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A crowdion in mica

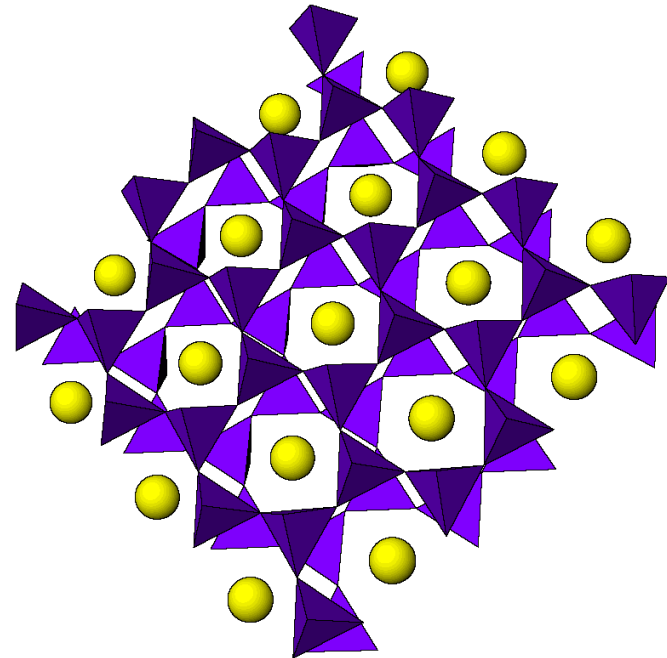
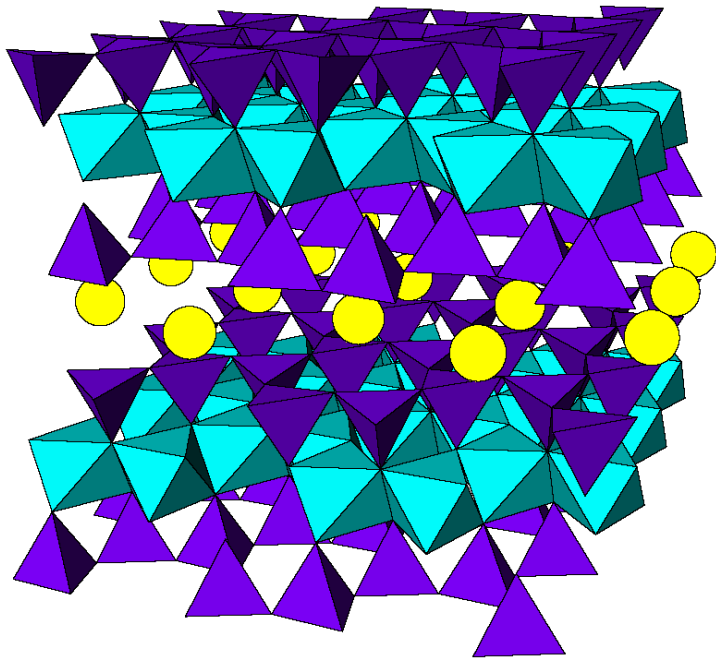
Between K^{40} recoil and transmission sputtering

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Motivation: The mica

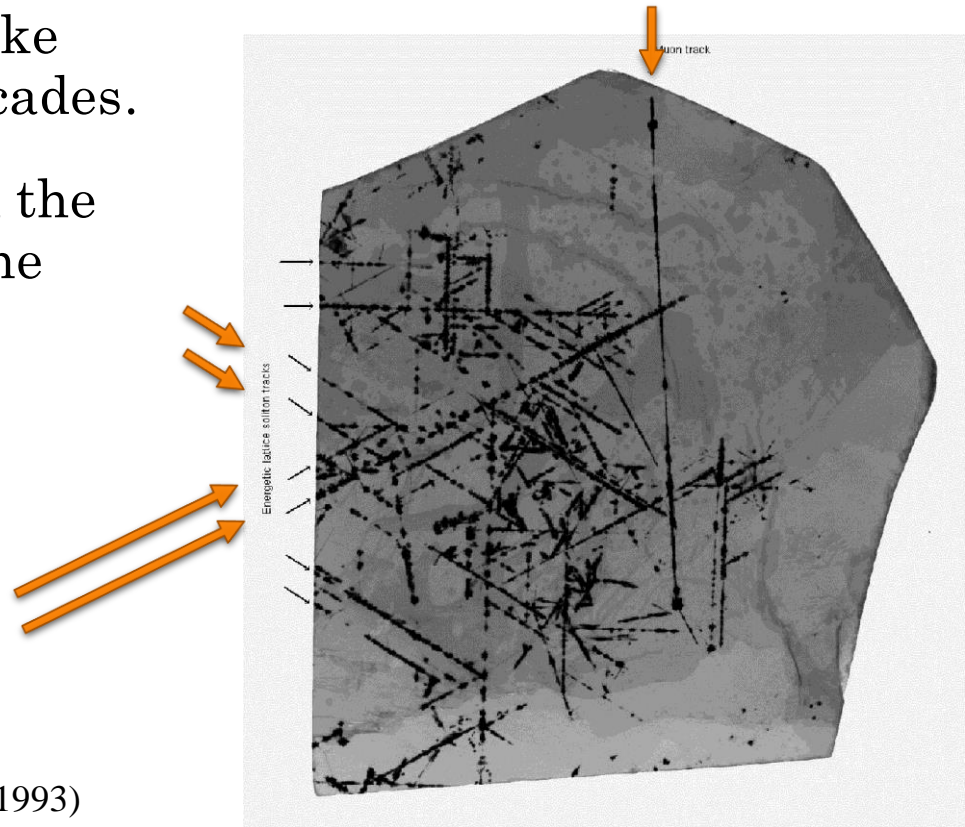
- Stratified silicate



Tracks recorded by mica

- 0.1% of the tracks are explained because of charged particles, like muons, positrons, electron cascades.
- 99.9% of the tracks are within the lattice closed packed lines in the (001) plane.

Quodons:
quasi one-dimensional
excitations

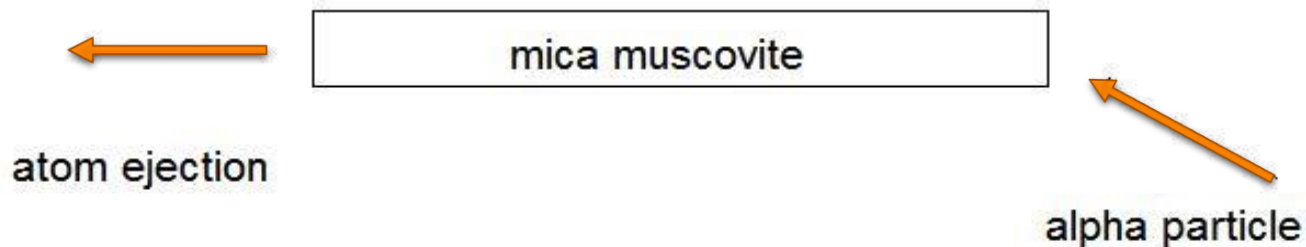


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Experimental evidence of travelling excitations in mica muscovite

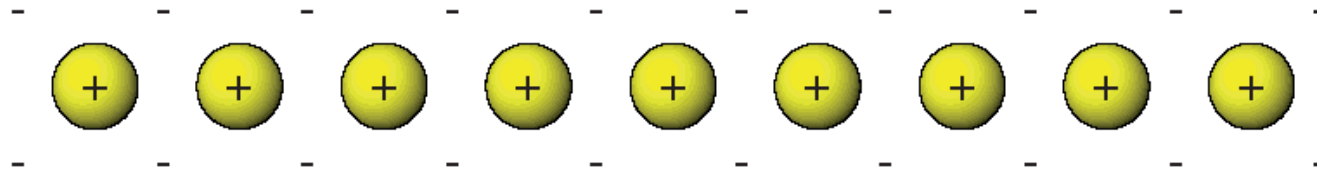


Russell, F.M., Eilbeck, J.C. (2007). Evidence for moving breathers in a layered crystal insulator at 300K. *Europhysics Letters* 78, 1004, 1-5.

