

Electrons in crystal

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(EE)

Elementary excitations in Fermi-liquid

EEs are created wrt the ground state of a system. Consider non-interacting electrons in a box $L_x \times L_y \times L_z$

In this model we have a quasiparticle with $\hbar/2g = -e$ $s = m_0 m_p$ and $E = p^2/2m_0$.

$$\psi^0 = A e^{ikr} \quad \text{where } k = p/\hbar$$

To avoid the presence of surface

$$= \psi^0 \psi^0(\vec{r} + \vec{L}) \Rightarrow e^{ikr} = e^{ik(\vec{r} + \vec{L})} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \frac{2\pi n}{L} \quad n_x, n_y, n_z = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm \dots$$

So limiting the motion results in discrete values k and hence p . But the values are almost continuous since $2\pi n/L$ is very small and $\sim \Delta p$ as follows from $\Delta p \propto \Delta k$

- in k -space k , the # of allowed states

$$\left(\frac{2\pi}{L}\right)^3 = \frac{(2\pi)^3}{V} \quad \text{in momentum space} \quad \left(\frac{2\pi\hbar}{V}\right)^3$$

- The dispersion relation: We have 2 electrons per state in k -space k : $E = p^2/2m_0$

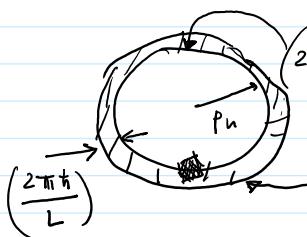
$$p^2 = \frac{(2\pi\hbar)^2 n_x^2}{L_x^2} + \dots \quad \text{and assume all } L_s \text{ and are the same } n_s$$

$$E(n_x, n_y, n_z) = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_0} \left(\frac{2\pi^2}{L} \right) (n_x^2 + n_y^2 + n_z^2)$$

$$= \frac{(2\pi\hbar)^2}{2m_0} \frac{n^2}{3^{1/2} V} \quad \text{so in the state}$$

$$E_n = \frac{p_n^2}{2m_0} \quad \text{can be only}$$

$$N_{E_n} \sim 2 \uparrow \frac{(2\pi\hbar/L)^2 \cdot 4\pi p_n^2}{(2\pi\hbar/L)^3} = \frac{16\pi m_0 E_n V^{2/3}}{(2\pi\hbar)^2}$$



$(2\pi\hbar/L) \cdot 4\pi p_n^2$ = volume of the part of the sphere with thickness $(\frac{2\pi\hbar}{L}) 4\pi p_n^2$

$(\frac{2\pi\hbar}{L})^3$ is a elementary volume per one state of p_n

$\left(\frac{2\pi\hbar}{L}\right)^3 \left(\frac{e^{\pi n}}{L}\right)$ is a elementary volume per one state of p_h

- Energy and Fermi surface

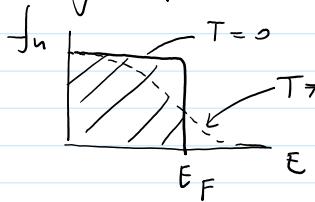
if in crystal we have $N/2$ electrons total then at $T=0$ K they fill in a sphere of \vec{p} up to p_F

$$V_2 \frac{4/3 \pi p_F^3}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} = zN \Rightarrow p_F = 2\pi\hbar \left(\frac{3zN}{8\pi V}\right)^{1/3} = \hbar \left(3\pi^2 n\right)^{1/3}$$

$p_F = \hbar \left(3\pi^2\right)^{1/3} \cdot n^{1/3}$

$n = \frac{z \cdot N}{V}$

- Distribution of electrons is governed by Fermi-Dirac function



$$E_F = \frac{p_F^2}{2m} = \left(\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_0}\right) \left(\frac{3\pi^2 zN}{V}\right)^{2/3} = \left(\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_0}\right) \left(3\pi^2 n\right)^{2/3}$$

$E_F \propto n^{2/3}$

$\text{or } \propto \left[\frac{2m_0 E_F(0)}{3\pi^2 \hbar^3}\right]^{3/2}$

- In this model no -c interaction

However in a solid we have Coulomb interaction $\sim \frac{e^2}{r}$

and $r \sim h^{-1/3}$ we have $\sim e^2 \cdot h^3$ which

is close to $\frac{p_F^2}{2m_0} \sim h^{1/3}$. So what is the effect

of interaction?

- 3 facts:
 - metals exist
 - they conduct electricity
 - no delocalization crisis found (except for 2DEG GaAs/GaAs(Al))

So Landau assumed it's liquid. (FL)

* Strong interaction in a FL means that addition of or removal of a particle changes the state of all other electrons of the system.

