



Electron-Phonon-coupling in $\text{Fe}_{1-x}\text{Co}_x\text{Si}$

Experimental IR-, Raman-Data and frozen Phonon-calculations

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Progress in Solid-State-Physics is based on the effort of experimentalists and theoreticians

Nobel-Prize-recipients



Curie 1903



Bednorz 1987



Planck 1918



L. Boltzmann (1887)



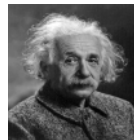
I. Tamm 1958



Raman 1930



Müller 1987



Einstein
1921



Pauli 1945



Schrödinger
1933



W. Kohn
1998



Bardeen Cooper Schrieffer '72



discovered HTSC



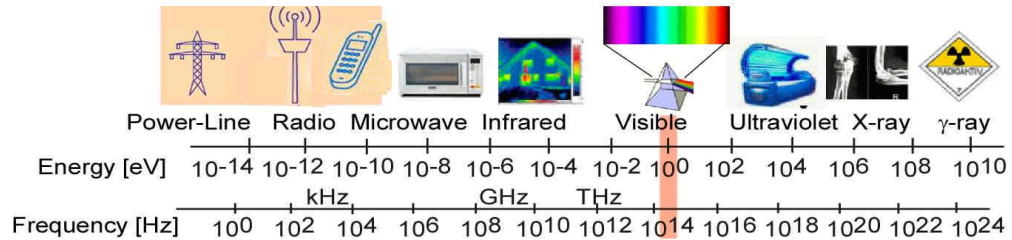
discovered phonons

developed atom model

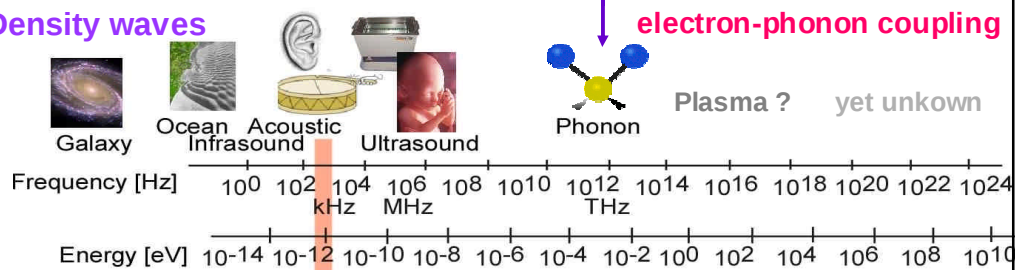
discovered DFT

Electron-phonon coupling on the energy scale

Electro-magnetic waves



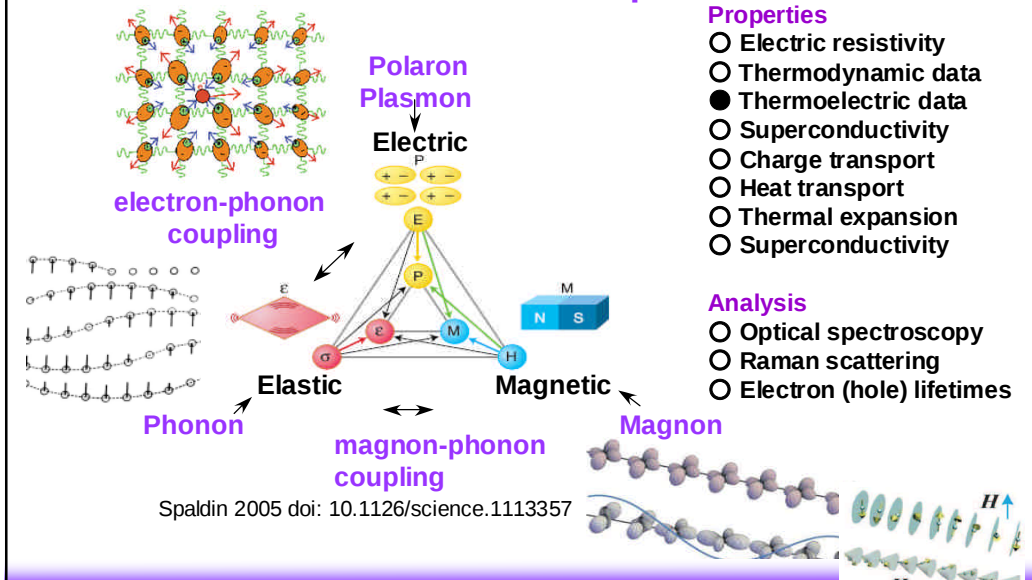
Density waves



This lecture ...

- Electron-phonon coupling in materials development
- Why FeSi
- Experimental XPS, Raman-data
- Frozen Phonon calculations
- Thermoelectric data
- Electron-phonon coupling

Importance of electron-phonon coupling for materials development



Importance of electron-phonon coupling for materials development

Prediction of Superconductivity

Spectral function at Eliashberg theory

$$\alpha^2 F(\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi N_F} \sum_{\mathbf{q}} \frac{\gamma_{\mathbf{q}}}{\omega_{\mathbf{q}}} \delta(\hbar\omega - \hbar\omega_{\mathbf{q}})$$

electron-phonon coupling mass enhancement

$$\lambda = 2 \int_0^\infty \frac{\alpha^2 F(\omega)}{\omega} d\omega$$

McMillan formula for critical Temperature

$$T_c^{\text{McM}} = \frac{\omega_{\log}}{1.2} \exp\left(-\frac{1.04(1+\lambda)}{\lambda - \mu^*(1+0.62\lambda)}\right)$$

Savrasov PRB 54 16470 (1996)

Bauer et.al. PRB 57 11276 (1998)

Specific heat

Sommerfeld coefficient of specific heat

$$\frac{c}{T} = \gamma + \beta T^2 \frac{1 + \lambda_{s-h}}{2\pi^2 k_B N(\epsilon_F)}$$

Savrasov PRB 54 16487 (1996)

Al 0.45, Au 0.17, Na 0.18, Nb 1.33

In 0.88, Pb 1.68, Ta 0.86, Cu 0.14

Transport

$$\tau_{\epsilon}^{-1} = \frac{E^2 m^2}{4\pi \hbar^2 d T^2} \times \ln\left(\frac{1 + \exp(-T_{\pm}^* + \eta^* - x^2/16T_{\pm}^* + x/2)}{1 + \exp(-T_{\pm}^* + \eta^* - x^2/16T_{\pm}^* - x/2)}\right)$$

Vining JAP 69, 331 (1991)

$$\lambda_{\text{tr}}^{\text{exp}} = \frac{c_1 \omega_p^2}{8\pi^2 k_B}, \quad \omega_p^2 = \frac{8\pi N(\epsilon_F) \langle v_x^2 \rangle}{\Omega_{\text{cell}}}$$

plasma frequency

Savrasov PRB 54 16487 (1996)

Specific resistivity

Matthiesen rule $\rho = \rho_0 + aT + \rho_i + \rho_d + \dots$

Line width of Raman mode

$$\Gamma/\omega_0 = \pi N(0) \hbar \omega_0 / \chi$$

Phonon-phonon coupling

$$\kappa_{\text{latt}} T = \frac{R^{3/2}}{3\gamma^2 \epsilon^3 N_0^{1/3}} \frac{T_m^{3/2} \rho^{2/3}}{A^{7/6}}$$

γ Grueneisen constant,

ϵ is the fractional amplitude

T_m is the melting point,

A is the mean atomic weight

R.W. Keyes, Phys. Rev. 1959, 115, 564.

