

Condensed Matter Physics I

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Previously

- Free electron model
- Density of states, Fermi-Dirac distribution
- Pressure, Bulk modulus, Heat capacity, Thermal mass
- Charge conductivity

Today

- Transport
- Failures of the free electron model
- Incorporating periodicity

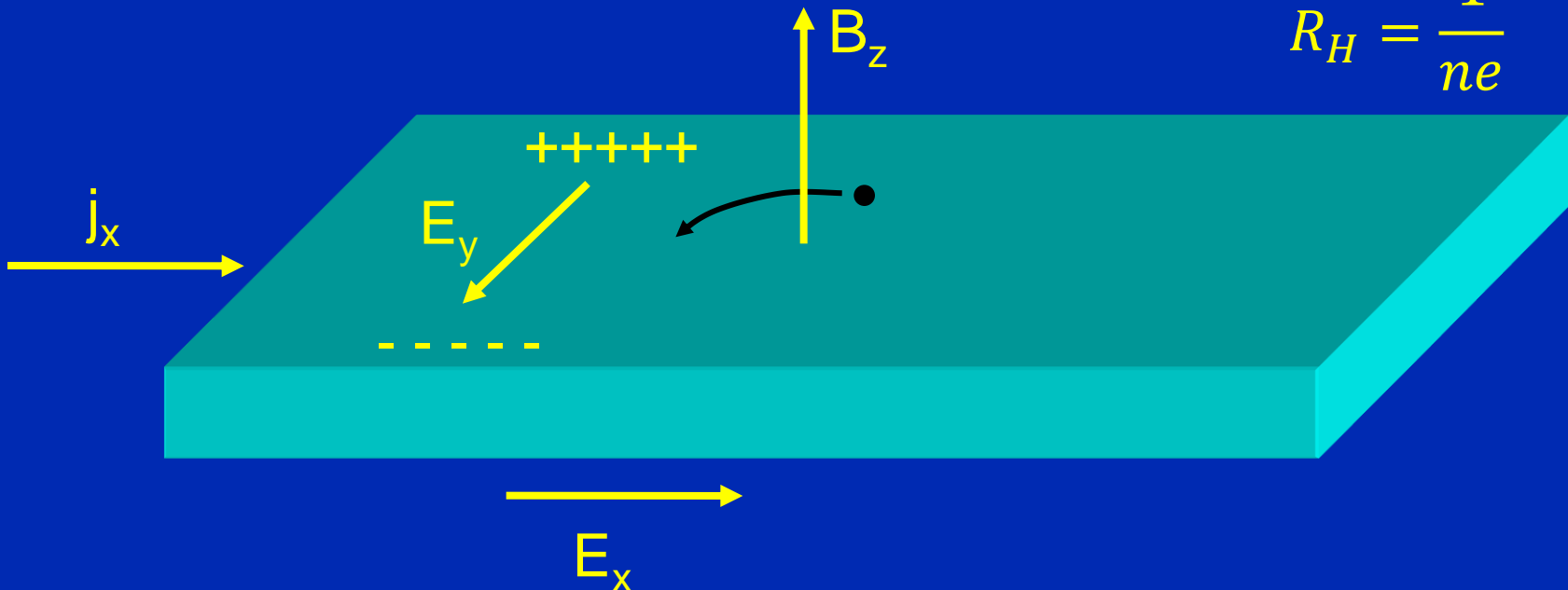
Classical Hall effect

Transport equation: $\hbar \left(\frac{d}{dt} + \frac{1}{\tau} \right) \mathbf{k} = \mathbf{F} = q \left(\mathbf{E} + \frac{\mathbf{k}}{m} \times \mathbf{B} \right)$

Steady state: $\hbar \vec{k} = -e\tau \left(\vec{E} + \frac{\hbar}{m} \vec{k} \times \vec{B} \right)$

$$E_y = R_H \cdot j_x B_{\perp}$$

$$R_H = \frac{1}{ne}$$



Thermal conductivity

$$J = -\kappa \cdot \nabla T$$

$$\text{Electronic heat conductivity: } \kappa = \frac{1}{3} C_{el} \cdot v \cdot l = \frac{\pi^2 k_b^2 n \tau}{3m} T$$

$$\text{Wiedemann-Franz law: } \frac{\kappa}{\sigma} = \frac{\pi^2 k_b^2 n \tau}{3m} T \cdot \frac{m}{ne^2 \tau} = L \cdot T$$

