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Thermodynamic and mechanical properties at finite temperatures

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FEM
CAD-CAM

Engineering design

Thermo-Calc
DICTRA
Phase Field
Life time assessment
Many years

Continuum models

Phenomenological models

- Macro simulation
- Micro structure

Kinetic Monte Carlo
>1 million atoms,
20 nm, long times

Atomic level simulation

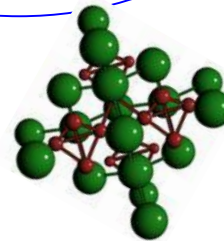
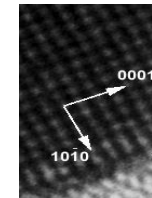
- Statistical mechanics
- Classical dynamics
- Force field

Molecular dynamics
100000 ca 10 nm 10⁻⁶ s

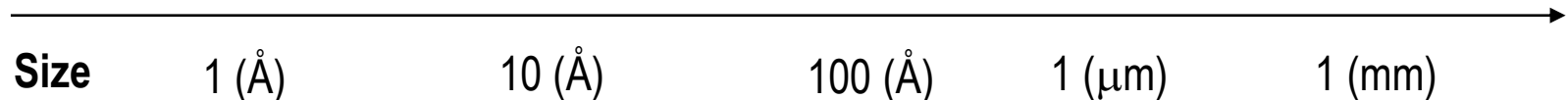
Fundamental models

- Quantum mechanics
- Quantum theory

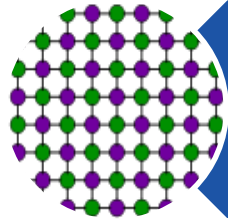
Density functional
theory:
ca 100 atoms
1 nm, 0 K



<http://www.hero-m.mse.kth.se/>

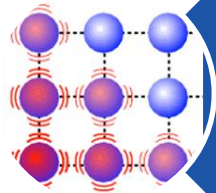


Degrees of freedom available for disorder in solids



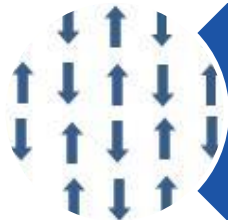
Configurational

$> 10^{-6}$ s



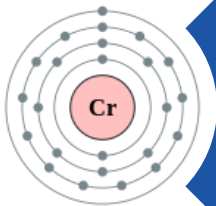
Vibrational

$\sim 10^{-13}$ s



Magnetic

$\sim 10^{-14}$ s



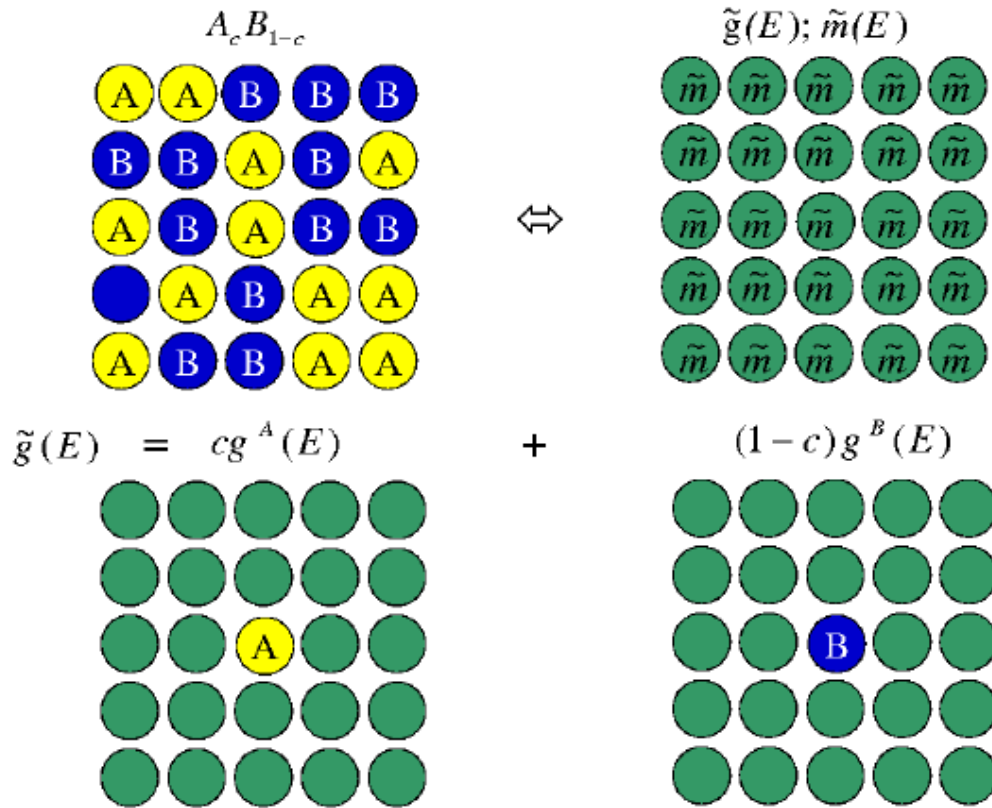
Electronic

$\sim 10^{-15}$ s

Modeling approach

- Adiabatic connection of fast and slow degrees of freedom (DOF):
 - Fast DOF are equilibrated first (at temperature T)
 - Slow DOF induce disorder (chemical, magnetic) which is treated using the coherent potential approximation (CPA)
- Self-consistent treatment of electronic (incl. magnetic) disorder
- Approximate treatment of vibrational disorder:
 - Quasi-harmonic Debye model: $\theta_D(V, T)$ - from $C_{ij}(V, T)$
 - Higher-order anharmonic effects (el.-ph.) are neglected

Random alloys: Coherent potential approximation (CPA)



Paul Soven



Balazs Györfy

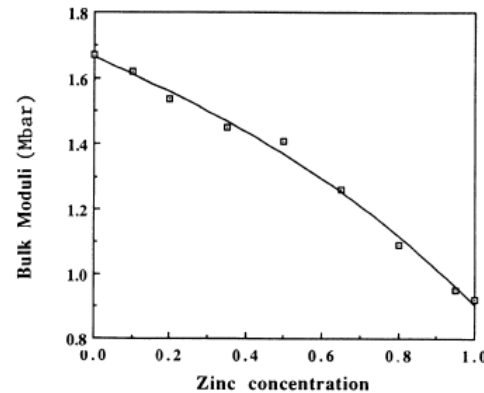
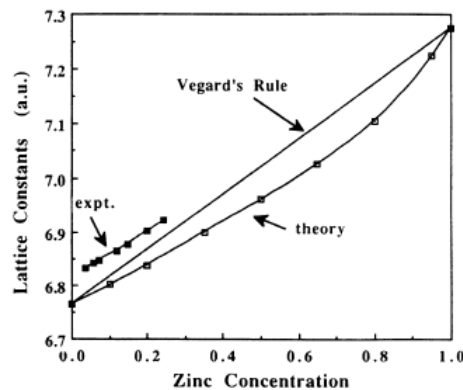
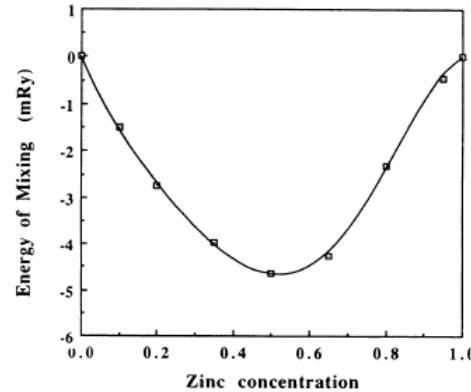
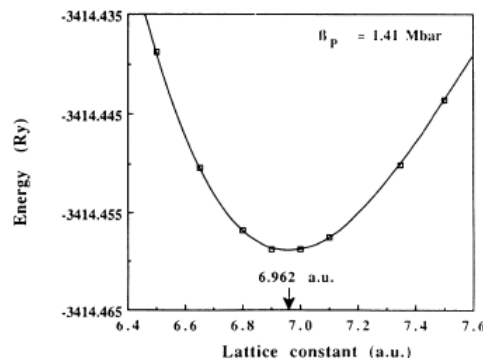
J.S. Faulkner: *The modern theory of alloys*, Progr. Mater. Sci. **27**, 1 (1982).
 A.V. Ruban, I.A. Abrikosov: *Configurational thermodynamics of alloys from first principles: effective cluster interactions*, [Rep. Prog. Phys. **71**, 046501 \(2008\)](#).

Total energy in the CPA



Duane Johnson

Cu-Zn fcc random alloys



For electrically neutral system, in the muffin-tin approximation:

$$E_{tot}^{CPA} = \sum_a c_a E_{tot}[\bar{\rho}_a; \bar{\rho}_0; \bar{n}_a]$$

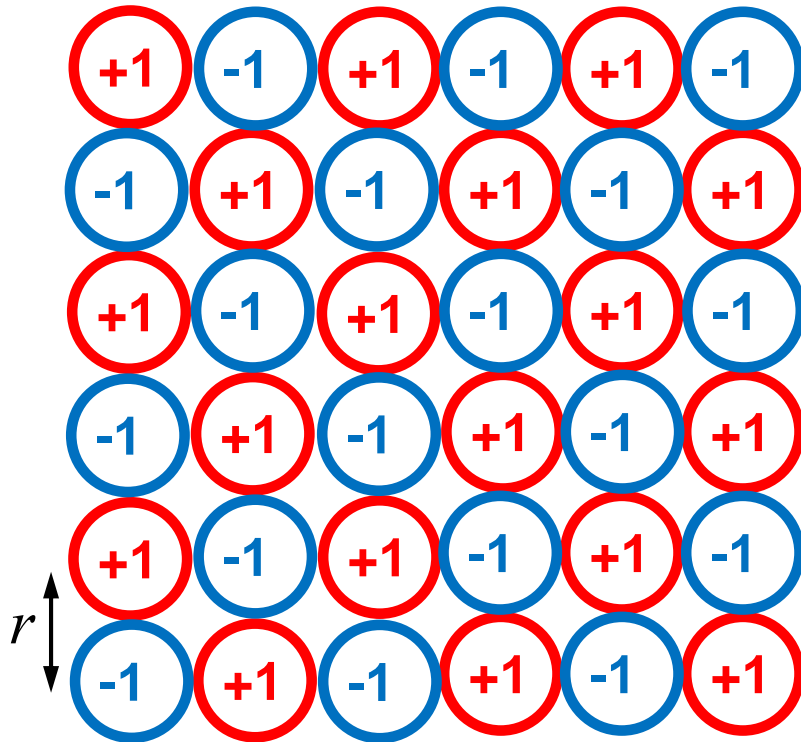
$$\rho(\mathbf{r}) = -\pi^{-1} \text{Im} \int_{-\infty}^{\mu} d\varepsilon G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}, \varepsilon)$$

$$n(\varepsilon) = -\pi^{-1} \text{Im} \int d\mathbf{r} G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}, \varepsilon)$$

D.D. Johnson, D.M. Nicholson, F.J. Pinski, B.L. Györfy, G.M. Stocks: *Density functional theory for random alloys: Total energy within the coherent potential approximation* [Phys. Rev. Lett. 56, 2088 \(1986\)](#); [Phys. Rev. B 41, 9701 \(1990\)](#).