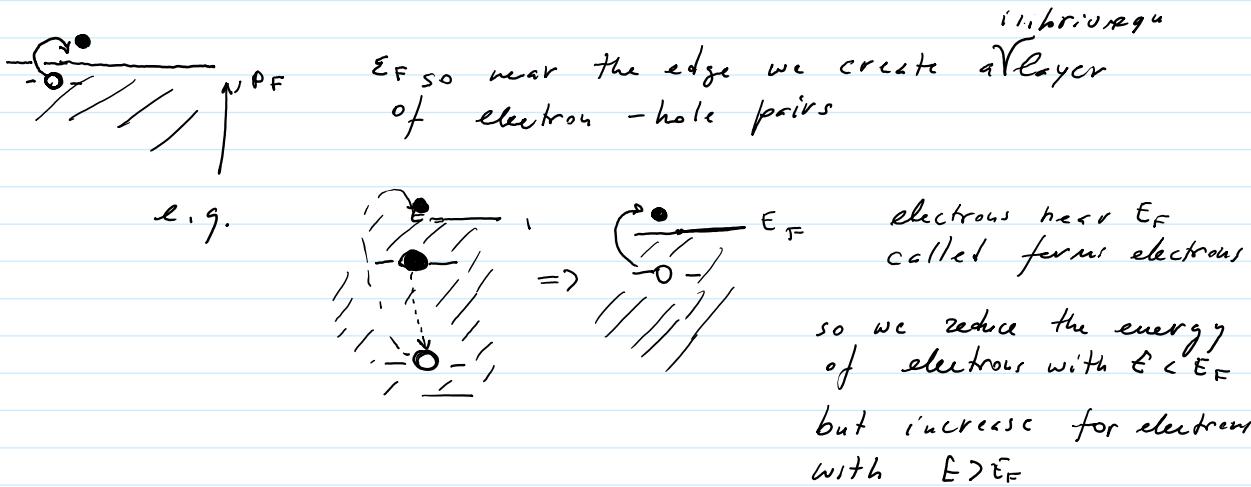
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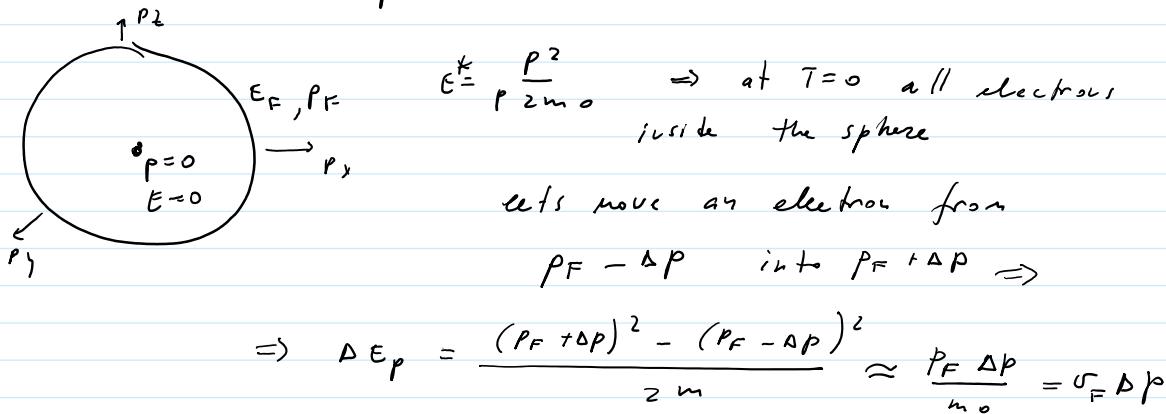
Landau theory.

1. Landau assumed if we turn on interaction between electrons the electronic states don't change, so for $T=0$ the behavior is like in gas
2. Excited states are described by almost ideal gas of excitations.

How to introduce excitations?



in the momentum space



The tail to energy of the metal: $w_0 = \sum_p E_p^* f(E_p^*)$

$$= \frac{E_p^*}{p^2 p_F} \sum_p b/c f = \begin{cases} 0 & p < p_F \\ 1 & p > p_F \end{cases}$$

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$$\sum_{p < p_F} E_p^* - \sum_{p < p_F} E_p^* f = \sum_{p < p_F} E_p^* (1-f)$$

So this energy is reduced from W_0 by the energy of free states below E_F .

