

# ELECTRONIC STRUCTURE

We know we have to use Schrödinger eqn.  
with  $\{\vec{R}_i\} \leftarrow$  lattice sites. Let's ignore spin.

$$\hat{H} \Phi_n(\vec{r}_1, \dots, \vec{r}_N) = E_n \Phi_n(\vec{r}_1, \dots, \vec{r}_N)$$

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^N \left( -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla_i^2 - \sum_i \frac{e^2 z}{|\vec{r}_i - \vec{R}_i|} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j}^N \frac{e^2}{|\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j|}$$

difficult to solve

But often:  $H = \sum_{i=1}^N H_i = \sum_{i=1}^N \left( -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla_i^2 + V_{\text{eff}}(\vec{r}_i) \right)$

↑  
effective potential  
represents interaction  
of the electron  
with all other  $e^-$ .

① We can start with  $V_{\text{eff}} = \text{const} \Rightarrow$  zero approx.

then the single particles are plane waves

$$\Psi_{\vec{k}}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L^3}} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} \quad \text{with} \quad \epsilon_{\vec{k}} = \frac{\hbar^2 \kappa^2}{2m}$$

and are eigenstates for velocity:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v} &= \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \frac{i}{\hbar} [H, \vec{r}] = \frac{i}{2m\hbar} [p \cdot p, \vec{r}] = \\ &= \frac{i}{m\hbar} p (-i\hbar) = \frac{p}{m} = \frac{-i\hbar \nabla}{m} \end{aligned}$$

$\uparrow$   
 $H = \frac{p^2}{2m}$

with eigenvalue  $\frac{\hbar \kappa}{m}$

b/c velocity is a constant of motion, the electrical

resistance = 0 and current doesn't decay in this model.

Next approx:  $V_{eff}(\vec{r}) = V(\vec{r})$  where  $V(\vec{r}) = V(\vec{r} + R_i)$

lattice vectors

Real, analytical function of  $r$

BLOCH'S THEOREM

is very important to describe the motion of independent electrons in a periodic potential.

Recall from X-ray  $\Delta \vec{k} = \vec{G} \equiv$  Bragg scattering we cannot apply Born approx. to  $e^-$  scattering b/c ionic core potentials are very strong:

For a single particle in the periodic potential:

$$H = \frac{\vec{p}^2}{2m} + V(\vec{r}), \quad V(\vec{r}) = V(\vec{r} + R_i)$$

if we have atomic potentials:

$V(\vec{r}) = \sum_{R_j} v(\vec{r} - R_j)$ , b/c of chemical bonding they are not atomic potentials.

$\Psi$   $e^-$  inside a solid?

Symmetry consideration:

Let's start with  $V(\vec{r}) = \text{const} \Rightarrow H$  is translation

invariant  $[\hat{H}, \hat{T}_{\vec{e}}] = 0$  for any vector  $\vec{e}$

The lattice translation satisfy  $[\hat{T}_{\vec{e}}, \hat{T}_{\vec{e}'}] = 0$  and with  $[\hat{H}, \hat{T}_{\vec{e}}] = 0$ , i.e.

$$\hat{T}_{\vec{e}} \hat{H}(\vec{r}) \Psi(\vec{r}) = \hat{H}(\vec{r} + \vec{R}_{\vec{e}}) \Psi(\vec{r} + \vec{R}_{\vec{e}}) = \hat{H}(\vec{r}) \hat{T}_{\vec{e}} \Psi(\vec{r}) \Rightarrow \Rightarrow [\hat{H}, \hat{T}_{\vec{e}}] = 0$$

This also imply that  $\hat{T}_{\vec{e}}$  and  $\hat{H}$  share the same eigenstates:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H} \Psi(\vec{r}) &= E \Psi(\vec{r}) \\ \hat{T}_{\vec{e}} \Psi(\vec{r}) &= C(\vec{R}_{\vec{e}}) \Psi(\vec{r}) \end{aligned}$$

Since charge density is periodic

$$\begin{aligned} |\Psi(\vec{r})|^2 &= |\hat{T}_{\vec{e}} \Psi(\vec{r})|^2 = C(\vec{R}_{\vec{e}})^2 |\Psi(\vec{r})|^2 \\ \Rightarrow C(\vec{R}_{\vec{e}})^2 &= 1 \Rightarrow C(\vec{R}_{\vec{e}}) = e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{R}_{\vec{e}}} \end{aligned}$$

$\vec{k}$  is  $\vec{R}\vec{E}\vec{m}$

Thus :

$$\hat{T}_{\vec{e}} \Psi(\vec{r}) = \Psi(\vec{r} + \vec{R}_{\vec{e}}) = e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{R}_{\vec{e}}} \Psi(\vec{r})$$

This equation expresses the Bloch theorem

The phase accumulated by the w.f after translation by  $\vec{R}_{\vec{e}}$  is just  $\vec{k} \cdot \vec{R}_{\vec{e}}$  !

However! from  $T_c \psi(r) = \psi(r + R_c)$  we can  
 conclude  $T_c \cdot T_{c'} \psi(r) = \psi(r + R_c + R_{c'}) = T_{c+c'} \psi$   
 hence for this case  $(R_c + c') = e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot (R_c + R_{c'})}$

how what if  $\mathbf{k}$  is imaginary  $\Rightarrow$

Charge density  $\sim |\psi(r)|^2$  would exponentially  
 INCREASE! while moving from site to site  
 or DECREASE

But this is not possible b/c of the  
 translational invariance!

In other words: if translational inv. is broken  
 (defects)  $\Rightarrow$  complex  $\mathbf{k}$  is allowed.  
 which represent the localized wave-function  
 otherwise in a perfect xtal  $\mathbf{k}$  is real.

In practice this means we need to  
 determine the w.f. behaviour only inside the  
primitive u.c.

$$e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot (r + R_c)} \Big|_x \psi(r + R_c) = e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot R_c} \psi(r) \Rightarrow$$

$$e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot (r + R_c)} \psi(r + R_c) = e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot r} \psi(r) = U_{\mathbf{k}}(r)$$

$$\text{with } U_{\mathbf{k}}(r) = U_{\mathbf{k}}(r + R_c)$$

Hence the w.f. of an  $e^-$  inside xtal is

$$\Psi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = U_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}}$$

$$\text{where } U_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = U_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{R}_G)$$

It states that it's just plane wave with periodically modulated amplitude  $U_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})$

For computations: we started with

$$e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} U_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) \left[ \begin{aligned} &-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \Psi + U(\mathbf{r})\Psi = E\Psi \\ &\left( -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 - \frac{i\hbar^2}{m} \bar{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \nabla + \frac{\hbar^2 \mathbf{k}^2}{2m} \right) U_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) + \\ &U(\mathbf{r}) U_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = E U_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) \end{aligned} \right.$$

to be solved inside a p.u. cell, independent on the # of unit cells, with the periodic boundary condition  $\Psi(\mathbf{r}) = \Psi(\mathbf{r} + N\cdot\mathbf{a})$ .

Reminder: Recall we discussed that  $\mathbf{k}$  is not conserved but  $\mathbf{k} \pm \mathbf{h}\mathbf{G}$  is conserved quantity.

Note:  $\hbar\bar{\mathbf{k}}$  is not electron momentum, but we can make a wave packet out of B.waves, and their group velocity is:  $\bar{v}_{\mathbf{k}} = \frac{1}{\hbar} \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} E(\bar{\mathbf{k}})$

This packet travels coherently through the crystal, and m.f.p.  $\rightarrow \infty$ . But in Drude m.f.p. is very short.

Let's restrict ourself to 1BZ:  $\Rightarrow$

$$\Psi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\mathbf{G}} b_{\mathbf{G}}(\mathbf{k}) e^{i(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G} + \mathbf{G}')\cdot\mathbf{r}}$$

$\uparrow$   
 $\equiv a_{\mathbf{G} + \mathbf{G}'}(\mathbf{k})$

We can always use  $G'$  which bring  $k' = k + G'$  back to B.Z.  $\Rightarrow$

$$\psi_{n k'}(\vec{r}) = e^{i \vec{k}' \cdot \vec{r}} u_{n k'}(r)$$

where  $k' \in 1BZ$

$n \equiv$  Band index to make up for this restriction

This is similar to Hydrogen atom

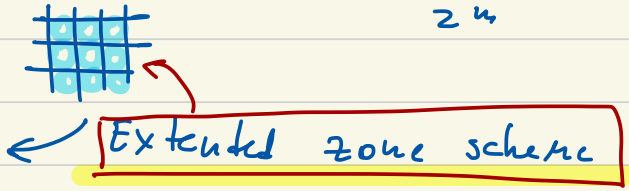
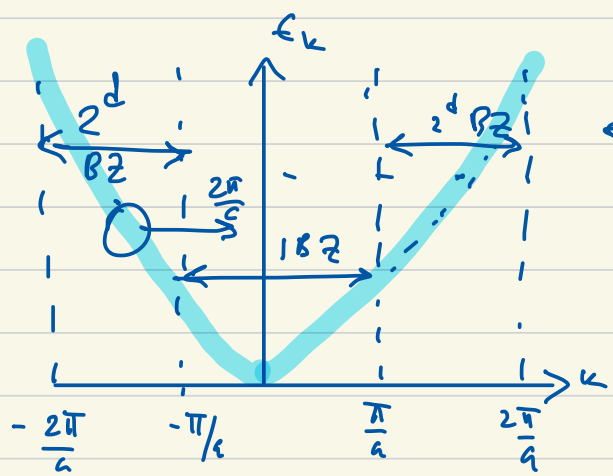
$n, l, m$   
rotational symmetry

