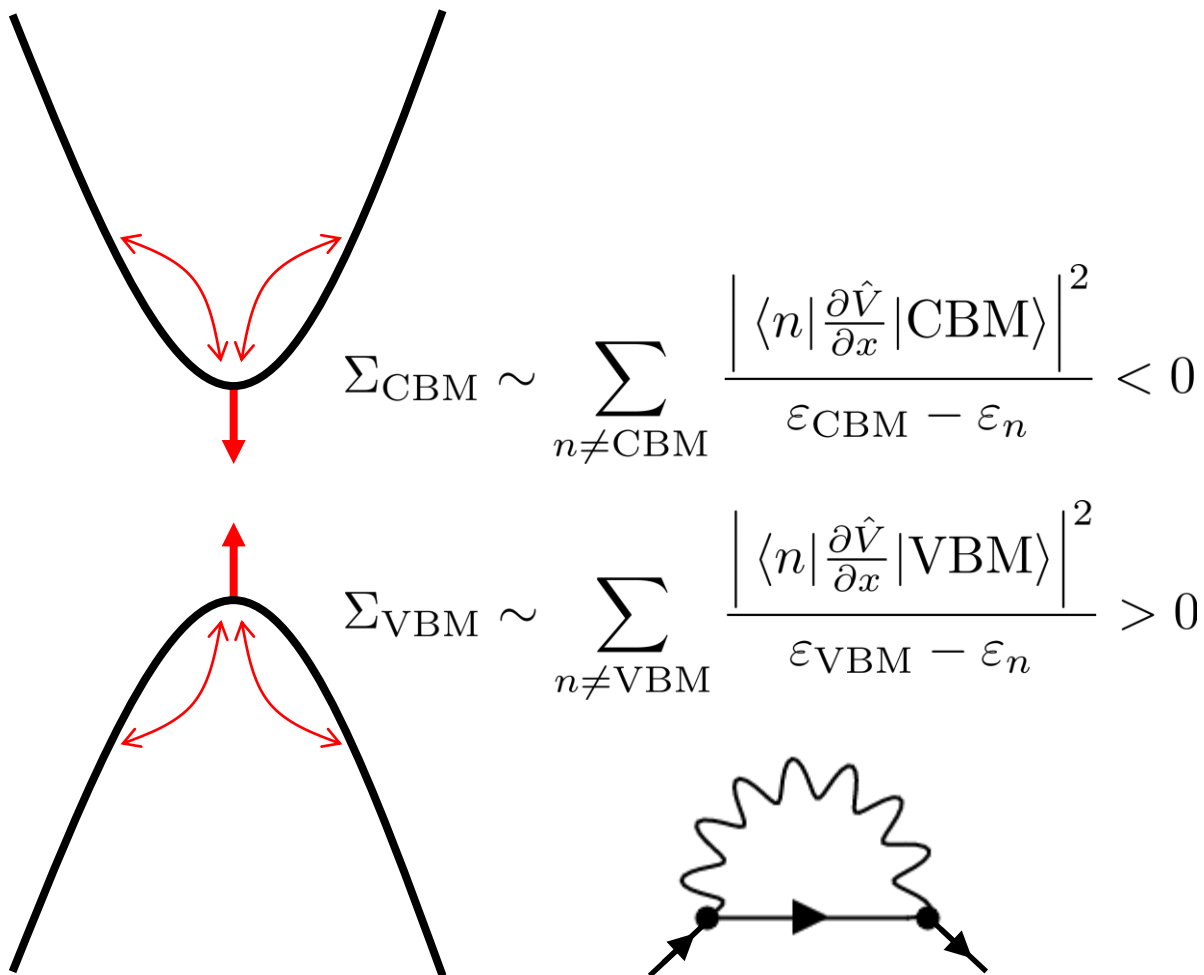
$$\Sigma_{m\mathbf{k}}^{\text{FM}} = \sum_{\mathbf{q}\nu} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\left| \langle \psi_{n\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}} | \frac{\partial \hat{V}}{\partial u_{\mathbf{q}\nu}} | \psi_{m\mathbf{k}} \rangle \right|^2}{\varepsilon_{m\mathbf{k}} - \varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}} \left( n_{\mathbf{q}\nu} + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$\Sigma_{m\mathbf{k}}^{\text{DW}} = \sum_{\mathbf{q}\nu} \langle \psi_{m\mathbf{k}} | \frac{\partial^2 \hat{V}}{\partial u_{-\mathbf{q}\nu} \partial u_{\mathbf{q}\nu}} | \psi_{m\mathbf{k}} \rangle \left( n_{\mathbf{q}\nu} + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

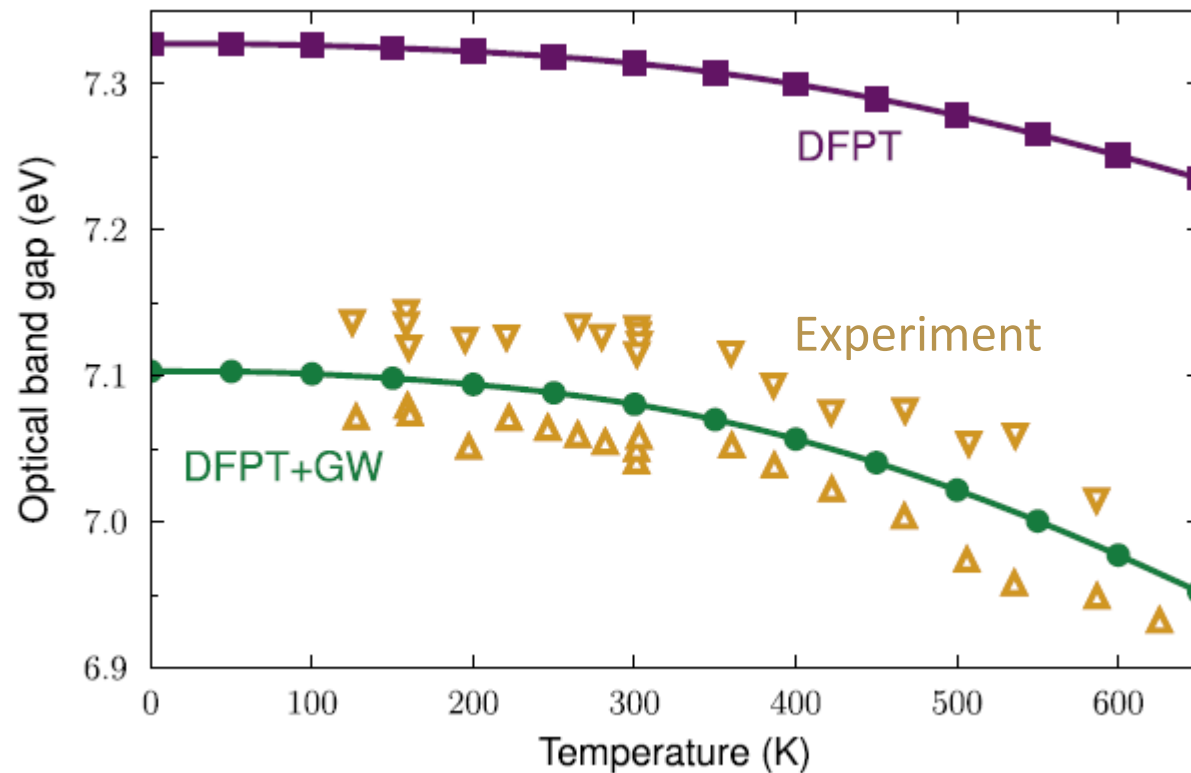
**First-order** perturbation for **quadratic** electron-phonon coupling

# Allen-Heine-Cardona theory of band structure renormalization

- Band gap of semiconductors and insulators are reduced due to the e-ph coupling.