Importance of electron-phonon coupling for materials development

from specific heat

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electron-phonon coupling

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Line width of Raman mode

linewidth

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Motivation: Why FeSi?

To study electronic correlation

Low bandgap

Dia-magnet at low temperatures
then Paramagnet

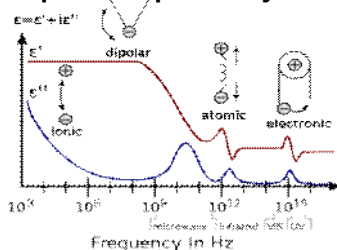
○ Single crystal

○ Many Spectroscopic data available:

Photoemission (PES)

Raman

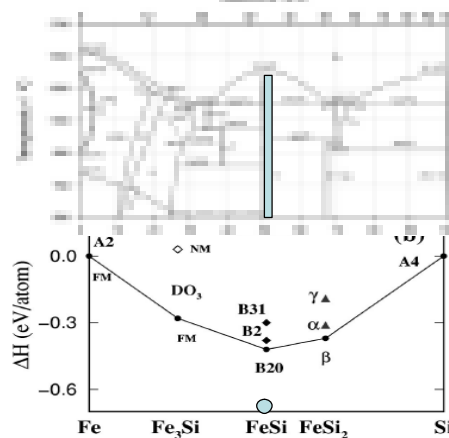
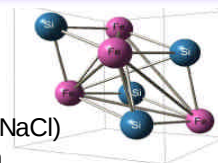
Optical Ellipsometry



cubic B20-Struktur

(along [111] Distorted NaCl)

SG $P2_13$ $a=0.4470\text{nm}$

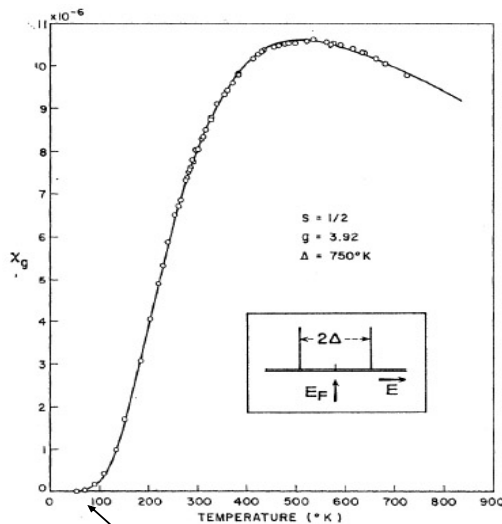


Moroni, Wolf, Hafner, Podlucky PRB 59 12860 (1999)

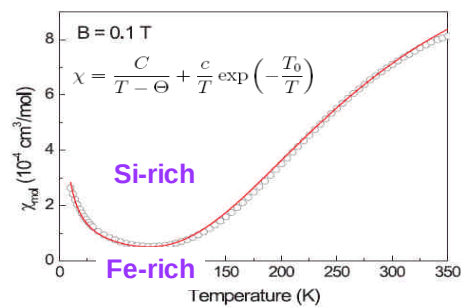
Motivation: Why FeSi?

- Asymmetric phonon shape;
high-frequency phonon does not follow the usual temperature behavior;
softening below the gap energy
→ **Electron-phonon coupling**
- In-gap spectral weight comes from energies much higher than the optical band gap ($\hbar\omega > 2.5 \text{ eV}$)
- Photoemission spectra show full band gap ($E_{\text{gap}} = 30 \text{ meV}$)
- Experimental density of states matches self-energy-corrected single-particle band structure calculation
→ **no Kondo physics**
- Raman spectroscopy: Linewidth analysis within a classical semiconductor model gives a gap of 30 meV
More arguments against a strongly correlated Kondo system.

Magnetic properties of FeSi

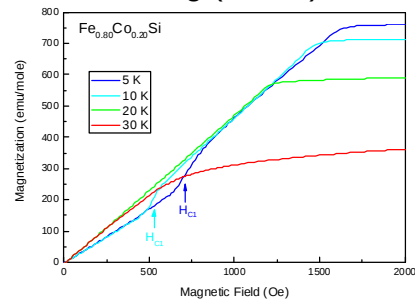
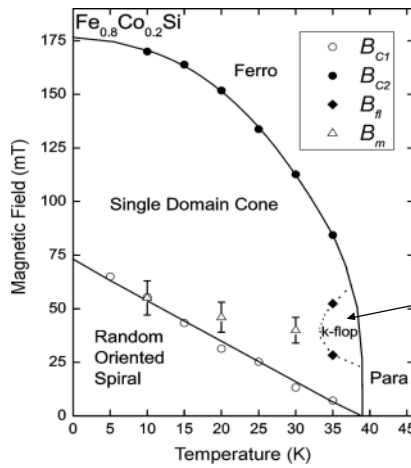


**Kondo-Screening =
Un-magnetic ground state**



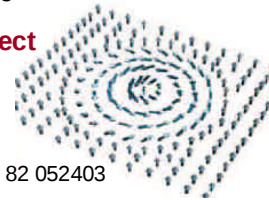
**Low bandgap
Dia-magnet at low temperatures
then Paramagnet**

Fe_{1-x}Co_xSi – Small Angle Neutron Scattering (SANS)



A-Phase: k -vector is points perpendicular to the applied magnetic field (2 competing anisotropy terms)

Skyrmion-effect



S. V. Grigoriev, D. Menzel, et.al. PRB **76**, 224424 (2007)
Ishimoto et.al. J. MagMagMat **90** 163 (1990)

Butenko PRB **82** 052403

Optical conductivity is related to Lorentz oscillators

Dynamic of Electrons under em-wave

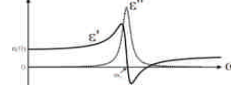
$$J_{\alpha}(\omega) = \sum_{\beta=1}^d \sigma_{\alpha\beta}(\omega) E_{\beta}(\omega)$$

$$m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + m \beta \frac{dx}{dt} + m \omega_0^2 x = -e E_{\text{total}} e^{-i\omega t}$$

Solutions

$$x(t) = -\frac{e}{m} \frac{1}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2 - i\beta\omega} E_{\text{total}} e^{-i\omega t}$$

