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and Dr. Manuel Engel - The University of Vienna, Austria***

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# Please Ask Questions!

The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface. At the top, the name 'Shubham Pandey' is visible next to a microphone icon. The top right corner shows the time '15:23:39' and a chat icon. A green callout bubble with the text 'Type your questions here' and an upward-pointing arrow is positioned over the chat icon. The main content area displays a video feed of Shubham Pandey and a shared browser window. The browser window shows a plot titled 'Estimated Error of the Energy' with the following data series:

Simulation time (MD time steps)	Bayesian error of energy (eV/atom)	RMS error of energy (eV/atom)
0	0.16	0.16
200	0.14	0.14
400	0.12	0.12
600	0.10	0.10
800	0.08	0.08
1000	0.06	0.06
1200	0.04	0.04
1400	0.06	0.06
1600	0.08	0.08
1800	0.10	0.10
2000	0.12	0.12

The plot also shows a red line representing the RMS error, which fluctuates significantly between 0.1 and 0.7 eV/atom. The browser window title is 'JobServer Home Summary Jobs Administration Documentation Mpi/desktop-Stagok --v3.18.24100215 2024-10-17 12:36:54'. The bottom of the Zoom interface includes controls for Record, React, Mic, Camera, Share, Leave, and Captions.

# New in VASP

## Electron-Phonon Interactions

**Manuel Engel**



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# Outline

Electron-Phonon Coupling

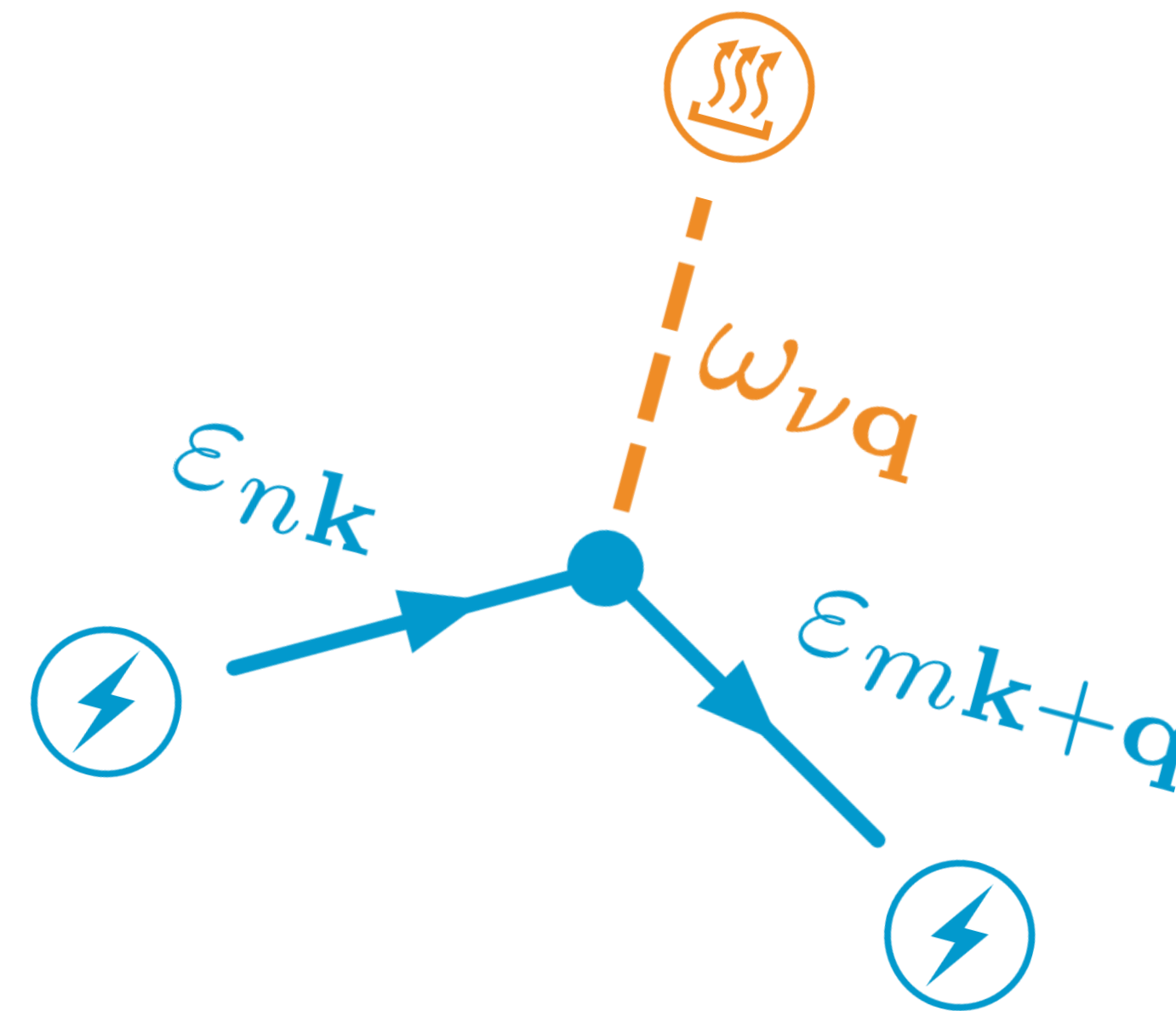
Method and Workflow

Electron Self-Energy

Band-Structure Renormalization

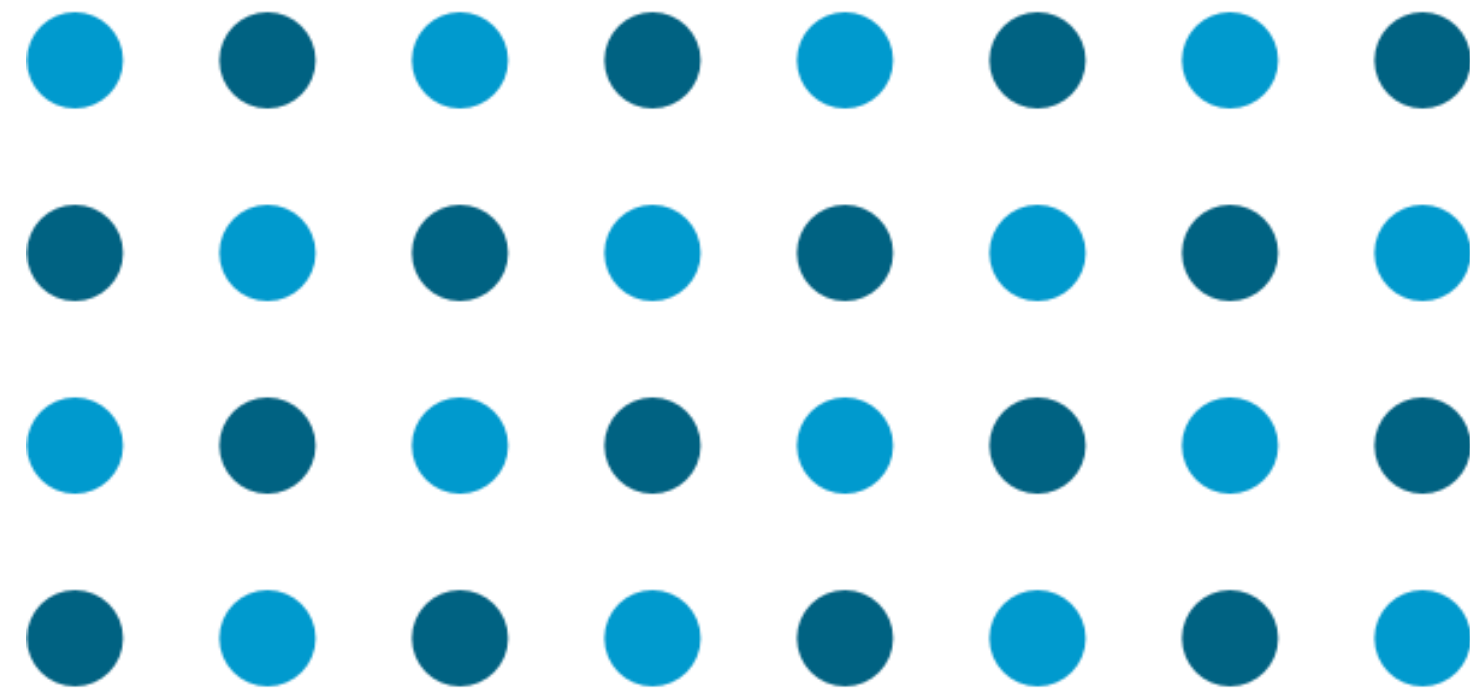
Transport Properties

Features

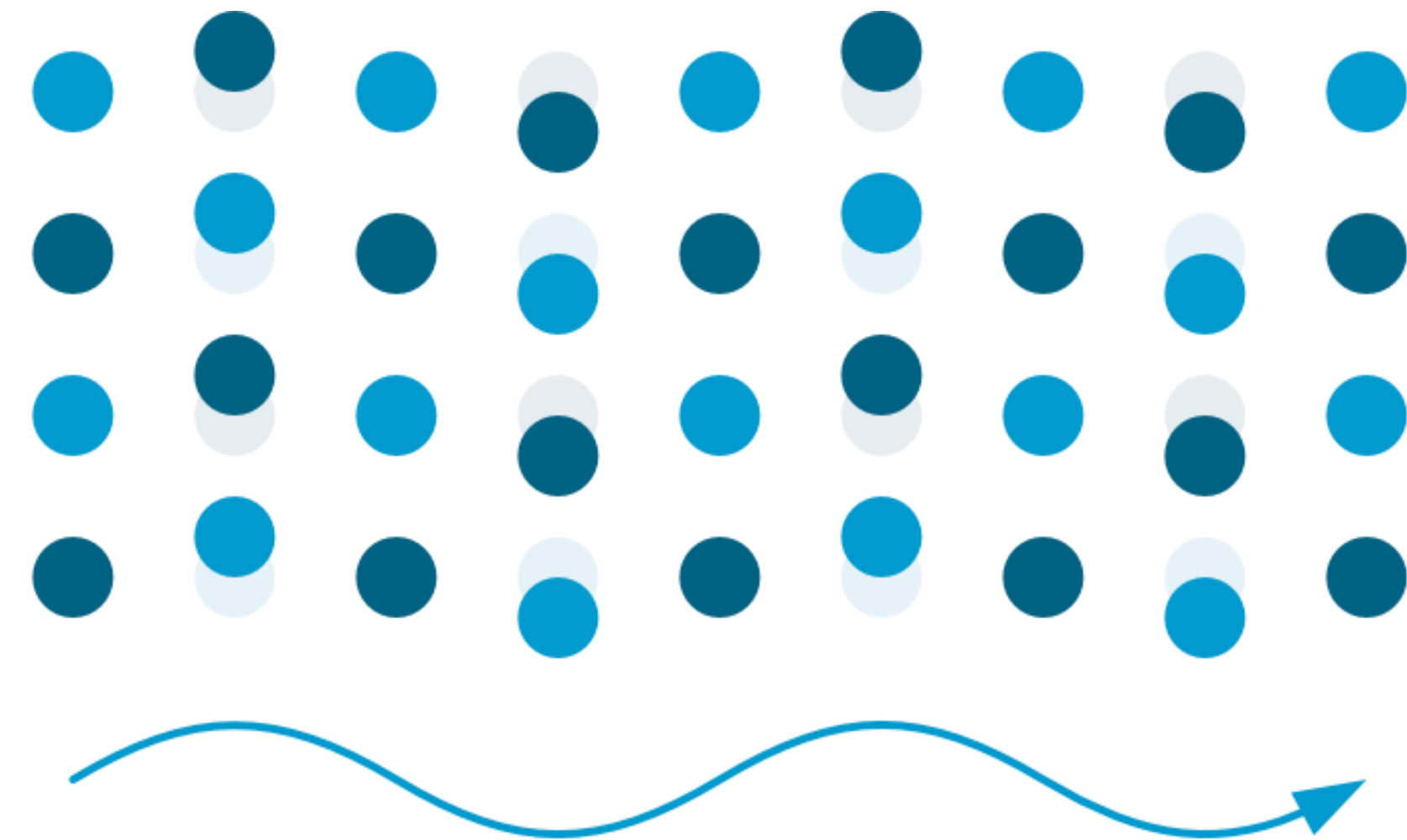


# Phonons

Vibrations in atomic crystal structure



Rigid equilibrium configuration



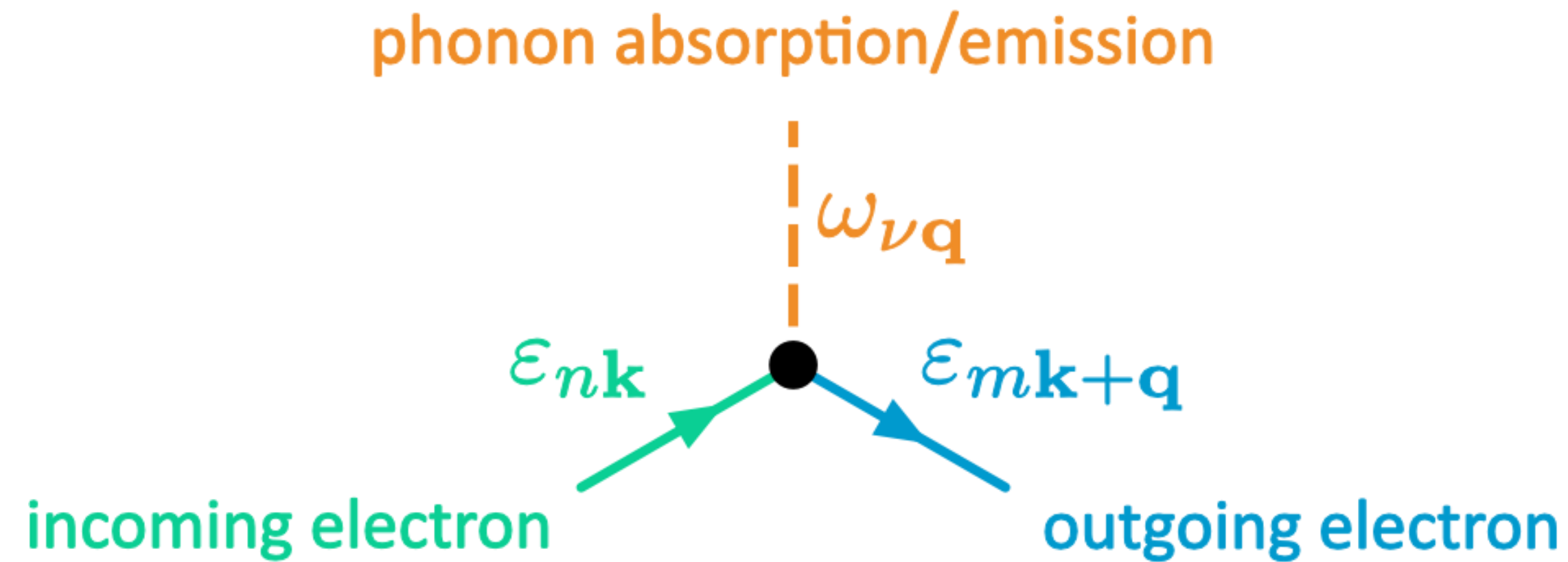
Traveling "phonon" wave carries heat and sound

