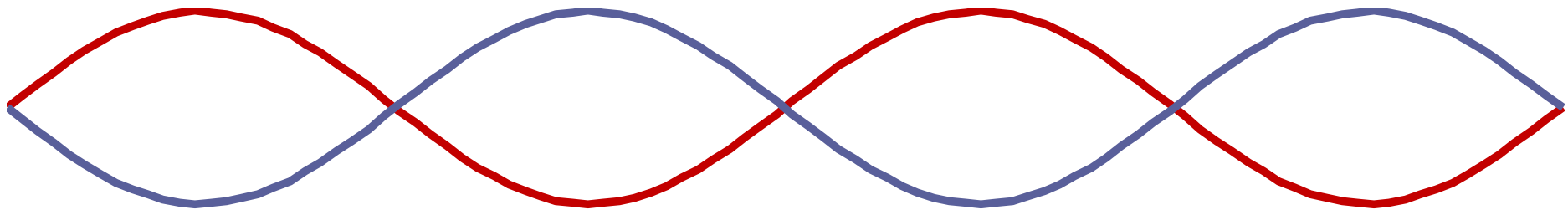


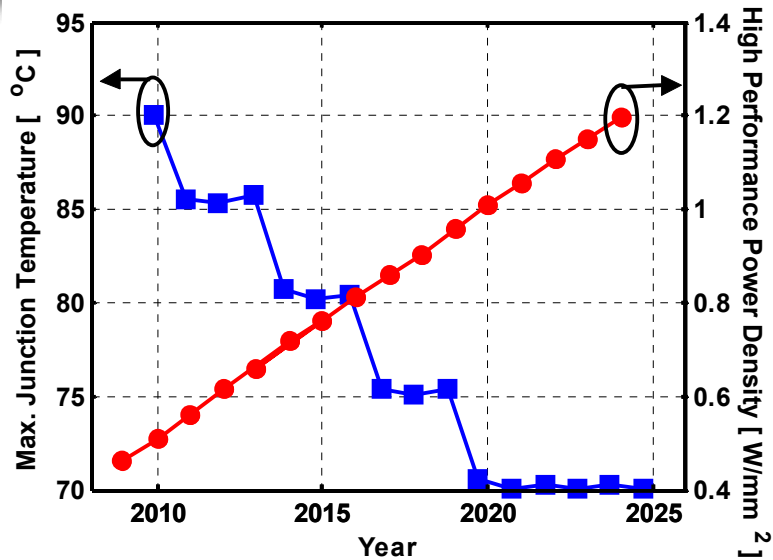
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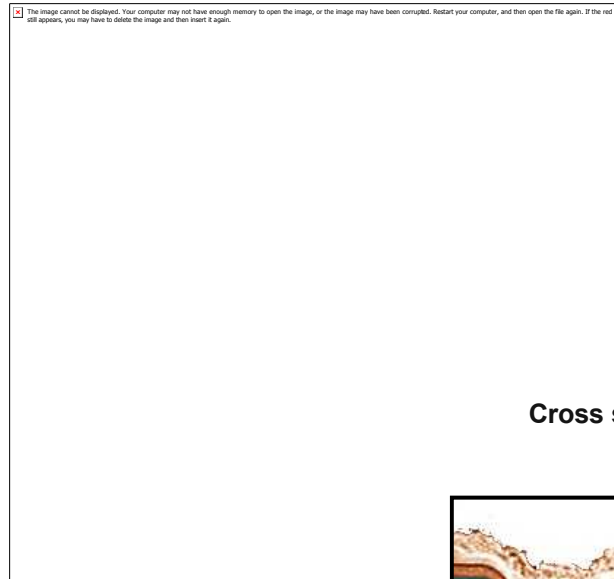
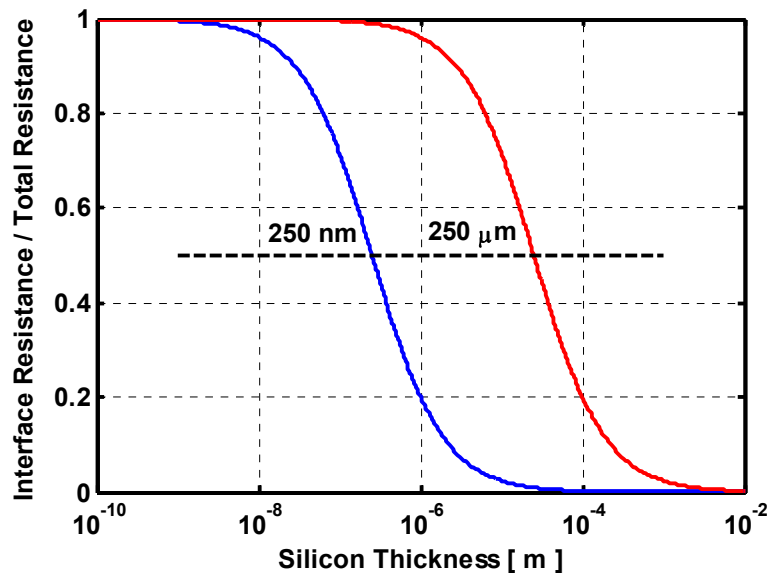
