

# 2. Fourier Transforms

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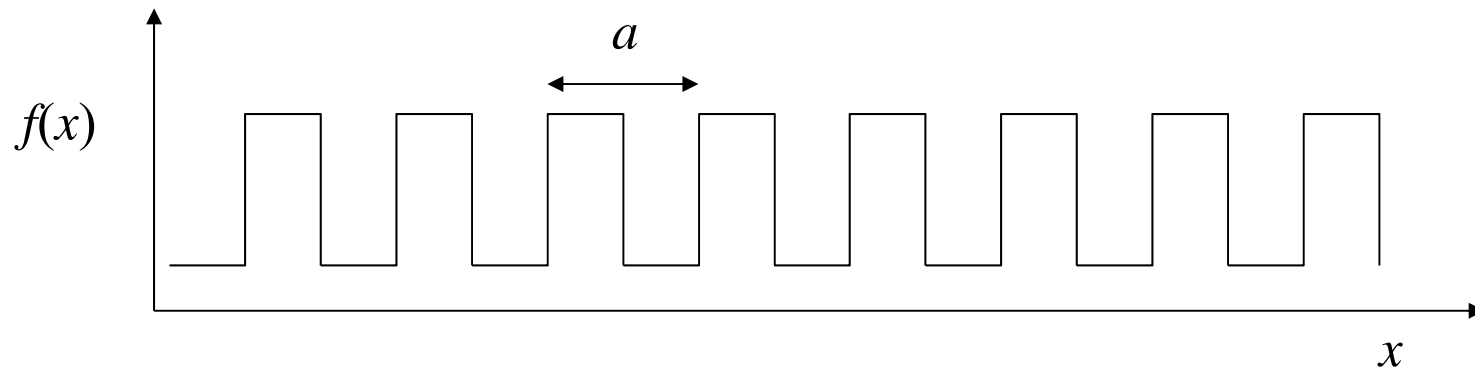
# Fourier series in 2-D and 3-D

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Electrons in a crystal move in a 3-D periodic potential.

X-rays scatter from the periodic electron density.

# Expanding a 1-d function in a Fourier series



Any periodic function can be represented as a Fourier series.

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

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

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

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)

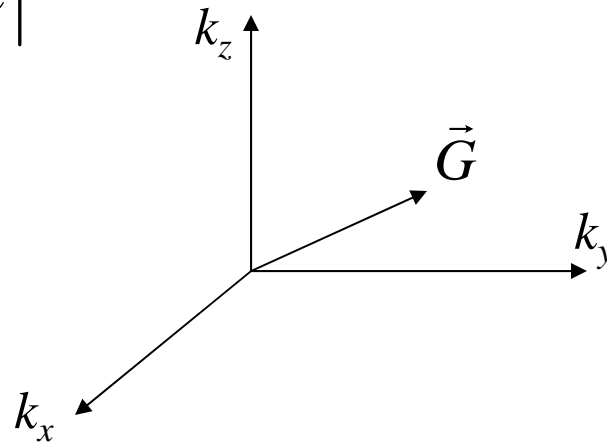
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*k*-space is the space of all wave-vectors.

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

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

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



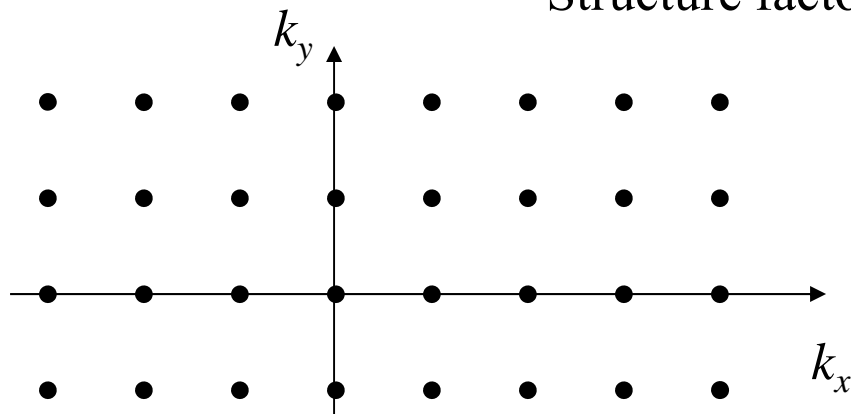
# Reciprocal lattice (Reziprokes Gitter)

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Reciprocal lattice vector  $G$

Structure factor



$$\vec{G} = \nu_1 \vec{b}_1 + \nu_2 \vec{b}_2 + \nu_3 \vec{b}_3$$

$\nu_i$  integers

$$\vec{b}_1 = 2\pi \frac{\vec{a}_2 \times \vec{a}_3}{\vec{a}_1 \cdot (\vec{a}_2 \times \vec{a}_3)}, \quad \vec{b}_2 = 2\pi \frac{\vec{a}_3 \times \vec{a}_1}{\vec{a}_1 \cdot (\vec{a}_2 \times \vec{a}_3)}, \quad \vec{b}_3 = 2\pi \frac{\vec{a}_1 \times \vec{a}_2}{\vec{a}_1 \cdot (\vec{a}_2 \times \vec{a}_3)}$$

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

# Determine the structure factors

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

Multiply by  $e^{-i\vec{G}'\cdot\vec{r}}$  and integrate over a unit cell

$$\int_{\text{unit cell}} f(\vec{r}) e^{-i\vec{G}'\cdot\vec{r}} d\vec{r} = \int_{\text{unit cell}} \sum_{\vec{G}} f_{\vec{G}} e^{-i(\vec{G}'-\vec{G})\cdot\vec{r}} d\vec{r}$$

Only  $G = G'$  is non zero.

$$= f_{\vec{G}'} a$$

$$f_{\vec{G}} = \frac{1}{a} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{\text{cell}}(x) e^{-i\vec{G}\cdot\vec{r}} d\vec{r}$$

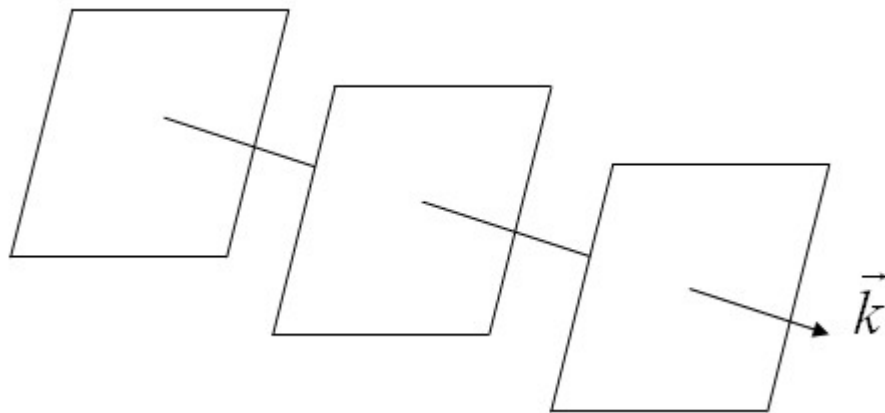
The structure factor is proportional to the Fourier transform of the pattern that gets repeated on the Bravais lattice, evaluated at that  $G$ -vector.