Madelung energy in the CPA

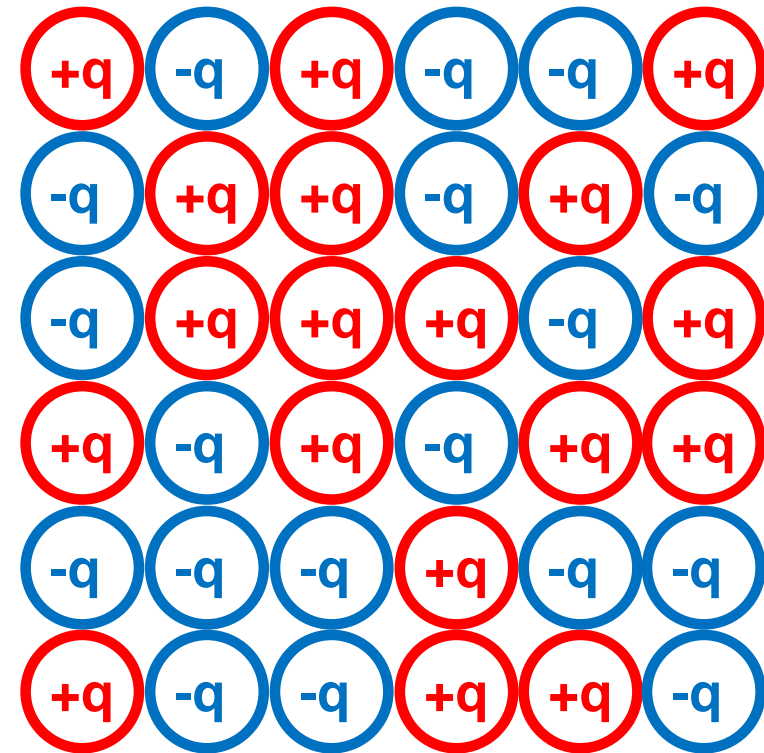
Ordered 50-50 alloy



$$E_M = -\alpha_M \frac{e^2}{r}$$

Energy per pair of ions, $\alpha_M = 1.7476$ (NaCl)

Random 50-50 alloy



$$E_M = 0 \quad ?$$

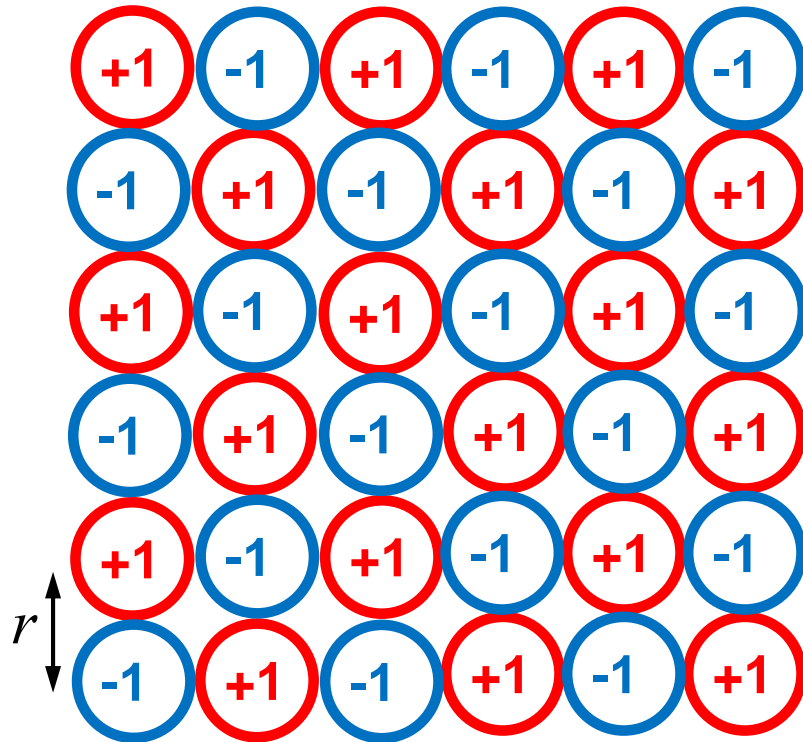
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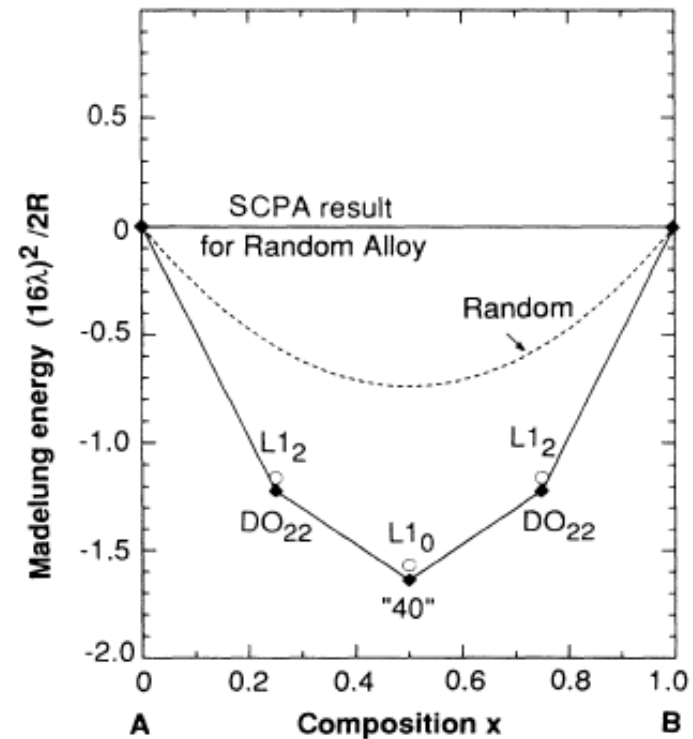


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Ground-state structures and the random-state energy of the Madelung lattice

R. Magri, S.-H. Wei, and Alex Zunger
Solar Energy Research Institute, Golden, Colorado 80401
(Received 22 August 1990)



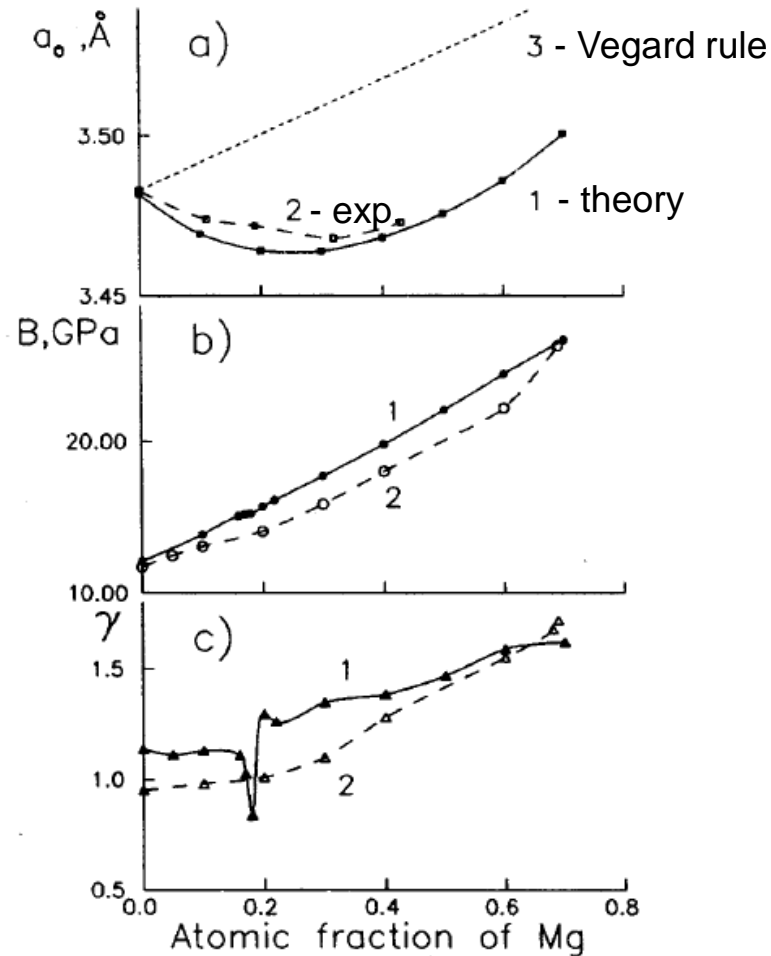
Random $A_{0.5}B_{0.5}$... 0.73952 0.73865

$$E_M^{rand} = -c(1-c)e^2\alpha_M \frac{q^2}{r}$$

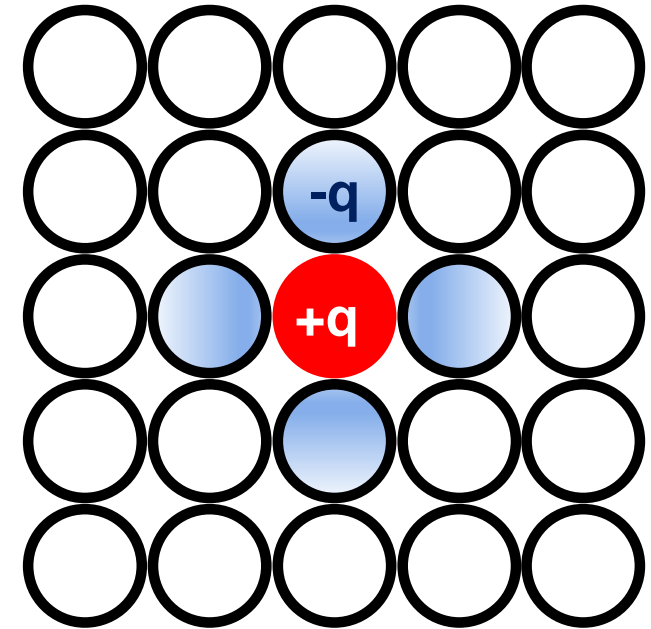


Madelung energy in the CPA

Li-Mg bcc



Screened impurity model



$$v_{scr}^a = -e^2 \frac{q_a}{r}$$

$$E_M \approx -c(1-c)e^2 \frac{(q_A - q_B)^2}{r}$$

I.A. Abrikosov, Yu.Kh. Vekilov, P. A. Korzhavyi, A.V. Ruban, L.E. Shilkrot, [Solid State Commun. **83**, 867 \(1992\).](#)

Charge correlations in alloys

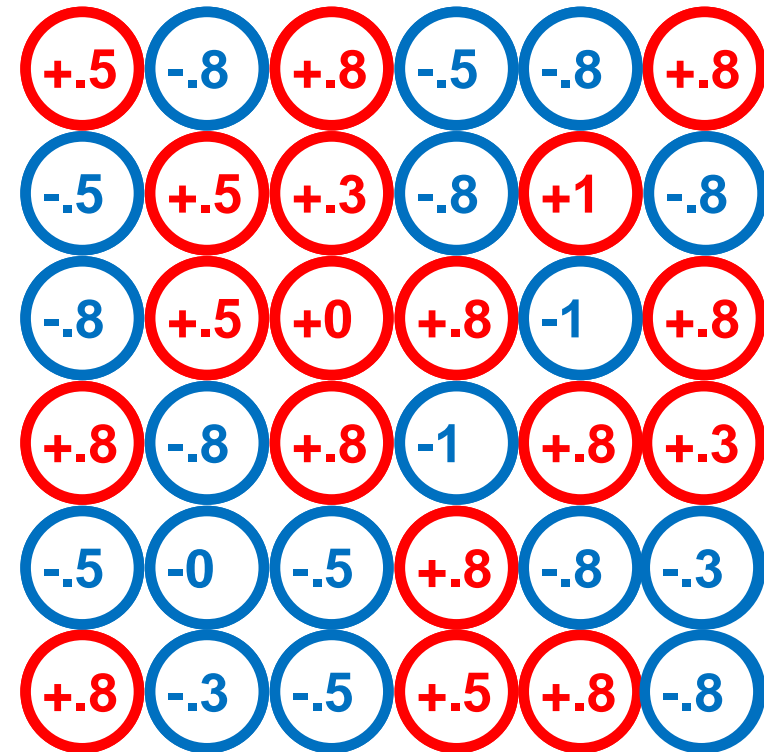
Screened impurity model

$$v_{scr}^a = -e^2 \alpha_{scr} \frac{q_a}{r_{ws}}$$

$$E_M = -\frac{\beta_{scr}}{2} e^2 \alpha_{scr} \sum_a c_a \frac{q_a^2}{r_{ws}}$$

Screening parameters α_{scr} and β_{scr} are to be found from supercell and/or "embedded cluster" calculations.

Random 50-50 alloy



D.D. Johnson, F.J. Pinski, Phys. Rev. B **48**, 11553 (1993).

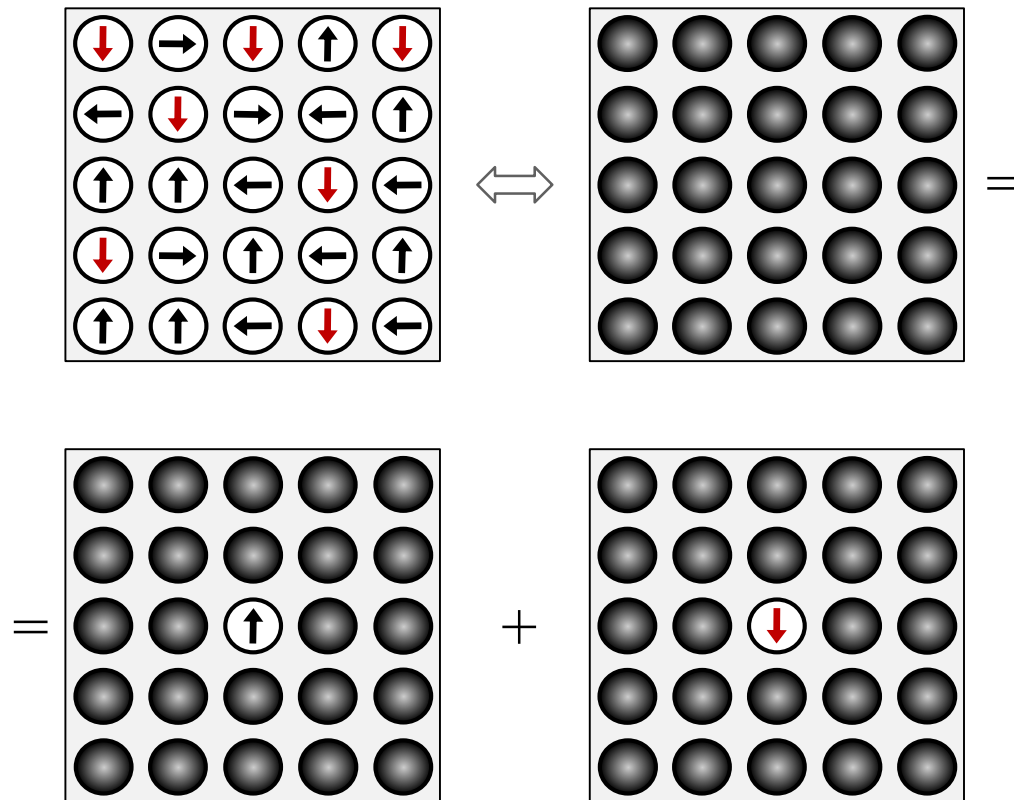
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Disordered local moment (DLM) model of paramagnetic state