Resonance



Frequency depended dielectric function $\epsilon(\omega)$

$$\epsilon = 1 + \frac{N_v}{\epsilon_0 / \alpha(\omega) - N_v / 3} = 1 + \frac{\epsilon_0 E_{\text{total}} e^{-i\omega t}}{e x(t)} - N_v / 3$$

$$\epsilon(\omega) \equiv \epsilon'(\omega) + i\epsilon''(\omega)$$

$$\epsilon'(\omega) = 1 + \frac{N_v e^2}{\epsilon_0 m} \frac{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2}{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + \beta^2 \omega^2} \quad \epsilon''(\omega) = \frac{N_v e^2}{\epsilon_0 m} \frac{\beta \omega}{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + \beta^2 \omega^2}$$

Kramers-Kronig

Relation of dielectric $\epsilon(\omega)$ to optical properties $n(\omega)$, $k(\omega)$

$$n = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon' + \sqrt{\epsilon'^2 + \epsilon''^2}}{2}} \quad k = \sqrt{\frac{-\epsilon' + \sqrt{\epsilon'^2 + \epsilon''^2}}{2}} \quad N = n + ik$$

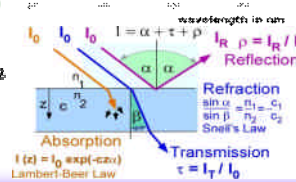
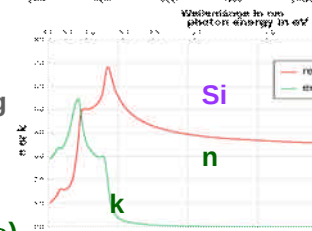
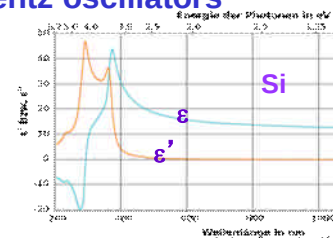
$$I = I_0 e^{-2k \frac{\omega}{c_0} z} = I_0 e^{-\alpha z}$$

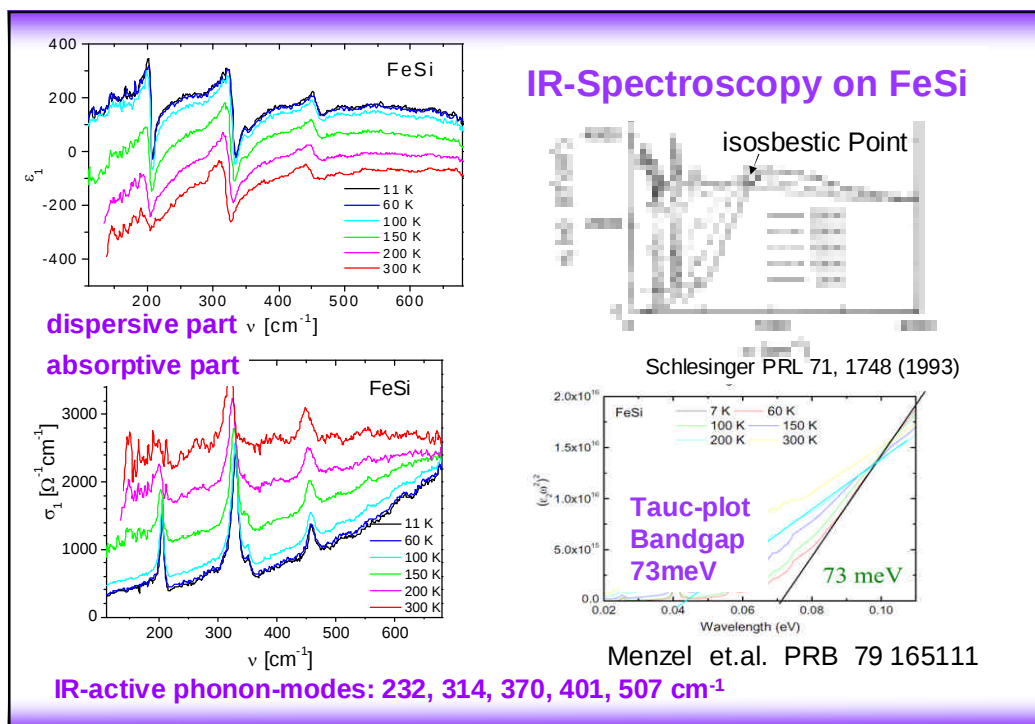
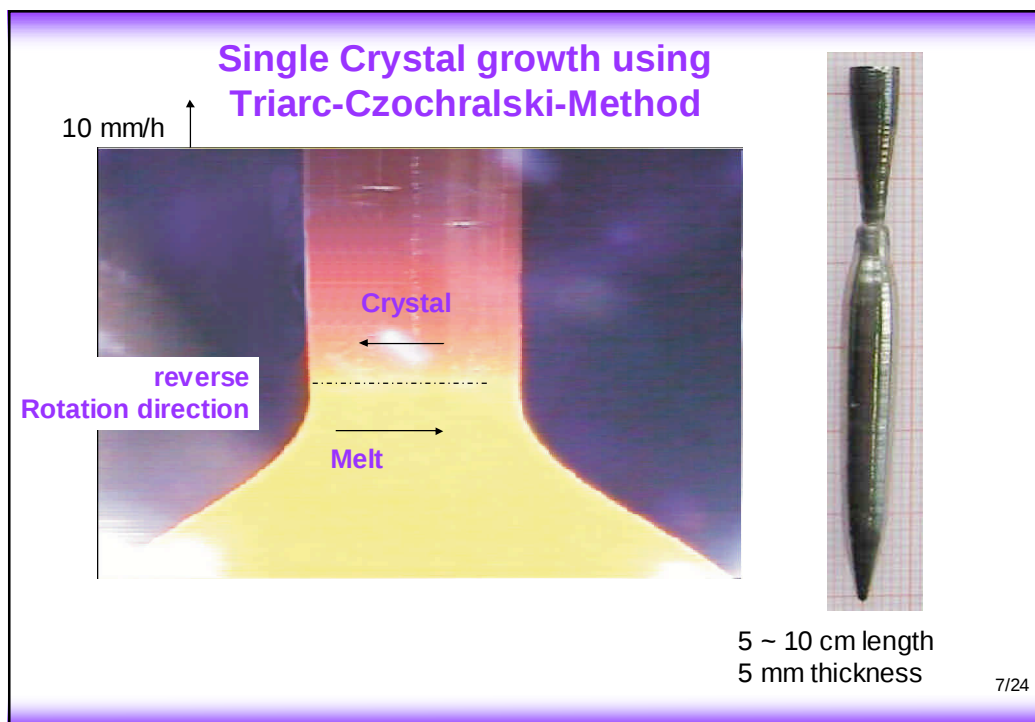
$$\alpha = \frac{2k \omega}{c_0}$$

