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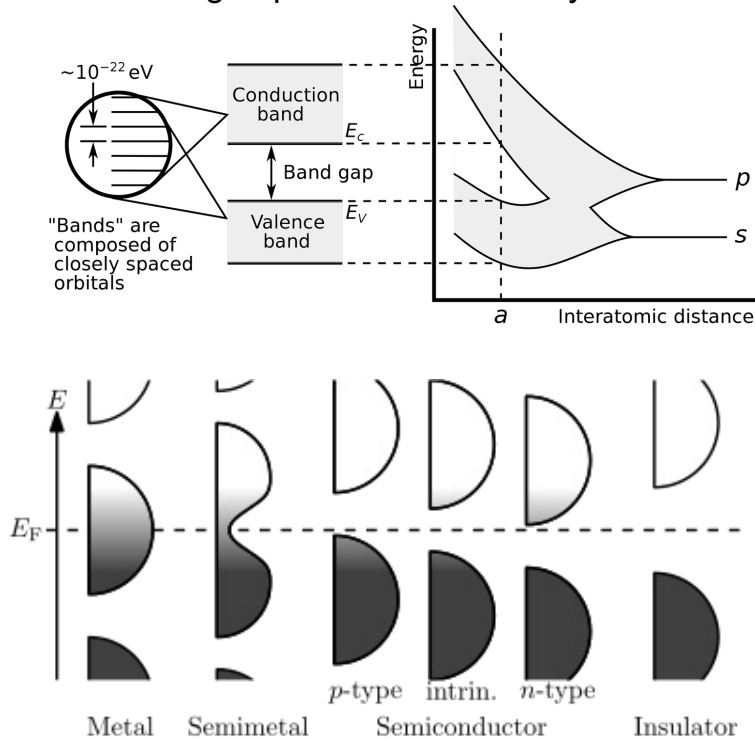
# UXSS-2023 Condensed Matter Physics (I)

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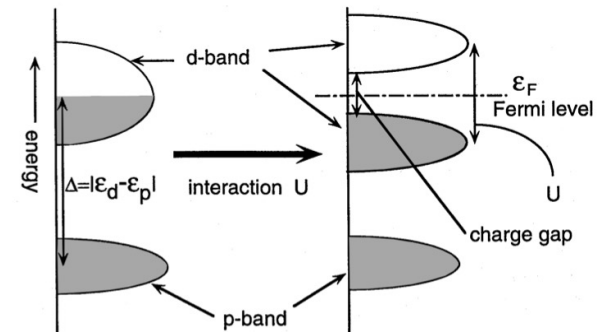
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# Modern Condensed Matter Physics

