

3. Electrons

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The free electron model is a one parameter model

	1-D Schrödinger equation for a free particle $i\hbar \frac{d\psi}{dt} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2}$	2-D Schrödinger equation for a free particle $i\hbar \frac{d\psi}{dt} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left(\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + \frac{d^2\psi}{dy^2} \right)$	3-D Schrödinger equation for a free particle $i\hbar \frac{d\psi}{dt} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left(\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + \frac{d^2\psi}{dy^2} + \frac{d^2\psi}{dz^2} \right)$
Eigenfunction solutions	$\psi_k = A_k \exp(i(kx - \alpha t))$	$\psi_k = A_k \exp(i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \alpha t))$	$\psi_k = A_k \exp(i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \alpha t))$
Eigenvalues of the translation operator $T\psi_k(\vec{r}) = \psi_k(\vec{r} + \vec{R}) = \lambda_k \psi_k(\vec{r})$	$\lambda_k = \exp(ikR)$	$\lambda_{\vec{k}} = \exp(i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{R})$	$\lambda_{\vec{k}} = \exp(i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{R})$
Dispersion relation	$E = \hbar\omega = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} \quad \text{J}$	$E = \hbar\omega = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} \quad \text{J}$	$E = \hbar\omega = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} \quad \text{J}$
Density of states	$D(k) = \frac{2}{\pi}$	$D(k) = \frac{k}{\pi} \quad \text{m}^{-1}$	$D(k) = \frac{k^2}{\pi^2} \quad \text{m}^2$
Density of states $D(E) = D(k) \frac{dk}{dE}$	$D(E) = \frac{1}{\pi\hbar} \sqrt{\frac{2m}{E}} = \frac{n}{2\sqrt{E_F E}} \quad \text{J}^{-1}\text{m}^{-1}$	$D(E) = \frac{m}{\pi\hbar^2} = \frac{n}{E_F} \quad \text{J}^{-1}\text{m}^{-2}$	$D(E) = \frac{(2m)^{3/2}}{2\pi^2\hbar^3} \sqrt{E} = \frac{3n}{2E_F^{3/2}} \sqrt{E} \quad \text{J}^{-1}\text{m}^{-3}$
Fermi energy E_F $n = \int_{-\infty}^{E_F} D(E) dE$	$E_F = \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2 n^2}{8m} \quad \text{J}$	$E_F = \frac{\pi \hbar^2 n}{m} \quad \text{J}$	$E_F = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (3\pi^2 n)^{2/3} \quad \text{J}$
$D(E_F)$	$D(E_F) = \frac{4m}{\pi^2 \hbar^2 n} \quad \text{J}^{-1}\text{m}^{-1}$	$D(E_F) = \frac{m}{\pi \hbar^2} \quad \text{J}^{-1}\text{m}^{-2}$	$D(E_F) = \frac{m(3n)^{1/3}}{\pi^3 \hbar^2} \quad \text{J}^{-1}\text{m}^{-3}$
$D'(E_F) = \frac{dD}{dE} \Big _{E=E_F}$	$D'(E_F) = \frac{-16m^2}{\pi^4 \hbar^4 n^3} \quad \text{J}^2\text{m}^{-1}$	$D'(E_F) = 0 \quad \text{J}^2\text{m}^{-2}$	$D'(E_F) = \frac{m^2}{\hbar^4 \sqrt[3]{3\pi^8 n}} \quad \text{J}^2\text{m}^{-3}$
Chemical potential μ $n = \int_{-\infty}^{\mu} D(E) f(E) dE$	$\mu \approx E_F - \frac{\pi^2}{6} (k_B T)^2 \frac{D'(E_F)}{D(E_F)} \quad \text{J}$ $\approx \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2 n^2}{8m} + \frac{2m}{3\hbar^2 n^2} (k_B T)^2 \quad \text{J}$	$\mu = k_B T \ln \left(\exp \left(\frac{E_F}{k_B T} \right) - 1 \right) \quad \text{J}$ $= k_B T \ln \left(\exp \left(\frac{\pi \hbar^2 n}{m k_B T} \right) - 1 \right) \quad \text{J}$	$\mu \approx E_F - \frac{\pi^2}{6} (k_B T)^2 \frac{D'(E_F)}{D(E_F)} \quad \text{J}$ $\approx \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (3\pi^2 n)^{2/3} - \frac{\pi^2 m}{2\hbar^2 3^{1/3} n^{1/3}} (k_B T)^2 \quad \text{J}$
Internal energy distribution $u(E) = E \frac{D(E)}{\exp \left(\frac{E - \mu}{k_B T} \right) + 1}$	$u(E) = \frac{n}{2} \sqrt{\frac{E}{E_F}} \frac{1}{\exp \left(\frac{E - \mu}{k_B T} \right) + 1} \quad \text{m}^{-1}$ $= \frac{1}{\pi \hbar} \sqrt{2mE} \frac{1}{(E - \mu)} \quad \text{m}^{-1}$	$u(E) = \frac{n}{E_F} \frac{E}{\exp \left(\frac{E - \mu}{k_B T} \right) + 1} \quad \text{m}^{-2}$ $= \frac{m}{\pi \hbar^2} \frac{E}{(E - \mu)} \quad \text{m}^{-2}$	$u(E) = \frac{3n}{2} \left(\frac{E}{E_F} \right)^{3/2} \frac{1}{\exp \left(\frac{E - \mu}{k_B T} \right) + 1} \quad \text{m}^{-3}$ $= \frac{1}{2\pi^2 \hbar^3} (2mE)^{3/2} \quad \text{m}^{-3}$

Thermodynamic properties

Chemical potential
(implicitly defined by):

$$n = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{D(E)}{1 + \exp\left(\frac{E - \mu}{k_B T}\right)} dE$$

DoS →
μ

Internal energy density:

$$u = \phi + Ts + \mu n = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{ED(E)}{1 + \exp\left(\frac{E - \mu}{k_B T}\right)} dE$$