- Trajectories along lattice directions within the K^+ layer
- Surface binding energy of ejected atoms unknown: typical values 3-8 eV

Minimal model of a Coulomb repulsive lattice

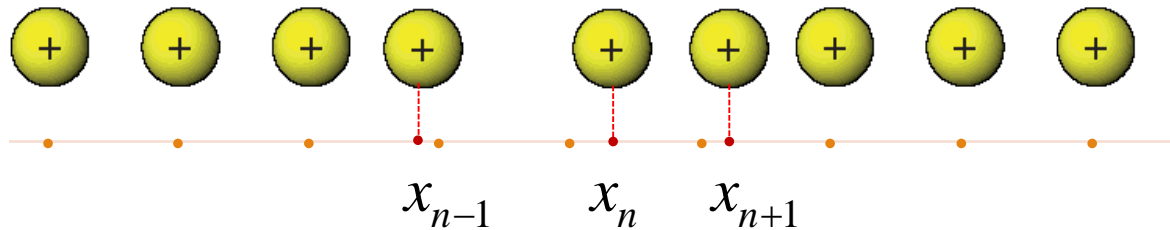
- Coulomb 1D Repulsive lattice



- Longitudinal perturbations
- Coulomb's repulsion is rapidly screened
- We limit initially to nearest neighbors ($N=1-6$)
- Negative charge at the borders keep cations inside

Minimal Model

- Displacements

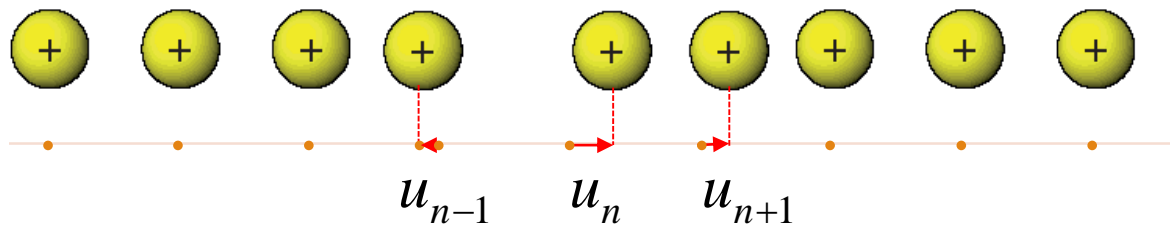


- Movement equation

$$m_k \frac{\partial^2 x_n}{\partial t^2} = -\frac{Ke^2}{(x_{n+1} - x_n)^2} + \frac{Ke^2}{(x_n - x_{n-1})^2}$$

Minimal Model

- Normalization Speed 2.6 km/s; Energy 2.8 eV; frequency 5 THz



- Movement equation

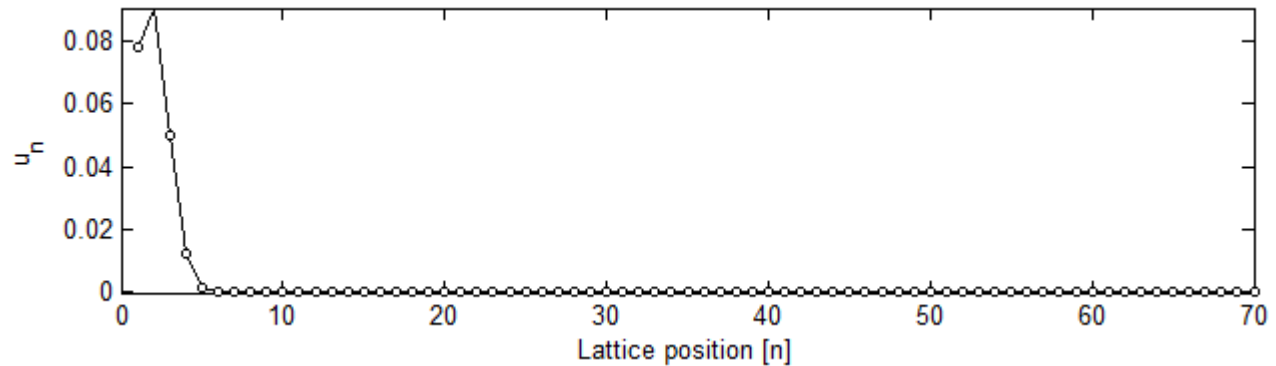
$$\frac{\partial^2 u_n}{\partial t^2} = -\frac{1}{(1 + u_{n+1} - u_n)^2} + \frac{1}{(1 + u_n - u_{n-1})^2}$$