single particle band theory



electron correlation



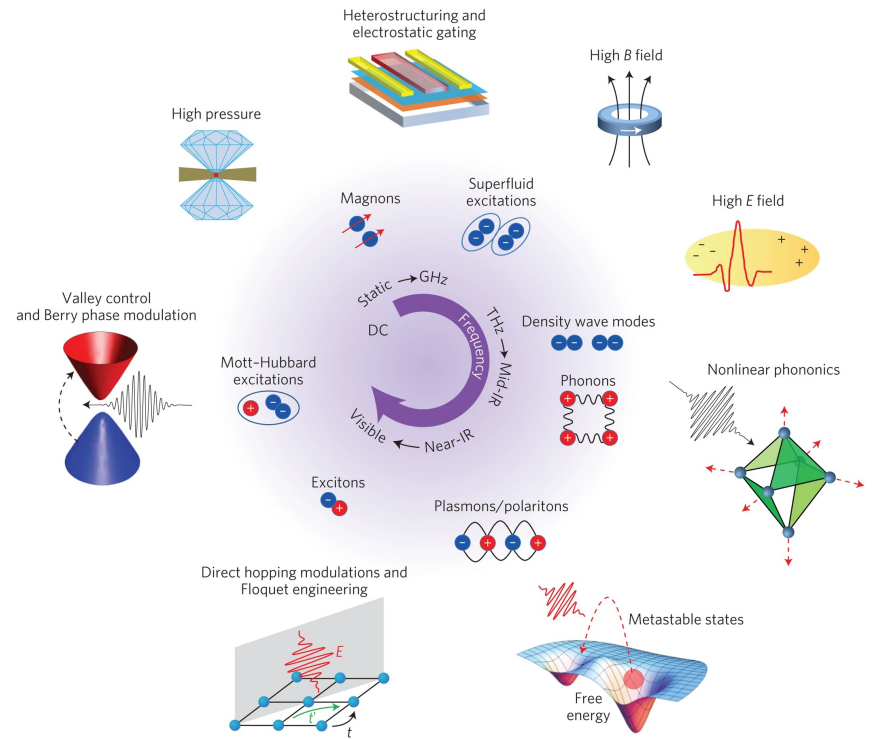
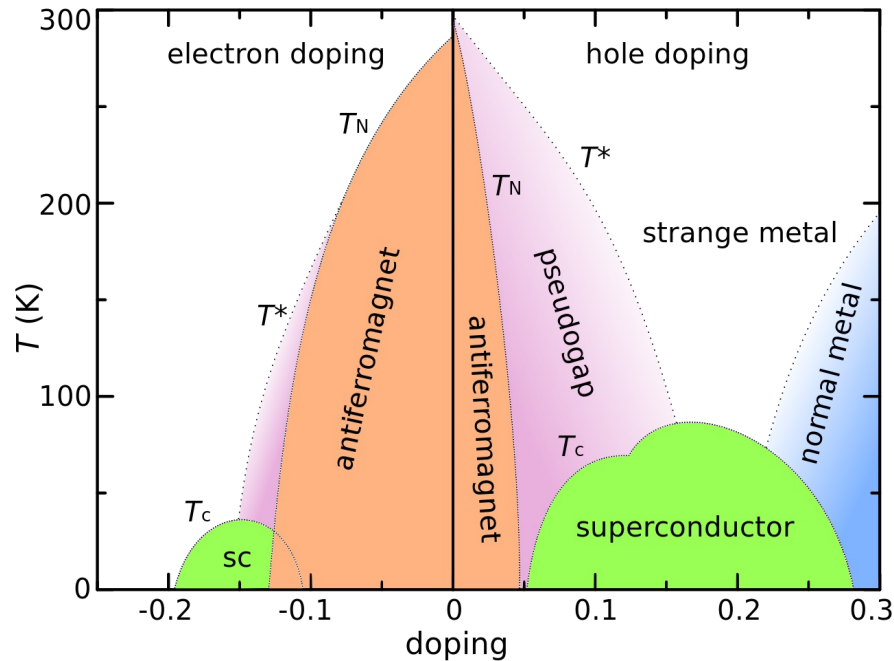
(a) Mott-Hubbard Insulator

RMP 70, 1998

wikipedia



# Controlling properties of Quantum Materials



Nat. Mat. 16, 2017

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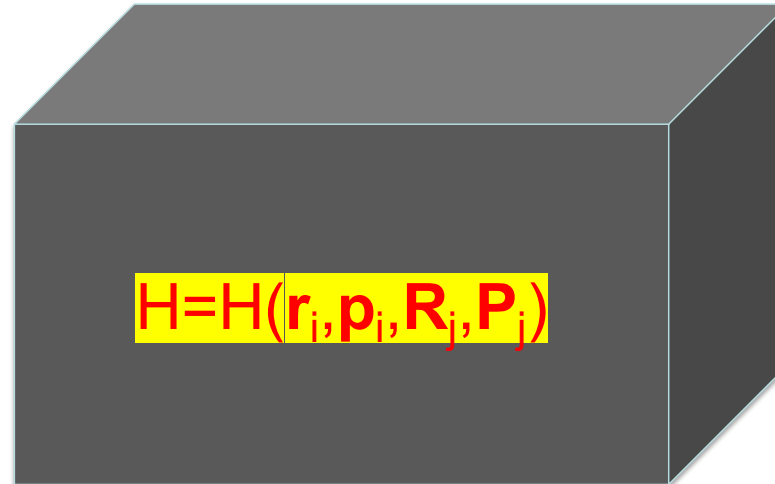