Alloy analogy



$$\text{Fe(DLM)} = 50\% \text{Fe}\uparrow + 50\% \text{Fe}\downarrow$$

“Equivalence” theorem:

A.J. Pindor, J. Staunton, G.M. Stocks and H. Winter, *J. Phys. F: Met. Phys.* 13, 979 (1983);

B. L. Gyorffy, A. J. Pindor, J. Staunton, G.M. Stocks and H. Winter: *J. Phys. F: Met. Phys.* 15, 1337 (1985).

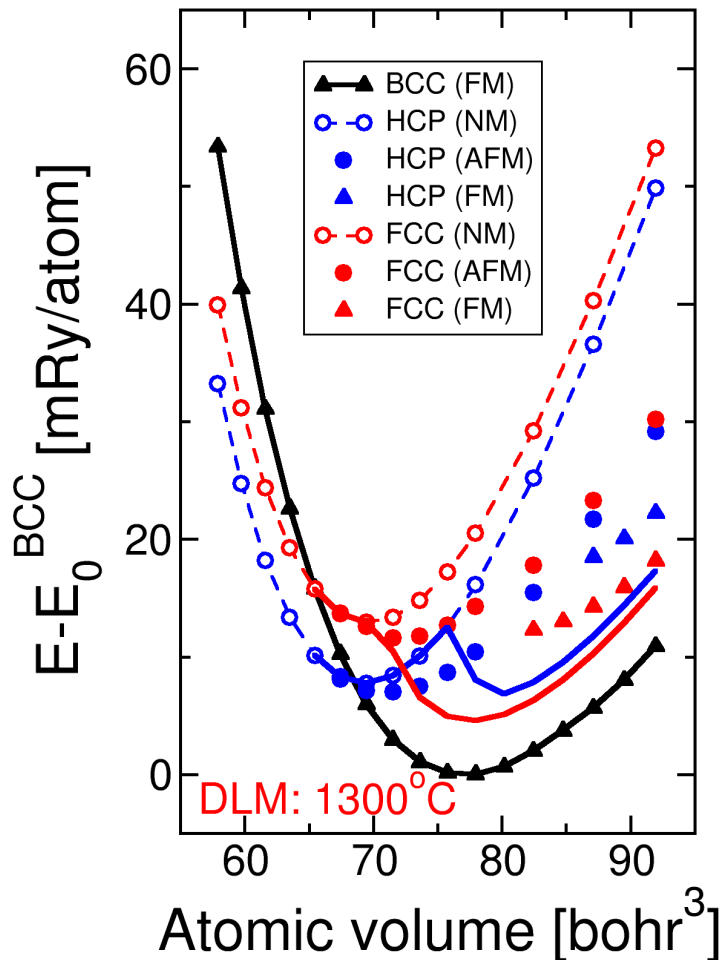
Magnetic entropy:

$$S_{\text{magn}} = k_B \ln(M_S + 1)$$

P. Korzhavyi *et al.*, [MRS Proc. 842 185-190 \(2005\), art. S4.10.](#)

Electronic structure calculations: EMTO-CPA code

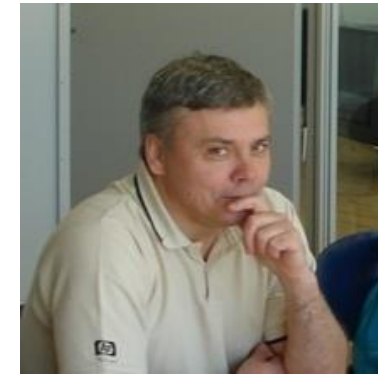
Pure Fe: EMTO, GGA



Levente Vitos



Hans Skriver



Andrei Ruban

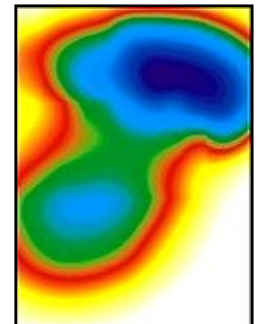


Igor Abrikosov

Exact Muffin-Tin Orbitals theory

(O.K. Andersen 1994, L. Vitos, H.L. Skriver 2000)

Coherent Potential Approximation
-chemical and magnetic disorder



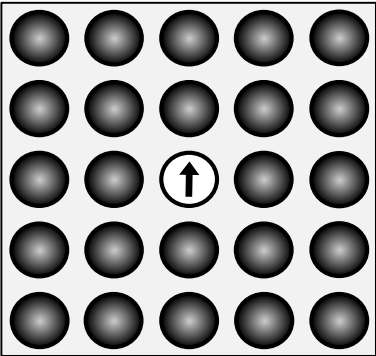
EMTO-CPA method

L. Vitos, I.A. Abrikosov, B. Johansson, Phys. Rev. Lett. 87, 156401 (2001).

Spin fluctuations in a self-consistent DLM model

- Rigid spin moment orientations:

$$S_{\text{magn}} = k_B \ln(M_S + 1)$$



- Transverse spin moment fluctuations: mean-field contributions to one-electron potential

$$\Delta V_{\uparrow\downarrow} = \mp k_B T / (M_S + 1)$$

- The moment M_S is treated as localized but non-integer and calculated self-consistently at any temperature T

Methodology (summary)

- **Configurational disorder:** coherent potential approximation (CPA) with charge correlations
- **Magnetic disorder:** paramagnetic state represented by the disordered local moment (DLM) model
- **Electronic disorder:** partial filling of electron states according to Fermi function $f(\epsilon) = [\exp\left\{\frac{\epsilon - \epsilon_F}{k_B T}\right\} + 1]^{-1}$

$$F_{\text{CPA}}(V, T) = E_{\text{CPA}} - T(S_{\text{el}} + S_{\text{magn}} + S_{\text{conf}})$$

- **Lattice vibrations:** post-processing of partial free energy $F_{\text{CPA}}(V, T)$ using quasi-harmonic Debye model:

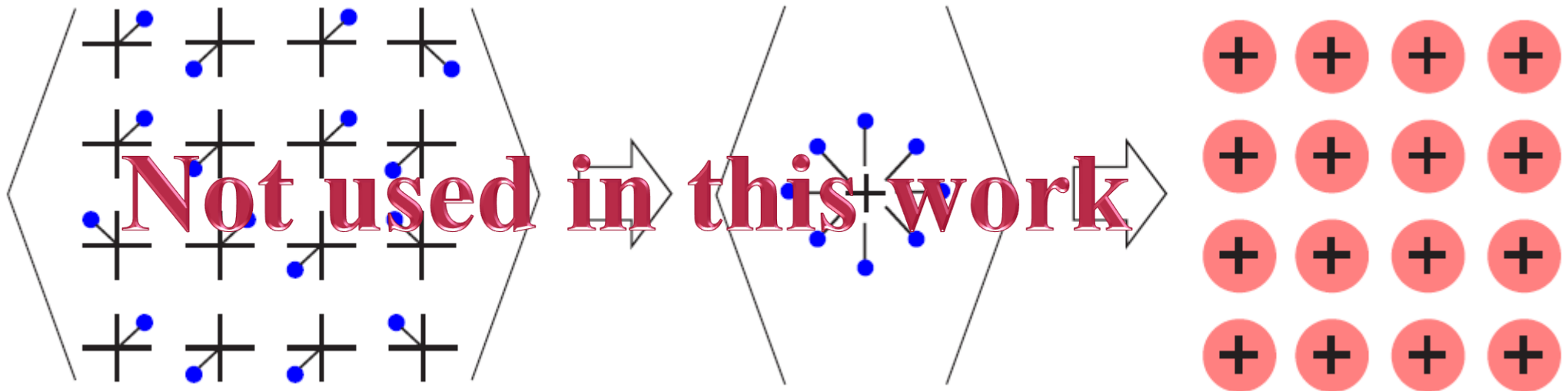
$$F_{\text{Debye}}(V, T) = \frac{9}{8} k_B \theta_D + k_B T \left\{ \left[1 - \exp\left(-\frac{\theta_D}{T}\right) \right] - D\left(\frac{\theta_D}{T}\right) \right\}$$

$$F(V, T) = F_{\text{CPA}}(V, T) + F_{\text{Debye}}(V, T)$$

Grimvall, G. Thermophysical Properties of Materials; Elsevier Science: Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 1999.

CPA-based model of atomic vibrations

Compatible with Einstein model

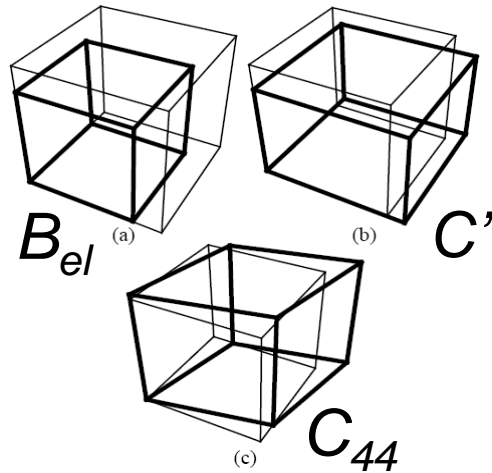


Implemented in SPR-KKR package by:

H. Ebert, S. Mankovsky, K. Chadova, S. Polesya, J. Minár, D. Ködderitzsch,
[Phys. Rev. B **91**, 165132 \(2015\)](#).

Calculations of elastic stiffness constants of steels

Elastic moduli



$$\begin{pmatrix} a'_x \\ a'_y \\ a'_z \end{pmatrix} = (\mathbf{1} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) \begin{pmatrix} a_x \\ a_y \\ a_z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$C': \mathbf{1} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \delta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 - \delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/(1 - \delta^2) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$F - F_0 = 2V_0 C' \delta^2 + O(\delta^4)$$

$$C_{44}: \mathbf{1} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \delta & 0 \\ \delta & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/(1 - \delta^2) \end{pmatrix}$$

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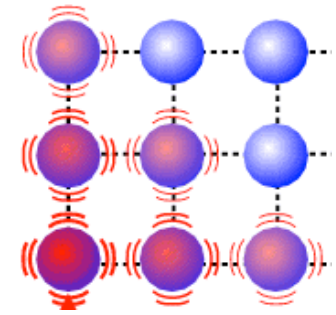
Bulk modulus B – from the equation of state (Birch-Murnaghan):

$$F(V) - F(V_0) = \frac{BV}{B'} \left[\frac{(V_0/V)B'}{B' - 1} + 1 \right] - \frac{BV_0}{B' - 1}$$

Shear constants C' and C_{44} – volume-conserving distortions:

R. Sandström and P. Korzhavyi, [Canadian Metallurgical Quarterly](#) **53**, 282 (2014).
 T. Hammerschmidt et al., [Phys. Status Solidi B](#) **251**, 81 (2014).