# Electron-Phonon Interactions



# Electron-Phonon Matrix Elements

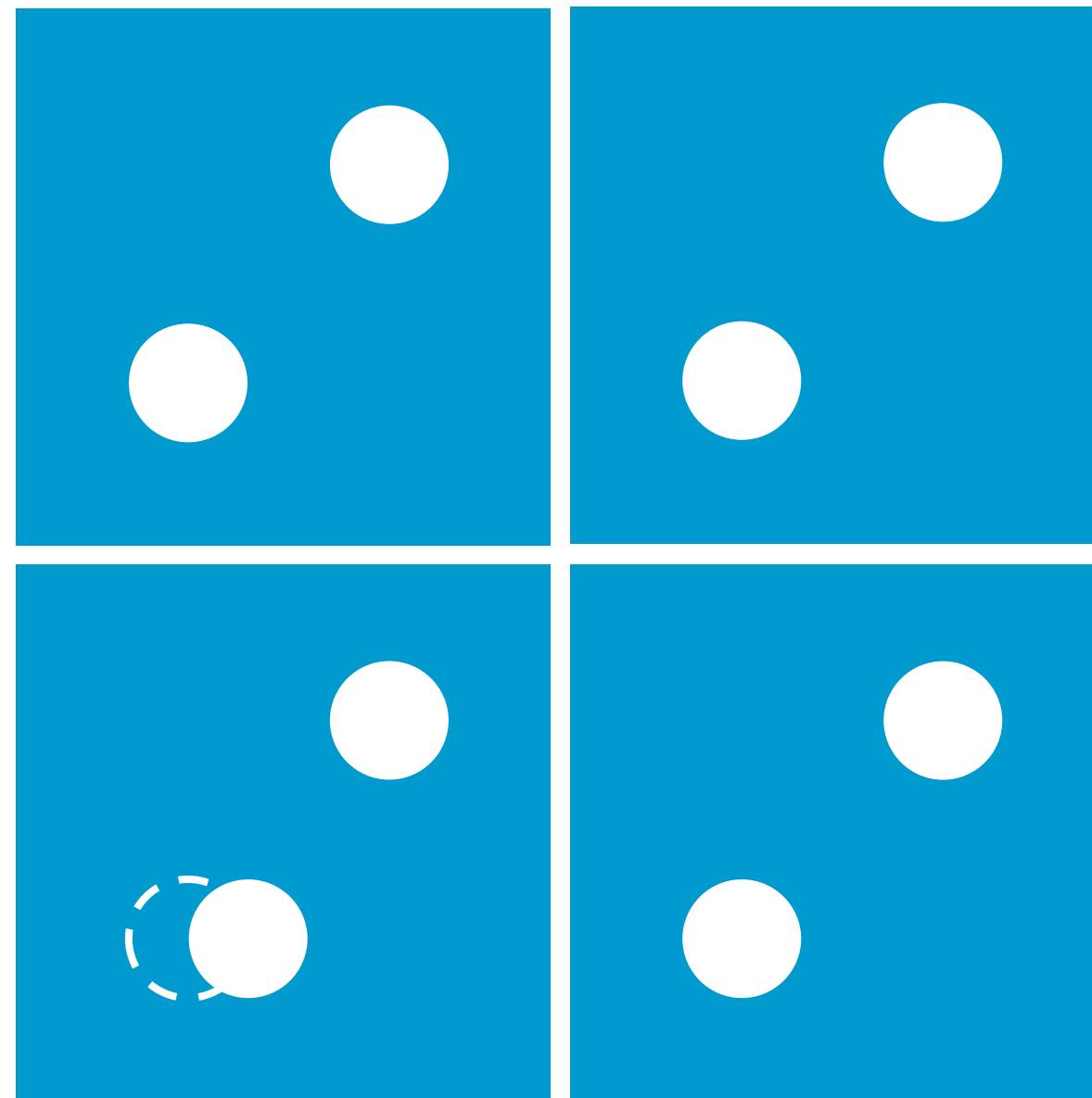
The fundamental building blocks of electron-phonon interactions



$$g_{mn\mathbf{k},\nu\mathbf{q}} \equiv \langle \Psi_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}} | \partial_{\nu\mathbf{q}} \hat{H} | \Psi_{n\mathbf{k}} \rangle$$

# Supercell Method

Supercell



$$\langle \mathbf{r} | \frac{\partial \hat{H}}{\partial \mathbf{u}_{p\kappa}} | \mathbf{r} \rangle = \frac{\partial V_{KS}(\mathbf{r})}{\partial \mathbf{u}_{p\kappa}}$$



Unit cell



Interpolation procedure  
Fast, accurate and robust  
**No Wannier functions required!**

Bloch orbitals obtained **non-self-consistently** in the unit cell

Finite atomic displacements  
We can use **almost any density functional!**

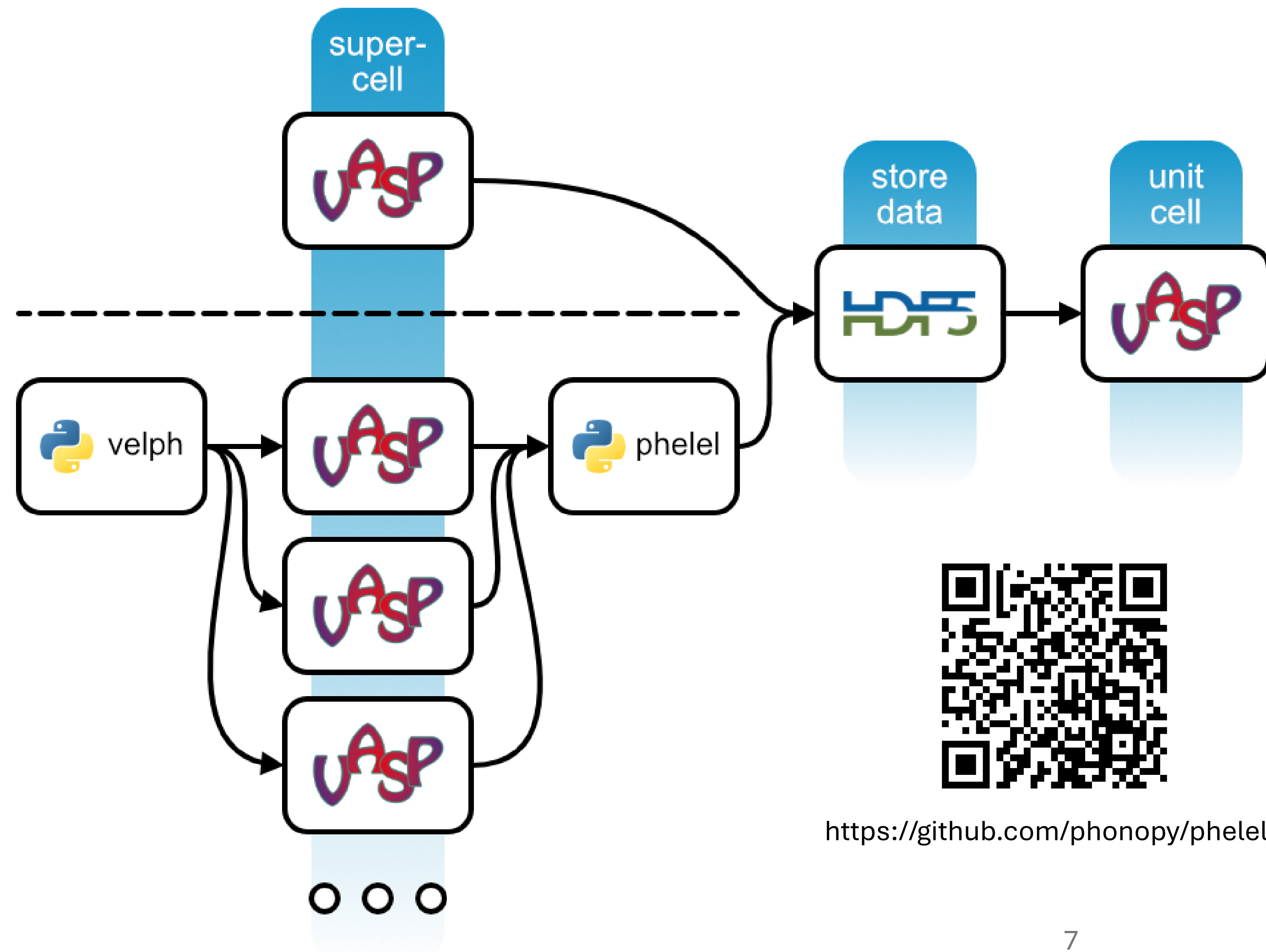
# Powerful Workflows

## Pure VASP workflow

- Uses IBRION=6 for finite displacements
- No external dependencies
- Simple to setup and run

## VASP + python (velph/phelel)

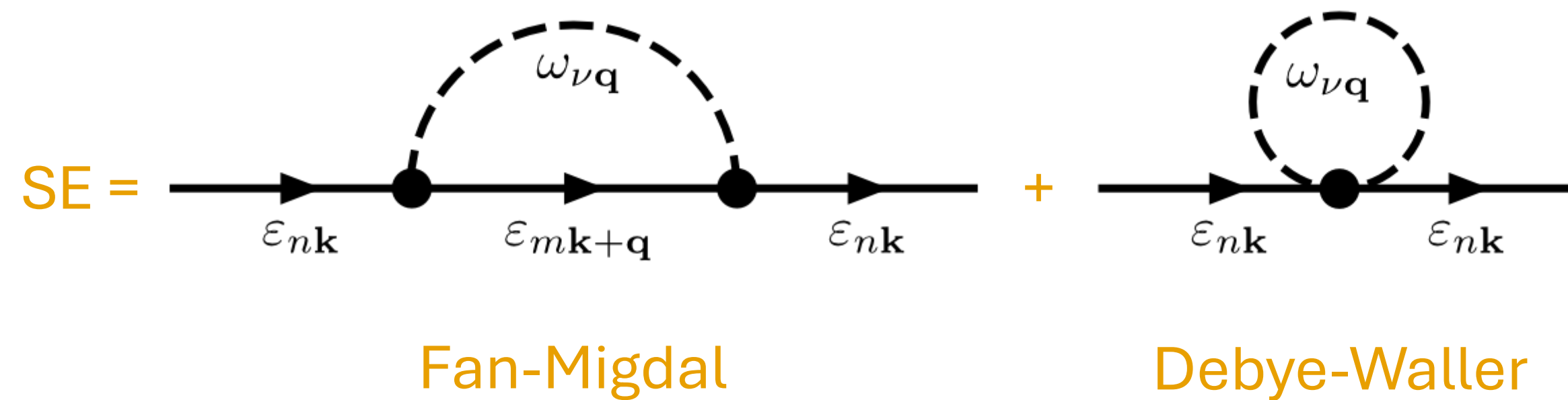
- *velph* sets up calculations
- One VASP calculation per displacement
- *phelel* calculates derivatives
- Maximum flexibility



<https://github.com/phonopy/phelel>

# Electron Self-Energy

Use perturbation theory to calculate self-energy (SE).  
Real part of SE gives renormalization of band structure.



Effect even at zero Kelvin:  
Zero-point renormalization (ZPR)



# ZPR of the Band Gap

Material	ZPR* this work	ZPR* Ref.**	Rel. diff.
AlAs-zb	-74	-74	0.0 %
AlN-w	-377	-399	5.5 %
AlP-zb	-96	-93	3.2 %
BN-zb	-402	-406	1.0 %
BaO-rs	-277	-271	2.2 %
C-dia	-323	-330	2.1 %
CaO-rs	-357	-341	4.7 %
CdS-zb	-67	-70	4.3 %
CdSe-zb	-29	-34	14.7 %
CdTe-zb	-19	-20	5.0 %
GaN-w	-171	-189	9.5 %
GaN-zb	-163	-176	7.4 %
GaP-zb	-61	-65	6.2 %

Material	ZPR* this work	ZPR* Ref.**	Rel. diff.
Li2O	-569	-573	0.7 %
LiF-rs	-1231		
MgO-rs	-533	-524	1.7 %
Si-dia	-57	-56	1.8 %
SiC-zb	-175	-179	2.2 %
SiO2-t	-583	-585	0.3 %
SnO2-t	-232	-215	7.9 %
SrO-rs	-323	-326	0.9 %
TiO2-t	-349	-337	3.6 %
ZnO-w	-175	-157	10.2 %
ZnS-zb	-88	-88	0.0 %
ZnSe-zb	-43	-44	2.3 %

← huge ZPR  
> 1eV

\* ZPR in meV

# Long-Range Electrostatic Effects

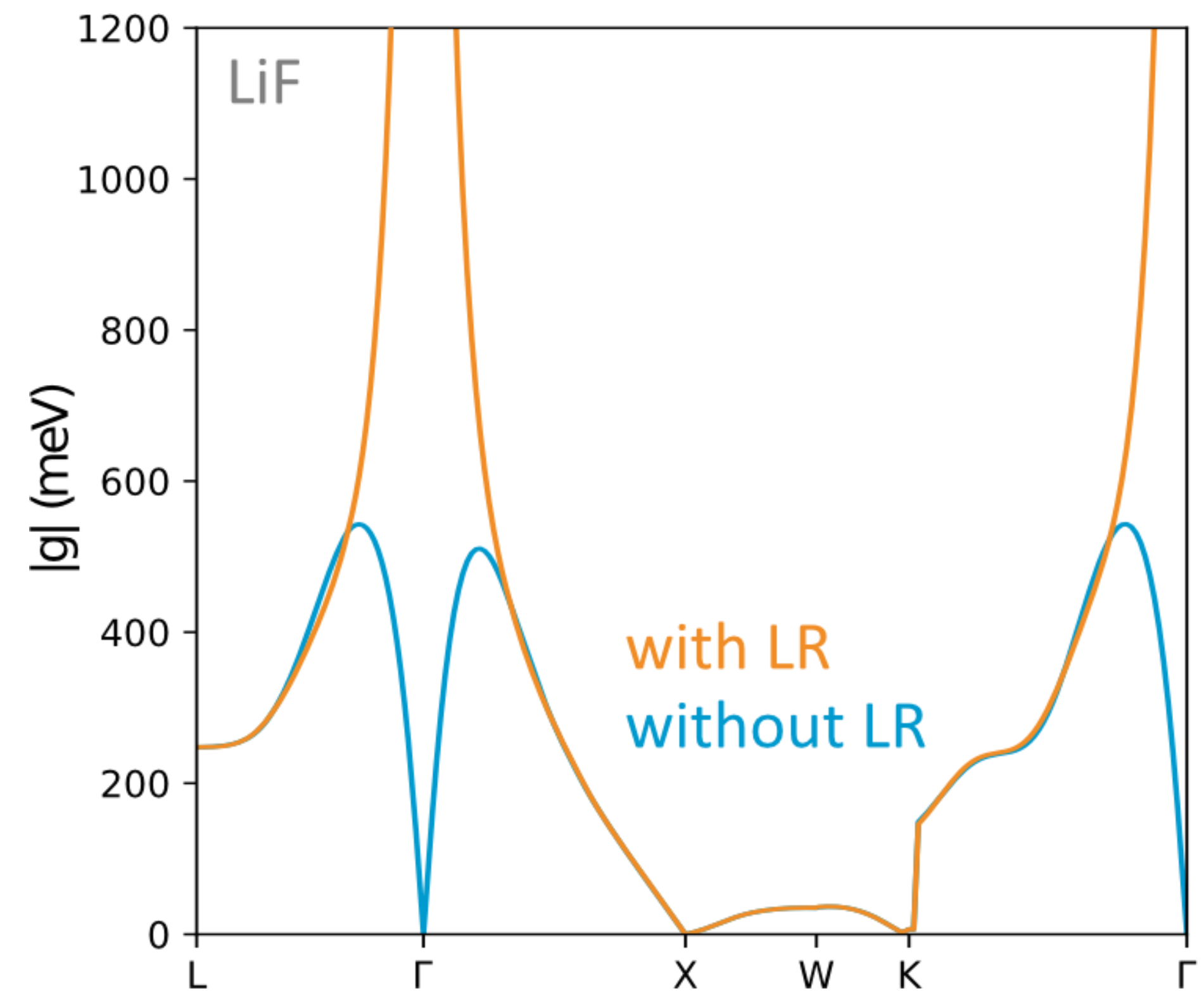
Electron-phonon matrix elements corresponding to LO phonon modes diverge in polar materials.

Requires proper treatment of long-range (LR) components of matrix elements (dipole interaction).