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  - Resonant inelastic x-ray scattering (RIXS)
  - Non x-ray based characterization
  - Coherence
  - And much more...

$$H = \sum_i \frac{p_i^2}{2m_i} + \sum_j \frac{P_j^2}{2M_j} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j' \neq j} \frac{Z_{j'} Z_j e^2}{|\vec{R}_j - \vec{R}_{j'}|} - \sum_{i,j} \frac{Z_j e^2}{|\vec{r}_i - \vec{R}_j|} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i' \neq i} \frac{e^2}{|\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_{i'}|}$$

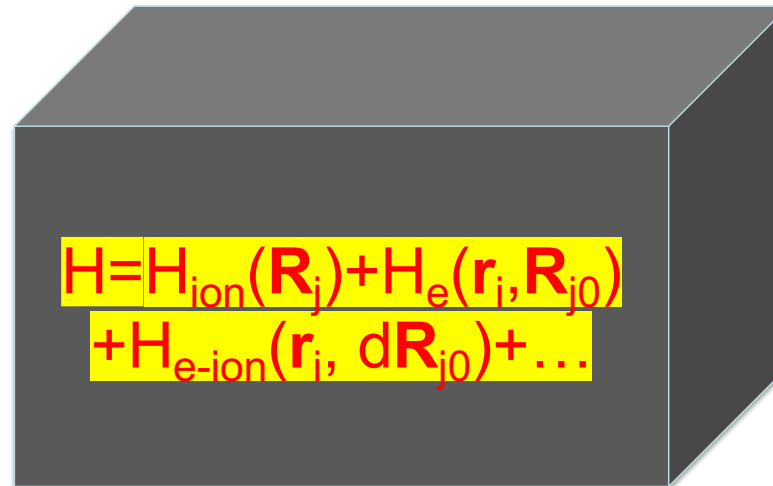
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# Periodic solids: Simplifications based on symmetry + approximations

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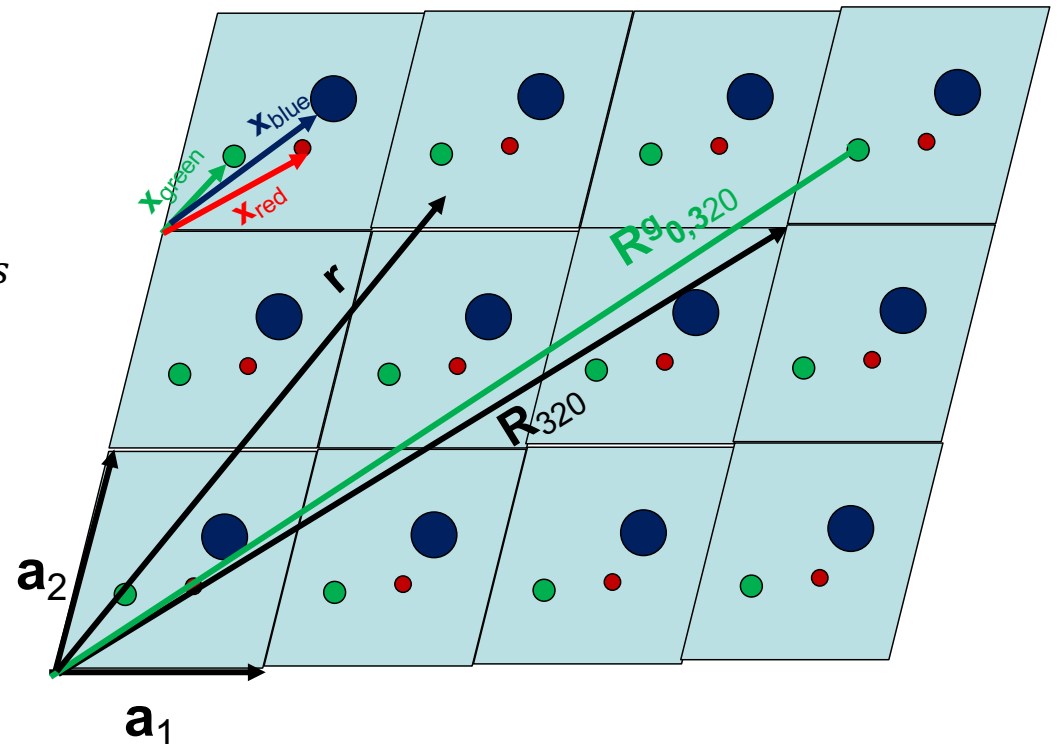
$$\mathbf{R}_{0,uvw}^{(s)} = u\mathbf{a}_1 + v\mathbf{a}_2 + w\mathbf{a}_3 + \mathbf{x}_s$$