DoS →
u(T)

Energy spectral density:

$$u(E, T) = \frac{ED(E)}{1 + \exp\left(\frac{E - \mu}{k_B T}\right)}$$

DoS →
u(E)

Specific heat:

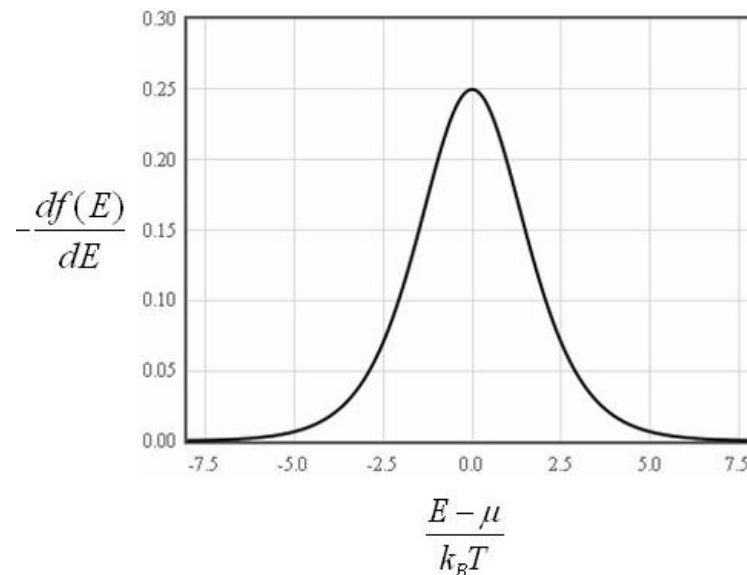
$$c_v = \frac{\partial u}{\partial T} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{ED(E)(E - \mu) \exp\left(\frac{E - \mu}{k_B T}\right)}{k_B T^2 \left(1 + \exp\left(\frac{E - \mu}{k_B T}\right)\right)^2} dE$$

DoS →
cv(T)

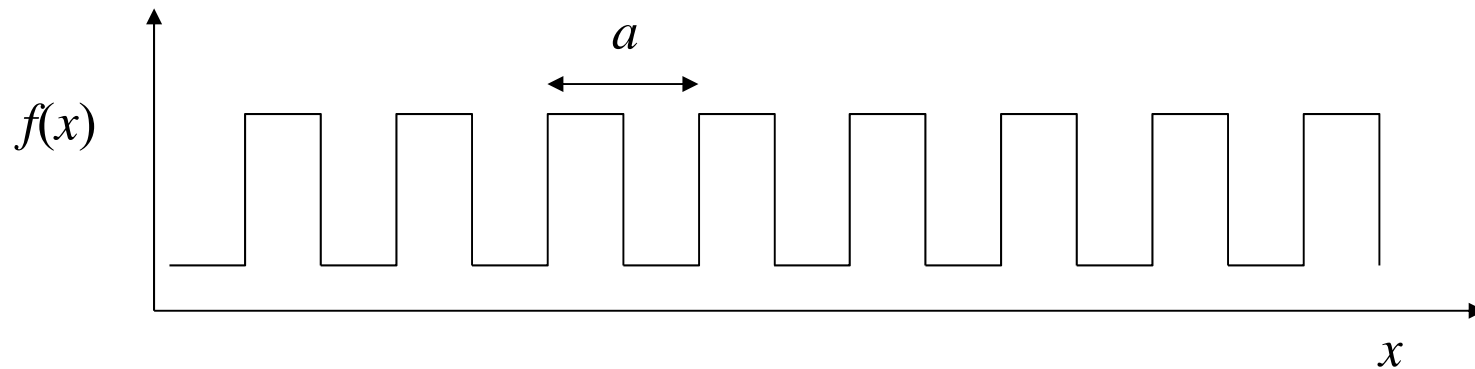
Properties of metals depend mostly on the electron states at the Fermi surface

$$n = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} D(E) f(E) dE = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{D(E) dE}{\exp\left(\frac{E - \mu}{k_B T}\right) + 1}.$$

$$n = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} D(E) f(E) dE = K(\infty) f(\infty) - K(-\infty) f(-\infty) - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} K(E) \frac{df(E)}{dE} dE.$$



Expanding a 1-d function in a Fourier series



Any periodic function can be represented as a Fourier series.

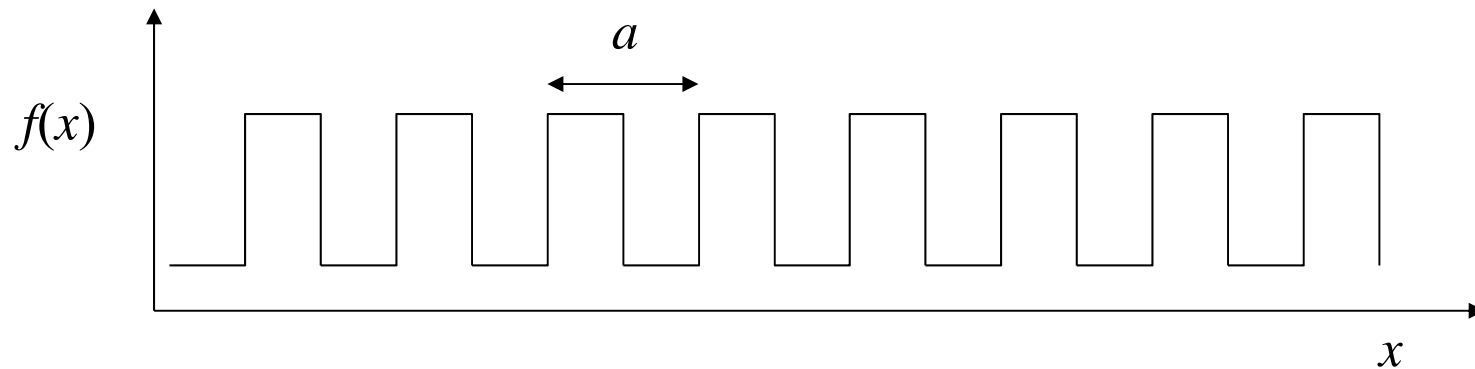
$$f(x) = f_0 + \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} c_p \cos(2\pi px/a) + s_p \sin(2\pi px/a)$$

multiply by $\cos(2\pi p'x/a)$ and integrate over a period.

