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The anharmonicity of atomic couplings, responsible e.g. for finite heat conductivity in crystals due to phononphonon scattering, is most fundamentally accessible as broadenings of phonon dispersions or finite lifetimes.

Here we will compare inelastic neutron scattering on fcc-Al up to the melting point to ab initio calculations of *q*-dependent line broadenings [1]. Further, an analysis of the atomic interaction constants will show how to construct numerically efficient phenomenological potentials that accurately reproduce anharmonic properties as computed by DFT at very small computational effort, and finally the limitations of perturbation-derived linewidths will be elucidated.

[1] A. Glensk et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 123, 235501 (2019)

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