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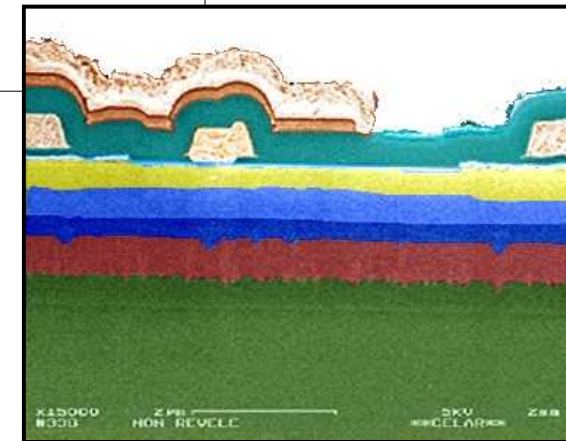
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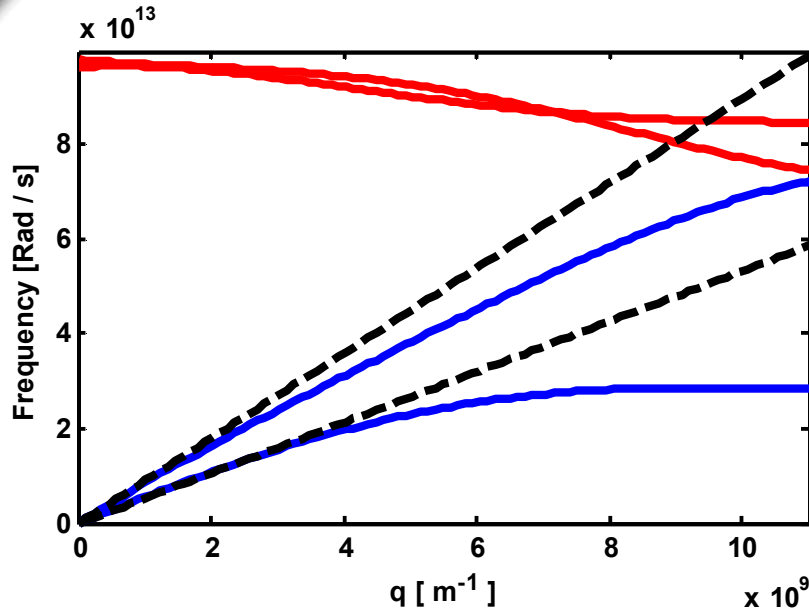