For the 2^d term: since # of states with $p < p_F = p > p_F$

$$\sum_p E_p^* f |_{p < p_F} - E^* = \sum_{p > p_F} E_p^* f - \sum_{p < p_F} E_p^* (1-f)$$

* Now lets count energy from the fermi edge.

$$E_p = \frac{p^2}{2m_0} - \frac{p_F^2}{2m_0} \quad \begin{array}{l} E_p \leq 0 \text{ for } p \leq p_F \\ > 0 \quad p > p_F \end{array}$$

two issues: • the # of electrons for small E_F is quasi linear

• electrons moving across the edge the energy of electrons with $< p_F$ p is increasing

Since now the energy of electron with $E < E_F$

In this case we can still have E negative.

the electron-hole pair

$$\text{for } (p') = E_p \frac{(p')^2}{2m_0} - \frac{p_F^2}{2m_0} \quad \text{and for } p' - p_F \ll p_F$$

$$(p') = E_p p' \frac{p' - p_F}{m_0} = v_p (p' - p_F)$$

- Now for $T=0$ each electron with \vec{p} has another one with $-\vec{p}$, so the total momentum of the ground state has $\vec{p} = 0$

But if we move electrons outside the sphere then the system will get $-\vec{p}$ and charge +e.

So the whole system gets $-\vec{p}, +e$ and $s = -\frac{1}{2}$
which is equivalent to say we have created
an hole anti-pair in the ground state with
 $+e, -p, -\vec{p}/2$

an acidic anti-parity the ground state with
 $+e, -p, -\frac{h}{2}$

The total sum moment of the e-h pair = 0.

For holes $E_h = \frac{p^2}{2m_0} - \frac{p_F^2}{2m_0}$ for $p_F - p \ll p_F$

$$E_h(p) \approx p \frac{p_F - p}{m_0} = v_s(p_F - p)$$

The energy of creation of hole growth
 with how steep its from E_F .

For holes their velocity is tip parallel antiparallel to \vec{p} .

Q: Why can we think of e-h as an ideal electron gas?
 with $\sim E_F \sim p_F$

The main reason is that any changes in the external
 perturbations are very small compared to E_F .

For example, electric field E will change energy
 of electron by $eE \cdot e \approx 10^{-4} - 10^{-6}$ eV
 \uparrow free mean path

But $E_F \sim$ few eV!

In magnetic field due to quantization:

$$\hbar \omega_c = \hbar e B / m_0 \quad \text{and for } 10^2 T$$

\uparrow huge! $10 \approx \frac{\hbar}{e F}$

Phonon interaction scatters electrons by $\sim k_B T \approx 0.03$ eV
 so even for $1000 K$ $\frac{k_B T}{E_F} = 0.02$

So the number of interactions per electron is very
 small and we consider them as gas.

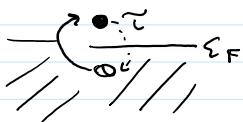
: Q How long quasi-particle can live?

quasi-particles decay! they are not stationary states.

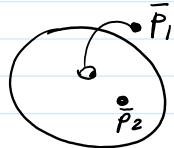
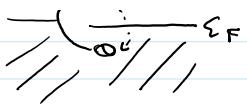
$$e^{i(\omega t - \vec{k})} e^{-t/\tau} = e^{i\left(\frac{\epsilon(p)}{\hbar} t - \frac{p_F}{\hbar}\right) t/\tau} e^{-}$$

How to estimate τ .

$$\text{lets estimate } \tau \equiv \frac{1}{\omega}$$



$\uparrow \vec{p}_i$ electron outside E_F with $p_i > p_F$



electron outside E_F with $p_1 > p_F$
can interact with electron
 p_2 inside p_F

as the result both electrons will end up outside p_F
Pauli (principle)

$$\bar{p}_1 + \bar{p}_2 \quad \bar{p}_1' = +\bar{p}_2'$$

The transition according to Fermi golden rule ~

$\sim \gamma \cdot$ Density of final states

\uparrow
action interstrength

both γ and DOS_(final) ~ width around fermi edge $p - p_F$

$$\Rightarrow p_F) \propto \gamma^2 (p_1 - p_F)^2 \Rightarrow \tau \sim \frac{1}{\omega} \sim \frac{1}{\gamma^2} \frac{1}{(p_1 - p_F)^2} = \\ = \frac{1}{\gamma^2} \frac{U_F^2}{E_p^2(p)}$$

$$\text{e.g. } E_p(p) = \frac{p^2}{2m} \quad \frac{p_F^2}{2m_0} = \frac{1}{2m_0} (p_F + p_p) \\ = \left(\frac{p_F}{m_0} \right) (p - p_F) \quad \approx 2p_F$$

From this

$$\Delta E \approx \frac{\hbar}{\tau} \sim \frac{\hbar \gamma^2 E_p^2(p)}{E_F} \quad \text{and } \ll E_p \text{ only} \\ \text{if } |p - p_F| \text{ is small}$$

As we move away from E_F the decay increases
and for large energies there is no meaning to
talk about quasi particles.

Finally: quasi particle are excitations of Fermi liquid
for which $E(p) \gg \hbar/\tau$ when $|p - p_F| \ll p_F$

$$\text{e.g. for an ideal gas when } \gamma \rightarrow 0 \quad E(p) = \frac{p^2}{2m_0} - E_F(0)$$

For any two momenta, for liquid it only works
when $|p - p_F| \ll p_F$ and then $E(p) \sim U_p(p - p_F)$

For high energies excitation the system needs to be
described exactly and not as gas.