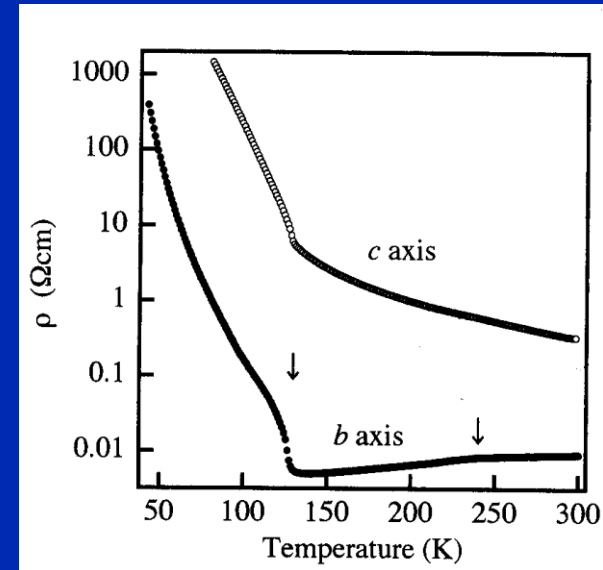
$$\text{Lorenz number } L = \frac{\pi^2}{3} \left(\frac{k_b}{e} \right)^2 = 2.45 \cdot 10^{-8} \frac{\text{W} \cdot \Omega}{\text{K}^2}$$

Table 10-2 Lorentz number $L = K/\sigma T$ in units of $10^{-8} \text{ W} \cdot \Omega/\text{K}^2$, for several metals at 0°C and 100°C

Metal	0°C	100°C	Metal	0°C	100°C
Ag	2.31	2.37	Pb	2.47	2.56
Au	2.35	2.40	Pt	2.51	2.60
Cd	2.42	2.43	Sn	2.52	2.49
Cu	2.23	2.33	W	3.04	3.20
Mo	2.61	2.79	Zn	2.31	2.33

Free electron model: failures

- Hall coefficient
- Magnetoresistance
- Wiedemann-Franz law
- T-dependence of cond., thermal cond.
- Direction dependence of conductivity →
- AC conductivity
- Linear term in specific heat
- Compressibility of metals



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- What determines the electron density
- Why are some materials bad metals or even isolators

e^- in a periodic potential

- Bragg scattering of free electrons, gaps
- Effect of translational symmetry, Bloch theorem
- Reduced Brillouin zone, Energy bands
- Weak potentials, perturbation theory
- Photo emission