# Plane waves (Ebene Wellen)

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$$e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}} = \cos(\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}) + i\sin(\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r})$$

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



$$\exp(i\vec{k}\cdot(\vec{r} + \vec{r}_\perp)) = \exp(i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r})$$

Most functions can be expressed in terms of plane waves

$$f(\vec{r}) = \int F(\vec{k}) e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}} d\vec{k}$$

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



# Fourier transforms

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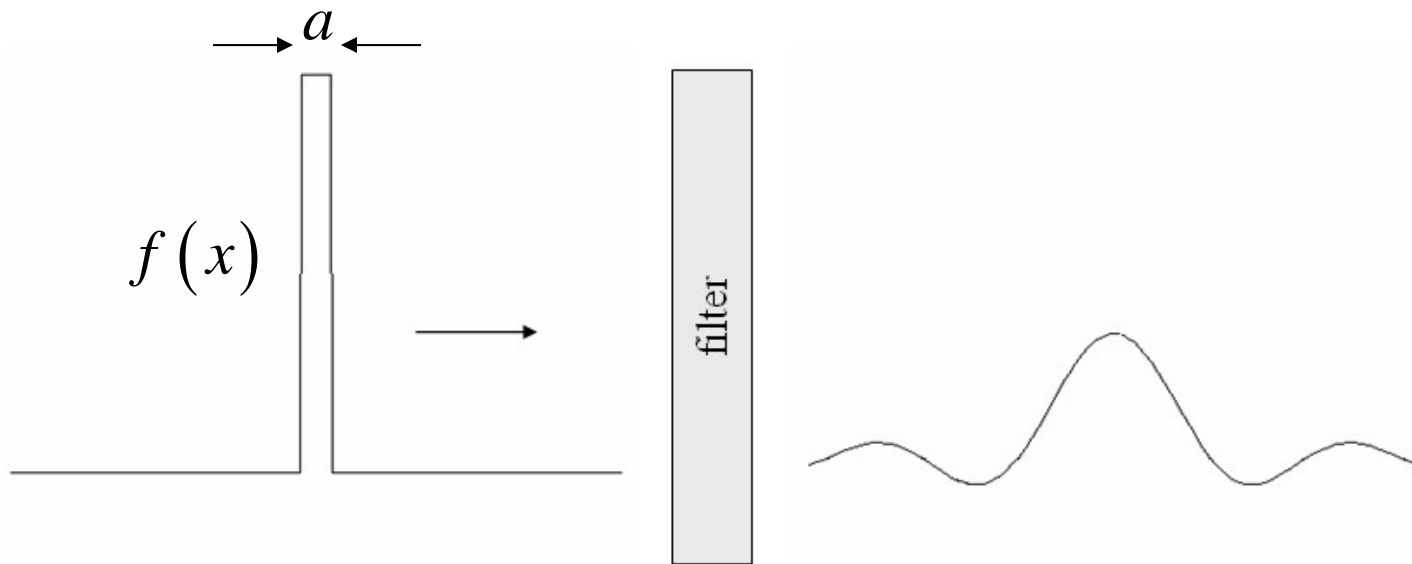
$$f(\vec{r}) = \int F(\vec{k}) e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}} d\vec{k}$$

This can be inverted for  $F(k)$

$$F(\vec{k}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \int f(\vec{r}) e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}} d\vec{r}$$

Fourier transform of  $f(r)$

# Fourier transforms



Fourier transform: 
$$F(k) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-a/2}^{a/2} e^{-ikx} dx = \frac{\sin(ka/2)}{\pi k}$$

Inverse transform: 
$$f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(ka/2)}{\pi k} e^{ikx} dk$$

Transmitted pulse: 
$$f'(x) = \int_{-k_0}^{k_0} \frac{\sin(ka/2)}{\pi k} e^{ikx} dk = \frac{\text{Si}(k_0 x + \frac{1}{2}) + \text{Si}(k_0 x - \frac{1}{2})}{\pi}$$

Sine integral

# Notations for Fourier Transforms

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$$F_{a,b}(\vec{k}) = \mathcal{F}_{a,b}\{f(\vec{r})\} = \sqrt{\frac{|b|^d}{(2\pi)^{d(1-a)}}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\vec{r}) e^{ib\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}} d\vec{r}$$

$$f(\vec{r}) = \mathcal{F}_{a,b}^{-1}\{F(\vec{k})\} = \sqrt{\frac{|b|^d}{(2\pi)^{d(1+a)}}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F_{a,b}(\vec{k}) e^{-ib\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}} d\vec{k}$$

$d$  = number of dimensions 1,2,3

$a, b$  = constants

# Notations for Fourier Transforms

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$$F_{-1,-1}(\vec{k}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \int f(\vec{r}) e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}} d\vec{r}.$$

$$f(\vec{r}) = \int F_{-1,-1}(\vec{k}) e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}} d\vec{k}.$$

$f(r)$  is built of plane waves

# Notations for Fourier Transforms

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Matlab

# Notations for Fourier Transforms

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$$F_{0,-1}(\vec{k}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2}} \int f(\vec{r}) e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}} d\vec{r}.$$

$$f(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2}} \int F_{0,-1}(\vec{k}) e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}} d\vec{k}.$$

Mathematica

# Notations for Fourier Transforms

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$$F_{0,-2\pi}(\vec{q}) = \int f(\vec{r}) e^{-i2\pi\vec{q}\cdot\vec{r}} d\vec{r}.$$

$$f(\vec{r}) = \int F_{0,-2\pi}(\vec{q}) e^{i2\pi\vec{q}\cdot\vec{r}} d\vec{q}.$$

Engineering literature, usually on the 1-d case is considered.

# Properties of Fourier transforms

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## Linearity and superposition

$\mathcal{F}\{\alpha f(\vec{r}) + \beta g(\vec{r})\} = \alpha \mathcal{F}\{f(\vec{r})\} + \beta \mathcal{F}\{g(\vec{r})\}$  where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are any constants.

## Similarity

$$\mathcal{F}\left\{f\left(\frac{\vec{r}}{a}\right)\right\} = |a|^d \mathcal{F}\{f(\vec{r})\}.$$

## Shift

$$\mathcal{F}\{f(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0)\} = \mathcal{F}\{f(\vec{r})\} \exp\left(-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}_0\right).$$



# Convolution (Faltung)

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$$f(\vec{r}) * g(\vec{r}) = \int f(\vec{r}') g(\vec{r} - \vec{r}') d\vec{r}'$$

Notation [-1,-1]:  $\mathcal{F}\{fg\} = \mathcal{F}\{f\} * \mathcal{F}\{g\}, \quad \mathcal{F}^{-1}\{FG\} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \mathcal{F}^{-1}\{F\} * \mathcal{F}^{-1}\{G\}.$

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$\exp(- a x)$	$\frac{ a }{\pi(a^2+k^2)}$	$\frac{2 a }{a^2+k^2}$
$\text{sgn}(x)$ $\text{sgn}(x) = -1$ for $x < 0$ and $\text{sgn}(x) = 1$ for $x > 0$	$\frac{-i}{\pi\omega}$	$\frac{-2i}{\omega}$
$\text{sgn}(x) \exp(- a x)$	$\frac{-ik}{\pi(a^2+k^2)}$	$\frac{-i2k}{a^2+k^2}$
$H(x) \exp(- a x)$	$\frac{ a -ik}{2\pi(a^2+k^2)}$	$\frac{ a -ik}{a^2+k^2}$
$\Pi(x) = H\left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right)H\left(\frac{1}{2} - x\right)$ Square pulse: height = 1, width = 1, centered at $x = 0$ .	$\frac{\sin(k/2)}{\pi k}$	$\frac{2 \sin(k/2)}{k}$
$\Pi\left(\frac{x-x_0}{a}\right)$ Square pulse: height = 1, width = $a$ , centered at $x_0$ .	$\frac{\sin(ka/2)}{\pi k} \exp(-ikx_0)$	$\frac{2 \sin(ka/2)}{k} \exp(-ikx_0)$
$\exp(i\vec{k}_0 \cdot \vec{r})$ Plane wave	$\delta(\vec{k} - \vec{k}_0)$	$(2\pi)^d \delta(\vec{k} - \vec{k}_0)$
1	$\delta(k)$	$2\pi\delta(k)$
$\delta(x)$	$\frac{1}{2\pi}$	1
$\delta\left(\frac{\vec{r}-\vec{r}_0}{a}\right)$	$\left(\frac{a}{2\pi}\right)^d \exp(-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}_0)$	$a^d \exp(-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}_0)$
$\exp\left(-\frac{ \vec{r}-\vec{r}_0 ^2}{a^2}\right)$	$\left(\frac{a}{2\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^d \exp\left(-\frac{a^2 k^2}{4}\right) \exp(-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}_0)$	$(a\sqrt{\pi})^d \exp\left(-\frac{a^2 k^2}{4}\right) \exp(-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}_0)$
$H(R -  \vec{r} - \vec{r}_0 )$ Disc of radius $R$ centered at $\vec{r}_0$ , $\vec{r} \in \mathbb{R}^2$	$\frac{R}{2\pi \vec{k} } J_1( \vec{k} R) \exp(-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}_0)$	$\frac{2\pi R}{ \vec{k} } J_1( \vec{k} R) \exp(-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}_0)$
$H(R -  \vec{r} - \vec{r}_0 )$ Sphere of radius $R$ centered at $\vec{r}_0$ , $\vec{r} \in \mathbb{R}^3$	$\frac{1}{(2\pi)^3  \vec{k} ^3} \left( \sin( \vec{k} R) -  \vec{k} R \cos( \vec{k} R) \right) \exp(-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}_0)$	$\frac{4\pi}{ \vec{k} ^3} \left( \sin( \vec{k} R) -  \vec{k} R \cos( \vec{k} R) \right) \exp(-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}_0)$