$$v_n = u_n - u_{n-1}$$

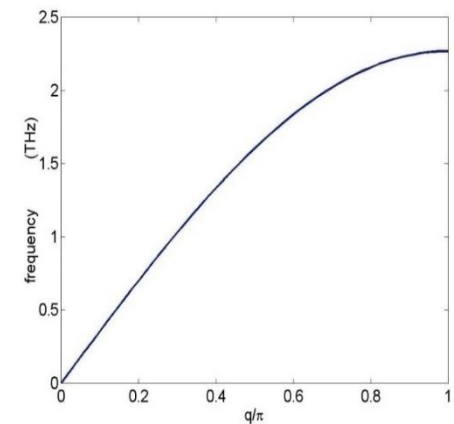
Small amplitude perturbation

$$u_{n=1}(t) = A_0 \sin(\omega t) \quad \text{for} \quad \omega t < \pi$$

- $A_0 = 0.09$



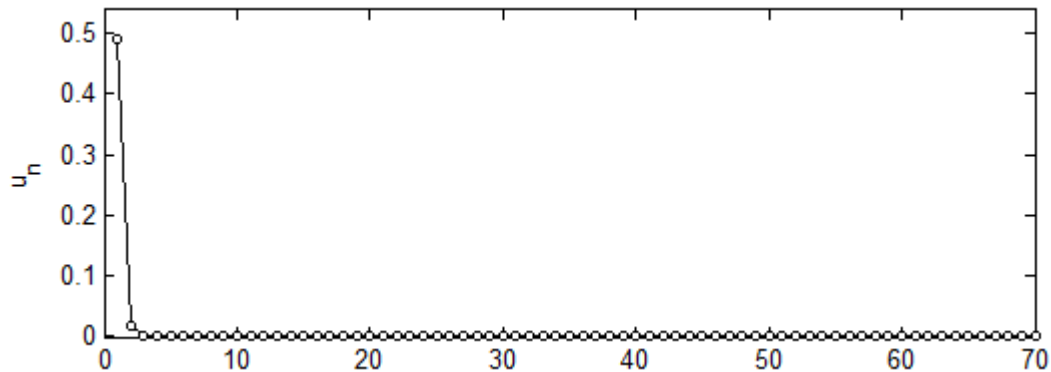
- Phonon velocity spectrum



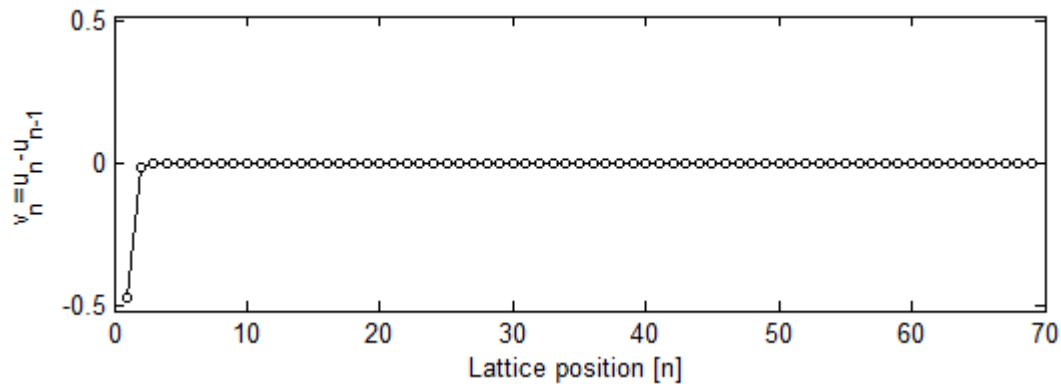


Kink $N=1$

$$u_{n=1}(t) = A_0 \sin(\omega t) \quad \text{for} \quad \omega t < \pi$$



$A_0 = 0.95$



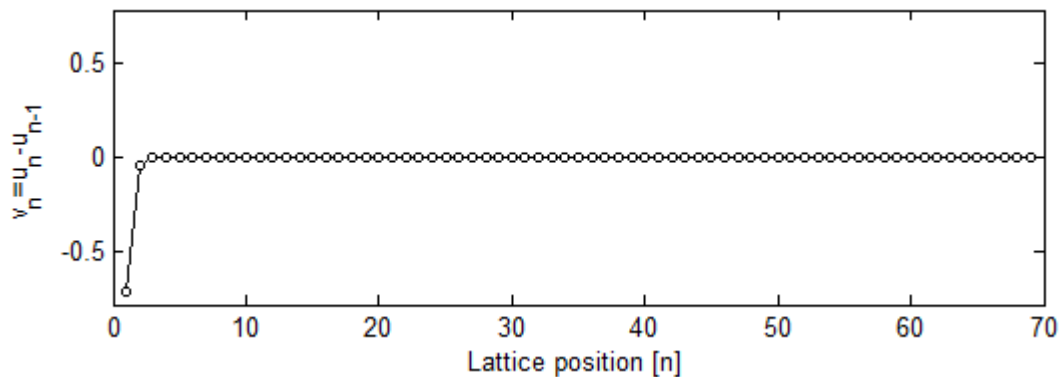
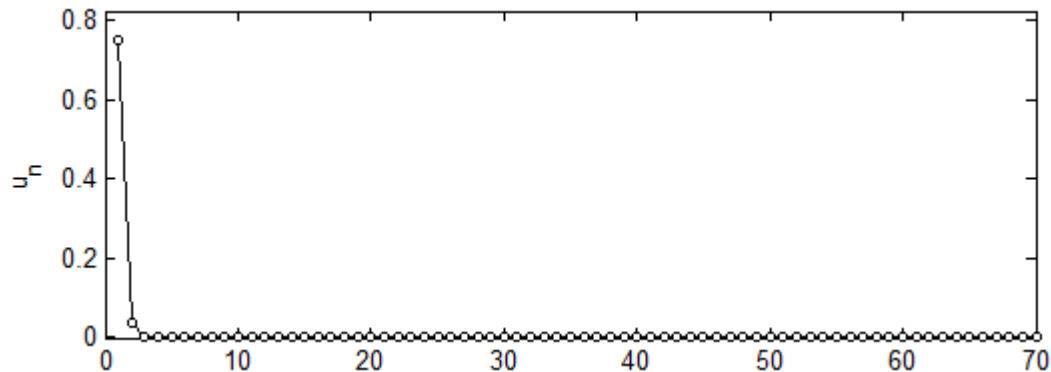


Kink N=1

$$u_{n=1}(t) = A_0 \sin(\omega t) \quad \text{for} \quad \omega t < \pi$$



$$A_0 = 1.5$$



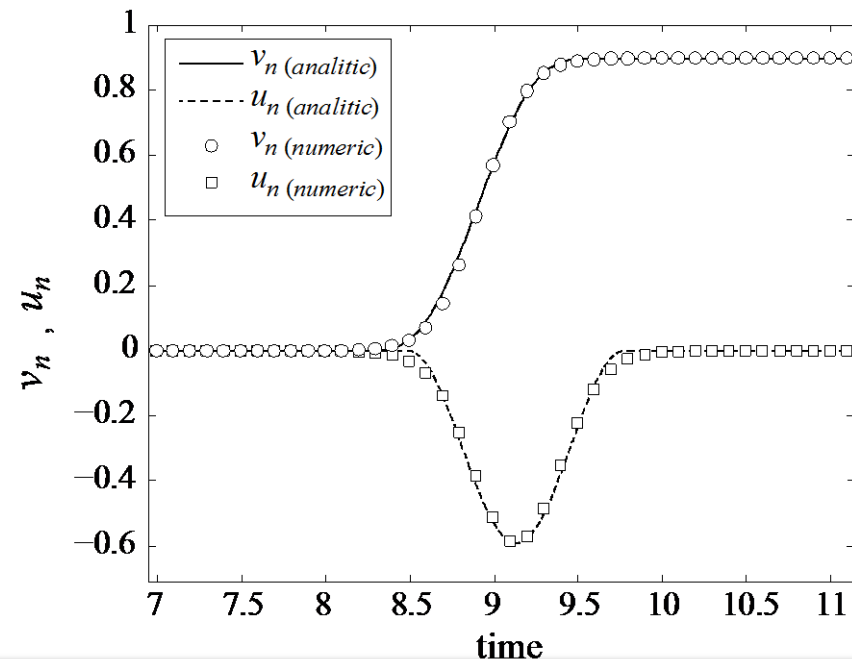
Proposed solution: for “magic” wave number $q=2\pi/3$

$$v_n(n,t) = \begin{cases} v_n = -\frac{A}{2}(1 + \cos(qn - \omega t)) & \text{if } -\pi < (qn - \omega t) < \pi \\ v_n = 0 & \text{rest} \end{cases}$$