Direct band gap of diamond

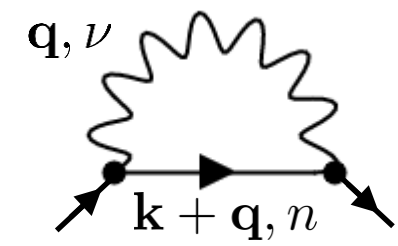


# Inapplicability of the ordinary Wannier function method

Electron-phonon matrix elements

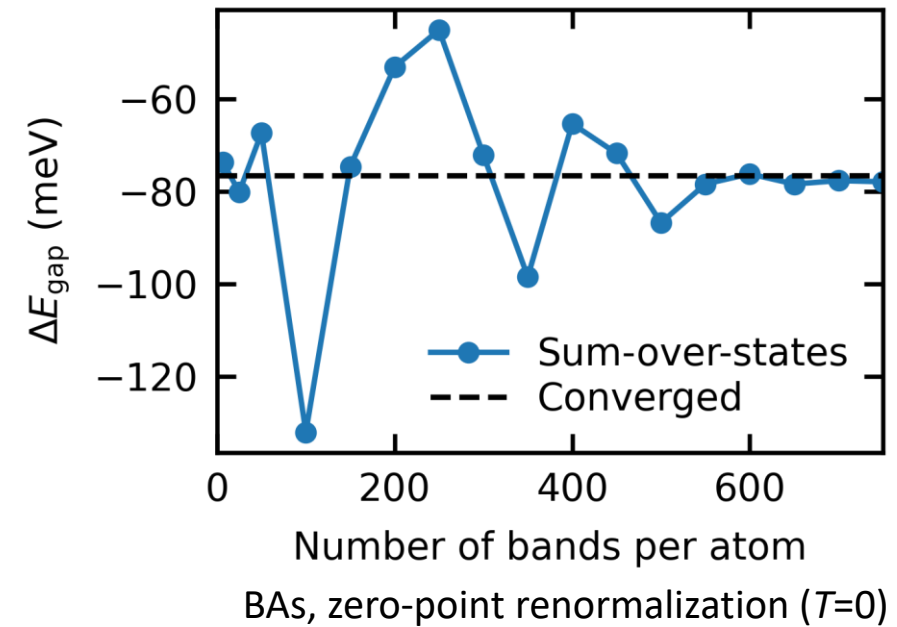
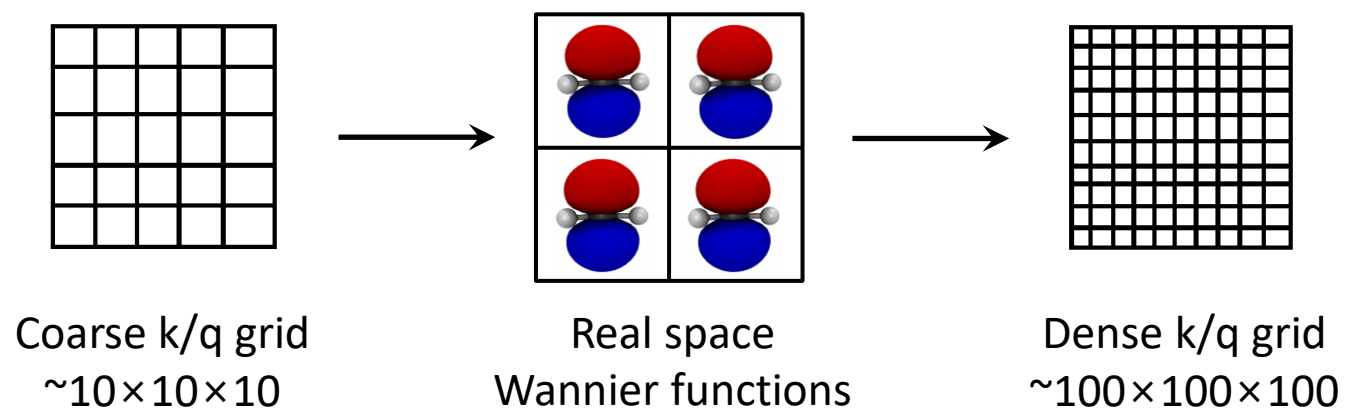
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Initial state energy      Intermediate state energy      Phonon and electron occupation factors



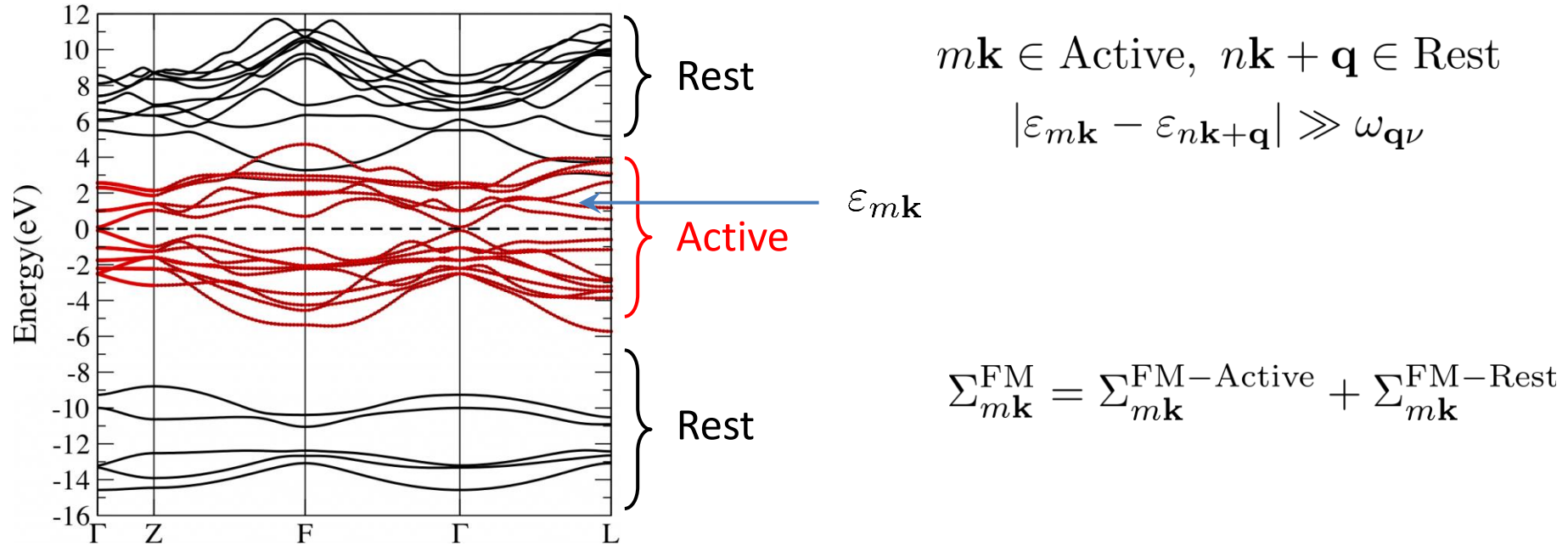
Momentum integration:  $\sim 100 \times 100 \times 100$  grid needed  
 Solution: use a localized basis set

Sum over states:  $> 100$  bands needed  
 Wannier function method **not applicable**



# Band structure renormalization from Wannier interpolation

- Step 1: separate the active and rest subspaces



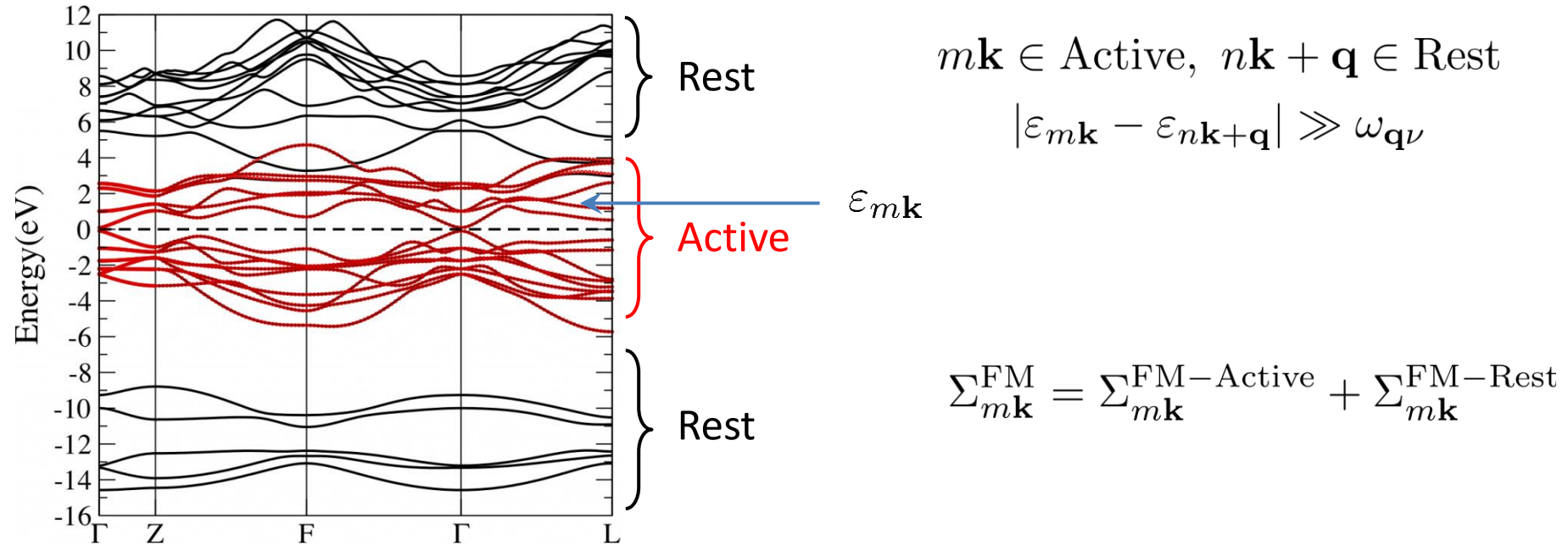
$$\sum_{m\mathbf{k}}^{\text{FM-Active}} = \sum_{\pm} \sum_{\mathbf{q}, \nu} \sum_n^{\text{A}} \frac{|\langle \psi_{n\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}} | \frac{\partial \hat{V}}{\partial u_{\mathbf{q}\nu}} | \psi_{m\mathbf{k}} \rangle|^2}{\epsilon_{m\mathbf{k}} - (\epsilon_{n\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}} \mp \omega_{\mathbf{q}\nu}) + i0^+} (n_{\mathbf{q}\nu} + \frac{1}{2} \pm (f_{n\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}} - \frac{1}{2}))$$