Here  $H(x)$  is the Heaviside step function,  $\delta(x)$  is the Dirac delta function,  $J_1(x)$  is the first order Bessel function of the first kind, and  $d$  is the number of dimension

Calculate a Fourier transform numerically.

<http://lamp.tu-graz.ac.at/~hadley/ss1/crystaldiffraction/ft/ft.php>

## Fourier analysis of real data sets

Consider a series of  $N$  measurements  $x_n$  that are made at equally spaced time intervals  $\Delta t$ . The total time to make the measurement series is  $N\Delta t$ . A discrete Fourier transform can be used to find a periodic function  $x(t)$  with a fundamental period  $N\Delta t$  that passes through all of the points. This function can be expressed as a Fourier series in terms of sines and cosines,

$$x(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{n < N/2} \left[ a_n \cos\left(\frac{2\pi n t}{N\Delta t}\right) + b_n \sin\left(\frac{2\pi n t}{N\Delta t}\right) \right]. \quad (1)$$

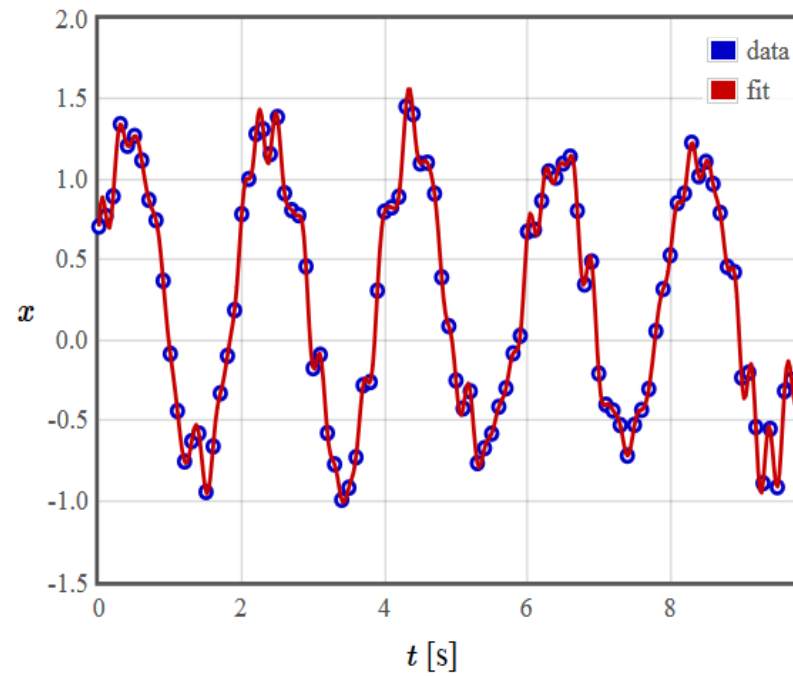
Data for  $x_n$  can be input in the textbox below. When the 'Calculate Fourier Coefficients' button is pressed, the periodic function  $x(t)$  is plotted through the data points. The Fourier coefficients are tabulated and plotted as well. The fft algorithm first checks if the number of data points is a power-of-two. If so, it calculates the discrete Fourier transform using a Cooley-Tukey decimation-in-time radix-2 algorithm. If the number of data points is not a power-of-two, it uses Bluestein's chirp z-transform algorithm. The fft code was taken from [Project Nayuki](#).

$x_n$

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0.704755992151468
0.7702905111005827
0.8931618373710344
1.3406823044010674
1.2059826464418861
1.2675358230469096
1.1156175628382647
0.8703050439010842
0.7442227455673327
0.3681609224807739
-0.08539320011647894
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$\Delta t =$

Calculate Fourier Coefficients

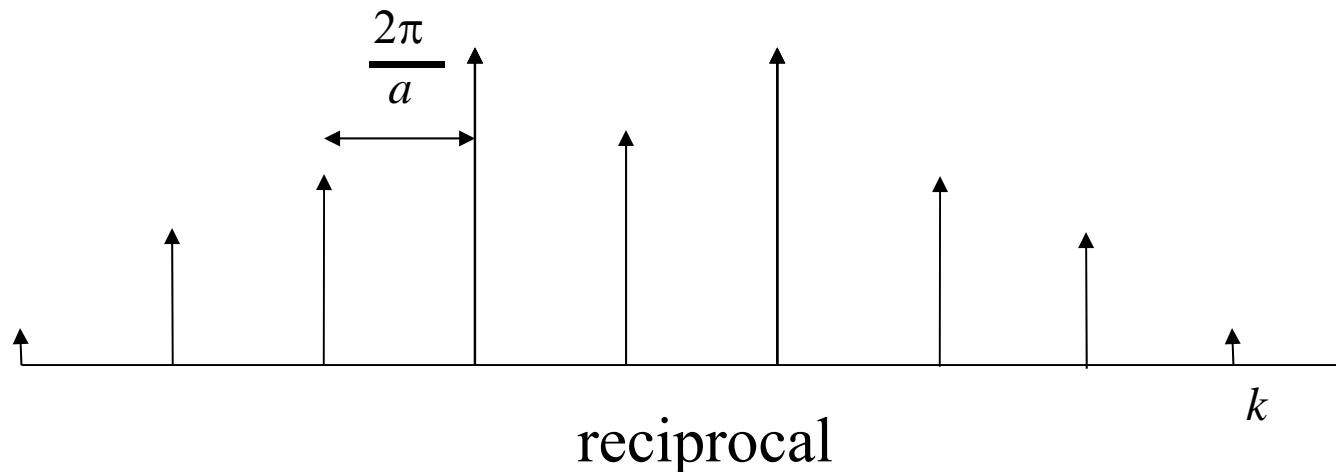


# The reciprocal lattice is the Fourier transform of the real space lattice

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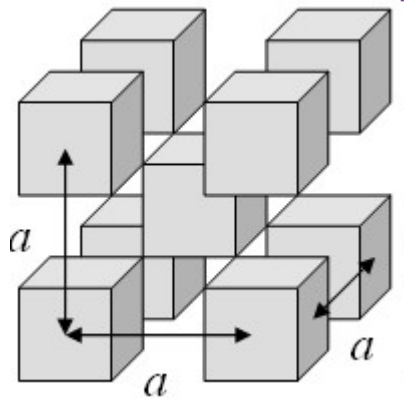
$$\text{crystal} = \text{Bravais\_lattice}(r) * \text{unit\_cell}(r)$$

$$\mathcal{F}(\text{crystal}) = \mathcal{F}(\text{Bravais\_lattice}(r))\mathcal{F}(\text{unit\_cell}(r))$$



