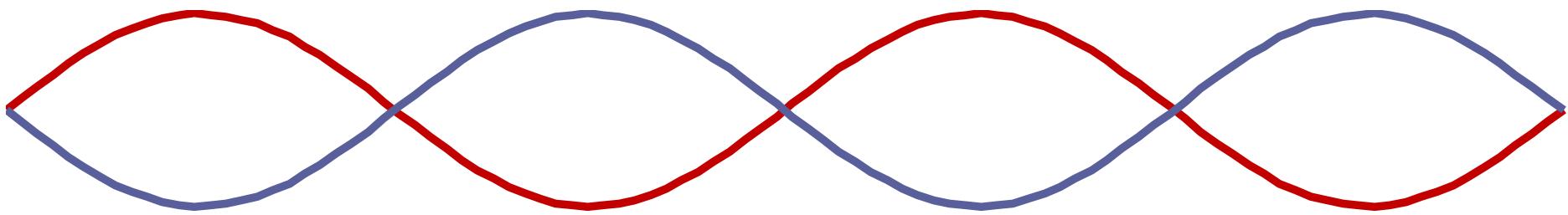


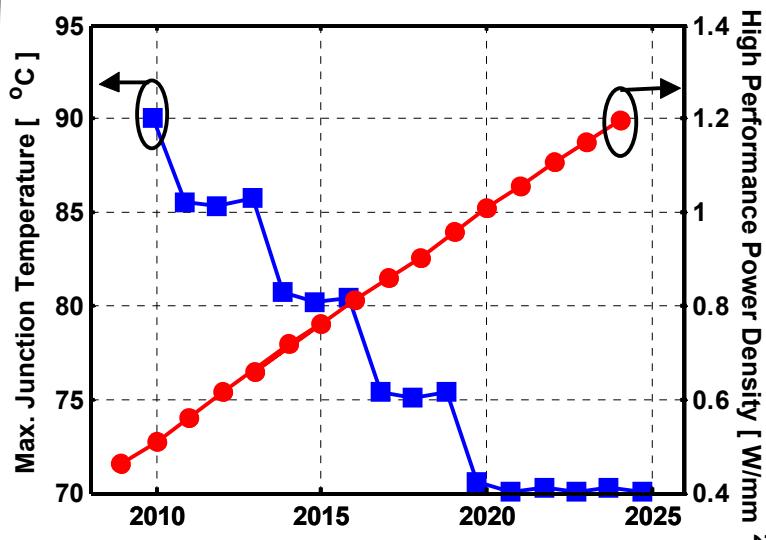
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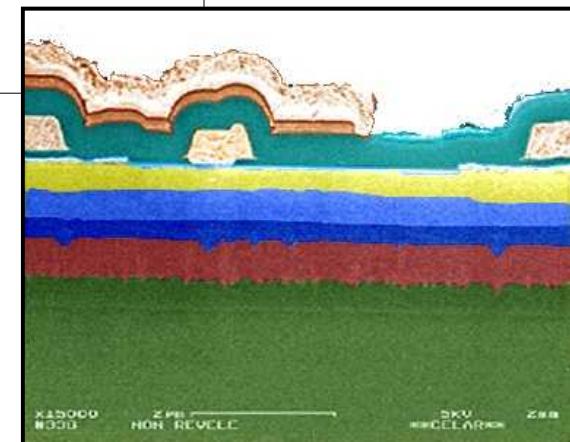