Refractive index $n(\omega)$

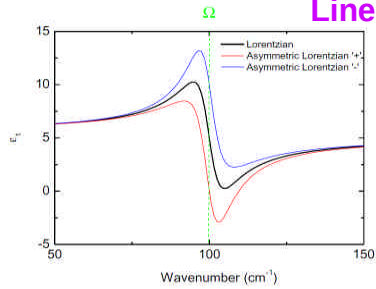
Extinction index $k(\omega)$

Absorption coefficient $\alpha(\omega)$





Line shape analysis



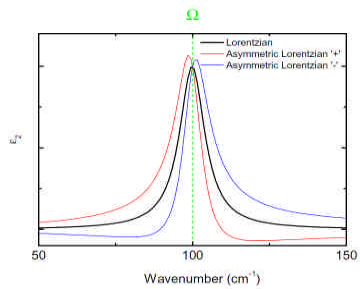
Classical Lorentzian oscillator:

$$\varepsilon(\omega) = \varepsilon_1(\omega) + i\varepsilon_2(\omega) = \varepsilon_\infty + \sum_{j=1}^N S_j \frac{\Omega_j^2}{\Omega_j^2 - \omega^2 - i\omega\Gamma_j}$$

S_j : oscillator strength

Ω_j : resonant frequency

Γ_j : damping



Asymmetric Lorentzian oscillator:

$$\varepsilon(\omega) = \varepsilon_1(\omega) + i\varepsilon_2(\omega) = \varepsilon_\infty + \sum_{j=1}^N S_j \frac{\Omega_j^2 - i\omega\sigma_j}{\Omega_j^2 - \omega^2 - i\omega\Gamma_j}$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^N \sigma_j = 0$$

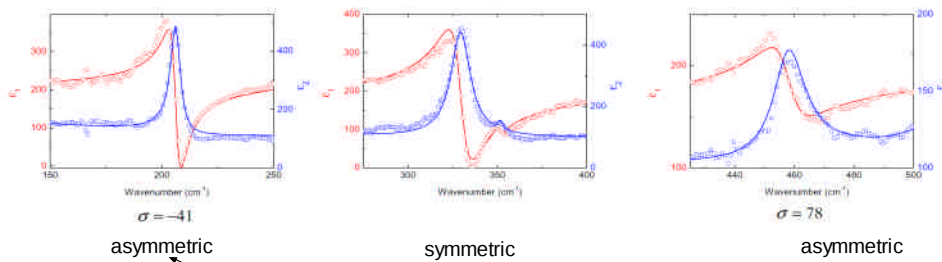
σ_j : response with coupled modes

J. Humlíček, R. Henn, and M. Cardona,
Phys. Rev. B **61**, 14554 (2000)

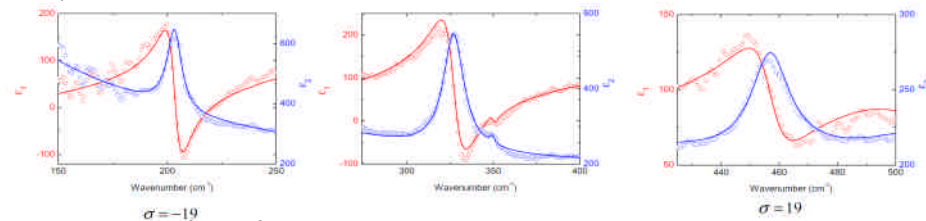
Menzel et.al. PRB 79 165111

Line shape analysis

FeSi, T= 7 K



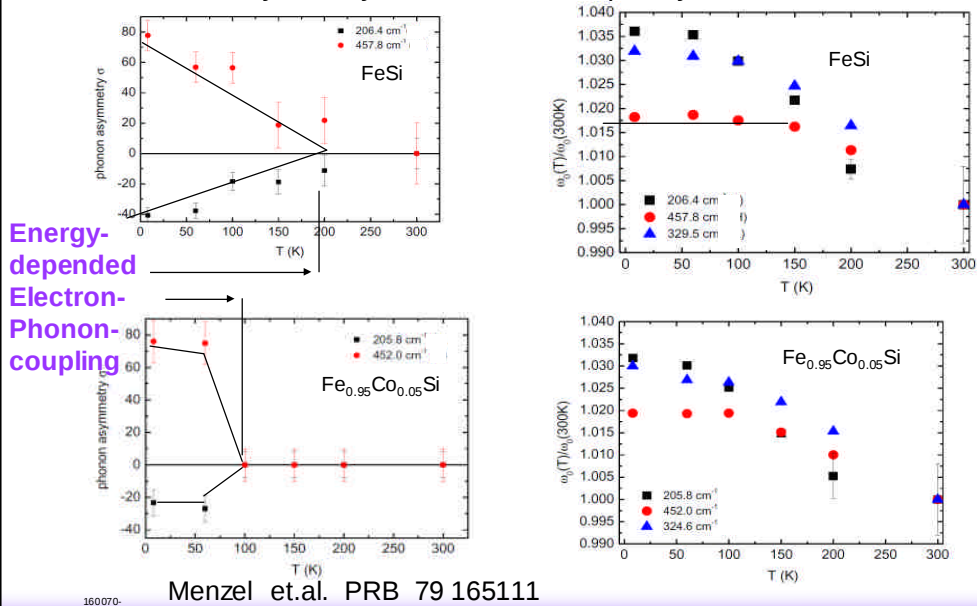
FeSi, T= 150 K



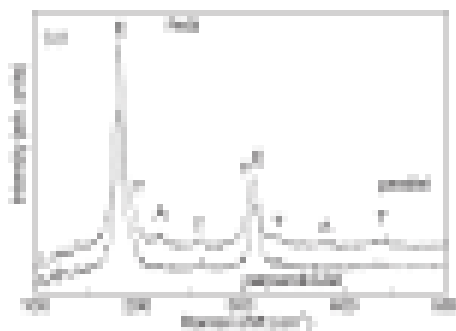
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Asymmetry -> Electron-Phonon coupling

Phonon asymmetry and resonant frequency

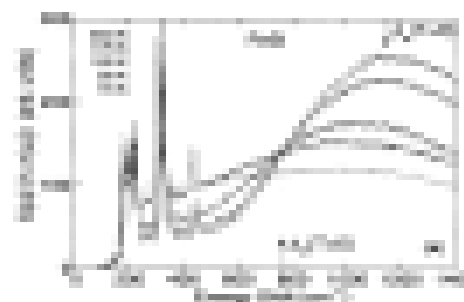


Raman Spectroscopy on FeSi

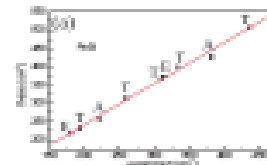


Racu, Menzel et.al. PRB 76 115103

Raman-active phonon modes at
181, 194, 218, 257, 314, 370, 401, 507 cm⁻¹.