- Rotating Wave Approximation

$$V = \frac{1}{(1 - A^{3/4})} c \frac{\sin(q/2)}{q/2}$$

Kinks are supersonic

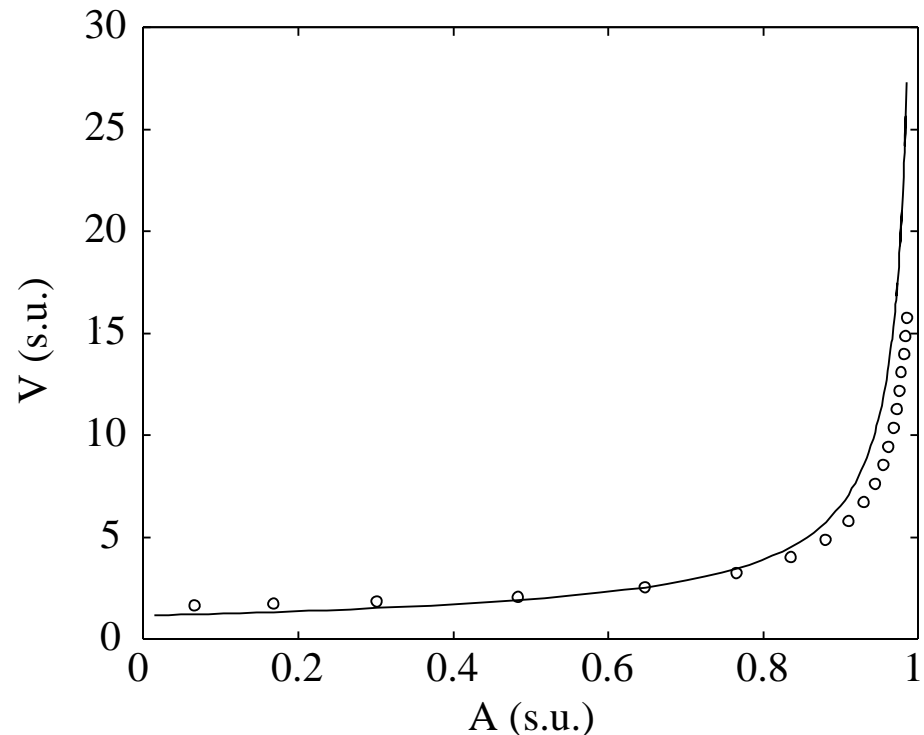


Kinks with the rotating wave approximation: *Speed vs. Amplitude*

$$V = \frac{1}{(1 - A^{3/4})} c \frac{\sin(q/2)}{q/2}$$

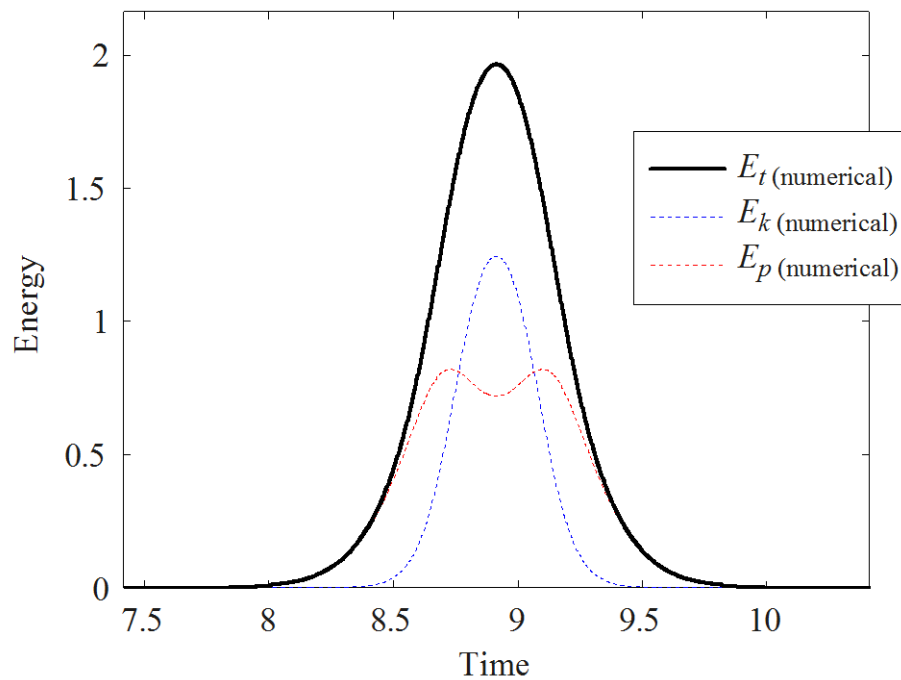
- Magic wave number $q=2\pi/3$

$$V = \frac{3\sqrt{3}c}{2\pi(1 - A)^{3/4}}$$



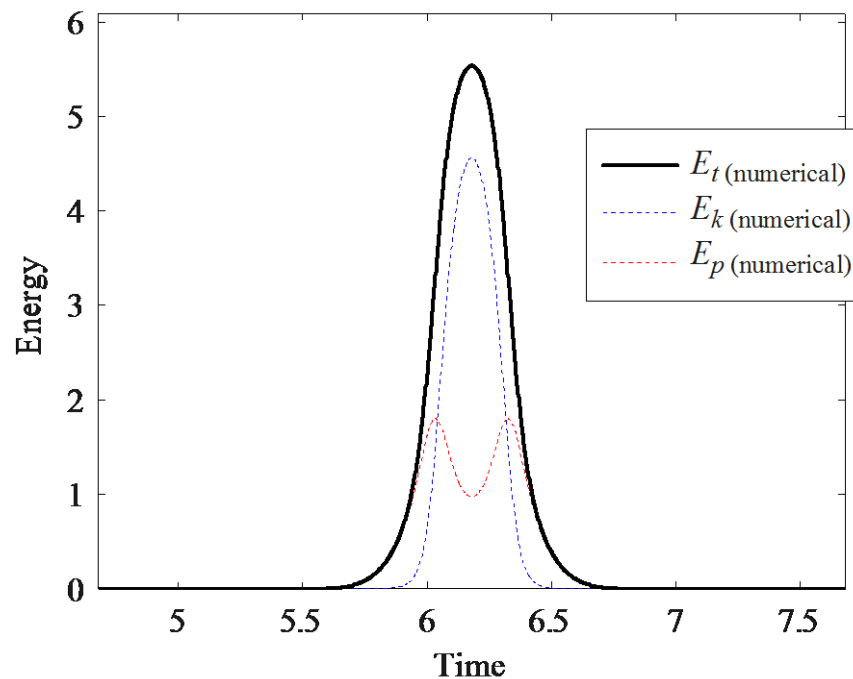
Energy vs. time

- $A=0,45$



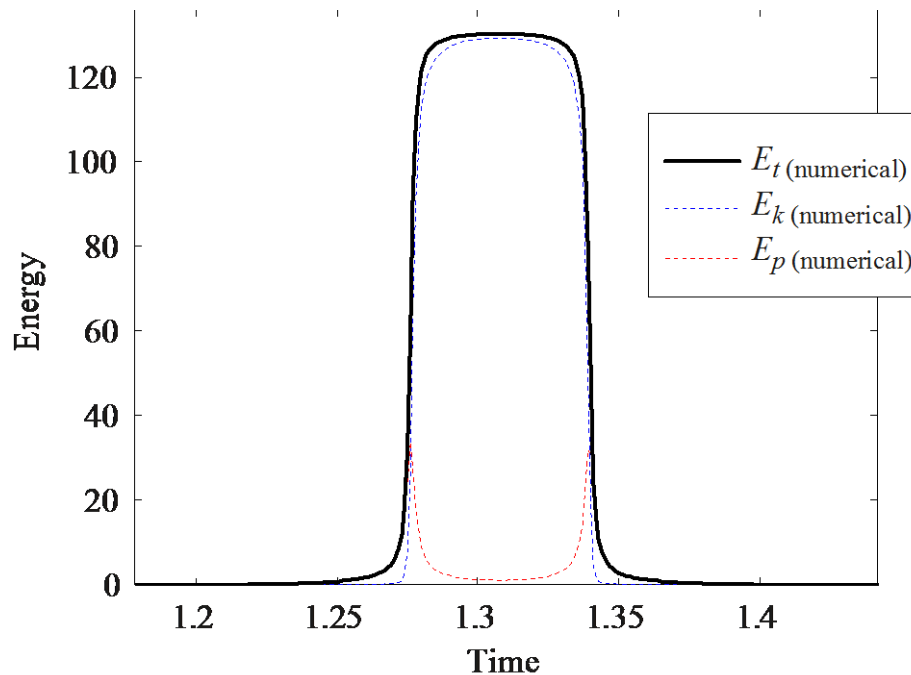
Energy vs. time

- $A=0,78$



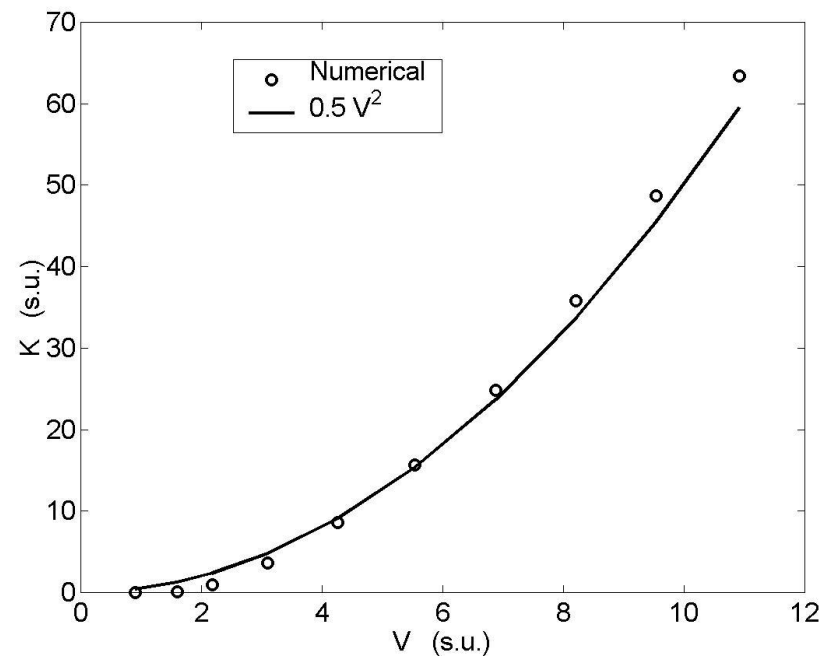
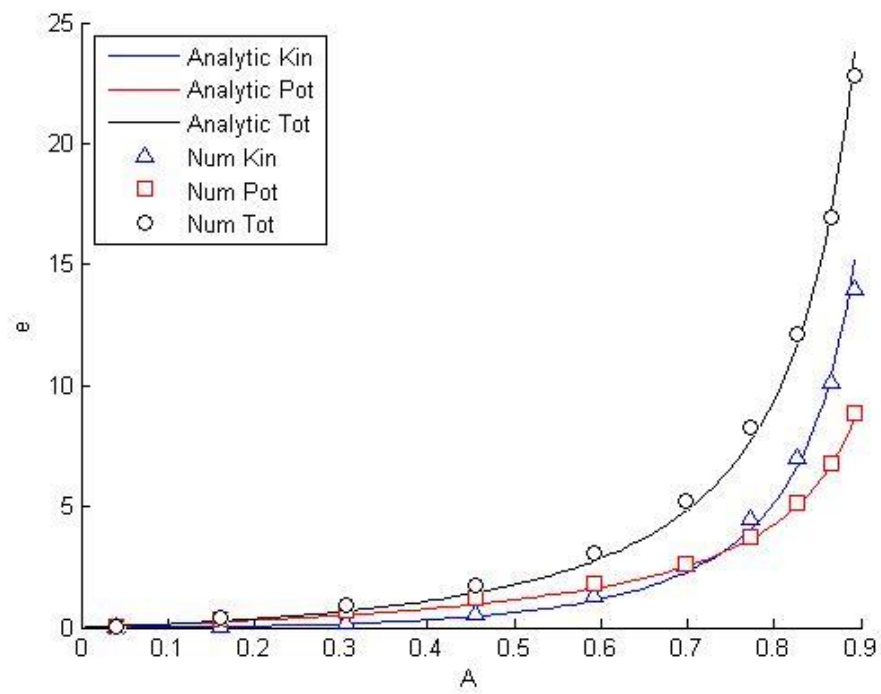
Energy vs. time

