# Spin-Orbit Coupling (SOC) Parameters in Si/SiGe QWs: Structure (SIA) and Bulk (BIA) Inversion Asymmetry

### **Objective:**

• Previous theoretical models for T<sub>2</sub> do not agree with experimental results, as they ignore BIA effects.

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 We want to determine the SIA α and BIA β coupling parameters

### Approach:

- Using NEMO-3D we compute the splitting of the lowest valleys due to SOC as a function of in-plane *k*
- We get  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  as a function of:
  - •QW width, L
  - Electric field  $E_z$

#### Impact:

- SOC determines T<sub>2</sub> and T<sub>1</sub>, essential for quantum computation.
- Atomistic approach is essential for the interfaces: first time  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  computed using this method



# **Result:**

- Surprisingly,  $\alpha << \beta$
- SOC has inter- and intra-valley contributions
- $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  linear in *k*, *E*<sub>z</sub> and are sample dependent
- Two regimes as a function of  $E_z$ :
  - Weak Field,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  decrease with L
  - Strong Field:  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  independent of L





