



Lecture Wed.1

# Carrier transport

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# Lecture Summary

- The transport of charge carriers
- Quantum theory of mobility
- Mobility in simple bulk semiconductors
- Hall mobility
- Resistivity in metals

# Transport of charge carriers

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- a density gradient → **diffusion**

Fick's law (1855)

$$\text{current density: } J = qD\nabla n$$

Wikipedia

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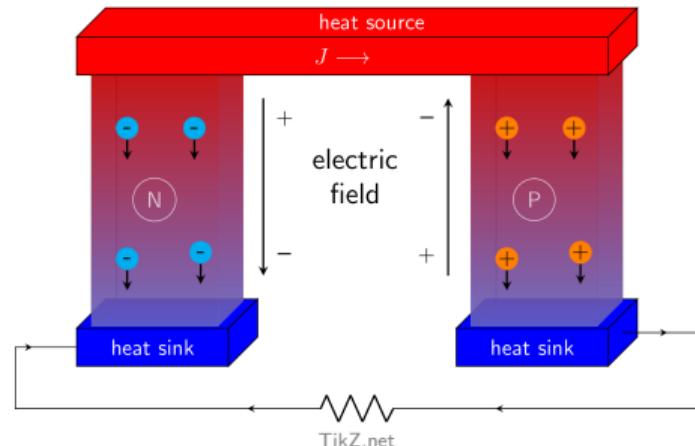
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Seebeck effect (1821)

current density:  $J \propto -\sigma S \nabla T$

$S \in [-100\mu V/K, 1000\mu V/K]$



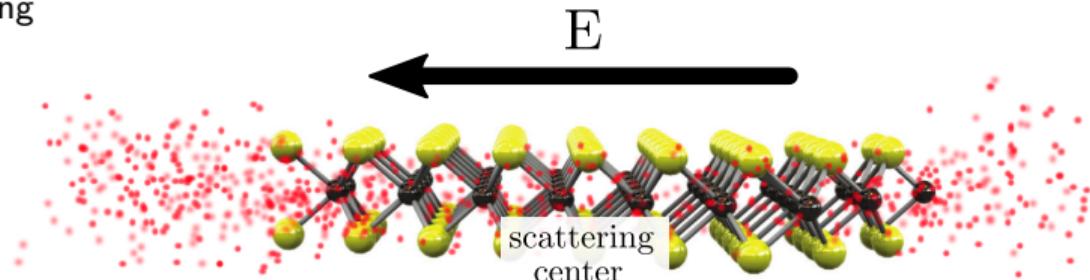
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- an external electric field  $E$  → **drift**
  - ▶ lattice/phonon scattering
  - ▶ ionized impurity scattering
  - ▶ alloy scattering
  - ▶ defects scattering

Drude model (1900)  
current density:  $J = nq\mu E$



$$\text{Mobility } \mu \propto \frac{\partial}{\partial E} \int d\mathbf{k} f_{\mathbf{k}} v_{\mathbf{k}}$$

# Quantum theory of mobility

Current density

$$\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}_1, t_1) = \frac{-e\hbar^2}{2m} \lim_{\mathbf{r}_2 \rightarrow \mathbf{r}_1} (\nabla_2 - \nabla_1) G^<(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2; t_1, t_1)$$
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$$\hat{\psi}_H(\mathbf{r}, t) \equiv \overline{\mathcal{T}} \left[ e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_{t_0}^t dt' \hat{H}(t')} \right] \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}) \mathcal{T} \left[ e^{\frac{-i}{\hbar} \int_{t_0}^t dt' \hat{H}(t')} \right]$$
$$\langle \hat{O} \rangle \equiv \frac{1}{Z} \text{tr} [e^{-\beta \hat{H}(t_0)} \hat{O}] \quad \leftarrow \text{thermodynamical average}$$
$$Z \equiv \text{tr} [e^{-\beta \hat{H}(t_0)}] \quad \leftarrow \text{partition function}$$

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Keldysh-Schwinger contour formalism

$$G(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2; z_1, z_2) = \frac{-i}{\hbar} \frac{1}{Z} \text{tr} \left\{ \mathcal{T}_C \left[ e^{\frac{-i}{\hbar} \int_\gamma dz \hat{H}(z)} [\hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}_1)]_{z_1} [\hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}_2)]_{z_2} \right] \right\}$$



# Quantum theory of mobility

We can perform a perturbative expansion of the GF in powers of  $\hat{H}_{\text{int}}$  and  $\hat{H}_{\text{ext}}(z)$

$$G(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2; z_1, z_2) = G_0(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2; z_1, z_2) + \sum_{n,m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-i/\hbar)^{n+m}}{n!m!} \int_{\gamma} dz'_1 \dots \int_{\gamma} dz'_n \int_{\gamma} dz''_1 \dots \int_{\gamma} dz''_m$$
$$\times \frac{1}{Z} \text{tr} \left[ \mathcal{T}_{\text{C}} e^{\frac{-i}{\hbar} \int_{\gamma} dz [\hat{H}_0]_z} [\hat{H}_{\text{int}}]_{z'_1} \dots [\hat{H}_{\text{int}}]_{z'_n} \hat{H}_{\text{ext}}(z''_1) \dots \hat{H}_{\text{ext}}(z''_m) [\hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}_1)]_{z_1} [\hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}_2)]_{z_2} \right]$$
$$G_0(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2; z_1, z_2) = \frac{-i}{\hbar} \frac{1}{Z_0} \text{tr} \left[ \mathcal{T}_{\text{C}} e^{\frac{-i}{\hbar} \int_{\gamma} dz [\hat{H}_0]_z} [\hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}_1)]_{z_1} [\hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}_2)]_{z_2} \right]$$

Expressing the  $\hat{H}$  in terms of  $\hat{\psi}$  we can use Wick's theorem to write the perturbation series of  $G$  in terms of products of  $G_0$  and then solve the expansion with Feynman diagram to obtain Dyson's equation

$$G(1, 2) = G_0(1, 2) + \int_{\gamma} d3 \int_{\gamma} d4 G_0(1, 3) \Sigma[G](3, 4) G(4, 2)$$
$$1 \equiv (\mathbf{r}_1, z_1)$$

# Kadanoff-Baym equation

Using Langreth rules,  $G_0^{-1}$ , explicit  $\hat{H}_0$  and evaluating Dyson at equal time, we obtain the Kadanoff-Baym equation for  $G^<$  in the limit  $t_0 \rightarrow -\infty$ :

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} G^<(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2; t, t) = [h_0(\mathbf{r}_1, -i\hbar\nabla_1) - h_0(\mathbf{r}_2, +i\hbar\nabla_2)] G^<(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2; t, t)$$

$$+ \int d^3 r_3 \left[ \Sigma^\delta(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_3; t) G^<(\mathbf{r}_3, \mathbf{r}_2; t, t) - G^<(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_3; t, t) \Sigma^\delta(\mathbf{r}_3, \mathbf{r}_2; t) \right]$$

$$+ \int_{-\infty}^t dt' \int d^3 r_3 \left[ \Sigma^>(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_3; t, t') G^<(\mathbf{r}_3, \mathbf{r}_2; t', t) \right. \\ \left. + G^<(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_3; t, t') \Sigma^>(\mathbf{r}_3, \mathbf{r}_2; t', t) \right]$$

$$- \Sigma^<(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_3; t, t') G^>(\mathbf{r}_3, \mathbf{r}_2; t', t) - G^>(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_3; t, t') \Sigma^<(\mathbf{r}_3, \mathbf{r}_2; t', t) \Big]$$

- Unperturbed time-evolution of  $G^<$  in static  $V(\mathbf{r})$
- Local time self-energy
- Internal dynamical correlations (collisions, scattering)

## KBE

- $V_{\text{Hxc}}[G] \approx V_{\text{Hxc}}[G_0]$
- $E$  is spatially homogeneous
- Diagonal Bloch state projection

## BTE (AC)

- DC transport
- Electron-one-phonon interaction
- Static electron-phonon interaction
- Adiabatic phonons
- $\delta$  approximation in  $G^{>,<}(\omega)$

## BTE

- Linear response

## Linearized BTE

- No scattering back into  $|nk\rangle$

## SERTA

# Boltzmann transport equation

Approximation:

- $V_{\text{Hxc}}[G] \approx V_{\text{Hxc}}[G_0]$

$$\Sigma^\delta(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2; t) \approx -e\phi_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}_1, t)\delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2)$$

- **E is spatially homogeneous**

$$\phi_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}_1, t) - \phi_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}_2, t) = -\mathbf{E}(t) \cdot (\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int d^3 r_3 & \left[ \Sigma^\delta(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_3; t) G^<(\mathbf{r}_3, \mathbf{r}_2; t, t) - G^<(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_3; t, t) \Sigma^\delta(\mathbf{r}_3, \mathbf{r}_2; t) \right] \\ & \approx e\mathbf{E}(t) \cdot (\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2) G^<(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2; t, t) \end{aligned}$$

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We consider electrons in a solid and project the KBE in the  $\{\varphi_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})\}$  basis.