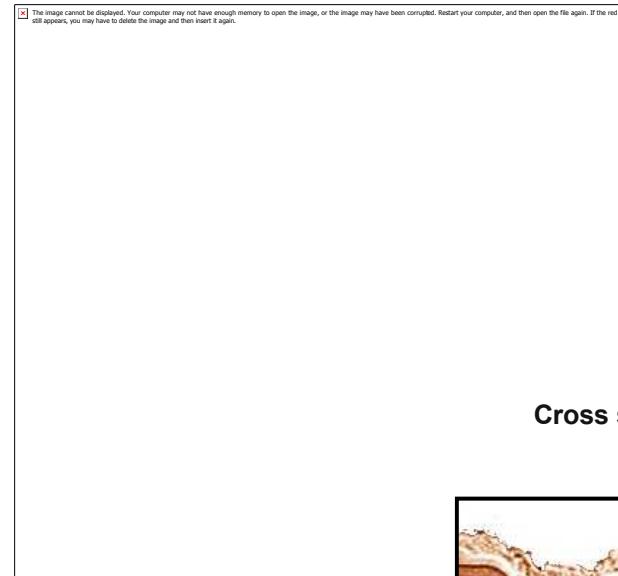
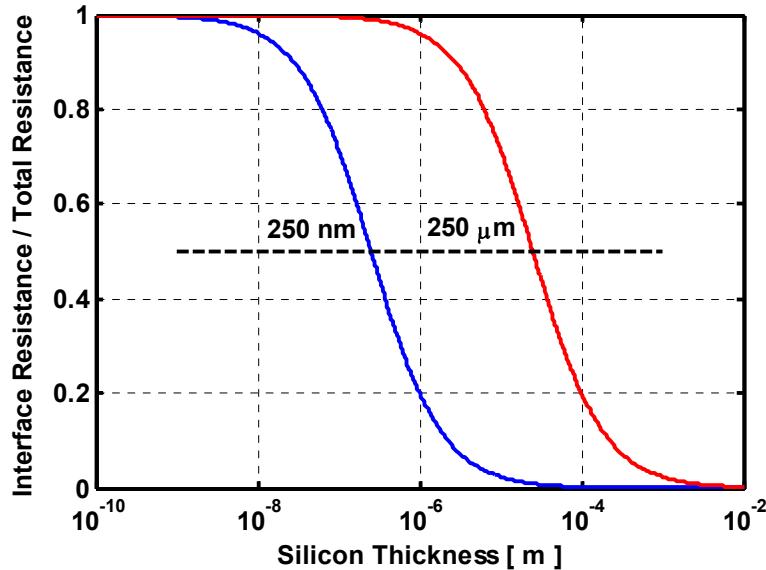
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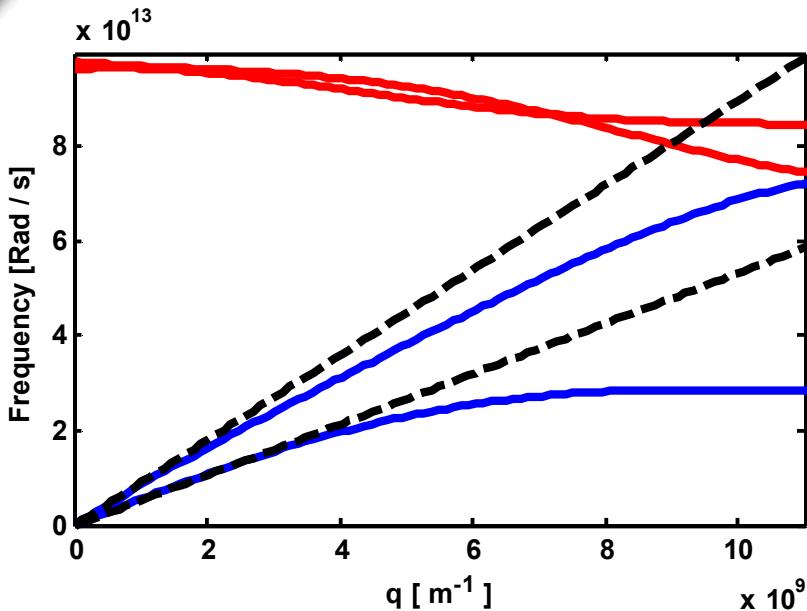