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"Electrons" inside solids

Recall we assumed the $E(p) \sim v_F(p - p_F)$
and as such this also assumes the Fermi surface is 

Now the interaction of electrons with core ions potential changes their dispersion

basic Adiabatic approximation (AA)

$$1. \quad v_F \sim 10^6 \text{ m/sec} \Rightarrow v_{\text{sound}} = v_F \cdot \lambda \quad \hookrightarrow 10^{-9} \approx 2a =$$

for $v \sim 10^{12} \text{ Hz}$ $v_{\text{sound}} \sim 10^3 \text{ m/sec}$

The AA means that motion of electrons is defined by the instantaneous position of ions, but electrons can influence ions only via their average distribution in space.

Distribution of electrons adiabatically follows the slow changes in ions. So we can think of ions as fixed charge centers.

Block on the

$$V(r) \text{ is periodic} \Rightarrow |\psi(r)|^2 = (r+a)/|\psi|^2$$

Note: the crystal dge ϵ is avoided by the periodic b.c. condition.

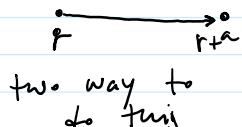
$$\psi \text{ and } \psi(r+a) \text{ governed by } \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V(r) \right) = \epsilon \psi(r) \psi(r)$$

$$V = V_{ee}(r) + V_{e-e}(r)$$

effective potential of interaction between e and all other electrons

$$\Rightarrow |\psi(r+a)| = (ca) |\psi(r)| \quad \text{if } |(ca)|^2 = 1$$

What can we say about (ca) , lets move from $r \rightarrow r+a$



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \psi(r+a) = (ca) \psi(r) \\ \text{or} \quad \psi(r+a) = (ca') (ca'') \psi(r) \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

where $a = a' a''$

$$(ca) = (ca') (ca'') \Rightarrow$$

$|ca| = e^{ika}$

$$C(a) = C(a') C(a'') \Rightarrow$$

$C(a) = e^{ika}$

So if we move from r to $r+a$
the w.f. Ψ gains phase e^{ika} or $\psi(r) = e^{ika} e^{ikr}$
in general

$$\Psi_k(r) = \psi_k(r) e^{ikr} \quad \text{with } \psi_k(r) = \psi_k(r+a)$$

Block theorem: the wave function of electron in crystal
is a plane wave with amplitude modulated by
the period of lattice.

Quasi momentum.

- 1) Momentum only discrete $n \cdot 2\pi/\hbar$
- 2) Momentum is not well defined.

B/c of selection theorem invariance, consider direction \vec{b}
with the period $|\vec{b}| = b$. Lets introduce a vector

$$k' = \vec{k} + \vec{g} \quad \text{where } \vec{g} = \left(\frac{2\pi n}{b^2} \right) \vec{b}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_{k'}(\vec{r} + n\vec{b}) &= \left[e^{i(k' - 2\pi n \frac{\vec{b}}{b^2}) \cdot \vec{b}} \right] \psi_k(r) \\ &= e^{i k' n \vec{b}} e^{-2\pi i \frac{\vec{b}^2}{b^2} \cdot \vec{n}} \underbrace{\psi_k(r)}_{\text{also integer}} \\ &e^{-2\pi i \frac{n^2 \vec{b}^2}{b^2}} = e^{-2\pi i \frac{n^2}{b^2}} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{so } \psi_{k'}(\vec{r} + n\vec{b}) = e^{i k' n \vec{b}} \psi_k(r)$$

this means that by changing $k \rightarrow k + \vec{g}$
and $p = \hbar k$ to $p + \frac{2\pi \hbar b n}{b^2}$ doesn't change

$$\psi_k(r+a) \propto e^{i k a} \psi_k(r)$$

this means that k and $k + \vec{g}$ are the same
and give the same state and the same energy.

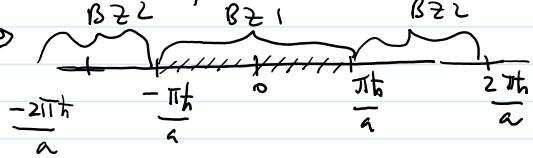
That is why k is quasi momentum
and ...

That is why κ is quasi momentum
and \vec{g} is crystal momentum

Few words about BZ.

Remember we already talked about BZ in the phonon section.

here is few notes:

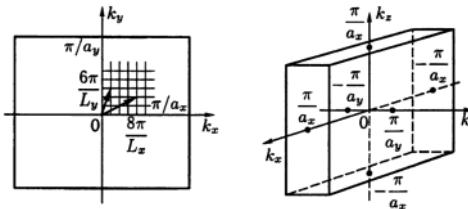


All possible projections of quasi-momentum on the translation vector \vec{a} are in the interval $\frac{2\pi}{a}$

if I shift it by $\frac{2\pi}{a}$ the atom sitz remains the same

Since quasi-momenta \vec{p} and $-\vec{p}$ are the same all projections of momentum are symmetric around "o".

