

## PHONON DISPERSION of Fe-18%Cr-10%Mn-16%Ni and Fe-18%Cr-12%Ni-2%Mo ALLOYS

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### ABSTRACT

In the present paper, to investigate the phonon frequencies of face-centered-cubic (f.c.c.) Fe-18%Cr-10%Mn-16%Ni and Fe-18%Cr-12%Ni-2%Mo alloys it has been used an empirical many-body potential (MBP) developed by Akgün and Uğur, recently. The parameters defining the MBP f.c.c. alloys may be computed by following a procedure described. The radial, tangential and three-body force constants of the alloys have been calculated. Finally, the phonon frequencies of the alloys along the principal symmetry directions have been computed using the calculated two-and three-body force constants. The theoretical results are compared with the experimental phonon dispersions. The agreement shows that the proposed MBP provides a reasonable description of the f.c.c. alloys.

**Key Words:** many-body potential, phonon frequencies, radial force constant, tangential force constants

## Fe-18%Cr-10%Mn-16%Ni ve Fe-18%Cr-12%Ni-2%Mo ALAŞIMLARININ FONON DİSPERSİYONU

### ÖZET

Bu çalışmada, Akgün ve Uğur tarafından tanımlanan çok-cisim etkileşmeli potansiyeli (MBP) kullanılarak fcc Fe-%18Cr-%10Mn-%16Ni, Fe-%18Cr-%12Ni-%2Mo alaşımlarının fonon frekansları incelendi. İncelenen alaşımların MBP 'yi tanımlayan parametreleri tanımlanan metoda göre hesaplandı. Alaşımların açısız, radyal ve üç-cisim kuvvet sabitleri hesaplandı. Sonuç olarak alaşımların fonon frekansları temel simetri doğrultuları boyunca, hesaplanan iki ve üç-cisim kuvvet sabitleri kullanılarak bulundu. Fonon dispersiyonlarında teorik sonuçlar deneysel sonuçlarla karşılaştırıldı. f.c.c. alaşımlarda, potansiyelin etkili olduğu görüldü.

**Anahtar Kelimeler:** çok-cisim etkileşme potansiyeli, fonon frekansları, açısız kuvvet sabiti, radyal kuvvet sabiti.

### I. INTRODUCTION

Austenitic stainless steels find extensive applications due to their high corrosion resistance and their good mechanical properties. These alloys are based on the Fe-Cr-Ni system. However, only a few investigations of phonon dispersion in austenitic steels have been published at present. Recently the phonon dispersion relations for Fe-18%Cr-10%Mn-16%Ni and Fe-18%Cr-12%Ni-2%Mo alloys have been measured using inelastic neutron scattering at room temperature [1,2]. The aim of the present work is to investigate the suitability of applying both parametrization procedure and MBP

described by Akgün and Uğur [3-5], to the problem of studying lattice dynamics of the Fe-18%Cr-10%Mn-16%Ni and Fe-18%Cr-12%Ni-2%Mo alloys.

### II. THEORY AND COMPUTATION

The total interaction energy of a system of N atoms, in general, may be expressed as a many-body expansion,

$$\phi = \phi_2 + \phi_3 + \dots + \phi_n + \dots \quad (1)$$

Where  $\phi_2$ ,  $\phi_3$  and  $\phi_n$  represent the total two-body, three-body, and  $n$ -body interaction energies, respectively. In this paper we have re-expressed the total interaction energy of a system simply by separating  $C$  as

$$\phi = \phi_2 + C\phi_3 \quad (2)$$

where  $C$  is a three-body potential parameter to be determined. The new MBP developed by Akgün and Uğur [3,4] contains both two-and three-body potentials.

### II.1. Two-body Model Potential

For the interatomic interactions between two atoms of a lattice the two-body model potential had been described by the modified form of the generalized Morse potential[3], and the average total interaction energy per atom had been written as

$$\phi_2(r_{ij}) = \frac{D}{2(m-1)} \sum_{i \neq j} \left( \frac{r_o}{r_{ij}} \right)^n \left[ \beta^m \exp(-m\alpha r_{ij}) - m\beta \exp(-\alpha r_{ij}) \right] \quad (3)$$