Approximation:

- diagonal matrix elements of  $G$  and  $\Sigma$  (ok if no strong band mixing)

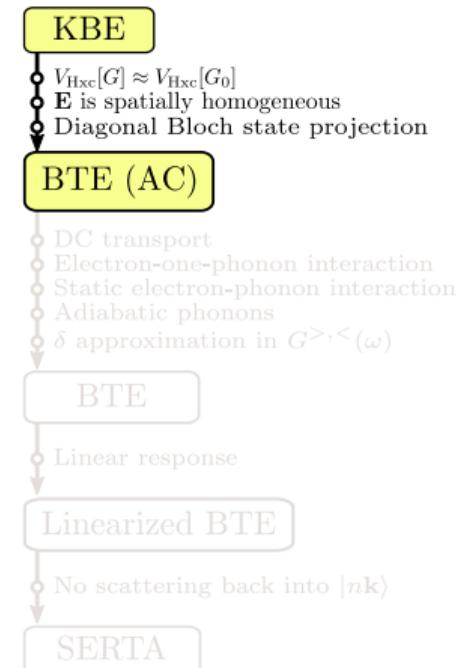
By expanding the Bloch WF in plane waves and taking the diagonal elements we have:

$$\int d^3r_1 \int d^3r_2 \varphi_{n\mathbf{k}}^*(\mathbf{r}_1) e\mathbf{E}(t) \cdot (\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2) G^<(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2; t, t) \varphi_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}_2)$$

$$= -e\mathbf{E}(t) \cdot \frac{1}{\hbar} \frac{\partial f_{n\mathbf{k}}^<}{\partial \mathbf{k}}(t, t)$$

where

$$\mp \frac{i}{\hbar} f_{n\mathbf{k}}^{>, <}(t, t') \equiv \int d^3r_1 \int d^3r_2 \varphi_{n\mathbf{k}}^*(\mathbf{r}_1) G^{>, <}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2; t, t') \varphi_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}_2)$$



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The quantum BTE is:

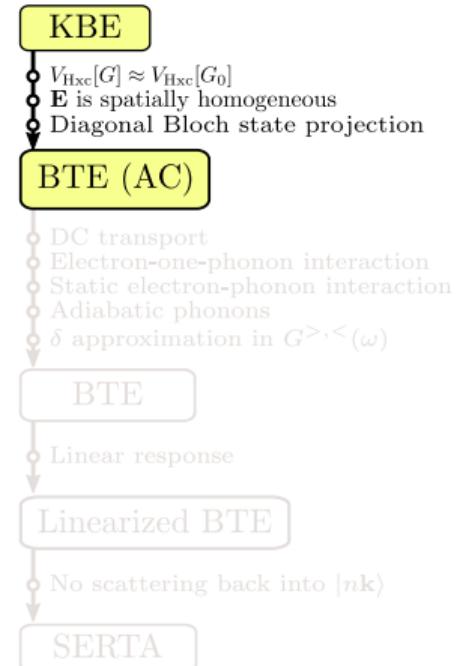
$$\frac{\partial f_{n\mathbf{k}}^<}{\partial t}(t,t) - e\mathbf{E}(t) \cdot \frac{1}{\hbar} \frac{\partial f_{n\mathbf{k}}^<}{\partial \mathbf{k}}(t,t) = -\Gamma_{n\mathbf{k}}^{(\text{co})}(t)$$

where the *collision rate* is defined as:

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma_{n\mathbf{k}}^{(\text{co})}(t) &\equiv \int_{-\infty}^t dt' \left[ \Gamma_{n\mathbf{k}}^>(t,t') f_{n\mathbf{k}}^<(t',t) + f_{n\mathbf{k}}^<(t,t') \Gamma_{n\mathbf{k}}^>(t',t) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \Gamma_{n\mathbf{k}}^<(t,t') f_{n\mathbf{k}}^>(t',t) - f_{n\mathbf{k}}^>(t,t') \Gamma_{n\mathbf{k}}^<(t',t) \right]\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\mp i\hbar \Gamma_{n\mathbf{k}}^>^<(t,t') \equiv \int d^3r_1 \int d^3r_2 \varphi_{n\mathbf{k}}^*(\mathbf{r}_1) \Sigma^{>,<}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2; t, t') \varphi_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}_2)$$



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For time-independent  $\mathbf{E}$  (DC) we can do a FT:

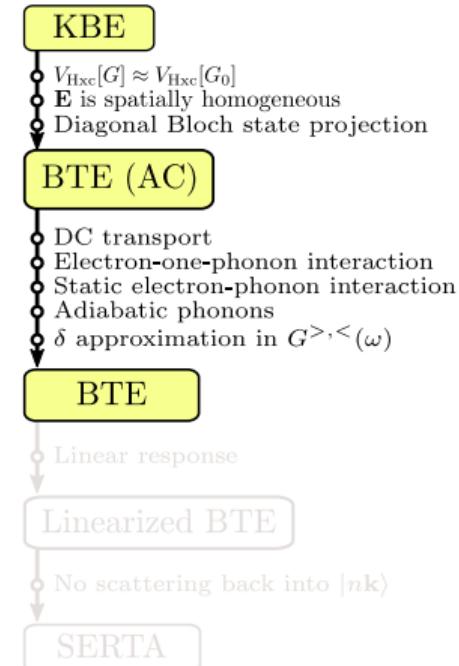
$$-e\mathbf{E} \cdot \frac{1}{\hbar} \frac{\partial f_{n\mathbf{k}}}{\partial \mathbf{k}} = - \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} [f_{n\mathbf{k}}^<(\omega) \Gamma_{n\mathbf{k}}^>(\omega) - f_{n\mathbf{k}}^>(\omega) \Gamma_{n\mathbf{k}}^<(\omega)]$$

where the  $\mathbf{E}$ -field dependent occupation number is

$$f_{n\mathbf{k}} \equiv \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} f_{n\mathbf{k}}^<(\omega).$$

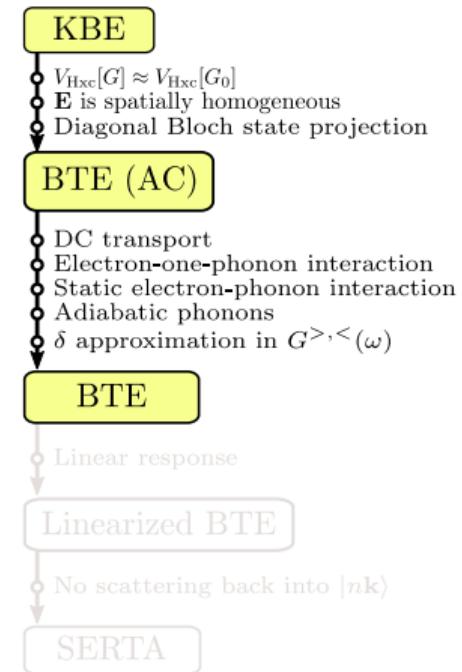
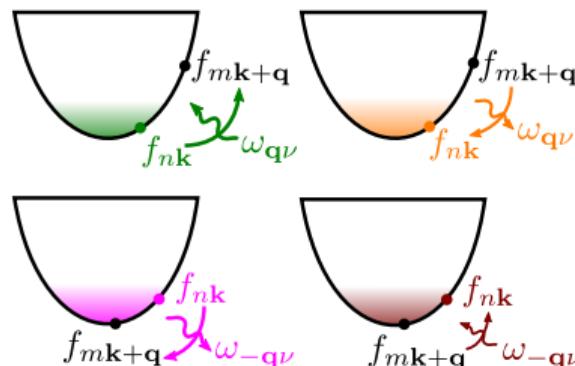
Approximations:

- Only scattering by lattice vibrations
- Neglect phonon-phonon interactions
- Frequency-independent el-ph matrix elements
- Phonon Green's function in the adiabatic approximation
- $f_{n\mathbf{k}}^>, <(\omega)$  is approximated at the level of  $\hat{H}_0$   
 $[f_{n\mathbf{k}}^<(\omega) \approx 2\pi f_{n\mathbf{k}} \delta(\omega - \varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}}/\hbar)]$



# Boltzmann transport equation

$$-e\mathbf{E} \cdot \frac{1}{\hbar} \frac{\partial f_{n\mathbf{k}}}{\partial \mathbf{k}} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} \sum_{m,\nu} \int \frac{d^3q}{\Omega_{BZ}} |g_{mn\nu}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q})|^2 \\ \times [f_{n\mathbf{k}}(1 - f_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}})\delta(\varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}} - \varepsilon_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}} + \hbar\omega_{\mathbf{q}\nu})n_{\mathbf{q}\nu} \\ + f_{n\mathbf{k}}(1 - f_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}})\delta(\varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}} - \varepsilon_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}} - \hbar\omega_{\mathbf{q}\nu})(n_{\mathbf{q}\nu} + 1) \\ - (1 - f_{n\mathbf{k}})f_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}\delta(\varepsilon_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}} - \varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}} + \hbar\omega_{\mathbf{q}\nu})n_{\mathbf{q}\nu} \\ - (1 - f_{n\mathbf{k}})f_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}\delta(\varepsilon_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}} - \varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}} - \hbar\omega_{\mathbf{q}\nu})(n_{\mathbf{q}\nu} + 1)]$$



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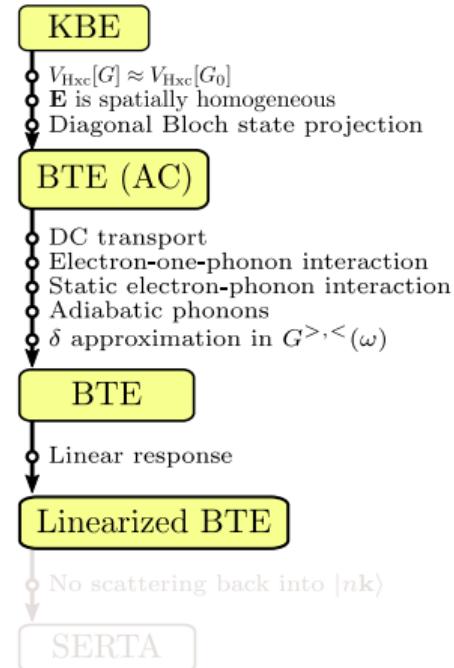
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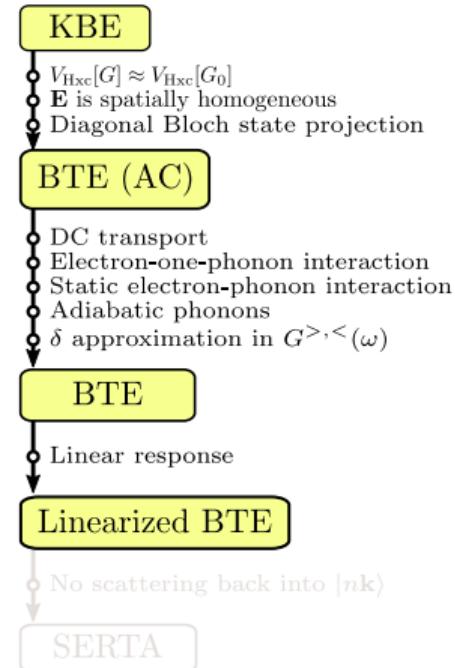
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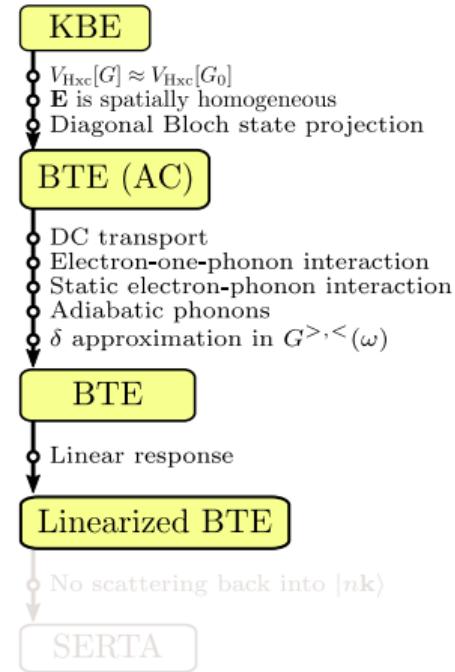
## Side note