$$\sum_{m\mathbf{k}}^{\text{FM-Rest}} = \sum_{\pm} \sum_{\mathbf{q}, \nu} \sum_n^{\text{R}} \frac{|\langle \psi_{n\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}} | \frac{\partial \hat{V}}{\partial u_{\mathbf{q}\nu}} | \psi_{m\mathbf{k}} \rangle|^2}{\epsilon_{m\mathbf{k}} - (\epsilon_{n\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}} \mp \omega_{\mathbf{q}\nu}) + i0^+} (n_{\mathbf{q}\nu} + \frac{1}{2} \pm \cancel{(f_{n\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}} - \frac{1}{2})})$$



# Band structure renormalization from Wannier interpolation

- Step 1: separate the active and rest subspaces



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$$\sum_{m\mathbf{k}}^{\text{FM-Rest}} \approx 2 \sum_{\mathbf{q}, \nu} \sum_n^{\text{R}} \frac{|\langle \psi_{n\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}} | \frac{\partial \hat{V}}{\partial u_{\mathbf{q}\nu}} | \psi_{m\mathbf{k}} \rangle|^2}{\epsilon_{m\mathbf{k}} - \epsilon_{n\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}} (n_{\mathbf{q}\nu} + \frac{1}{2})$$

# Band structure renormalization from Wannier interpolation

- Step 2: rewrite in terms of wavefunction perturbation

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma_{m\mathbf{k}}^{\text{FM-Rest}} &\approx 2 \sum_{\mathbf{q},\nu} \sum_n^{\text{R}} \frac{\langle \psi_{m\mathbf{k}} | \frac{\partial \hat{V}}{\partial u_{\mathbf{q}\nu}} | \psi_{n\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}} \rangle \langle \psi_{n\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}} | \frac{\partial \hat{V}}{\partial u_{\mathbf{q}\nu}} | \psi_{m\mathbf{k}} \rangle}{\epsilon_{m\mathbf{k}} - \epsilon_{n\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}} (n_{\mathbf{q}\nu} + \frac{1}{2}) \\ &= 2 \sum_{\mathbf{q},\nu} \left\langle \psi_{m\mathbf{k}} \left| \frac{\partial \hat{V}}{\partial u_{\mathbf{q}\nu}} P_{\text{R}} \left| \frac{\partial \psi_{m\mathbf{k}}}{\partial u_{\mathbf{q}\nu}} \right. \right. \right\rangle (n_{\mathbf{q}\nu} + \frac{1}{2})\end{aligned}$$

First-order perturbation of wavefunction

$$P_{\text{R}} \left| \frac{\partial \psi_{m\mathbf{k}}}{\partial u_{\mathbf{q}\nu}} \right\rangle = \sum_n^{\text{R}} \frac{|\psi_{n\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}\rangle \langle \psi_{n\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}} | \frac{\partial \hat{V}}{\partial u_{\mathbf{q}}} | \psi_{m\mathbf{k}} \rangle}{\epsilon_{m\mathbf{k}} - \epsilon_{n\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}}$$

Computed by solving the Sternheimer equation (c.f. DFPT lecture by P. Gianozzi)

$$(\epsilon_{m\mathbf{k}} - \hat{H}_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}) \left| \frac{\partial \psi_{m\mathbf{k}}}{\partial u_{\mathbf{q}}} \right\rangle = \frac{\partial \hat{V}}{\partial u_{\mathbf{q}}} |\psi_{m\mathbf{k}}\rangle$$

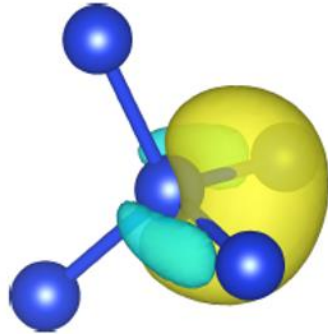


# Band structure renormalization from Wannier interpolation

- Step 3: transform to a localized basis – Wannier function perturbation theory (WFPT)

$$\Sigma_{m\mathbf{k}}^{\text{FM-Rest}} \approx 2 \sum_{\mathbf{q},\nu} \left\langle \psi_{m\mathbf{k}} \left| \frac{\partial \hat{V}}{\partial u_{\mathbf{q}\nu}} P_{\text{R}} \left| \frac{\partial \psi_{m\mathbf{k}}}{\partial u_{\mathbf{q}\nu}} \right. \right. \right\rangle \left( n_{\mathbf{q}\nu} + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

Wannier functions



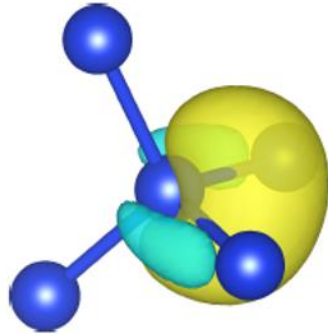
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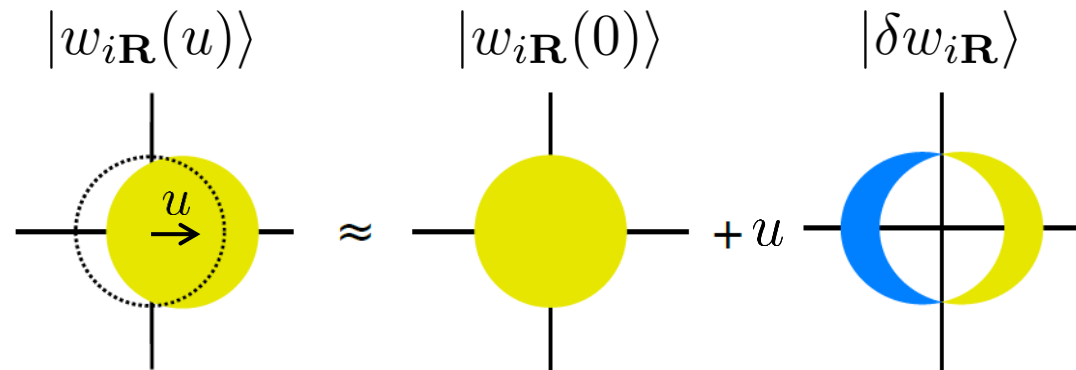
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Wannier functions



Wannier function perturbations



$$|\delta w_{i\mathbf{R}}\rangle = \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \frac{|w_{i\mathbf{R}}(u)\rangle - |w_{i\mathbf{R}}(0)\rangle}{u}$$

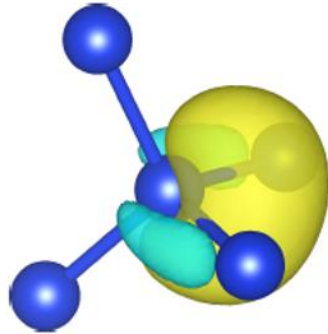
Define  $|w_{i\mathbf{R}}(u)\rangle$  using  $|w_{i\mathbf{R}}(0)\rangle$  as the initial guess without further localization.