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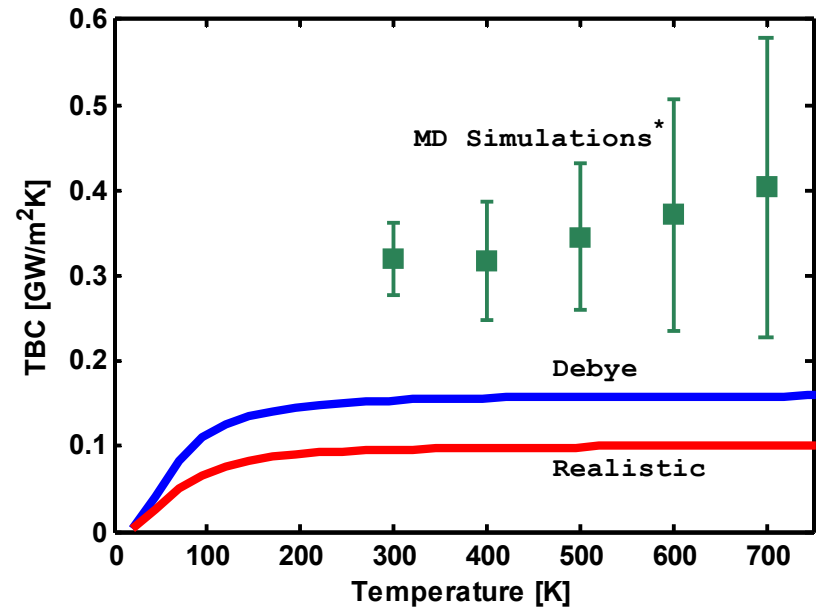


Takeaway: Interfacial transport plays a role.

Debye & the DMM



- DMM's 2 main assumptions
 - Diffuse scattering
 - Debye solid

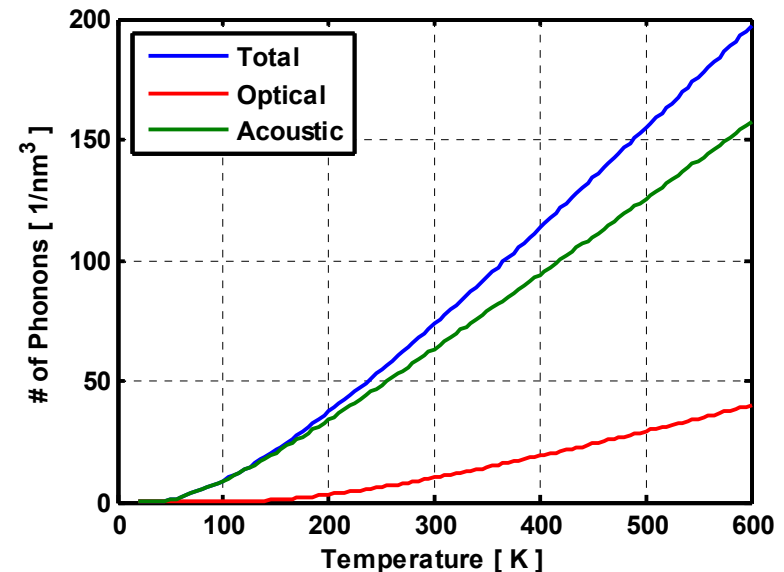
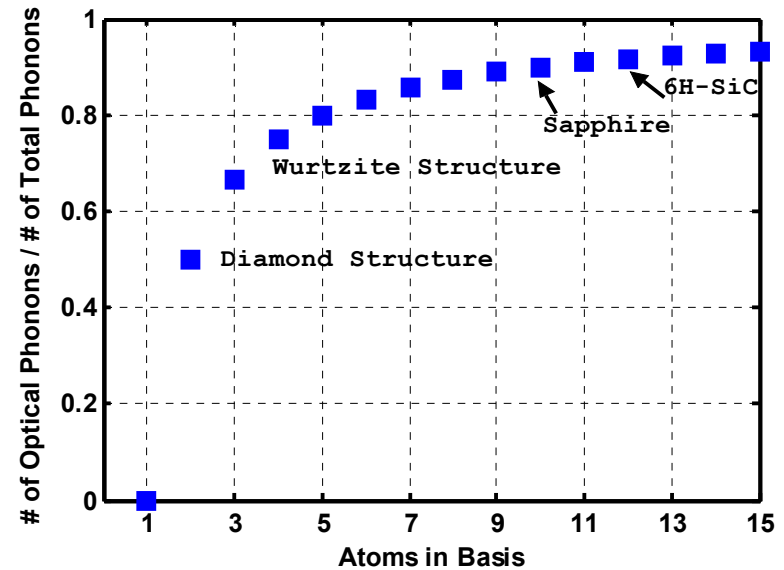