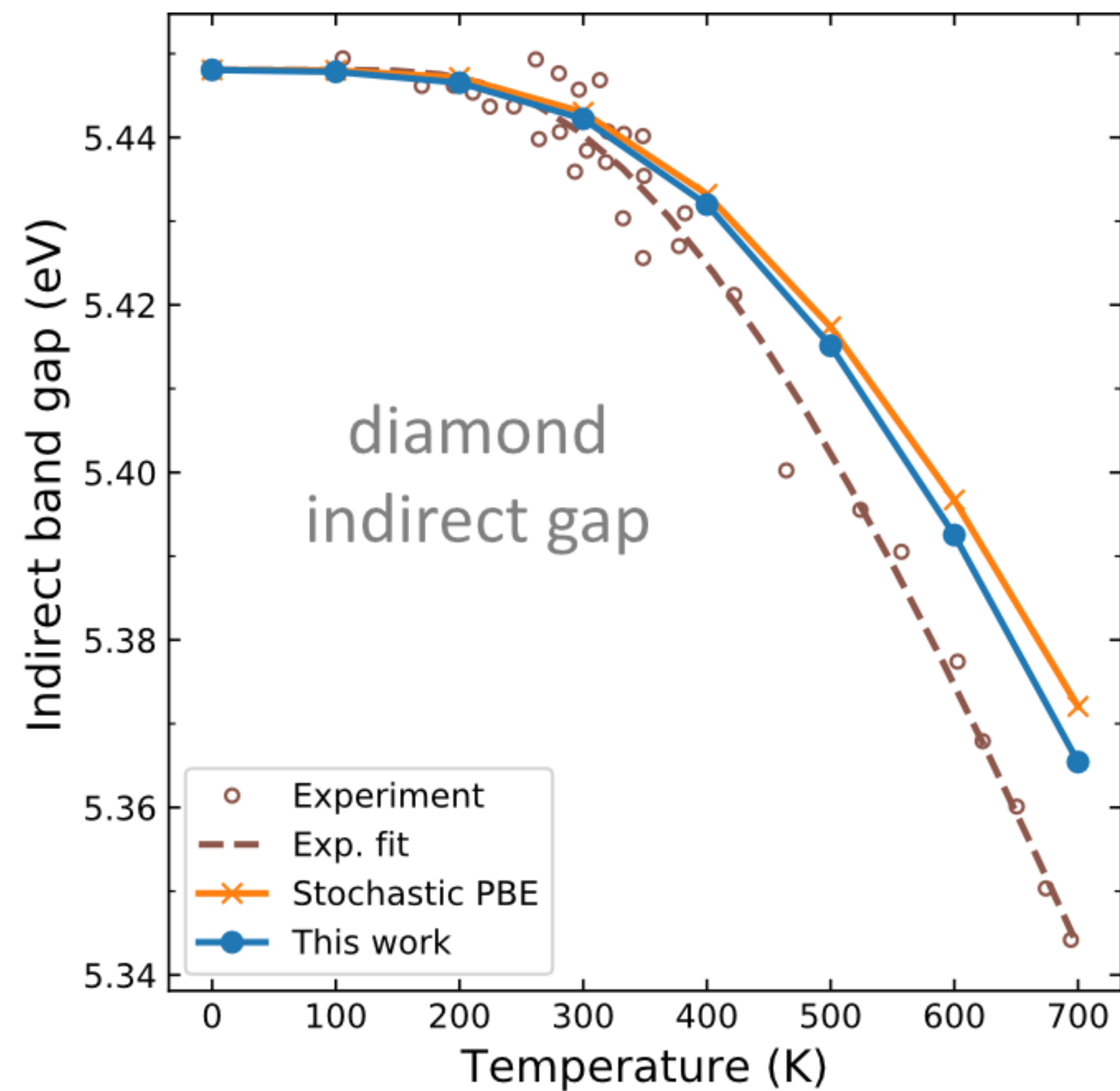
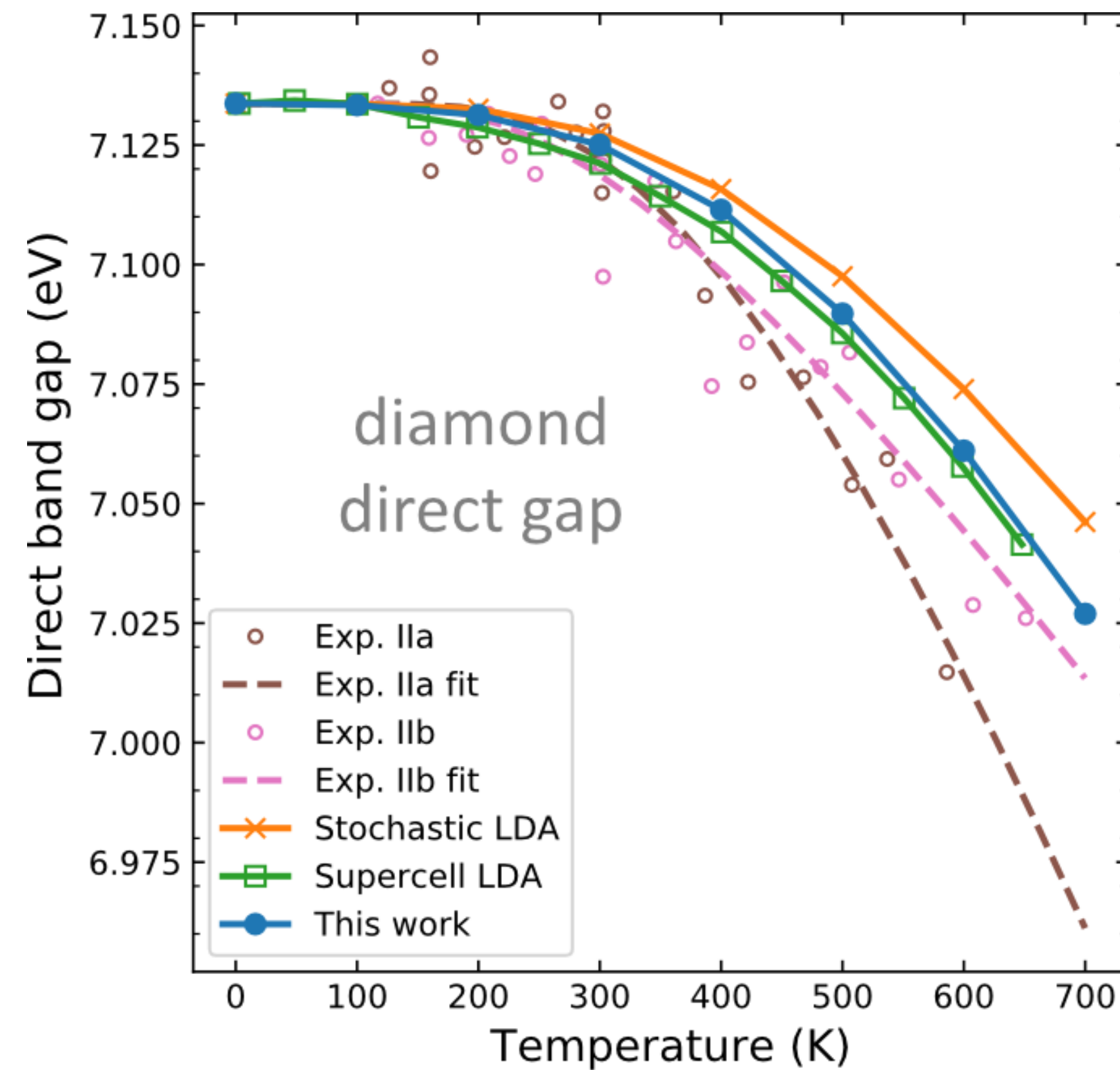
$$g_{mn\mathbf{k},\nu\mathbf{q}}^{\text{LR}} \equiv i \frac{4\pi}{V_{\text{pc}}} \sum_{\kappa} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m_{\kappa}\omega_{\nu\mathbf{q}}}} \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{G} \neq -\mathbf{q} \\ \mathbf{K} \equiv \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{G}}}^{\text{pc}} \frac{\mathbf{K}^{\text{T}} \mathbf{Z}_{\kappa}^{\star} \mathbf{e}_{\kappa,\nu\mathbf{q}}}{\mathbf{K}^{\text{T}} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}^{\infty} \mathbf{K}} \times \langle \psi_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}} | e^{i\mathbf{K} \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{r}} - \boldsymbol{\tau}_{\kappa})} | \psi_{n\mathbf{k}} \rangle$$

$\mathbf{Z}_{\kappa}^{\star}$  ... Born effective-charge tensor

$\boldsymbol{\epsilon}^{\infty}$  ... Ion-clamped static dielectric tensor



# Temperature-dependent Band Gap



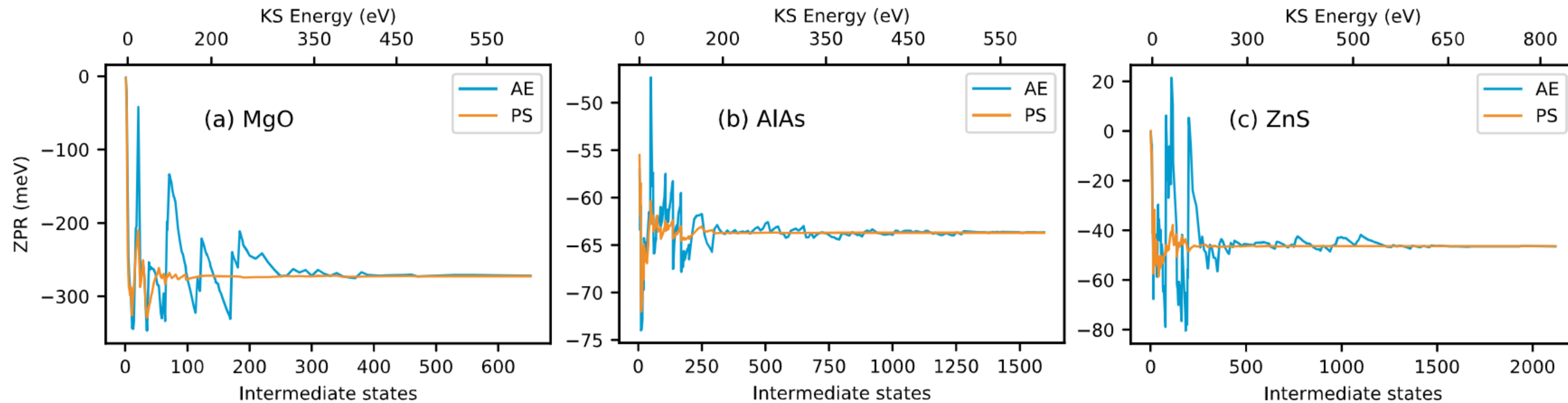
# PAW Method

Projector-augmented-wave (PAW) method in VASP

- Fast
- Accurate
- Robust

PAW advantages extend to electron-phonon coupling:

- ZPR converges fast with **pseudo (PS)** approach
- **All-electron (AE)** approach available for other observables

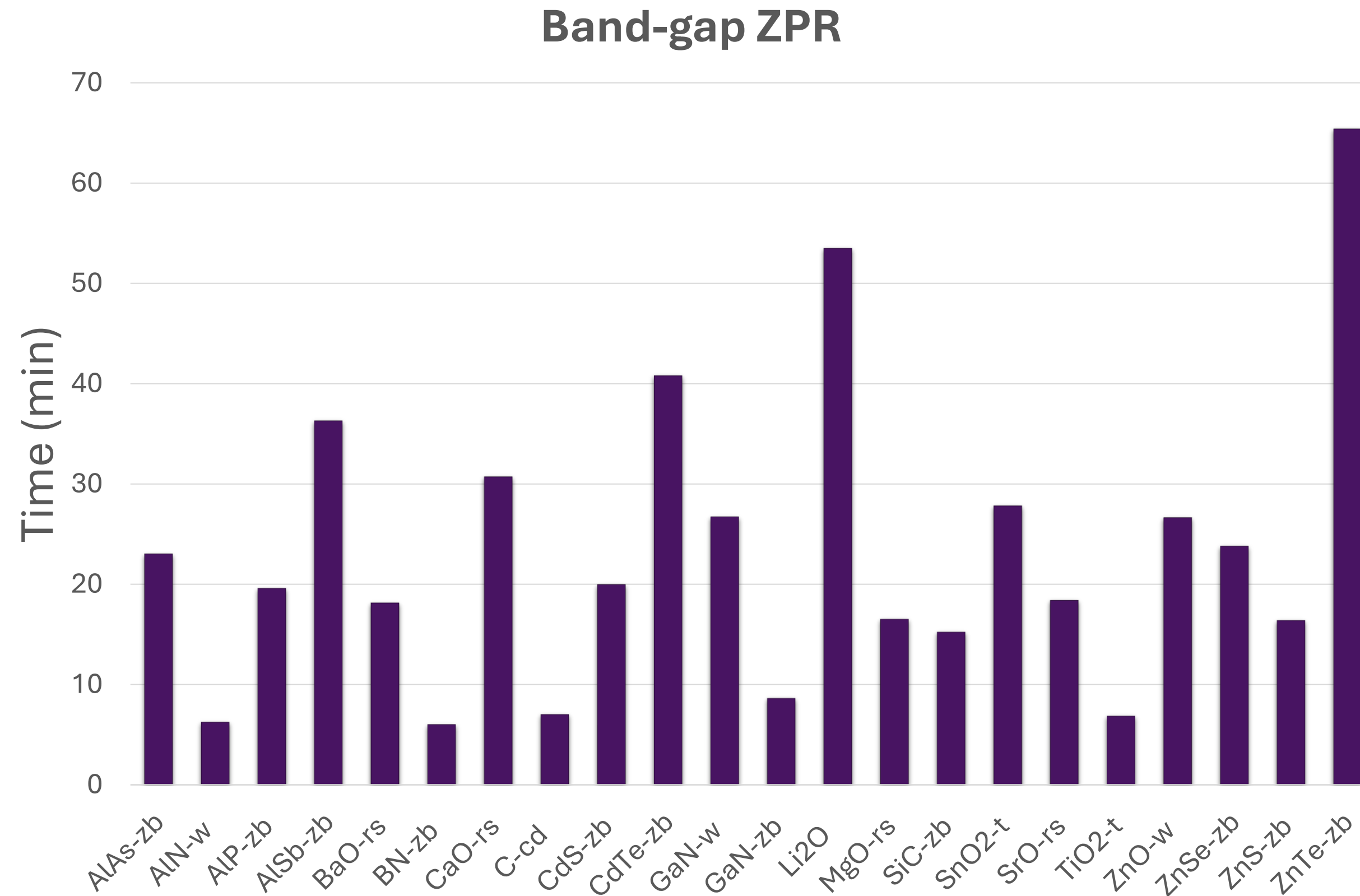


L. Chaput, A. Togo, and I. Tanaka, Phys. Rev. B 100, 174304 (2019)

M. Engel, M. Marsman, C. Franchini, and G. Kresse, Phys. Rev. B 101, 184302 (2020)

M. Engel, H. Miranda, L. Chaput, *et al.*, Phys. Rev. B 106, 094316 (2022)

# ZPR Performance







On average per calculation:

- 520 bands
- 230000 k-points
- 128 CPU cores
- 24 minutes

**Total ~8.5 hours**

**One machine, one workday**

# Transport Properties

	$\sigma \equiv \mathcal{L}^{(0)}$	Electrical conductivity
	$\Pi \equiv \frac{1}{e} \frac{\mathcal{L}^{(1)}}{\mathcal{L}^{(0)}}$	Peltier coefficient
	$S \equiv \frac{1}{eT} \frac{\mathcal{L}^{(1)}}{\mathcal{L}^{(0)}}$	Seebeck coefficient
	$k_e \equiv \frac{1}{e^2 T} \left[ \frac{(\mathcal{L}^{(1)})^2}{\mathcal{L}^{(0)}} - \mathcal{L}^{(2)} \right]$	Charge-carrier contribution to thermal conductivity

Obtained from the generalized transport coefficients,  $\mathcal{L}_{\alpha\beta}^{(m)}$ :

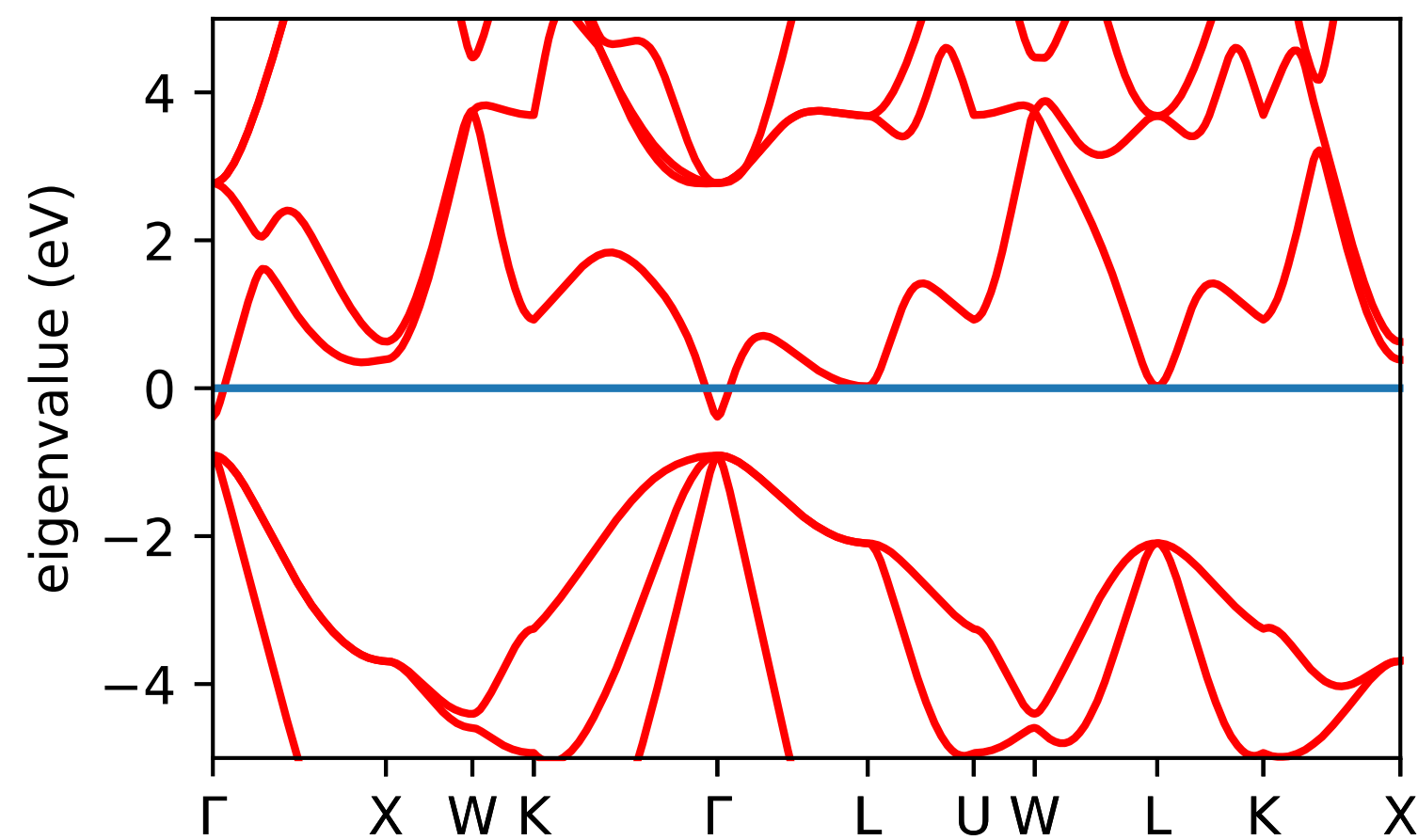
$$\mathcal{L}_{\alpha\beta}^{(m)}(T) = - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\epsilon \mathcal{T}_{\alpha\beta}(\epsilon, T) (\epsilon - \epsilon_F)^m \frac{\partial f(\epsilon - \epsilon_F, T)}{\partial \epsilon}$$

$$\mathcal{T}_{\alpha\beta}(\epsilon, T) = e^2 \sum_n \int \frac{d\mathbf{k}}{\Omega_{\text{BZ}}} v_{n\mathbf{k}\alpha} v_{n\mathbf{k}\beta} \tau_{n\mathbf{k}}(T) \delta(\epsilon - \epsilon_{n\mathbf{k}})$$