Where  $m$  and  $\alpha$  control the width and the depth of the potential, respectively.  $D$  is the dissociation energy of the pair,  $r_o$  is the separation of the atoms for minimum

potential, and  $\beta = \exp(\alpha r_o)$ . In Eq.3  $\left( \frac{r_o}{r_{ij}} \right)^n$  modifies the

generalized Morse potential [3] to exhibit the correct nature of the forces, particularly at short distances.  $r_{ij}$  is the interatomic distance between atoms  $i$  and  $j$ , and  $r_{ij} = a(m_{ij}^2 + n_{ij}^2 + l_{ij}^2)^{1/2}$ , where  $m_{ij}$ ,  $n_{ij}$ ,  $l_{ij}$  are integers representing the difference between the coordinates of  $i$ - and  $j$ -th atoms of the lattice and  $a$  is the lattice constant. The summation in the present calculations extends up to 10-th neighbours.

### II.2. Three-body Model Potential

In the present paper we have used a three-body potential developed by Akgün and Uğur [4,5], recently. The three-body general potential coupling the atom  $i$ -th with its neighbours  $j$ -and  $k$ -th is

$$\phi_3(r_{ij}r_{ik}) = \frac{CD}{2(m-1)} \sum_{j \neq k} \sum_i \left( \frac{r_o}{r_{ij}+r_{ik}} \right)^n \left[ \beta^m \exp(-m\alpha(r_{ij} + r_{ik})) - m\beta \exp(-\alpha(r_{ij} + r_{ik})) \right] \quad (4)$$

where  $r_{ij}$  and  $r_{ik}$  are the respective separations of the atoms  $j$ -and  $k$ -th from the atom  $i$ -th.  $C$  is the three-body potential parameter to be evaluated.

### II.3. Calculation of the MBP Parameters

The parameters ( $\alpha$ ,  $r_o$ ,  $D$ ,  $C$ ) defining the MBP,  $\phi = \phi_2 + C\phi_3$ , for f.c.c Fe-18%Cr-10%Mn-16%Ni and Fe-18%Cr-12%Ni-2%Mo alloys may be computed by following a procedure described by present authors [4,5]. For equilibrium semi-lattice constant of the alloy ( $a_o$ ) in this method:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_2(r_{ij}) \Big|_{r_{ij}=a_o} &= \epsilon_o \\ \phi_2(r_{ij}) \Big|_{r_{ij}=a_o} + \phi_3(r_{ij}r_{ik}) \Big|_{r_{ij}=r_{ik}=a_o} &= \phi \\ \frac{\partial \phi_2(r_{ij})}{\partial r_{ij}} \Big|_{r_{ij}=a_o} &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial^2 \phi_2(r_{ij})}{\partial r_{ij}^2} \Big|_{r_{ij}=a_o} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi_3(r_{ij}r_{ik})}{\partial r_{ij} \partial r_{ik}} \Big|_{r_{ij}=r_{ik}=a_o} &= 9ca_o B \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Where  $\epsilon_o$  is the ionic part of the total cohesive energy  $\phi$ ,  $B$  is the total Bulk modulus, and  $c$  is a geometrical constant depending on the type of the crystal (for f.c.c. crystal  $c=2$ ). For Fe-18%Cr-10%Mn-16%Ni and Fe-18%Cr-12%Ni-2%Mo alloys the input data used in Eqs.(5) are given in Table I.

Table I. Input data [6,7] for Fe-18%Cr-10%Mn-16%Ni and Fe-18%Cr-12%Ni-2%Mo.  $a$  is the lattice constant of the alloys [1,2].

Alloy	$a$ ( $10^{-10}$ m)	$-\epsilon_o$ (eV)	$B$ ( $10^{11}$ Nm $^{-2}$ )	$-\phi$ (eV)
Fe-18%Cr-10%Mn-16%Ni	3.59	1.23528	1.59	4.2344
Fe-18%Cr-12%Ni-2%Mo	3.59	1.26816	1.57	4.3236

The MBP parameters ( $\alpha$ ,  $r_o$ ,  $D$ ,  $C$ ) can be evaluated for a many different values of the exponent  $m$  and  $n$ . In order to determine the best values of the  $m$  and  $n$  defining the MBP for the alloys we have then computed the second-order elastic constants ( $c_{11}$ ,  $c_{12}$ ,  $c_{44}$ ) for f.c.c. structure at the lattice constant of the alloys. The elastic constants can be evaluated from the well known expressions for cubic crystals [8,9].