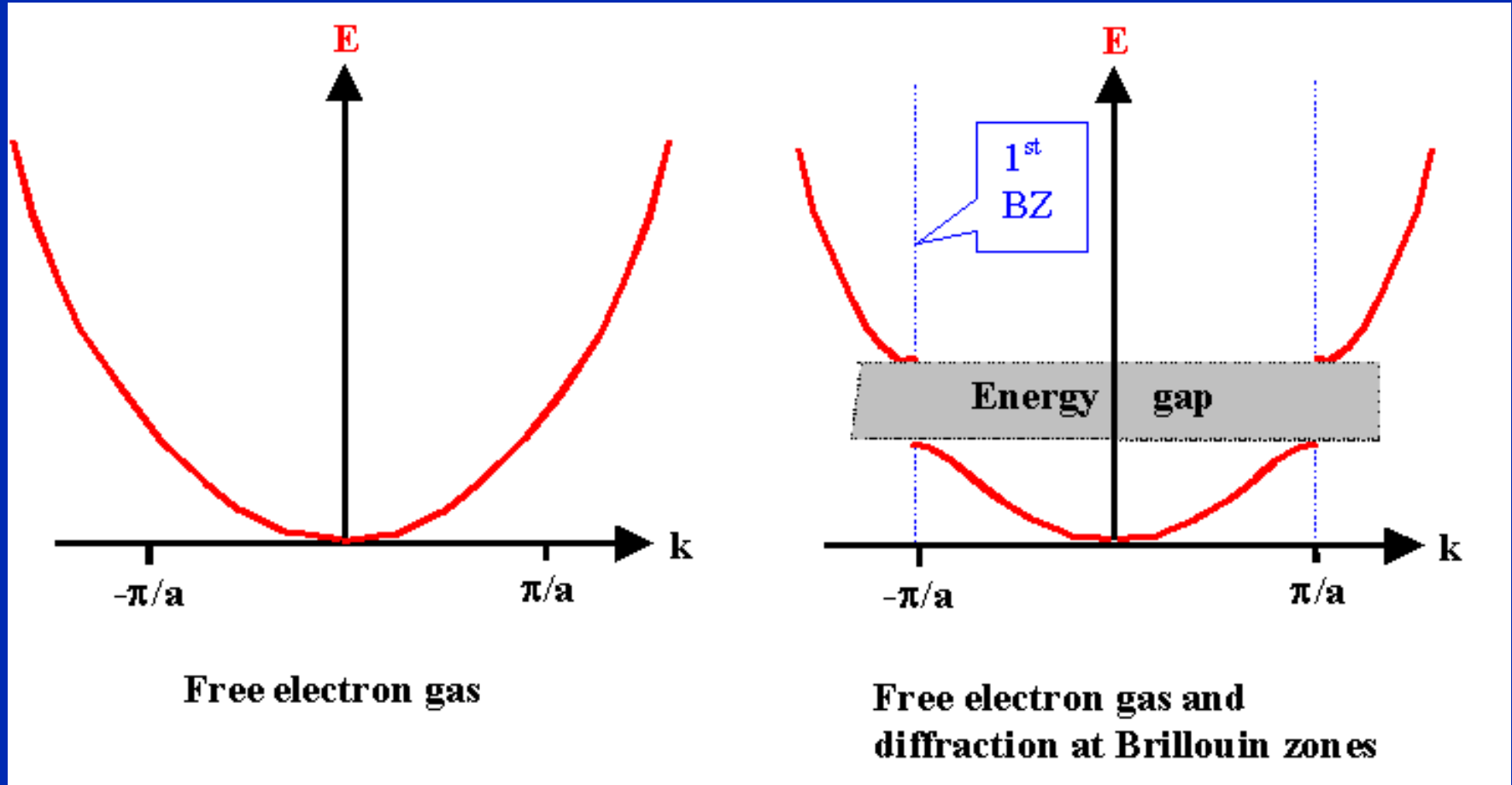
Incorporating the periodic potential

$$V(\vec{r}) = V(\vec{r} + \vec{R}_{\vec{n}}) \quad \vec{R}_{\vec{n}} = n_1 \vec{a}_1 + n_2 \vec{a}_2 + n_3 \vec{a}_3$$

$$\left(\frac{-\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V(\vec{r}) \right) \Psi_{\lambda} = E_{\lambda} \Psi_{\lambda}$$

- Empty lattice
- Weak potential (nearly free electron model, perturbation)
- Strong potential (tight binding (LCAO))

Bragg scattering



TRANSLATIONAL SYMMETRY

When I started to think about it, I felt that the main problem was to explain how the electrons could sneak by all the ions in a metal...

By straight Fourier analysis I found to my delight that the wave differed from the plane wave of free electrons only by a periodic modulation

F. BLOCH

Translational symmetry

$$V(\vec{r}) = V(\vec{r} + \vec{R}_{\vec{n}}) \quad \vec{R}_{\vec{n}} = n_1 \vec{a}_1 + n_2 \vec{a}_2 + n_3 \vec{a}_3$$

$$\left(\frac{-\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V(\vec{r}) \right) \Psi_\lambda = E_\lambda \Psi_\lambda$$

Translation operator: $T_{\vec{n}} \psi(\vec{r}) \equiv \psi(\vec{r} + \vec{R}_{\vec{n}})$

Translationally invariant Hamiltonian: $[H, T_{\vec{n}}] = 0$

$$T_{\vec{n}} \cdot H \Psi_\lambda = H \cdot T_{\vec{n}} \Psi_\lambda = E_\lambda T_{\vec{n}} \Psi_\lambda$$

➡ If Ψ_λ is an eigenstate with energy E_λ , so is $T_{\vec{n}} \Psi_\lambda$!