Relaxation time,  $\tau_{n\mathbf{k}}$ , can be obtained from electron self-energy

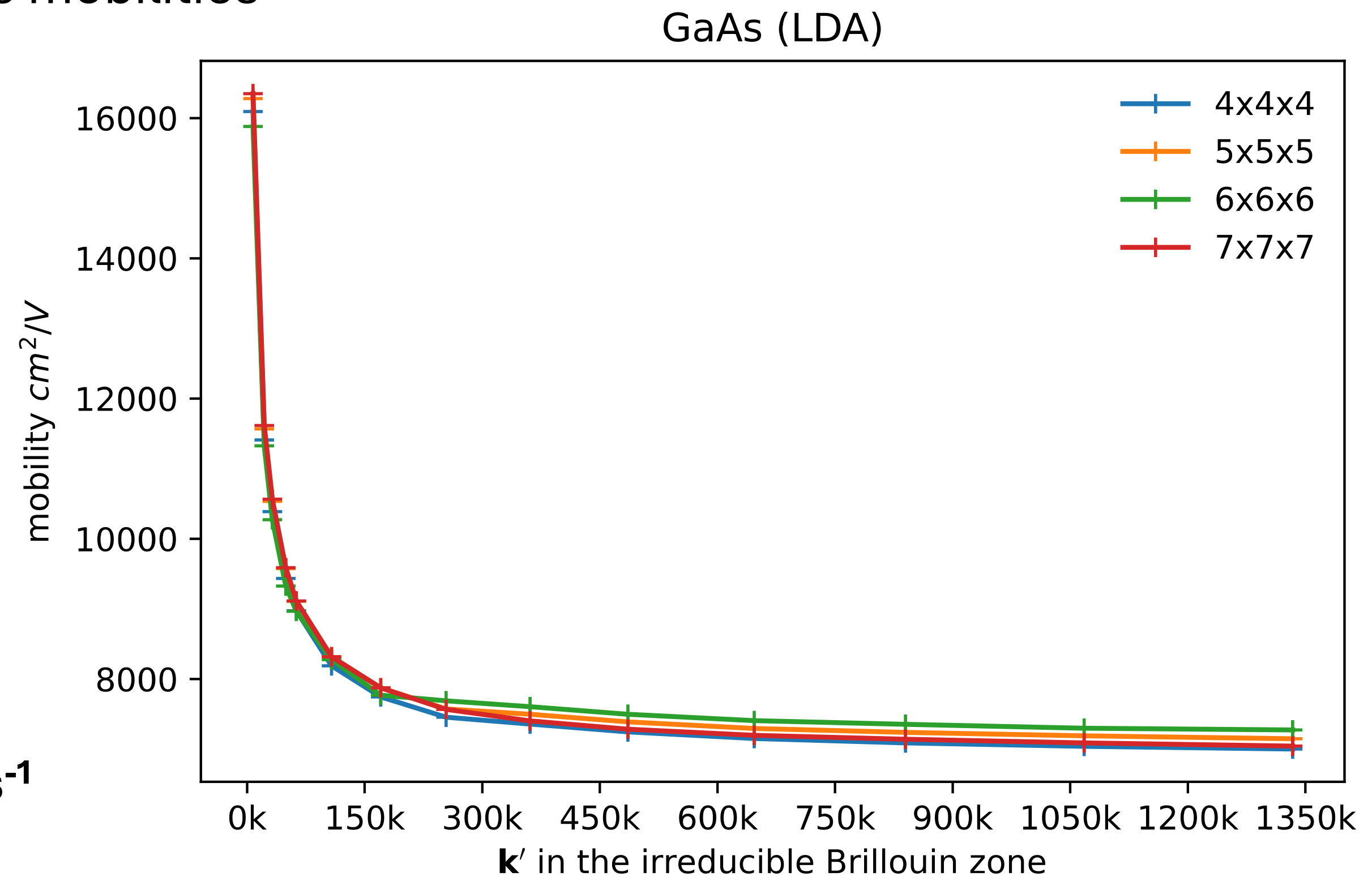
# Electron Mobility in GaAs

GaAs requires very dense k-point meshes to converge  
**However:** We can choose only a small energy window around chemical potential to calculate mobilities



VASP: **7045 cm<sup>2</sup>V<sup>-1</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>**

Exp. between **7000** and **12000 cm<sup>2</sup>V<sup>-1</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>**



# Features - Overview

## Included in the upcoming release

- Electron self-energy
  - Renormalization of the electronic band structure
  - Band-gap renormalization
  - Electron lifetimes or linewidths
  - Electronic transport properties
- Spin-orbit coupling
- Efficient parallelization
  - Over bands (with memory distribution option)
  - Over k-points
- HDF5 + py4vasp support
- Flexible input via accumulators

## Coming in a future update

- Phonon self-energy
- Superconductivity
- GPU support
- Wannier interpolation
- metaGGA and hybrids
- ...





# VASP: Present and Future

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A stylized logo for VASP, with the letters 'V', 'A', and 'S' in purple and 'P' in red, all with a green outline.

## Outline



Total energies

Electronic structure

Machine learned force fields

Outlook

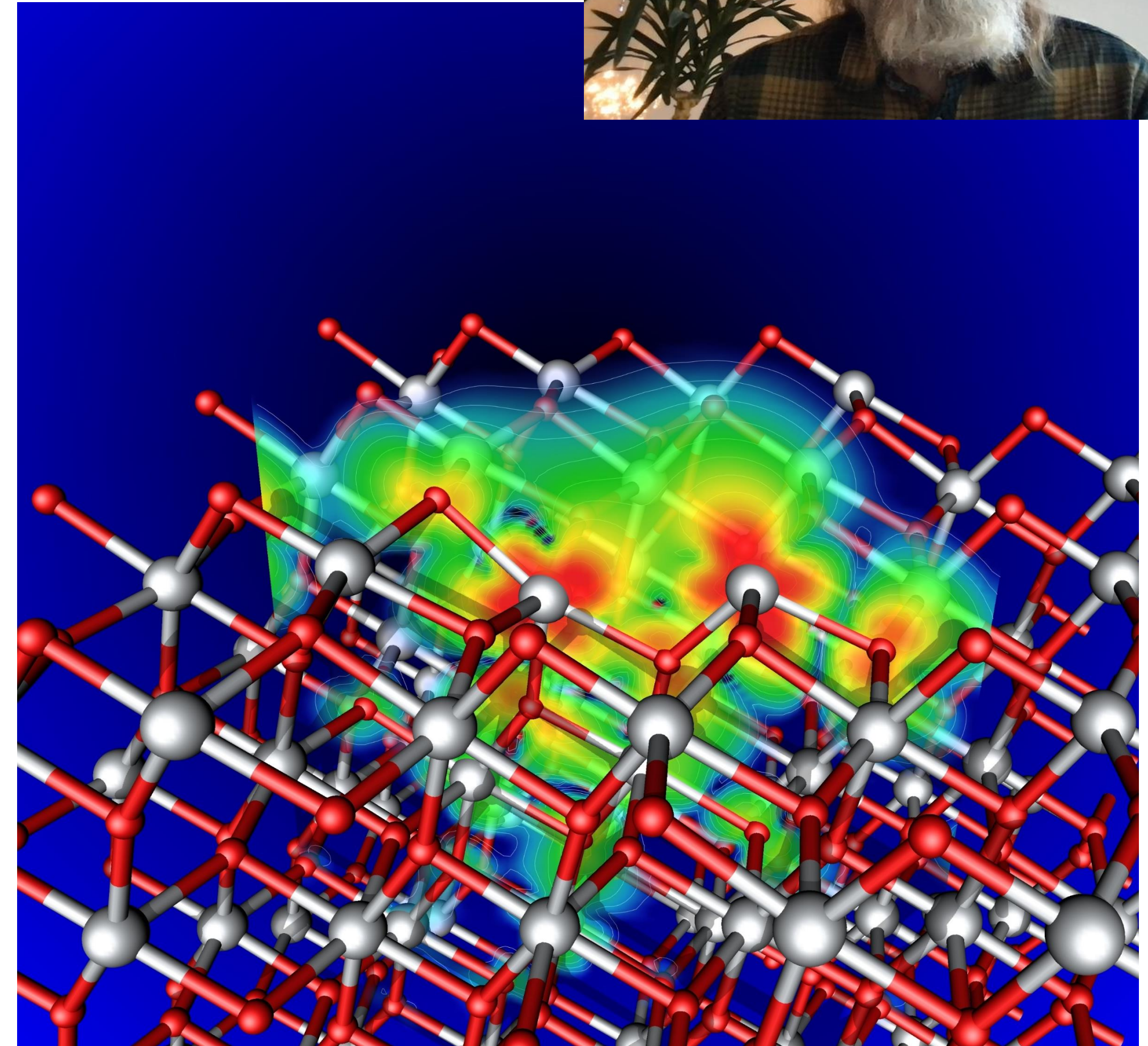
# Vienna *Ab initio* Simulation Package (VASP)

Electronic structure from first principles:

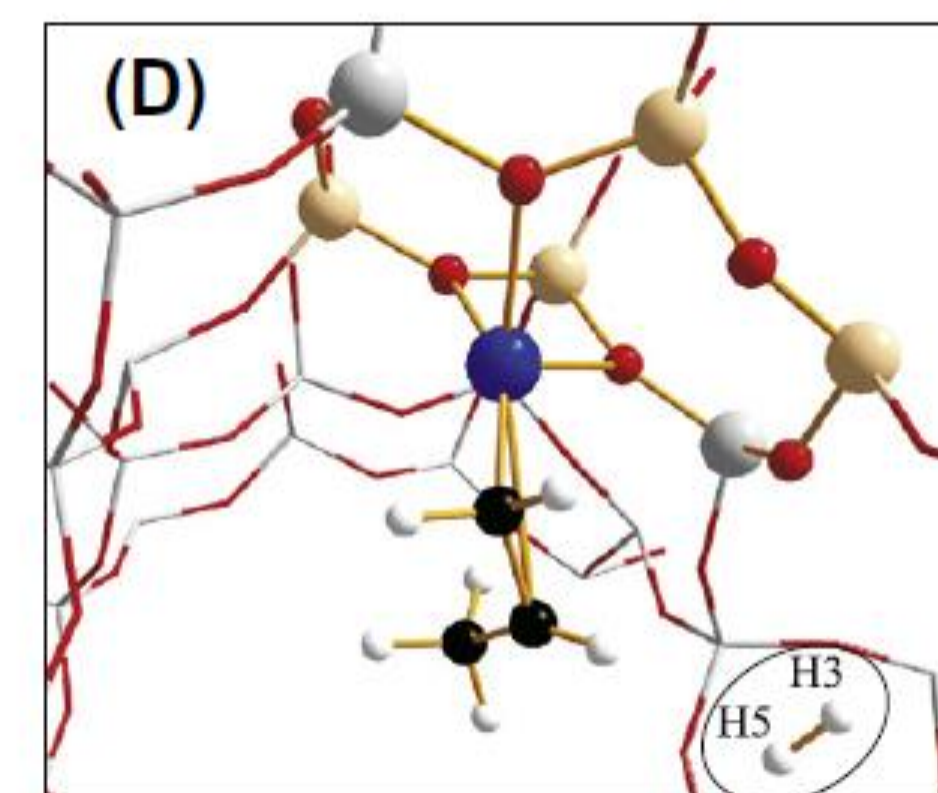
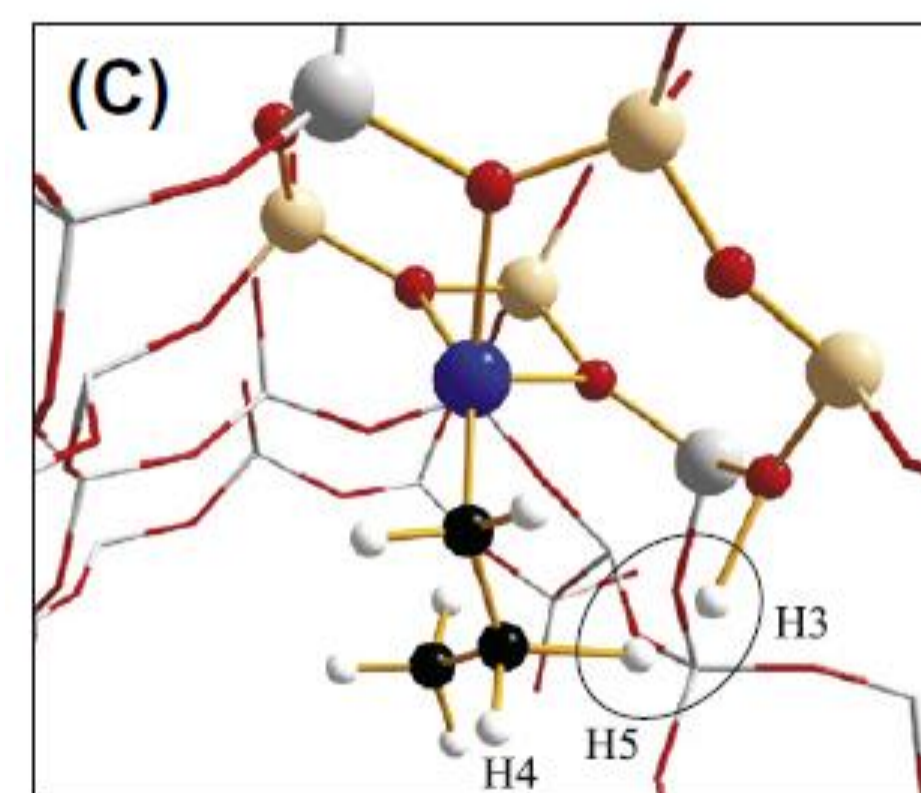
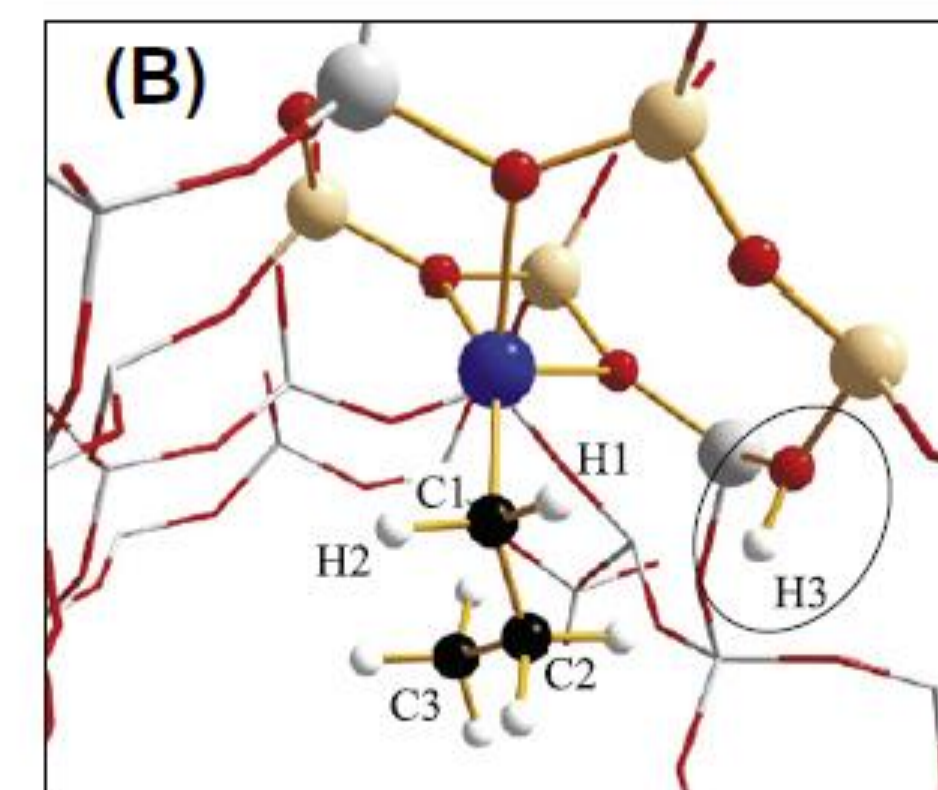
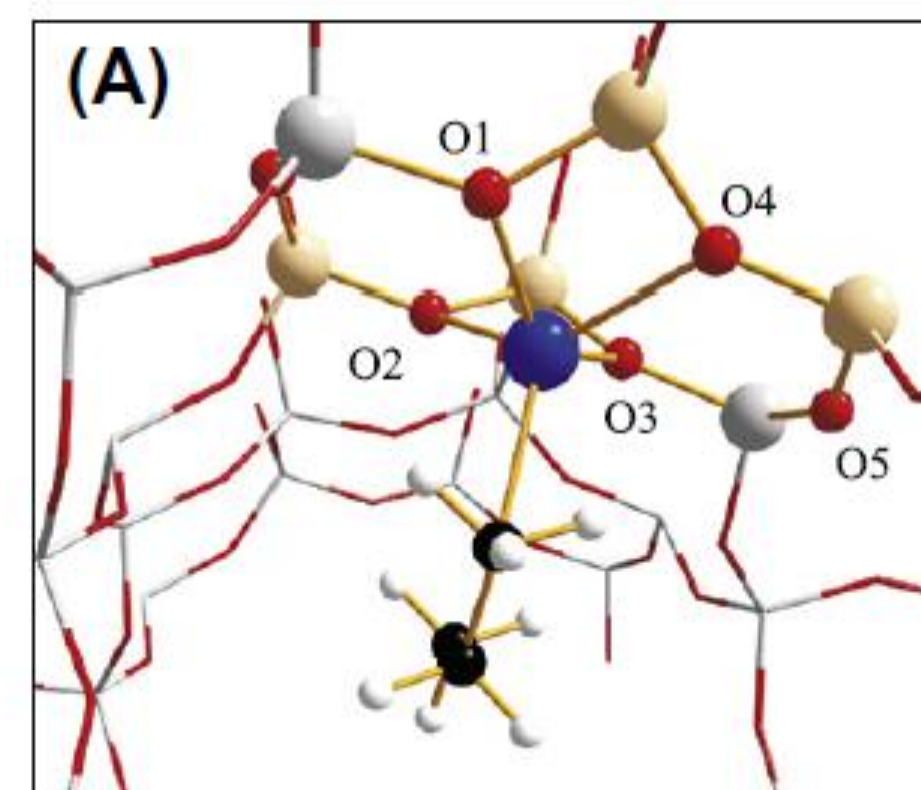
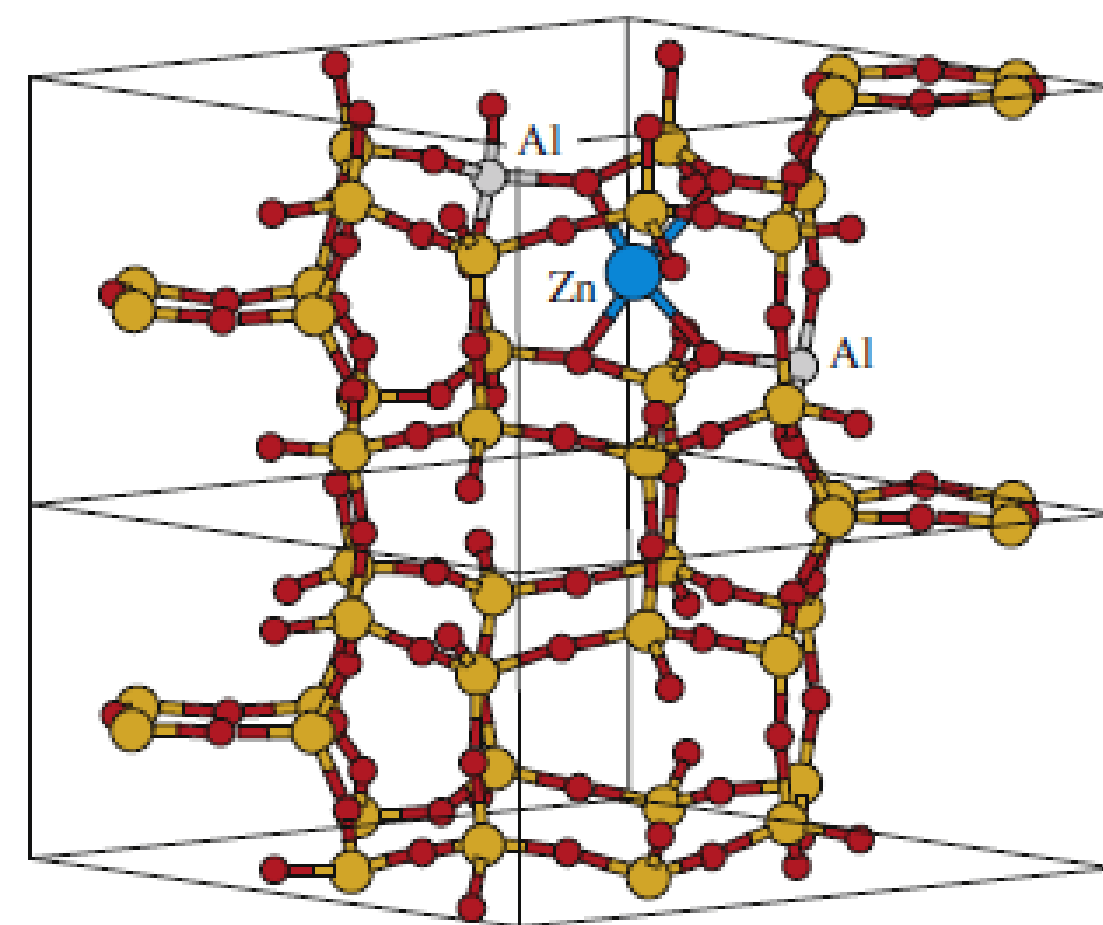
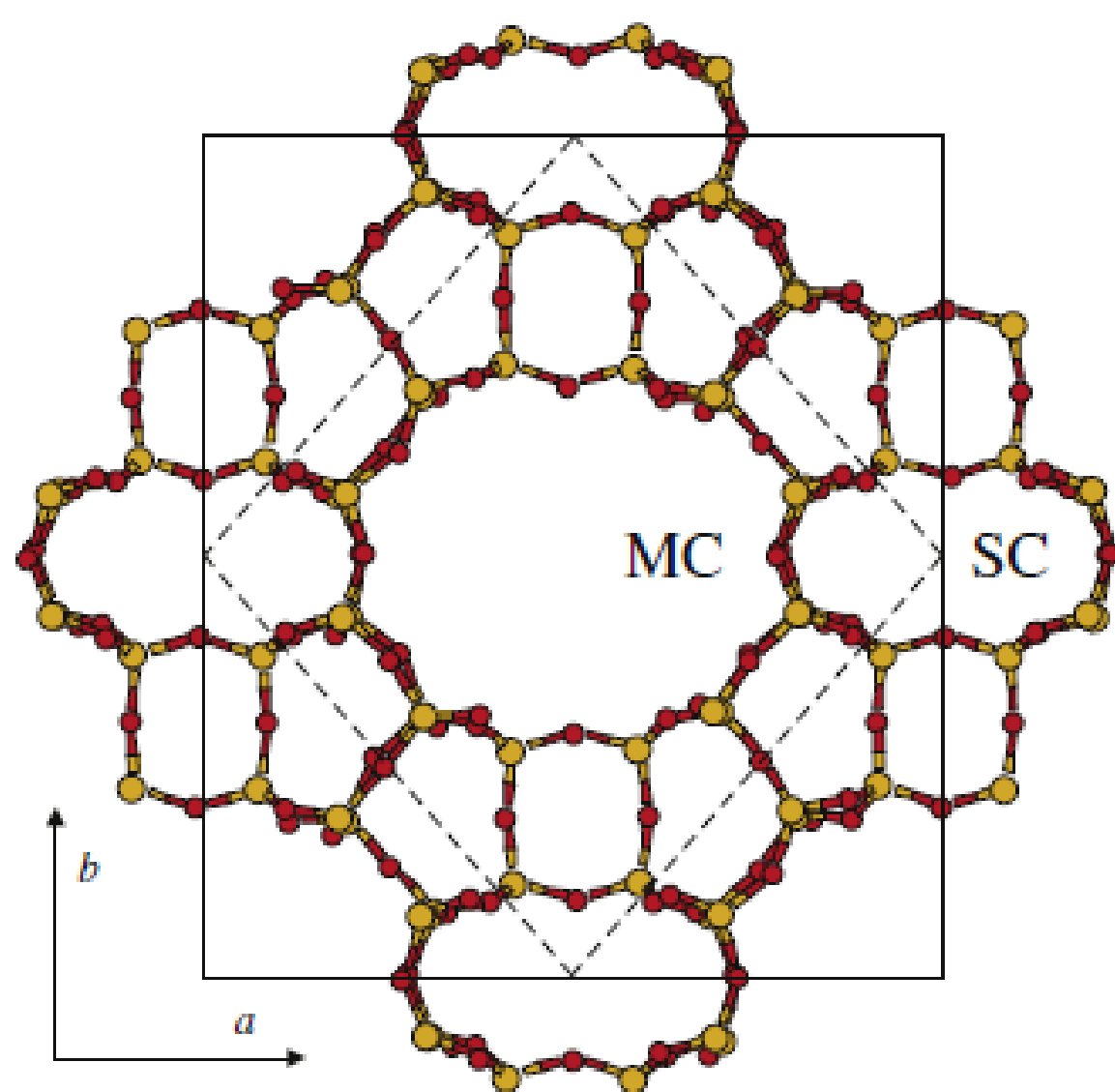
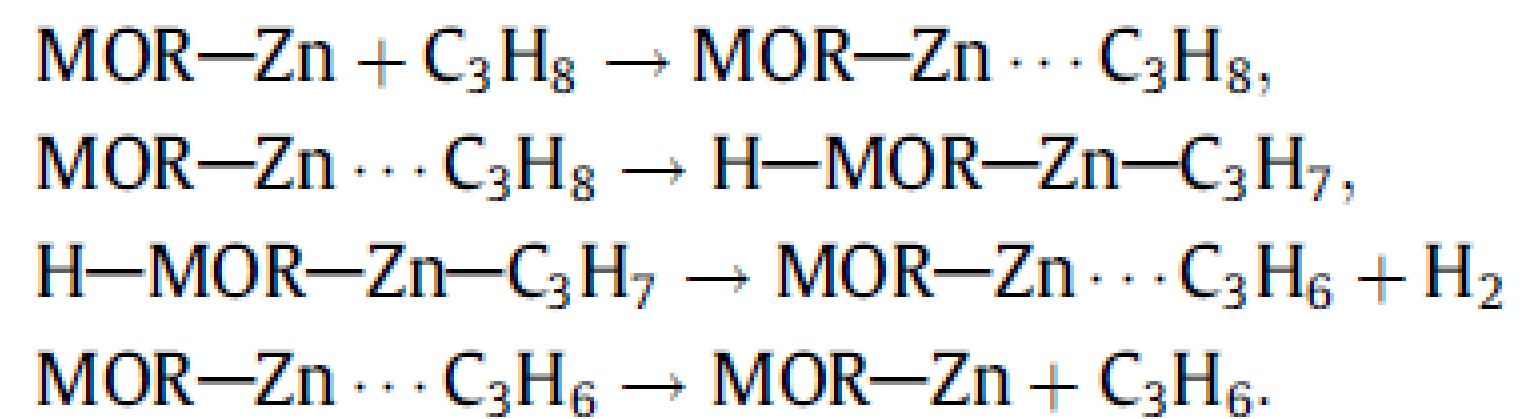
$$\hat{H}\Psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N) = E\Psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N)$$