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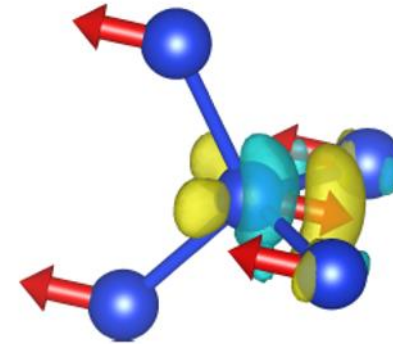
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Wannier functions



$$|w_{i\mathbf{R}}\rangle = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} |\psi_{m\mathbf{k}}\rangle U_{mi,\mathbf{k}} e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{R}}$$

Wannier function perturbations



$$|\delta_{\mathbf{q}\nu} w_{i\mathbf{R}}\rangle = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} (\hat{\mathbb{1}} - \hat{P}_{\mathbf{W}}) \left| \frac{\partial \psi_{m\mathbf{k}}}{\partial u_{\mathbf{q}\nu}} \right. \right\rangle U_{mi,\mathbf{k}} e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{R}}$$

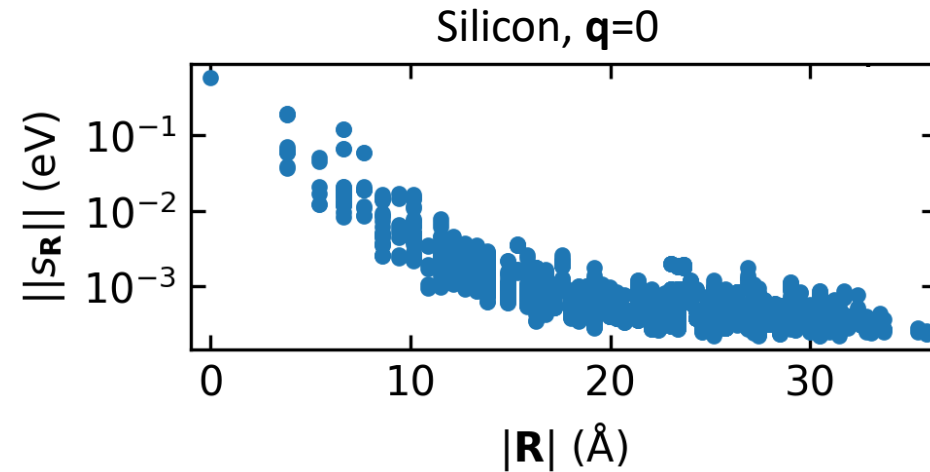
$$S_{ij\mathbf{R};\mathbf{q}\nu} = \langle w_{i\mathbf{0}} | \frac{\partial \hat{V}}{\partial u_{\mathbf{q}\nu}} | \delta_{\mathbf{q}\nu} w_{j\mathbf{R}} \rangle$$

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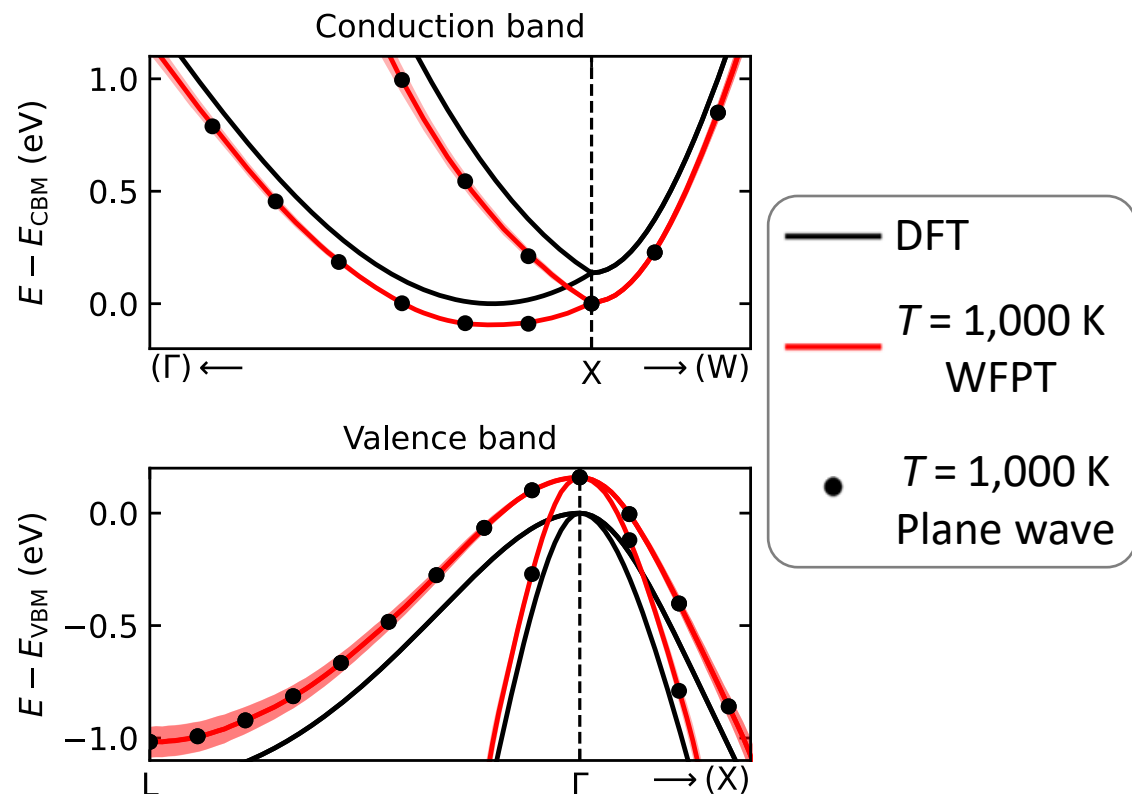
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# WFPT application: band structure renormalization

- WFPT gives  $\sim 1,000\times$  speedup in the calculation of the phonon-induced electron self-energy.

## Silicon band structure renormalization

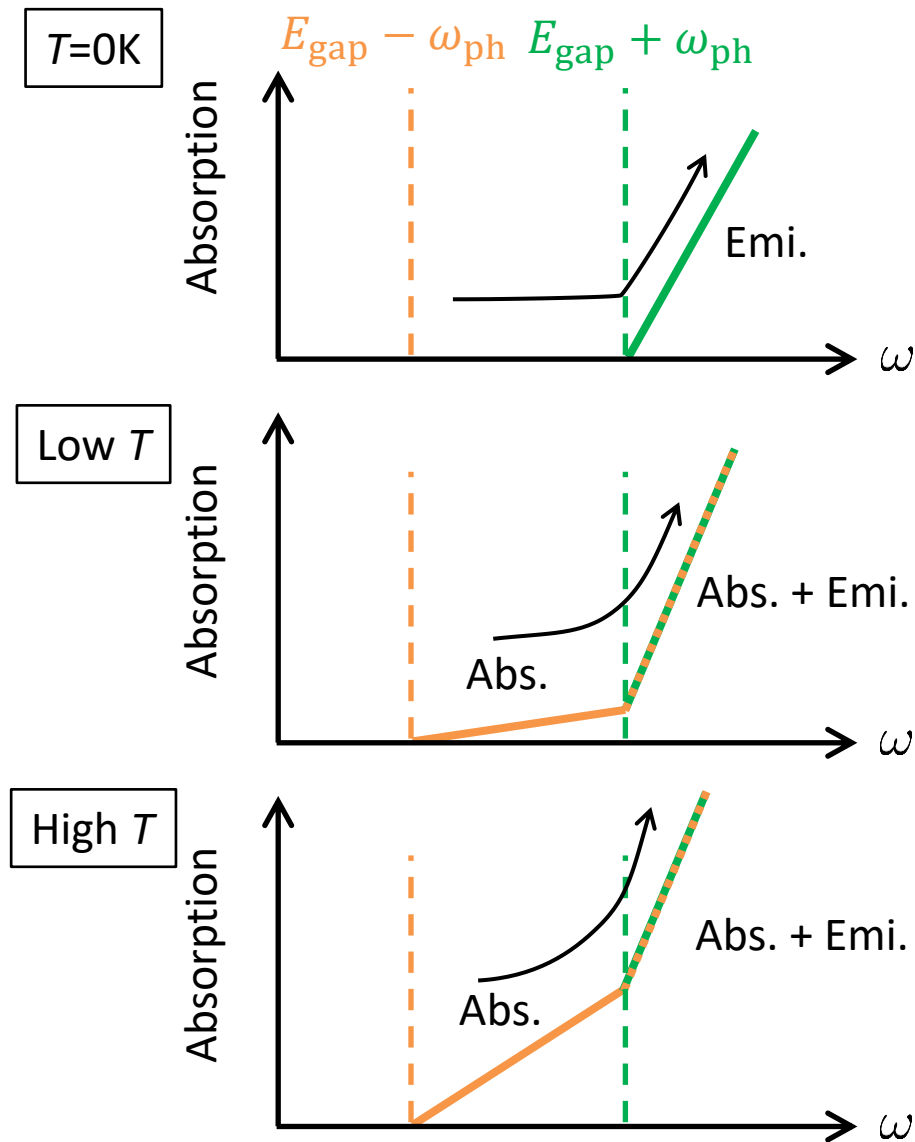
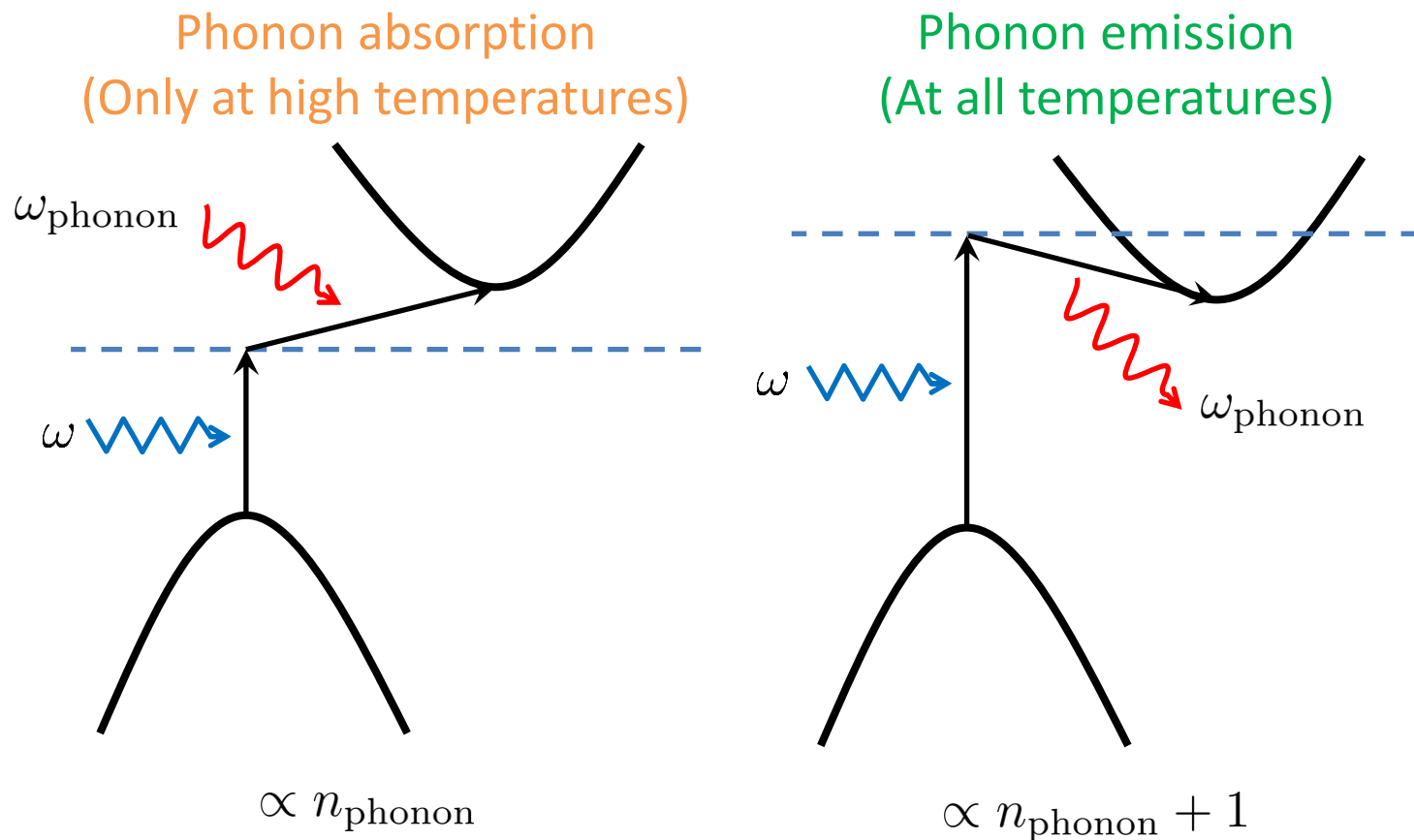