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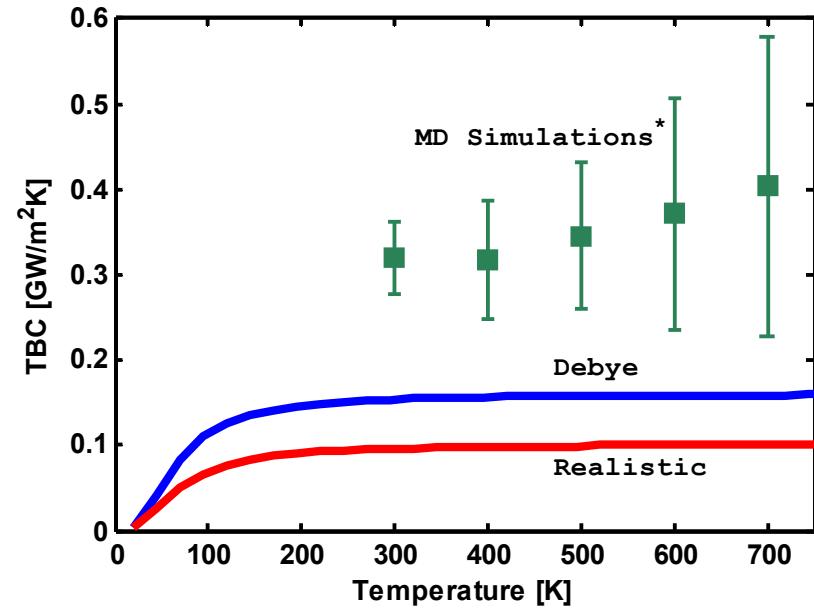


Takeaway: Interfacial transport plays a role.

Debye & the DMM



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



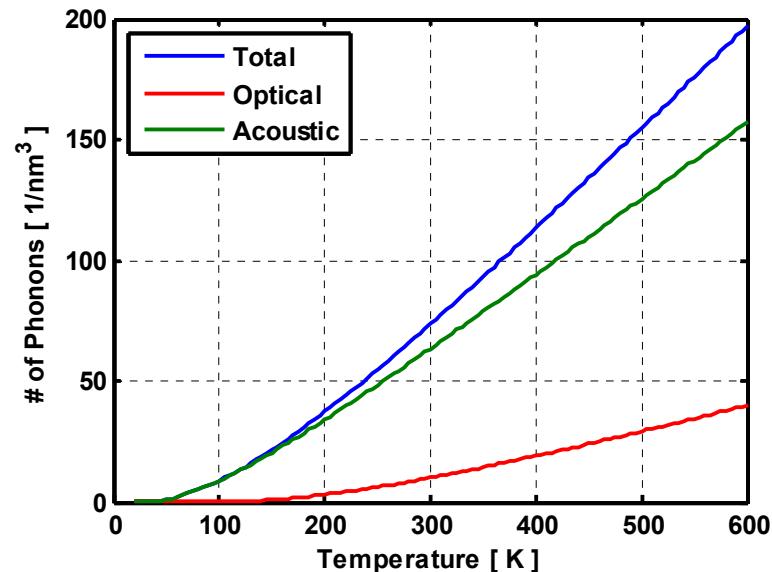
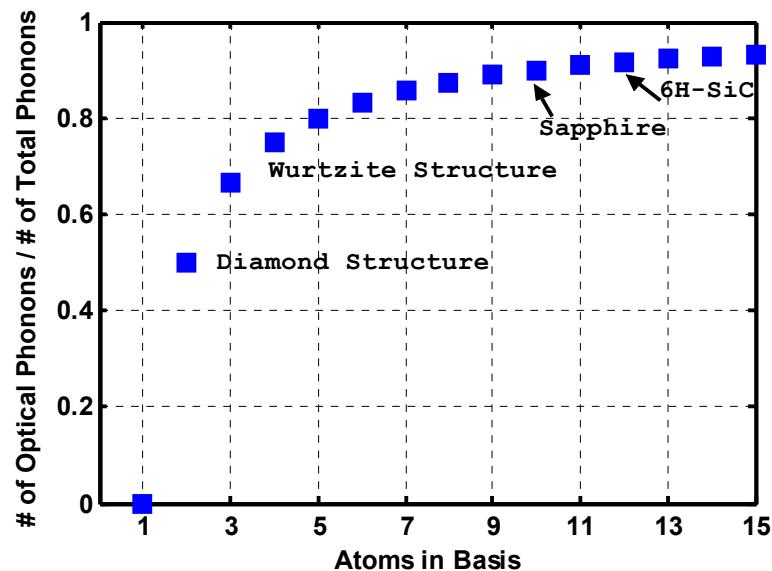
- Using a more realistic dispersion, leads to lower correlation with MD predictions.