Berryology [TM Ivo Souza]:

$$\begin{aligned} j_\alpha &= -e \int_{\mathbf{k}} \dot{r}_a f(\varepsilon) \\ &= -e \int_{\mathbf{k}} [\underbrace{v_a}_{\text{band}} + \underbrace{(e/\hbar)\Omega_{ab} E_b}_{\text{anomalous}} + \dots] [f_0 + \tau e v_c E_c f'_0 + \dots] \\ &= C + \sigma_{ab} E_b + \sigma_{abc} E_b E_c + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\sigma_{ab} = -e^2 \tau \int_{\mathbf{k}} v_a v_b f'_0 - \frac{e^2}{\hbar} \int_{\mathbf{k}} \Omega_{ab} f_0 \quad \text{Linear Ohmic + Hall}$$

In system with TR symmetry:  $\int_{\mathbf{k}} \Omega_{ab} f_0 = 0$



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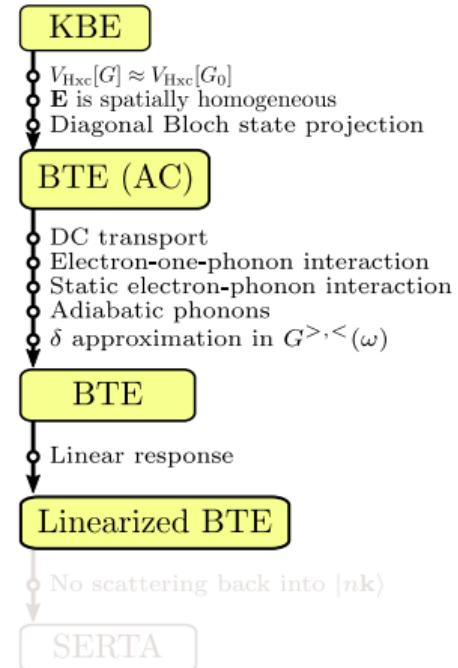
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where

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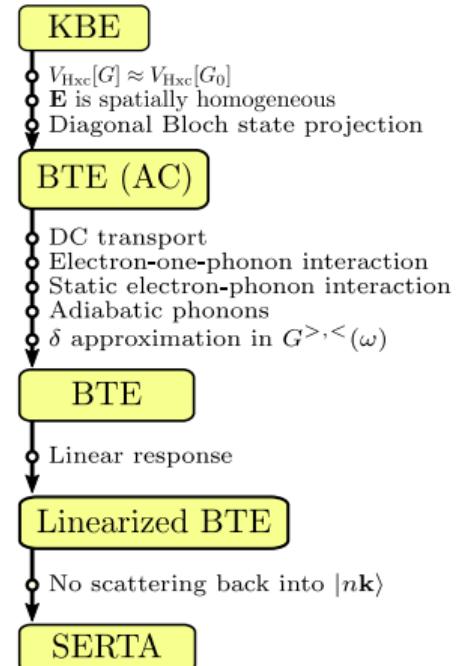
# Self-energy relaxation time approximation

$$\mu_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{d,SERTA}} = \frac{-1}{V_{\text{uc}} n_c} \sum_n \int \frac{d^3 k}{\Omega_{\text{BZ}}} v_{n\mathbf{k}}^\alpha \partial_{E_\beta} f_{n\mathbf{k}}$$

$$\partial_{E_\beta} f_{n\mathbf{k}} = e v_{n\mathbf{k}}^\beta \frac{\partial f_{n\mathbf{k}}^0}{\partial \varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}}} \tau_{n\mathbf{k}}$$

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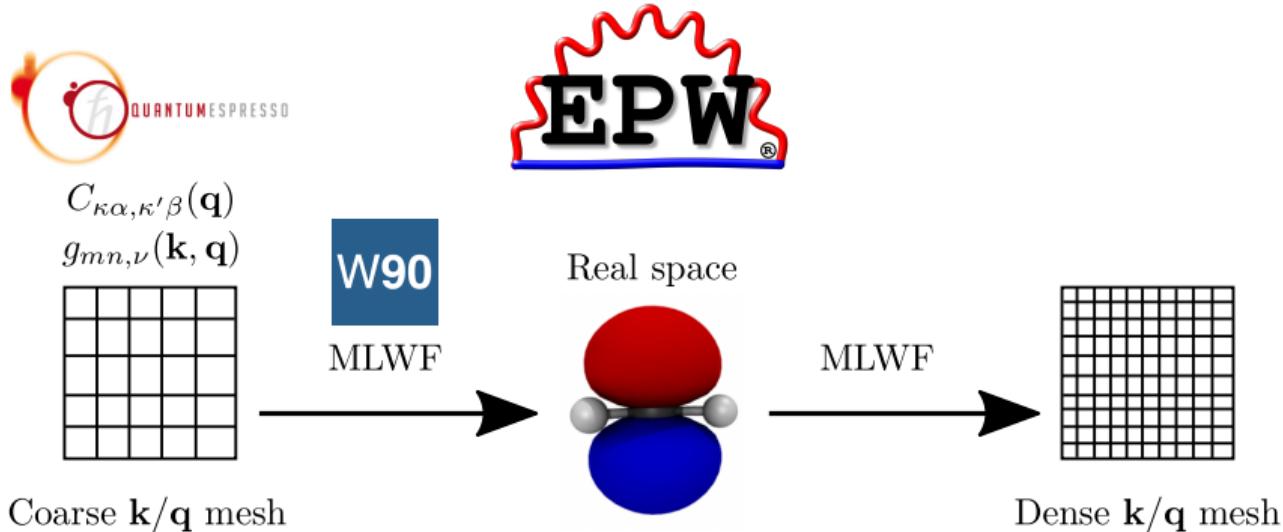
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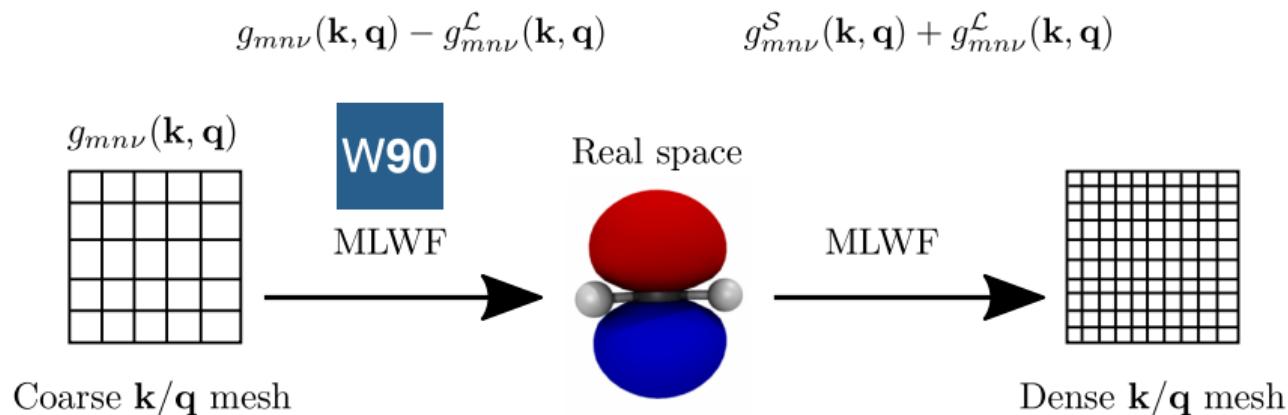
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# Dipoles & quadrupoles

$$g_{mn\nu}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}) = g_{mn\nu}^S(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}) + g_{mn\nu}^L(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q})$$

$$g_{mn\nu}^L(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}) = g_{mn\nu}^{L,D}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}) + g_{mn\nu}^{L,Q}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}) + g_{mn\nu}^{L,O}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}) + \dots$$

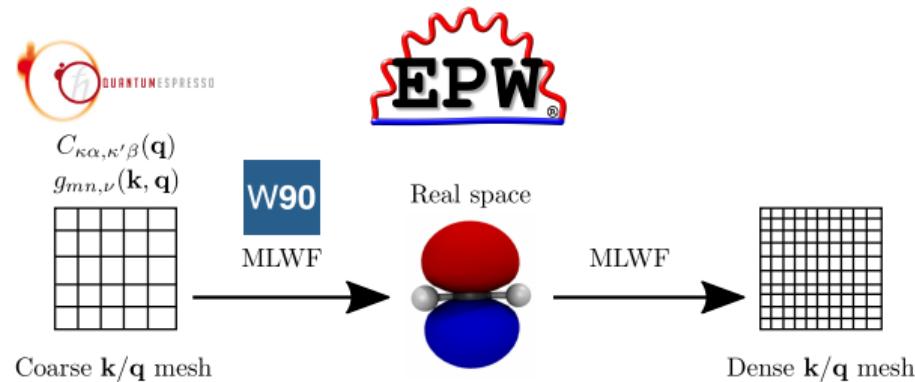
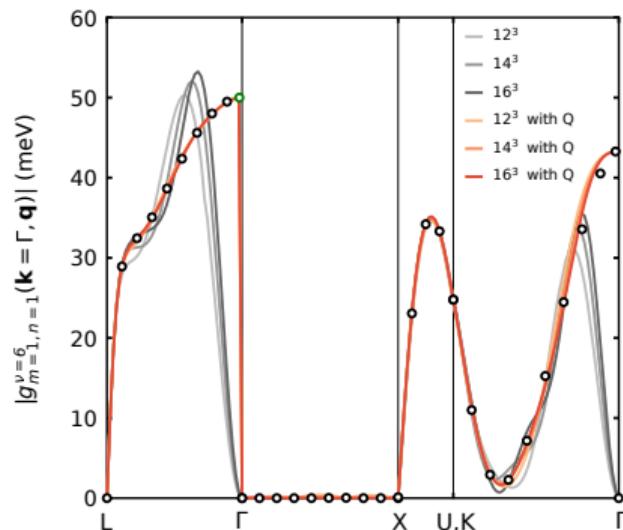
$$\begin{aligned} g_{mn\nu}^L(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}) &= \sum_{\kappa\alpha} \left[ \frac{\hbar}{2NM_\kappa\omega_\nu(\mathbf{q})} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{4\pi e^2 e^{-\frac{|\mathbf{q}|^2}{4\Lambda^2}}}{\Omega \sum_{\delta\delta'} q_\delta \epsilon_{\delta\delta'}^\infty q_{\delta'}} \\ &\times e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\boldsymbol{\tau}_\kappa} \left[ \sum_\beta iq_\beta Z_{\kappa\alpha\beta} + \sum_\gamma \frac{q_\beta q_\gamma}{2} Q_{\kappa\alpha\beta\gamma} \right] e_{\kappa\alpha\nu}(\mathbf{q}) \langle \Psi_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}} e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} [1 + iq_\alpha v^{\text{Hxc}, \mathcal{E}_\alpha}(\mathbf{r})] \rangle \Psi_{n\mathbf{k}}. \end{aligned}$$