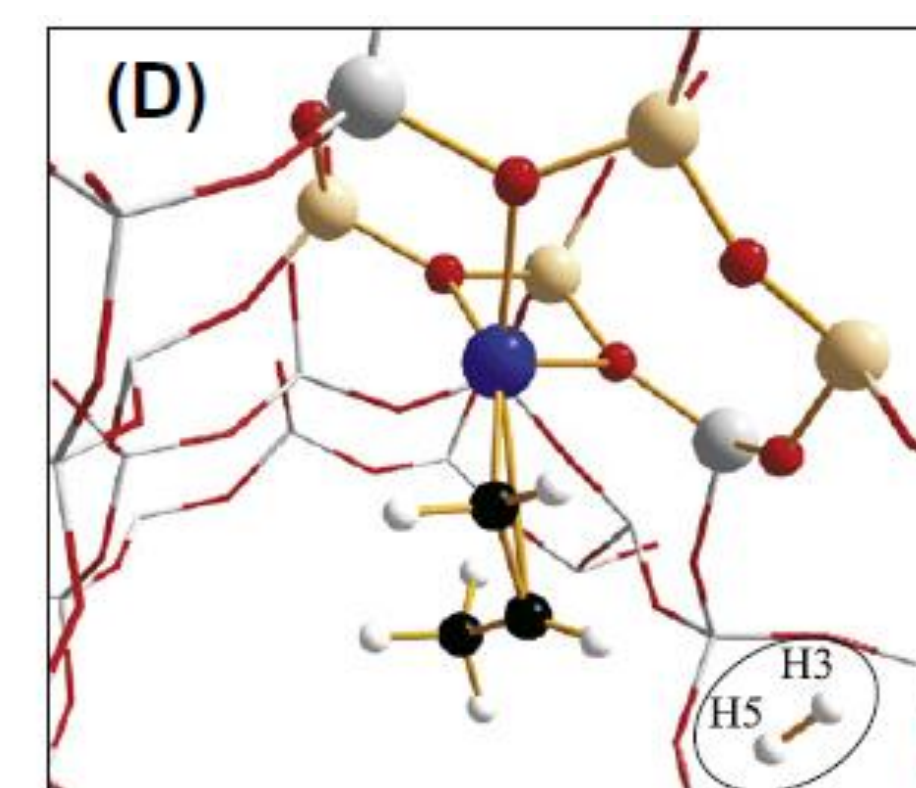
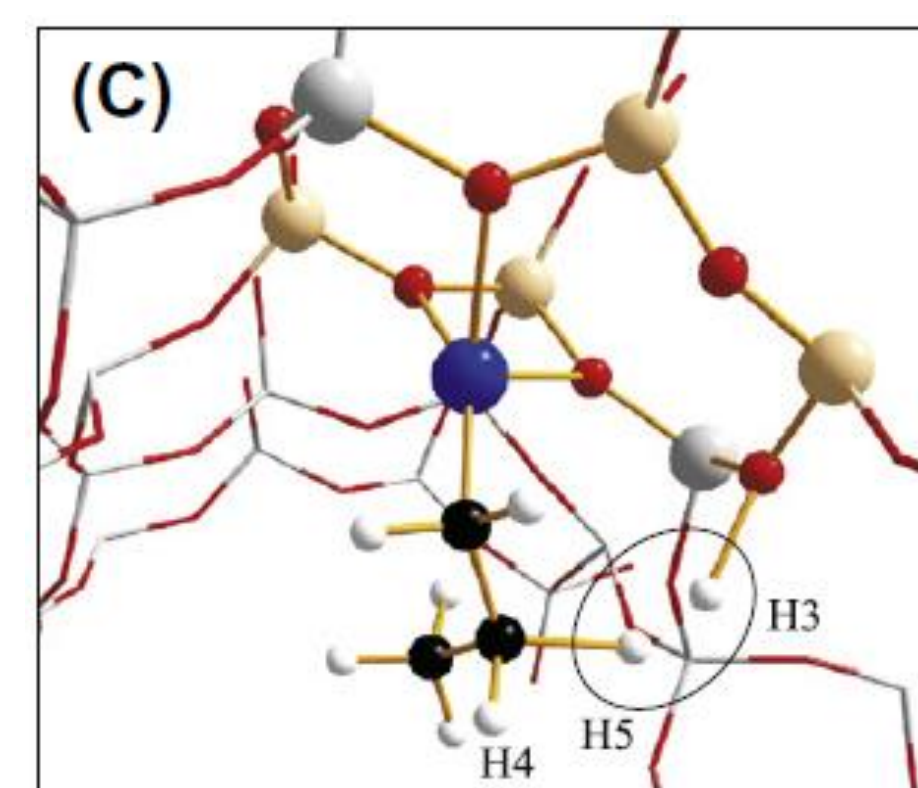
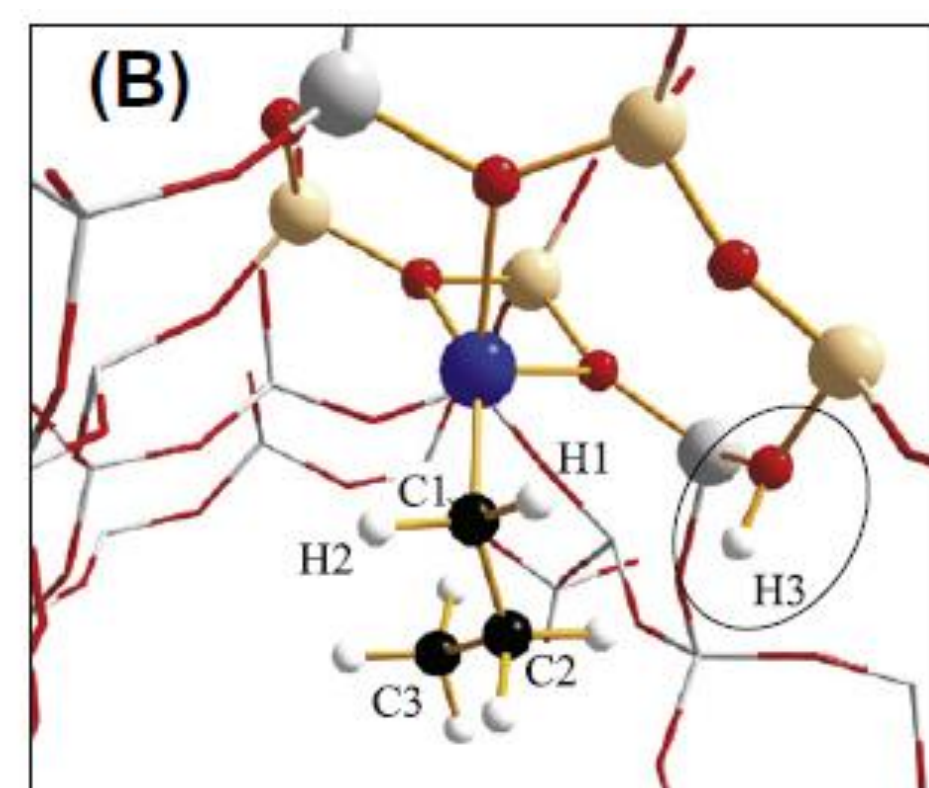
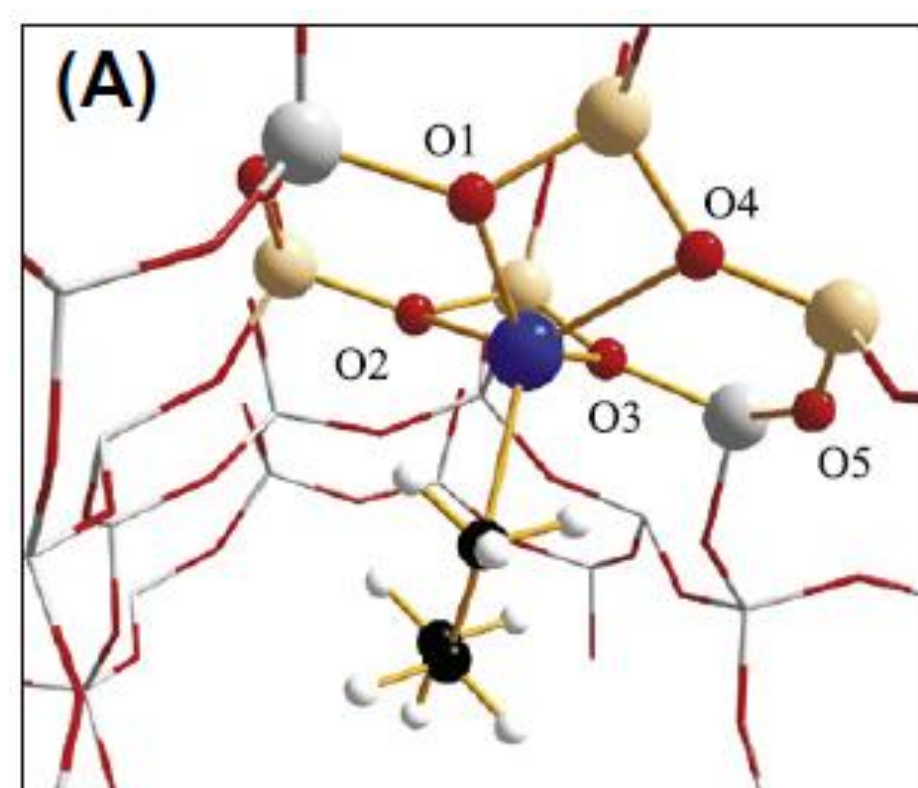
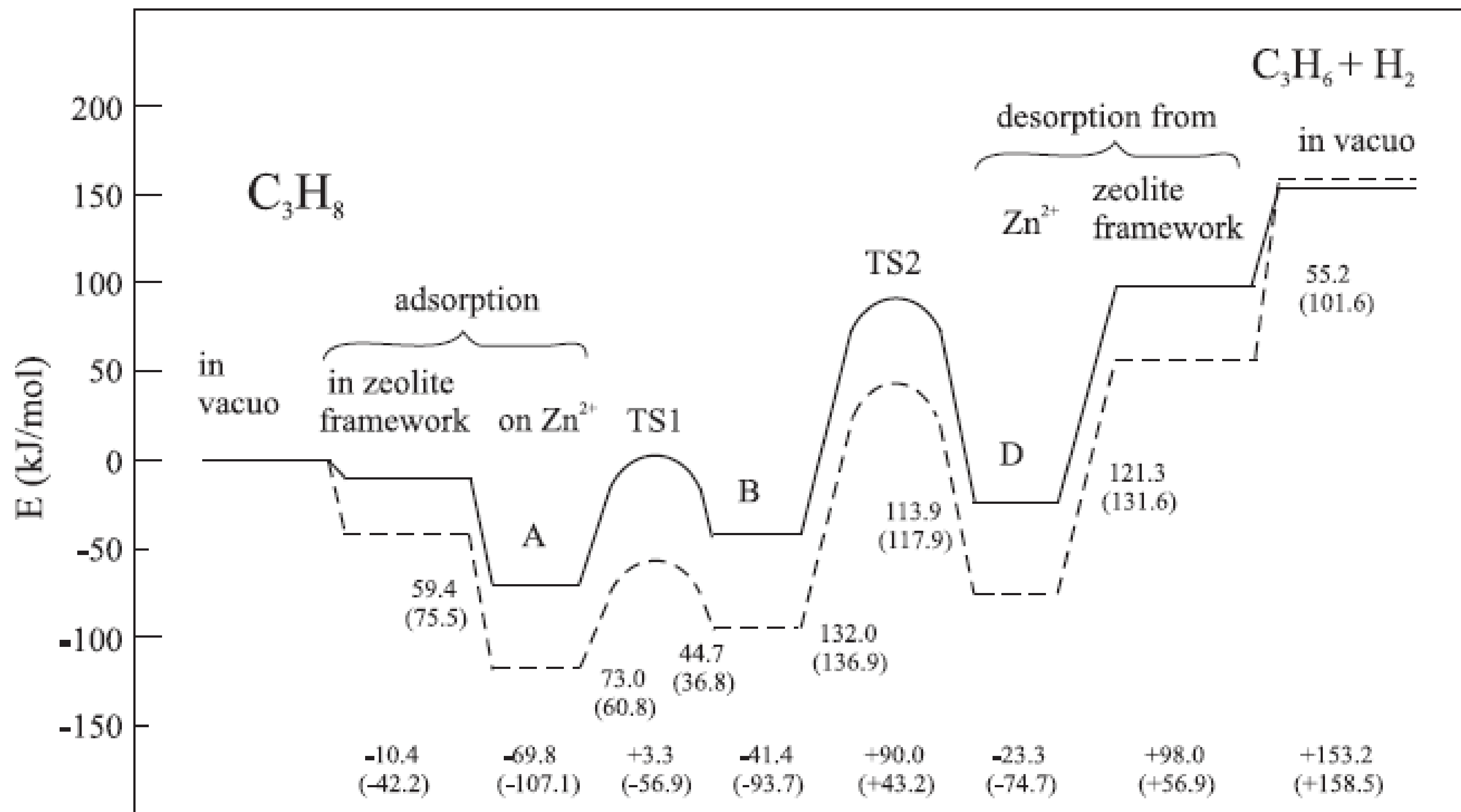
Approximations:

- Density Functional Theory (DFT)
- Hartree-Fock/DFT-HF hybrid functionals
- RPA: ACFDT and *GW*
- BSE
  
- 3500+ licensed academic and industrial groups worldwide
  
- 13k+ publications in 2023 and 2<sup>nd</sup> most used atomistic simulation software (10.5281/zenodo.10894860)
  
- Developed in the group of Prof. G. Kresse at the University Vienna and the VASP Software GmbH

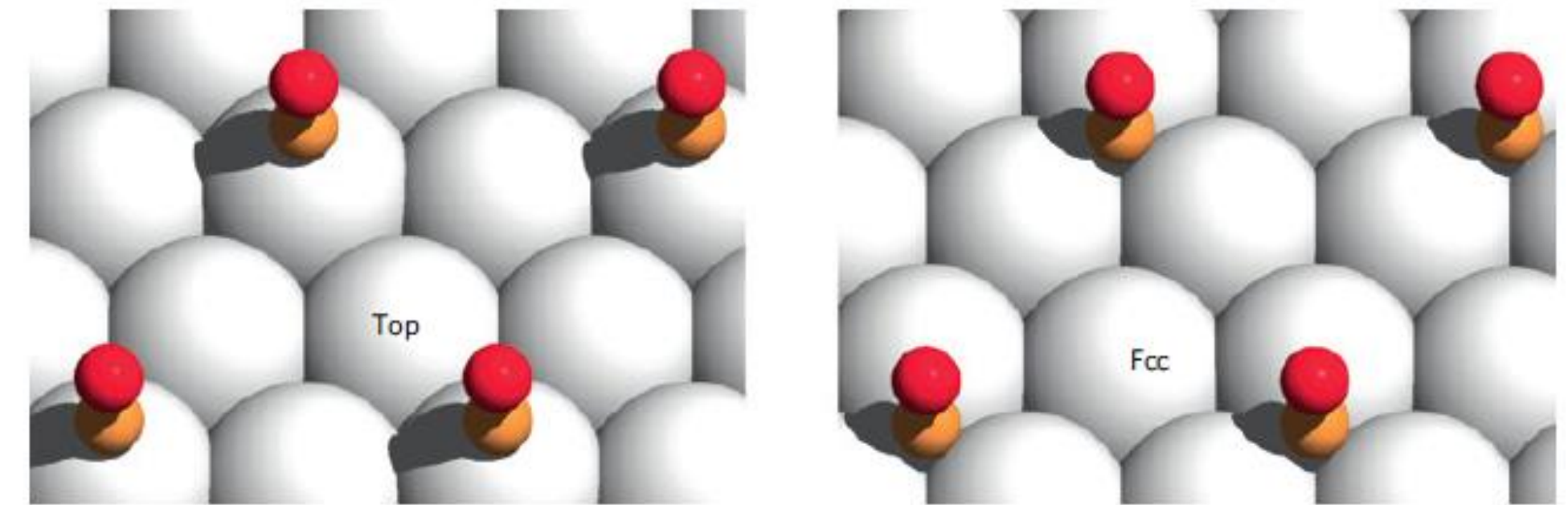
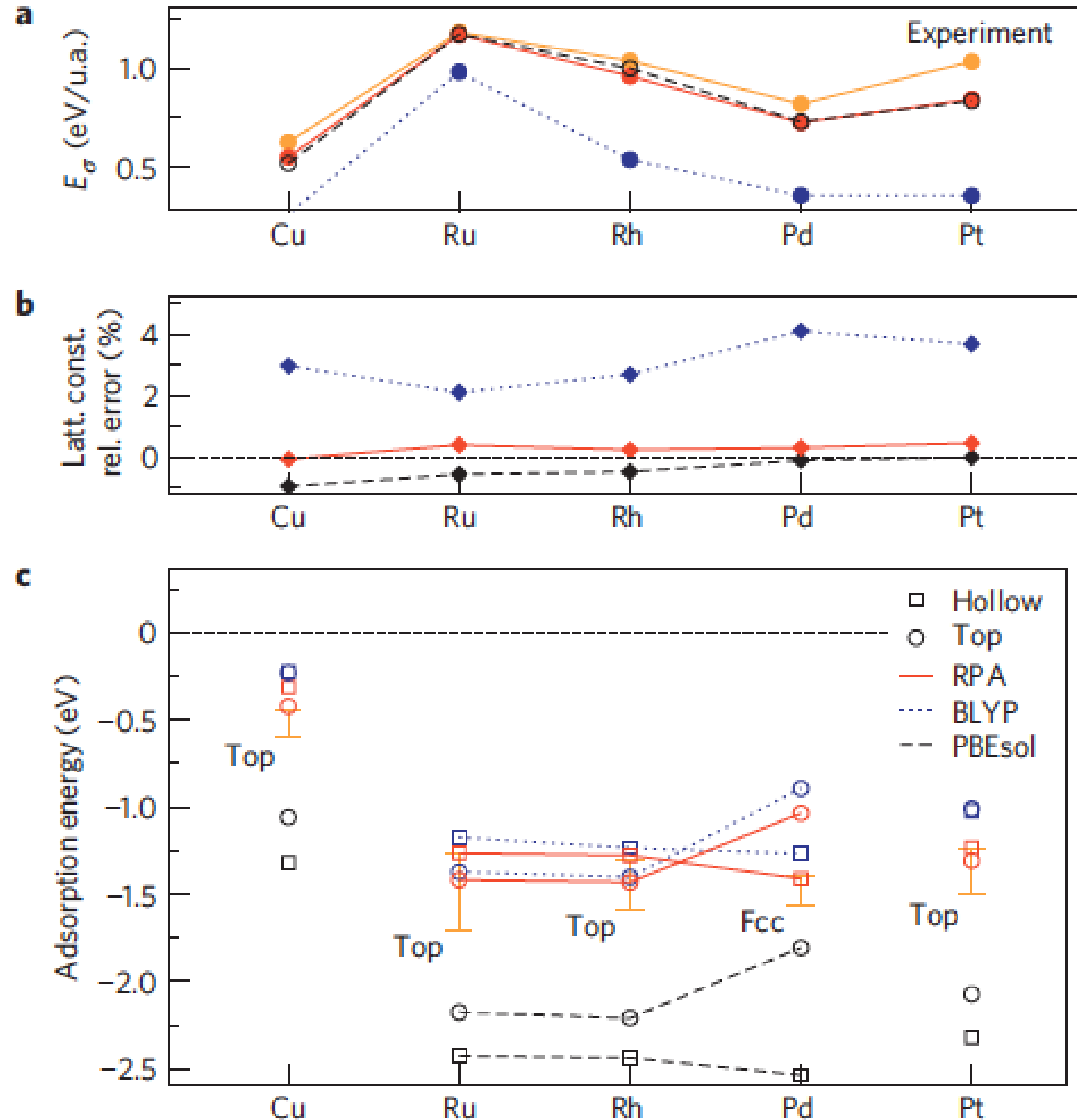