# Cubes on a bcc lattice

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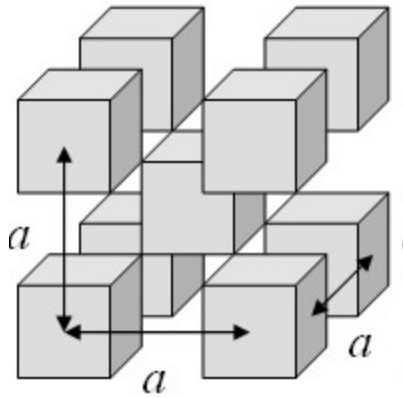
$$f(\vec{r}) = \sum_{\vec{G}} f_{\vec{G}} e^{i\vec{G}\cdot\vec{r}}$$

Multiply by  $e^{-i\vec{G}'\cdot\vec{r}}$  and integrate over a primitive unit cell.

$$\int_{\text{unit cell}} f(\vec{r}) e^{-i\vec{G}\cdot\vec{r}} d^3r = f_{\vec{G}} V$$

<http://lamp.tu-graz.ac.at/~hadley/ss1/crystaldiffraction/fourier.php>

# Cubes on a bcc lattice



$$\int_{\text{unit cell}} f(\vec{r}) e^{-i\vec{G}\cdot\vec{r}} d^3 r = f_{\vec{G}} V$$

$V$  is the volume of the primitive unit cell.

$$f_{\vec{G}} = \frac{1}{V} \int f_{\text{cell}}(\vec{r}) \exp(-i\vec{G}\cdot\vec{r}) d^3 r$$

$f_{\vec{G}}$  is the Fourier transform of  $f_{\text{cell}}$  evaluated at  $G$ .

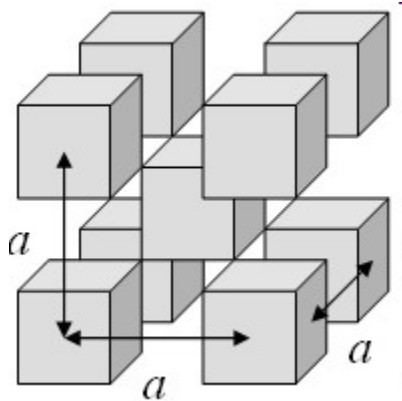
$f_{\text{cell}}$  is zero outside the primitive unit cell.

$$f_{\vec{G}} = \frac{1}{V} \int f_{\text{cell}}(\vec{r}) \exp(-i\vec{G}\cdot\vec{r}) d^3 r = \frac{2C}{a^3} \int_{-\frac{a}{4}}^{\frac{a}{4}} \int_{-\frac{a}{4}}^{\frac{a}{4}} \int_{-\frac{a}{4}}^{\frac{a}{4}} \exp(-iG_x x) \exp(-iG_y y) \exp(-iG_z z) dx dy dz$$

Volume of conventional u.c.  $a^3$ . Two Bravais points per conventional u.c.

# Cubes on a bcc lattice

$$\int_{-\frac{a}{4}}^{\frac{a}{4}} \exp(-iG_x x) dx = \frac{\exp(-iG_x x)}{-iG_x} \Big|_{-\frac{a}{4}}^{\frac{a}{4}} = \frac{\cos(-G_x x) + i \sin(-G_x x)}{-iG_x} \Big|_{-\frac{a}{4}}^{\frac{a}{4}} = \frac{2 \sin\left(\frac{G_x a}{4}\right)}{G_x}$$



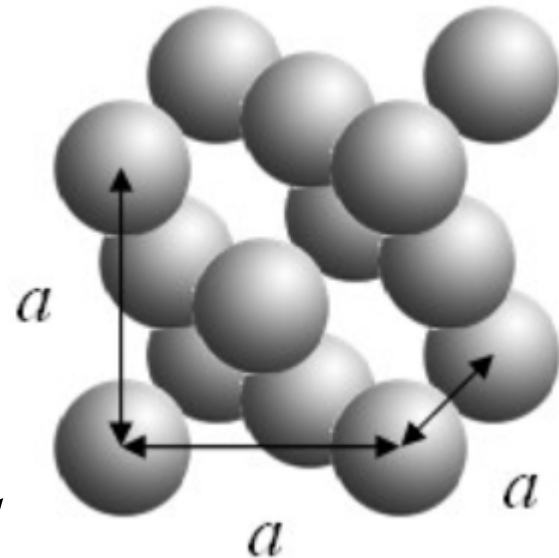
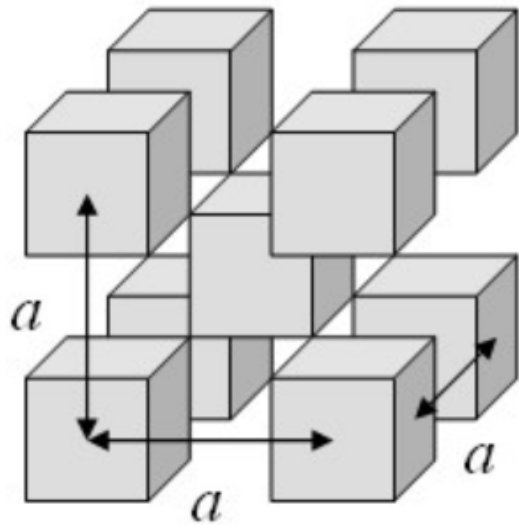
$$f_{\vec{G}} = \frac{16C \sin\left(\frac{G_x a}{4}\right) \sin\left(\frac{G_y a}{4}\right) \sin\left(\frac{G_z a}{4}\right)}{a^3 G_x G_y G_z}$$

The Fourier series for any rectangular cuboid with dimensions  $L_x \times L_y \times L_z$  repeated on any three-dimensional Bravais lattice is:

$$f(\vec{r}) = \sum_{\vec{G}} \frac{8C \sin\left(\frac{G_x L_x}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{G_y L_y}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{G_z L_z}{2}\right)}{V G_x G_y G_z} \exp(i\vec{G} \cdot \vec{r})$$

## Fourier series in 2-D and 3-D

$$f(\vec{r}) = \sum_{\vec{G}} f_{\vec{G}} \exp(i\vec{G} \cdot \vec{r}),$$

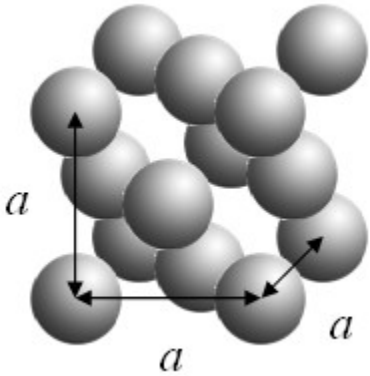


$$f(\vec{r}) = \frac{4\pi C}{V} \sum_{\vec{G}} \frac{\sin(|G|R) - |G|R \cos(|G|R)}{|G|^3} \exp(i\vec{G} \cdot \vec{r}).$$



# Spheres on an fcc lattice

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

Multiply by  $e^{-i\vec{G}' \cdot \vec{r}}$  and integrate over a primitive unit cell.

$$f_{\vec{G}} = \frac{1}{V} \int f_{cell}(\vec{r}) \exp(-i\vec{G} \cdot \vec{r}) d^3 r = \frac{C}{V} \int_{\text{sphere}} \exp(-i\vec{G} \cdot \vec{r}) d^3 r.$$