In 2D and 3D they would look like this



What happens when we approach the edge of BZ?

Let me assume that interaction with ionic core is small so the amplitude of the scattered wave is transmitted one.

But because we have many many ions the phase relations matters a lot!

1) if wave length of a particle $\lambda \gg 2a$ then the phase difference is small and electron is almost free

2) But if $n\lambda = 2a$ n = whole number \Rightarrow phase difference = 2π and the reflected waves phases will add up destructively! this means that reflected

even though the amplitude of the wave is small but b/c of the phase = 2π it dominates \Rightarrow no transmitted wave in the crystal

No transmitted wave in the CBM

Note this is the same as diffraction: Bragg condition

$$k_a = \pm \pi h \quad \text{since} \quad |k| = 2\pi/\lambda$$

$$\frac{2\pi}{\lambda} a = \pm \pi h \Rightarrow hn = 2a$$

In short at the BZ the wave group velocity goes down

$$\text{and } |\mathbf{U}_g|_{\perp \text{to BZ}} = (\epsilon_F p)_{\perp \text{to BZ}} = 0$$

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

$$H \Psi_{hk}(r) = E_{hk} \Psi_{hk}(r)$$

band index is h and k is the vector wave in the 1st BZ

- Atomic w.f. $\phi_i(r)$

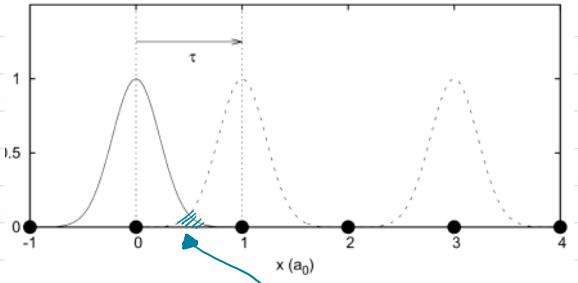
they are eigenstates of

$$H \phi_i(r) = \epsilon_i \phi_i(r) \quad \text{where}$$

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

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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

$$\Psi_{n\kappa}(r+R) = e^{i\kappa R} \Psi_{n\kappa}(r)$$

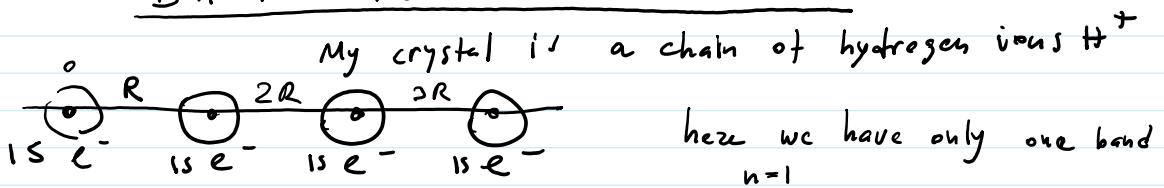
clearly ϕ_i are not good but what about

$$\Psi_{n\kappa}(r) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_R e^{i\kappa R} (\phi_i(r-R)) \quad ?$$

here we assume N atoms in the xtal.

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

BAND STRUCTURE CALCULATION.



$$|\Psi_\kappa\rangle = \Psi_\kappa(r) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_R e^{i\kappa R} \phi_s(r-R)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{lets calculate } E(\kappa) &= \langle \Psi_\kappa | H | \Psi_\kappa \rangle \text{ the dispersion relation} \\ &= \int \Psi_\kappa^* H \Psi_\kappa dr \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(\kappa) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{\alpha} \sum_{R'} e^{i\kappa(R-R')} \int \phi_s(r-R) H \phi_s(r-R') dr = \\ &= \chi = r - R = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{R'} \sum_{\alpha} e^{i\kappa(R-R')} \int dx \phi_s(x) H \phi_s(x - \underbrace{(R-R')}_{R''}) \end{aligned}$$

since $H(r-R) = H(r)$

for each specific R $R'-R=R''$ is another translation vector

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

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

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

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

Now the w.f. rapidly decay $\int \phi_s^*(x) H \phi_s(x) dx = \epsilon_s$

$$\text{if } |R''| \text{ large } \int \phi_s^* H \phi_s(x-R'') dx \approx 0$$

So we need to include only terms where R'' is small ≈ 0

thus we have

$$E(k) = \underbrace{e^{i k (R''=0)} \epsilon_s + \sum_{\tau} e^{i k \tau} \gamma(\tau)}_{= E(k)}$$

$$\text{e.g. } \gamma(|\tau|) = A \bar{e}^{-\alpha |\tau|^2} / |\tau|^2 \text{ in Silicon}$$