$$\begin{aligned} c_{11} &= \frac{a_o^2}{V_c} \sum_{j \neq k} \sum_i \left\{ \left[ m_{ij}^4 \frac{\partial^2 \phi_2(r_{ij})}{(\partial r_{ij}^2)^2} \right] + \left[ m_{ij}^2 m_{ik}^2 \frac{\partial^2 \phi_3(r_{ij}r_{ik})}{\partial r_{ij}^2 \partial r_{ik}^2} \right] \right\}, \\ c_{12} &= \frac{a_o^2}{V_c} \sum_{j \neq k} \sum_i \left\{ \left[ m_{ij}^2 n_{ij}^2 \frac{\partial^2 \phi_2(r_{ij})}{(\partial r_{ij}^2)^2} \right] + \left[ m_{ij} m_{ik} n_{ij} n_{ik} \frac{\partial^2 \phi_3(r_{ij}r_{ik})}{\partial r_{ij}^2 \partial r_{ik}^2} \right] \right\}, \\ c_{44} &= \frac{1}{3}(2c_{11} - c_{12}) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Where  $V_c$  is the atomic volume,  $r_{ij} = a(m_{ij}^2 + n_{ij}^2 + l_{ij}^2)^{1/2}$ , and  $r_{ik} = a(m_{ik}^2 + n_{ik}^2 + l_{ik}^2)^{1/2}$ . For  $c_{44}$ , the relation developed by Milstein et al.[10] is used. Comparing the computed values with the experimental values of the second-order elastic constants we have determined the best values of the exponent  $m$  and  $n$  given in Table II for the alloys. For the determined values of  $m$  and  $n$  the computed parameters ( $\alpha$ ,  $r_o$ ,  $D$ ,  $C$ ) of the MBP are given in Table III. For the calculations in Eqs.(6) the summations extend up to 10-th neighbours of the f.c.c. structure.

Table II. Computed elastic constants (in units  $10^{11}$  N/m<sup>2</sup>) for Fe-18%Cr-10%Mn-16%Ni and Fe-18%Cr-12%Ni-2%Mo at room temperature.

Alloy	$n$	$m$	$c_{11}$	$c_{12}$	$c_{44}$	Ref.
Fe-18%Cr-10%Mn-16%Ni	0.89	1.25	2.18	1.25	1.03	Pres.work
			2.18	1.29	0.79	exp. [1]
Fe-18%Cr-12%Ni-2%Mo	0.82	1.17	2.06	1.21	0.97	Pres.work
			2.06	1.33	1.19	exp. [2]

Table III. Computed MBP parameters for Fe-18%Cr-10%Mn-16%Ni and Fe-18%Cr-12%Ni-2%Mo at the lattice constant of the alloys.

Alloy	$n$	$m$	$D$ (eV)	$\alpha$ ( $10^{-10}$ m)	$r_o$ ( $10^{-10}$ m)	$C$
Fe-18%Cr-10%Mn-16%Ni	0.89	1.25	0.1883258	2.9062000	2.594305	0.362582
Fe-18%Cr-12%Ni-2%Mo	0.82	1.17	0.1945511	2.906750	2.5977290	0.342227

#### II.4. Phonon Dispersion Relations

The usual secular determinant to determine the frequency of vibration of a solid is given by

$$|D - m\omega^2 I| = 0 \quad (7)$$

where  $D$  is a (3×3) dynamical matrix,  $m$  is the ionic mass, and  $I$  is the unit matrix. In the present work the elements of the dynamical matrix  $D_{\alpha\beta}$  are composed of two-body  $D_{\alpha\beta}^i$  (pair central) and three-body  $D_{\alpha\beta}^m$  (many-body) parts:

$$D_{\alpha\beta} = D_{\alpha\beta}^i + D_{\alpha\beta}^m \quad (8)$$

In the case of the two-body central pairwise, the interactions are assumed to be effective up to 10-th nearest neighbours and  $D_{\alpha\beta}^i$  are evaluated by the scheme of Shyam et al. [11]. The typical diagonal and off-diagonal

matrix elements of  $D_{\alpha\beta}^i$  can be found in Ref. 11. In the case of the central interaction, the first and second derivatives of the two-body model potential [3] provide two independent force constants, i.e. the tangential force constant  $\beta_i$  and radial force constant  $\alpha_i$ , for the  $i$ -th set of neighbours:

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_i &= \frac{1}{r_{ij}} \frac{\partial \phi_2(r_{ij})}{\partial r_{ij}} \\ \alpha_i &= \frac{\partial^2 \phi_2(r_{ij})}{\partial r_{ij}^2} \quad I = 1 \text{ to } 10. \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

For Fe-18%Cr-10%Mn-16%Ni and Fe-18%Cr-12%Ni-2%Mo,  $\beta_i$  and  $\alpha_i$  have been computed for f.c.c. structure the lattice constant of the alloys. For Fe-18%Cr-10%Mn-16%Ni and Fe-18%Cr-12%Ni-2%Mo alloys the computed force constants are given in Table IV.

Table IV. The computed radial ( $\alpha_i$ ) and tangential ( $\beta_i$ ) force constants.

Serial No.	$\alpha_i$ ( $10^{-3}$ Nm <sup>-1</sup> )		$\beta_i$ ( $10^{-3}$ Nm <sup>-1</sup> )	
	Fe-18%Cr-10%Mn-16%Ni	Fe-18%Cr-12%Ni-2%Mo	Fe-18%Cr-10%Mn-16%Ni	Fe-18%Cr-12%Ni-2%Mo
1	23413.16	22822.37	-219.8243	-243.3205
2	-1296.963	-1363.229	143.5962	158.2303
3	-163.3133	-189.3236	12.98447	15.55341
4	-23.23424	-28.70595	1.550336	1.965995
5	-3.961706	-5.126328	0.233693	0.308970
6	-0.785891	-1.053315	0.042111	0.057473
7	-0.176235	-0.000242	0.008725	0.012208
8	-0.043698	-0.061545	0.002023	0.002887
9	-0.011782	-0.016894	0.000514	0.000746
10	-0.003410	-0.004963	0.000141	0.000208

In order to determine the contribution of the three-body forces to the diagonal and off-diagonal matrix elements of  $D_{\alpha\beta}^m$ , we follow the scheme of Mishra et al. [12], where a three-body potential is used to deduce the force-constant matrix, involving a single parameter:

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\alpha\alpha}^m &= 4\gamma[4 - 2c_{2i} - c_i(c_j + c_k)], \\ D_{\alpha\beta}^m &= 4\gamma[c_i(c_j + c_k) - 2], \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

Where  $\gamma$  is the second derivative of the three-body potential  $\phi_3(r_{ij}r_{ik})$ ,  $c_i = \cos(\pi a k_i)$  and  $c_{2i} = \cos(2\pi a k_i)$ . To compute the three-body force constant  $\gamma$  of Fe-18%Cr-

10%Mn-16%Ni and Fe-18%Cr-12%Ni-2%Mo at the lattice constant of the alloys, we limit the short-range three-body forces in the f.c.c. system only upto first-nearest neighbours.

The computed values of the three-body force constants  $\gamma = 892.831 \times 10^{-3}$  Nm<sup>-1</sup> for Fe-18%Cr-10%Mn-16%Ni,  $\gamma = 5131.871 \times 10^{-3}$  Nm<sup>-1</sup> for Fe-18%Cr-12%Ni-2%Mo.

Now one can construct the dynamical matrix  $D_{\alpha\beta}$  by using Eq.(8) and then solve the secular equation (7) to compute the phonon frequencies along the principal symmetry directions [100], [110] and [111] for the alloys.

### III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

In the present work, the interaction system of f.c.c. Fe-18%Cr-10%Mn-16%Ni and Fe-18%Cr-12%Ni-2%Mo alloys has been considered to be composed of the two-body and three-body parts. Therefore, the MBP is used to investigate the dynamical behaviors of these alloys. In the mean-crystal model the equilibrium pair energy, Bulk modulus, and total cohesive energy have been used as the input data. Then we have computed the *ab initio* radial ( $\alpha_i$ ), tangential ( $\beta_i$ ) and three-body ( $\gamma$ ) force constants for Fe-18%Cr-10%Mn-16%Ni and Fe-18%Cr-12%Ni-2%Mo alloys, using the MBP. The computed values of the force constants have been fed into the dynamical matrix [8] and the phonon frequencies for the alloy have been calculated by solving the secular determinant [7]. The computed dispersion curves are shown by solid curves in Figure 1-2.