Bloch theorem

$$T_{100}|\psi_\lambda\rangle = e^{i\phi_{\lambda,1}}|\psi_\lambda\rangle \quad T_{200}|\psi_\lambda\rangle = e^{i\phi_{\lambda,1}}e^{i\phi_{\lambda,1}}|\psi_\lambda\rangle \quad \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow T_{nml}|\psi_\lambda\rangle = e^{i(n\phi_{\lambda,1}+m\phi_{\lambda,2}+l\phi_{\lambda,3})}|\psi_\lambda\rangle = e^{i(n\vec{a}_1+m\vec{a}_2+l\vec{a}_3)\cdot\vec{k}}|\psi_\lambda\rangle$$

The vectors k label the eigenstates:

$$|\psi_\lambda\rangle = |\psi_{\vec{k}}\rangle$$

Bloch Theorem (form II)

$$T_{\vec{n}}\Psi_{\vec{k}}(\vec{r}) = \Psi_{\vec{k}}(\vec{r} + \vec{R}_{\vec{n}}) = e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{R}_{\vec{n}}}\Psi_{\vec{k}}(\vec{r})$$

Bloch theorem

Bloch Theorem

$$\Psi_{\vec{k}}(\vec{r}) = e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}} u_{\vec{k}}(\vec{r})$$

$$u_{\vec{k}}(\vec{r}) = u_{\vec{k}}(\vec{r} + \vec{R})$$

The eigenstates of a periodic one-electron Hamiltonian can be chosen to have the form of a plane wave times a function with the periodicity of the Hamiltonian

Bloch: $\Psi_{\vec{k}}(\vec{r}) = e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}} u_{\vec{k}}(\vec{r})$
 $u_{\vec{k}}(\vec{r}) = u_{\vec{k}}(\vec{r} + \vec{R})$

The functions $u_{\vec{k}}(\vec{r})$ are translational invariant
 \Rightarrow 3D Fourier expansion of a periodic function

$$u_{\vec{k}}(\vec{r}) = \sum_{\vec{G}} \tilde{a}_{\vec{k},\vec{G}} e^{i\vec{G}\cdot\vec{r}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Psi_{\vec{k}}(\vec{r}) = \sum_{\vec{G}} \tilde{a}_{\vec{k},\vec{G}} \cdot e^{i(\vec{k}+\vec{G})\cdot\vec{r}}$$

Electrons in a periodic potential

$$H = \frac{-\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V(\vec{r})$$

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

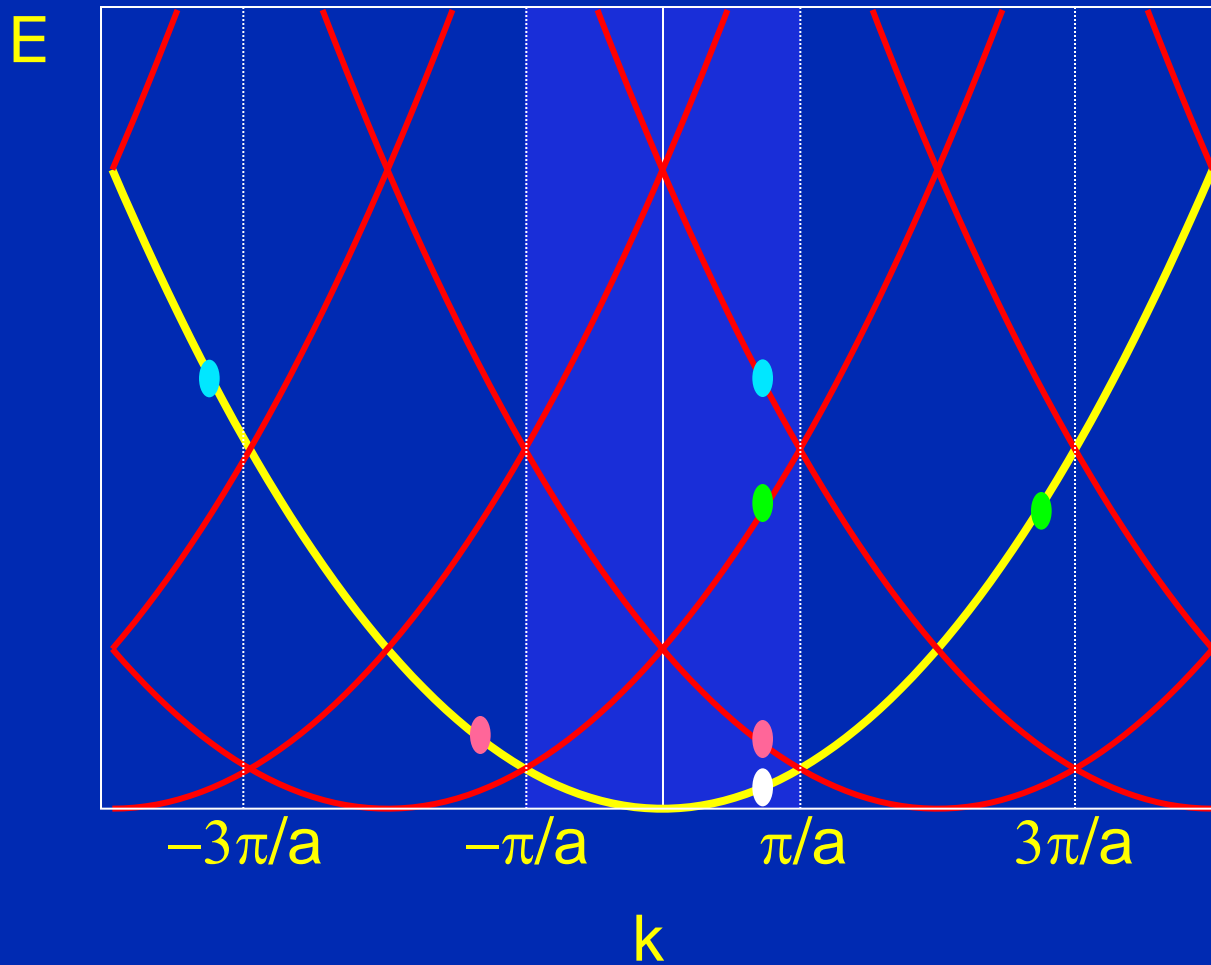
$$\Rightarrow \langle \vec{q} | H | \vec{k} \rangle = \frac{\hbar^2 \mathbf{k}^2}{2m} \delta_{\vec{q},\vec{k}} + \sum_{\vec{G}} V_{\vec{G}} \delta_{\vec{q},\vec{k}+\vec{G}}$$