$$\int_0^a f(x) \cos(2\pi px/a) dx = c_p \int_0^a \cos(2\pi px/a) \cos(2\pi px/a) dx = \frac{ac_p}{2}$$

$$c_p = \frac{2}{a} \int_0^a f(x) \cos(2\pi px/a) dx$$

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$$\cos x = \frac{e^{ix} + e^{-ix}}{2} \quad \sin x = \frac{e^{ix} - e^{-ix}}{2i}$$

$$f(x) = \sum_{G=-\infty}^{\infty} f_G e^{iGx} \quad f_G = \frac{c_p}{2} - i \frac{s_p}{2} \quad G = \frac{2\pi p}{a}$$

For real functions: $f_G^* = f_{-G}$

reciprocal lattice vector

Fourier series in 1-D, 2-D, or 3-D

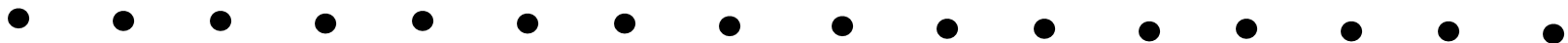
In two or three dimensions, a periodic function can be thought of as a pattern repeated on a Bravais lattice. It can be written as a Fourier series

$$f(\vec{r}) = \sum_{\vec{G}} f_{\vec{G}} e^{i\vec{G} \cdot \vec{r}}$$

Reciprocal lattice vectors
(depend on the Bravais lattice)

Structure factors
(complex numbers)

In 1-D:



$$\vec{G} = v\vec{b}$$

$$v = -\infty \dots -1, 0, 1, \dots \infty$$

$$|\vec{b}| = \frac{2\pi}{a}$$

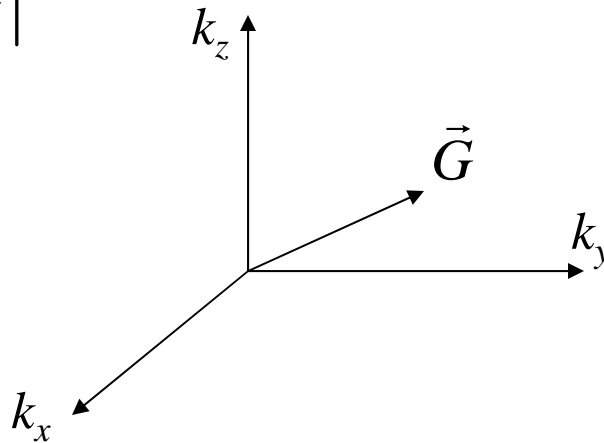
Reciprocal space (Reziproker Raum) *k*-space (*k*-Raum)

k-space is the space of all wave-vectors.

A *k*-vector points in the direction a wave is propagating.

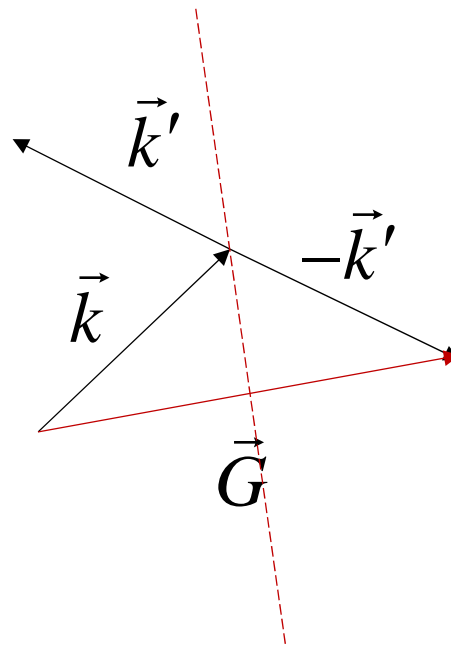
wavelength: $\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{|\vec{k}|}$