Solid  
 $k, n$   
means the same symmetry but different energy  
Lattice translation

EMPTY LATTICE MODEL

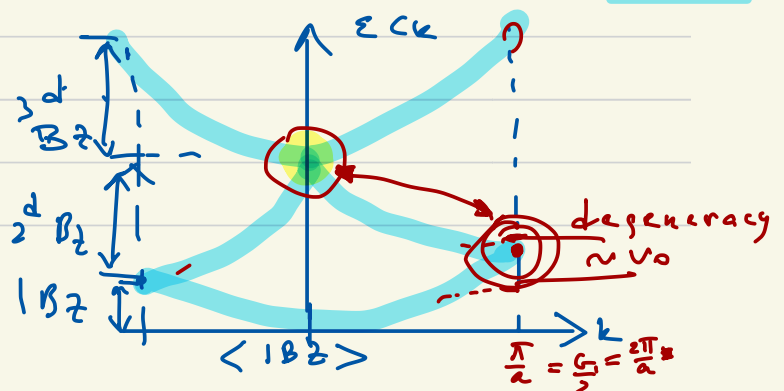
1D with lattice constant  $a$ ;  $V(r) = 0 \Rightarrow$

$$\psi_k(x) = e^{i k x} \quad \text{and} \quad \epsilon_k = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m}$$



But we can map all wave vectors back to 1BZ by shifting them by  $G_1 = \frac{2\pi}{a}$

Reduce 6 zone scheme



The band energies are:

$$\begin{cases} \epsilon_{0k} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} k^2 \\ \epsilon_{1k} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (k - \underbrace{\frac{2\pi}{a}}_{\equiv G_1})^2 \\ \dots \\ \epsilon_{nk} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (k - nG_1)^2 \end{cases}$$

- Looks like phonons But no ending for  $n$ .
- Also there is band degeneracy at  $k=0$   
But for phonons if mass is different or springs are diff. this degeneracy removed. What about for electrons?  
in a periodic potential?

From B. theorem, the S. eqn:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{\vec{k}} \cdot \nabla_{\vec{r}} U_{n\vec{k}}(\vec{r}) &= \epsilon_{n\vec{k}} U_{n\vec{k}}(\vec{r}) & U_{n\vec{k}}(\vec{r}) &= U_{n\vec{k}}(\vec{r} + \vec{R}_e) \\ \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (\vec{p} + \hbar\vec{k})^2 + \underbrace{V(\vec{r})}_{\substack{\text{of } U_{n\vec{k}}(\vec{r}) \\ V(\vec{r}) = V(\vec{r} + \vec{R}_e)}} & & & \end{aligned}$$

Because of the periodicity we need to solve the eqn. only for 1<sup>st</sup> BZ.

⇒ Think of a particle in a box now!

e.g. 1D empty lattice:  $V(\vec{r}) = 0$

$$\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (\vec{p} + \hbar\vec{k})^2 U_{n\vec{k}}(x) = \epsilon_{n\vec{k}} U_{n\vec{k}}(x)$$

with the bound. cond:

$$U_{n\vec{k}}(-a/2) = U_{n\vec{k}}(+a/2)$$

we can choose:

$$\Psi_{n=0}$$

$$\Psi_{n=1}$$

From periodic b.c., 
$$\Psi_{k_n}(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} e^{-inG_1 \cdot x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} e^{-i \underbrace{\frac{2\pi n}{a}}_{\equiv G_1} \cdot x}$$

From periodic B. cond.

Now we turn on a weak potential  $V(r)$ :

$$V(x) = V_0 \cos(G_1 x) = \frac{V_0}{2} \left( e^{iG_1 x} + e^{-iG_1 x} \right)$$

$\uparrow \frac{2\pi n}{a}$   $n = \text{lattice site}$

This potential scatters electrons from  $\bar{k}$  to  $\bar{k} \pm \bar{G}_1$ .  
 At the zone boundary  $\bar{k}_{\pm} = \pm \frac{1}{2} \bar{G}_1$ , the states

$\Psi_{k+}$  and  $\Psi_{k-}$  are degenerate but mix by  $V(r)$

SHOW THIS  $\langle \Psi_{k+} | V | \Psi_{k-} \rangle \neq 0 ! = \left[ \frac{V_0}{2} \right] V$

If you look at the reduced zone you see that

$$\Psi_{k+} = \Psi_{n=0}, k = + \frac{G_1}{2} \quad \Rightarrow \text{mixing happens at the same } \bar{k}$$

$$\Psi_{k-} = \Psi_{n=1}, k = + \frac{G_1}{2}$$

BUT for different Band,  $n$  - is diff.

< for  $n=2$  it's too high in energy: >

From degenerate pert. theory, we need to diagonalize

$$\begin{pmatrix} \langle 0, \frac{G_1}{2} | H | 0, \frac{G_1}{2} \rangle & \langle 0, \frac{G_1}{2} | H | 1, \frac{G_1}{2} \rangle \\ \langle 1, \frac{G_1}{2} | H | 0, \frac{G_1}{2} \rangle & \langle 1, \frac{G_1}{2} | H | 1, \frac{G_1}{2} \rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \hbar^2 G_1^2 / 8M & V_0/2 \\ V_0/2 & \hbar^2 G_1^2 / 8M \end{pmatrix} V$$

all at  $k = \frac{G_1}{2}$

$G_n = \frac{2\pi n}{a}$  but  $n=1 \Rightarrow G_1 = \frac{2\pi}{a}$



⇒ the eigenstates are: at ZB

$$E_{\pm} = \frac{\hbar^2}{8m} G_1 \pm \frac{V_0}{2}$$

and  $E_+ - E_- = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left( \frac{G_1}{a} \right) = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left( \frac{2\pi}{a} \right)$

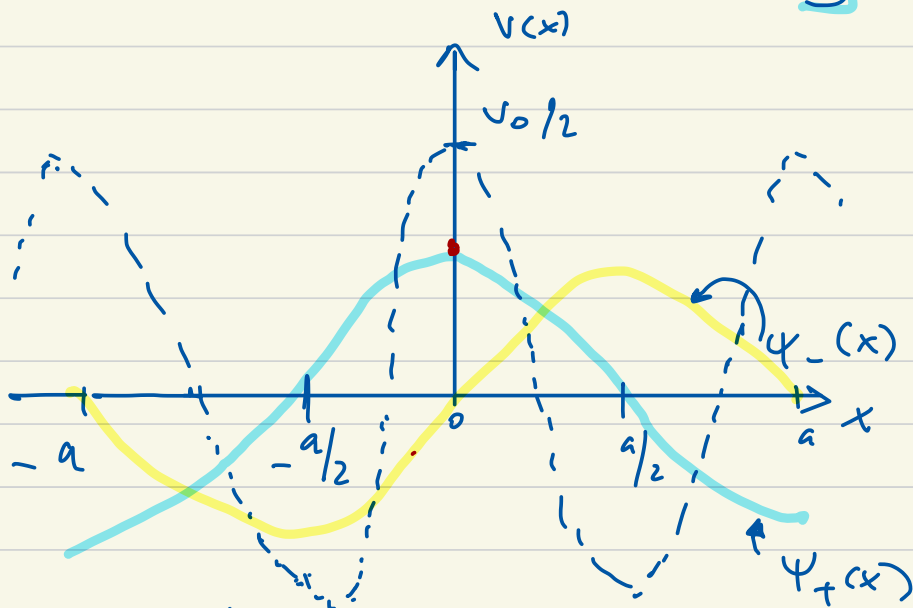
eigen-vectors  $\chi_{\pm} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \pm 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and the states are

$$|\Psi_{\pm}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left\{ |0, \frac{G_1}{2}\rangle \pm |1, \frac{G_1}{2}\rangle \right\} \text{ or } \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} e^{-i n G_1 x}$$

at ZB

$$\left[ \begin{aligned} \Psi_+(x) &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \cos \frac{G_1 x}{2} \\ \Psi_-(x) &= i \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sin \frac{G_1 x}{2} \end{aligned} \right] \text{ at the zone boundary}$$