- $A=0,95$



A packet of energy is
travelling through the
chain

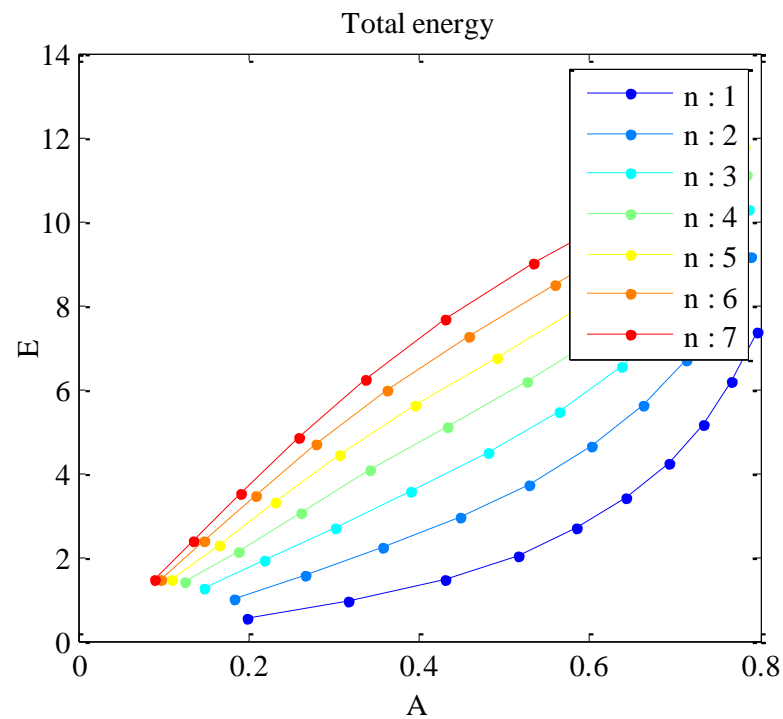
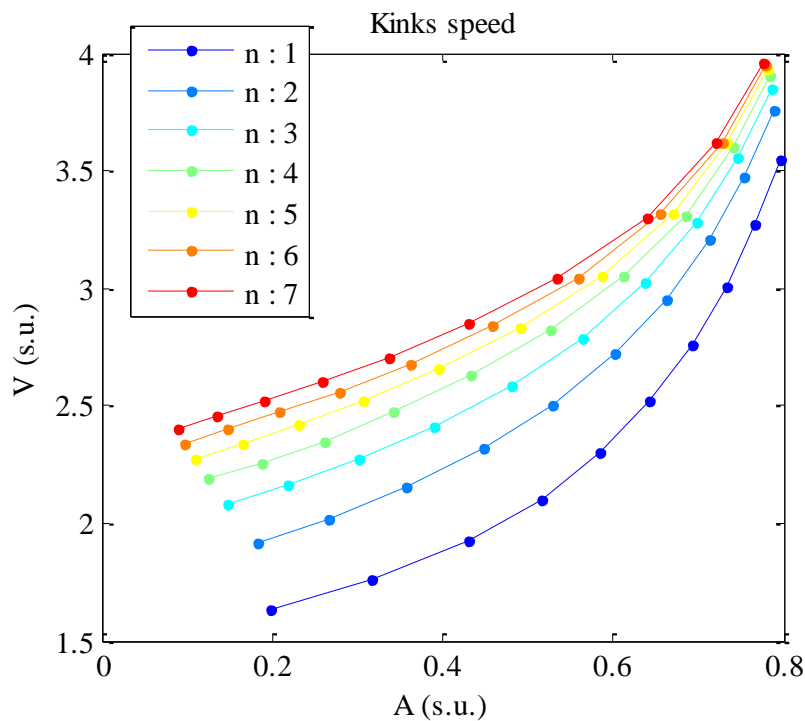
Energy



Kinks behave as particles
with unit mass

Long range interactions (N - neighbors)

- Up to 30 neighbors, kinks have been obtained

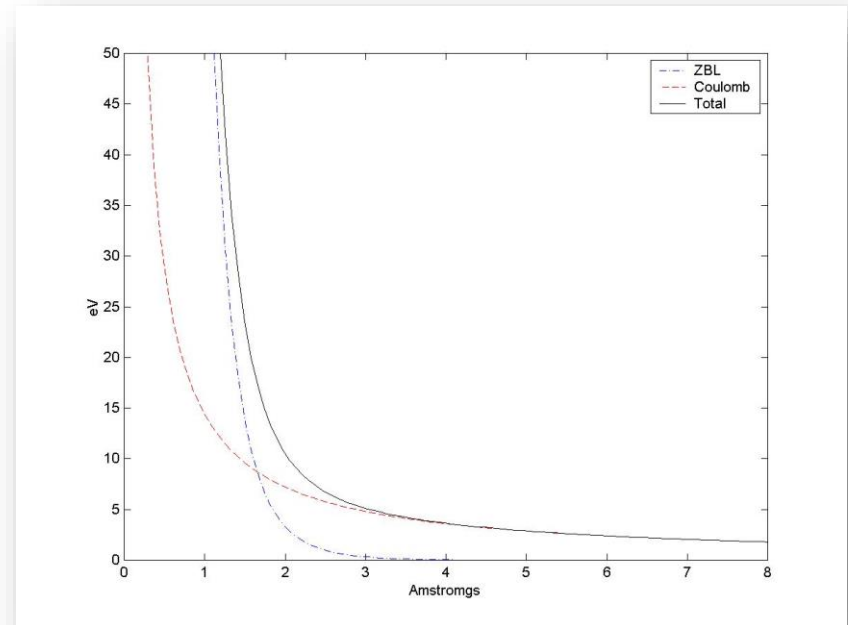


The distances between atoms are not realistic

- Short range potential: **Ziegler Biersack Litmark (ZBL): high energy collisions**
- Up to 200 keV