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

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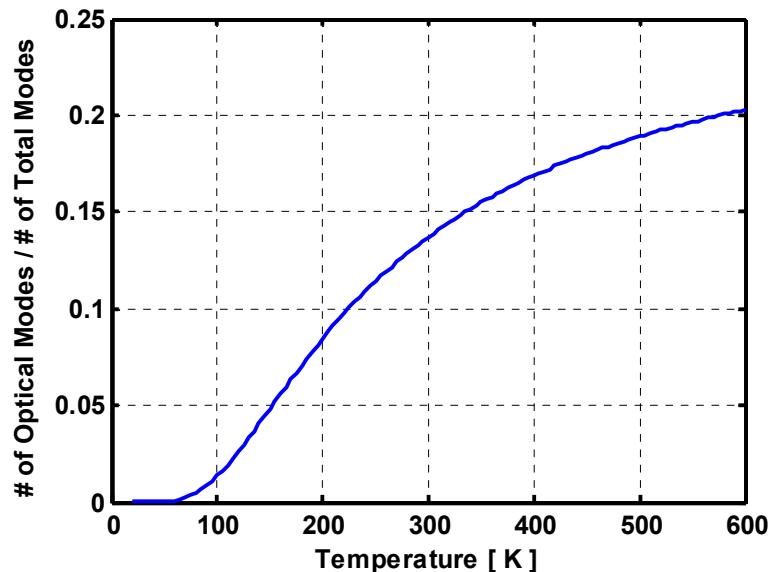
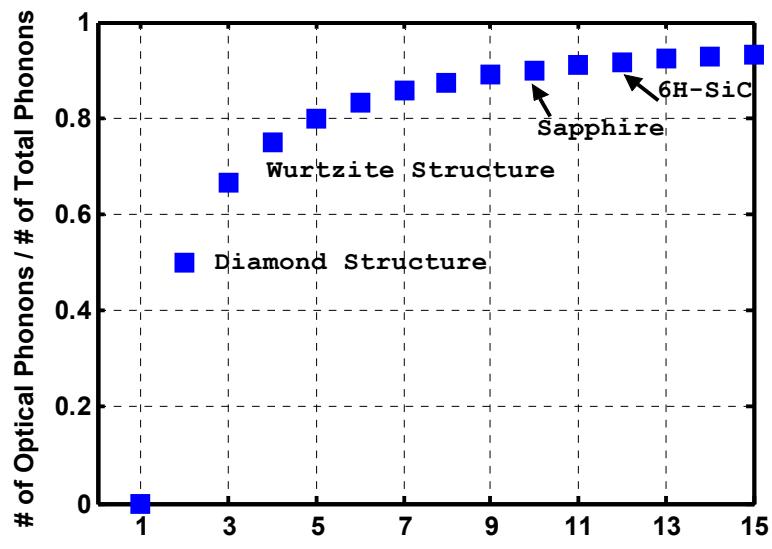
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