← STANDING WAVES



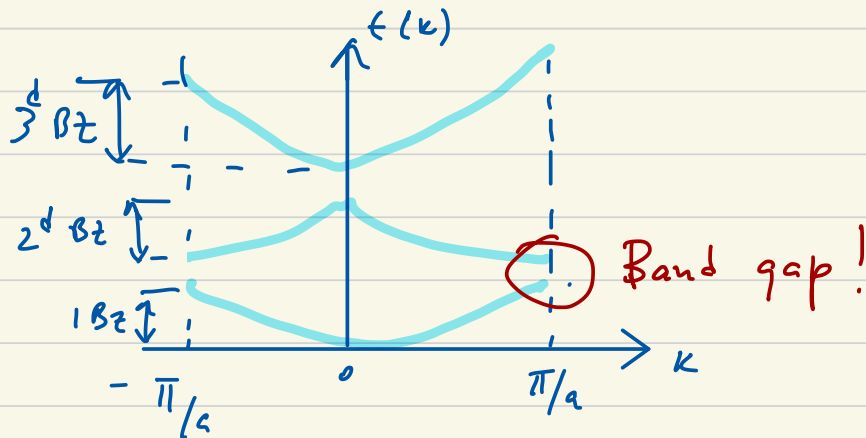
"anti-bonding"

$\Psi_+$  are at the peaks of  $\bar{V}_0 \Rightarrow$  higher energy

$\Psi_-$  are in the valley of  $\bar{V}_0 \Rightarrow$  lower energy

"Bonding"

So at the z.B. the degeneracy is lifted



Let's examine it slightly away from  $\pm \pi/a$

e.g.  $k = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\pi}{a} - \delta k$

The unperturbed states are not degenerate but very close in energy:

$$h = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \delta k \right)^2 & \frac{v_0}{2} \\ \frac{v_0}{2} & \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left( -\frac{\pi}{2} - \delta k \right)^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow$  diagonalize  $h$  and get dispersion near the z.B.

The band gap has strong impact on transport.  
 e.g. if the chemical potential is inside the gap  $\Rightarrow$  INSULATOR  
 and filled band called the VALENZE BANDS  
 and non-filled ones CONDUCTION BANDS.

# Band gap & Bragg reflections

! in 1D: scattering between 2 degenerate states by  $\bar{U}(r)$  opens a gap.

Consider a general case:

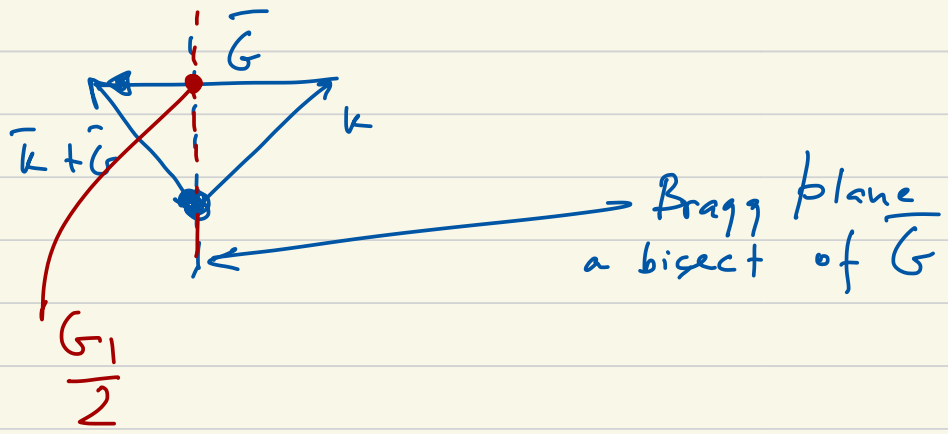
$$V(r) = \sum_{|\bar{G}|} V_{\bar{G}} e^{i\bar{G} \cdot \bar{r}}$$

this potential scatters states from  $\bar{k} \rightarrow \bar{k} + \bar{G}$

These 2 unperturbed states are degenerate:

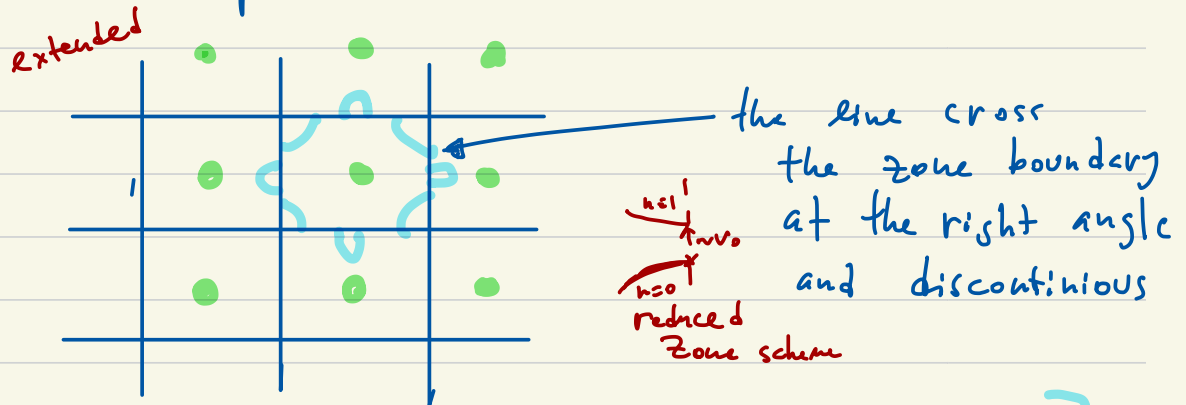
$$\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e} |\bar{k}|^2 = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e} |\bar{k} + \bar{G}|^2$$

Consider now the Ewald construction



Any point on this dashed line satisfies the Bragg condition.

Thus a contour map of  $E(k)$  in the extended picture looks like this



Discontinuity at the z.B. = Bragg plane is the origin of a gap

In the degenerate perturbation theory

$$\Psi_{\vec{k}} = a e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}} + b e^{i(\vec{k}+\vec{G})\cdot\vec{r}}$$

The  $2 \times 2$  matrix of the Sch. eqn:

$$h \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = E \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{where}$$

$$h \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_{\vec{k}} & V_{\vec{G}}^* \\ V_{\vec{G}} & \epsilon_{\vec{k}+\vec{G}} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{eigenvalues} =$$

$$E_{\pm} = \epsilon_{\pm} \pm \sqrt{\epsilon_{-}^2 + |V_{\vec{G}}|^2}$$

$$E_{\pm} \equiv \frac{1}{2} (\epsilon_{\vec{k}} \pm \epsilon_{\vec{k}+\vec{G}})$$

The gradient of energy eigenvalues:

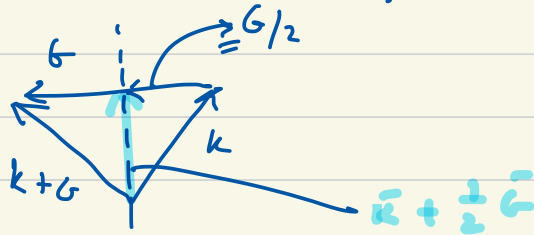
$$\nabla_{\vec{k}} E_{\pm} = \nabla_{\vec{k}} \epsilon_{\pm} \pm \frac{\nabla_{\vec{k}} \epsilon_{-}}{\sqrt{\epsilon_{-}^2 + |V_{\vec{G}}|^2}} \epsilon_{-}$$

but  $\nabla_{\vec{k}} \epsilon_{+} = \frac{\hbar^2}{m} (\vec{k} + \frac{1}{2}\vec{G})$  and  $\epsilon_{-} = 0$  at  $\frac{\vec{G}}{2}$  (on the Bragg plane)

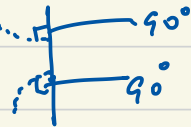
we obtain

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{k}} E_{\pm} = \frac{\hbar^2}{m} \left( \mathbf{k} + \frac{1}{2} \bar{\mathbf{G}} \right)$$

but this vector is  $\perp$  to the Bragg plane  $\Rightarrow$



Thus constant energy lines must enter the zone boundary at the right angle,



How many  $e^-$  takes to fill up a band?

1D:  $N_{states} = \int_{-\frac{G_1/2}{\frac{2\pi}{a}} + G_1/2}^{\frac{L}{2\pi}} dk = \frac{L}{2\pi} G_1 = \frac{L}{a} = N_{cells}$

d-dimensions:  $N_{states} = \left(\frac{L}{2\pi}\right)^d \int_{\mathcal{B}_2} d^d k = N_{cells}$

$\Rightarrow$  density of states is one per cell/band/spin

Recall from phonons: # of phonons per polarization =  $N_{cells}$   
 but the number of modes: dimensionality  $\times$  atoms per u.c.

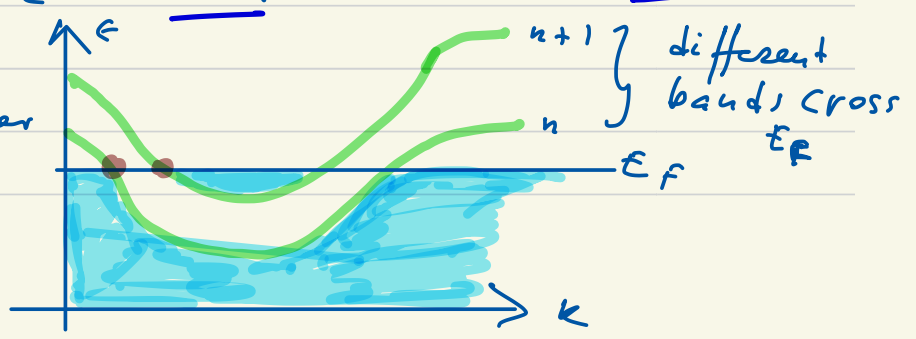
In Bravais lattice one atom/cell and taking into account spin  $2 \times N_{cells} = 2 \times N_{atoms}$  to fill **one** band.