EXAMPLE 1 : 1D crystal

$$+ \vec{\tau}_0 \cdot \vec{i} \quad 1D \quad \text{xtal} \quad \pm \vec{a}_0 \cdot \vec{i} \quad \vec{\tau} = \vec{\tau}_1 = \quad \vec{\tau}_2 = -\vec{a}_0 \vec{i}$$

$$(k) E = \epsilon_s + \sum_{\tau_1, \tau_2} e^{i k \tau} \gamma(|\tau|) =$$

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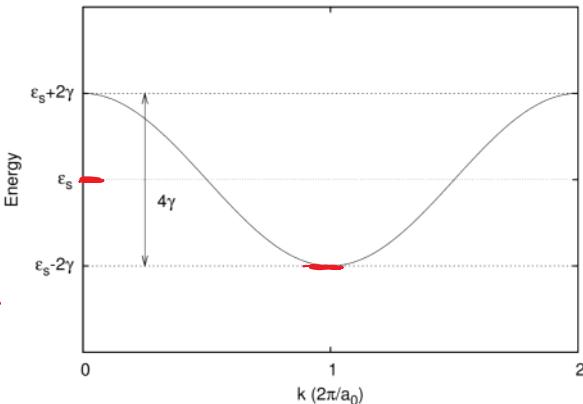
$$= \epsilon_s + e^{i k a_0} \gamma(|\tau|) + e^{-i k a_0} \gamma(|\tau|) =$$

$$= \epsilon_s + \gamma(|\tau|) \left(\frac{e^{i k a_0} + e^{-i k a_0}}{2} \right) =$$

$$= \underline{\epsilon_s + \gamma(|\tau|) 2 \cos(k a_0)}$$

METAL \longrightarrow

\hookrightarrow
we lowered energy compared to isolated atoms!!!



BAND WIDTH
= difference between min and max allowed values

etc: Calcul Dispersion

$E(k)$ for 2D

Plot 2D calc:
for $a = \text{Å}$ 30 eVdeV
This is w^w of p^p Hw3

The same for 3D face centered cubic cell of size a .
with 12 h.c.

ORIGIN OF THE BANDS

Before we explain why atom condense in solids
lets try to understand why molecule exists?



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



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

For a hydrogen molecule we have 2 orbitals
 ATOM1 ATOM2
 1s 1s
 1s 1s

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

Variational principle

$$\sum_{\alpha} \langle \beta | H | \alpha \rangle v_{\alpha} - \epsilon v_{\beta} = 0 \quad \text{where } \langle \alpha | \beta \rangle = 0 \\ \langle \alpha | \alpha \rangle = \langle \beta | \beta \rangle = 1 \\ E = \langle \psi | H | \psi \rangle / \langle \psi | \psi \rangle$$

$$s_o \quad \epsilon_s = \langle 11H|11 \rangle = \langle 21H|12 \rangle \quad \langle 1H|12 \rangle = \langle 21H|17 \rangle = -v_2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_s & -v_2 \\ \langle 11H|11 \rangle & \langle 11H|12 \rangle \\ -v_2 & \epsilon_s \\ \langle 21H|11 \rangle & \langle 21H|12 \rangle \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} - \epsilon \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} (\epsilon_s - \epsilon) v_1 - v_2 v_2 = 0 \\ -v_2 v_1 + (\epsilon_s - \epsilon) v_2 = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{we can easily solve these and find}$$

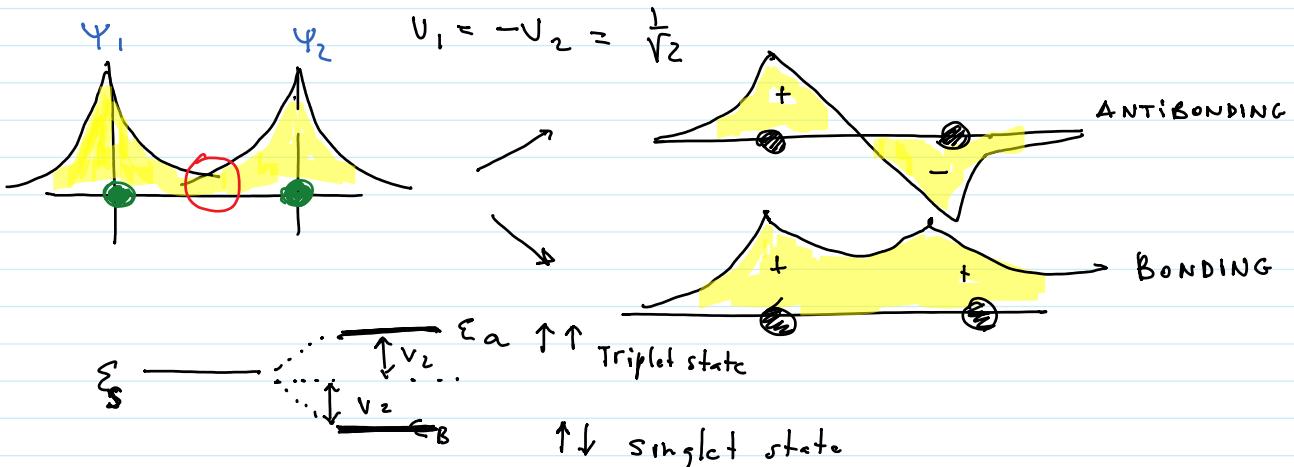
bonding state $\rightarrow \epsilon_b = \epsilon_s - v_2$ v_2 is called covalent energy and is positive