## Computational cost for 379 $k$ points (cpu\*hour)

Calculation	Plane waves	WFPT
DFT	300	300
Wannierization	-	600
Electron-phonon	4,451,800*	2,900
Total	4,452,100*	3,800

\* Estimated from a smaller calculation

# WFPT application: indirect optical absorption of silicon

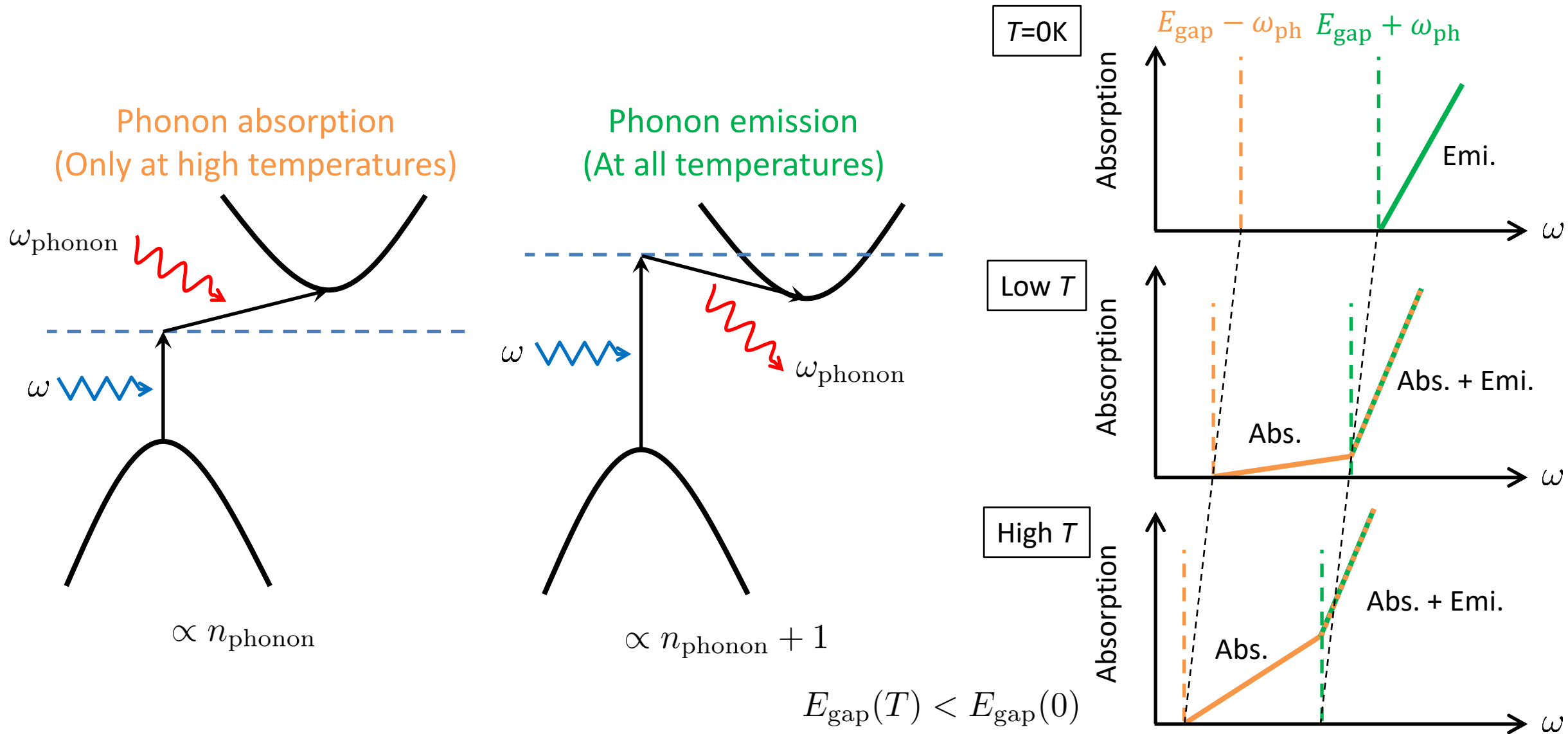


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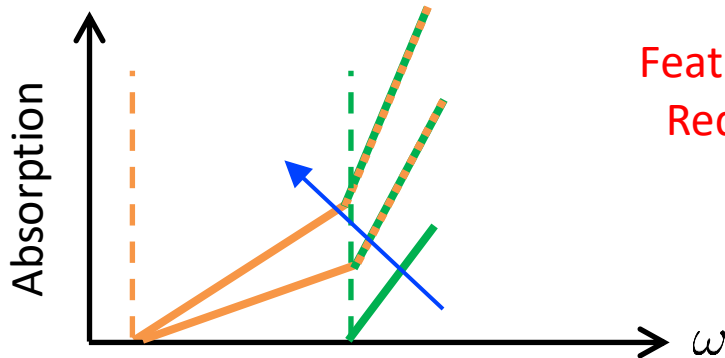