**VALENCE**

$\Rightarrow$  prediction: even # of  $e^- \Rightarrow$  insulator  
 odd #  $\Rightarrow$  metal

e.g. alkali metals odd valence  $\rightarrow$  metal  
 Si, C even  $\rightarrow$  insulator

But sometimes  $n^{th}$  is higher than  $(n+1)^{th} \Rightarrow$  charge transfer into  $n+1$ , leaving 2 bands partially occupied  $\Rightarrow$  METAL





in non-spin dependent case  $n$  also carries  $\sigma$  and as such bands always has a degenerate pair

with  $H_{SO}$  the degeneracy is lifted.

But: degeneracy still preserved for SOC if and only if

$\oplus$  - spatial inversion } symmetry  
 - time inversion }

are simultaneously present

Few symmetry points:

Spin-orbit breaks spin rotation but preserves time-reversal

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \begin{aligned} r &\rightarrow \theta r \theta^{-1} = \bar{r} \\ p &\rightarrow -p \\ s &\rightarrow -s \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow H_{SO} \rightarrow \theta H \theta^{-1} \quad \text{or} \quad [\theta, H] = 0$$

As the result we have Kramers degeneracy  $\equiv$  all energy levels come in pairs.

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \begin{cases} H|\psi\rangle = \epsilon|\psi\rangle \\ H\theta|\psi\rangle = \epsilon|\psi\rangle \end{cases}$$

For

$$\text{Spin } 1/2$$

$$\hat{\theta} = \hat{\sigma}_y \hat{K}$$

← complex conjugation operator

$$\hat{\sigma}_y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ purely imaginary}$$



lets apply  $\Theta$  to the  $\Psi_{nk}$

$$\Theta \Psi_{nk}(r, \sigma) = (\sigma_y k) e^{ik \cdot r} \begin{pmatrix} U_{nk}^{\uparrow}(r) \\ U_{nk}^{\downarrow}(r) \end{pmatrix}$$

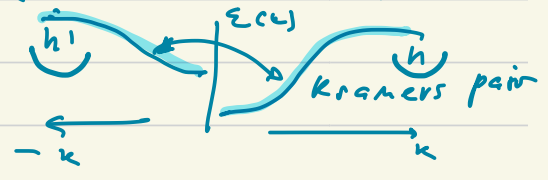
$$= +i e^{-ik \cdot r} \begin{pmatrix} -U_{nk}^{\downarrow}(r) \\ +U_{nk}^{\uparrow*}(r) \end{pmatrix} = \Psi_{n-k}(r, \sigma)$$

Thus we have a Kramers pair:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Psi_{n,k}(r, \sigma) \\ \Psi_{n,-k}(r, \sigma) \end{bmatrix}$$

with  $\epsilon_n(k) = \epsilon_n(-k)$

But this does not mean that 2 dispersions are identical



Note in the presence of parity  $P$  or inversion symmetry

$$r \rightarrow P r P = -r$$

$$p \rightarrow p$$

$$S \rightarrow S$$

if there a center of inversion such that  $V(r) = V(-r)$ , parity is a symmetry of hamiltonian  $H$ . B/c  $k \xrightarrow{P} -k$

$$\Rightarrow \epsilon_n(k) = \epsilon_n(-k)$$

and if  $\Theta P: \epsilon_n(k) = \epsilon_n(-k)$

Lack of any of  $\Theta$  and  $P$  there will no degeneracy.

! { in materials terms: non-centrosymmetric crystals and magnetic long-range ordered }

# BAND STRUCTURE METHODS

## CAN WE LATE CALCULATE ELECTRONIC STRUCTURE OF A SOLID?

Exactly we cannot do this, as after 10 electrons we hit the exponential wall.

DFT fails at about  $10^4$  electrons and we have to use empirical semi methods.

Enter LCAO method = Linear combination of atomic orbitals

1) We start with

$$H = H_{\text{single atom}} + \Delta U$$

↖ all differences between "real" crystal potential and isolated atom

at the atom position  $\Delta U \rightarrow 0$

2) Single particle states are given by

$$\bullet H \Psi_{nk}(r) = E_{nk} \Psi_{nk}(r)$$

Band index is  $n$  and  $k$  is the vector wave in the 1<sup>st</sup> BZ

→ Atomic w.f.  $\phi_i(r)$

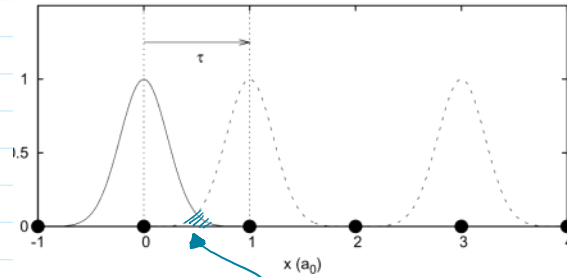
they are eigenstates of

$$H_{\text{at}} \phi_i(r) = \epsilon_i \phi_i(r)$$

$$\text{where } \langle \phi_i | \phi_j(r+R) \rangle = \begin{cases} 1 & i=j \\ & \text{and } R=0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$\epsilon_i$   $i$ th energy of an isolated atom, they decay rapidly away from 0

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So the overlap integral:  $\gamma(|R|) = \int \phi_i^* H \phi_i(r+R) dr$  is small

Now recall the Bloch theorem demands that w.f. must be:

$$\Psi_{n,k}(r+R) = e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{R}} \Psi_{n,k}(r)$$

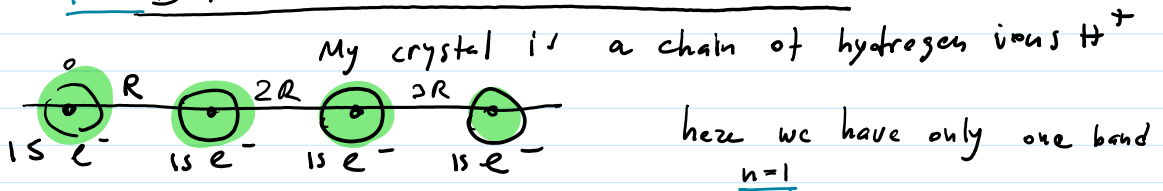
clearly  $\phi_i$  are not good but what about

$$\Psi_{n,k}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{\vec{R}} e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{R}} \phi_n(\vec{r}-\vec{R}) \quad ?$$

here we assume  $N$  atoms in the crystal.

Proof that  $\Psi_{n,k}(r)$  is Bloch w.f.!

1<sup>st</sup> BAND STRUCTURE CALCULATION.



$$|\Psi_k\rangle = \Psi_k(r) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{\vec{R}} e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{R}} \phi_s(r-\mathbf{R})$$

lets calculate  $E(k) = \langle \Psi_k | H | \Psi_k \rangle$  the dispersion relation  
 $= \int \Psi_k^* H \Psi_k dr$

$$E(k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{\vec{R}'} \sum_{\vec{R}} e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot(\vec{R}-\vec{R}')} \int \phi_s(r-\vec{R}) H \phi_s(r-\vec{R}') dr =$$

$$= [x \equiv r-\vec{R}] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\vec{R}} \sum_{\vec{R}'} e^{i(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{k}')\cdot\vec{R}} \int dx \phi_s(x) H \phi_s(x-\underbrace{(\vec{R}'-\vec{R})}_{\vec{R}''})$$

since  $H(r-\vec{R}) = H(r)$

for each specific  $\vec{R}$   $\vec{R}'-\vec{R} \equiv \vec{R}''$  is another translation vector

$$\sum_{\vec{R}'} = \sum_{\vec{R}''}$$

~~$E(k) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_R \sum_{R''} e^{iKR''} \int dx \phi_s^*(x) H \phi_s(x-R'')$~~

↑ since each term is the same =  $\sum_R \Rightarrow N$

$$E(k) = \sum_{R''} e^{iKR''} \int \phi_s^*(x) H \phi_s(x-R'') dx$$

Now the w.f. rapidly decays  $\int \phi_s^*(x) H \phi_s(x) dx = \epsilon_s$   
 if  $|R''|$  large  $\int \phi_s^*(x) H \phi_s(x-R'') dx \approx 0$  if  $R''=0$

So we need to include only terms where  $R''$  is small  $\approx \tau$ . For TB we only consider terms where  $|R''| = \text{small } \tau$

thus we have  $R''=0 \rightarrow \epsilon_s + \sum_{R'' \neq 0} e^{iKR''} \int \phi_s^*(x) H \phi_s(x-\tau) dx$   
 = call this parameter  $\gamma$