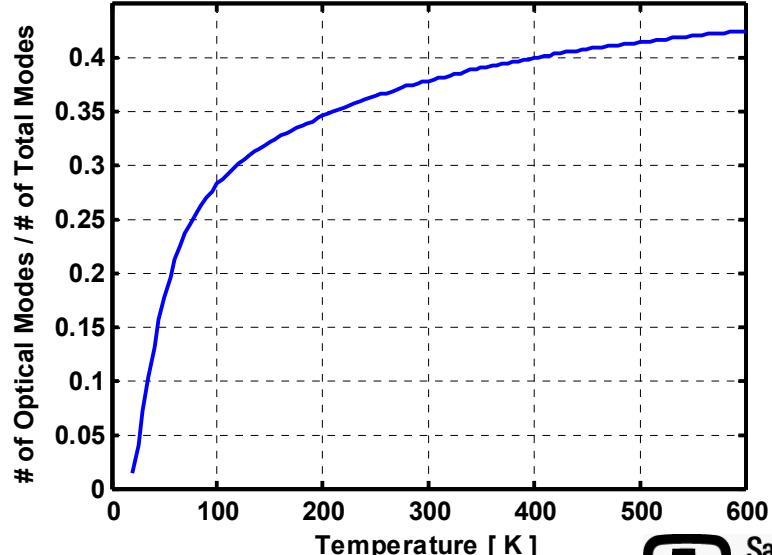
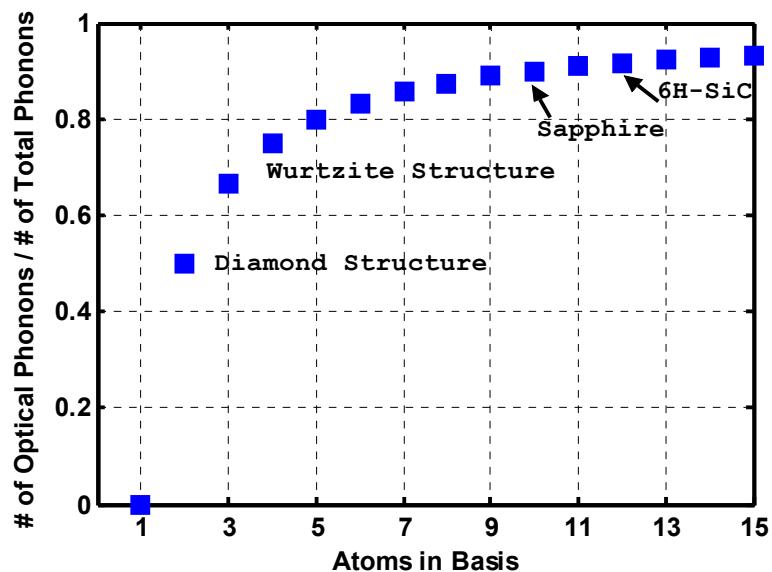
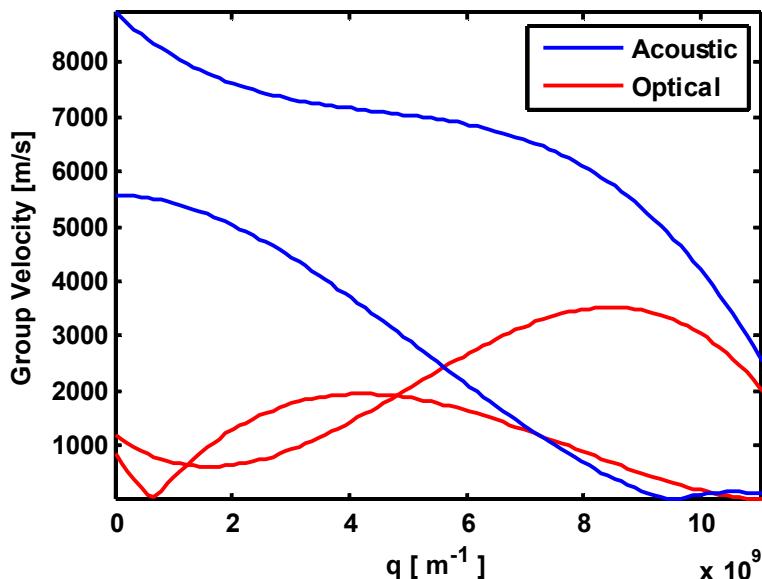
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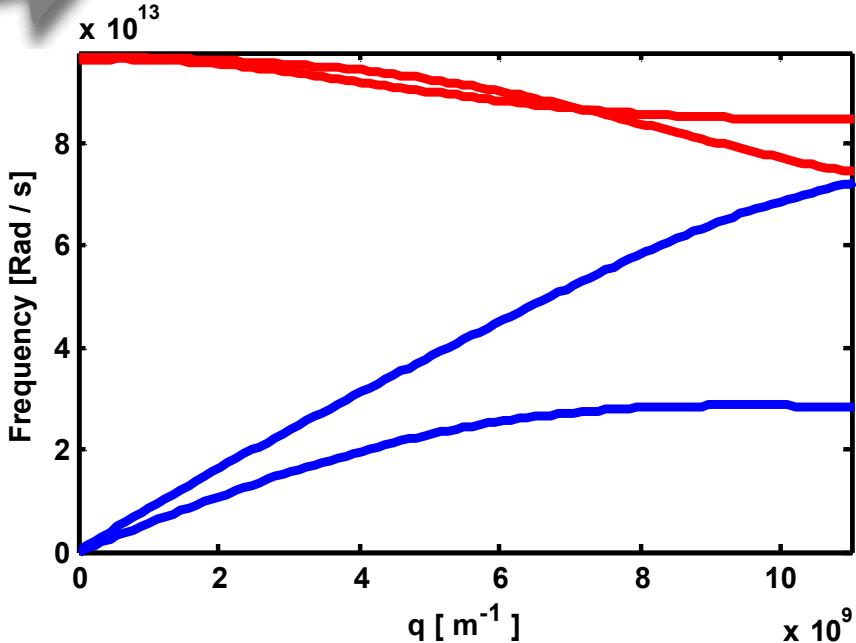