Each free e^- state k couples to all states $k+G$!

Eigenstates $|\psi_{\vec{k}}\rangle = \sum_{\vec{G}} \alpha_{\vec{G}} |\vec{k} + \vec{G}\rangle$

Energies $E_{\vec{k}} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \sum_{\vec{G}} |\alpha_{\vec{G}}|^2 |\vec{k} + \vec{G}|^2 + \sum_{\vec{G},\vec{Q}} \alpha_{\vec{G}} \alpha_{\vec{Q}}^* V_{\vec{Q}-\vec{G}}$

Reduced Brillouin zone



Perturbation theory

$$|\psi_{\mathbf{k}}\rangle = \frac{1}{C} \left\{ |\bar{\mathbf{k}}\rangle + \sum_{\bar{\mathbf{G}} \neq 0} \frac{V_{\bar{\mathbf{G}}}}{E_{\bar{\mathbf{k}}}^{(0)} - E_{\bar{\mathbf{k}}+\bar{\mathbf{G}}}^{(0)}} |\bar{\mathbf{k}} + \bar{\mathbf{G}}\rangle \right\}$$

$$|C|^2 = 1 + \sum_{\bar{\mathbf{G}} \neq 0} \left| \frac{V_{\bar{\mathbf{G}}}}{E_{\bar{\mathbf{k}}}^{(0)} - E_{\bar{\mathbf{k}}+\bar{\mathbf{G}}}^{(0)}} \right|^2$$

$$|C|^2 E_{\bar{\mathbf{k}}} = E_{\bar{\mathbf{k}}}^{(0)} + V_{\bar{\mathbf{0}}} + \sum_{\bar{\mathbf{G}} \neq 0} \frac{|V_{\bar{\mathbf{G}}}|^2}{E_{\bar{\mathbf{k}}}^{(0)} - E_{\bar{\mathbf{k}}+\bar{\mathbf{G}}}^{(0)}}$$

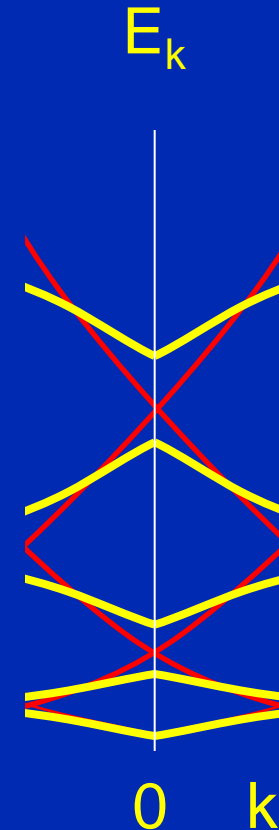
Large contribution when $E_{\mathbf{k}}^0 \approx E_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{G}}^0$