↑ just a translation vector between h-n atoms

$$E(k) = \epsilon_s + \sum_{\tau} e^{i\kappa\tau} \gamma(|\tau|)$$

e.g.  $\gamma(|\tau|) = A e^{-\alpha|\tau|^2} / |\tau|^2$  in Silicon,  $\tau$  - overlap between h-n so can study strain, pressure

EXAMPLE 1: 1D crystal

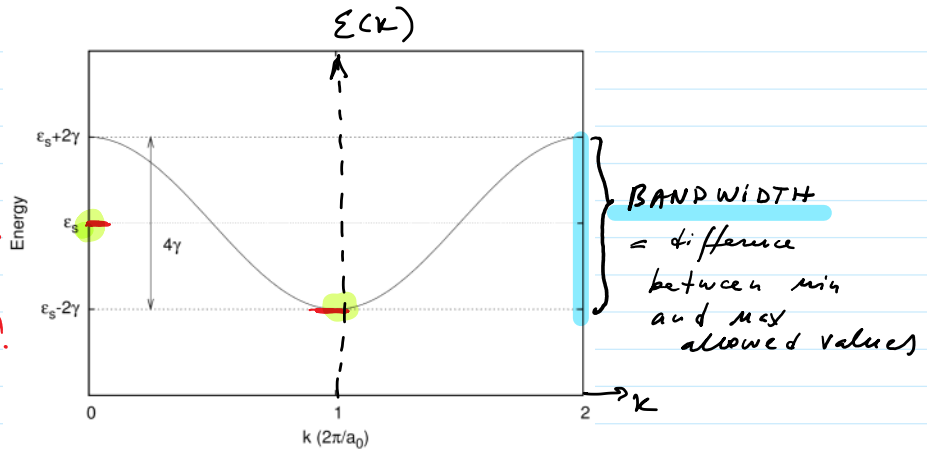
1D xtal  $R = \pm a_0 \cdot \hat{i} \cdot n$   $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \vec{\tau} = \vec{\tau}_1 = a_0 \hat{i} \\ \vec{\tau}_2 = -a_0 \hat{i} \end{array} \right\}$  ← just two h-n translation vectors

$$\begin{aligned} E(k) &= \epsilon_s + \sum_{\tau_1, \tau_2} e^{i\kappa\tau} \gamma(|\tau|) \\ &= \epsilon_s + e^{i\kappa\tau_1} \gamma(|\tau_1|) + e^{i\kappa\tau_2} \gamma(|\tau_2|) \\ &= \epsilon_s + e^{i\kappa a_0} \gamma(|\tau|) + e^{-i\kappa a_0} \gamma(|\tau|) \\ &= \epsilon_s + \gamma(|\tau|) \left( \frac{e^{i\kappa a_0} + e^{-i\kappa a_0}}{2} \right) \\ &= \epsilon_s + \gamma(|\tau|) 2 \cos(\kappa a_0) \end{aligned}$$

Your 1<sup>st</sup> band structure for 1D solid!

METAL →

So we lowered energy compared to isolated atoms!!!



Exercise: Calculate  $E(k)$  for 2D

Plot 2D case:

for  $a = \text{\AA}$  30 meV

1. eV  
10 eV

THE same for 3D face centered cubic  $\chi$  of size  $a$ .  
with 12 nn.

This is how a part of HW.

Coming this week!

ORIGIN OF THE BANDS

Before we explain why atoms condense in solids let's try to understand why molecules exist?



Once we understand this we can think of a solid line as one giant molecule.



Here we closely follow W. A. HARRISON "Electronic structure and the properties of solids" pp. 16 - 22 ch. 1

Superb electronic structure text!

For a hydrogen molecule we have 2 orbitals  
 Atom 1                      Atom 2  
 |1>                            |2>  
 1s                             1s

To determine the energy and eigenstates of the molecule we must solve the secular eqn. | Homopolar Solids

Variational principle

$$\sum_{\alpha} \langle \beta | H | \alpha \rangle U_{\alpha} - E U_{\beta} = 0 \quad \text{where } \langle \alpha | \beta \rangle = 0$$

$$E = \langle \psi | H | \psi \rangle / \langle \psi | \psi \rangle$$

So  $E_s = \langle 1 | H | 1 \rangle = \langle 2 | H | 2 \rangle$        $\langle 1 | H | 2 \rangle = \langle 2 | H | 1 \rangle = -V_2$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \langle 1 | H | 1 \rangle & \langle 1 | H | 2 \rangle \\ \langle 2 | H | 1 \rangle & \langle 2 | H | 2 \rangle \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \end{pmatrix} - E \begin{pmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} (E_s - E)U_1 - V_2U_2 = 0 \\ -V_2U_1 + (E_s - E)U_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

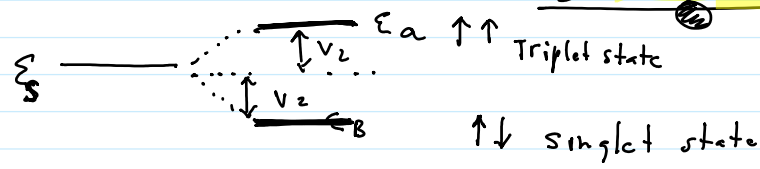
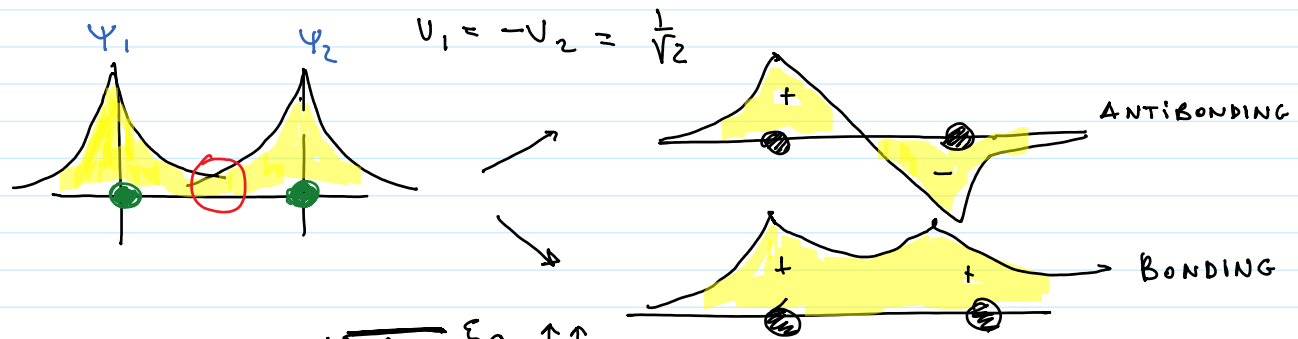
We can easily solve these and find

bonding state  $\rightarrow E_b = E_s - V_2$        $V_2$  is called covalent energy and is positive

$E_a = E_s + V_2$

antibonding state      Subs. those solutions into we determine the eigenvectors:

bonding:  $U_1 = U_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$



Next we describe the case of a POLAR BOND  $\rightarrow$  heteropolar solids  
 e.g.  $Li^+H^-$  or  $Na^+Cl^-$  etc.

Now we have to modify our matrix to account for the difference in the energy of the ground of state

of  $\epsilon_s^1 \rightarrow$  anion  
 $\epsilon_s^2 \rightarrow$  cation so we end up

$$\begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_s^1 & -V_2 \\ -V_2 & \epsilon_s^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} - E \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

Let introduce a new important parameter

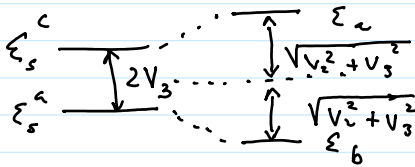
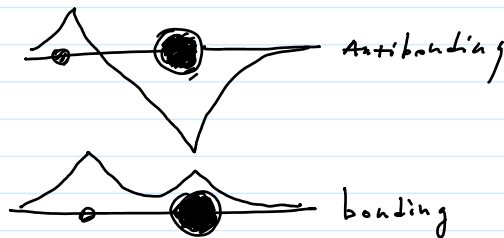
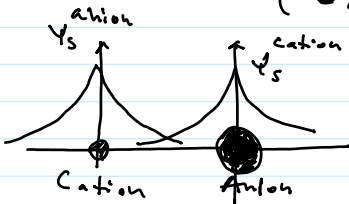
$$V_3 = \frac{\epsilon_s^2 - \epsilon_s^1}{2} \Rightarrow \text{POLAR ENERGY}$$

and also define the average of the cation-anion energy  $\bar{\epsilon} = \frac{\epsilon_s^1 + \epsilon_s^2}{2}$

then our equation becomes

$$\begin{pmatrix} \bar{\epsilon} - V_3 & -V_2 \\ -V_2 & \bar{\epsilon} + V_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} - E \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} \epsilon_b = \bar{\epsilon} - (V_2^2 + V_3^2)^{1/2} \\ \epsilon_a = \bar{\epsilon} + (V_2^2 + V_3^2)^{1/2} \end{cases}$$



Notice how electronic charge distributes in the bonds!

THIS MEANS THE MOLECULE IS POLAR!