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DMM Modifications for OPs



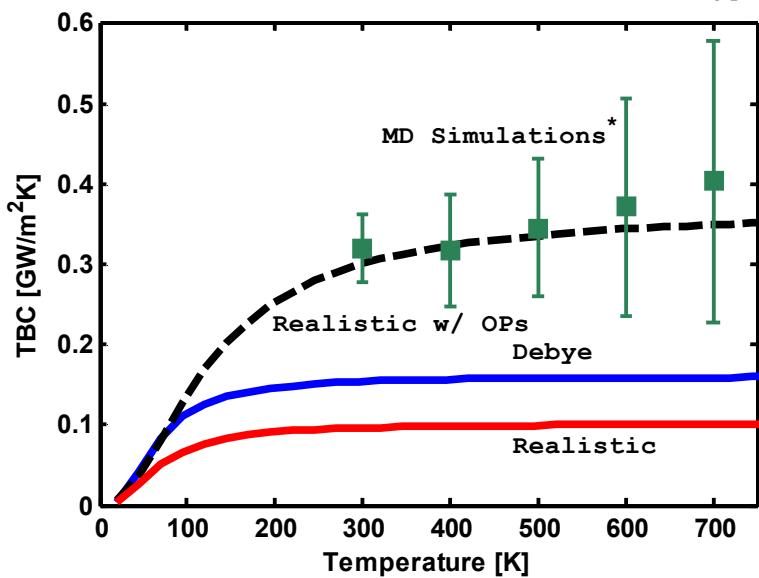
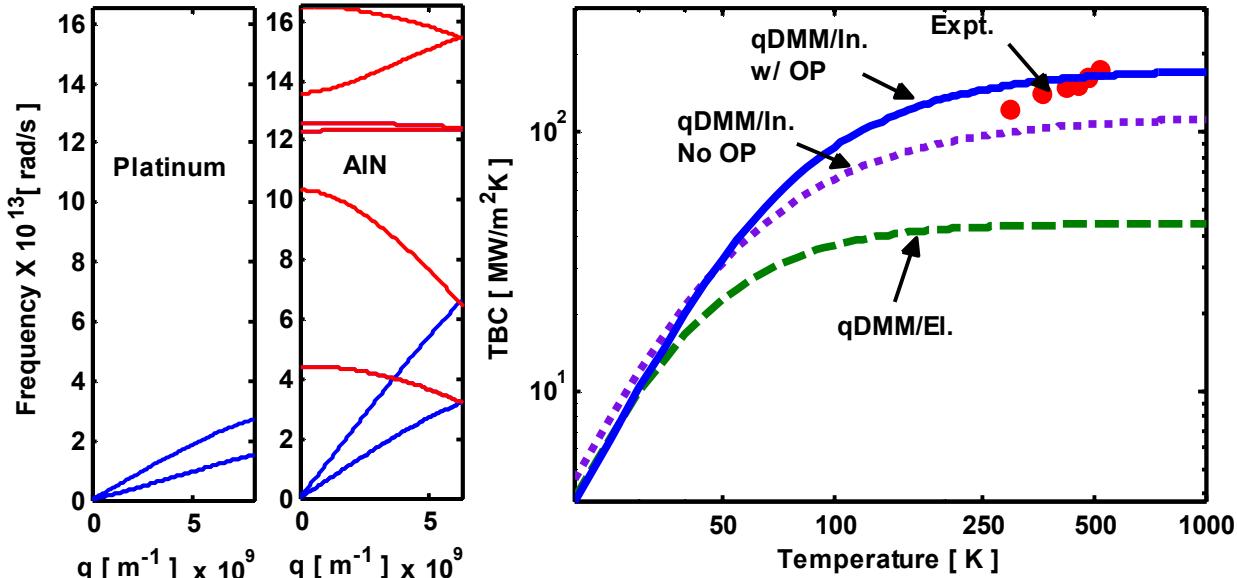
- Departures from DMM
 - Isotropic dispersion of direction perpendicular to interface
- Fit previously calculated dispersions using 4th order polynomials.