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# Dynamical quadrupoles: Si

$$g_{mn\nu}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}) = g_{mn\nu}^S(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}) + g_{mn\nu}^L(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q})$$

$$g_{mn\nu}^L(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}) = g_{mn\nu}^{L,D}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}) + g_{mn\nu}^{L,Q}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}) + g_{mn\nu}^{L,O}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}) + \dots$$



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# Electronic velocities

$$\mu_{\alpha\beta}^d = \frac{-1}{V_{uc} n_c} \sum_n \int \frac{d^3 k}{\Omega_{BZ}} v_{n\mathbf{k}}^\alpha \partial_{E_\beta} f_{n\mathbf{k}}$$

Obtained from the commutator:

$$\hat{\mathbf{v}} = (i/\hbar)[\hat{H}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}]$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{nm\mathbf{k}} = \langle \psi_{m\mathbf{k}} | \hat{\mathbf{p}} / m_e + (i/\hbar) [\hat{V}_{NL}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}] | \psi_{n\mathbf{k}} \rangle,$$

where  $\hat{\mathbf{p}} = -i\hbar\partial/\partial\mathbf{r}$  is the momentum operator.

$P_c r_\alpha |\psi_{n\mathbf{k}}\rangle$  are the solution of the linear system:

$$[H - \varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}} S] P_c r_\alpha |\psi_{n\mathbf{k}}\rangle = P_c^\dagger [H - \varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}} S, r_\alpha] |\psi_{n\mathbf{k}}\rangle,$$

where  $S$  is the overlap matrix and  $P_c$  the projector over the empty states.

In the local approximation (neglecting  $\hat{V}_{NL}$ ):

$$v_{mn\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}'\alpha} \approx \langle \psi_{m\mathbf{k}'} | \hat{p}_\alpha | \psi_{n\mathbf{k}} \rangle = \delta(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}') \left( k_\alpha \delta_{mn} - i \int d\mathbf{r} u_{m\mathbf{k}'}^*(\mathbf{r}) \nabla_\alpha u_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) \right)$$

J. Tóbik and A. D. Corso, J. Chem. Phys. 120, 9934 (2004)

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Wannier interpolated velocities:

$$v_{nm\mathbf{k}',\alpha} = \frac{1}{\hbar} H_{nm\mathbf{k}',\alpha} - \frac{i}{\hbar} (\varepsilon_{m\mathbf{k}'} - \varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}'}) A_{mn\mathbf{k}',\alpha}$$

$$A_{mn\mathbf{k}',\alpha} = \sum_{m'n'} U_{mm'\mathbf{k}'}^\dagger A_{m'n'\mathbf{k}',\alpha}^{(W)} U_{n'n\mathbf{k}'}$$

$$A_{nm\mathbf{k},\alpha}^{(W)} = i \sum_{\mathbf{b}} w_b b_\alpha ( \langle u_{n\mathbf{k}}^{(W)} | u_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{b}}^{(W)} \rangle - \delta_{nm} ),$$

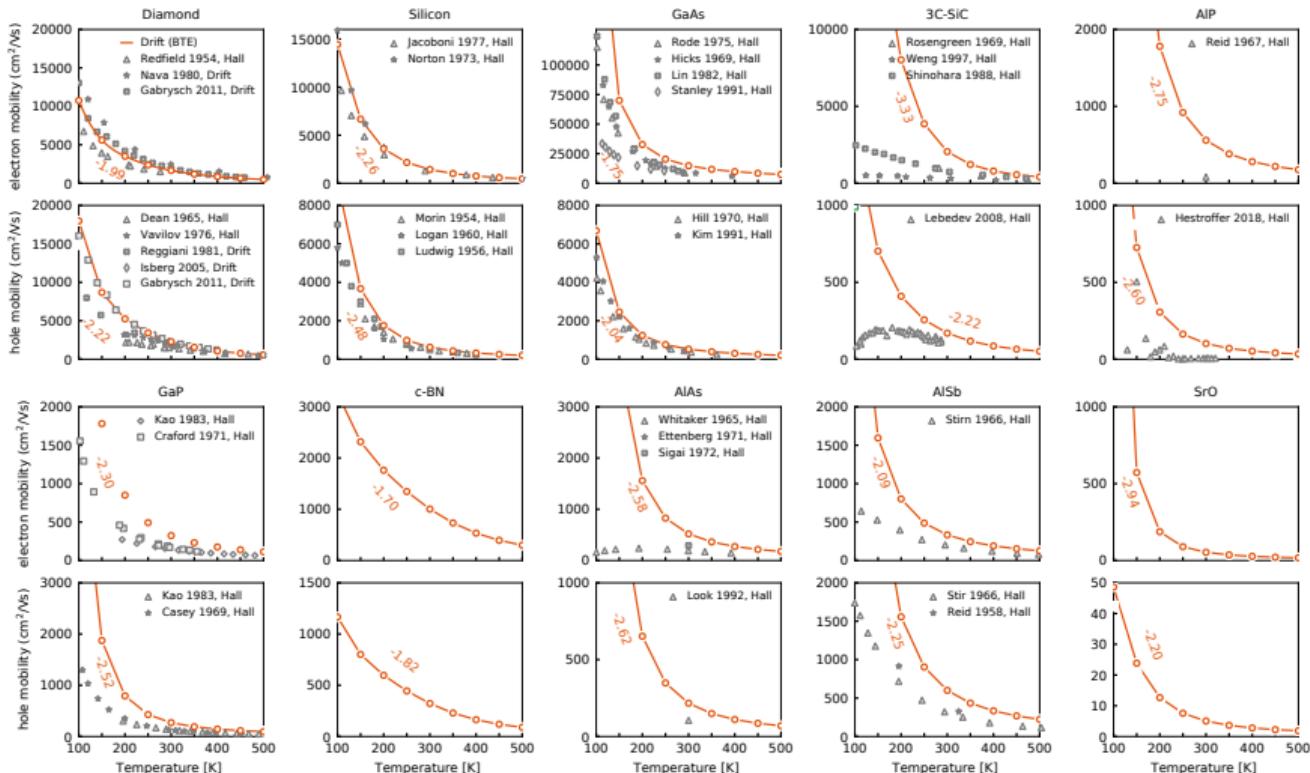
$\mathbf{b}$  are the vectors connecting  $\mathbf{k}$  to its nearest neighbor and overlap matrices are:

$$\langle u_{n\mathbf{k}}^{(W)} | u_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{b}}^{(W)} \rangle = \sum_{n'm'} U_{mm'\mathbf{k}'}^\dagger M_{mn\mathbf{k}} U_{nn'\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{b}},$$

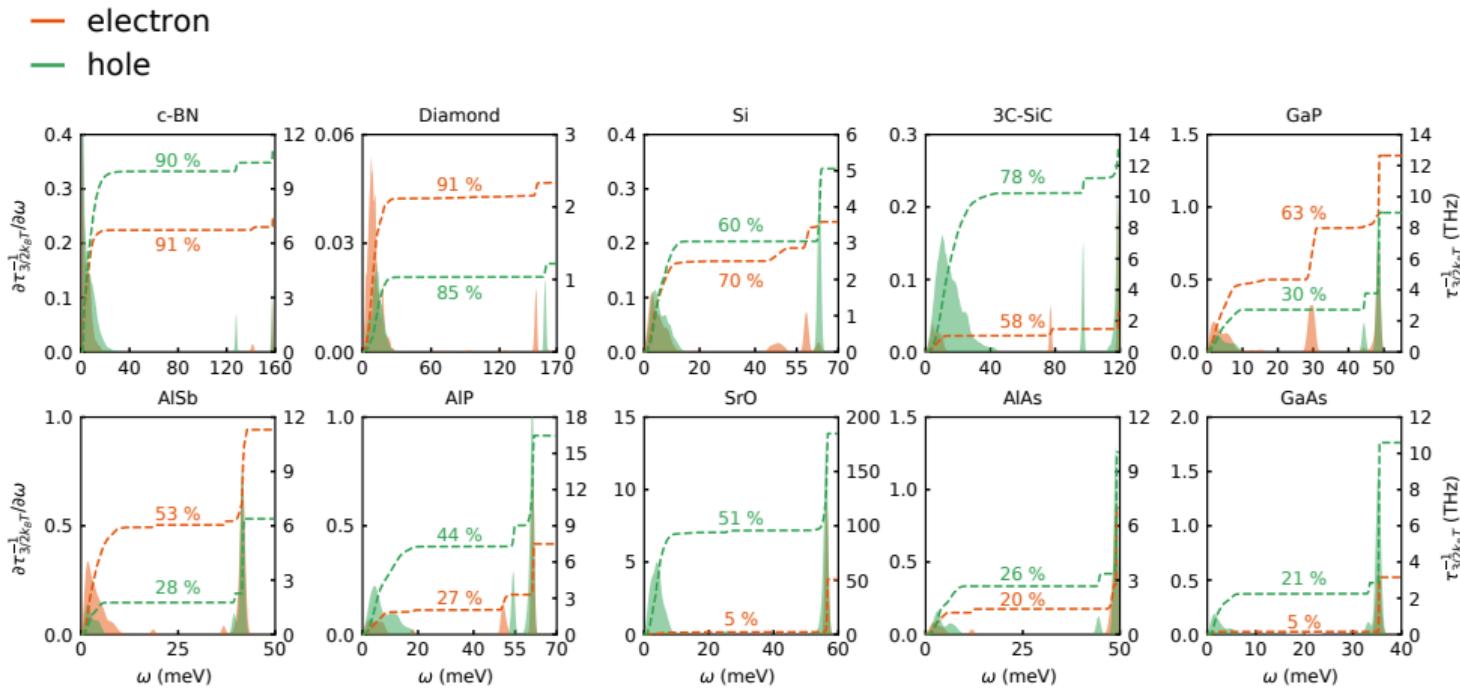
$M_{mn\mathbf{k}}$  =  $\langle u_{n\mathbf{k}} | u_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{b}} \rangle$  is the phase relation between neighboring Bloch orbitals.