To describe the polarity mathematically we find  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ , e.g. first put  $\epsilon_b$  into

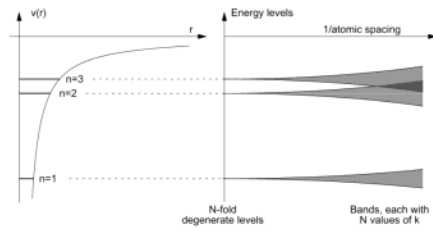
$$v_1 = \frac{V_2}{\sqrt{V_2^2 + V_3^2} - V_3} v_2 \equiv \alpha_p v_2 \quad v_1^2 - v_2^2 = 1$$

$\equiv \alpha_p \text{ POLARITY}$

Another useful concept is covalency of the bond

$$\alpha_c = \frac{V_2}{\sqrt{V_2^2 + V_3^2}}$$

Back to our solids.

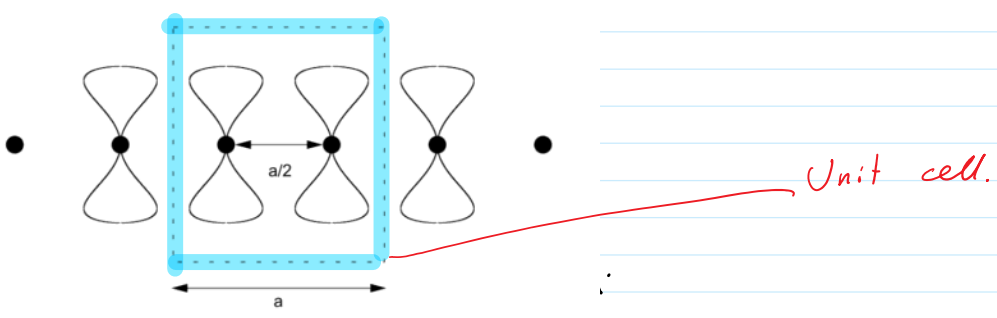
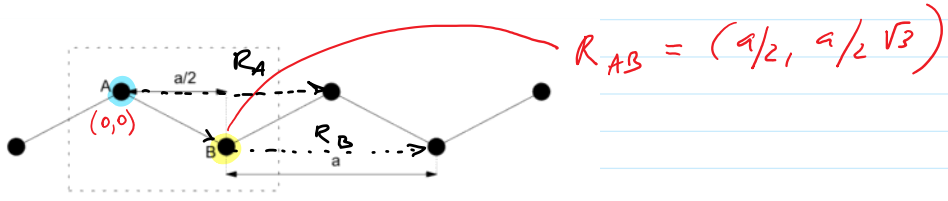


As overlap integral  $\gamma$  (or  $V_2$  for the molecule) increases, the  $N$  atoms which form  $N$  degenerate states overlap, and create bonding and antibonding states which called occupied and unoccupied states or valency bands and conduction bands

Each band contains  $N$  allowed values of  $k$ .

Lets describe our first real solid (though soft) trans-polyacetylene.

this is very topological system, read textbook Ch.7.6



In the crystal with  $N_b$  atoms basis and assuming that each atom contributes only 1 orbital for bonding, we can make  $N_b$  linear combinations of atomic orbitals that satisfy Bloch theorem:



$$\Psi_{i,k}(r) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{R_i} e^{ik \cdot R_i} \phi(r - R_i)$$

So here  
 $i = \text{Labels A or B}$   
 $R_A = \pm a\bar{i}, \pm 2a\bar{i}$

$i = 1, 2, \dots, N_b$  label different atoms in basis

and  $R_i$  are the translation vectors that connect different atoms  $i$ .

e.g. for our polymer:  $\bar{R}_0 = \bar{R}_{AB} \pm a\bar{i}$ ,  
 $\bar{R}_{AB} \pm 2a\bar{i}$  etc.

where  $\bar{R}_{AB}$  is the vector between A and B

Then the crystal is defined as:

$$\Psi_{n,k} = \sum_i c_{i,k} \Psi_{i,k}(r) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_i c_{i,k} \sum_{R_i} e^{ik \cdot R_i} \phi(r - R_i)$$

As for the molecule we use the variational theorem to find a set of  $\Psi_{n,k}$  which are determined by minimizing the expectation of  $H$  w.r.t.  $c_{i,k}$

$$\sum_i (H_{ij} - \delta_{ij} E(k)) c_{j,k} = 0$$

where  $H_{ij} = \langle \Psi_{i,k} | H | \Psi_{j,k} \rangle$

Back to our polymer:

2-atom basis

$$N_b = 2 \quad \begin{vmatrix} H_{AA} - E & H_{AB} \\ H_{BA} & H_{BB} - E \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

where  $H_{AB} = H_{BA}^* \Rightarrow$

$$E(k) = -\frac{1}{2} (H_{AA} + H_{BB}) \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} (H_{AA} - H_{BB})^2 + H_{AB}^2}$$

2 branches for each  $k$ .  $\rightarrow$  2 BANDS  
 (Note 2 ATOM PER BASIS  
= 2 BANDS)

Let's calculate  $H_{AA}$  and  $H_{BB}$  for  $1p$ -orbital contribution

Let's calculate  $H_{AA}$  and  $H_{BB}$  for  $1p$ -orbital contribution atom

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_{AA} &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\substack{R_A \\ = N}} \sum_{R'_A} e^{i(R'_A - R_A) \cdot k} \int \psi_s^*(r - R_A) H \psi_s(r - R'_A) dr \\
 &= \sum_{R''_A} e^{i k \cdot R''_A} \int \psi_s^*(x) H \psi_s(x - R''_A) dx = \\
 &= \epsilon_p + \sum_{m \neq 0} e^{i m k a} \gamma(|m a|) \quad m \text{ is } > 0 \text{ integer}
 \end{aligned}$$

The same for  $H_{BB}$ .

Next we restrict our overlap integral only to  $h-h$  meaning  $\gamma(|m a|) = 0$  if  $|m| > 1$  so  $m = \pm 1$

thus we end up with:

$$H_{AA} = H_{BB} = \epsilon_p + 2\gamma(a) \cos(ka)$$

Following the same logic for  $H_{AB}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_{AB} &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{R_A} \sum_{R_B} e^{i k (R_A - R_B)} \int \psi_s^*(r - R_A) H \psi_s(r - R_B) dr \\
 &= \sum_{R'_A} e^{i k (\bar{R}_{AB} + R'_A)} \int \psi_s^*(x) H \psi_s(x - (\bar{R}_{AB} + R'_A)) dx
 \end{aligned}$$

Again include only  $h-h$  ~~a~~  $R_A = 0$  and  $R_A = -a i$

$$H_{AB} = \sum_{\tau} e^{i k \tau} \gamma(|\tau|)$$

$\tau$  are the  $h-h$  vectors  $\bar{\tau} = \bar{R}_{AB} = (a/2, a/2\sqrt{3})$

and  $\bar{\tau} = \bar{R}_{AB} - a i = (-a/2, a/2\sqrt{3})$

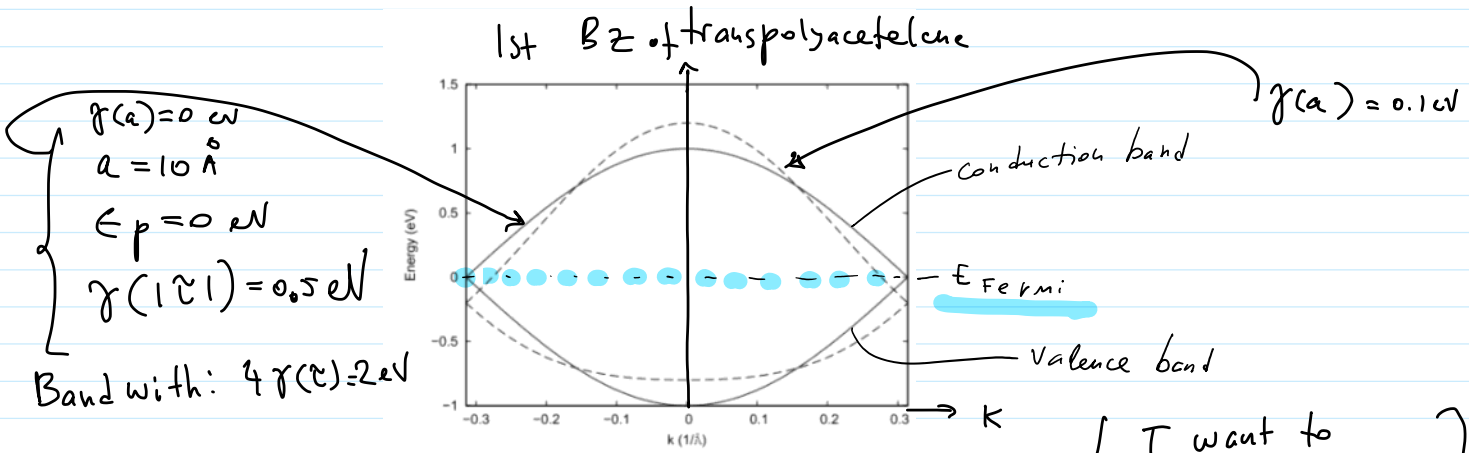
then

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_{AB} &= \left( e^{i k a/2} + e^{-i k a/2} \right) \gamma(|\tau|) = \\
 &= 2 \cos(ka/2) \gamma(|\tau|)
 \end{aligned}$$

Combining all the  $H_{AA}$ ,  $H_{BB}$  and  $H_{AB}$  we finally get

$$E(k) = \epsilon_p + 2\gamma(a) \cos(ka) \pm 2 \cos(ka/2) \gamma(|\tau|)$$

$$E(k) = \epsilon_p + 2\gamma(a) \cos(ka) \pm 2 \cos\left(\frac{ka}{2}\right) \gamma(|\tau|)$$



What about more than one orbital?