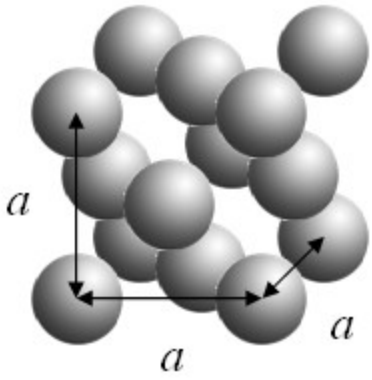
$$f_{\vec{G}} = \frac{C}{V} \int_0^R \int_0^\pi \int_{-\pi}^\pi \exp(-i\vec{G} \cdot \vec{r}) r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\varphi$$

$$= \frac{C}{V} \int_0^R \int_0^\pi \int_{-\pi}^\pi \left( \cos(|G|r \cos \theta) - i \sin(|G|r \cos \theta) \right) r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\varphi$$

Integrate over  $\varphi$

$$f_{\vec{G}} = \frac{2\pi C}{V} \int_0^R \int_0^\pi \left( \cos(|G|r \cos \theta) - i \sin(|G|r \cos \theta) \right) r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta$$

# Spheres on an fcc lattice



$$f_{\vec{G}} = \frac{2\pi C}{V} \int_0^R \int_0^\pi \left( \cos(|G|r \cos \theta) - i \sin(|G|r \cos \theta) \right) r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta$$

Both terms are perfect differentials

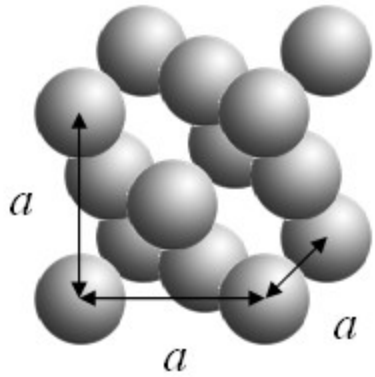
$$\frac{d}{d\theta} \cos(|G|r \cos \theta) = |G|r \sin(|G|r \cos \theta) \sin \theta \quad \text{and}$$

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} \sin(|G|r \cos \theta) = -|G|r \cos(|G|r \cos \theta) \sin \theta,$$

Integrate over  $\theta$ :

$$f_{\vec{G}} = \frac{2\pi C}{V} \int_0^R \left( -\sin(|G|r \cos \theta) - i \cos(|G|r \cos \theta) \right) \Big|_0^\pi dr$$

$$f_{\vec{G}} = \frac{4\pi C}{V} \int_0^R \frac{\sin(|G|r)}{|G|} r dr$$



## Spheres on any lattice

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$$f_{\vec{G}} = \frac{4\pi C}{V} \int_0^R \frac{\sin(|G|r)}{|G|} r dr$$

Integrate over  $r$

$$f_G = \frac{4\pi C}{V |G|^3} \left( \sin(|G|R) - |G|R \cos(|G|R) \right).$$

The Fourier series for non-overlapping spheres on any three-dimensional Bravais lattice is:

$$f(\vec{r}) = \frac{4\pi C}{V} \sum_{\vec{G}} \frac{\sin(|G|R) - |G|R \cos(|G|R)}{|G|^3} \exp(i\vec{G} \cdot \vec{r}).$$

# Molecular orbital potential

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$$U(\vec{r}) = \frac{-Ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{r_j} \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_j|}$$

position of atom  $j$

The Fourier series for any molecular orbital potential is:

$$U(\vec{r}) = \frac{-Ze^2}{V\epsilon_0} \sum_{\vec{G}} \frac{\exp(i\vec{G} \cdot \vec{r})}{|G|^2}$$

Volume of the primitive unit cell

# Free electron Fermi gas

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Kittel, chapter 6

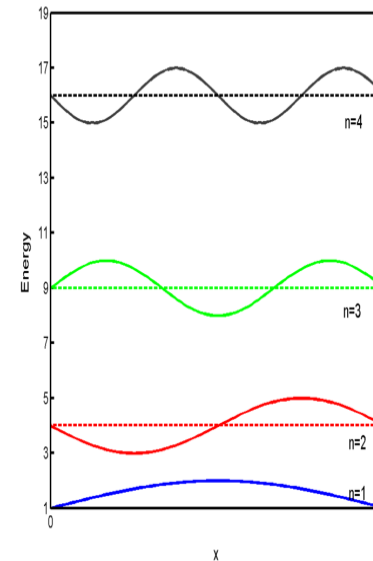
A simple model for a metal is electrons confined to box with periodic boundary conditions.

# Free particles in 1-d

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$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} = E\psi \quad V = 0$$

$$E = \frac{mv^2}{2} = \frac{p^2}{2m} = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} = \frac{h^2}{2m\lambda^2} = \frac{n^2 h^2}{8mL^2}$$



$$\lambda = \frac{2L}{n}$$

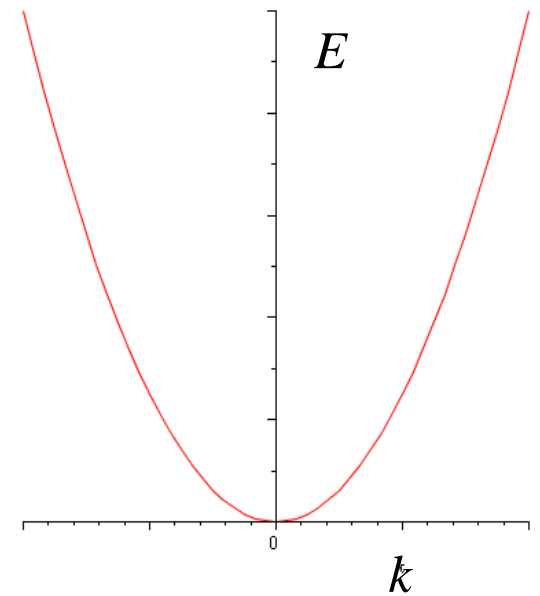
# Free particles

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$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2 \psi}{dx^2} \quad V = 0$$

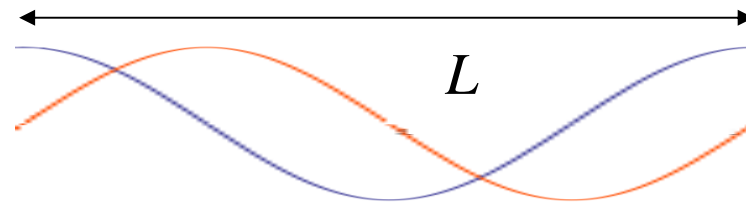
Eigen function solutions:  $\psi_k = A_k e^{i(kx - \omega t)}$

Dispersion relation:  $E = \hbar\omega = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$

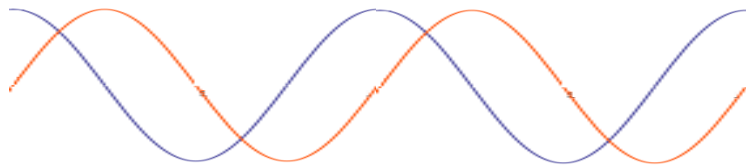


# Periodic boundary conditions

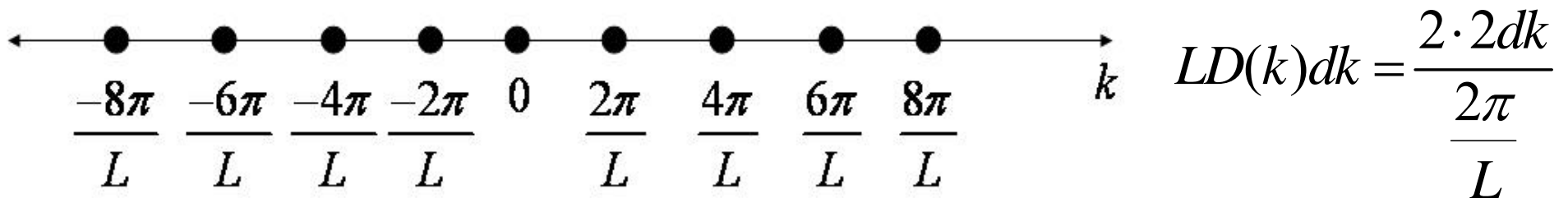
$$\psi = A_k e^{i(kx - \omega t)}$$



$$\frac{2\pi}{L}$$



$$\frac{4\pi}{L}$$



Density of states:

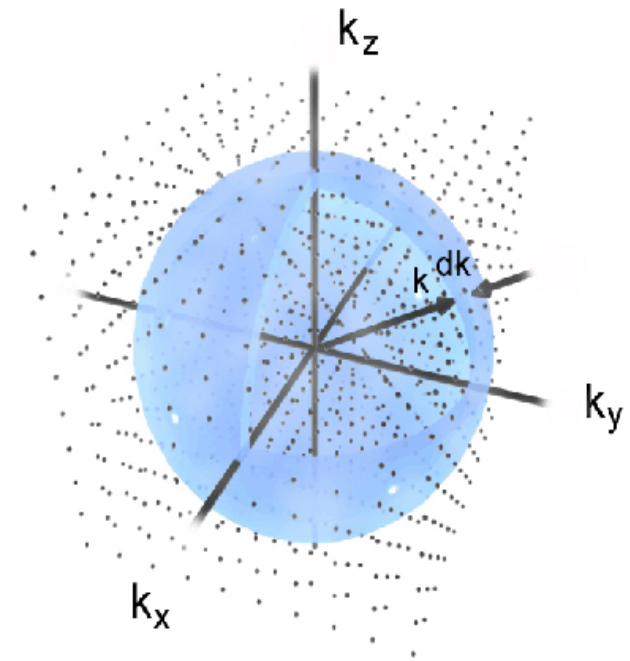
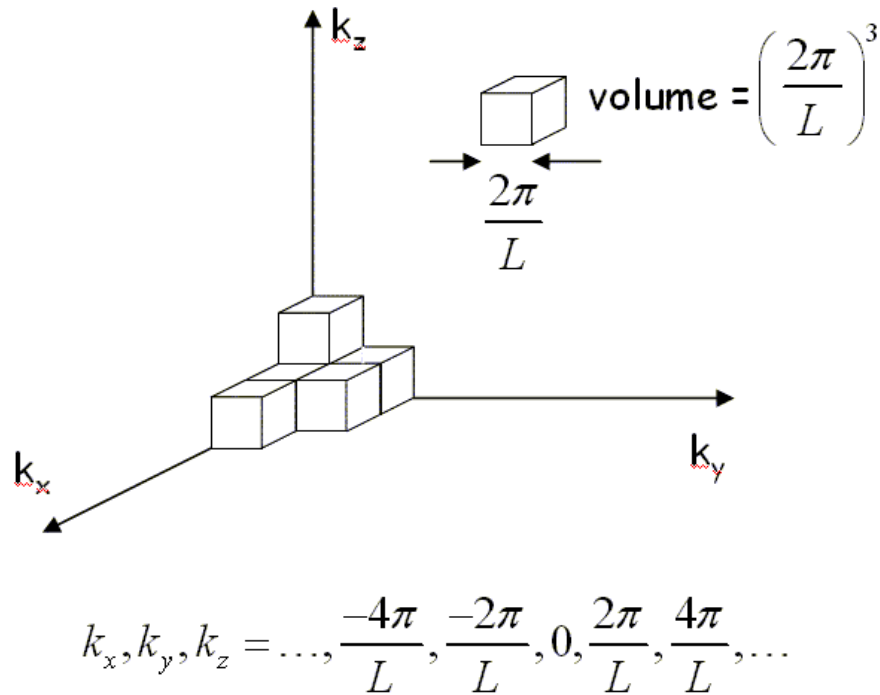
$$D(k) = \frac{2}{\pi}$$

Spin

Number density of states between  $|k|$  and  $|k| + dk$  is  $LD(k)dk$



# Density of states



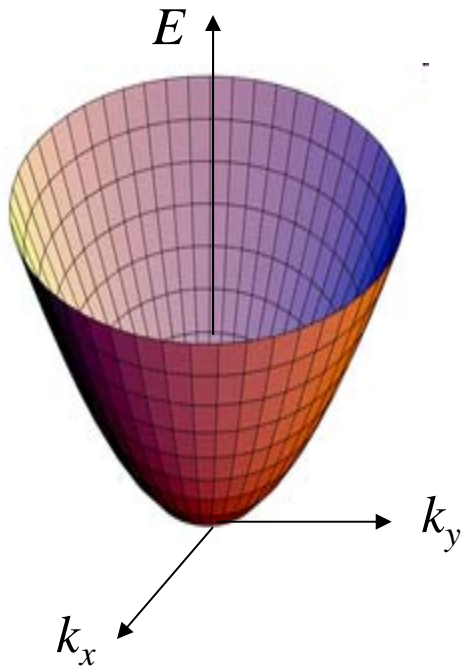
Number of states  
 between  $k$  and  $k+dk$  =  $2 \frac{4\pi k^2 dk}{\left(\frac{2\pi}{L}\right)^3} = \frac{k^2 L^3}{\pi^2} dk = L^3 D(k) dk$   
 for a box of size  $L^3$ .

spin

$$D(k) = k^2/\pi^2 = \text{density of states/m}^3$$

# Free particles in 3-d

$$E = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m}$$



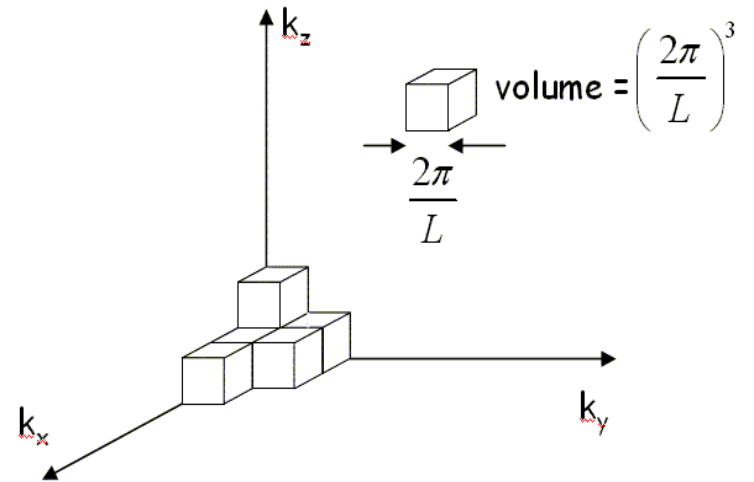
Density of states

$$D(k) = \frac{k^2}{\pi^2}$$

$$\frac{dk}{dE} = \frac{1}{2\hbar} \sqrt{\frac{2m}{E}}$$

$$k^2 = \frac{2mE}{\hbar^2}$$

$$D(E) = D(k) \frac{dk}{dE}$$



$$k_x, k_y, k_z = \dots, \frac{-4\pi}{L}, \frac{-2\pi}{L}, 0, \frac{2\pi}{L}, \frac{4\pi}{L}, \dots$$