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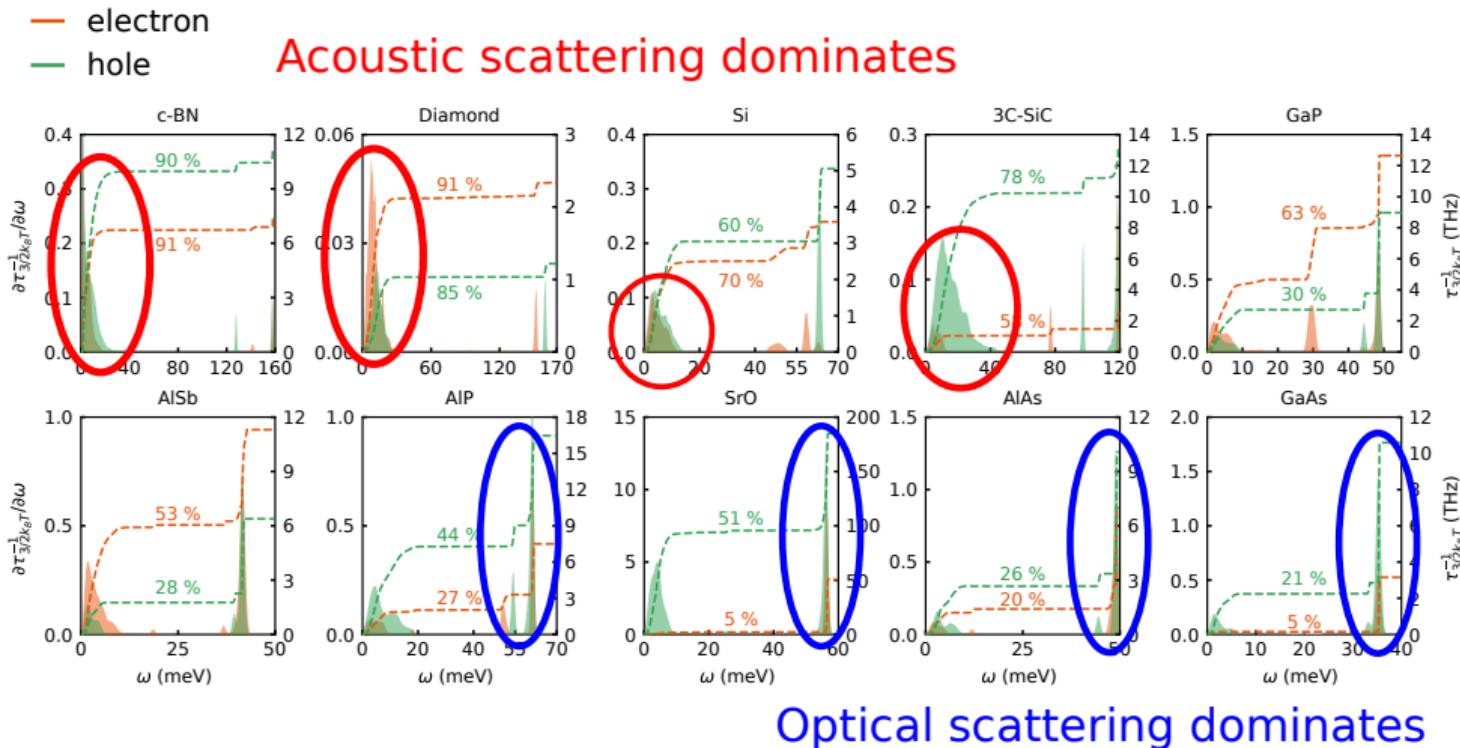
# Temperature dependence mobility



# Spectral decomposition: dominant scattering

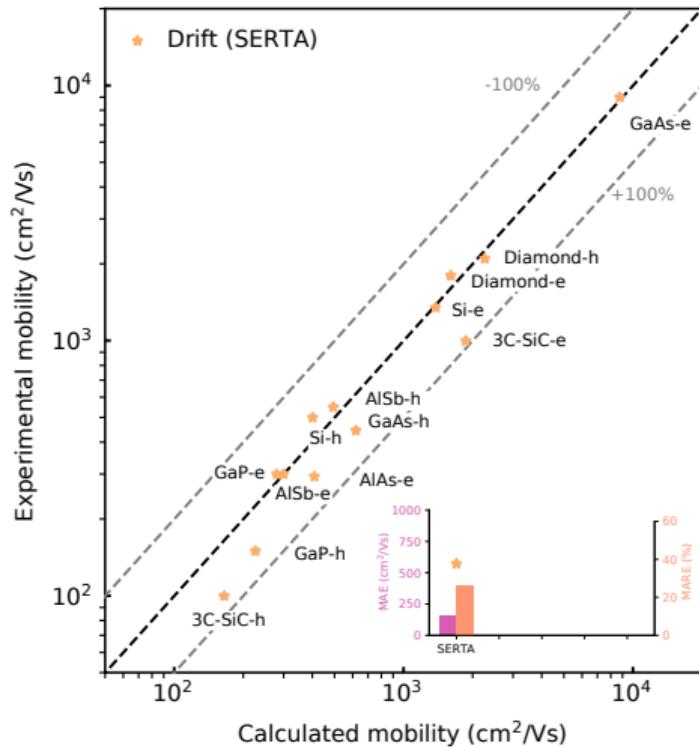


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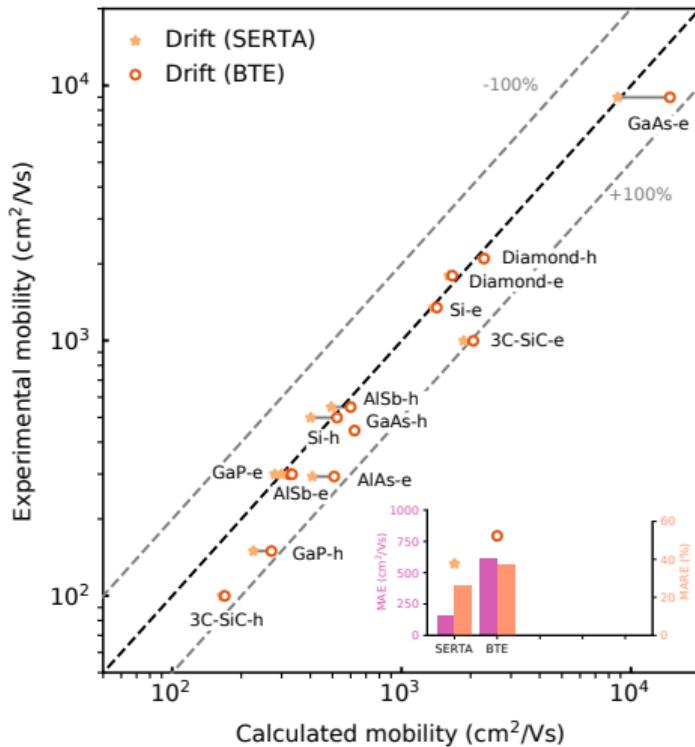
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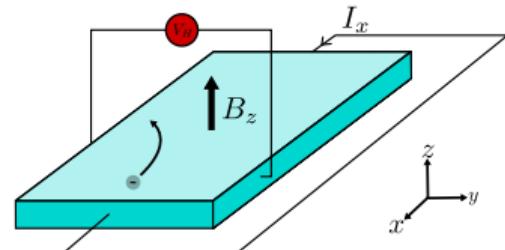
# Hall mobility

$$\mu_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{Hall}}(\hat{\mathbf{B}}) = \sum_{\gamma} \mu_{\alpha\gamma}^{\text{drift}} r_{\gamma\beta}(\hat{\mathbf{B}})$$

$$r_{\alpha\beta}(\hat{\mathbf{B}}) \equiv \lim_{\mathbf{B} \rightarrow 0} \sum_{\delta\epsilon} \frac{[\mu_{\alpha\delta}^{\text{drift}}]^{-1} \mu_{\delta\epsilon}(\mathbf{B}) [\mu_{\epsilon\beta}^{\text{drift}}]^{-1}}{|\mathbf{B}|}$$

$$\mu_{\alpha\beta}(B_{\gamma}) = \frac{-1}{S_{\text{uc}} n_c} \sum_n \int \frac{d^3k}{S_{\text{BZ}}} v_{n\mathbf{k}\alpha} [ \partial_{E_{\beta}} f_{n\mathbf{k}}(B_{\gamma}) - \partial_{E_{\beta}} f_{n\mathbf{k}} ]$$

$$\mu_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{drift}} = \frac{-1}{S_{\text{uc}} n_c} \sum_n \int \frac{d^3k}{S_{\text{BZ}}} v_{n\mathbf{k}\alpha} \partial_{E_{\beta}} f_{n\mathbf{k}}$$