$$H(\mathbf{r}) = H(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{R}_{uvw})$$

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}) = \rho(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{R}_{uvw})$$

$$\chi(\mathbf{r}) = \chi(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{R}_{uvw})$$

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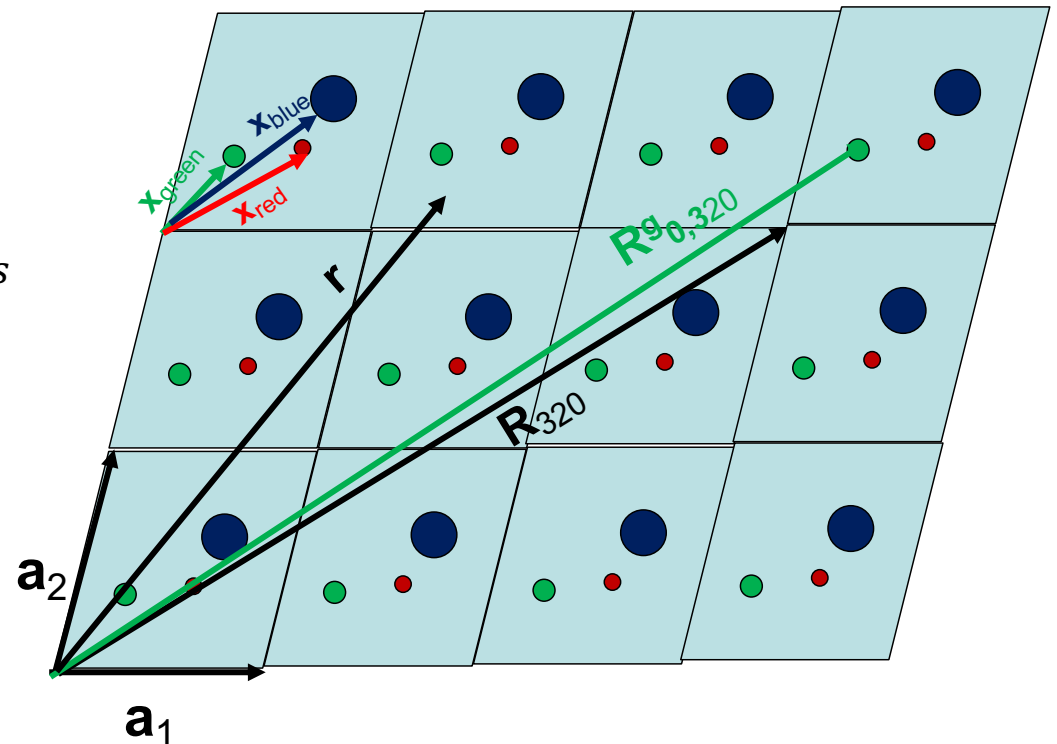
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$$\psi_k(\mathbf{r}) = e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}}u_k(\mathbf{r})$$

$$u_k(\mathbf{r}) = u_k(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{R})$$