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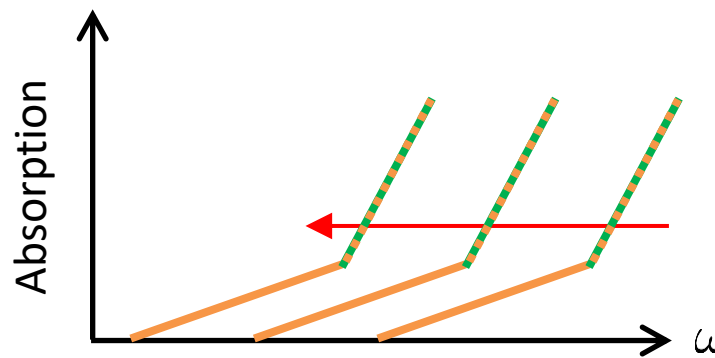
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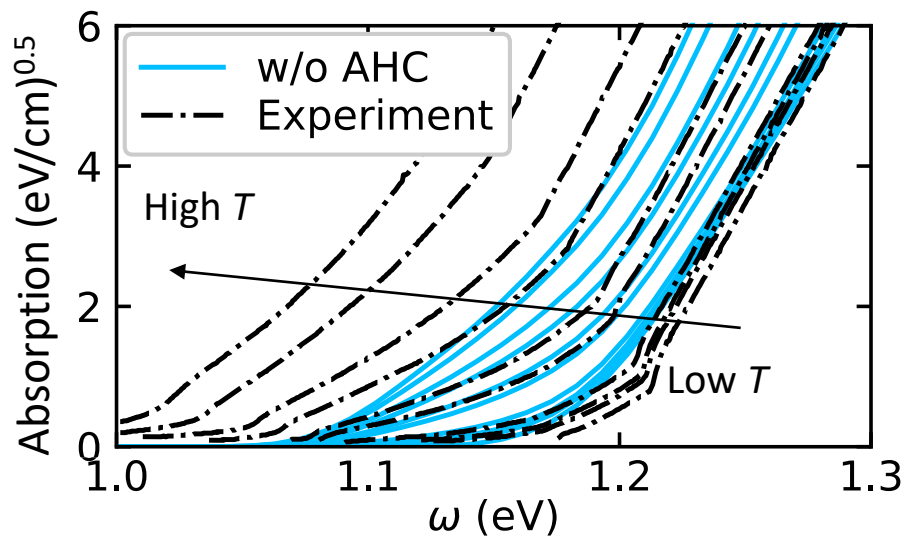
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Smoother kink



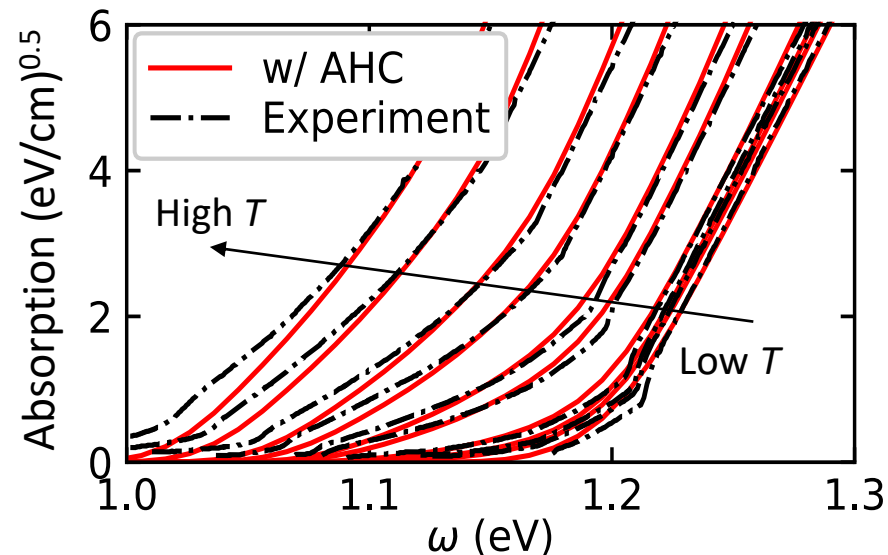
Feature (2)  
Redshift



**Without** band structure renormalization



**With** band structure renormalization  
computed using WFPT



# Frequency-dependent self-energy and spectral functions

$$\Sigma_{m\mathbf{k}}(\omega) = \Sigma_{m\mathbf{k}}^{\text{FM-Active}}(\omega) + \Sigma_{m\mathbf{k}}^{\text{FM-Rest}} + \Sigma_{m\mathbf{k}}^{\text{DW}}$$

$$\Sigma_{m\mathbf{k}}^{\text{FM-Active}}(\omega) = \sum_{\pm} \sum_{\mathbf{q}, \nu} \sum_n^A \frac{\left| \langle \psi_{n\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}} | \frac{\partial \hat{V}}{\partial u_{\mathbf{q}\nu}} | \psi_{m\mathbf{k}} \rangle \right|^2}{\omega - (\epsilon_{n\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}} \mp \omega_{\mathbf{q}\nu}) + i0^+} (n_{\mathbf{q}\nu} + \frac{1}{2} \pm (f_{n\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}} - \frac{1}{2}))$$

$$A_{m\mathbf{k}}(\omega) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \frac{1}{\omega - \epsilon_{m\mathbf{k}} - \Sigma_{m\mathbf{k}}(\omega)}$$

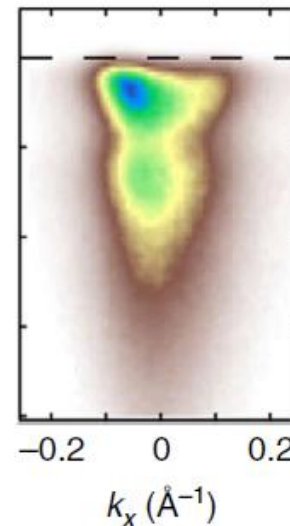
Example: ARPES spectra of anatase TiO<sub>2</sub>

Using cumulant expansion

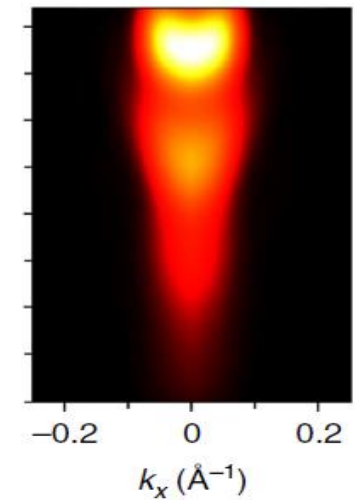
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Experiment



Theory



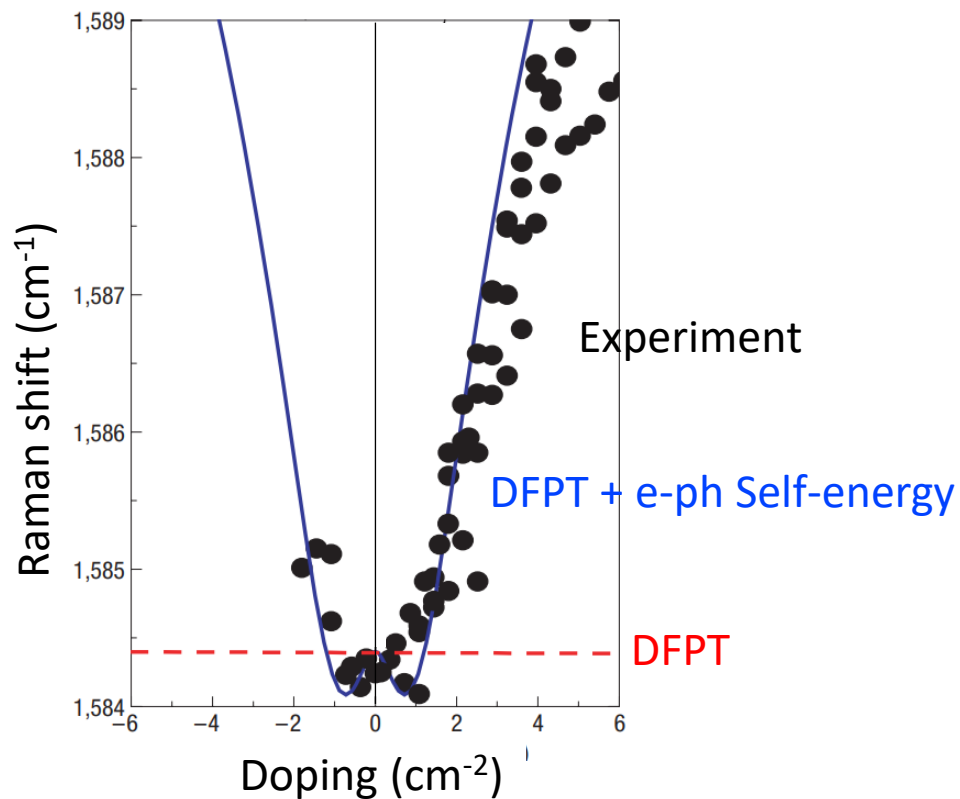
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# Phonon self-energy

- Frequency-dependent dynamical matrix

$$D_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{q}, \omega) = \omega_{\mathbf{q}\nu}^2 \delta_{\mu\nu} + \Delta\Pi_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{q}, \omega)$$