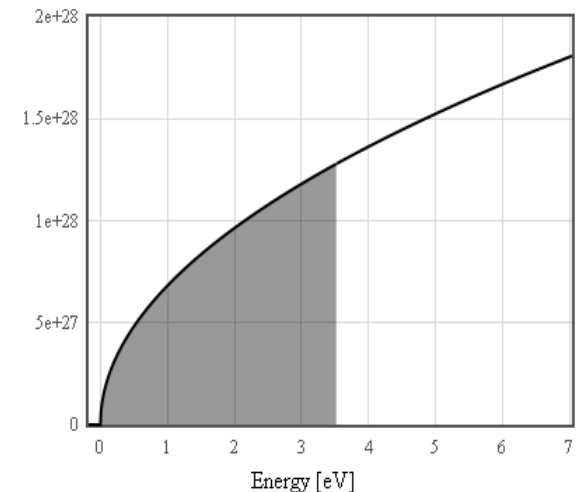
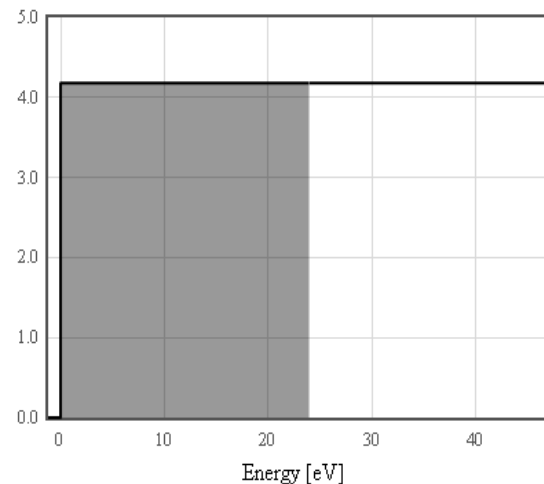
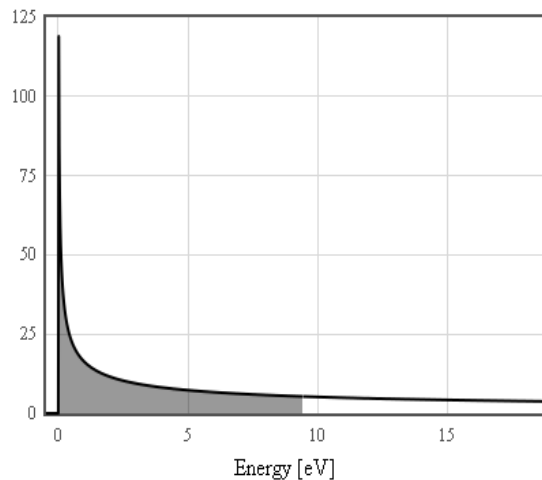
$$D(E) = \frac{(2m)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{2\pi^2 \hbar^3} \sqrt{E}$$

# Free electron Fermi gas

$$1 - d \quad D(E) = \sqrt{\frac{2m}{\hbar^2 \pi^2 E}} = \frac{n}{2\sqrt{E_F E}} \quad \text{J}^{-1} \text{m}^{-1}$$

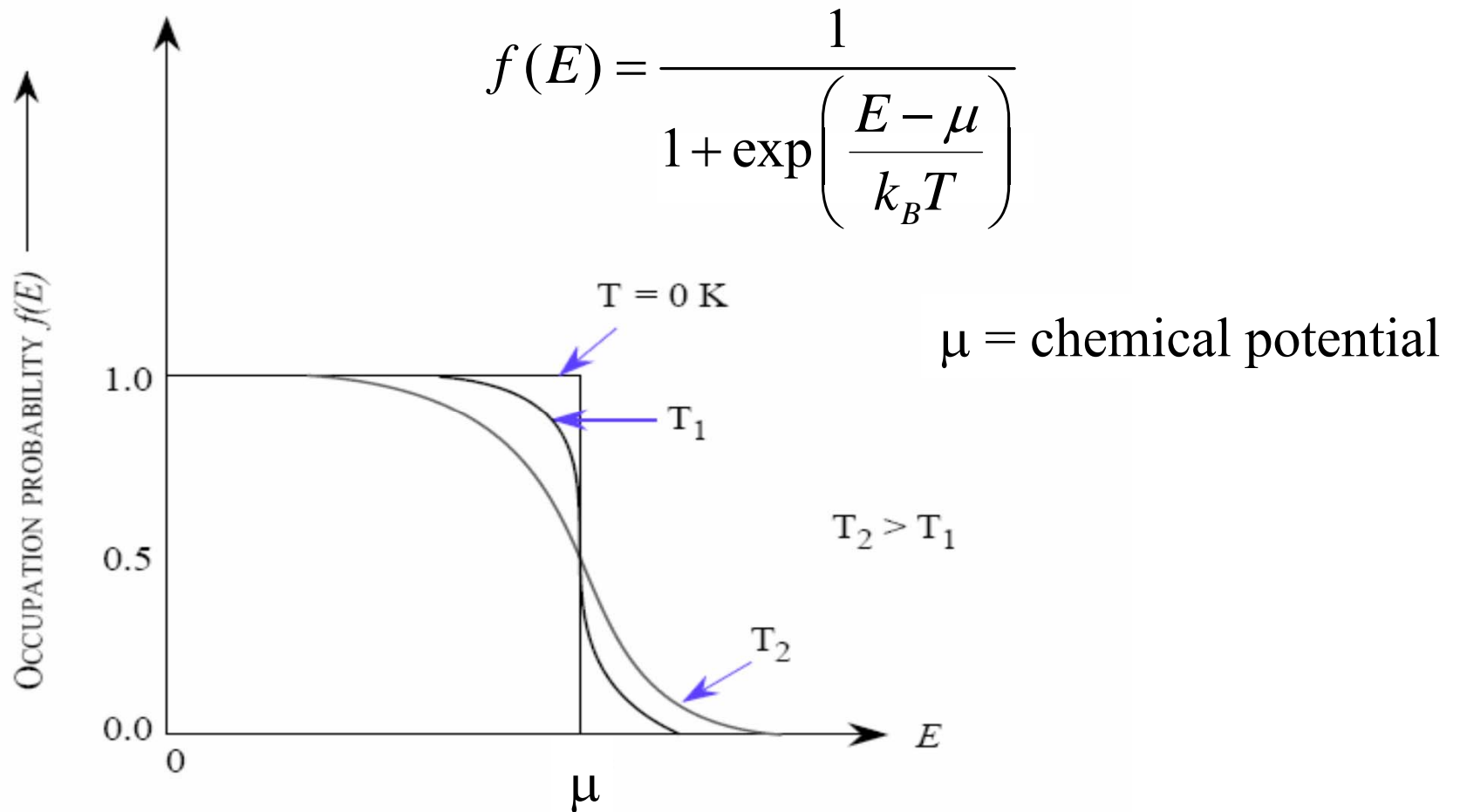
$$2 - d \quad D(E) = \frac{m}{\hbar^2 \pi} = \frac{n}{E_F} \quad \text{J}^{-1} \text{m}^{-2}$$

$$3 - d \quad D(E) = \frac{\pi}{2} \left( \frac{2m}{\hbar^2 \pi^2} \right)^{3/2} \sqrt{E} = \frac{3n}{2E_F^{3/2}} \sqrt{E} \quad \text{J}^{-1} \text{m}^{-3}$$



# Fermi function

$f(E)$  is the probability that a state at energy  $E$  is occupied.



# Fermi energy

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In solid state physics books,

$$E_F = \mu(T=0).$$

In semiconductor books,  $E_F(T) = \mu(T)$ .