## Reciprocal Lattice

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Define some

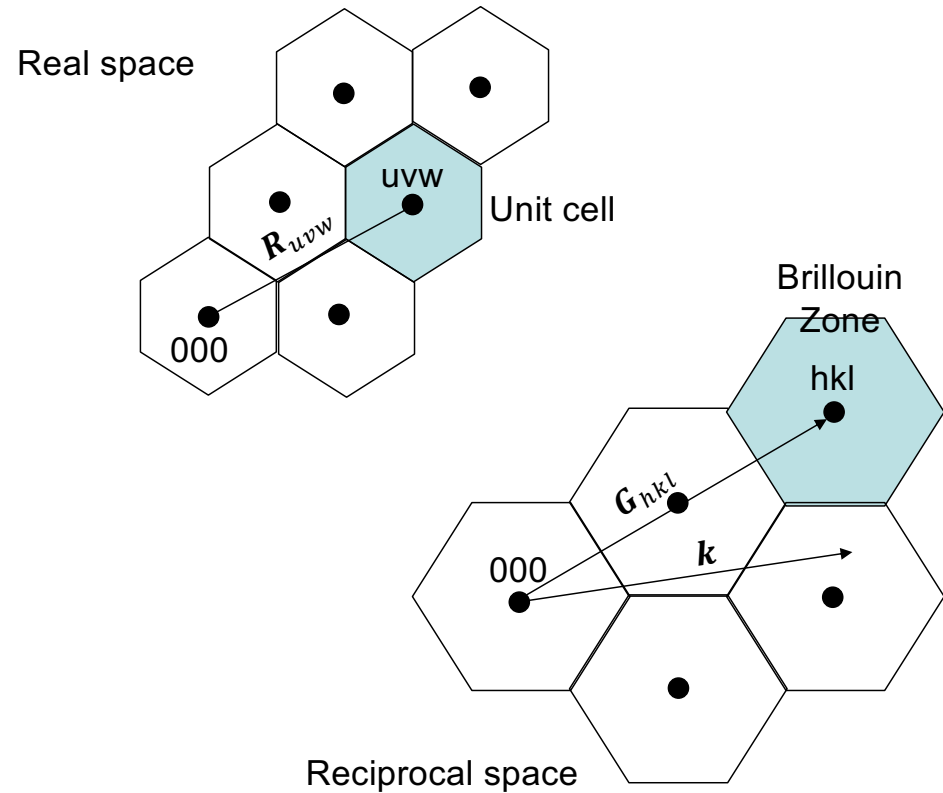
$$\mathbf{G}_{hkl} = h\mathbf{b}_1 + k\mathbf{b}_2 + l\mathbf{b}_3$$

$$\mathbf{b}_i = 2\pi \frac{\mathbf{a}_j \times \mathbf{a}_k}{\mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_j \times \mathbf{a}_k} \epsilon_{ijk}$$

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

$$E_{\mathbf{k}} = E_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{G}}$$

$$e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{R}} = e^{i(\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{G}) \cdot \mathbf{R}}$$