# Catalysis: dehydrogenation of propane in Mordenite results





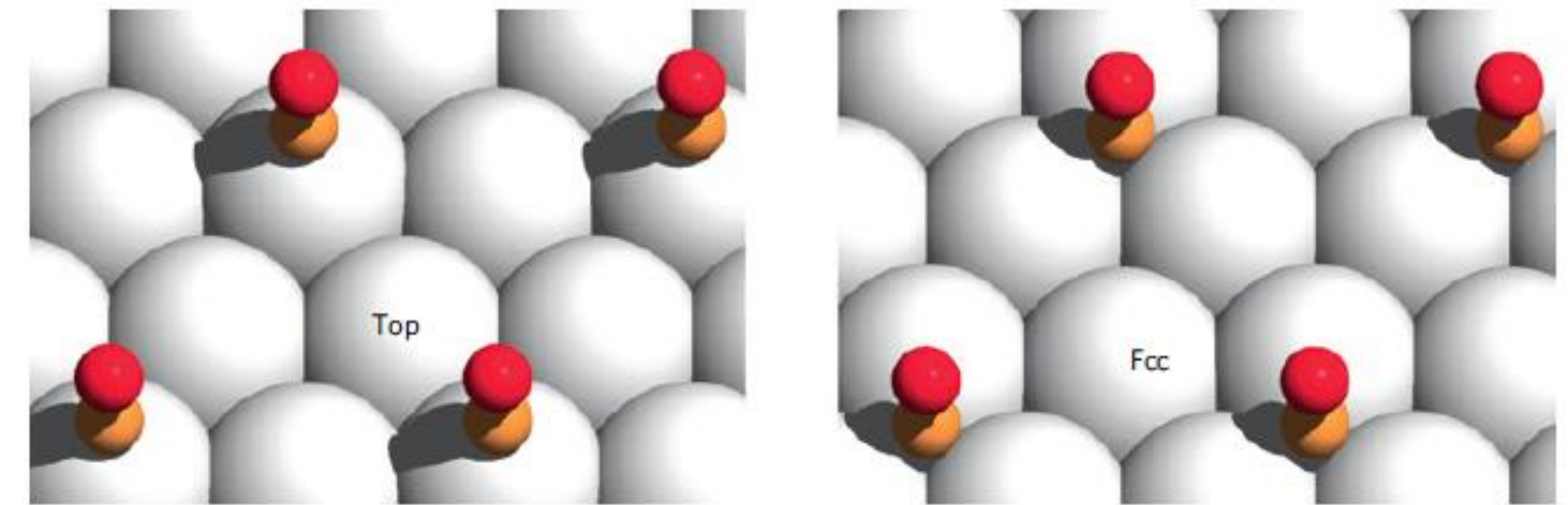
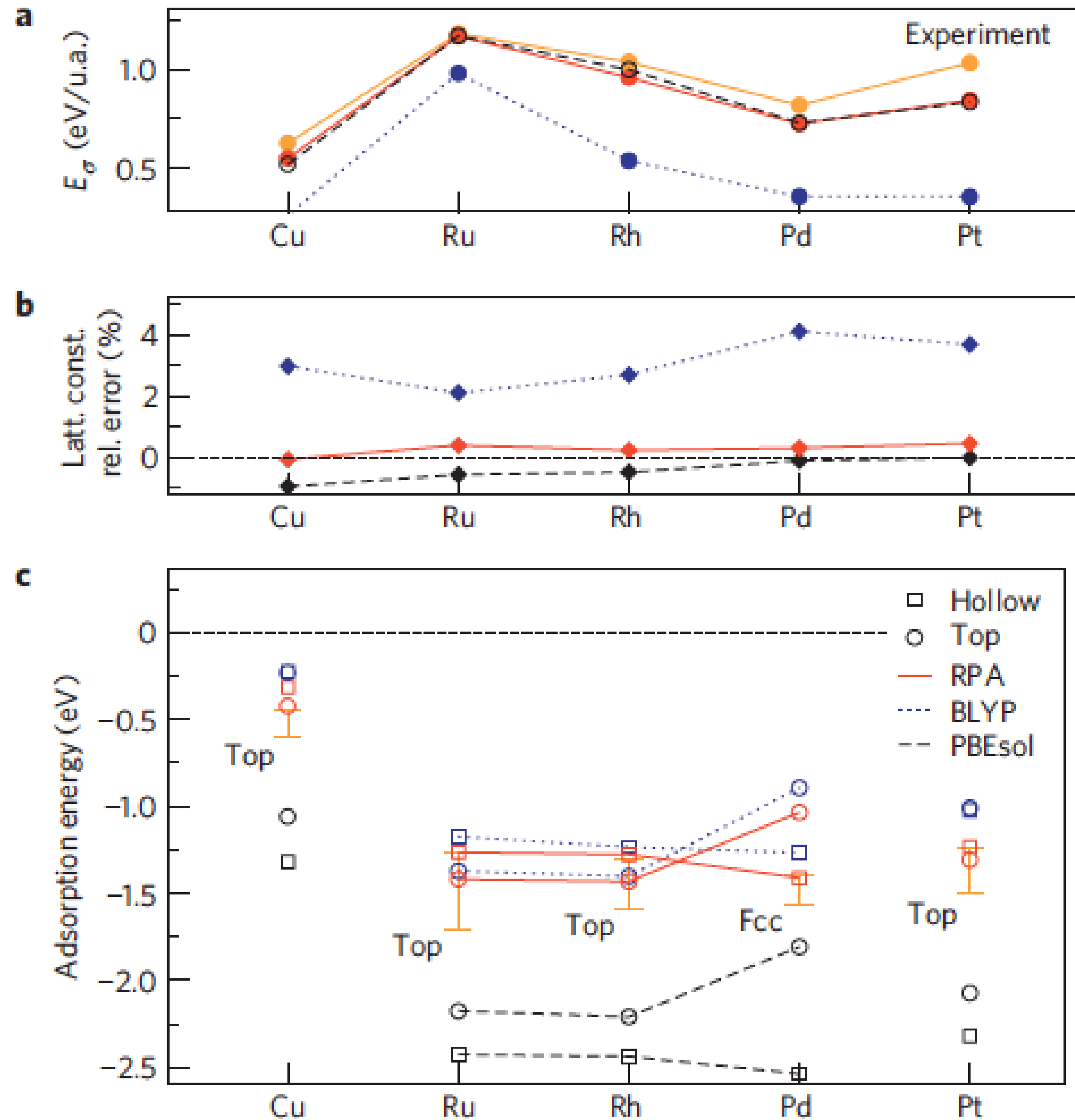
# RPA: CO @ *d*-metal (111)-surfaces



**Figure 3 | Surface energies, lattice constants and adsorption energies.** **a**, Fcc(111) surface energies ( $E_\sigma$ ) for PBEsol, BLYP and RPA. Experimental surface energies are deduced from liquid-metal data<sup>24,25</sup>. **b**, Lattice constants for PBEsol, RPA and BLYP. **c**, Adsorption energies for the atop and hollow sites of CO on Cu, late 4d metals and Pt for PBEsol, RPA and BLYP. Experimental data with error bars are from ref. 26. The error bars correspond to the spread of the experimental results.

Schimka et al., Nature Materials 9, 741 (2010)

# RPA: CO @ *d*-metal (111)-surfaces



- Right site preference
- Good adsorption energies
- Excellent lattice constants
- Good surface energies

## One-electron/Quasi-particle picture



DFT: Kohn-Sham eq.

$$\left(-\frac{1}{2}\Delta + V_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}) + V_{\text{H}}(\mathbf{r}) + V_{\text{xc}}[\rho](\mathbf{r})\right)\psi_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = \epsilon_{n\mathbf{k}}\psi_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})$$

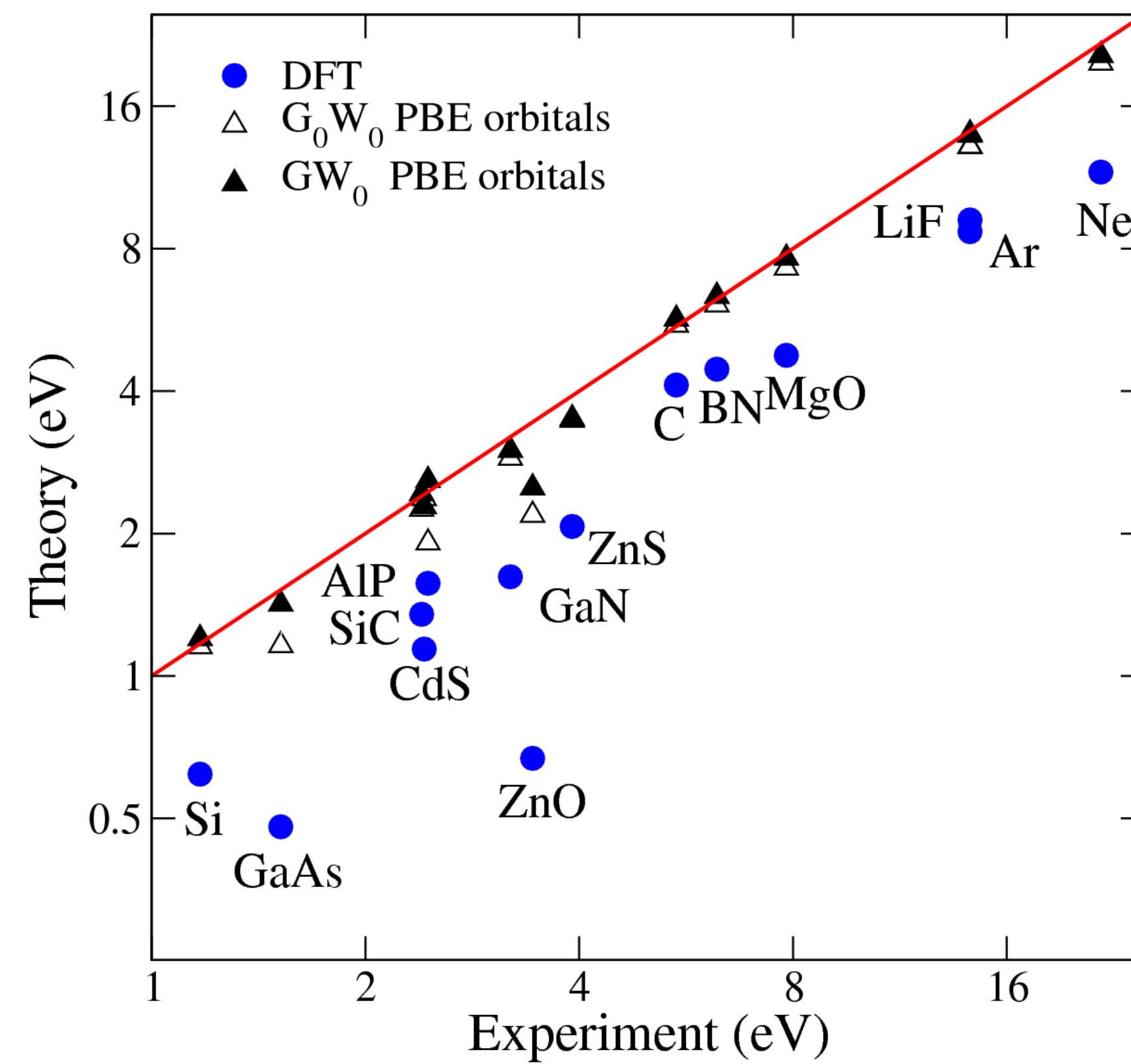
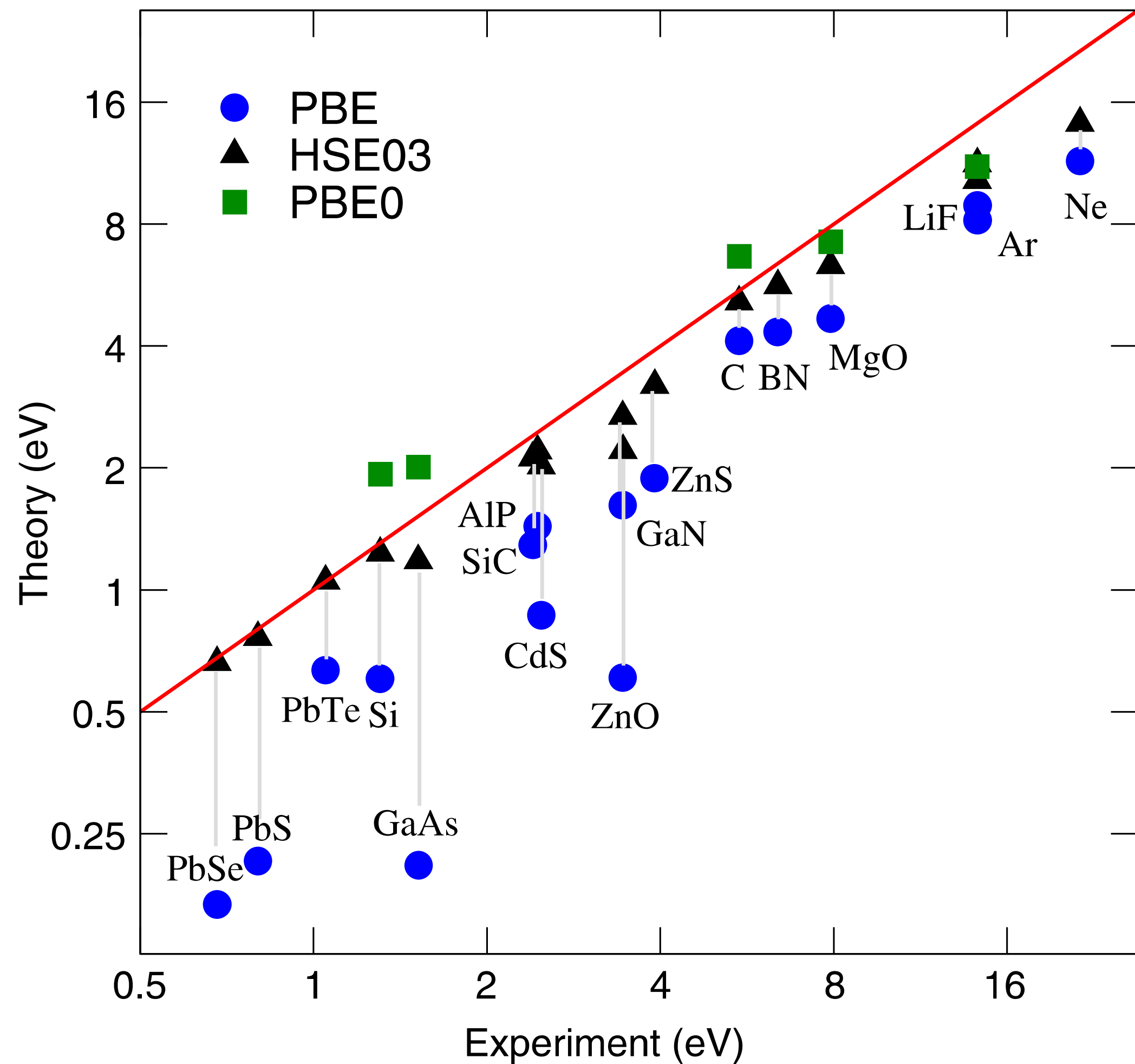
DFT-HF hybrid functionals: Roothaan eq.

$$\left(-\frac{1}{2}\Delta + V_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}) + V_{\text{H}}(\mathbf{r})\right)\psi_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) + \int V_{\text{X}}[\{\psi_o\}](\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}')\psi_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}')d\mathbf{r}' = \epsilon_{n\mathbf{k}}\psi_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})$$

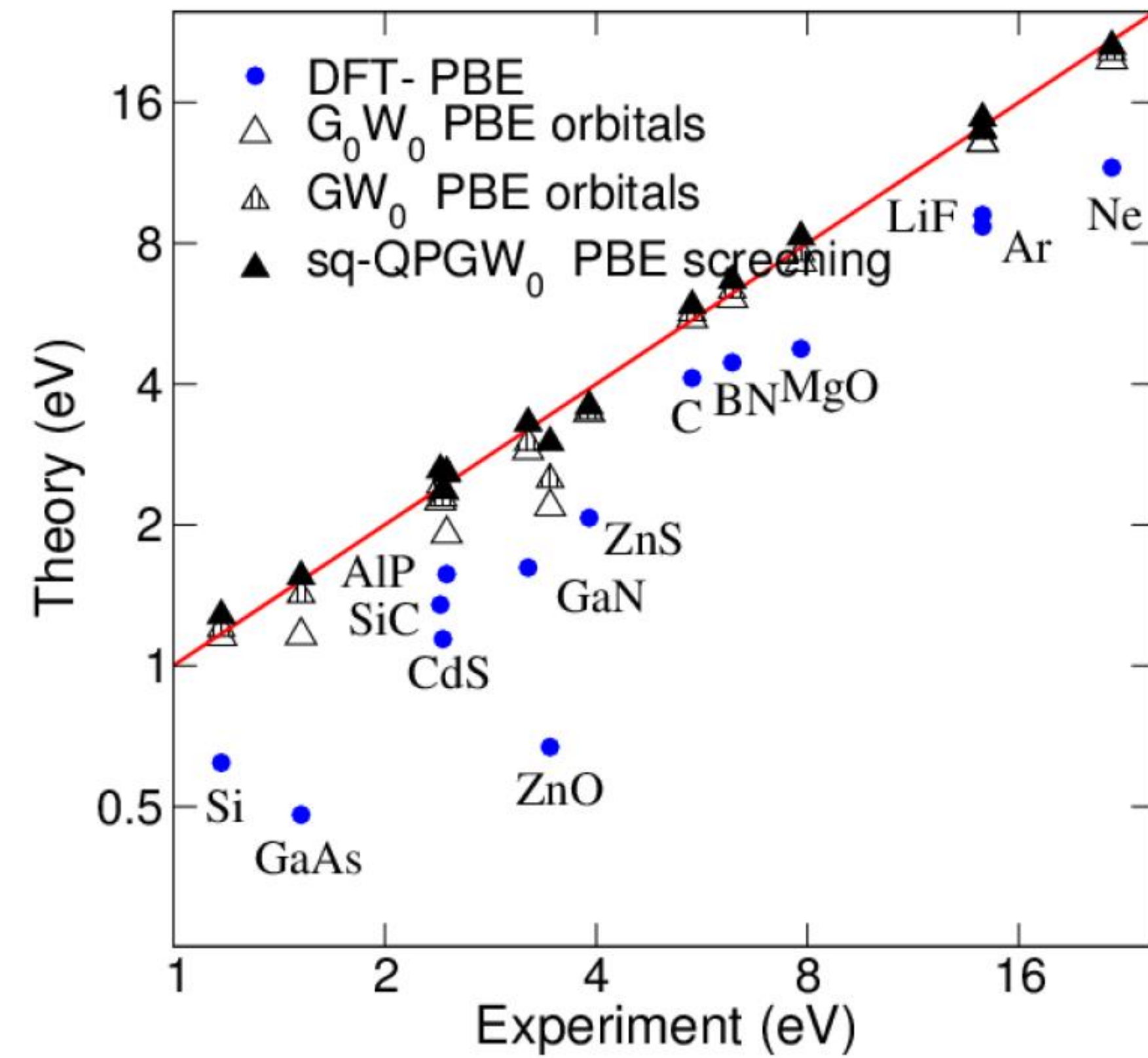
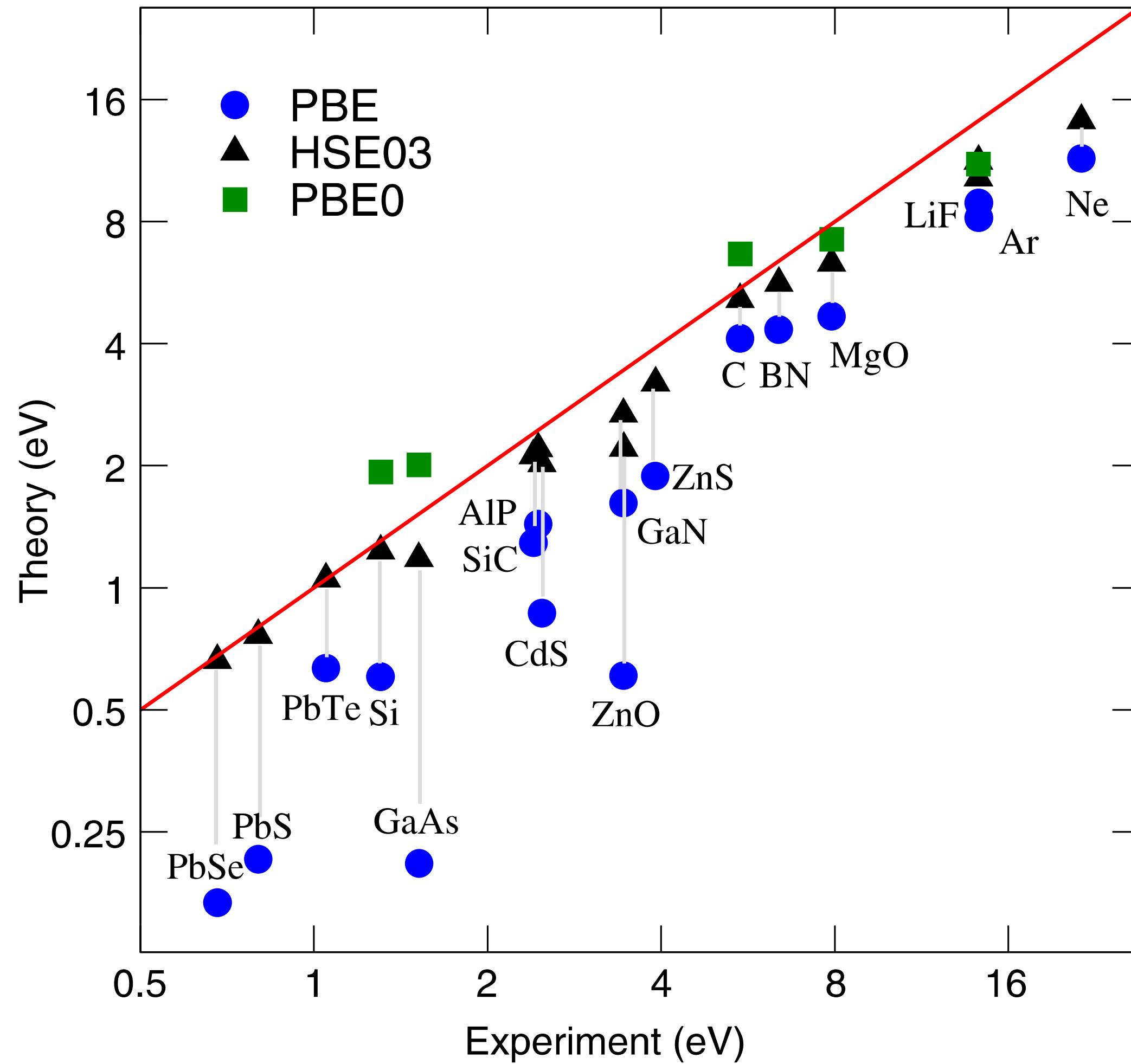
GW: quasi-particle eq.