momentum: $\vec{p} = \hbar\vec{k}$

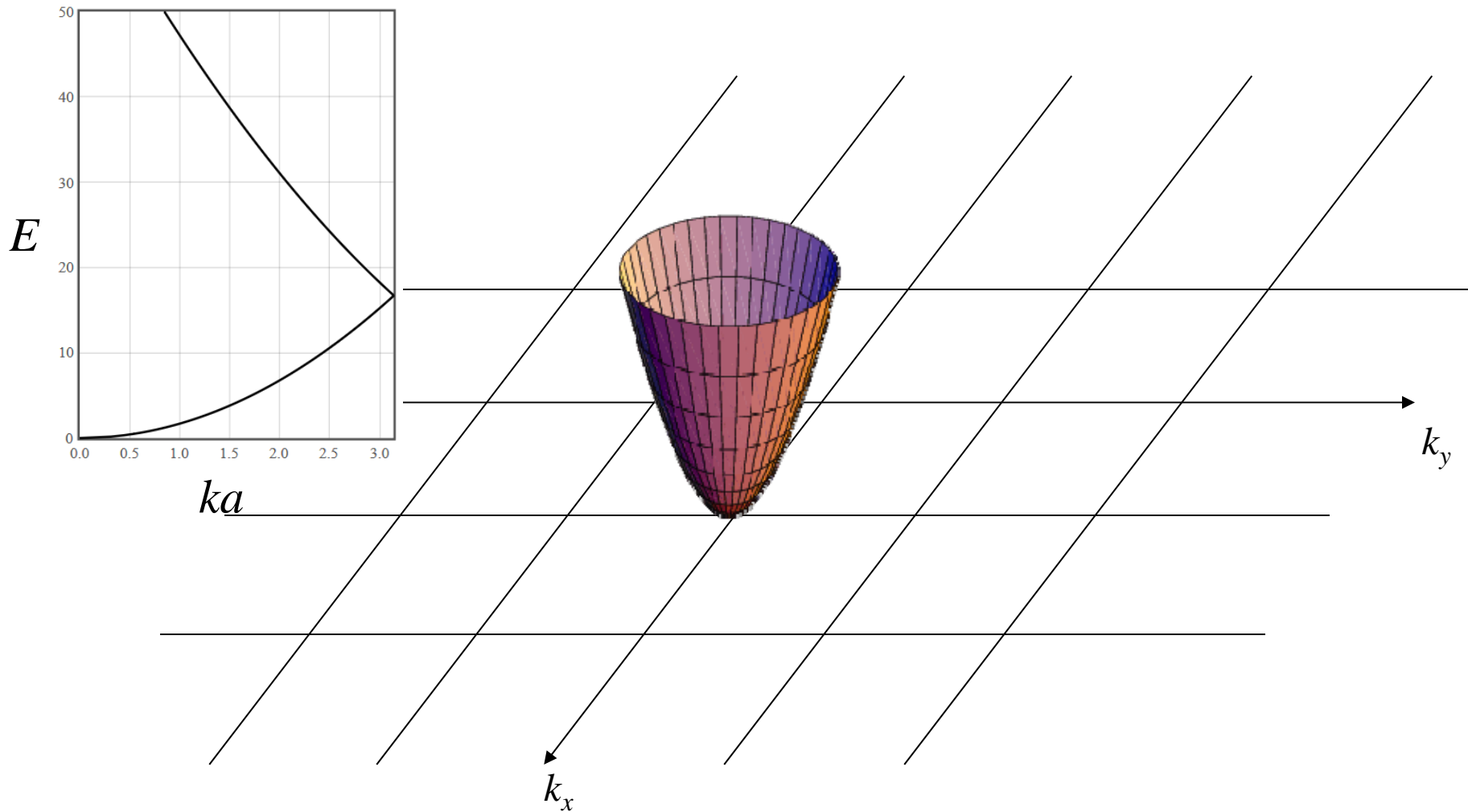


Diffraction condition

$$\Delta \vec{k} = \vec{G}$$

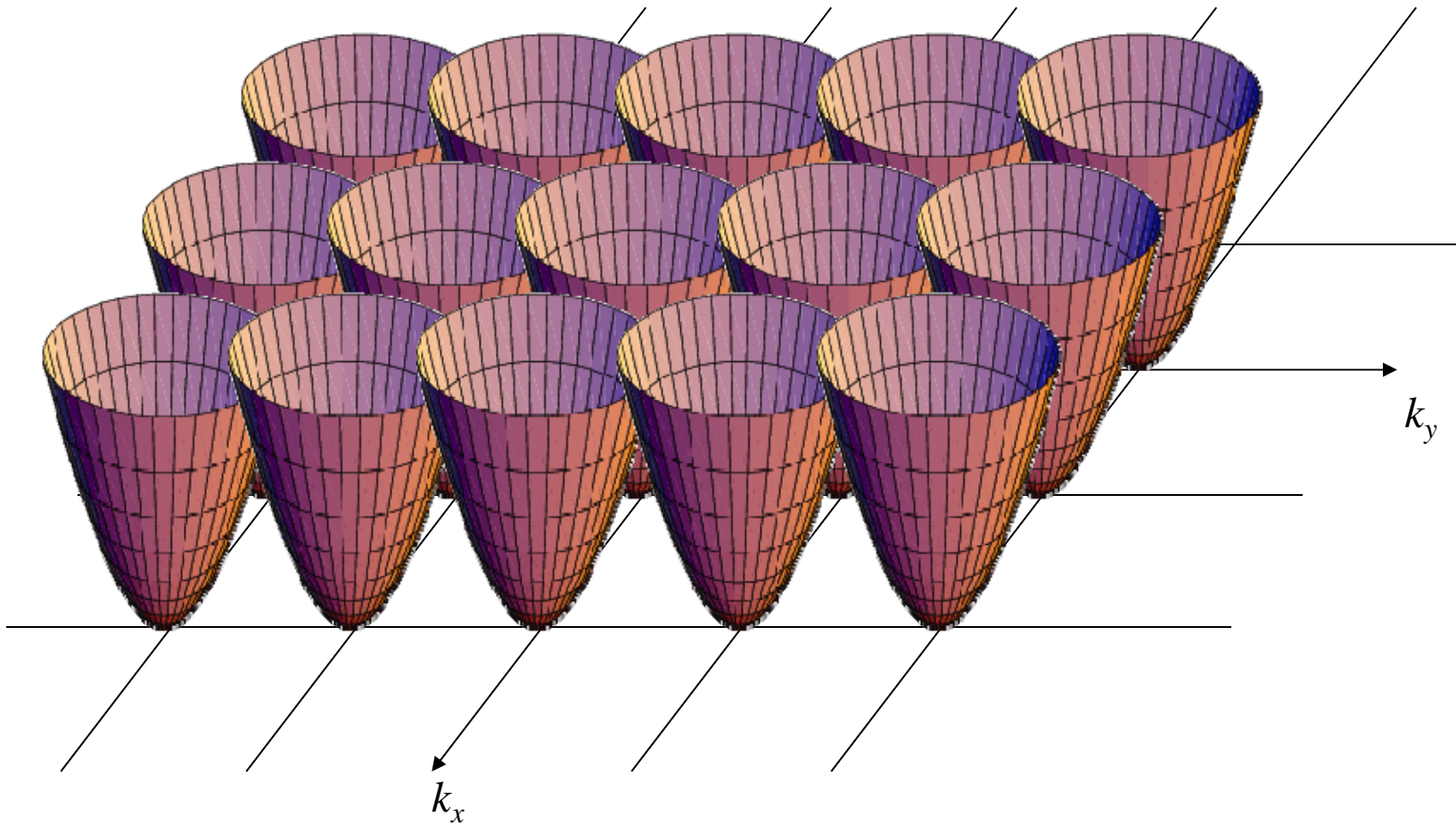


Empty lattice approximation



$$e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}} = e^{i\vec{k}'\cdot\vec{r}} e^{i\vec{G}\cdot\vec{r}}$$