Quasi-harmonic Debye model

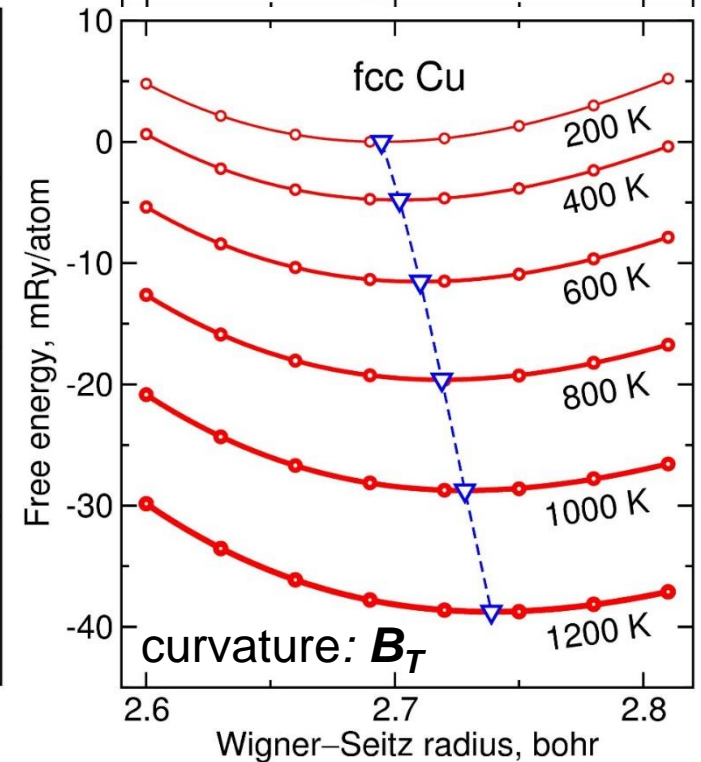
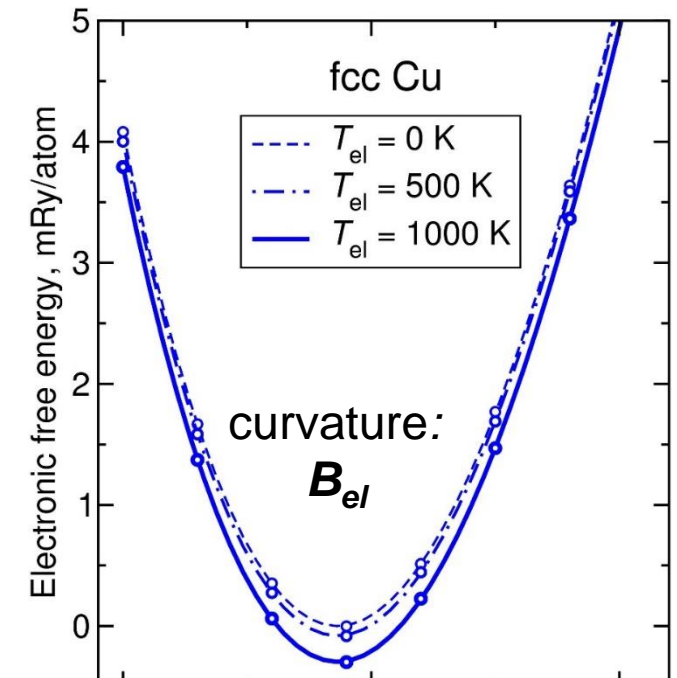
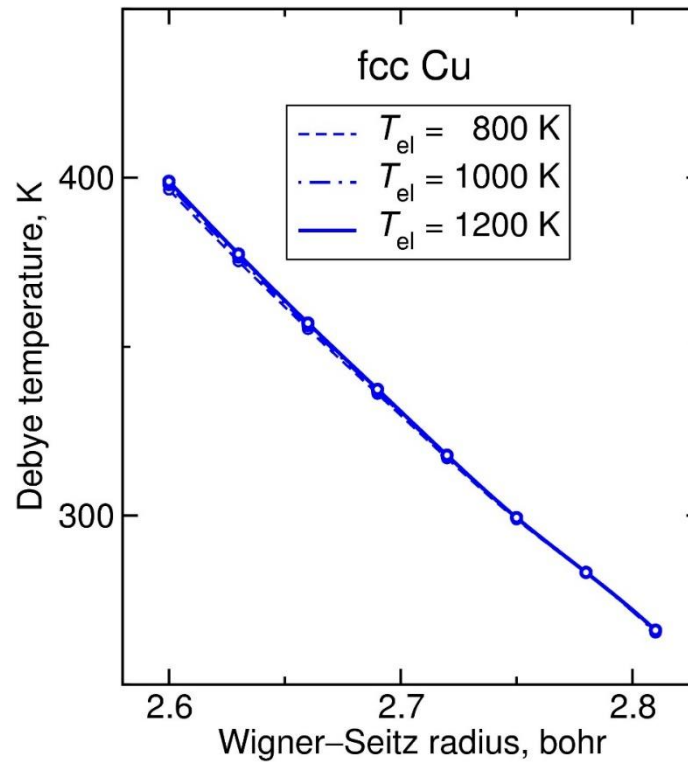
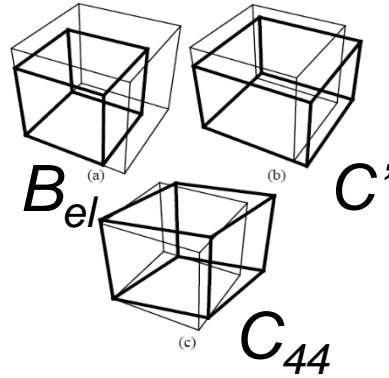
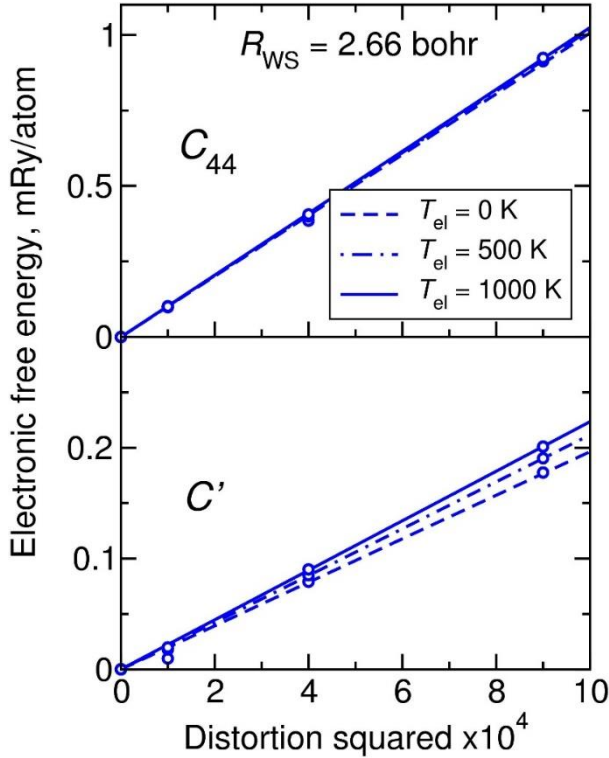


- Calculated partial free energy (containing electronic and magnetic contributions) for a number of distortions is used to set up the Debye model
- Longitudinal constant: $\langle L \rangle = B_{el} + \frac{4}{3} \langle S \rangle$
- Shear constant: $\langle S \rangle = \frac{G_V + G_R}{2}$; $G_V = \frac{2C' + 3C_{44}}{5}$; $G_R = \frac{5C' C_{44}}{2C' + 3C_{44}}$
- Average stiffness: $\langle K \rangle = \left[\frac{1}{3} \langle L \rangle^{-3/2} + \frac{2}{3} \langle S \rangle^{-3/2} \right]^{-2/3}$
- Debye temperature
(volume-dependent): $\Theta_D = 67.48 [\langle K \rangle R_{WS} / M]^{1/2}$

O. L. Anderson, *J. Phys. Chem. Solids* **24**, 909-917 (1963).

V. L. Moruzzi, J. F. Janak, K. Schwarz, *Phys. Rev. B* **37**, 790 (1988).

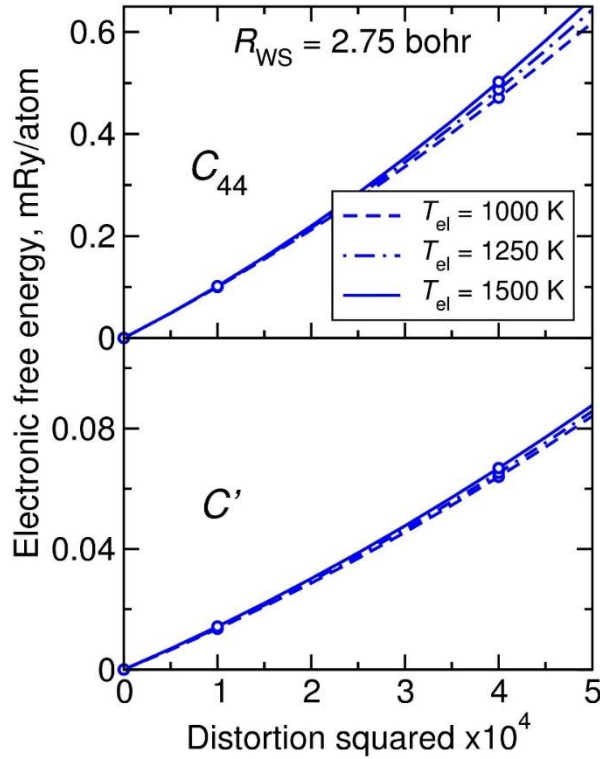
Case studies: fcc Cu



Wigner-Seitz radius

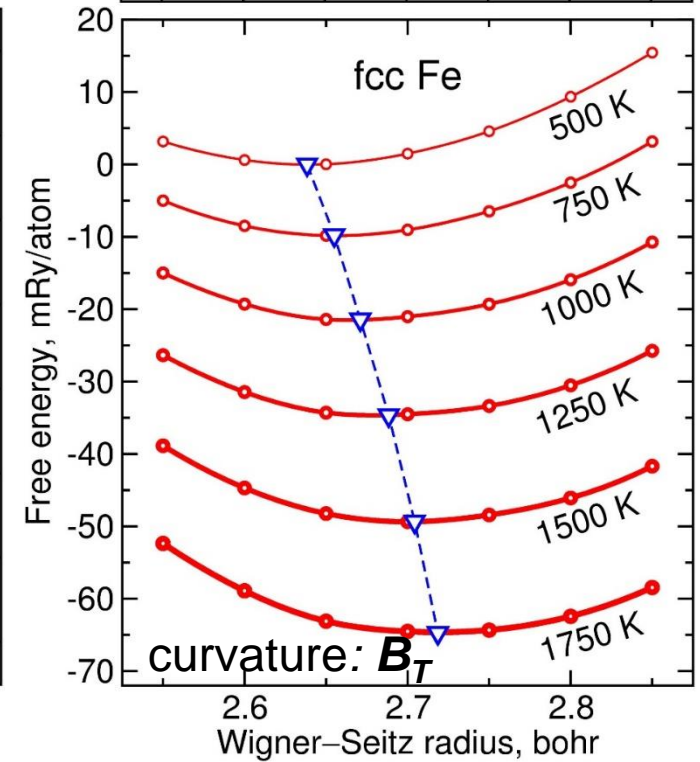
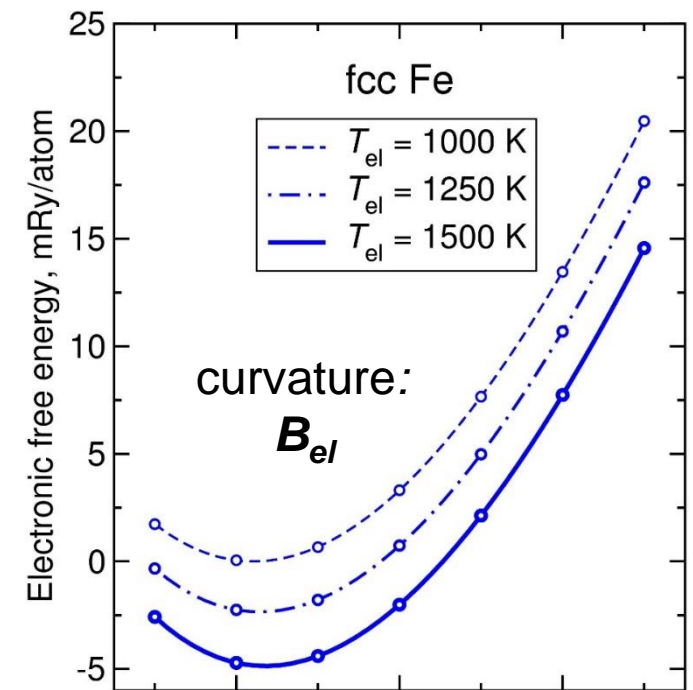
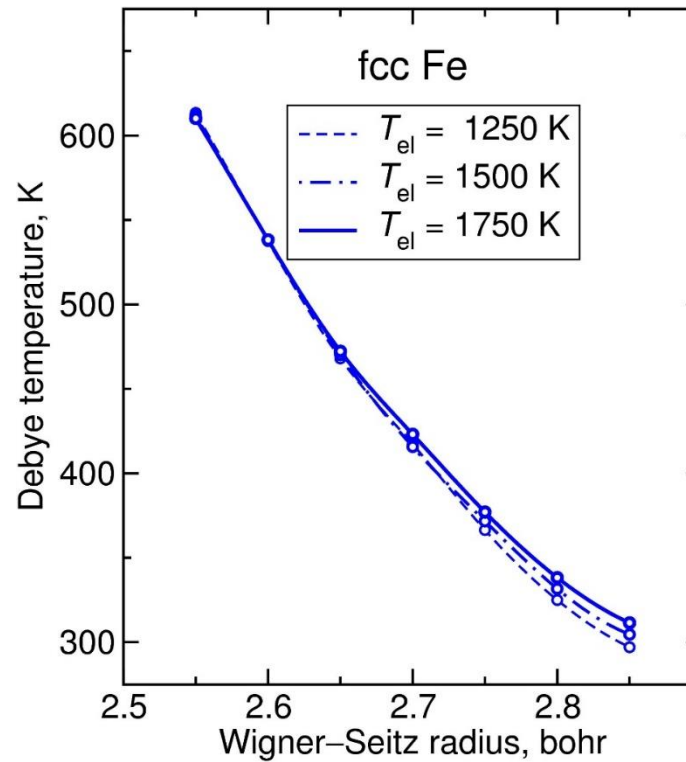
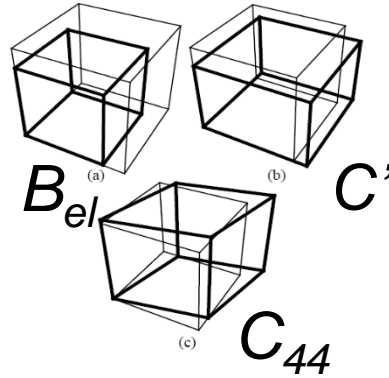
$$R_{WS}: V = \frac{4\pi}{3} R_{WS}^3$$