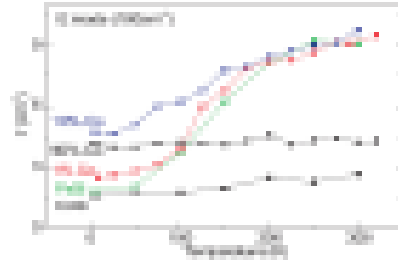
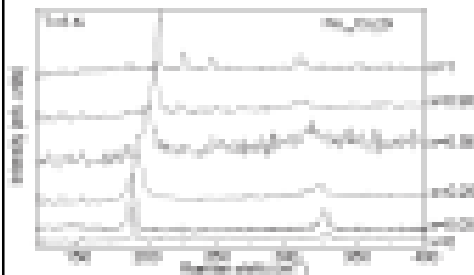
Nyhus, et.al. PRB 51 15626 (1995)



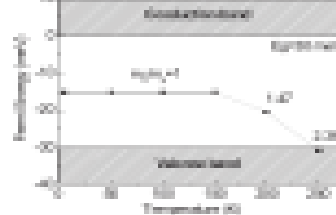
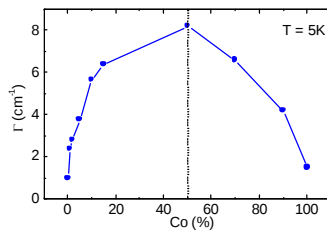
Factor group analysis FGA

Racu, Menzel, Schoenes, PRB 76, 115103 (2007)

Line width-analysis of Raman 180cm^{-1} mode



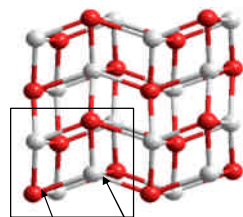
Temperature dependence of the linewidth



Temperature-dependent chemical potential

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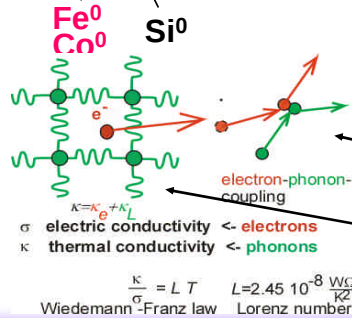
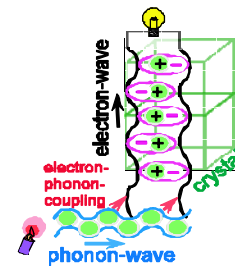
Can we learn something about electron-phonon coupling from ab-initio frozen-phonon calculations?



cubic B20 structure
(FeSi structure)

Space group: $P2_13$

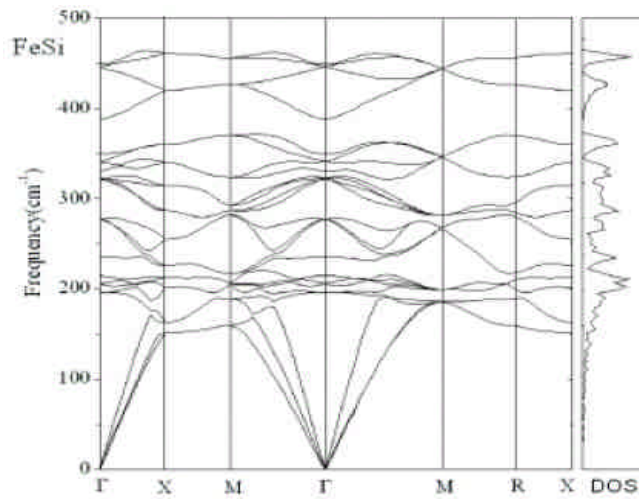
Lattice parameter:
 $a = 0.4493 \text{ nm}$



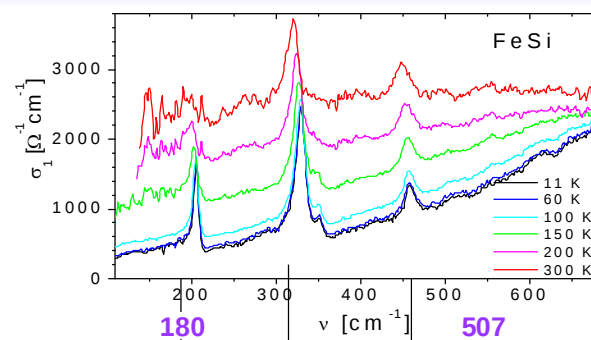
Frozen-phonon Calculation
in order to study the influence
of phonons on bandstructure

Opposite: Influence of excited
electrons on Phonon
properties is more difficult

Phonon-Band-structure FeSi

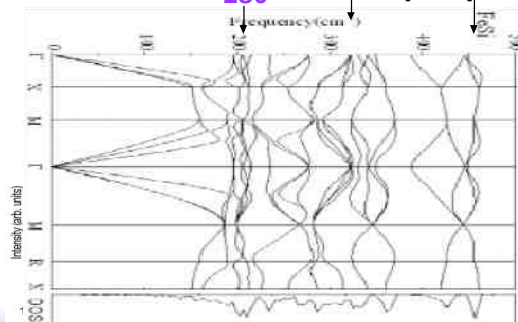


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Dielectric Function
Dispersive part ϵ_1

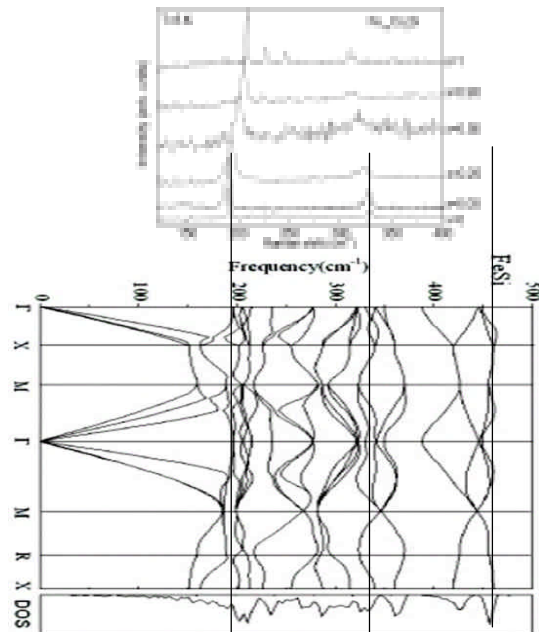
1eV = 8067 cm^{-1}



Phonon spectrum

**-> Good matching
of absorption peaks with
phonon distribution
at $q=0$**

Raman spectrum and Phonon-Band-structure $\text{Fe}_{1-x}\text{Co}_x\text{Si}$

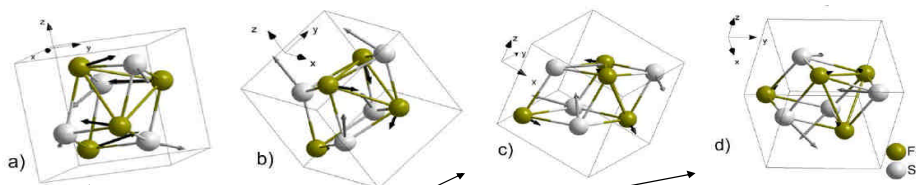


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T-Phonon modes in FeSi

$(2A + 2E + 5T)$

(u, u, u) , $(\frac{1}{2} + u, \frac{1}{2} - u, -u)$, $(-u, \frac{1}{2} + u, \frac{1}{2} - u)$ und $(\frac{1}{2} - u, -u, \frac{1}{2} + u)$.