- Using a more realistic dispersion, leads to lower correlation with MD predictions.

Takeaway: Does Debye approximation compensate for the removal of the optical phonons (OP's)?

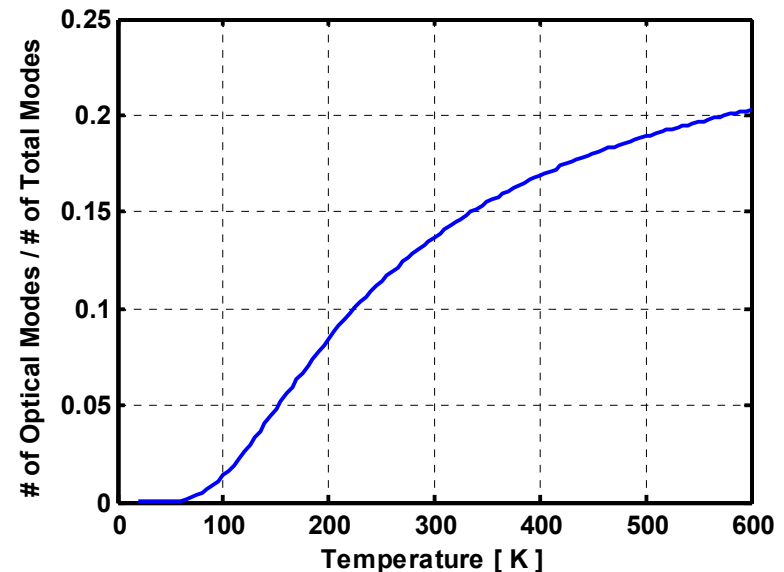
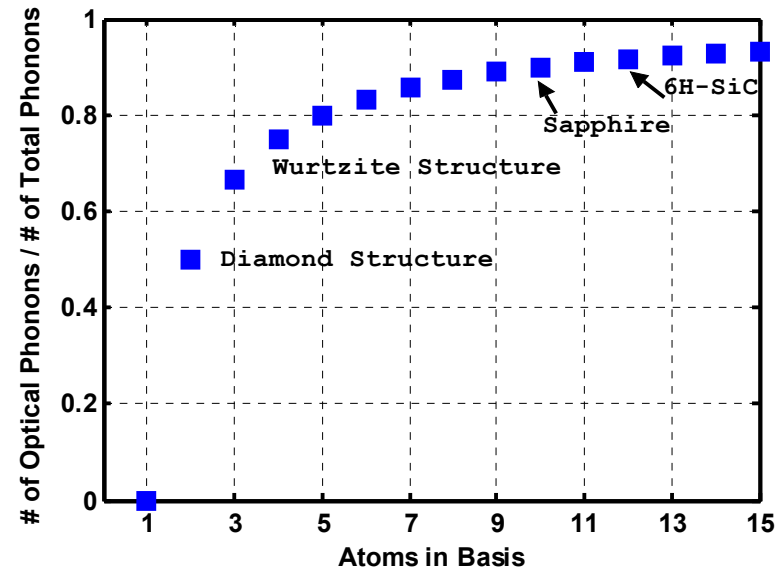
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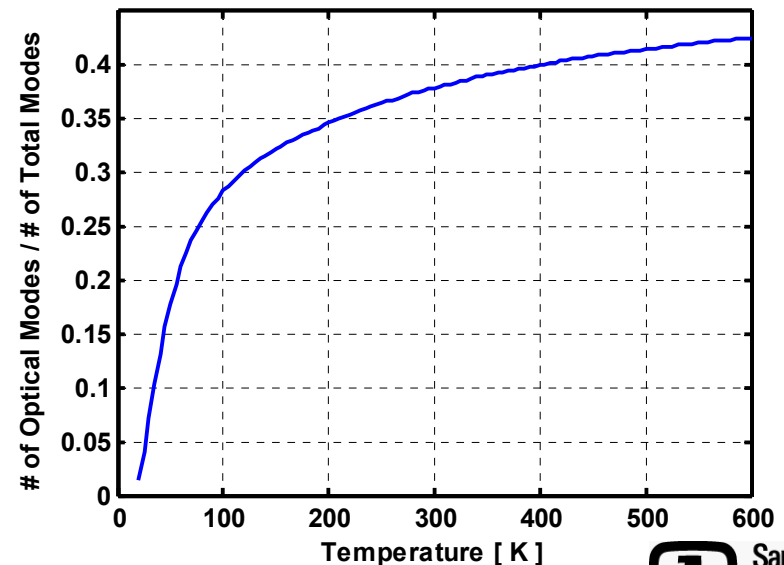