Case studies: fcc Fe

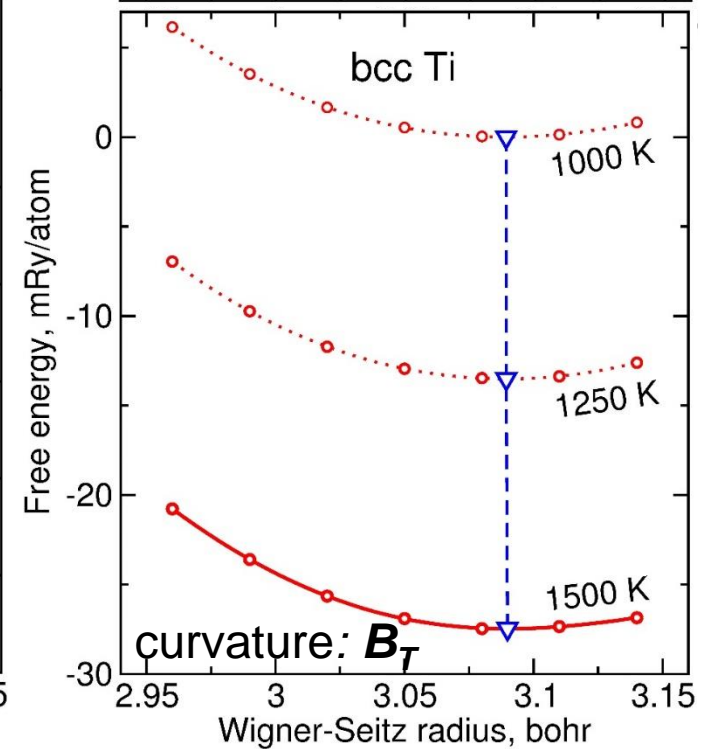
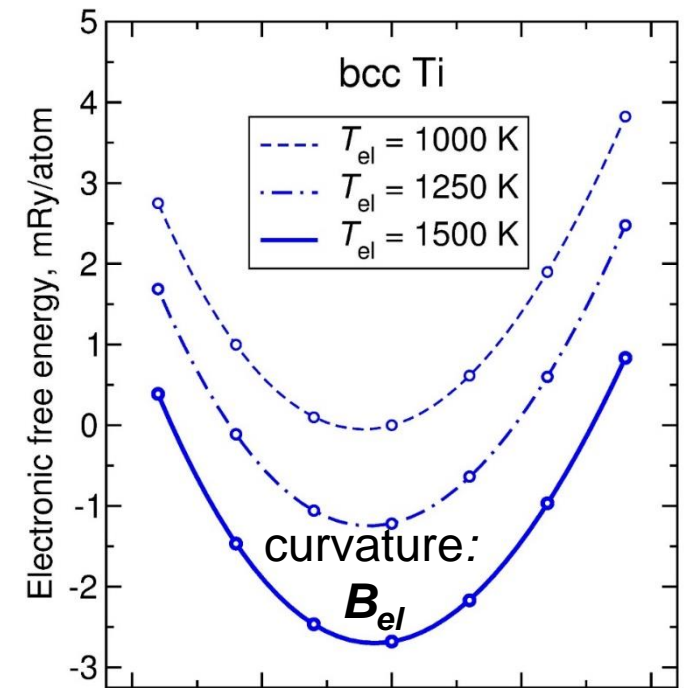
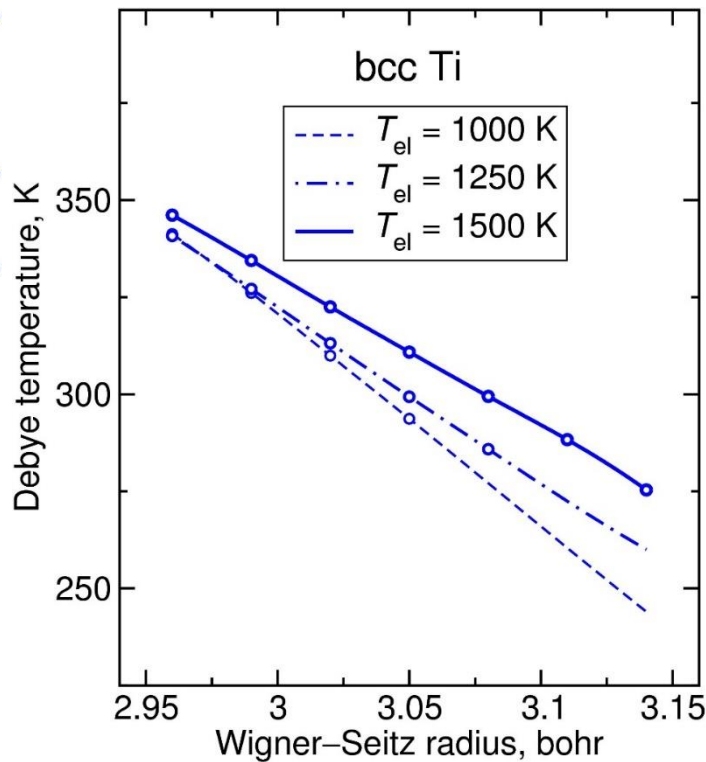
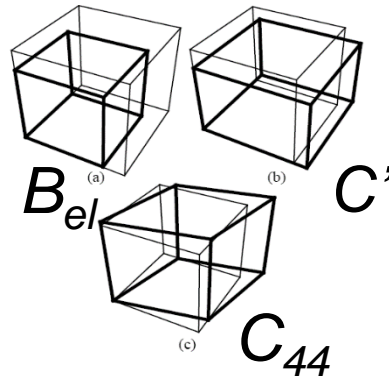
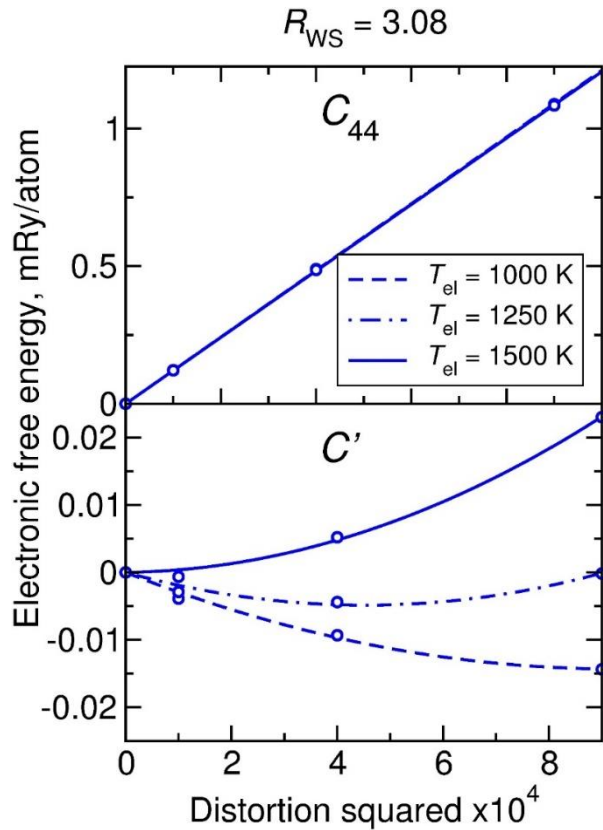


Wigner–Seitz radius

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Case studies: **bcc Ti**



Wigner-Seitz radius

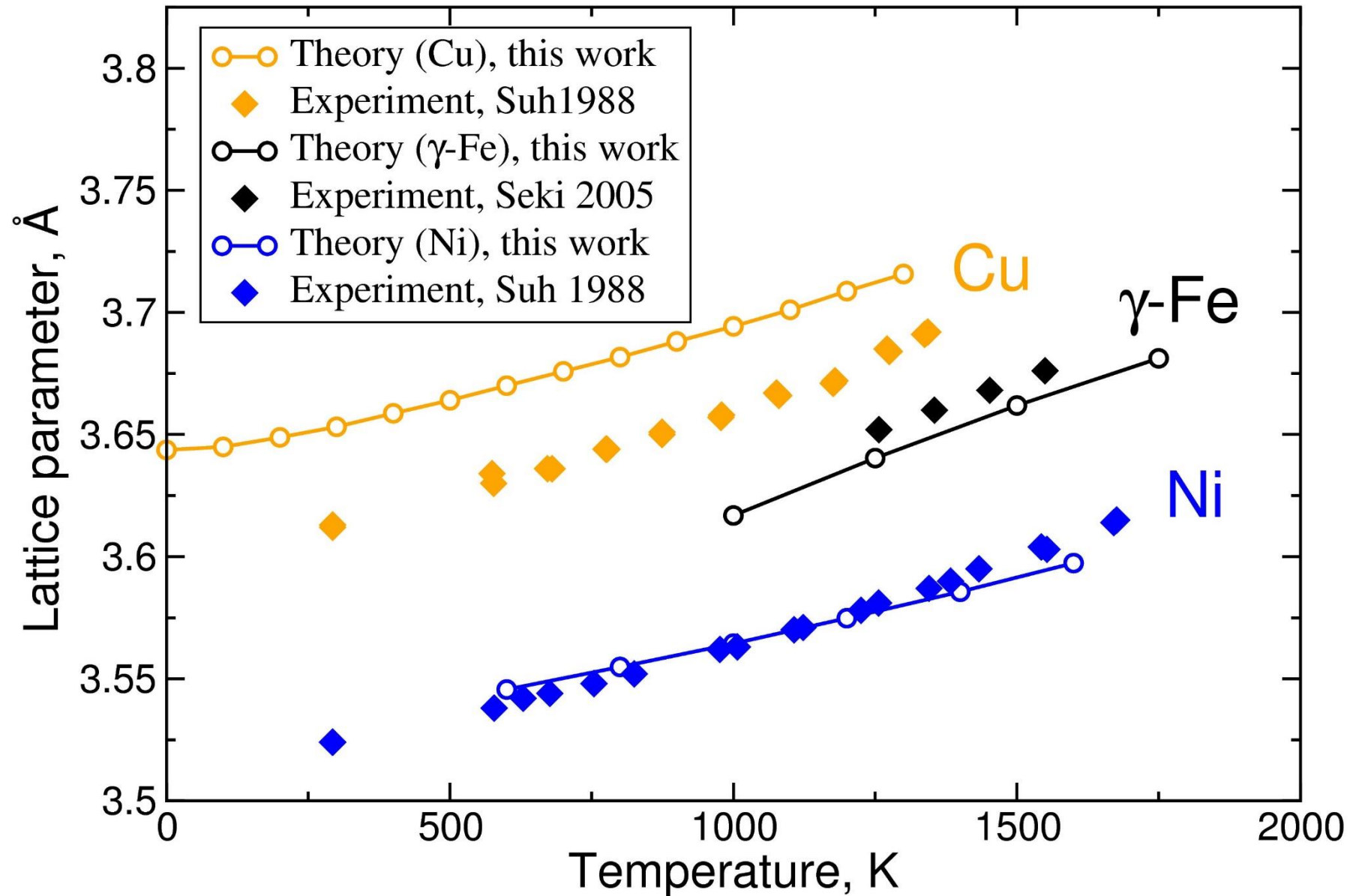
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Calculated lattice parameters and bulk moduli of selected cubic metals