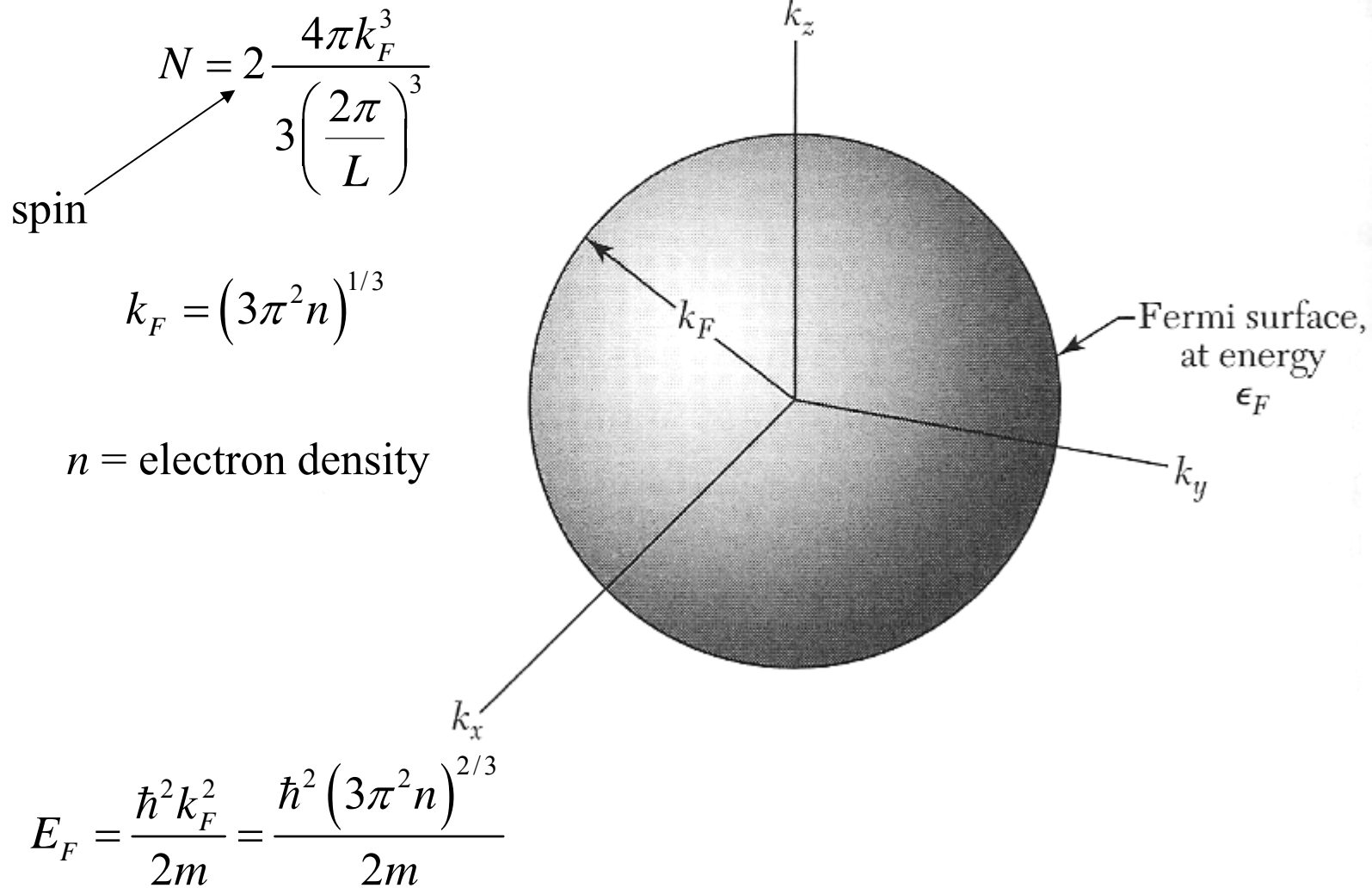
$$\text{At } T = 0 \quad n = \int_{-\infty}^{E_F} D(E) dE$$

In three dimensions,

$$n = \frac{N}{L^3} = \frac{\sqrt{2}m^{3/2}}{\pi^2\hbar^3} \int_0^{E_F} \sqrt{E} dE = \frac{(2m)^{3/2}}{3\pi^2\hbar^3} E_F^{3/2}$$

$$E_F = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (3\pi^2 n)^{2/3}$$

# Fermi sphere



The thermal and electronic properties depend on the states at the Fermi surface.

# Free particles in 1-d

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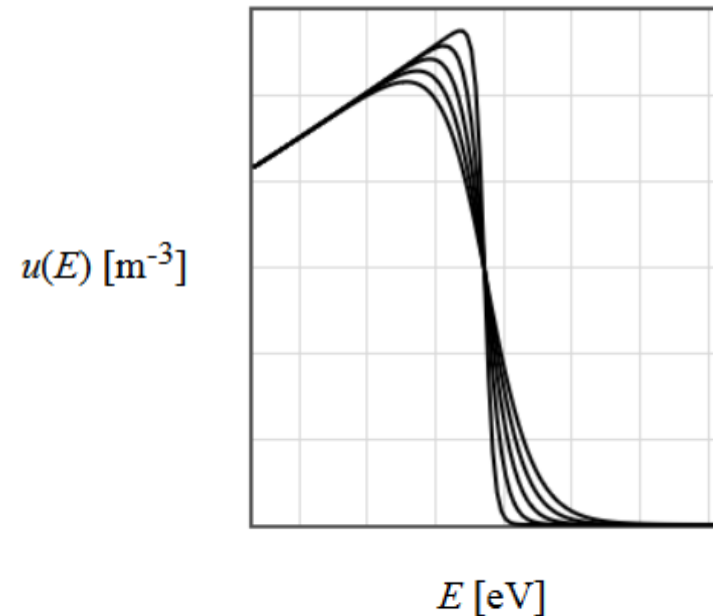
internal energy spectral density

$$u(E) = ED(E)f(E) = \frac{\pi}{2} \left( \frac{2m}{\hbar^2 \pi^2} \right)^{3/2} \frac{1}{\exp\left(\frac{E-\mu}{k_B T}\right) + 1} E^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$u = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(E) dE$$

$$c_v = \frac{du}{dT}$$

Not possible to do this integral analytically



analog to the Planck curve for electrons in 1-d

# 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 $\mu$ $n = \int_{-\infty}^{\mu} D(E) f(E) dE$	$\mu \approx E_F - \frac{\pi^2}{6} (k_B T)^2 \frac{D'(E_F)}{D(E_F)} \quad \text{J}$ $\approx \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2 n^2}{8m} + \frac{2m}{3\hbar^2 n^2} (k_B T)^2 \quad \text{J}$	$\mu = k_B T \ln \left( \exp \left( \frac{E_F}{k_B T} \right) - 1 \right) \quad \text{J}$ $= k_B T \ln \left( \exp \left( \frac{\pi \hbar^2 n}{m k_B T} \right) - 1 \right) \quad \text{J}$	$\mu \approx E_F - \frac{\pi^2}{6} (k_B T)^2 \frac{D'(E_F)}{D(E_F)} \quad \text{J}$ $\approx \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (3\pi^2 n)^{2/3} - \frac{\pi^2 m}{2\hbar^2 3^{1/3} n^{1/3}} (k_B T)^2 \quad \text{J}$
Internal energy distribution $u(E) = E \frac{D(E)}{\exp \left( \frac{E - \mu}{k_B T} \right) + 1}$	$u(E) = \frac{n}{2} \sqrt{\frac{E}{E_F}} \frac{1}{\exp \left( \frac{E - \mu}{k_B T} \right) + 1} \quad \text{m}^{-1}$ $= \frac{1}{\pi \hbar} \sqrt{2mE} \frac{1}{(E - \mu)} \quad \text{m}^{-1}$	$u(E) = \frac{n}{E_F} \frac{E}{\exp \left( \frac{E - \mu}{k_B T} \right) + 1} \quad \text{m}^{-2}$ $= \frac{m}{\pi \hbar^2} \frac{E}{(E - \mu)} \quad \text{m}^{-2}$	$u(E) = \frac{3n}{2} \left( \frac{E}{E_F} \right)^{3/2} \frac{1}{\exp \left( \frac{E - \mu}{k_B T} \right) + 1} \quad \text{m}^{-3}$ $= \frac{1}{2\pi^2 \hbar^3} (2mE)^{3/2} \quad \text{m}^{-3}$