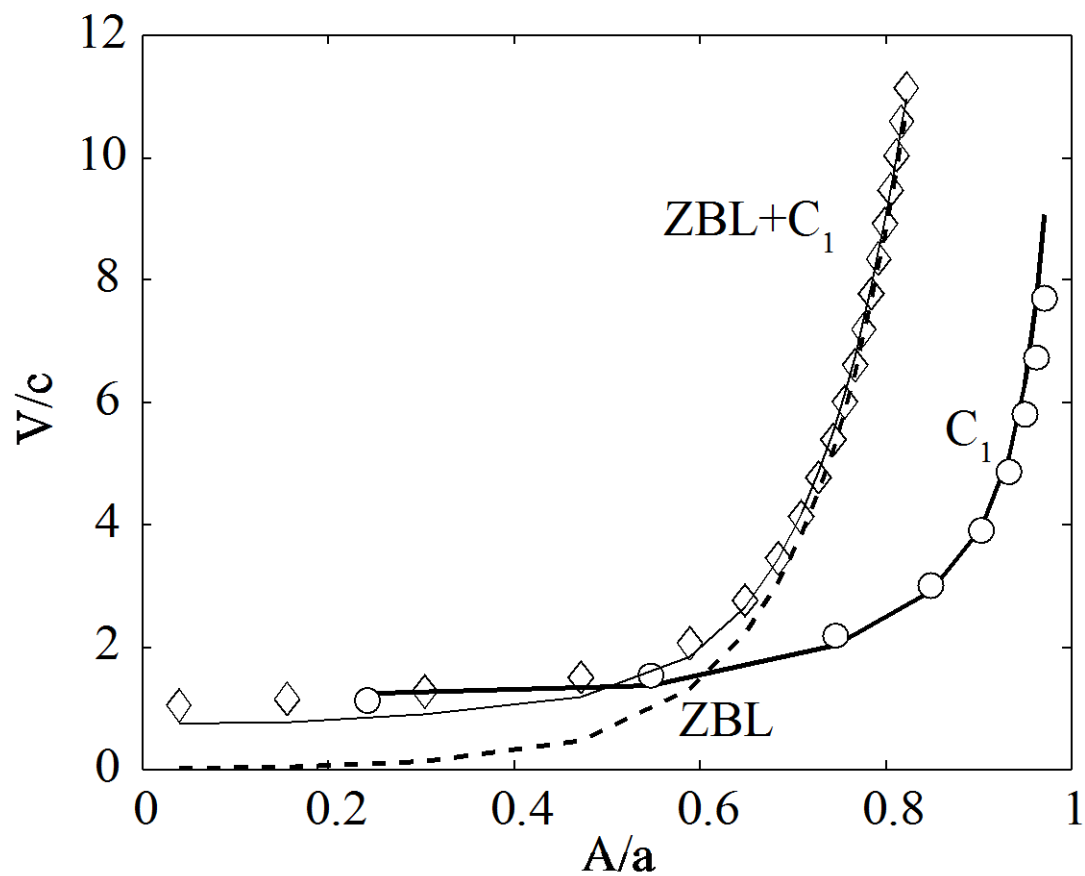
$$V(r) = \frac{2650\text{eVA}}{r} \exp\left(-\frac{r}{0.3\text{\AA}}\right)$$

$$V(x) = \frac{184}{x} \exp\left(-\frac{x}{0.06}\right)$$



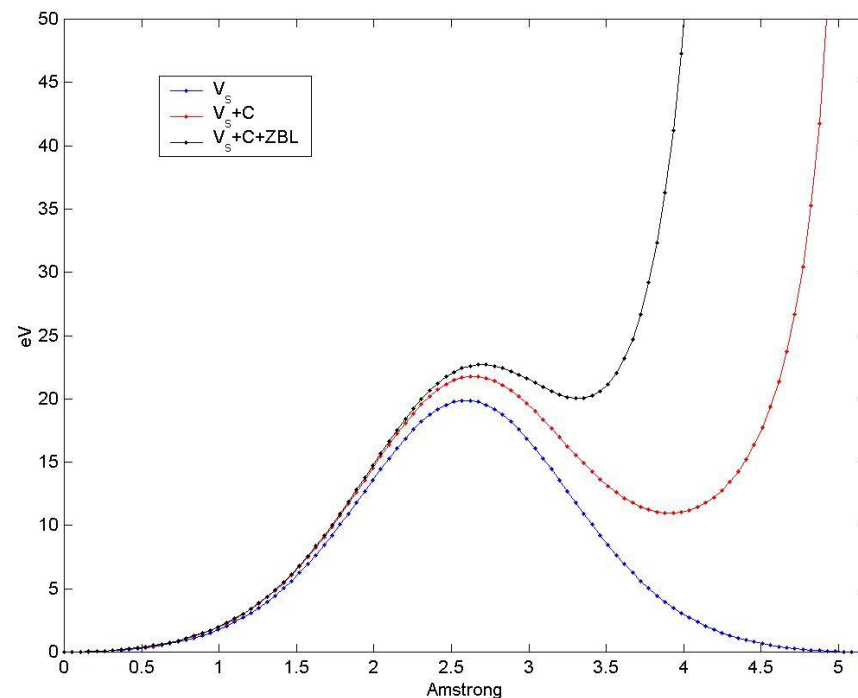
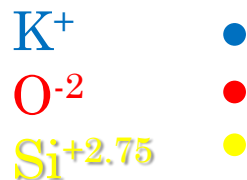
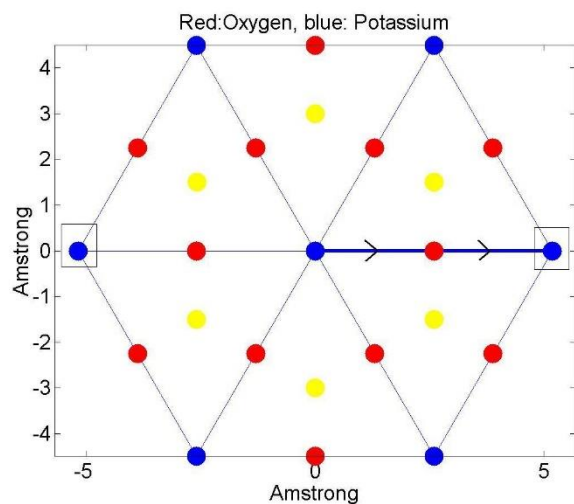
Ziegler JF, Biersack JP, Littmark U, *The Stopping and Range of Ions in Matter* (Pergamon, New York, 1985)

Speed (ZBL + Coulomb)



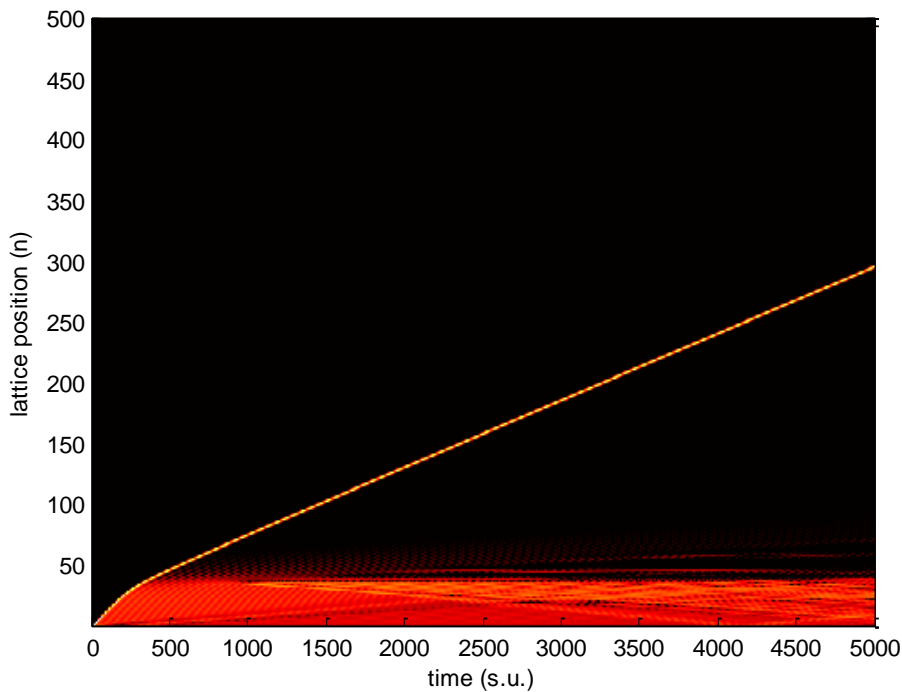
Substrate potential

- Coulomb and Born Mayer potentials (Russell&Collins, Rad. Meas. 25, 667 (1995))