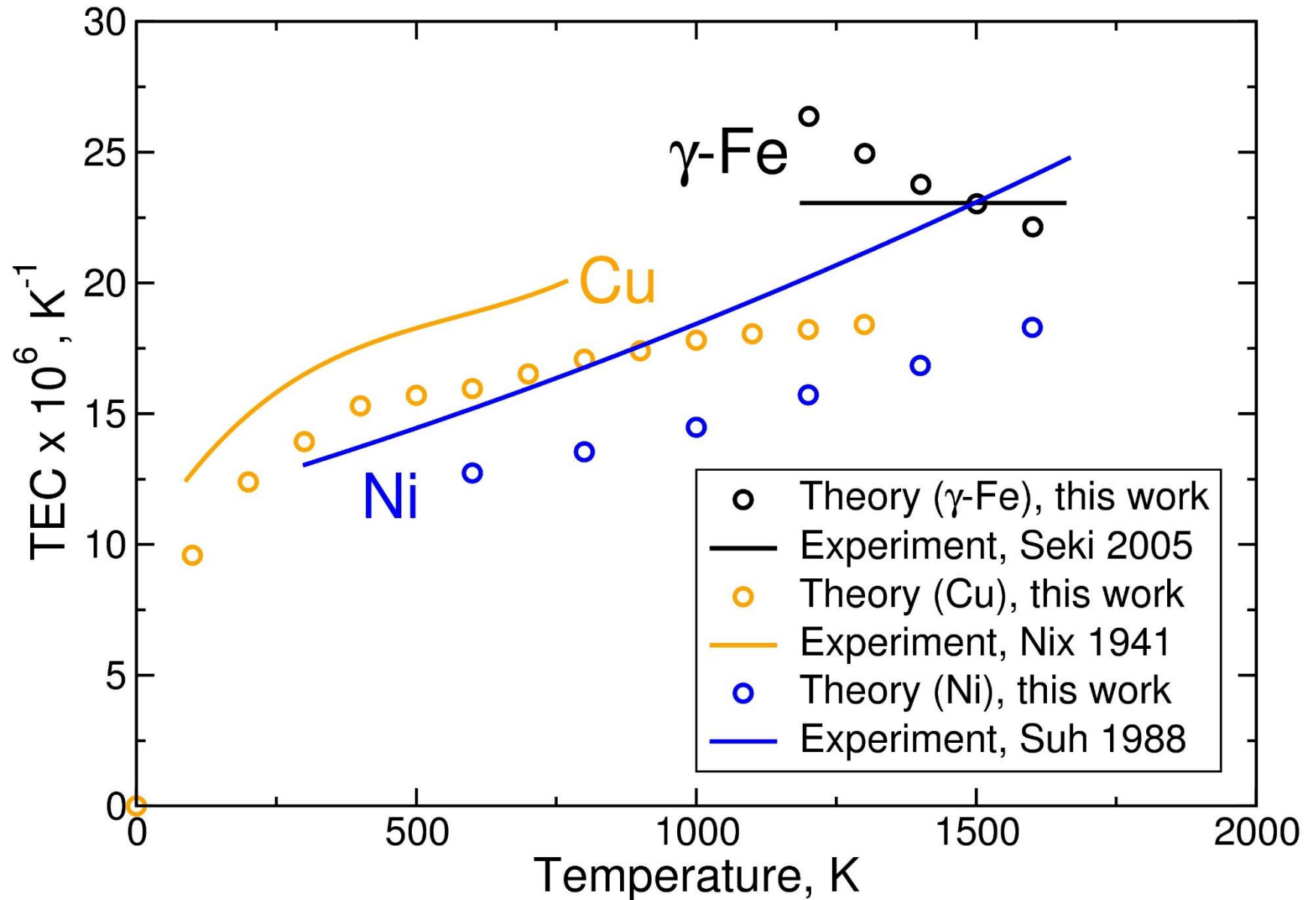
Metal	T, K	Lattice Parameter, Å			Bulk Modulus, GPa		
		a_{el}	a_T	a_{exp}^1	B_{el}	B_T	B_{exp}^1
Cu	800	3.638	3.682	3.646	140.0	118.0	124.8
% error, Reference		-0.2	+1.0	[51]	+12.2	-5.4	[53]
Ni	800	3.526	3.555	3.550	194.1	174.4	171.0
% error, Reference		-0.7	+0.1	[51]	+13.5	+2.0	[55]
γ-Fe	1250	3.540	3.640	3.652	136.7	103.1	102.7
% error, Reference		-3.0	-0.3	[52]	+33.1	+0.4	[56]
β-Ti	1250	3.27	3.32	3.31	106.2	90.9	87.7
% error, Reference		-1.3	+0.3	[49]	+21.0	+3.6	[57]
Cr	1000	2.851	2.871	2.901	249.7	229.6	190
% error, Reference		-1.7	-1.0	[58]	+31.4	+20.8	[59]
Mo	1000	3.164	3.181	3.159	249.1	231.5	247.5
% error, Reference		+0.2	+0.7	[60]	+0.6	-6.5	[61]
W	1000	3.192	3.206	3.175	294.2	275.9	298.3
% error, Reference		+0.5	+1.0	[62]	+12.2	-5.4	[63]

Pavel A. Korzhavyi, Jing Zhang, [Metals 11, 195 \(2021\)](#).

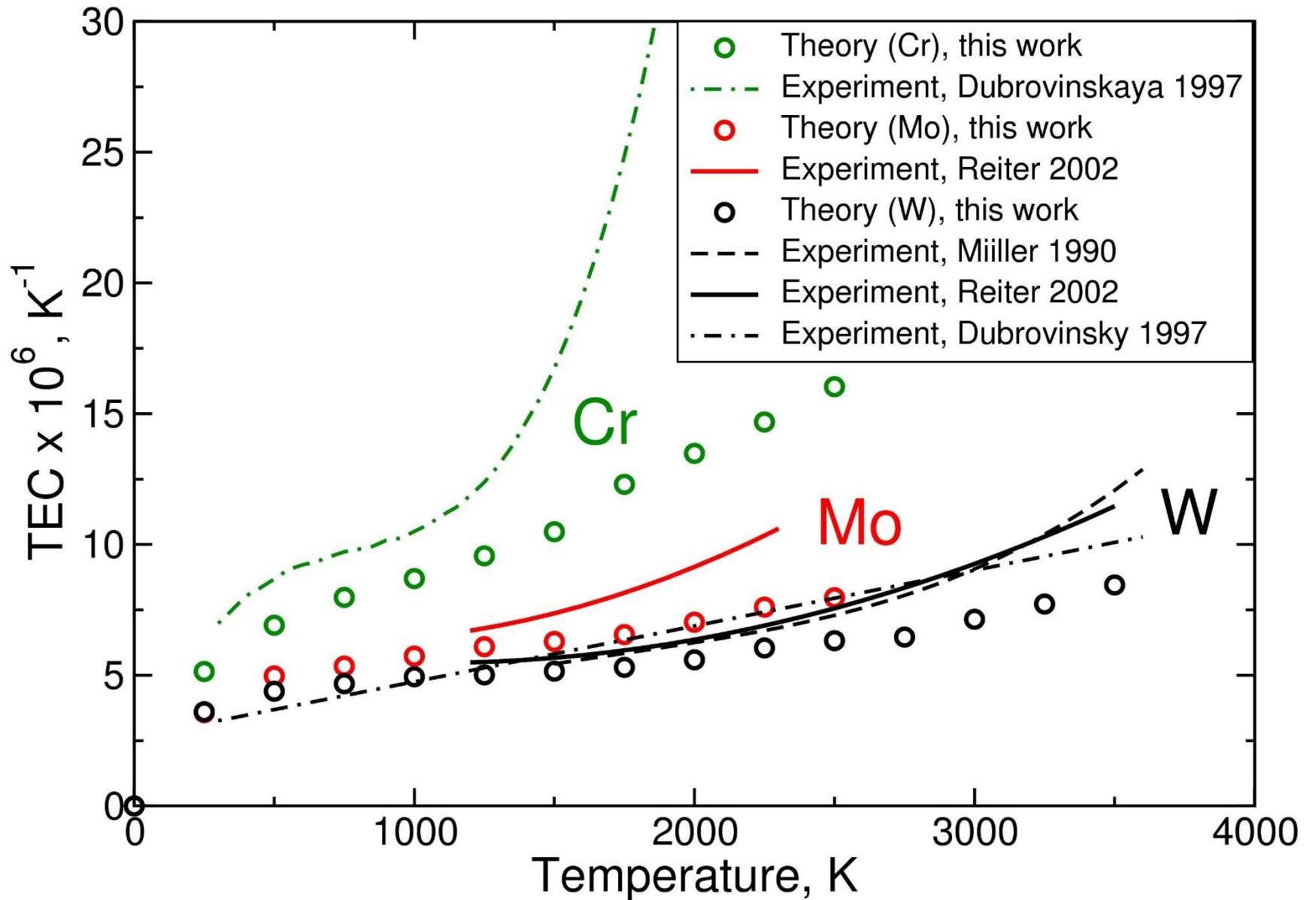
Lattice parameters of fcc Cu, Fe, and Ni



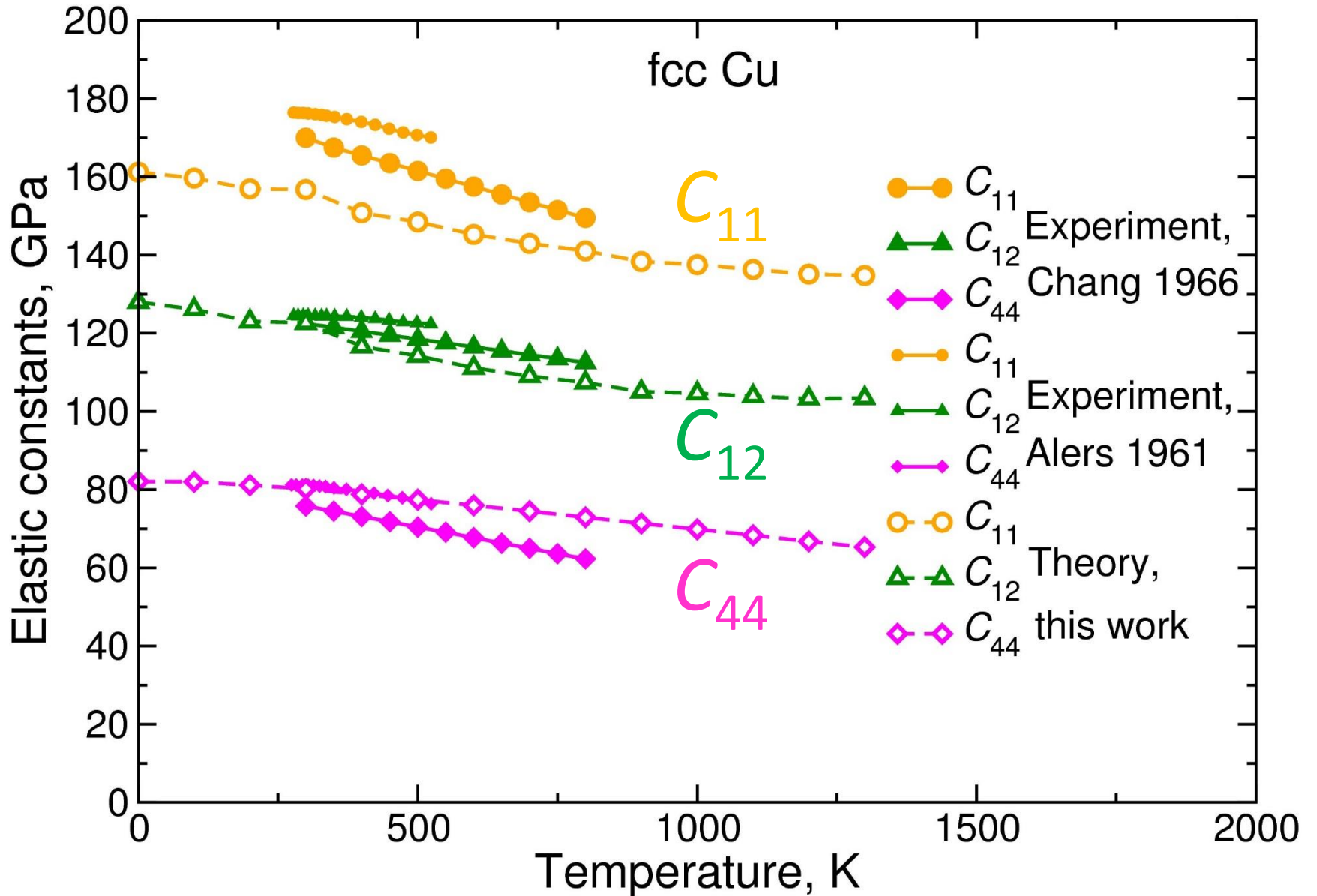
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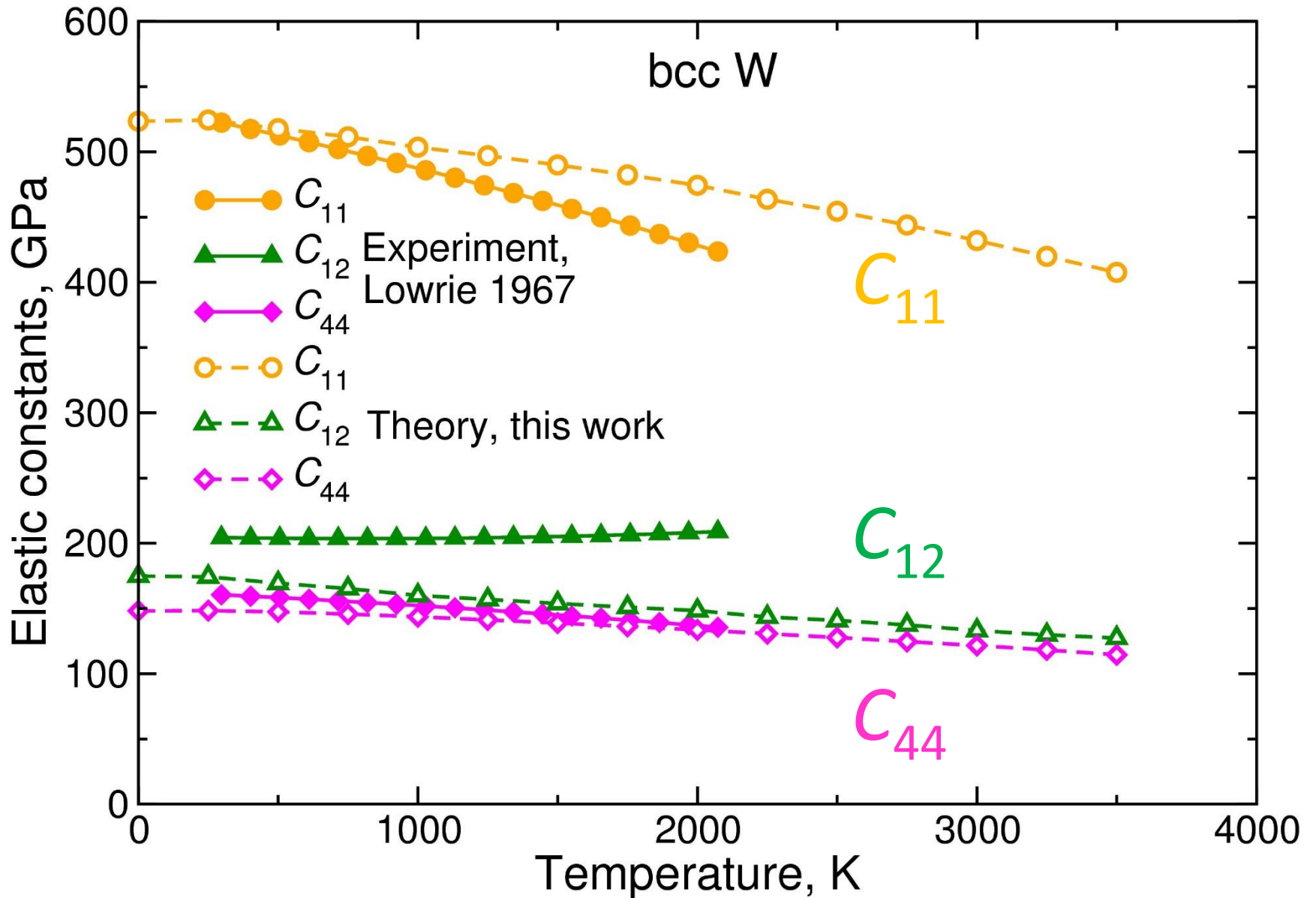
Thermal expansion coefficient of bcc Cr, Mo, and W