Wellenzahl (cm^{-1})	232	314	370	401	507
Intensität (Skt.)	2110.80	5.60	6361.42	1635.03	2088.54

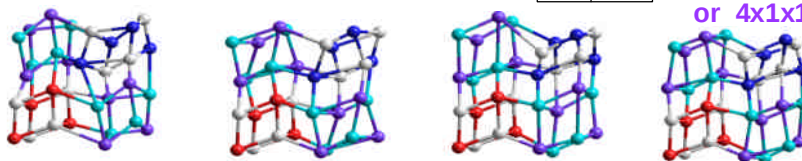
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Too weak for exp verification

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0	-

Modelling in
2x2x1 supercell
or 4x1x1



Using VASP software Version 4.5

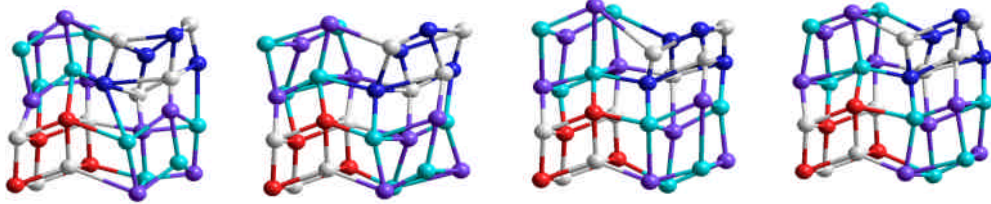
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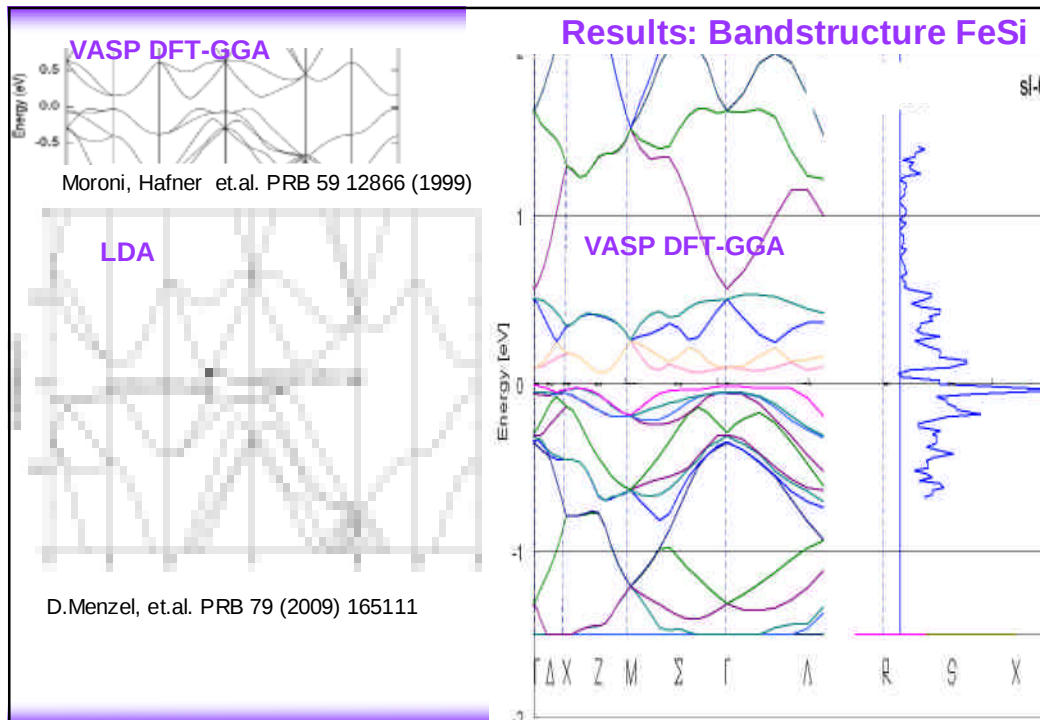
(2A + 2E + 5T)

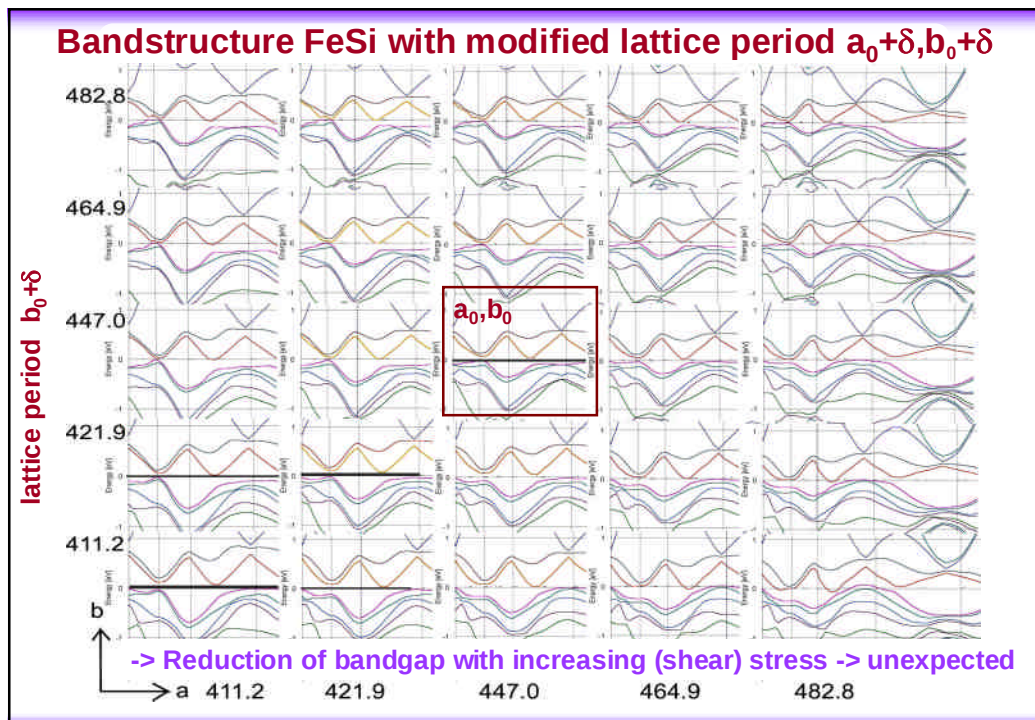
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2x2x1 supercell