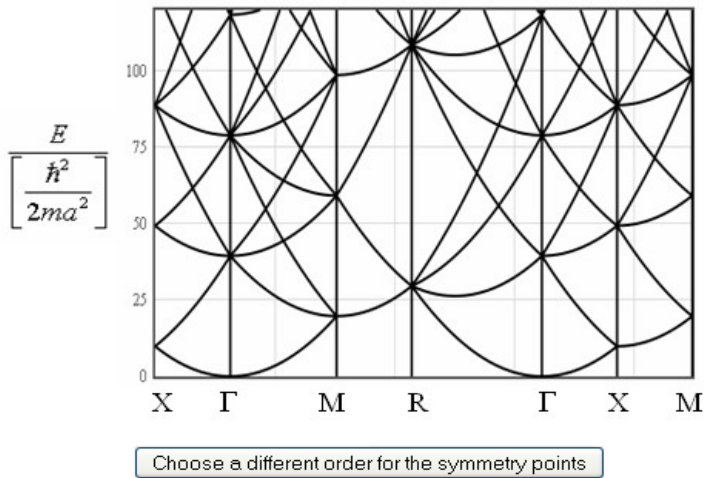
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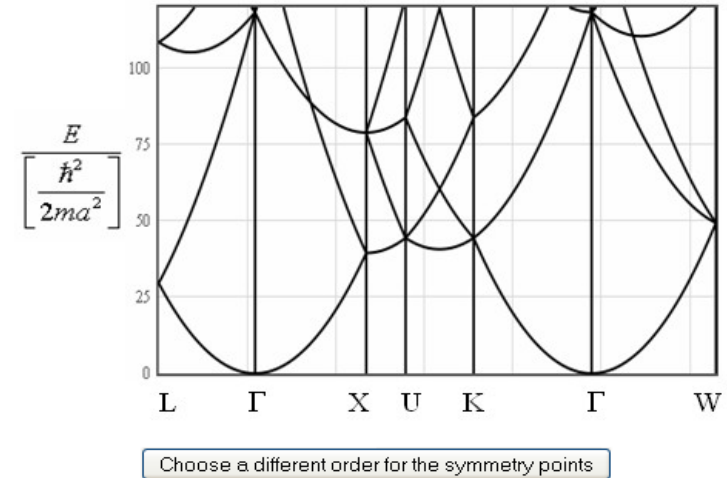
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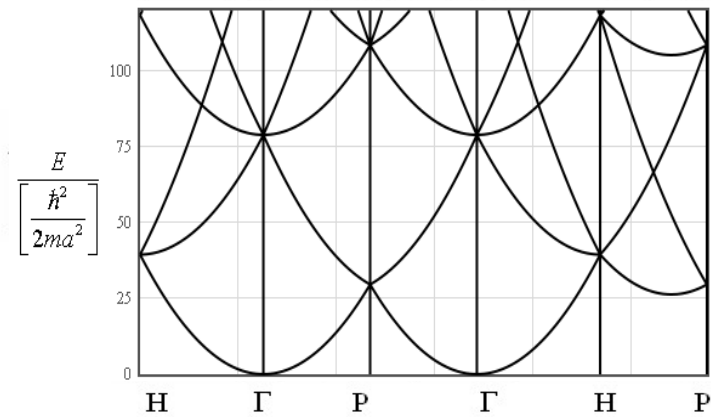
Simple cubic