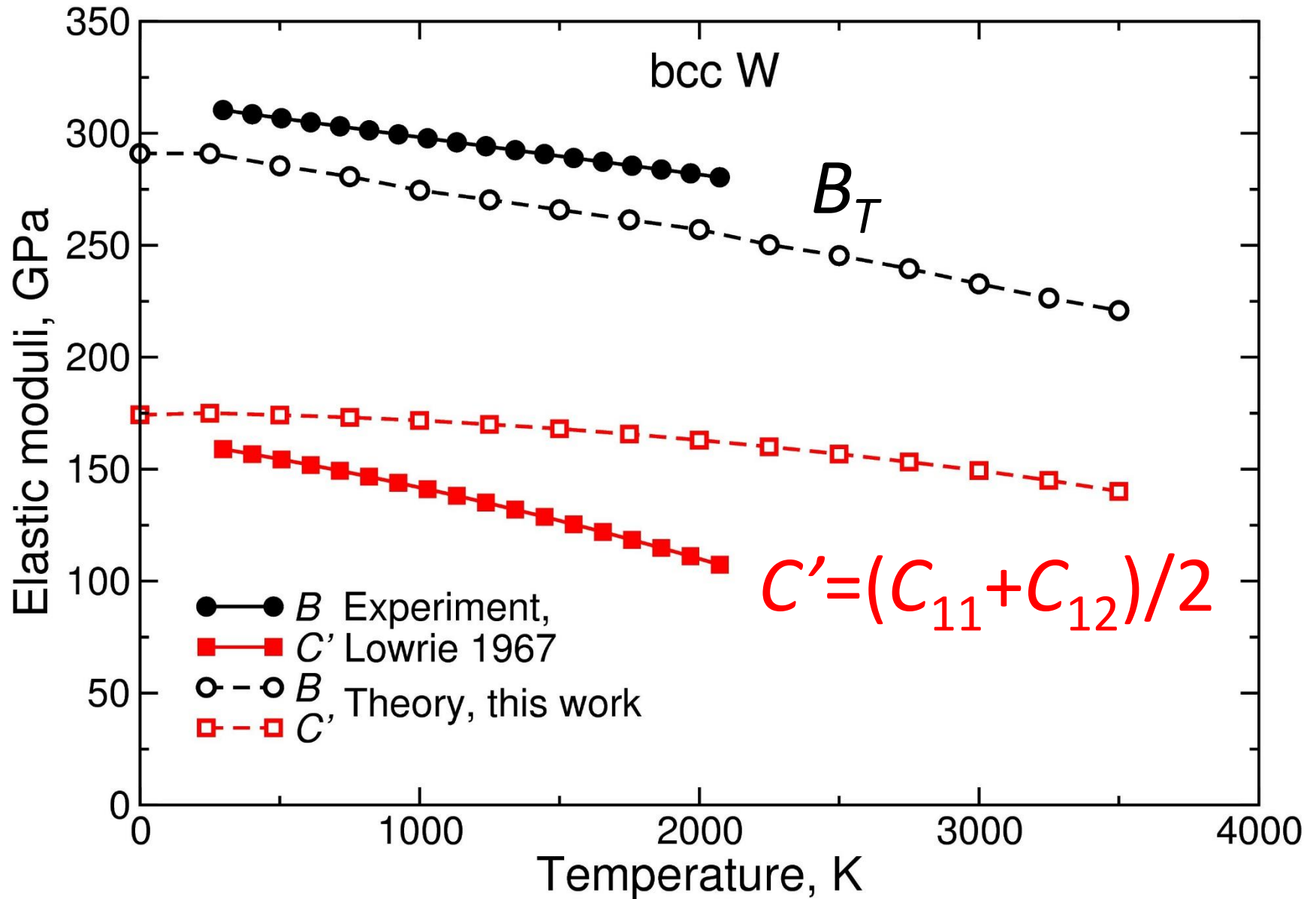
Temperature dependence of elastic constants for fcc Cu



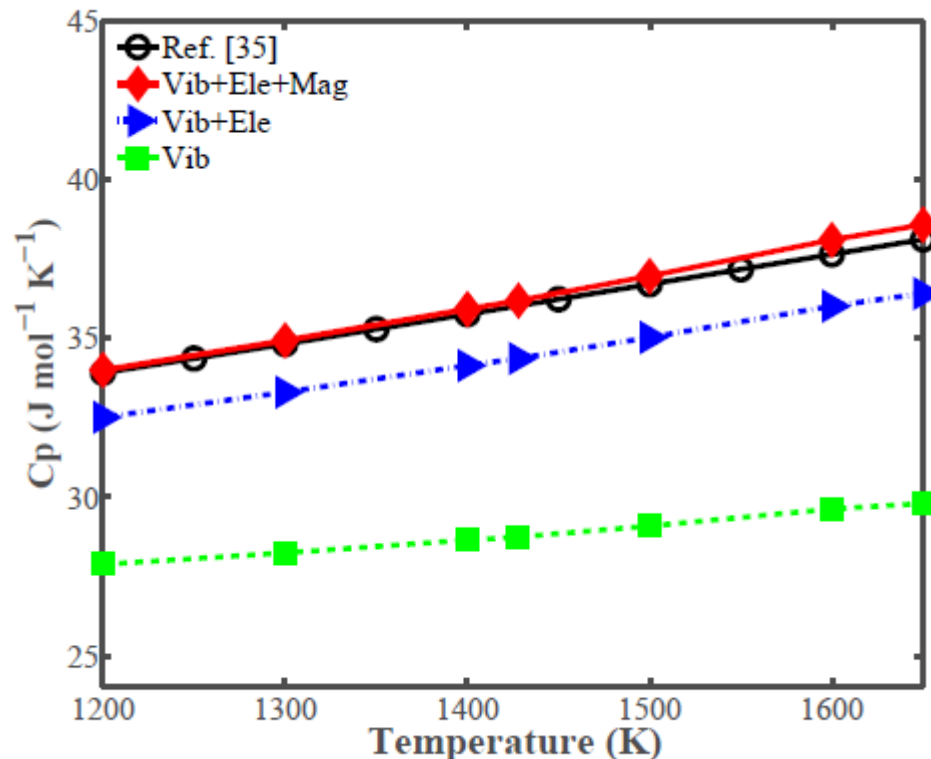
Temperature dependence of elastic constants for bcc W



Temperature dependence of elastic moduli for bcc W



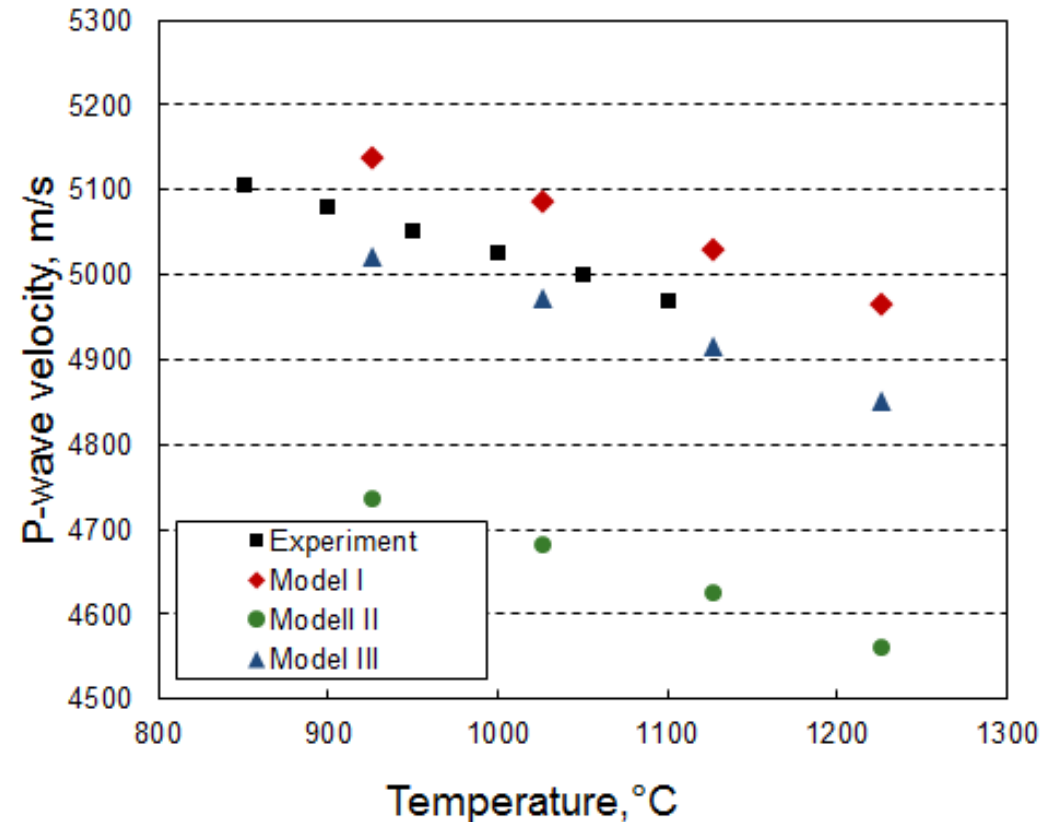
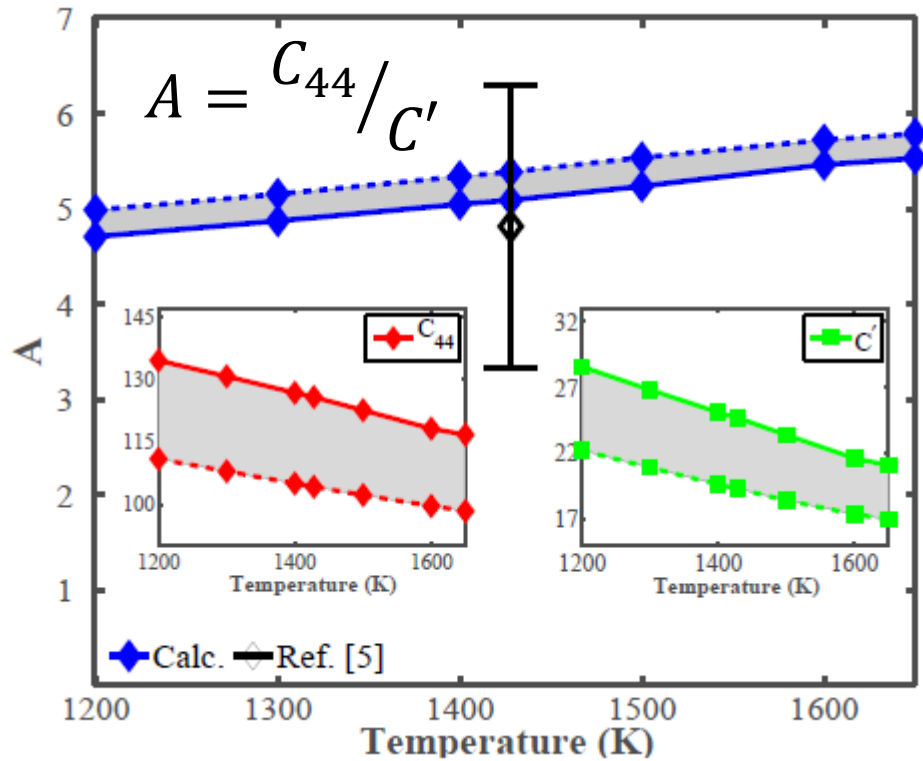
Heat capacity of fcc Fe



- Desai has critically assessed available experiments.
- Around 80% of C_p is due to the lattice contributions.
- The rest is due to the electronic and magnetic contributions.