$$h_{BD}^{1-2} = \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \sum_j \int_{q_1} \hbar \omega_{j,1}(q) q_{j,1}^2 \left| \mathbf{v}_{j,1}(q_{j,1}) \right| \frac{df_o}{dT} \zeta^{1-2} dq_1$$

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

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

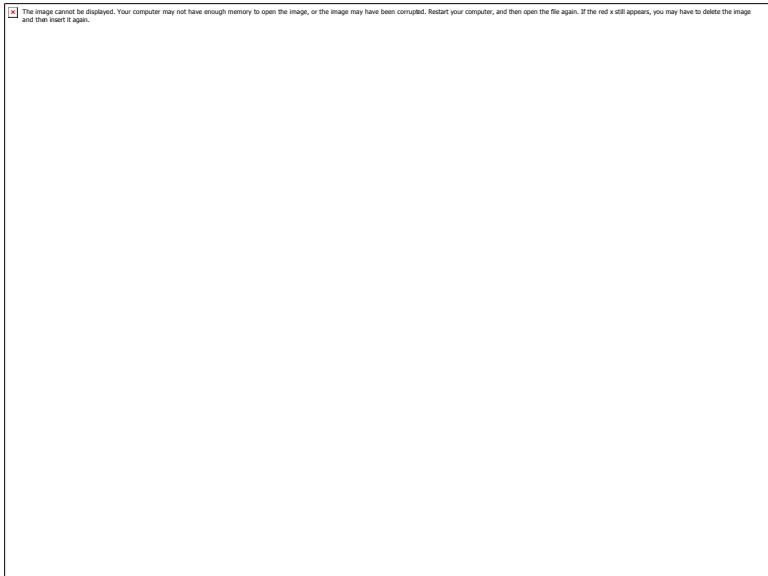
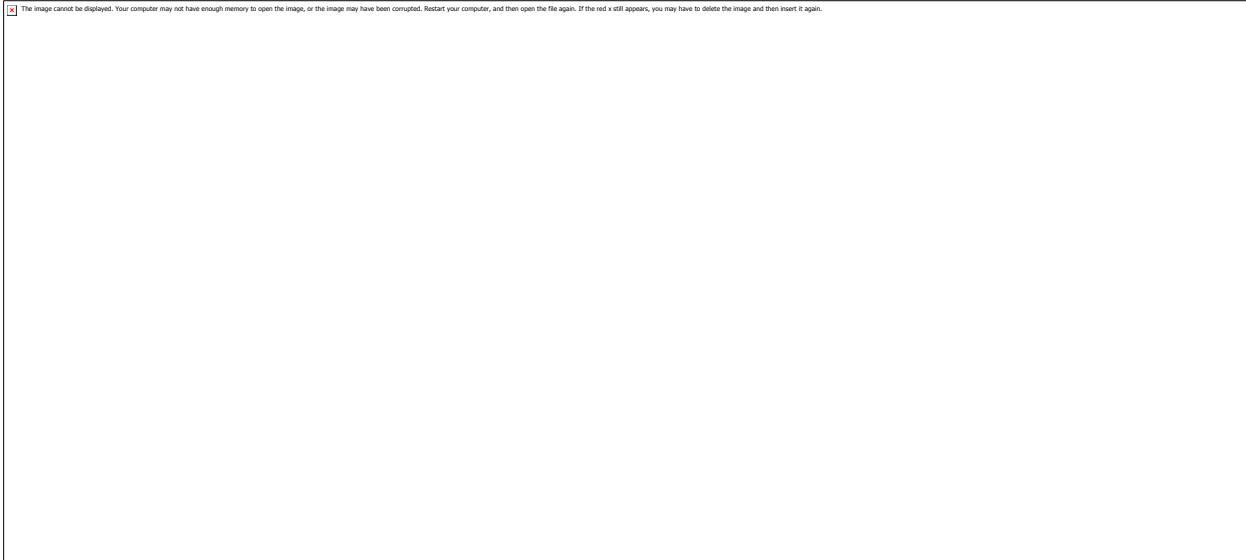
Question: Is this contribution only an effect of the upper, inelastic, limit?

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Optical Modes in Elastic Limit

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



- 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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