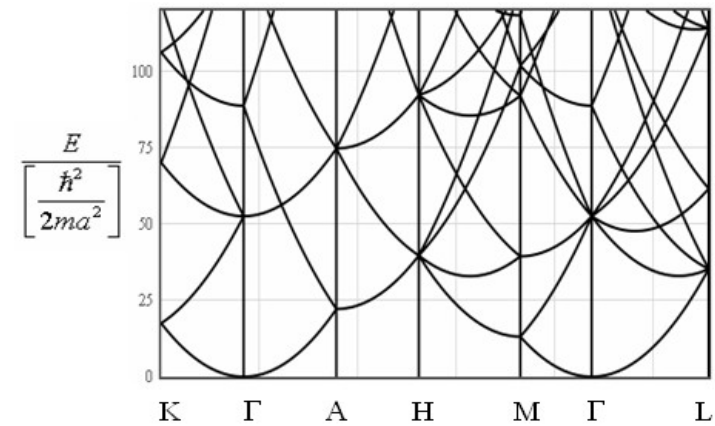
Face centered cubic



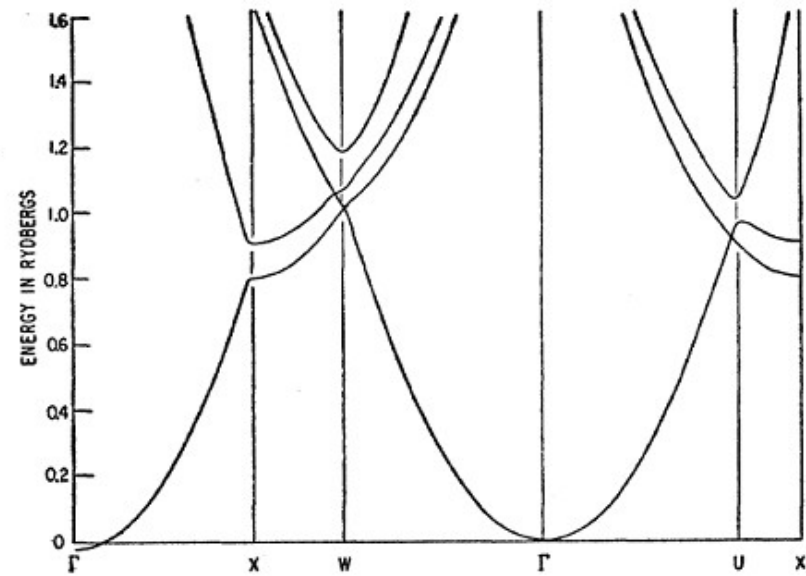
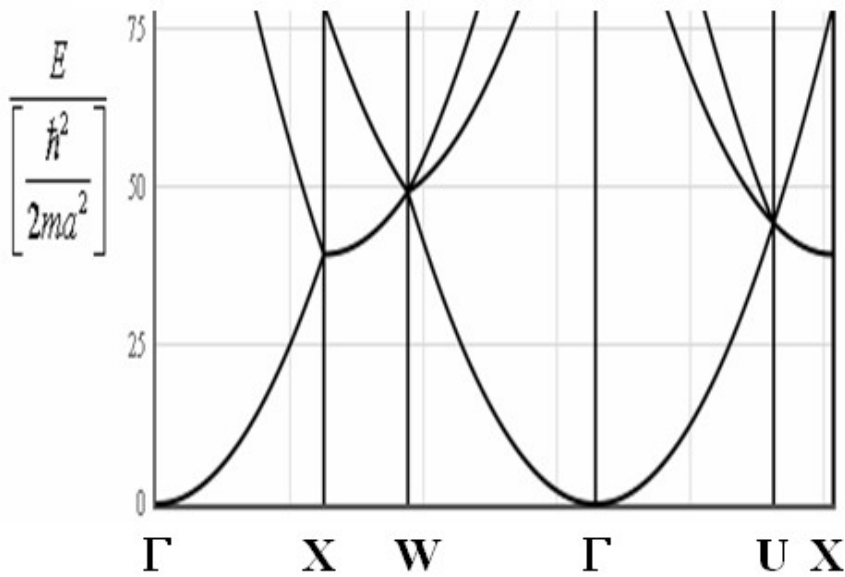
Body centered cubic



Hexagonal



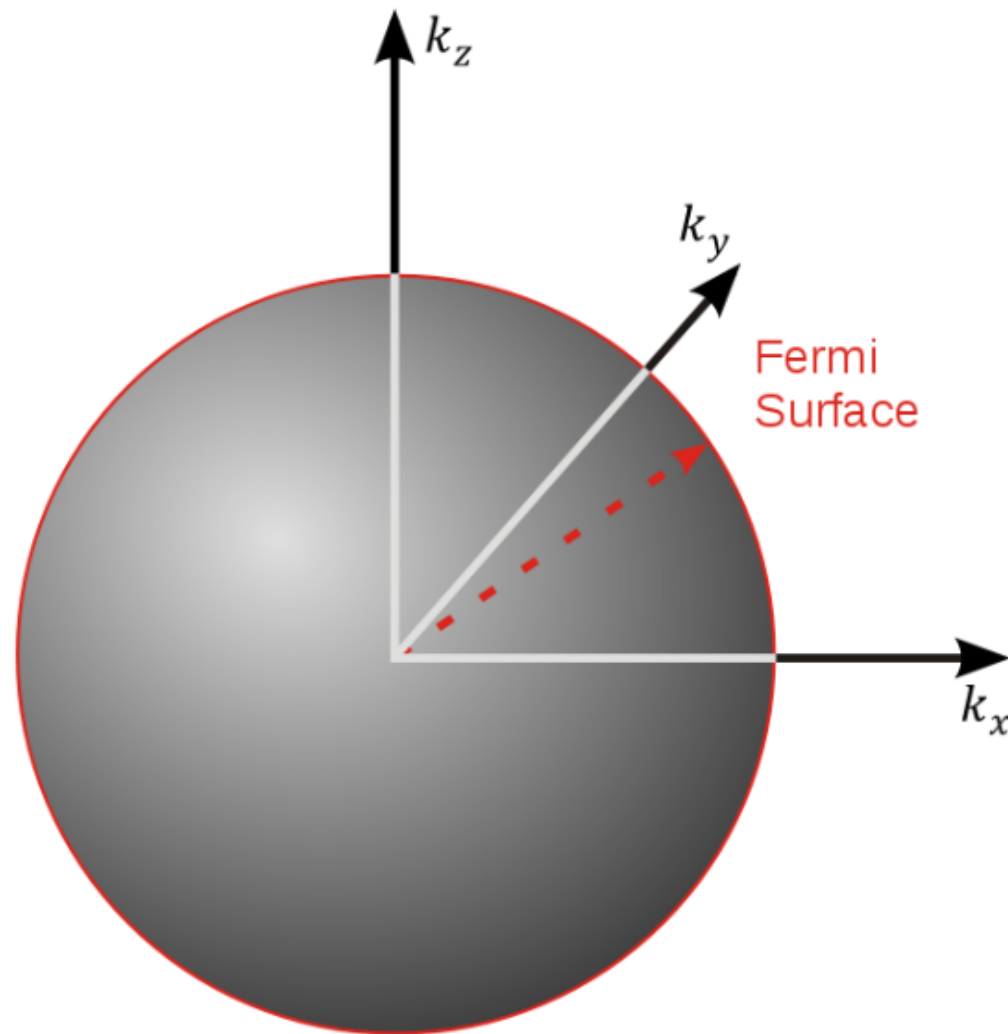
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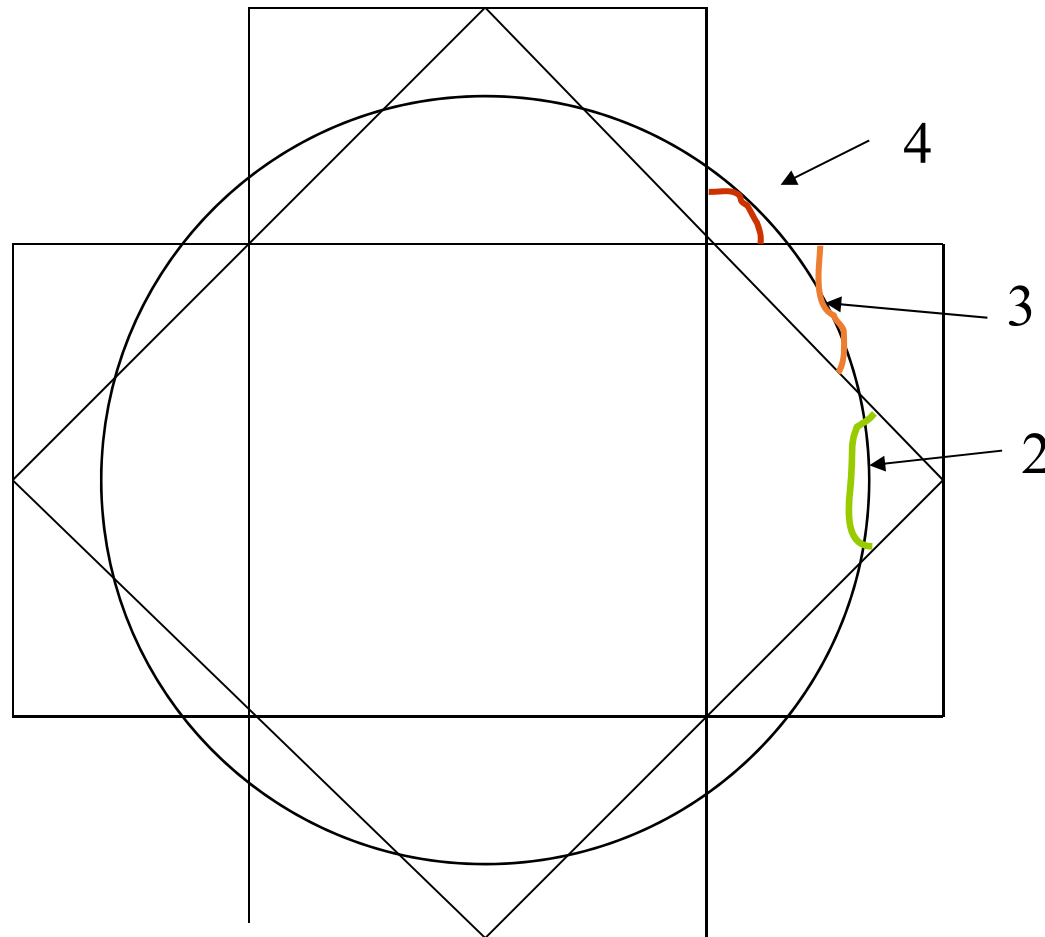
W. Harrison, Phys. Rev. 118 p. 1182 (1960)