Consequently, the present results show that the proposed MBP are sufficient to study the lattice dynamics in the f.c.c. quaternary alloys.

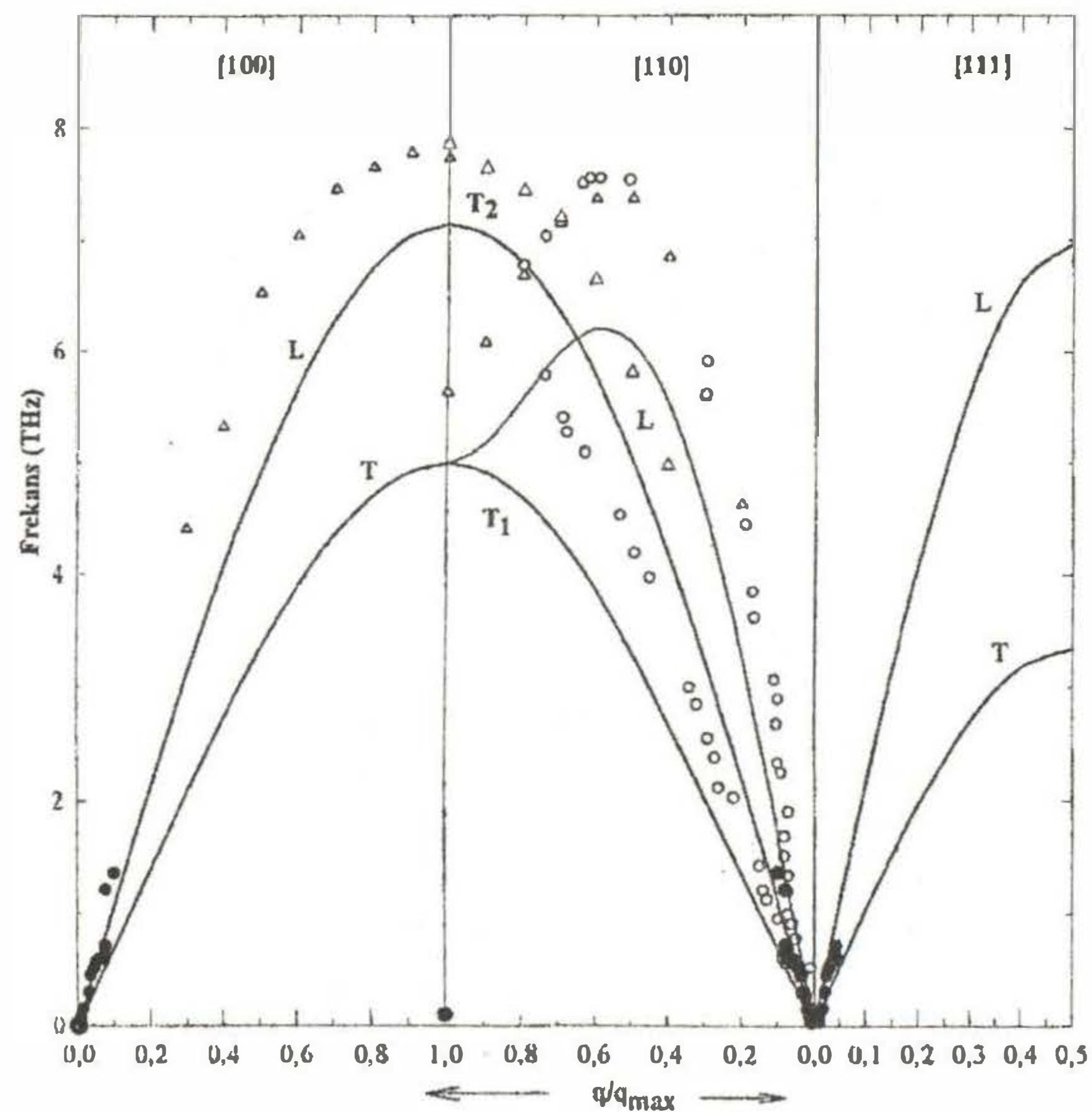


Figure 1. Phonon dispersion curves at room temperature for Fe-18%Cr-10%Mn-16%Ni the symbols  $\circ$ ,  $\bullet$ ,  $\triangle$  represent the experimental value [1, 13, 14]. The solid curves show the computed dispersion curves according to the many-body interactions.