I want to expand this line in 7.6.1 of the text

In graphene the lowest bands are made of  $s/p_x/p_y$  orbitals  $\Rightarrow$   $sp^2$  bonding.

So lets generalize the tight binding approach

Imagine we have now  $N_b = 2$   $s, p_x, p_y, p_z$  orbitals

We expect  $2 \times 4$  bands to develop.  
 $\uparrow \quad \uparrow$   
 $2 \text{ atoms} \quad 4 \text{ orbitals}$   
 in basis

Thus we will get  $(8 \times 8)$  matrix for each  $k$ .

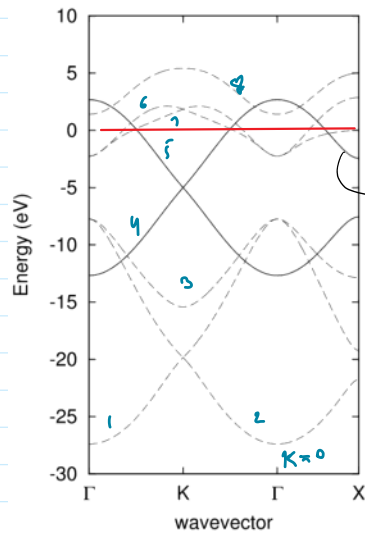
e.g. In this case  $i=1$  labels  $s$ -orbital on A  
 $j=5$   $p_x$ -orb on B

The hamiltonian matrix element will be:

$$H_{ij} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{R_A} \sum_{R_B} e^{ik(R_A - R_B)} \int \varphi_i^*(r - R_A) H \varphi_j(r - R_B) dr$$

The rest are similar:

Consider the band structure of graphene  
 Graphene



As you can see  
there are clearly  
8 bands

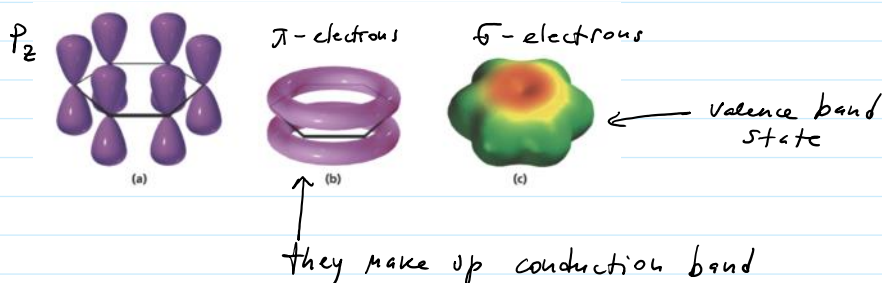
Mostly  $p_z$  orbitals ( $\pi$ -bands)  
form the conduction band.

Next we will apply these ideas  
to tight binding on graphene.

## Graphene electronic structure

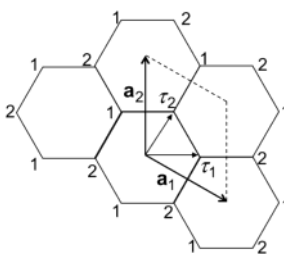
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Recal that graphene spans a 2D hexagonal lattice with electrons doing  $sp_2$  hybridization



2D hexagonal lattice of graphene is shown below

where  $\bar{a}_1 = a \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right)$   $\bar{a}_2 = a(0,1)$  where  $a$  is the lattice constant



The rhombic unit cell contains 2 carbons at the position

$$\bar{c}_1 = a \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, 0 \right) \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{c}_2 = a \left( \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

The position of the rest of atoms can be generated by

$$\bar{c}_1 + \bar{R}, \quad \bar{c}_2 + \bar{R} \quad \text{where} \quad \bar{R} = n_1 \bar{a}_1 + n_2 \bar{a}_2$$

$n_1$  and  $n_2 = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2$  etc.

But as usual you can select a different unit cell.

BTW. if you want the unit cell which reflects clear hexagonal symmetry use WIGNER-SEITZ cell  
(see SIMON'S book)

Few notes:

1.  $\bar{a}_1$  and  $\bar{a}_2$  are not orthogonal

and this is a problem b/c

we will need many terms like  $e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{R}}$



$$\begin{cases} b_{21} a_{11} + b_{22} a_{12} = 0 = b_{21} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - b_{22} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \\ b_{21} a_{21} + b_{22} a_{22} = \frac{2\pi}{a} = b_{22} \end{cases}$$

$$\rightarrow \vec{b}_1 = \frac{2\pi}{a} \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}, 0 \right) \quad \vec{b}_2 = \frac{2\pi}{a} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, 1 \right)$$

Labels or special points in BZ:

$$\Gamma = \frac{2\pi}{a} (0, 0) \quad M = \frac{2\pi}{a} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, 0 \right) \quad K = \frac{2\pi}{a} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{3} \right)$$

$$\Gamma = 0b_1 + 0b_2$$

$$M = \frac{1}{2} b_1 + 0b_2$$

$$K = \frac{1}{3} b_1 + \frac{1}{3} b_2$$

$$K' = \frac{2}{3} b_1 + \frac{2}{3} b_2$$

### NN tight Binding model

We need to calculate the matrix elements like

$$H_{11, \mathbf{k}} = \sum_{\mathbf{R}} e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{R}} \langle \chi_1 | H | \chi_{1, \mathbf{R}} \rangle = \langle \chi_1 | H | \chi_1 \rangle = E_p$$

$$H_{22, \mathbf{k}} = \dots = \langle \chi_2 | H | \chi_2 \rangle = E_p$$

since only  $\mathbf{R}=0$  contributes and both atoms in the sublattice 1 and two are equivalent.

OFF - Diagonal:

$$H_{12, \mathbf{k}} = \sum_{\mathbf{R}} e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{R}} \langle \chi_1 | H | \chi_{2, \mathbf{R}} \rangle = \overbrace{\langle \chi_1 | H | \chi_2 \rangle}^t (1 + e^{i\mathbf{k}a_1} + e^{-i\mathbf{k}a_2})$$

$$H_{21, \mathbf{k}} = \sum_{\mathbf{R}} e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{R}} \langle \chi_2 | H | \chi_{1, \mathbf{R}} \rangle = H_{12, \mathbf{k}}^* = \overbrace{\langle \chi_2 | H | \chi_1 \rangle}^t (1 + e^{-i\mathbf{k}a_1} + e^{i\mathbf{k}a_2})$$

$t$  is a hopping parameter

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thus

$$H_{12, \mathbf{k}} = t (1 + e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{a}_1} + e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{a}_2}) = t (1 + e^{i2\pi \mathbf{k}_1} + e^{-i2\pi \mathbf{k}_2}) =$$

$$= t_{\mathbf{k}}$$

Finally:

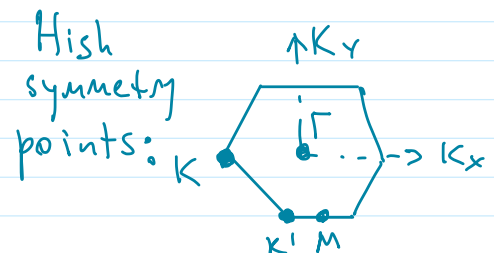
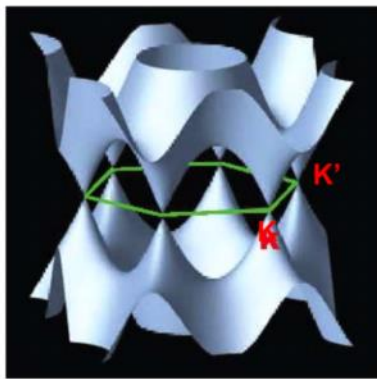
$$\begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_p & t_{\mathbf{k}} \\ t_{\mathbf{k}}^* & \epsilon_p \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{1, \mathbf{k}} \\ c_{2, \mathbf{k}} \end{pmatrix} - E(\mathbf{k}) \begin{pmatrix} c_{1, \mathbf{k}} \\ c_{2, \mathbf{k}} \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$E^{\pm}(\mathbf{k}) = \epsilon_p \pm |t_{\mathbf{k}}| = \epsilon_p \pm \sqrt{t_{\mathbf{k}}^* t_{\mathbf{k}}} =$$

$$= \epsilon_p \pm t \sqrt{3 + 2 \cos(2\pi \mathbf{k}_1) + 2 \cos(2\pi \mathbf{k}_2) + 2 \cos(2\pi (\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2))}$$

$$\text{and } \psi_{\mathbf{k}}^{\pm} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{1\mathbf{k}} \\ c_{2\mathbf{k}} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \psi^{-} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