Alphabet soup of elementary excitations  
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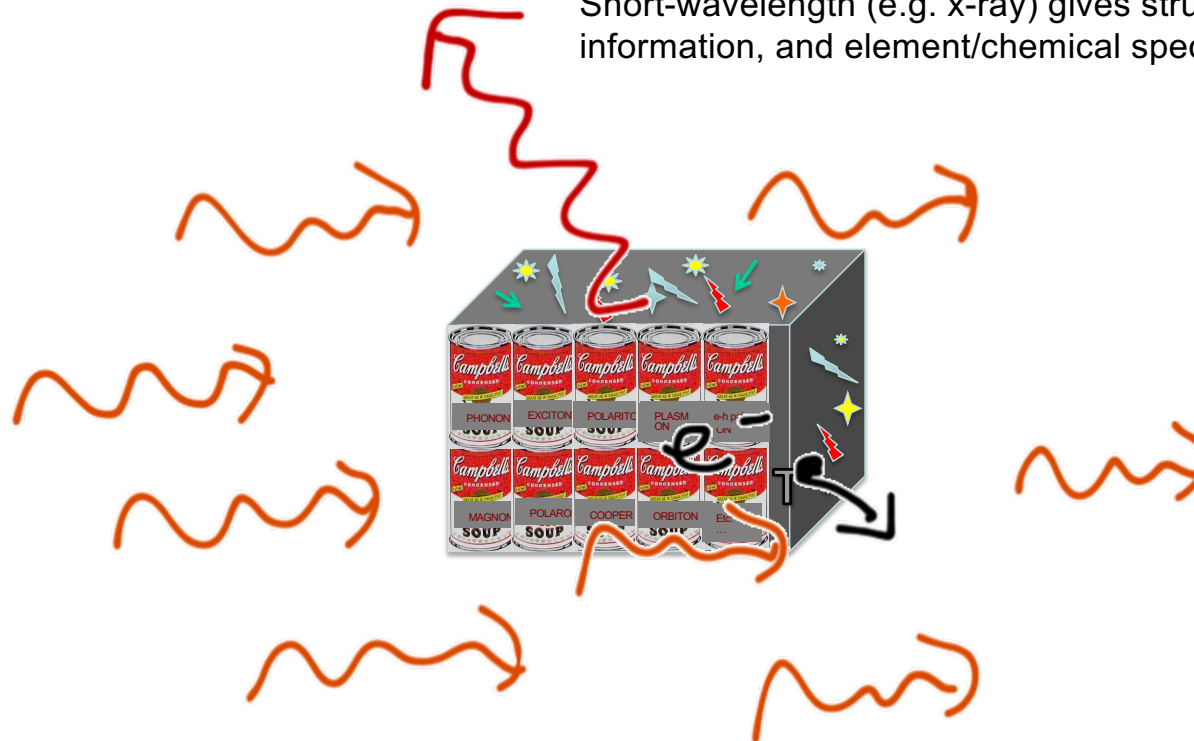
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Adapted from A. Warhol

# Light scattering and spectroscopy

Short-wavelength (e.g. x-ray) gives structural information, and element/chemical specificity



## X-ray interaction with matter primarily through electrons

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photoelectric absorption ( $p \cdot A$ )  
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and sensitive to local environment  
(photoemission, EXAFS, ...)

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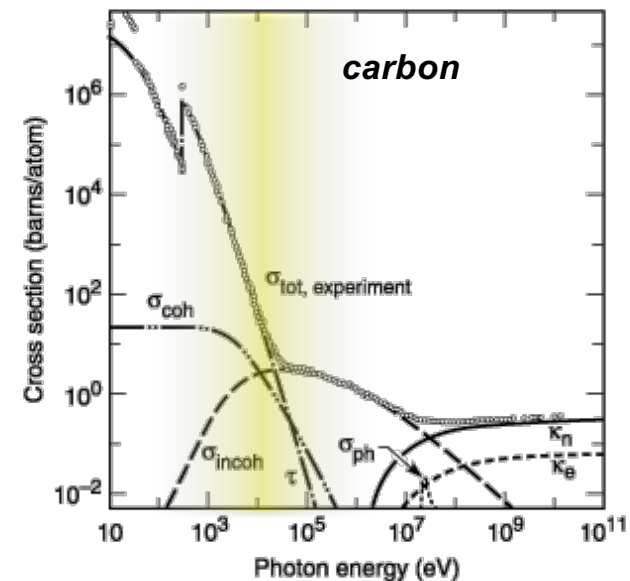