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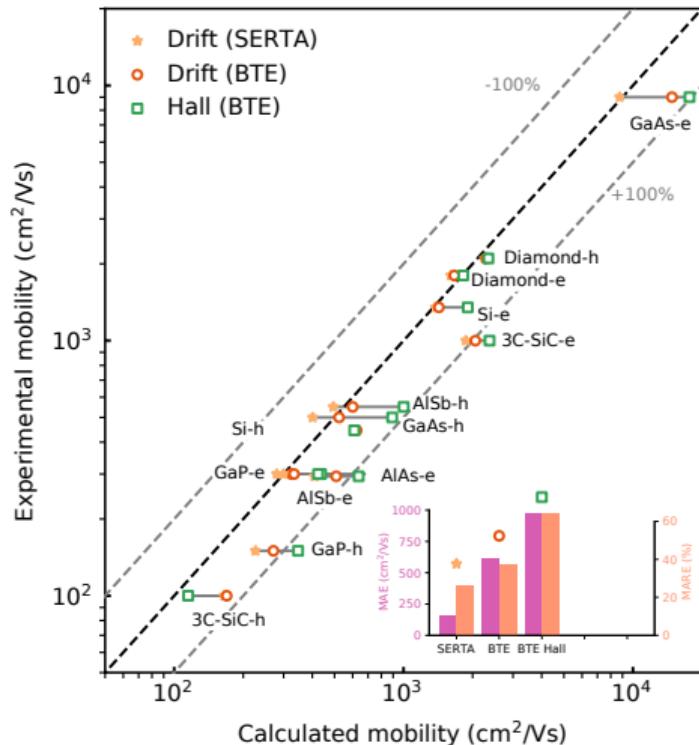
$$\begin{aligned} \left[ 1 - \frac{e}{\hbar} \tau_{n\mathbf{k}} (\mathbf{v}_{n\mathbf{k}} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \right] \partial_{E_\beta} f_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{B}) &= e v_{n\mathbf{k}\beta} \frac{\partial f_{n\mathbf{k}}^0}{\partial \varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}}} \tau_{n\mathbf{k}} \\ &+ \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} \sum_{m\nu} \int \frac{d^3q}{S_{\text{BZ}}} |g_{mn\nu}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q})|^2 \left[ (n_{\mathbf{q}\nu} + 1 - f_{n\mathbf{k}}^0) \delta(\varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}} - \varepsilon_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}} + \hbar\omega_{\mathbf{q}\nu}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (n_{\mathbf{q}\nu} + f_{n\mathbf{k}}^0) \delta(\varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}} - \varepsilon_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}} - \hbar\omega_{\mathbf{q}\nu}) \right] \partial_{E_\beta} f_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}(\mathbf{B}), \end{aligned}$$

where the scattering rate is

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{n\mathbf{k}}^{-1} &\equiv \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} \sum_{m\nu} \int \frac{d^3q}{\Omega_{\text{BZ}}} |g_{mn\nu}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q})|^2 \left[ (n_{\mathbf{q}\nu} + 1 - f_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}^0) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times \delta(\varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}} - \varepsilon_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}} - \hbar\omega_{\mathbf{q}\nu}) + (n_{\mathbf{q}\nu} + f_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}^0) \delta(\varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}} - \varepsilon_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}} + \hbar\omega_{\mathbf{q}\nu}) \right] \end{aligned}$$

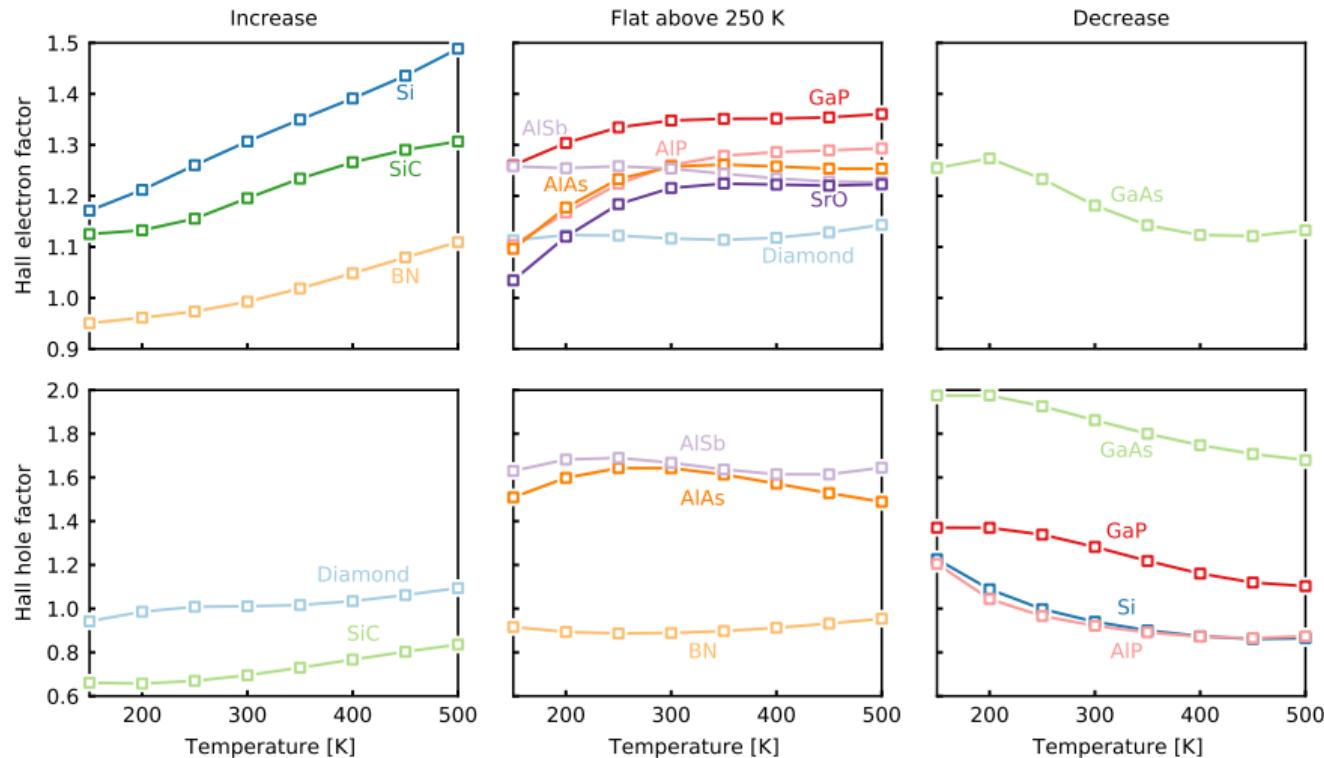
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# Hall factor is not unity



# Resistivity in metals

Can be obtained from the solution of the BTE:

$$\rho_{\alpha\beta} = \sigma_{\alpha\beta}^{-1}$$
$$\sigma_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{-e}{V_{uc}} \sum_n \int \frac{d^3k}{\Omega_{BZ}} v_{n\mathbf{k}}^\alpha \partial_{E_\beta} f_{n\mathbf{k}}$$

Further approximation:

- constant  $g_{mn\nu}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q})$  close to the Fermi level
- $-\frac{\partial f_{n\mathbf{k}}^0}{\partial \varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}}} \approx \delta(\varepsilon^F - \varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}})$

Lowest-order variational approximation (LOVA) / Ziman formula:

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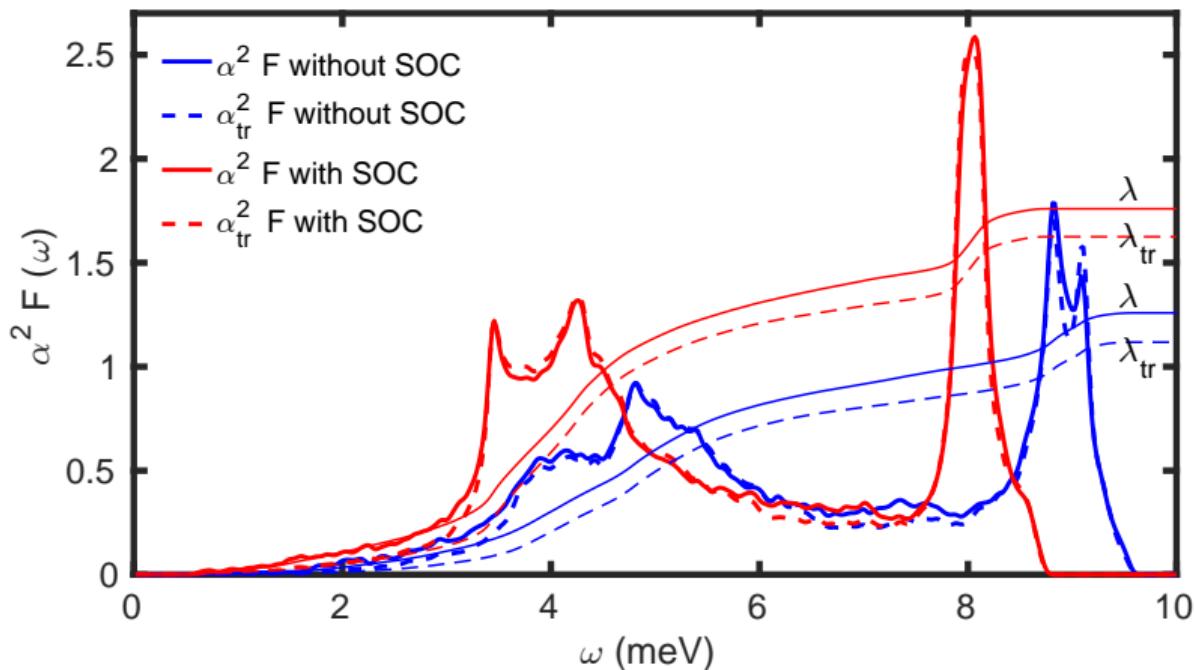
Isotropic Eliashberg transport spectral function:

$$\alpha_{\text{tr}}^2 F(\omega) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_\nu \int_{\text{BZ}} \frac{d\mathbf{q}}{\Omega_{\text{BZ}}} \omega_{\mathbf{q}\nu} \lambda_{\text{tr},\mathbf{q}\nu} \delta(\omega - \omega_{\mathbf{q}\nu}),$$

Mode-resolved transport coupling strength is defined by:

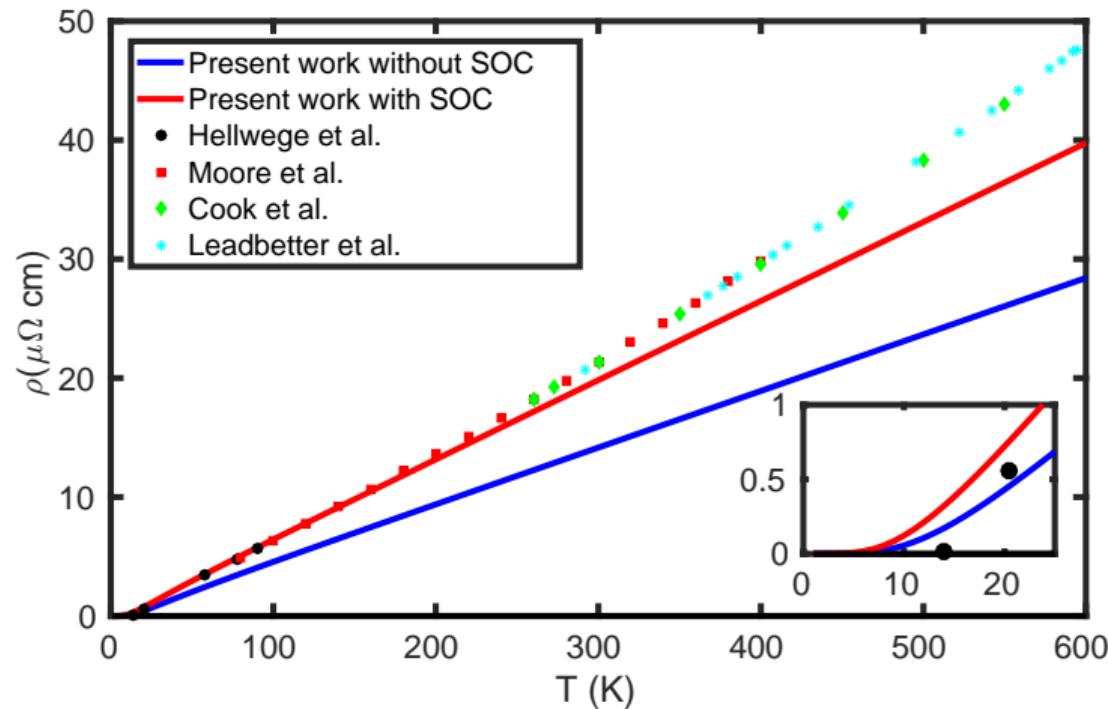
$$\lambda_{\text{tr},\mathbf{q}\nu} = \frac{1}{N(\varepsilon_F)\omega_{\mathbf{q}\nu}} \sum_{nm} \int_{\text{BZ}} \frac{d\mathbf{k}}{\Omega_{\text{BZ}}} |g_{mn,\nu}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q})|^2 \delta(\varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}} - \varepsilon_F) \delta(\varepsilon_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}} - \varepsilon_F) \left( 1 - \frac{v_{n\mathbf{k}} \cdot v_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}}{|v_{n\mathbf{k}}|^2} \right).$$

# Eliashberg spectral function



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# Ziman's formula



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# BTE resistivity

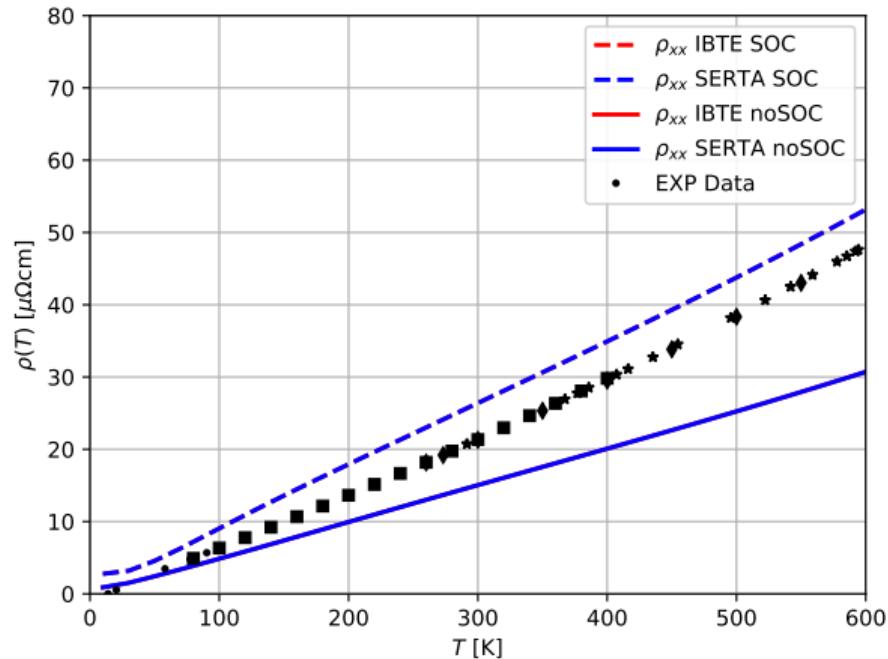


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# Flavor of what lies beyond

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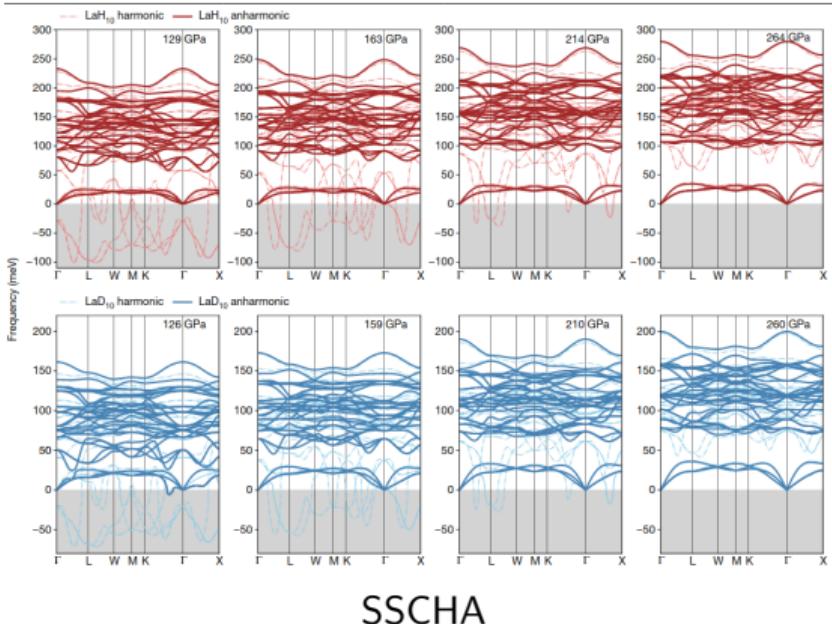
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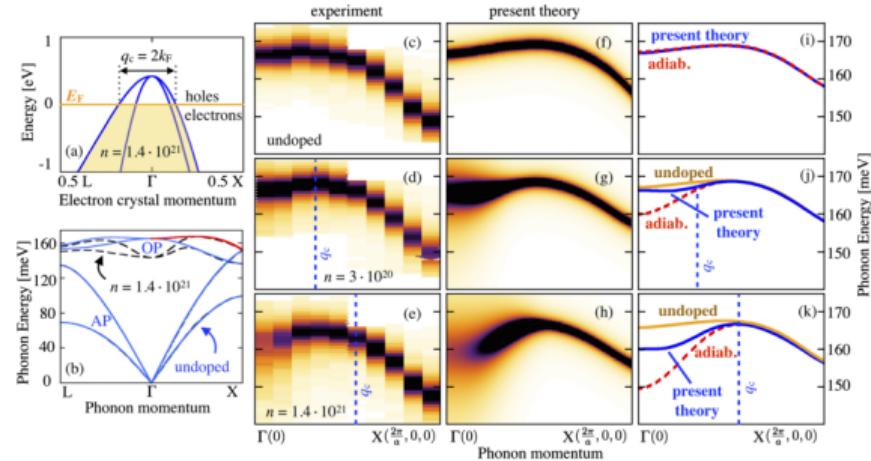
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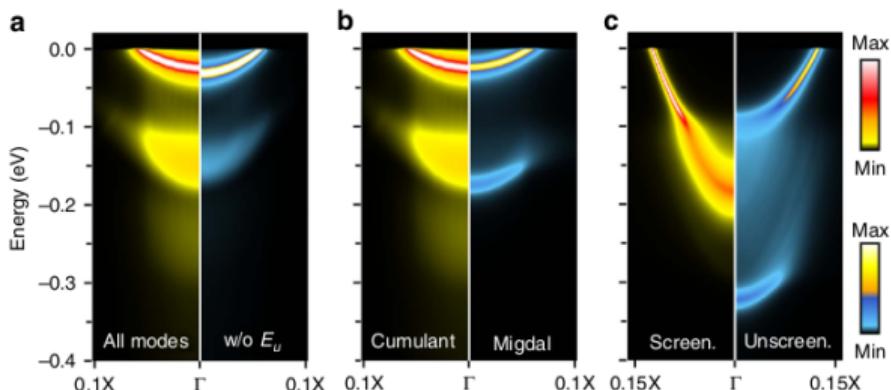
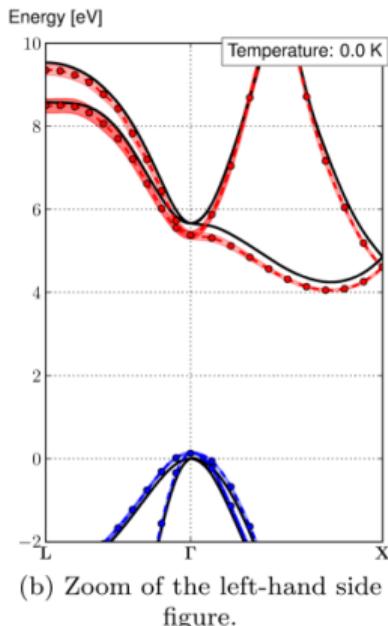
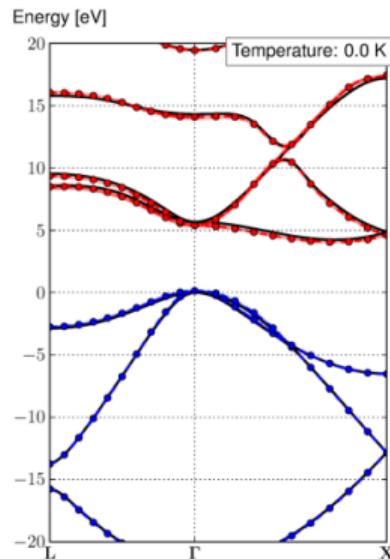


$$\hbar\Pi_{\mathbf{q}\nu}^{\text{NA}}(\omega) = 2 \sum_{mn} \int \frac{d\mathbf{k}}{\Omega_{\text{BZ}}} g_{mn,\nu}^b(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}) g_{mn,\nu}^*(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q})$$

$$\times \left( \frac{f_{n\mathbf{k}} - f_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}}{e_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}} - e_{n\mathbf{k}} - \hbar(\omega + i\eta)} - \frac{f_{n\mathbf{k}} - f_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}}{e_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}} - e_{n\mathbf{k}}} \right)$$