aluminum

Fermi surface for free electrons



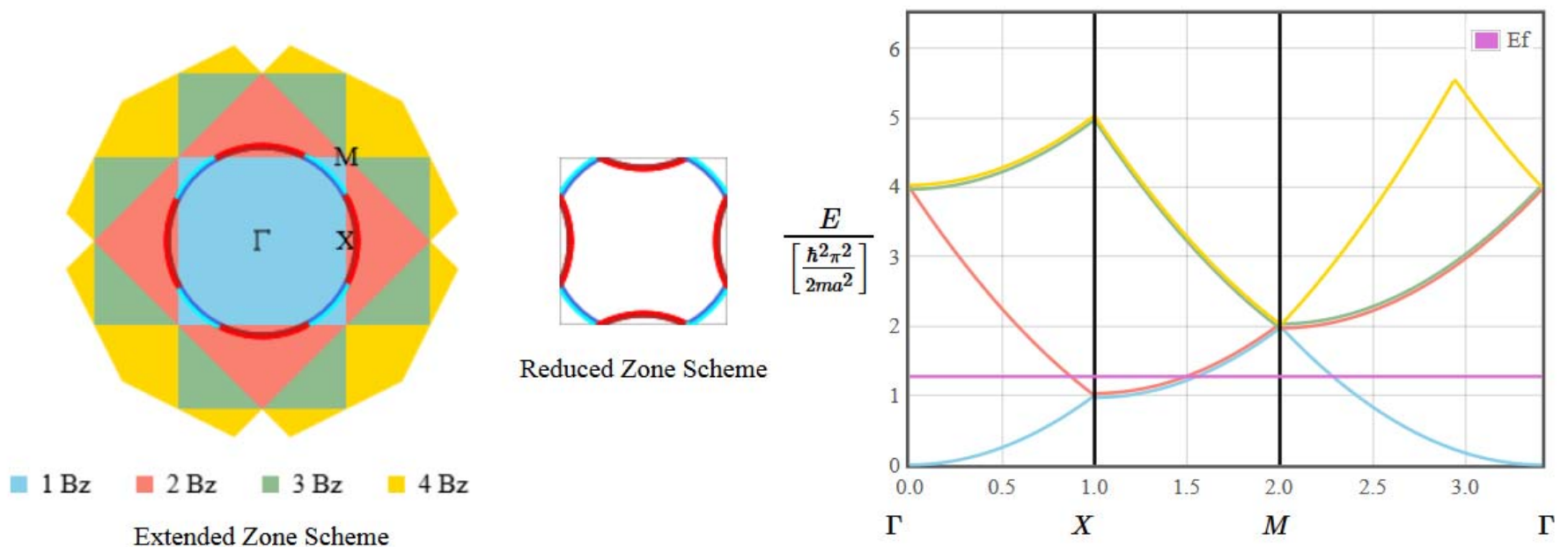
Constructing Fermi surface



No Fermi surface in the 1st Brillouin zone

2d square lattice

$2N$ electron states in a Brillouin zone



The Fermi surface strikes the Brillouin zone boundary at 90° .