Near zone boundary

$$|\psi_k\rangle \approx a_0 |\vec{k}\rangle + a_{\bar{b}} |\vec{k} + \bar{b}\rangle$$

$$H \approx \begin{bmatrix} E_k^{(0)} & V_{\bar{b}} \\ V_{\bar{b}} & E_{k+\bar{b}}^{(0)} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_k = \frac{1}{2} [E_k^{(0)} + E_{k+\bar{b}}^{(0)}] \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(E_k^{(0)} - E_{k+\bar{b}}^{(0)})^2 + 4V_b^2}$$



$$\text{If } E_k^0 = E_{k+b}^0 \rightarrow E_k = E_k^0 \pm V_b$$

Band structure: Approaches

- Empty lattice (only periodicity)
- Perturbation theory (nearly free electrons, weak potential)
- Tight binding method (LCAO)
- Exact models (Kronig-Penney model, see for instance Kittel)
- ‘advanced’ methods: see for instance
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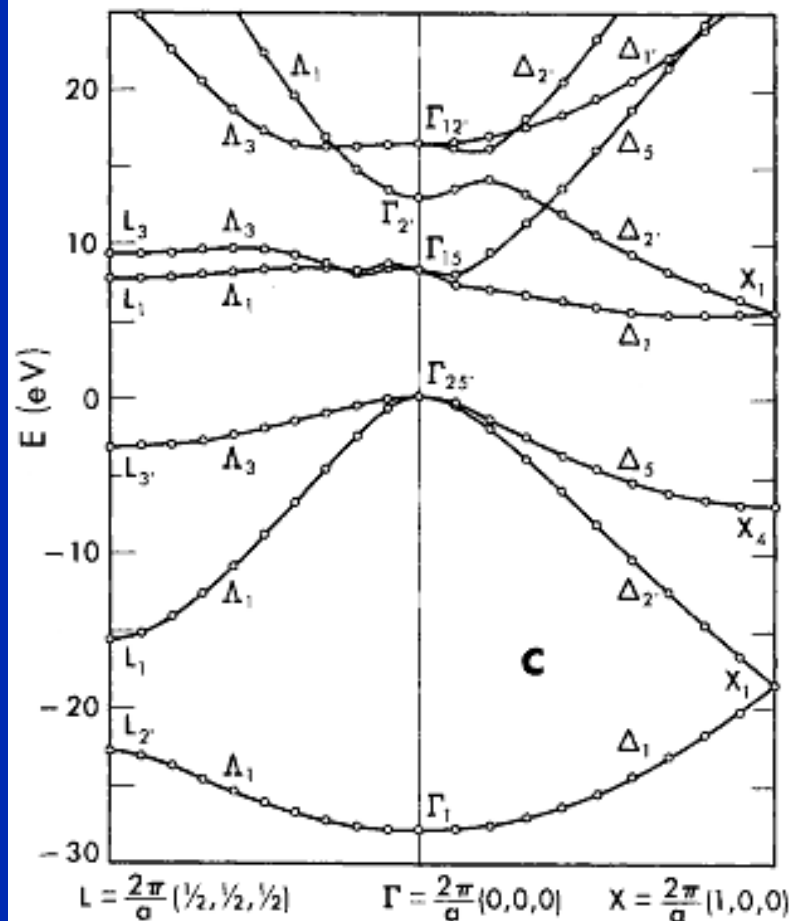
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Diamond band structure

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BAND STRUCTURE AND OPTICAL PROPERTIES OF DIAMOND*

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FIG. 1. The electronic band structure of diamond.