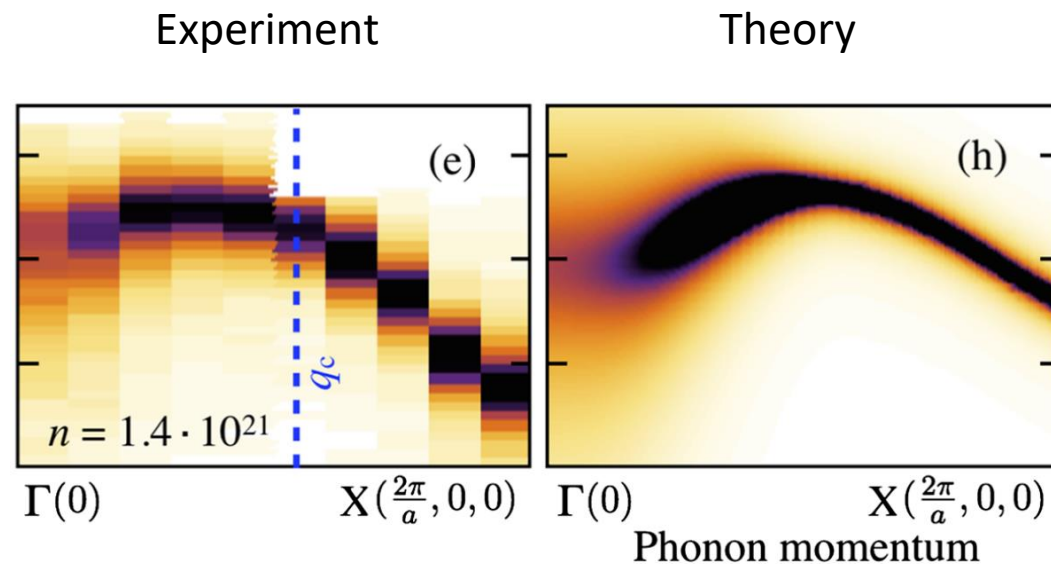
Raman spectroscopy of doped graphene



- Phonon spectral function

$$A(\mathbf{q}, \omega) = -\frac{2\omega}{\pi} \text{Im Tr} \left[ (\omega + i\eta)^2 \delta_{\mu\nu} - D_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{q}, \omega) \right]^{-1}$$

Inelastic X-ray scattering of doped diamond



Other probes: neutron scattering,  
electron energy loss spectroscopy (EELS),  
infrared spectroscopy, ...

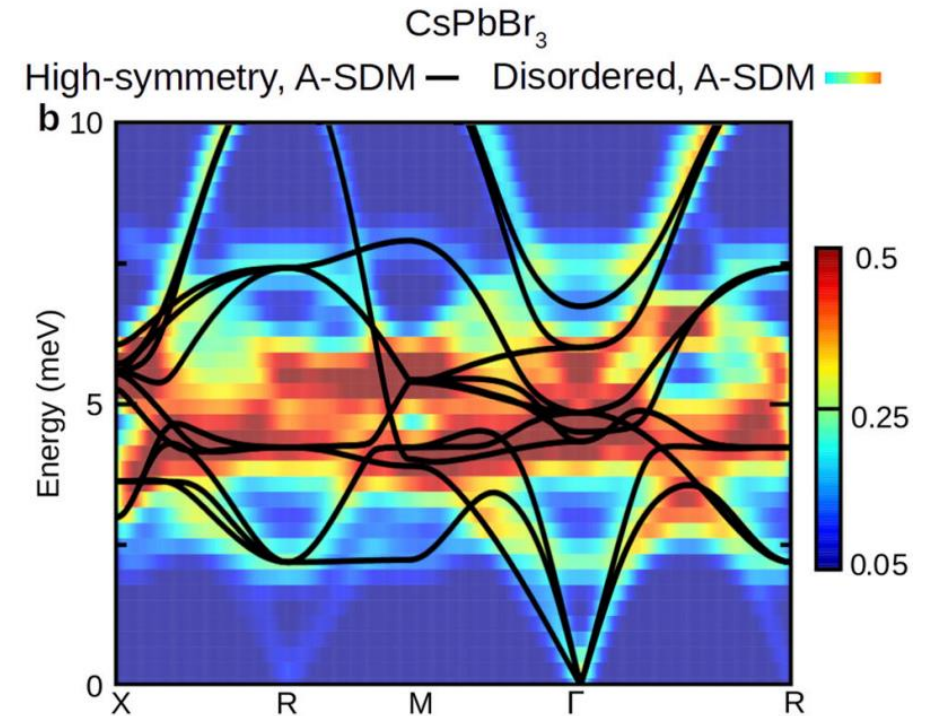
# Contributions to phonon self-energy

1. Electron-phonon interaction
  - Doped semiconductors, metals.

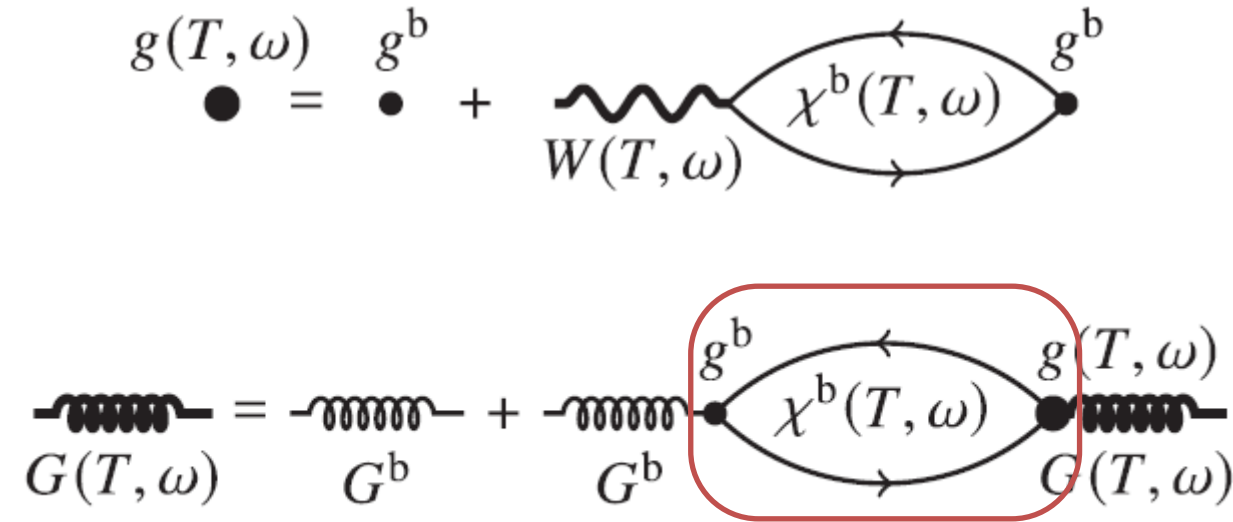


2. Phonon-phonon interaction
  - Anharmonic materials, high temperature.

3. Disorder
  - Polymorphous structure, isotope mass disorder, ...



# Phonon self-energy from electron-phonon coupling



$$\Pi_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{q}, \omega; T) = \frac{1}{N_k} \sum_{mn\mathbf{k}\mathbf{q}} [g_{mn\mu}^b(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q})]^* \frac{f_{n\mathbf{k}}(T) - f_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}(T)}{\varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}} - \varepsilon_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}} + \omega + i\eta} g_{mn\nu}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}, \omega; T)$$

# Phonon self-energy: the “two temperatures” method

- In DFPT, we compute the phonon frequencies using a **high temperature and  $\omega = 0$** .
- In EPW, we want to compute the phonon dispersion at a **low temperature and  $\omega \neq 0$** .
- We compute the self-energy at the two temperatures and take **their difference**.

$$\Delta\Pi_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{q}, \omega) = \frac{1}{N_k} \sum_{mn\mathbf{k}} \Delta\chi_{mn\mathbf{k}\mathbf{q}}^0(\omega) [g_{mn\mu}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q})]^* g_{mn\nu}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}) \quad : \text{Accurate up to } O(\Delta\chi^0)$$

$$\Delta\chi_{mn\mathbf{k}\mathbf{q}}^0(\omega; T^{\text{high}} \rightarrow T^{\text{low}}) = \chi_{mn\mathbf{k}\mathbf{q}}^{0, \text{EPW}}(\omega; T^{\text{low}}) - \chi_{mn\mathbf{k}\mathbf{q}}^{0, \text{DFPT}}(0; T^{\text{high}})$$

$$\chi_{mn\mathbf{k}\mathbf{q}}^0(\omega; T) = \frac{f_{n\mathbf{k}}(T) - f_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}(T)}{\varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}} - \varepsilon_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}} + \omega + i\eta}$$



# Summary

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- **Phonon-induced electron self-energy**
  - Wannier function perturbation theory enables an efficient and accurate calculation of the electron self-energy using EPW.
  - The theory can be used to simulate ARPES experiments.
- **Electron-induced phonon self-energy**
  - EPW can compute phonon self-energy and spectral function induced by electron-phonon coupling.
  - The two-temperature method is an accurate approximation to the dynamical, low- $T$  self-energy.