$\epsilon_a = \epsilon_s + v_2$

antibonding state

subs. those solutions into we determine the eigenvectors:

bonding: $v_1 = v_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$



Next we describe the case of a POLAR BOND

e.g. $\text{Li}^+ \text{H}^-$ or $\text{N}_a^+ \text{Cl}^-$ etc.

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

if $\epsilon_s^1 \rightarrow$ 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

$$V_3 = \frac{\epsilon_s^3 - \epsilon_s^1}{2} \Rightarrow \text{POLAR ENERGY}$$

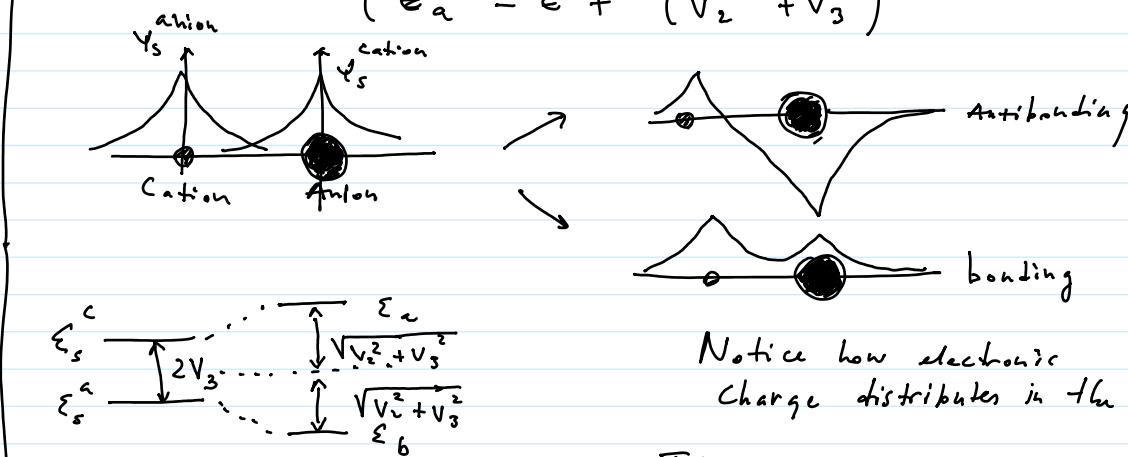
and also define the average of the cation-anion

$$\bar{\epsilon} = \frac{\epsilon_s^1 + \epsilon_s^2}{2}$$

then our equation becomes

$$\begin{pmatrix} \bar{\epsilon} - v_3 & -v_2 \\ -v_2 & \bar{\epsilon} + v_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} - E \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \epsilon_b = \bar{\epsilon} - (v_2^2 + v_3^2)^{1/2} \\ \epsilon_a = \bar{\epsilon} + (v_2^2 + v_3^2)^{1/2} \end{array} \right.$$



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 ϵ_b into

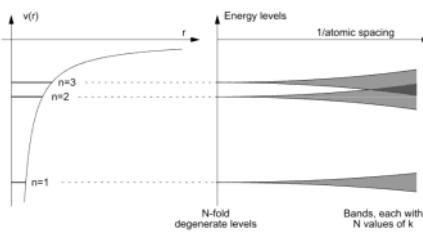
$$v_1 = \frac{v_2}{\sqrt{v_2^2 + v_3^2}} v_2 \equiv \alpha_p v_2 \quad v_1^2 - v_2^2 = \alpha_p^2$$