Electronic band structure of the superconductor Sr_2RuO_4

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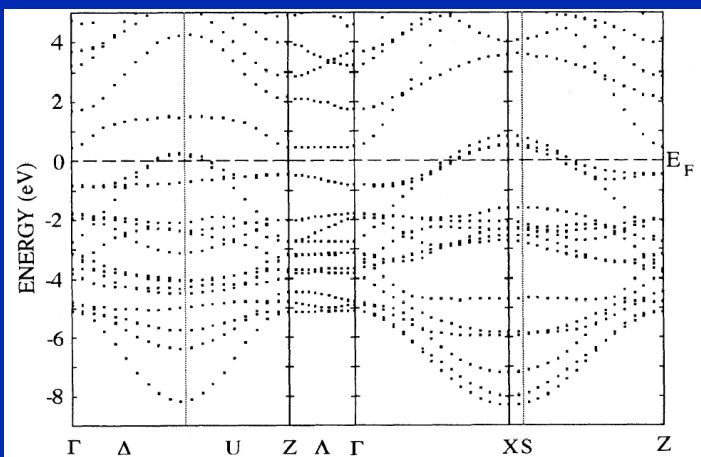


FIG. 1. Calculated energy band structure of Sr_2RuO_4 along high-symmetry lines. A horizontal broken line denotes the Fermi energy.

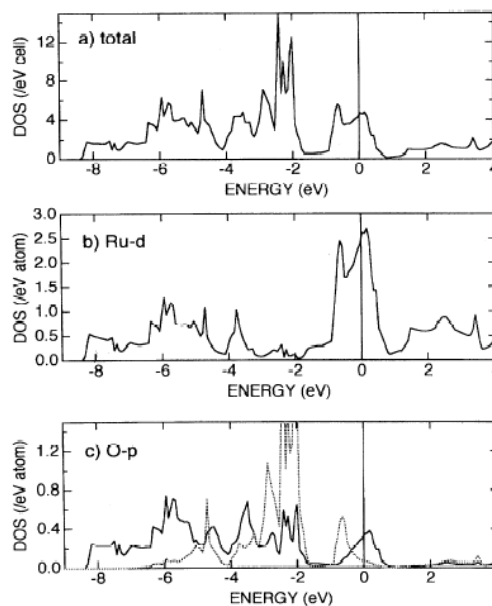


FIG. 3. Calculated density of states (DOS) of Sr_2RuO_4 : (a) total DOS, (b) partial Ru d DOS, and (c) partial O p DOS. In panel (c), solid and dotted curves represent the partial p DOS of the O(I) and O(II) atoms, respectively. A vertical line denotes the Fermi energy.

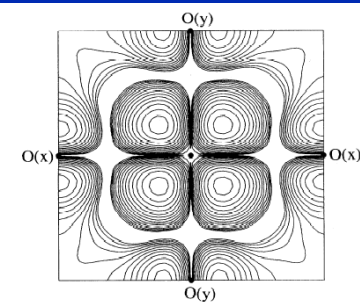
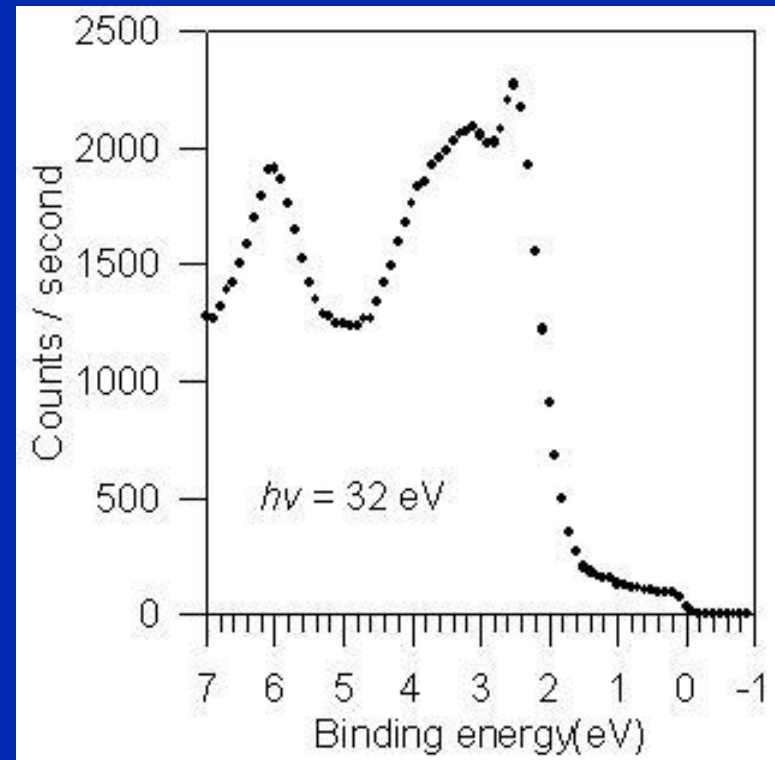
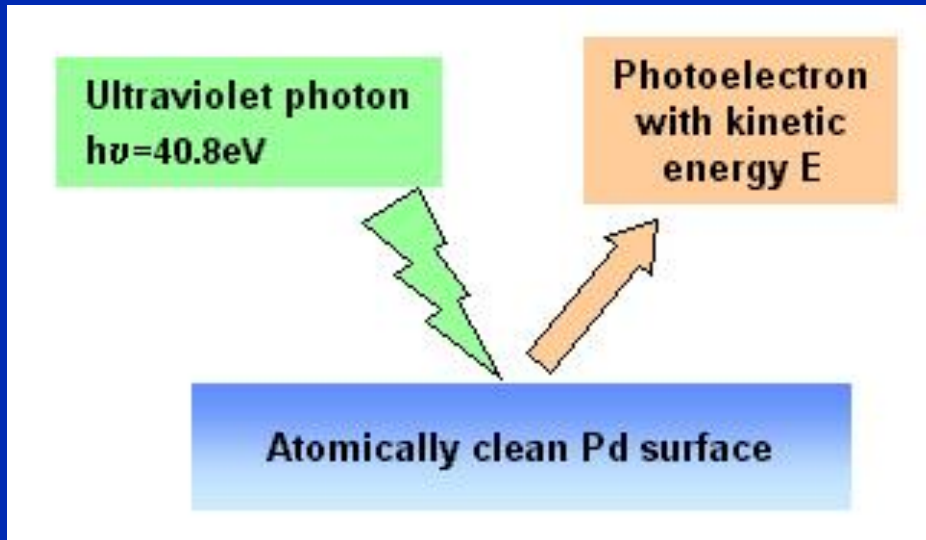