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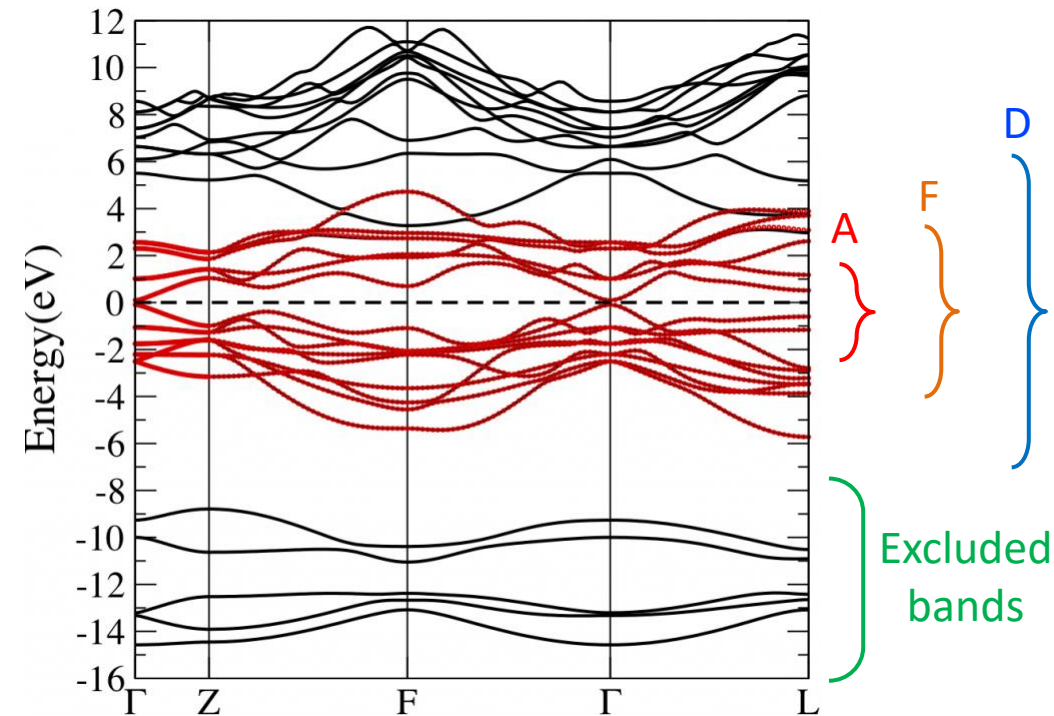
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# Wannier function perturbation theory: three windows



## Window arguments for WFPT

The three windows should follow the following relation:

$$\text{Active space} \subset \text{Frozen} \subset \text{Disentanglement}$$

1. **Active space window** (AHC window): `ahc_win_min, _max`  
This window should contain all states you want to compute the self-energy.
2. **Frozen window** (inner window): `dis_froz_min, _max`
3. **Disentanglement window** (outer window): `dis_win_min, _max`

## Number of bands argument for WFPT

- `ahc_nbnd`: The number of bands in the **disentanglement (outer) window** (NOT the number of Wannier functions)
- `ahc_nbndskip`: The number of low-energy bands excluded from Wannierization

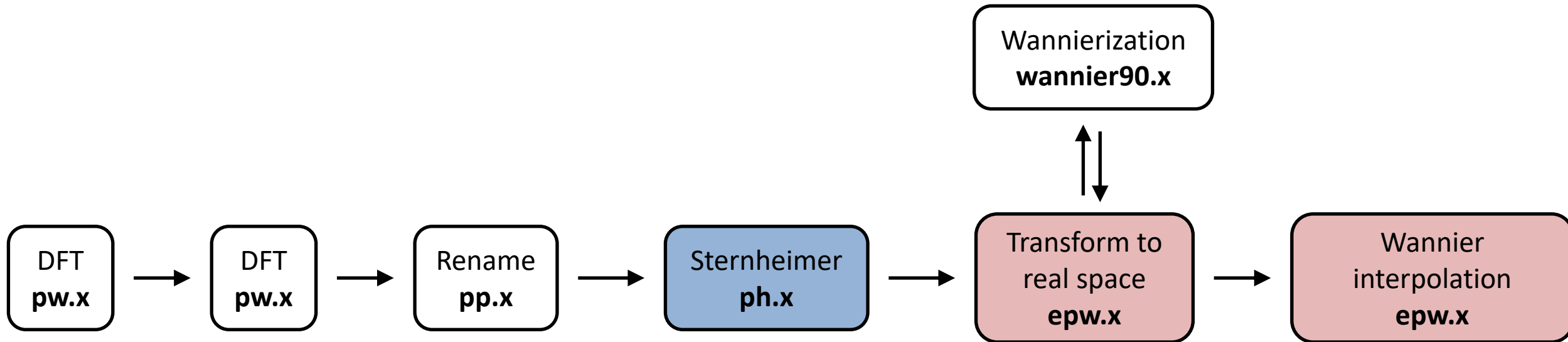
**Example)** 5 semicore bands to exclude, 10 valence/conduction bands Wannierized into 8 Wannier functions

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nscf.in: nbnd = 15
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ahc.in: ahc_nbndskip = 5; ahc_nbnd = 10
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```
epw.in: ahc_nbndskip = 5; ahc_nbnd = 10; bands_skipped = 'exclude_bands = 1:5'; nbndep = 8
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# Electron self-energy: Workflow for Wannier function perturbation theory



## New input parameters for **ph.x**

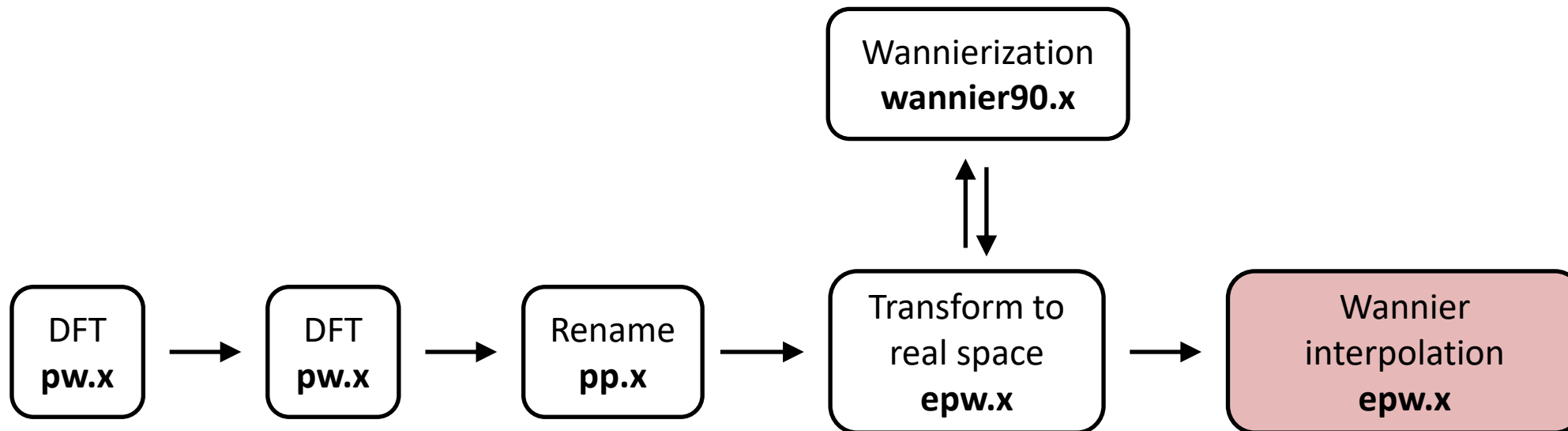
```
electron_phonon = 'ahc'  
trans = .false.  
ahc_nbnd = 8  
ahc_dir = './save/ahc_dir/'
```

## New input parameters for **epw.x**

```
! --- For WFPT ---  
lwfpt = .true.  
ahc_nbnd = 8  
ahc_win_max = 23.0  
ahc_win_min = -100.0
```

```
! --- For electron self-energy ---  
elecselken = .true.  
filkf = './kpt.txt'  
nqf1 = 10  
nqf2 = 10  
nqf3 = 10  
degaussw = 0.02 ! eV  
temps = 0.0 ! Kelvin
```

# Phonon spectral function workflow



## New input parameters for **epw.x**

! --- For phonon spectral function ---

```
specfun_ph = .true.
```

```
filqf = './qpt.txt'
```

```
nkf1 = 10
```

```
nkf2 = 10
```

```
nkf3 = 10
```

```
wmin_specfun = 0.00 ! eV
```

```
wmax_specfun = 0.12 ! eV
```

```
nw_specfun = 200
```

```
degaussw = 0.05 ! eV
```

```
temps = 300.0 3157.75 ! Kelvin (0.02 Ry = 3157.75 K)
```