So here is the 2D plot (try this in Mathematica)



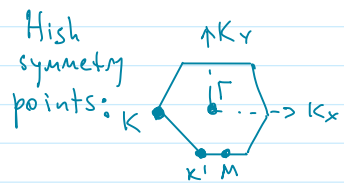
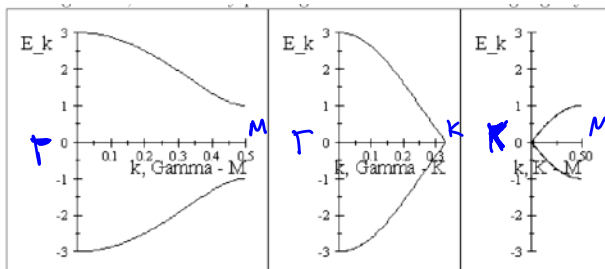
Consider now what happens in high symmetry points? The coordinates in the BZ are given above.

$$\Gamma: \epsilon_p \pm 3t \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\begin{cases}
 \Gamma: & \bar{\epsilon}_p \pm 3t & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \\
 M: & \bar{\epsilon}_p \pm t & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \\
 K: & \bar{\epsilon}_p & \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
 K': & \bar{\epsilon}_2 & \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{cases}$$

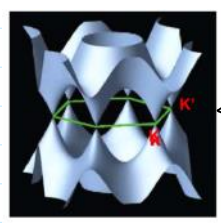
those are doubly degenerate!



So FAR nothing too exciting, just another exercise in LCAO method 101.

But wait! Let's move to the long-wave length.

- Each carbon has one electron in  $p_z$  state, assuming spin degeneracy we have the band  $1/2$  filled.
- It means the  $E_F$  right at  $K$  and  $K'$  points (also I used the fact that band structure is symmetric)

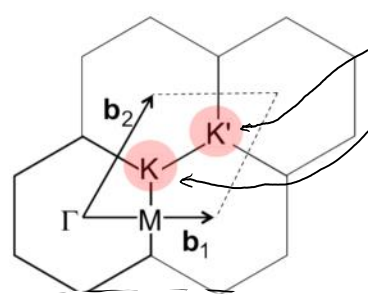


←  $E_F$  is here!

- As we know the only interesting states are near the Fermi edge, so let's study those in detail.

Consider  $\bar{k} = \bar{k} + \bar{q}$   
 $\bar{k}' = \bar{k}' + \bar{q}$

we consider only states with  $|\bar{q}| \ll \kappa$   
 or  $\kappa \sim \frac{1}{a} \Rightarrow \bar{q} a \ll 1$ , or  $\lambda \gg a$   
 and  $\bar{q} a \ll 1$   
Long wave limit



What about Bloch wave phases?

$a_1 = a \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix}$   
 $K = \frac{2\pi}{a} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix}$

phases! in the long wave-length limit  $K = k + g; ga \ll 1$

$$e^{ika_1} = e^{iKa_1} e^{ig \cdot a_1} \approx (1 + ig \cdot a_1)$$

$$\approx e^{i \frac{2\pi}{3}} (1 + ig \cdot a_1) = e^{i \frac{2\pi}{3}} (1 + iq_x a + iq_y a \sqrt{3})$$

$a_1 \cdot K = 2\pi \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{3} \right) = \frac{2\pi}{3}$

in the same way

$$e^{ika_2} = e^{-iKa_2} e^{-ig \cdot a_2} \approx (1 - ig \cdot a_2)$$

$$\approx e^{-i \frac{2\pi}{3}} (1 - ig \cdot a_2) = e^{-i \frac{2\pi}{3}} (1 - iq_x a + iq_y a \sqrt{3})$$

Recall  $H_{12, k} \equiv t_k = t (1 + e^{ika_1} + e^{ika_2}) \approx \frac{3a}{2} t (q_x - iq_y)$

and similarly for  $K'$

$$t_{k'} \approx \frac{3a}{2} t (q_x' + iq_y')$$

Let's define a new parameter = "Fermi velocity"

$$\hbar v_F \equiv -\frac{3}{2} at \quad \text{and since } t < 0 \quad v_F > 0$$

since for graphene  $t = -3 \text{ eV}$   
 $v_F \sim 10^6 \text{ m/sec}$

- Next if we select our zero at  $E_p =$  the atomic values of p-orb.

$$\begin{pmatrix} E_p & t_k \\ t_k^* & E_p \end{pmatrix} \approx \begin{pmatrix} 0 & q_x - iq_y \\ q_x + iq_y & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \left( -\frac{3}{2} at \right) =$$

$$= \hbar v_F \begin{pmatrix} \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot \end{pmatrix} = \hbar v_F q_x \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \hbar v_F q_y \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\equiv \hbar v_F \sigma_x$  !  $\quad \quad \quad \equiv \hbar v_F \sigma_y$  !

So formally we have:

the Pauli matrices

$$\hbar v_F q_x \hat{\sigma}_x + \hbar v_F q_y \hat{\sigma}_y = \hbar v_F \vec{q} \cdot \vec{\sigma} = v_F \vec{p} \cdot \vec{\sigma}$$

Since  $\hbar \vec{q} \equiv \vec{p}$

projection  
of momentum  
on spin

The eigenvalue problem now can be written as:

$$\begin{pmatrix} E_p & t_k \\ t_k & E_p \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{1k} \\ c_{2k} \end{pmatrix} = E_k \begin{pmatrix} c_{1k} \\ c_{2k} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \left( \sigma_F \vec{p} \cdot \vec{\sigma} \right) \Psi_p = E \Psi_p$$

where  $\Psi_p = \begin{pmatrix} c_{1p} \\ c_{2p} \end{pmatrix}$  spinor

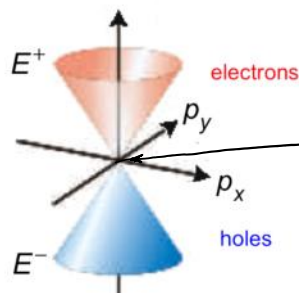
Note:

The components of  $\Psi$  are NOT referring to spin up down but to the amplitudes of  $\Psi$  on sublattice 1 and 2 of graphene

Let's solve the equation

$$\begin{aligned} (v_F \vec{p} \cdot \vec{\sigma}) \Psi_p = E_p \Psi &\Rightarrow v_F \begin{pmatrix} 0 & p_x - ip_y \\ p_x + ip_y & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{1p} \\ c_{2p} \end{pmatrix} = \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} c_{1p} \\ c_{2p} \end{pmatrix} E_p \end{aligned}$$

$$E_p^\pm = \pm v_F \sqrt{p_x^2 + p_y^2} = \pm v_F p$$



In undoped graphene

$E_F$  only one  $k$  point is occupied  $\Rightarrow 0$

By gating or chemical doping we can fill up states with  $p > 0$

or do the same for hole

So this is unique b/c of the complete symmetry

of the 2D lattice

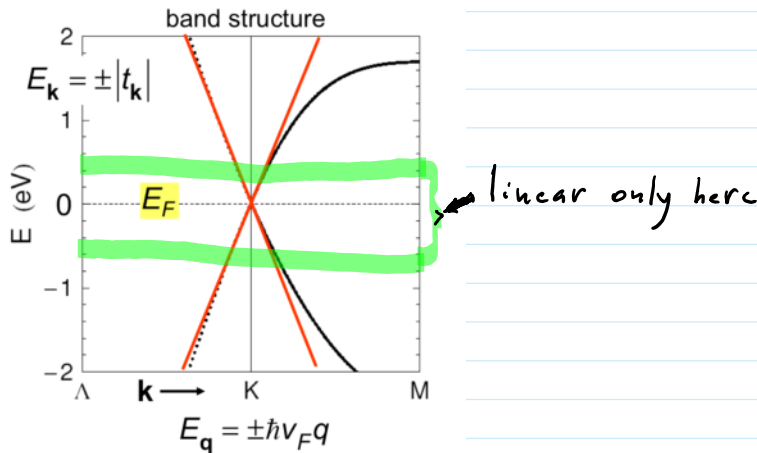
In majority conventional materials electron and holes are very different.

Put back  $E_p^\pm$  we get the eigenvalues

$$\Psi_p^\pm = \begin{pmatrix} c_{1p} \\ c_{2p} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \pm 1 \\ e^{i\varphi_p} \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $\varphi_p$  is the phase angle  $p_x + ip_y = e^{i\varphi_p}$

But: If we move away from the long-wavelength say  $> \pm 0.5 \text{ eV}$  the dispersion is not linear anymore



We will return to graphene when I will introduce electrons in magnetic field, Topology and quantum hole effect.

# THE END OF THE e-STRUCTURE MODULE.