http://lampx.tugraz.at/~hadley/ss2/fermisurface/2d_fermisurface/2dsquare.php

Brillouin zones of two-dimensional Bravais lattices

$$\vec{a}_1 = a \hat{x}, \quad \vec{a}_2 = b \cos \gamma \hat{x} + b \sin \gamma \hat{y}.$$

$$\vec{a}_i \cdot \vec{b}_j = 2\pi \delta_{ij}.$$

$$\vec{b}_1 = \frac{2\pi}{a} \hat{k}_x - \frac{2\pi \cos \gamma}{a \sin \gamma} \hat{k}_y, \quad \vec{b}_2 = \frac{2\pi}{b \sin \gamma} \hat{k}_y.$$

$$G_{hk,x} = hb_{1,x} + kb_{2,x} \text{ and } G_{hk,y} = hb_{1,y} + kb_{2,y}.$$

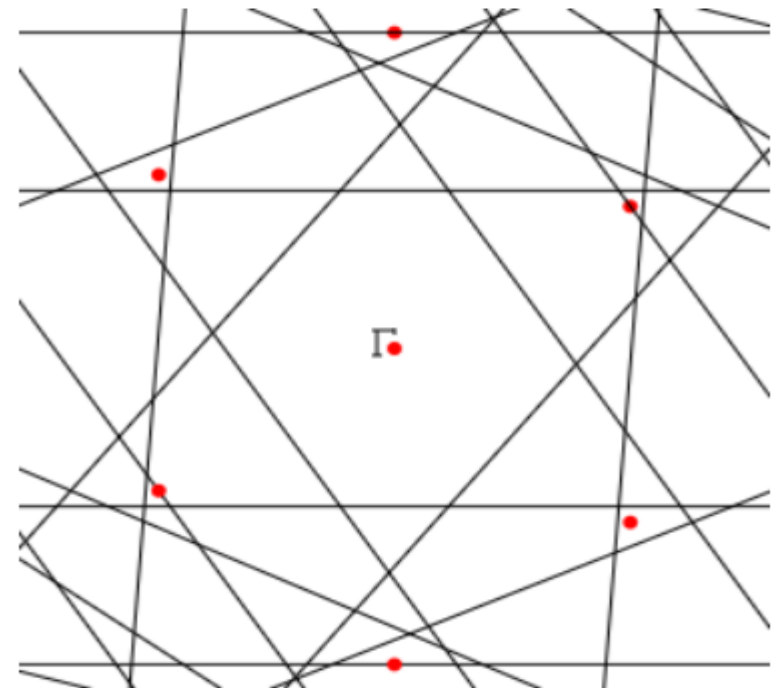
$$G_{hk,x}k_x + G_{hk,y}k_y = \frac{G_{hk,x}^2}{2} + \frac{G_{hk,y}^2}{2},$$

$b/a = 1.6$ - +
 $\gamma = 155$ - +

square hexagonal

$$\vec{a}_1 = 1 \hat{x} \quad \vec{a}_2 = -1.450 \hat{x} + (0.6762) \hat{y}$$

$$\vec{b}_1 = 6.283 \hat{k}_x + (13.47) \hat{k}_y \quad \vec{b}_2 = 9.292 \hat{k}_y$$



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display: large

configure...

presets

help...

time (ps): 48.2

zone scheme: reduced

run

initialize

E_x (10⁶ V/m): 0

E_y (10⁶ V/m): 0

B_z (T): 1.2

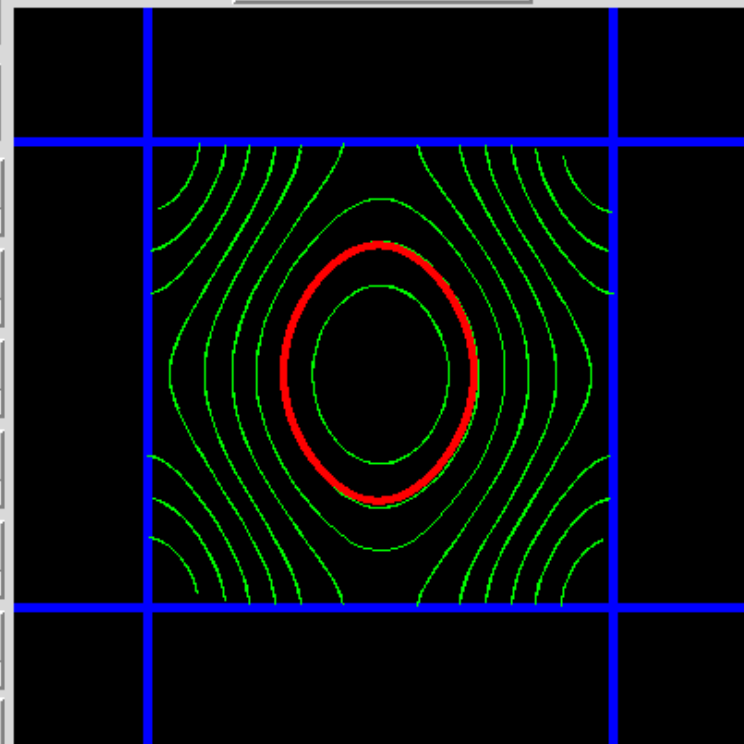
k_x (pi/a): 0

k_y (pi/a): 0.55

anisotropy .6

speed 0.05

position: (0,0) 10⁻⁶ m



wave vector: (-1.57563, 1.16979) pi/a