$$\left(-\frac{1}{2}\Delta + V_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}) + V_{\text{H}}(\mathbf{r})\right)\psi_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) + \int \Sigma[\{\psi, E\}](\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}', E_{n\mathbf{k}})\psi_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}')d\mathbf{r}' = E_{n\mathbf{k}}\psi_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})$$

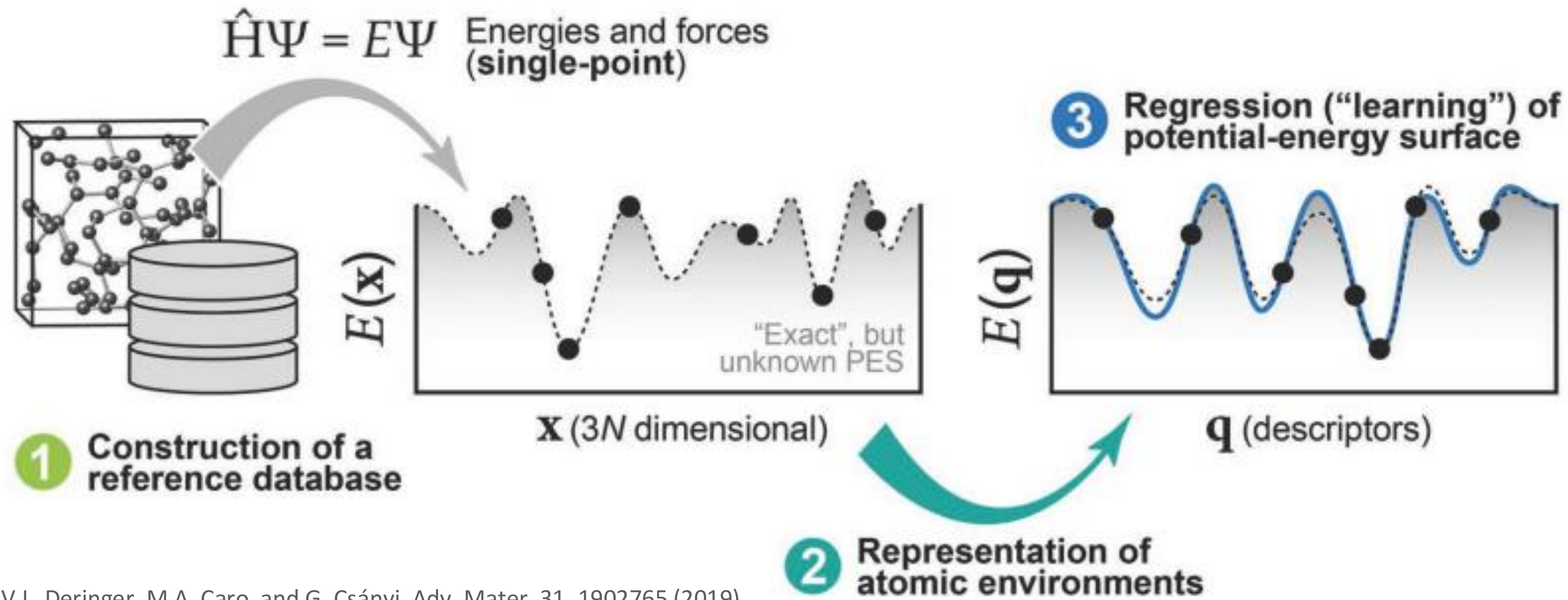
# DFT, Hybrids, and $G_0W_0$ ( $GW_0$ )



# Partially self-consistent GW (scGW<sub>0</sub>)



# On-the-fly machine learned force fields

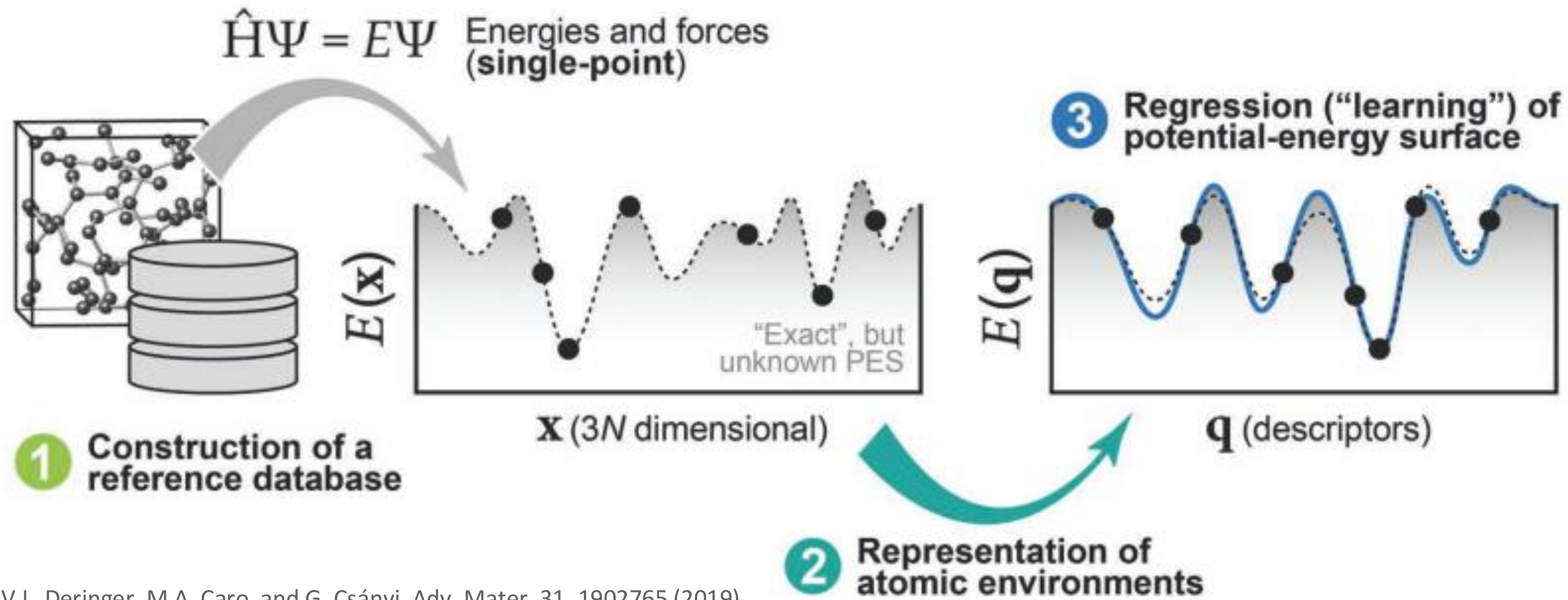


V.L. Deringer, M.A. Caro, and G. Csányi, Adv. Mater. 31, 1902765 (2019)

1. Database of reference calculations
2. Representation of local environments (descriptor, atomic fingerprint)
3. Machine learning algorithm (kernel ridge regression, neural networks)



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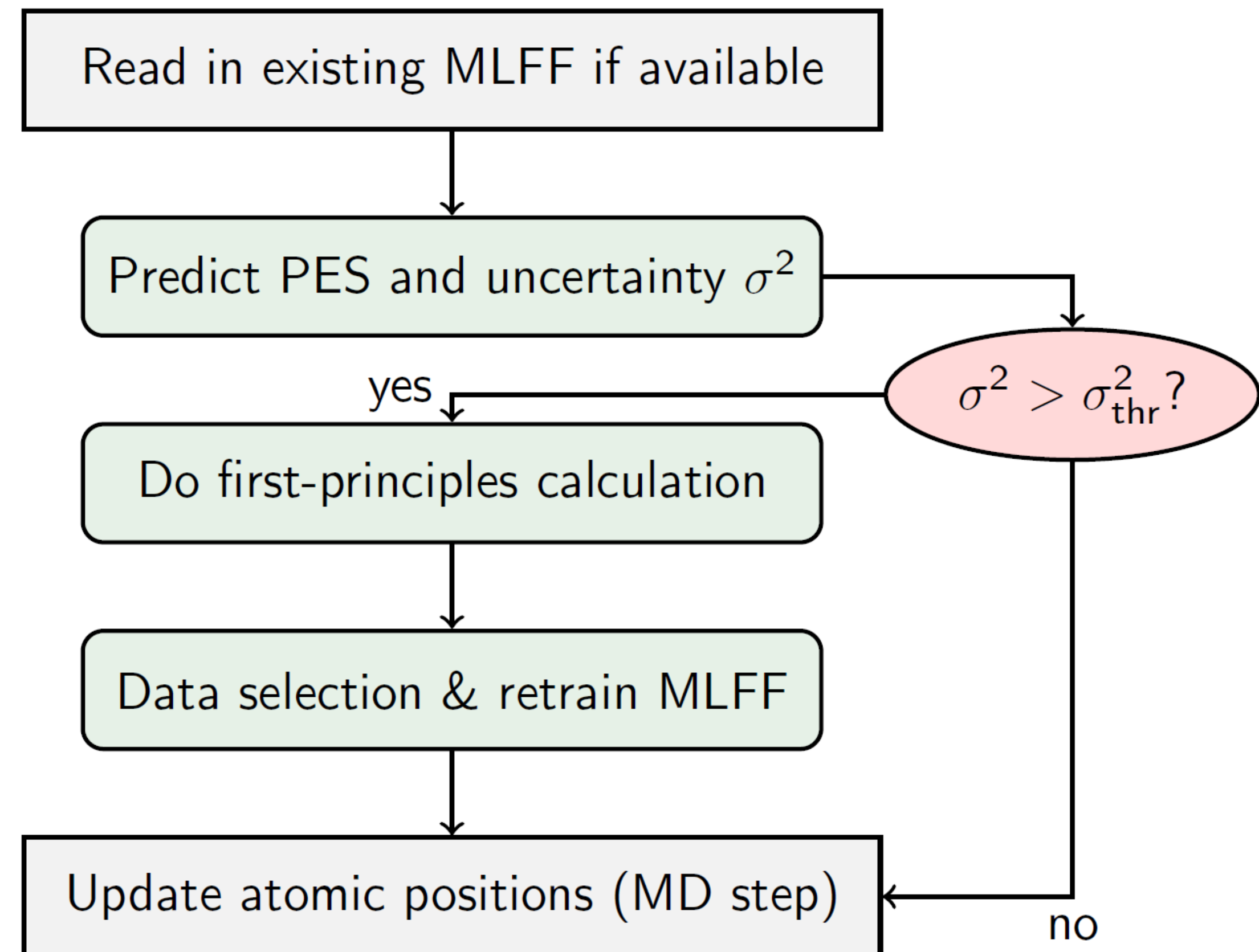
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1. On-the-fly training during MD runs
2. SOAP descriptor
3. Kernel ridge regression



## On-the-fly machine learned force fields

- Manual creation of training database is laborious
- VASP implements an on-the-fly training algorithm
- Can be enabled in regular MD simulation
- Automatically creates and enhances training data
- Automatically selects local reference configurations
- Automatically improves ML force field
- Ideally, after a while no more ab initio calculations are performed and ML prediction is used exclusively
- On-the-fly training requires an estimate of error
- Uses Bayesian variance of atomic forces as a criterion for necessity of ab initio calculation
- Can combine different runs to create a versatile ML force field



## Outlook

- MLFF interface for LAMMPS
- Other descriptors
- Neural networks
- More observables
  
- Python plugins
  
- Support for AMD and Intel GPUs
  
- And many other things ... like for instance electron-phonon coupling!



# Question and Answer Session



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# Announcements

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MedeA Training:

On-the-fly Machine Learned Forcefield with MedeA VASP

Thursday, November 7th

***Dr. Shubham Pandey***

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# Questions about Materials Design UGM

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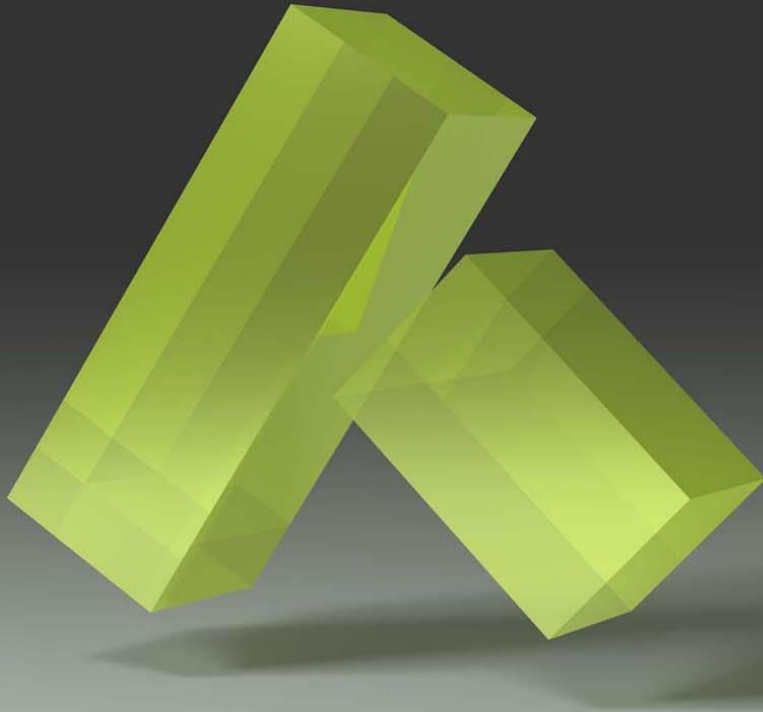
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