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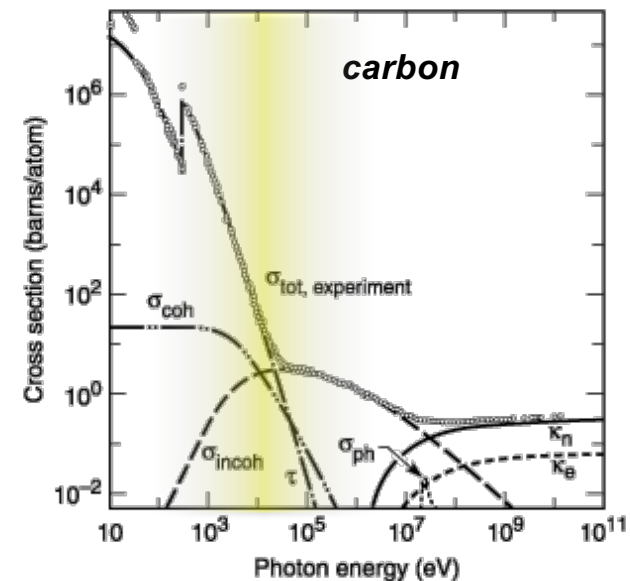


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## “Elastic” scattering from single electron

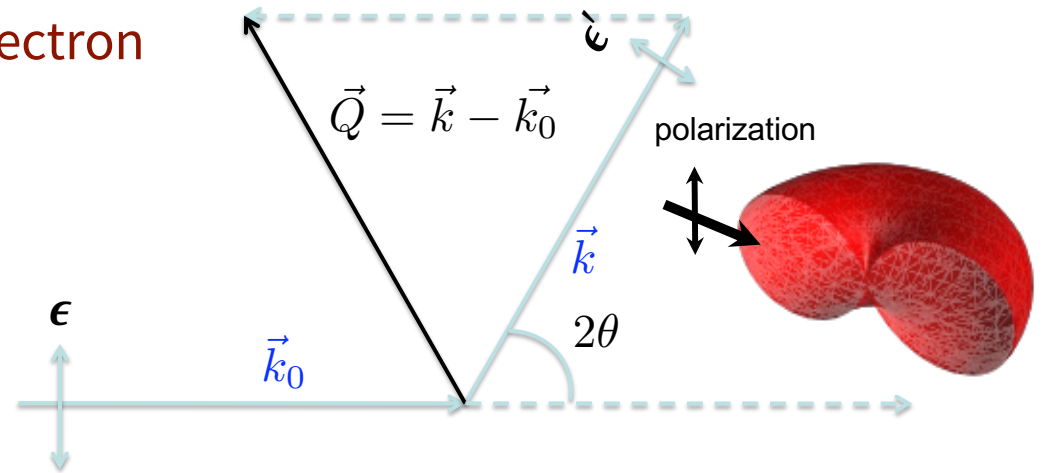
where  $|k| = |k|_0 = 2\pi/\lambda$

$$Q = \frac{4\pi}{\lambda} \sin \theta$$

$$E_e = E_0 \frac{r_e}{r} e^{i(\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)} \sin \Theta$$

$$I_e = I_0 \frac{r_e^2}{r^2} \sin^2 \Theta$$

$$\sin \Theta = |\boldsymbol{\epsilon} \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon}'|$$



## Elastic scattering from single atom, far from resonance

$$E_e = E_0 \frac{r_e}{r} f(\mathbf{Q}) e^{i(\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)} \sin \Theta$$

$$f(\mathbf{Q}) = \int d^3r \rho_{atom}(\mathbf{r}) e^{i\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{r}}$$

$$r_e = \frac{e^2}{mc^2} \approx 2.8 \cdot 10^{-15} m$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = r_e^2 |\boldsymbol{\epsilon} \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon}'|^2$$

Thomson

$\hbar\vec{Q}$  is the momentum transfer for scattering of a photon

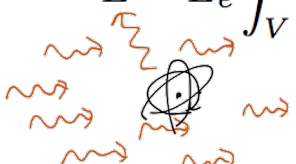
Quiz, can we have elastic scattering from a free-electron?