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q-dependent phonons

Equilibrium

(Frozen) Phonons
 $q = 0$

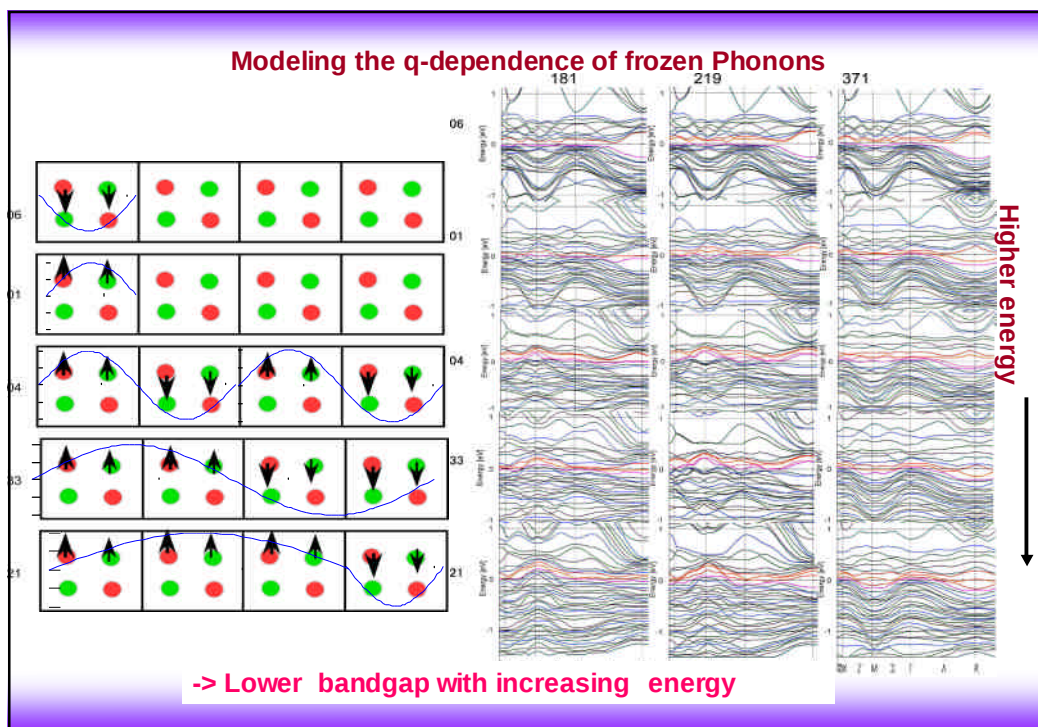
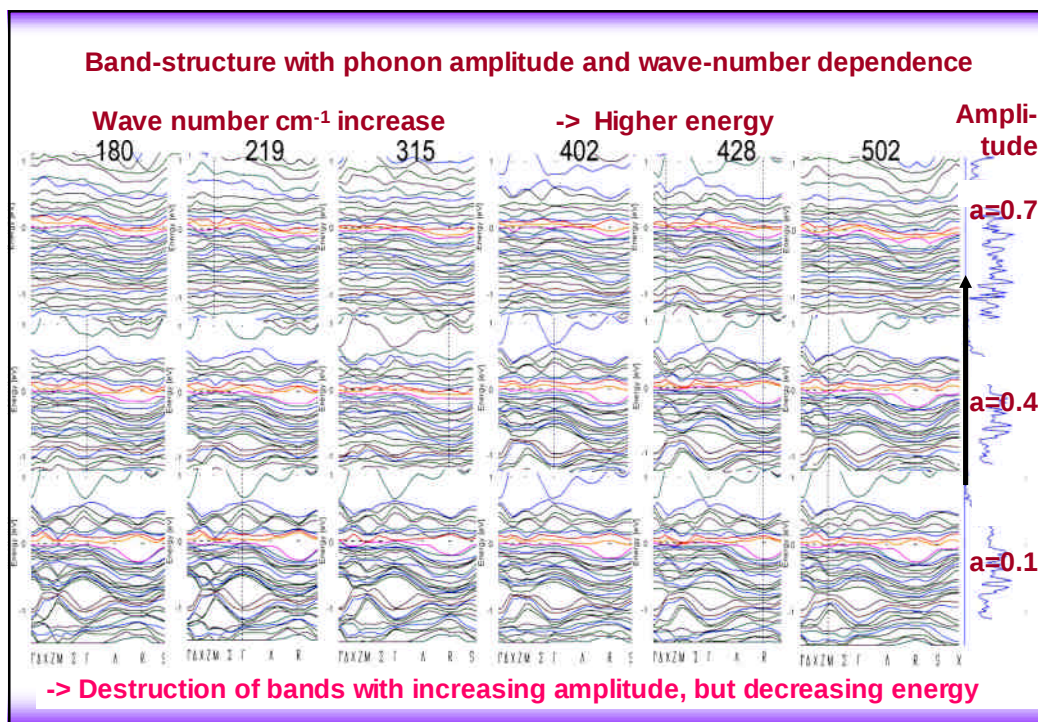
Migrating Phonons
 $q \neq 0$ $\lambda = \frac{\hbar}{p}$

Computationally very demanding
Other method: Linear-response-theory, displacement as perturbation
Pulay-like terms, Wannier-method