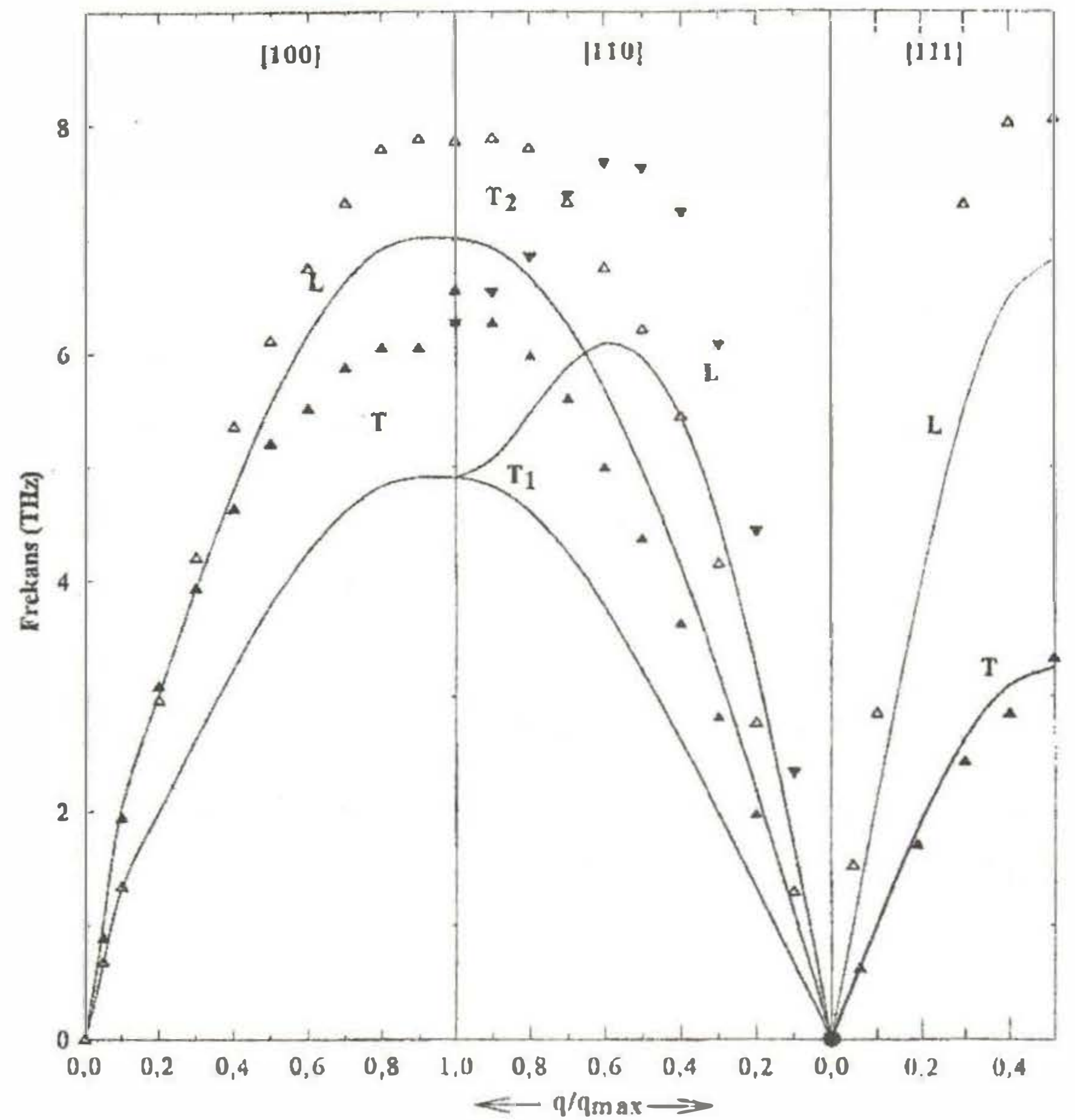


Figure 2. Phonon dispersion curves at room temperature Fe-18%Cr-12%Ni-2%Mo the symbols  $\blacktriangle$ ,  $\blacktriangledown$ ,  $\triangle$  represent the experimental value [2]. The solid curves show the computed dispersion curves according to the many-body interactions

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