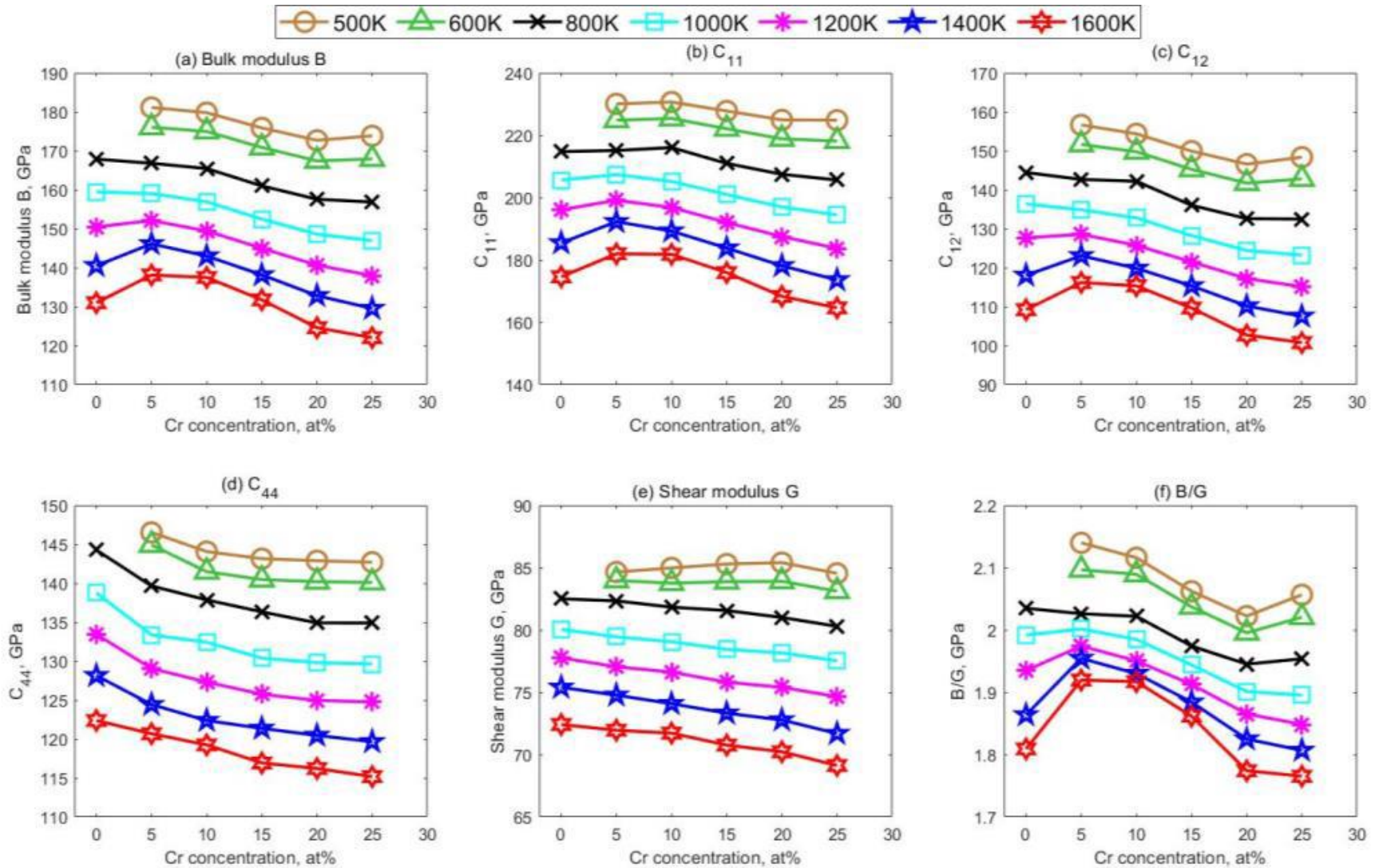
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Elastic anisotropy and sound velocity for fcc Fe



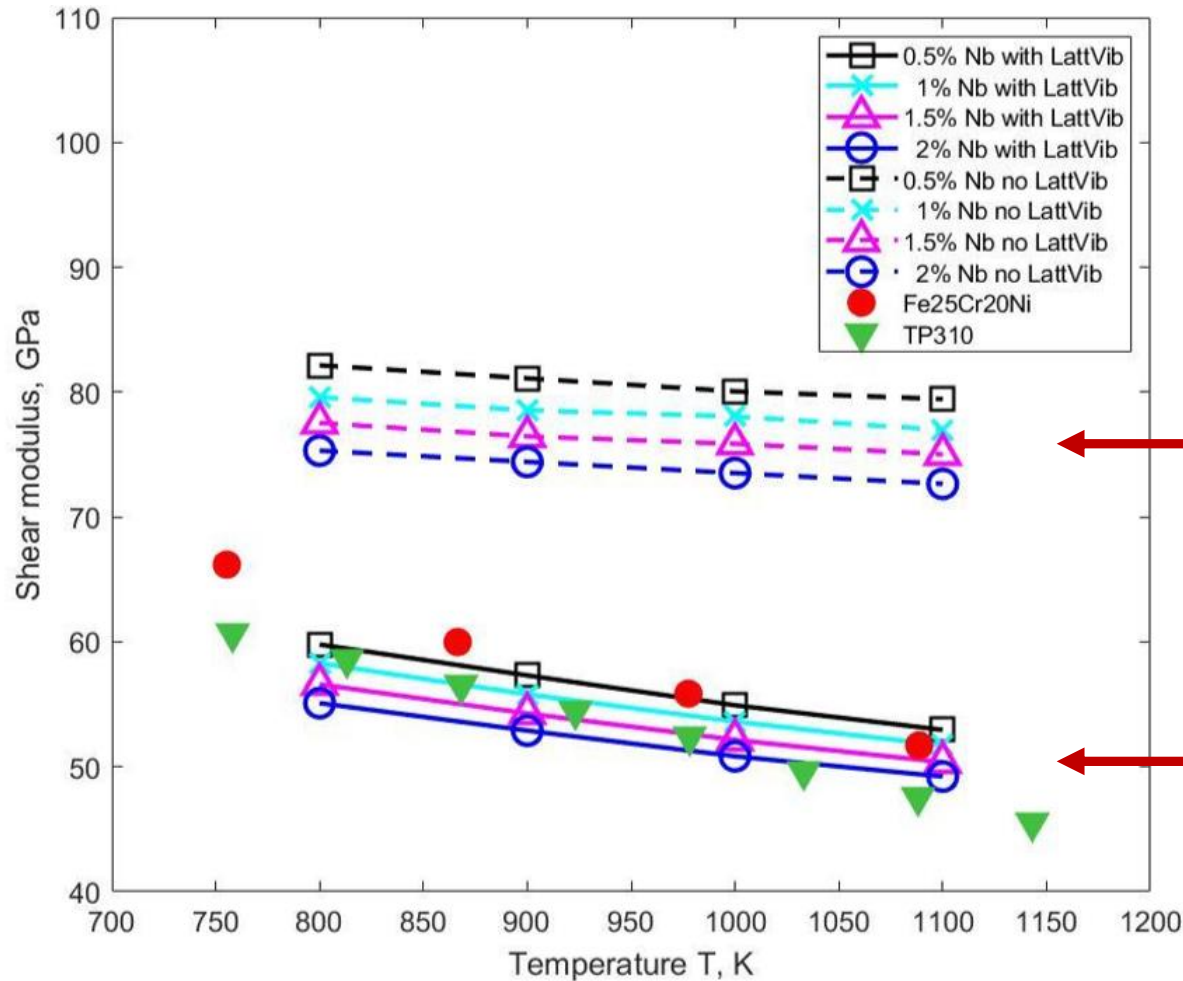
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Elastic properties of fcc Ni-Cr alloys



J. Zhang, P.A. Korzhavyi, J. He, [Materials Today Commun. 28, 102551 \(2021\).](#)

Shear modulus of austenitic steel: Fe25Cr20Ni+xNb



EMTO-CPA
(electronic+magnetic
disorder)

EMTO-CPA
+ QH Debye

J. Zhang, P. Korzhavyi, and J. He, [Comput. Mater. Sci. 85, 109973 \(2020\)](#).

Conclusions:

- Thermal properties of selected transition metals have been evaluated with the help of *ab initio* informed, quasi-harmonic Debye model
- Quasi-harmonic treatment is computationally simple and is a good approximation in many cases
- Performance of DFT approximations is crucial for the accuracy of *ab initio* thermal property modelling
- Anharmonic effects are important in some cases, and generally at high temperatures. Atomic displacements must be included into electronic structure calculations

Pavel A. Korzhavyi, Jing Zhang, [Metals **11**, 195 \(2021\)](#).

Take-home quote: *Never make a calculation until you know the answer*



Never make a calculation until you know the answer. Make an estimate before every calculation, try a simple physical argument (symmetry! invariance! conservation!) before every derivation, guess the answer to every puzzle. Courage: no one else needs to know what the guess is. Therefore make it quickly, by instinct. A right guess reinforces the instinct. A wrong guess brings the refreshment of surprise. In either case, life as a spacetime expert, however long, is more fun.

–John Archibald Wheeler, [*Spacetime Physics*](#)

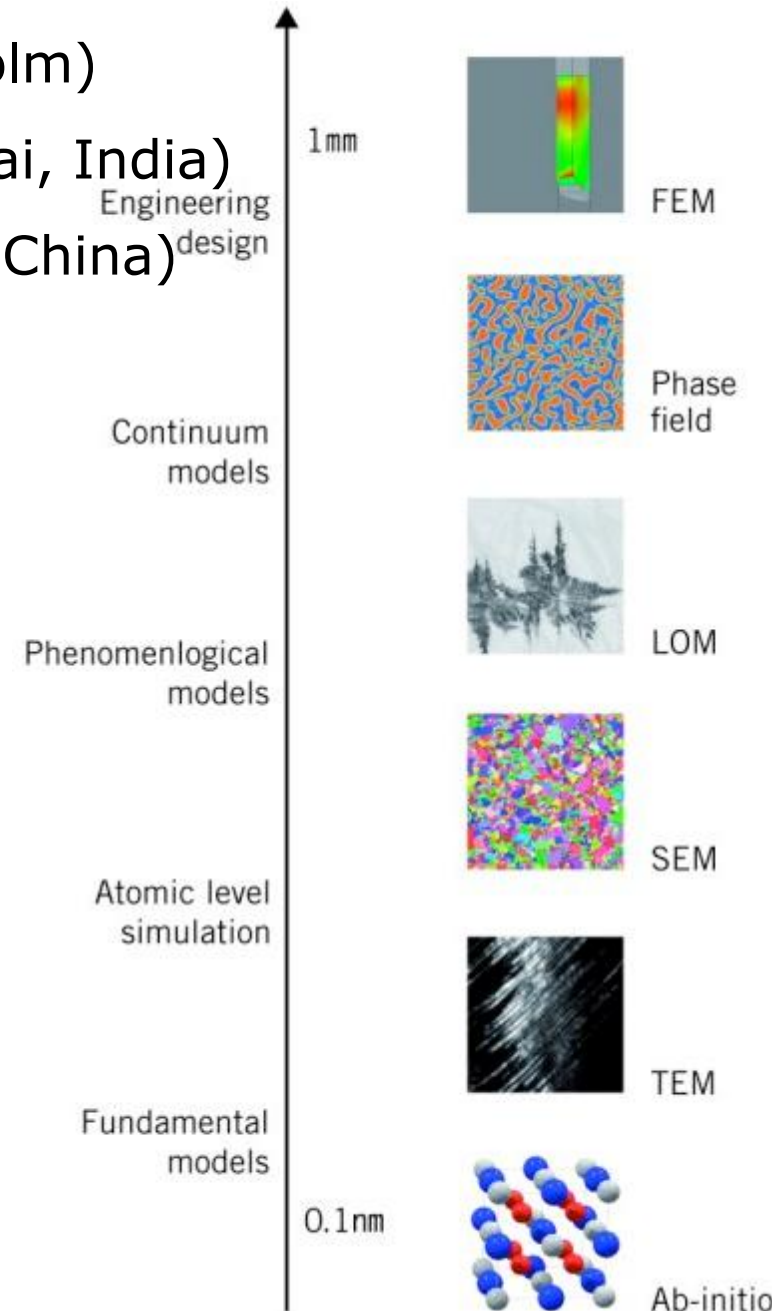
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Case studies: **bcc Ti**

Energy profile along the bcc-to-omega path for Ti

$R_{WS} = 2.90$ bohr

$R_{WS} = 3.05$ bohr

$R_{WS} = 3.20$ bohr