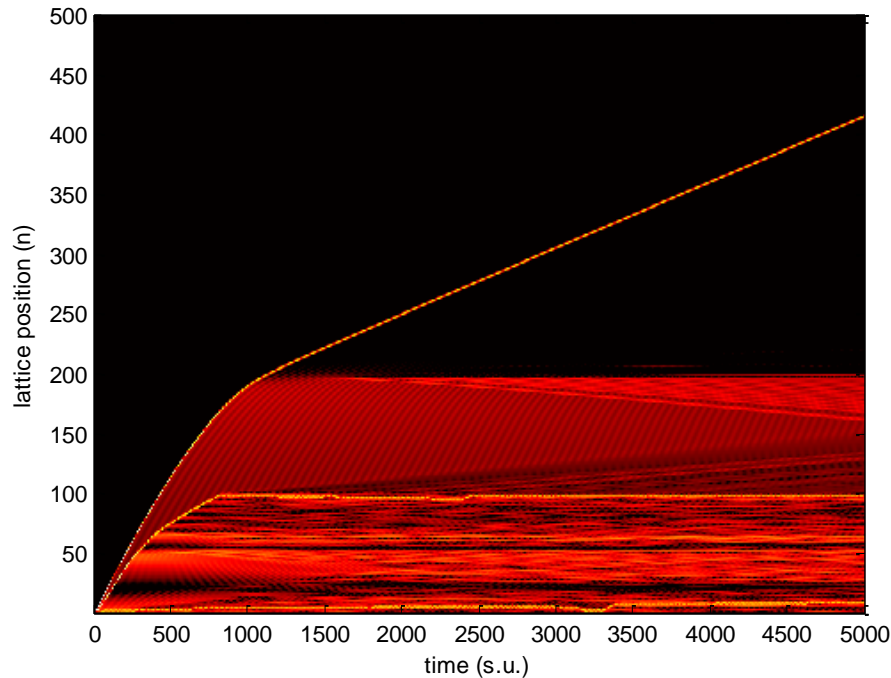


Substrate potential : Energies

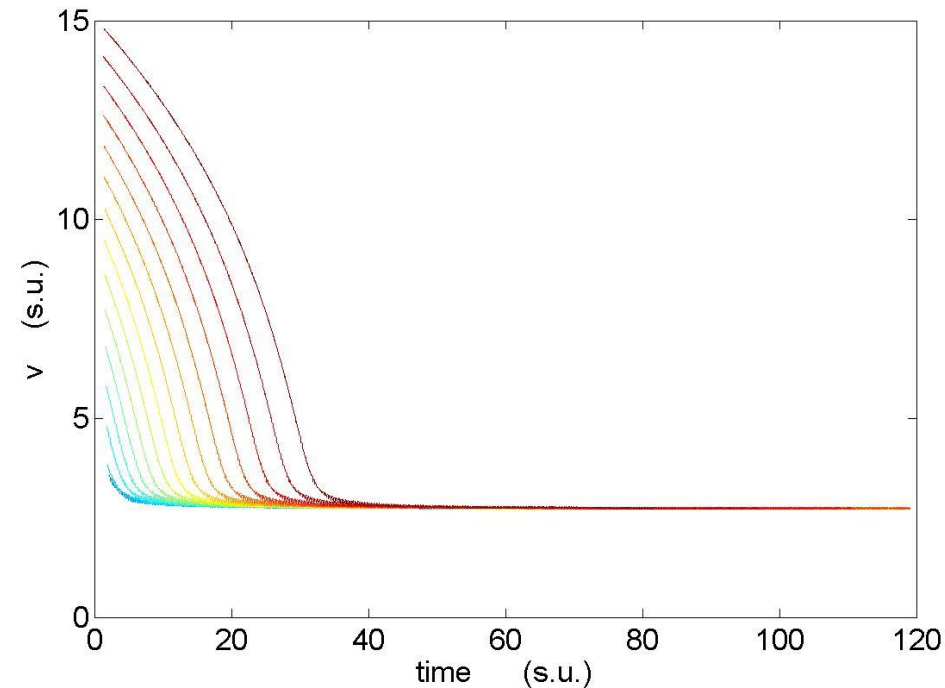
$$A_{init} = 0.7 \quad A_{end} = 0.6705$$



$$A_{init} = 0.8 \quad A_{end} = 0.6705$$



Lattice kinks or **Crowdions** with limit velocity

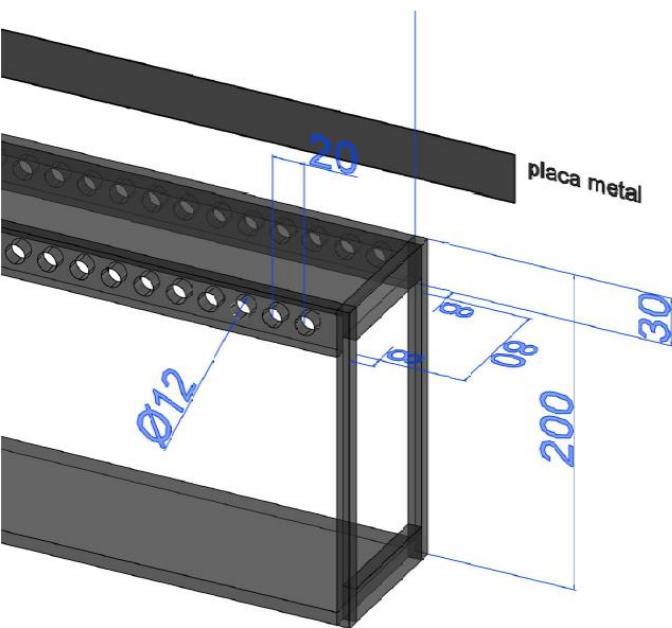


$$V \sim 2c = 8\text{km/s} , \quad E=28 \text{ eV}$$

- Recoil of K^+ is 40 eV.
- Typical ejection energies are between 3-8 eV.