$\approx \alpha_p \in \text{POLARITY}$

Another useful concept is covalency

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

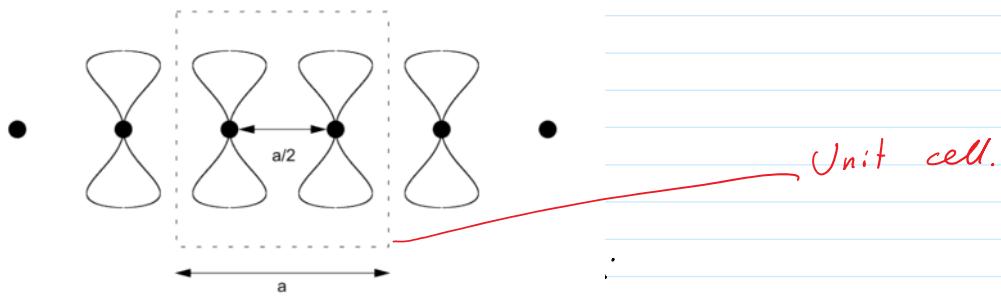
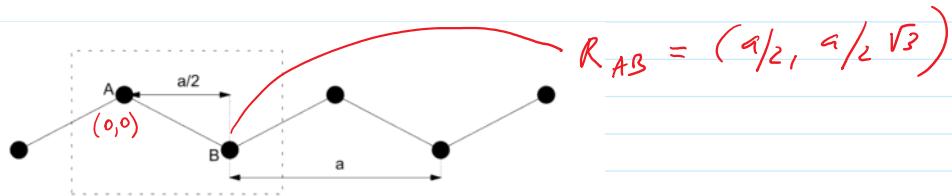
Back to our solids.



As overlap integral γ (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 conduction bands

Each band contains N allowed values of k .

Let's describe our first real solid (though soft) trans-polyacetylene.



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:

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

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

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

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

$$\bar{R}_{AB} \pm 2a\hat{i} \text{ etc}$$

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

Then the crystal is defined as:

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

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

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

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

Back to our polymer:

2-atom basis

$$N_b = 2 \quad \left| \begin{array}{cc} H_{AA} - E & H_{AB} \\ H_{BA} & H_{BB} - E \end{array} \right| = 0$$

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

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

2 branches for each k . \rightarrow 2 BANDS

(Note 2 atom per σ_{ns, s_p}
 $= 2$ BANDS)

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

= 2 bands

Let's calculate H_{AA} and H_{BB} for 1p-orbitals contributions/atom

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

The same for H_{BB} .

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

thus we end up with:

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

Following the same logic for H_{AB}

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

Again include only n-n or $R_A = 0$ and $R_A = -ai$

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

τ are the n-n vectors $\bar{\tau} = \bar{R}_{AB} = \left(\frac{a}{2}, \frac{a}{2}\sqrt{3}\right)$

$$\text{and } \bar{\tau} = \bar{R}_{AB} - ai = \left(-\frac{a}{2}, \frac{a}{2}\sqrt{3}\right)$$

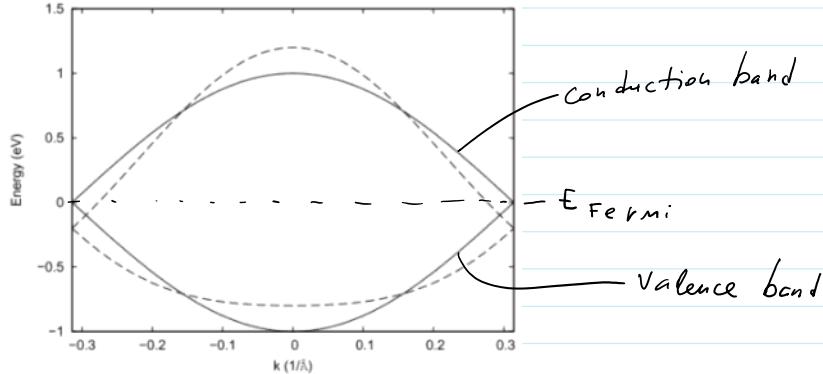
then

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

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

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

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



What about more than one orbital?

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

So let's generalize the tight binding approach

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

We expect 2×4 bands to develop.

$\uparrow \uparrow$ orbitals

2 atoms
in basis

Thus we will get (8×8) matrix for each k .

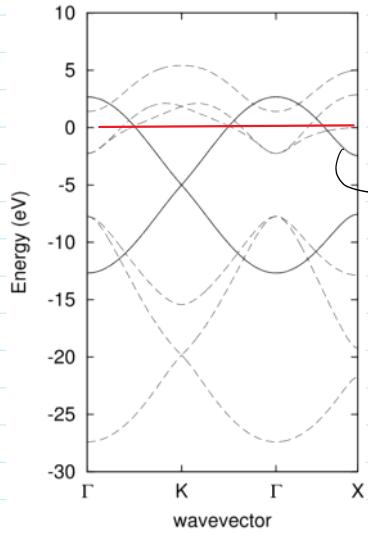
e.g. In this case $i=1$ labels s -orbital on A
 $j=5$ p_x -orb on B

The hamiltonian matrix element will be:

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

The rest are similar:

Consider the bond structure of graphene
Graphene



As you can see
there are clearly
8 bands

Mostly p_z orbitals (π -bonds)
form the conduction band