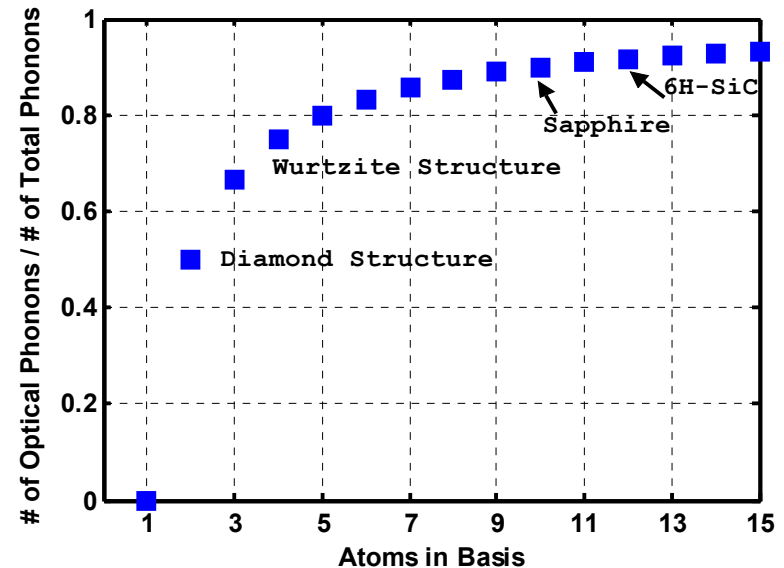
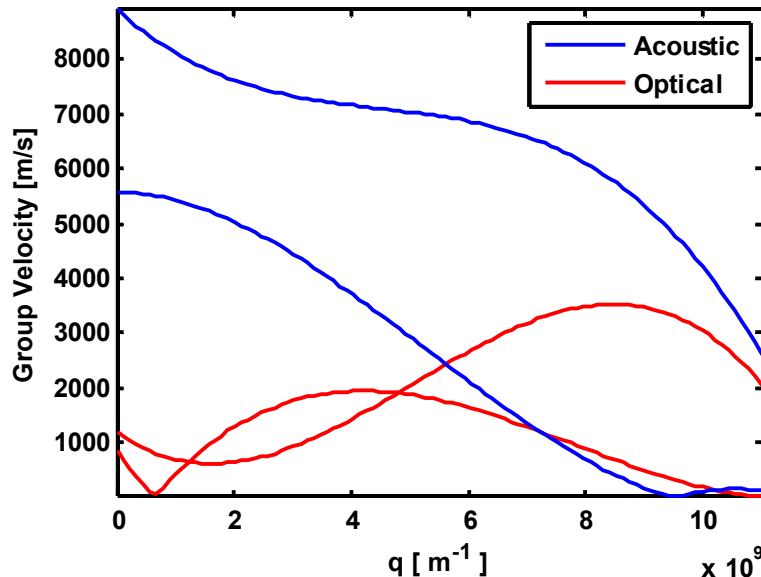
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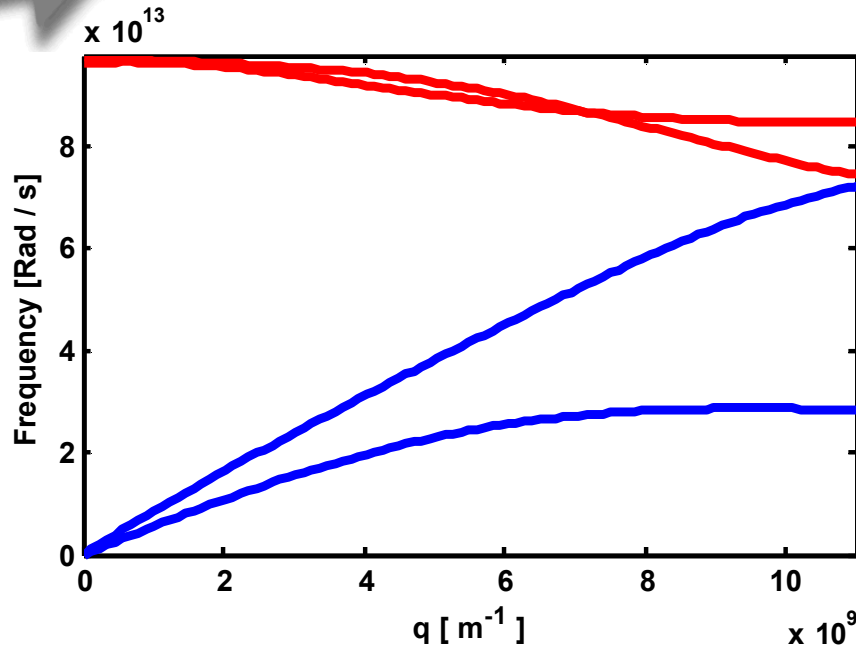