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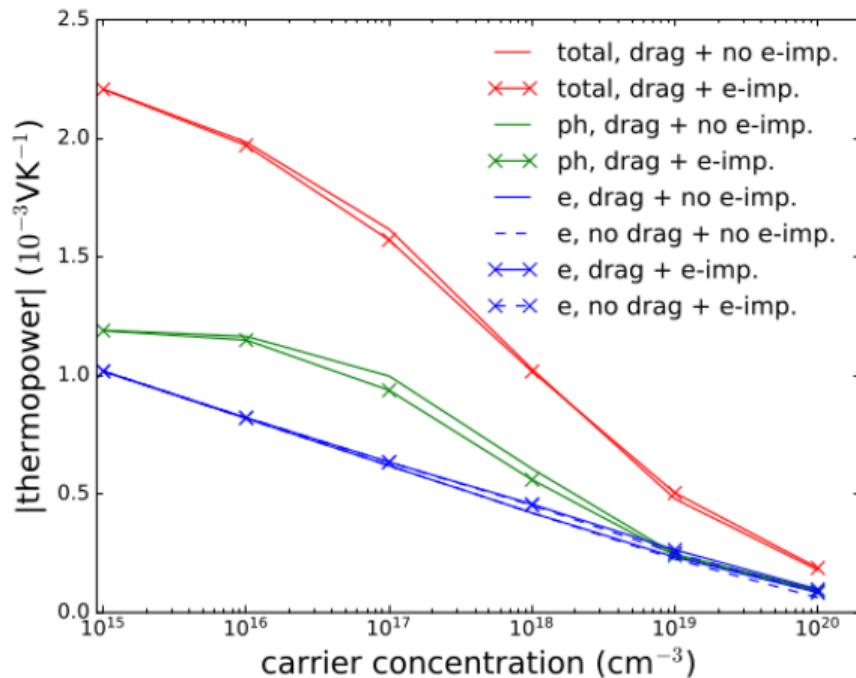
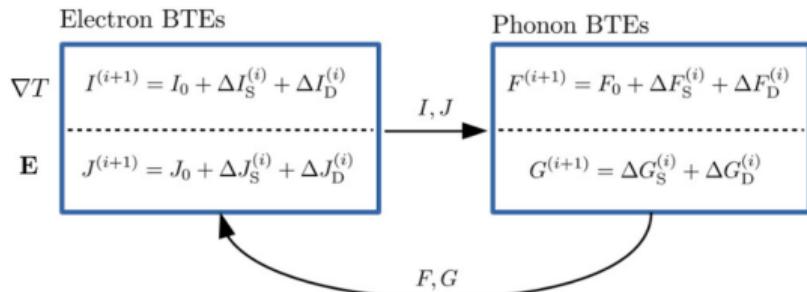


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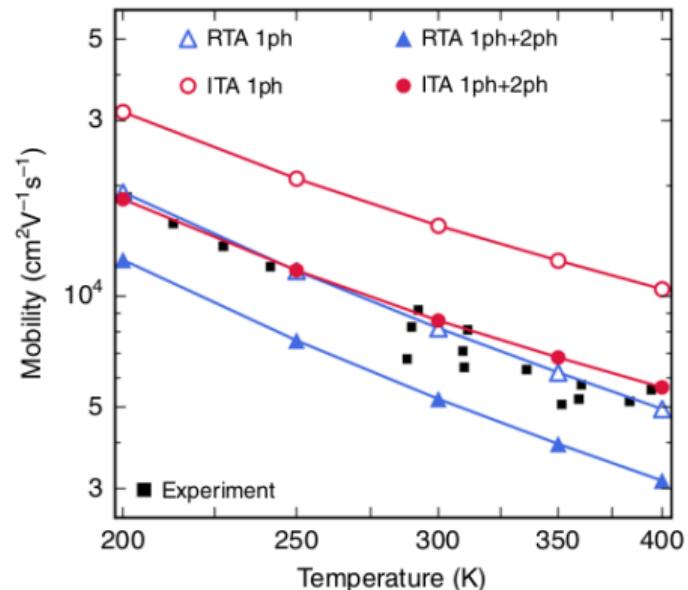
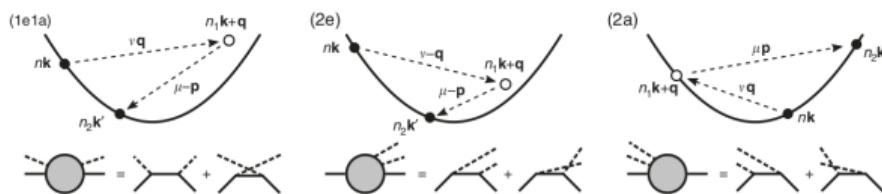
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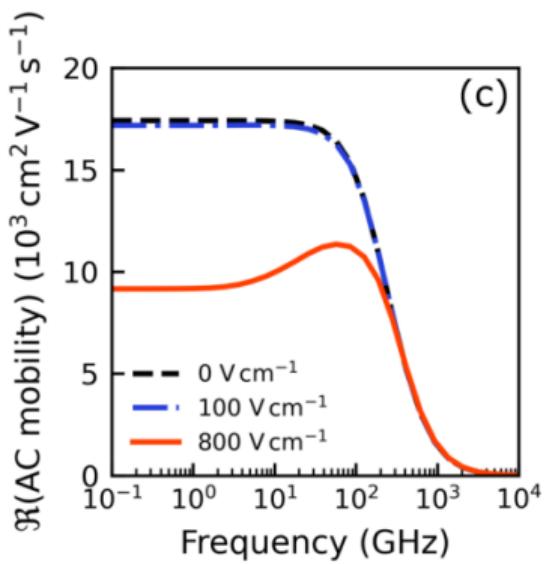
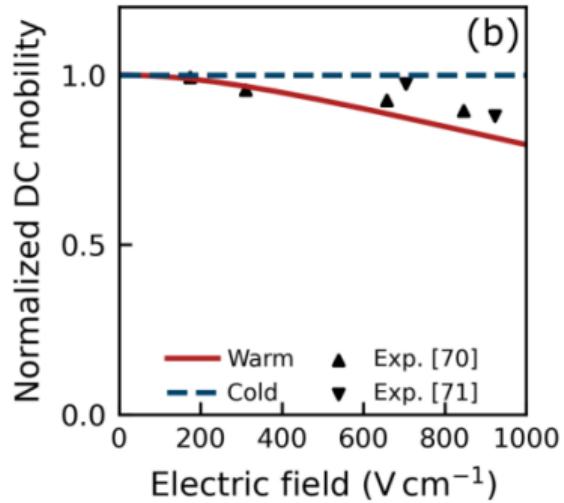
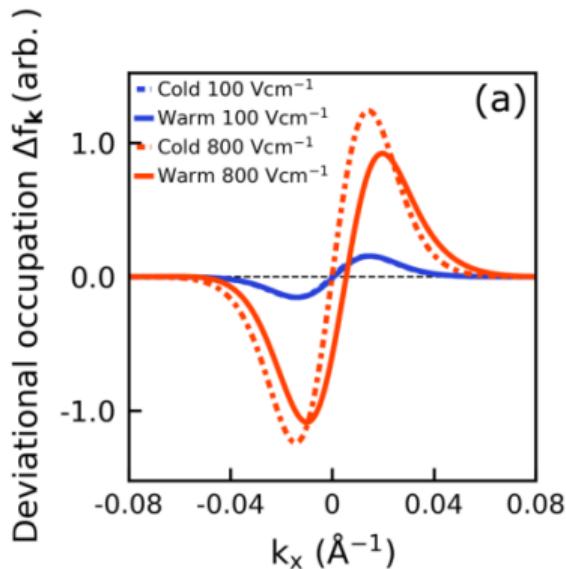
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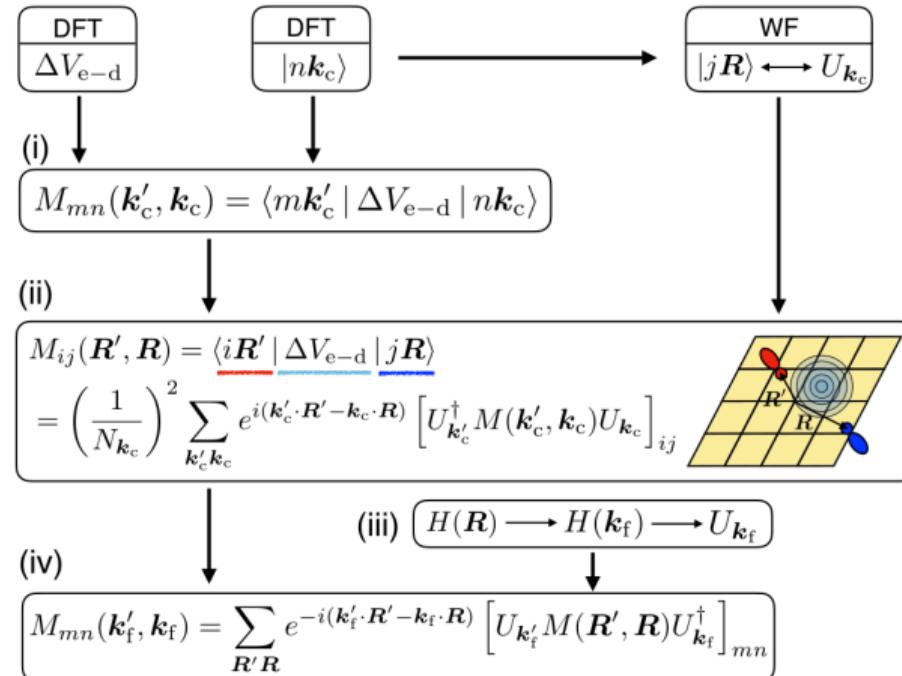
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# Conclusion

- The Boltzmann transport equation can be obtained from a rigorous many-body framework
- Long-range electrostatics is important for accurate interpolation
- The Hall factor is temperature dependent and can deviate from unity
- BTE mobilities overestimates experiment

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# Supplemental Slides

# Strongest approximations

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- SOC for hole mobility
- Self energy relaxation time approximation

○ electron  
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