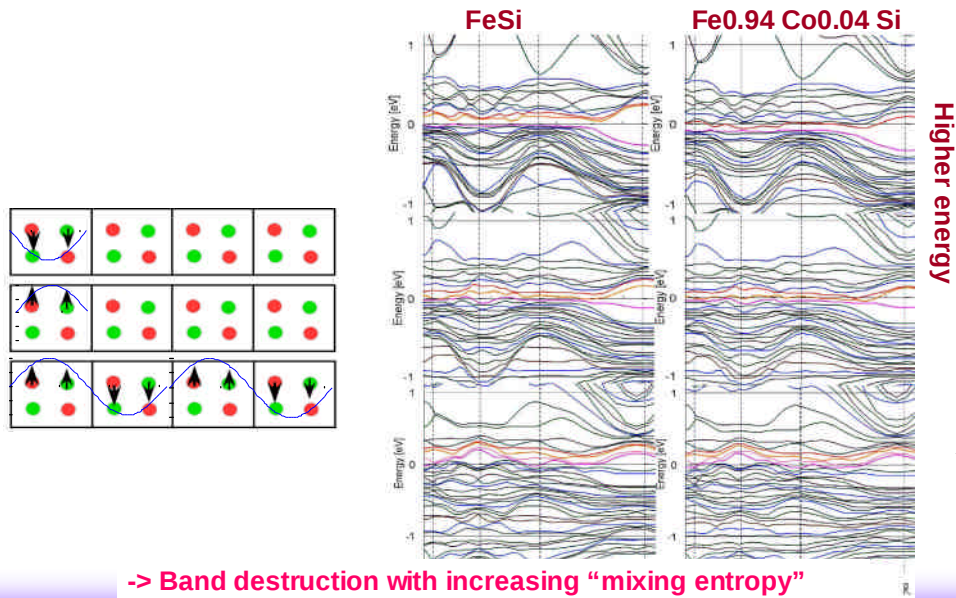
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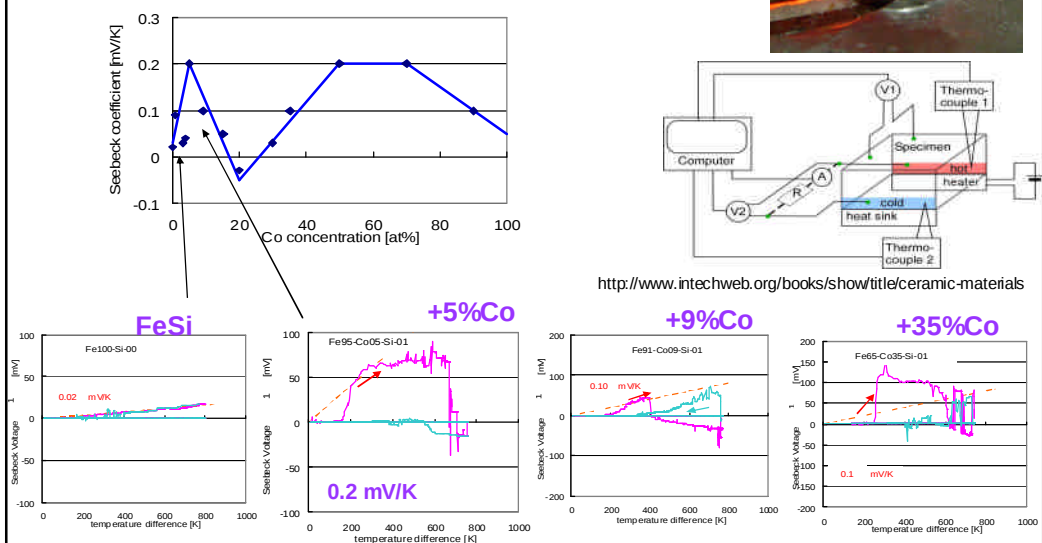
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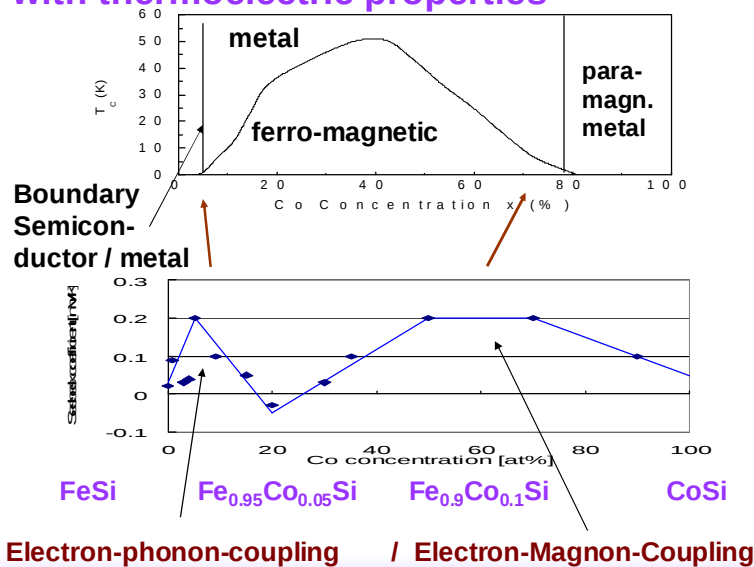
Frozen Phonons showing the addition of Co to FeSi



Thermoelectric measurements



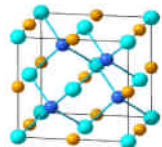
Comparison of Phasediagram FeSi with thermoelectric properties



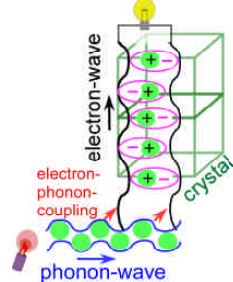
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Future: Use the Electron-phonon coupling for TE-material search

Proper crystal structure, e.g. Half-Heusler



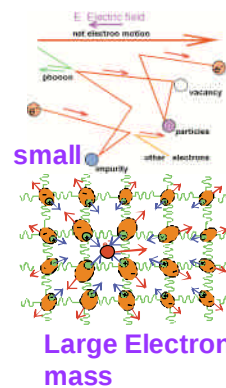
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Strong Electron-phonon-coupling

CB
Bandgap
VB

Large Density-of-States at E_F



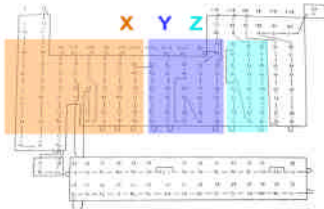
Large Electron mass

Figure of merit $Z = S^2 \sigma / \kappa$
Seebeck coefficient S
Electric conductivity σ
Thermal conductivity κ

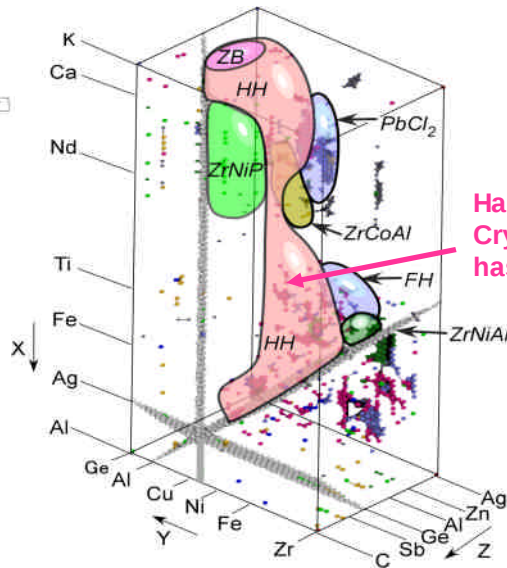
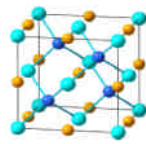
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Ordering according to
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Half-Heusler
Crystal structure
has largest area

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Conclusion

Spectroscopic IR- and Raman-data of FeSi can be explained by phonon modes

Band-structure of frozen phonons show energy-dependence as expected

Still no predictive power for thermoelectric properties.

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