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DMM Modifications for OPs



- **Departures from DMM**
 - Isotropic dispersion of direction perpendicular to interface
- **Fit previously calculated dispersions using 4th order polynomials.**

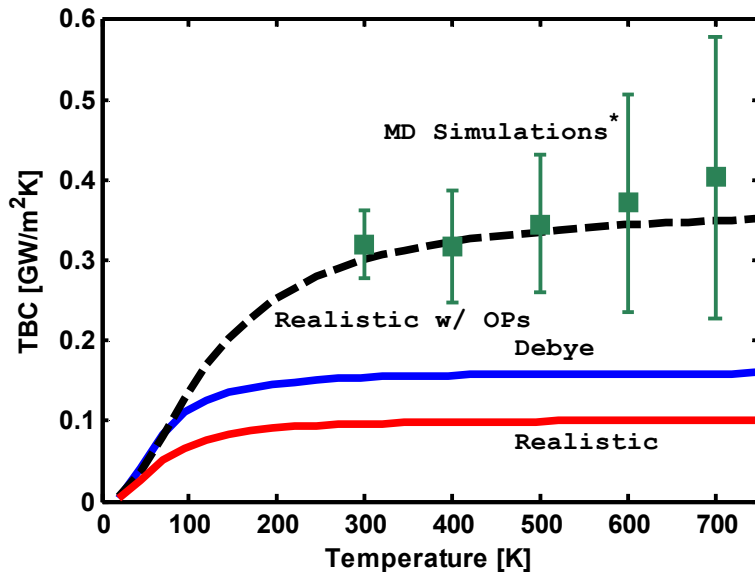
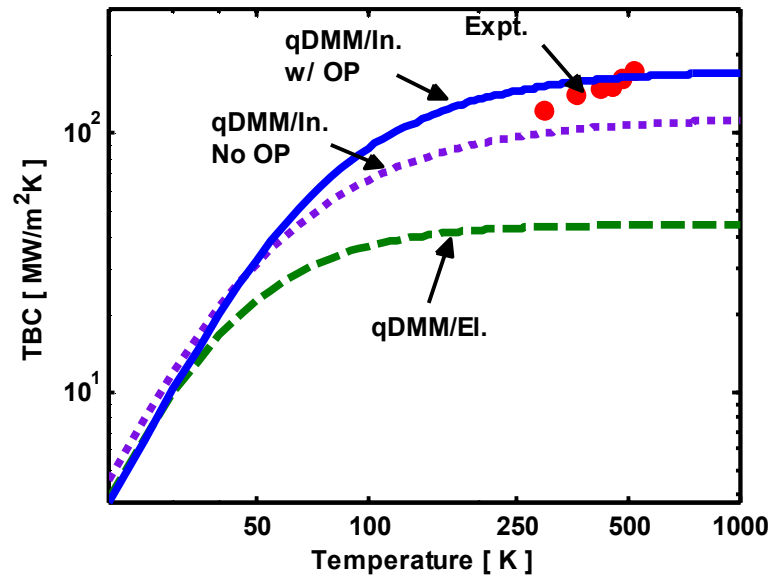
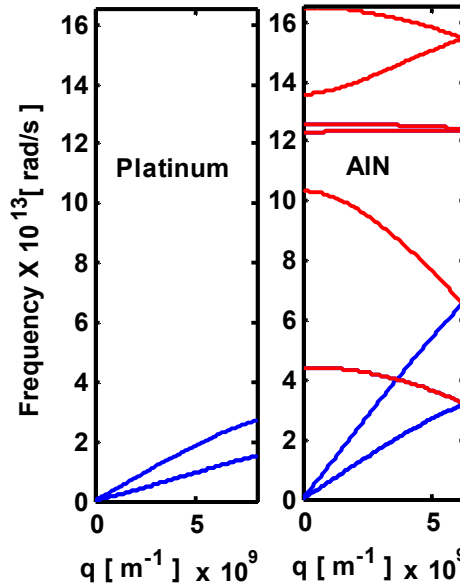
$$h_{BD}^{1-2} = \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \sum_j \int_{q_1} \hbar \omega_{j,1}(\mathbf{q}) q_{j,1}^2 \left| \mathbf{v}_{j,1}(\mathbf{q}_{j,1}) \right| \frac{df_o}{dT} \zeta^{1-2} d\mathbf{q}_1$$

- **Scattering assumptions utilized to calculate transmission ratio, ζ**
 - Limit of Elastic scattering
 - Limit of Elastic + Inelastic scattering (Termed: Inelastic)

*Full Details: Duda, Beechem, Hopkins, Smoyer, Norris. JAP 2010.

Optical Modes in the Inelastic Limit

- Optical phonons most likely to contribute when all scattering modes contribute.
- For Pt/AlN, optical phonons contribute 28 % in inelastic limit.



• Inelastic limit for Si/Ge

- 40% contribution of optical phonons

Question: Is this contribution only an effect of the upper, inelastic, limit?



Optical Modes in Elastic Limit

- Elastic test case:
 - 91% of modes optical variety.
- >70% of TBC carried by optical modes at $T > 300\text{K}$

- Optical phonon contribution is significant even for systems without high numbers of basis.

Takeaway: Optical Phonons must be considered in TBC calculations.



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