FIG. 2. An ab -plane contour map of the pseudocharge density of the antibonding $de(xy)-p\pi$ band at the X point (the 15th band in Fig. 1). Contours of charge density are plotted as $(2)^{n/2} \times 10^{-3}$ electrons/bohr 3 ($n=0,1,\dots$). A clear node (zero amplitude of the wave function) between the Ru (at center) and four O(I) atoms indicates the antibonding character of the state.

Photoemission

$$E_{bind} = \hbar\omega - E_{kin} - \phi$$

$$\hbar k_{||}^i = \hbar k_{||}^f = \sqrt{2mE_{kin}} \sin \theta$$



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Bulk Band Gaps in Divalent Hexaborides

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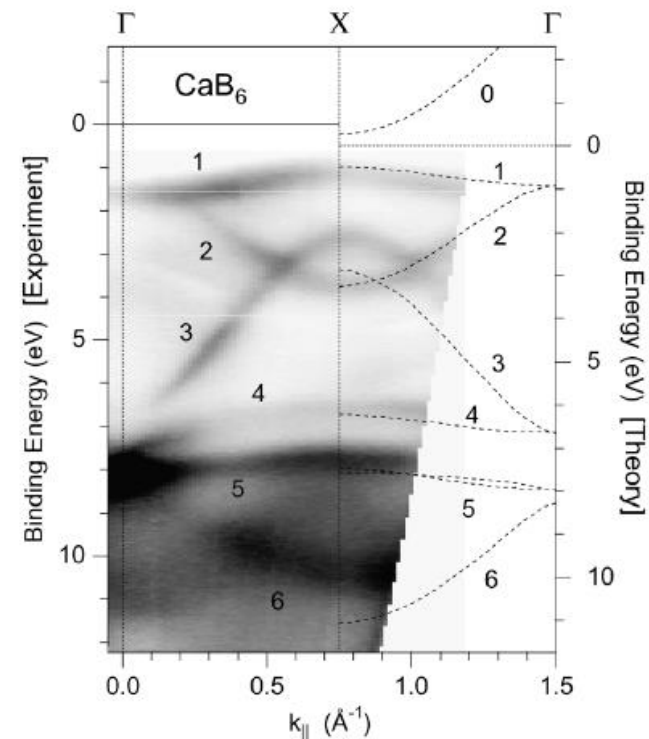


FIG. 1. Comparison of the experimental and theoretical band structures of CaB_6 along Γ -X. The reverse gray scale image of ARPES intensities is the sum of two data sets with 30 eV s - and p -polarized excitation. Dashed lines are from the quasiparticle GW calculation [18] giving X-point gap between bands 0 and 1.



Photoemission

