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Phonon self energy in transition metals LAURENT CHAPUT, IJL, UMR CNRS 7198, Nancy Universite, France, ATSUSHI TOGO, ISAO TANAKA, Department of Materials Science and Engineering, Kyoto University, Japan, GILLES HUG, LEM, UMR 104 ONERA-CNRS, ONERA, France — We present *ab initio* calculations of the phonon self energy of transition metals obtained using second order many body perturbation theory.¹ The code we have implemented² use the symmetry properties of the phonon-phonon interactions to express the self energy as a sum over irreducible triplets. It is analogous to the reduction of integration to the irreducible part of the Brillouin zone for one particle properties. The self energy of transition metals is then calculated. We show that the Peierls approximation³ is in fact reasonable for *bcc* and *fcc* metals, but fails for the *hcp*. The decays paths of phonons producing the self energy is finally analyzed using surfaces of reciprocal space defined by conservation law.

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