Crowdions in MD for Ni in 2D and 3D:
AM Iskandarov, Comp. Mat. Sci (2009) 429

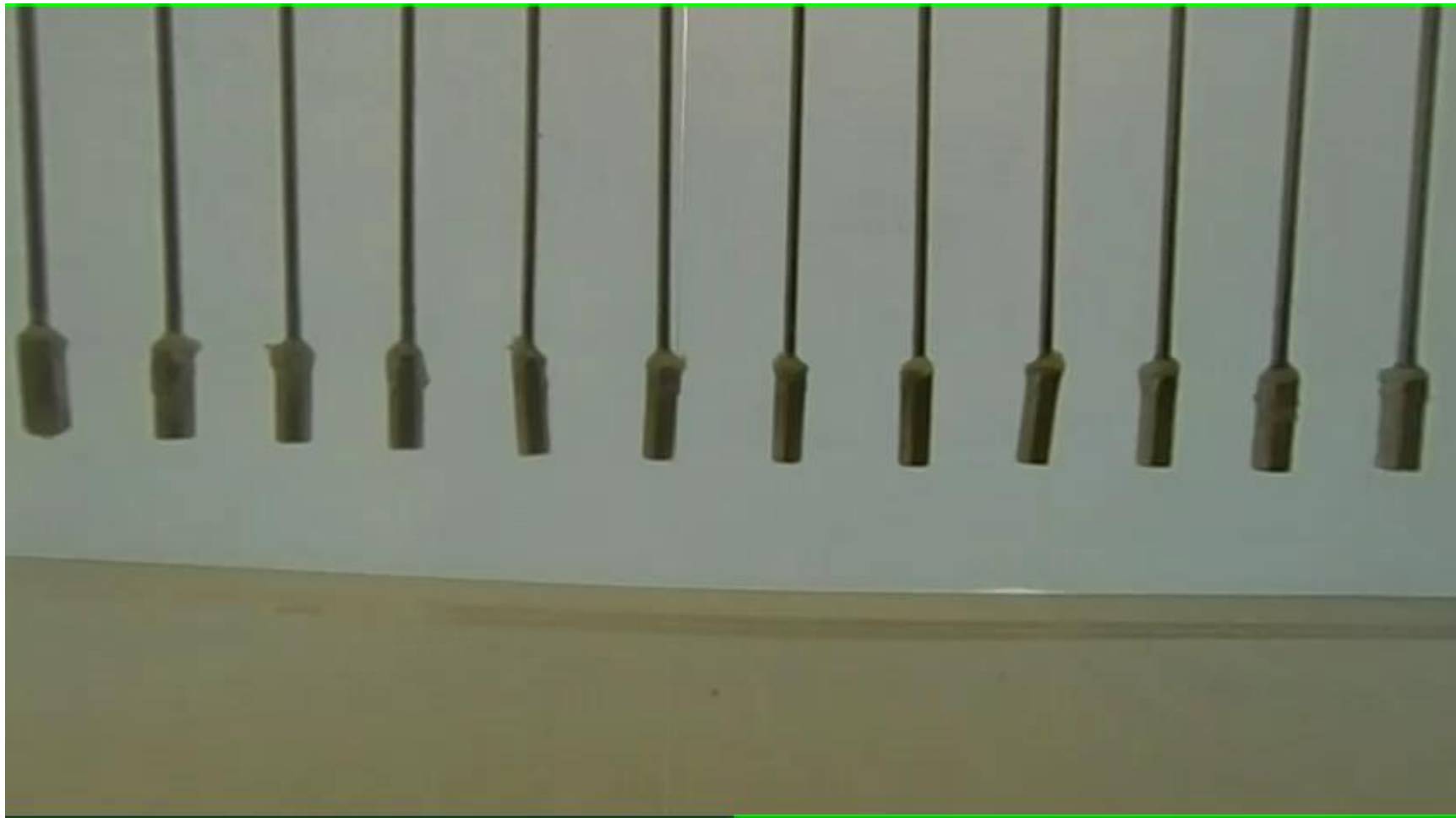
Experimental setup:



- Linear chain of 74 magnets
- Passive magnetic bearing

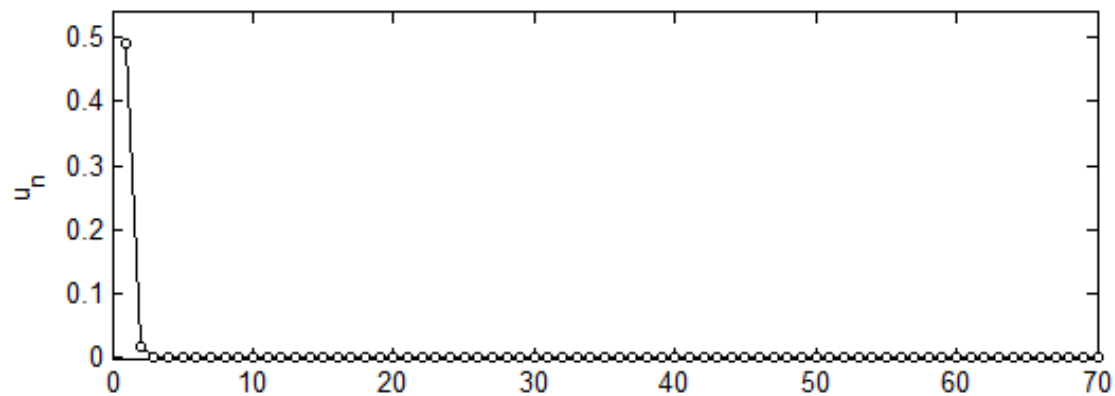


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Conclusions

- Mica has a recording capability of charged particles and lattice excitations
- There is something energetic and localized propagating in the layers of muscovite
- There are very energetic and localized lattice kinks travelling in Coulomb's chains with muscovite parameters, with properties well described by the theory, numeric and observed in toy-model experiments
- Lattice kinks select their unique own energy and velocity.
- The energy of the lattice kinks is between the surface binding energy and the energy available from K^{40} decay.
- **Coulomb's lattice kinks are candidates for *quodons***



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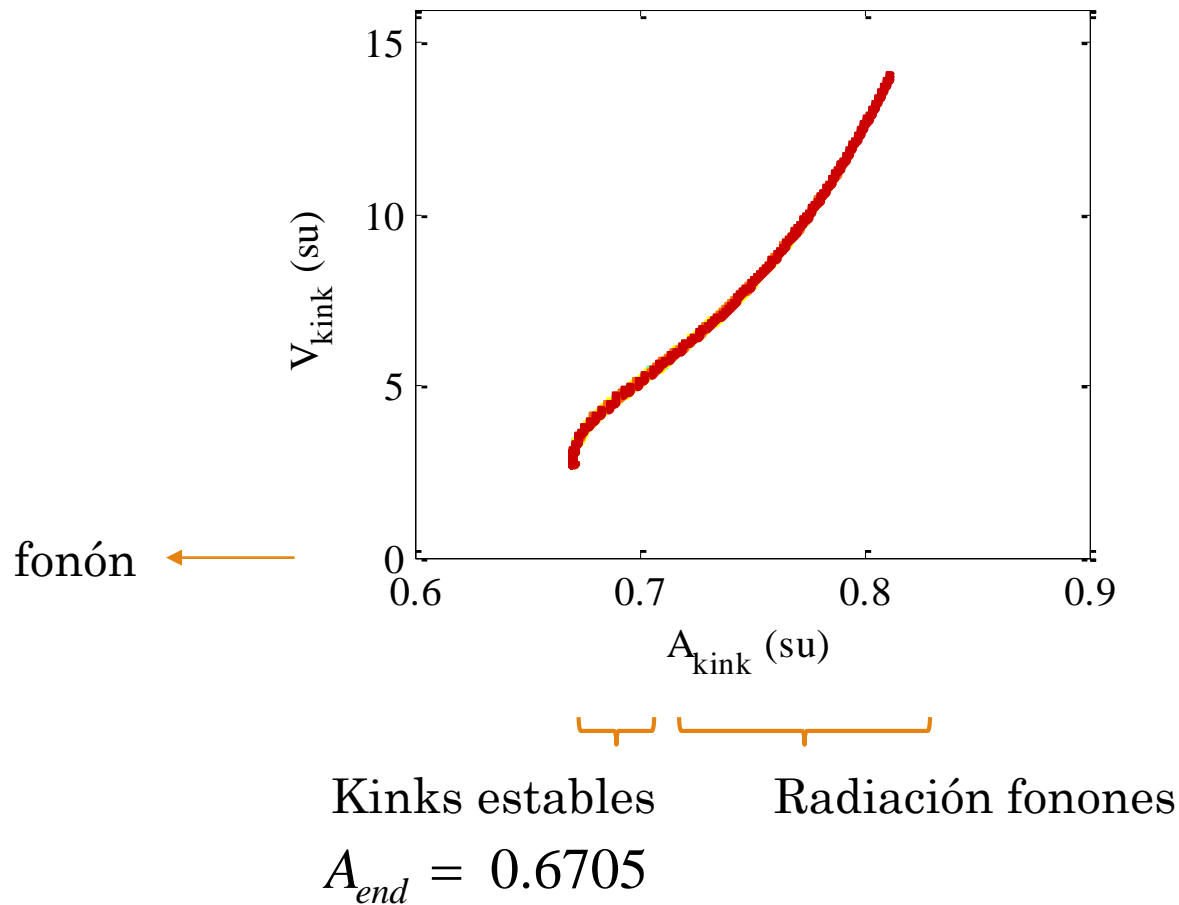
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Thanks for your attention

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Potencial sustrato: Energías



¿Es tan “mágico” $q=2\pi/3$?

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• Numero de onda numérico