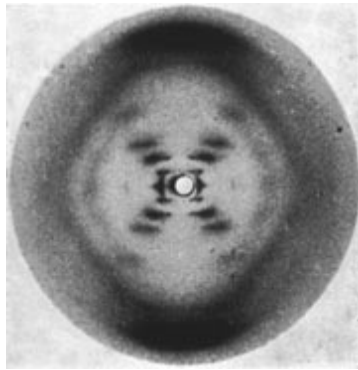
No cannot satisfy energy and momentum conservation  
(Compton Scattering,  $\omega' < \omega$ )

Then why can we have elastic scattering from an atom?

Recoil insignificant since  $M_{\text{ion}} \gg m_e$

## Coherent-Scattering

$$E \approx E_e \int_V \rho(\vec{r}) e^{i((\vec{k}-\vec{k}_0) \cdot \vec{r})} d^3r$$


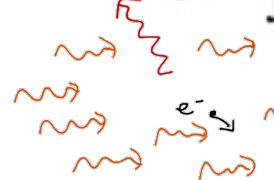


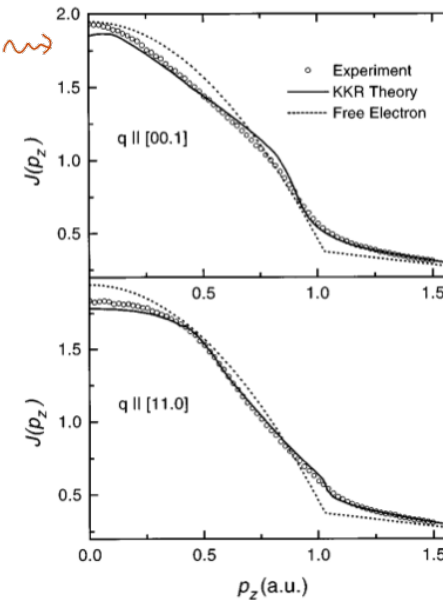
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## Incoherent-Scattering

$$J(p_z) = \int_{p_x} \int_{p_y} n(p_x, p_y, p_z) dp_x dp_y$$




Hämäläinen et al., PRB 54, 5453, 1996

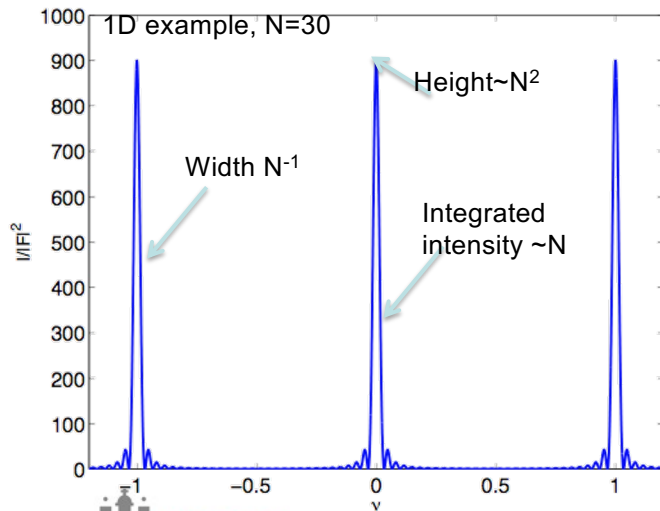


## Elastic scattered field Fourier transform of crystal (far from resonance)

$$E(\mathbf{Q}) \approx E_e \int d^3r \rho(\mathbf{r}) e^{i\mathbf{Q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \approx E_a \int d^3r \sum_{s,j} f_s \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_j^s) e^{i\mathbf{Q}\cdot\mathbf{r}}$$

$$E(\mathbf{Q}) \approx E_e \sum_j F(\mathbf{Q}) e^{i\mathbf{Q}\cdot\mathbf{R}_j} \quad F(\mathbf{Q}) = \sum_S f(\mathbf{Q}) e^{i\mathbf{Q}\cdot\mathbf{x}_s}$$

(Molecular) Structure Factor

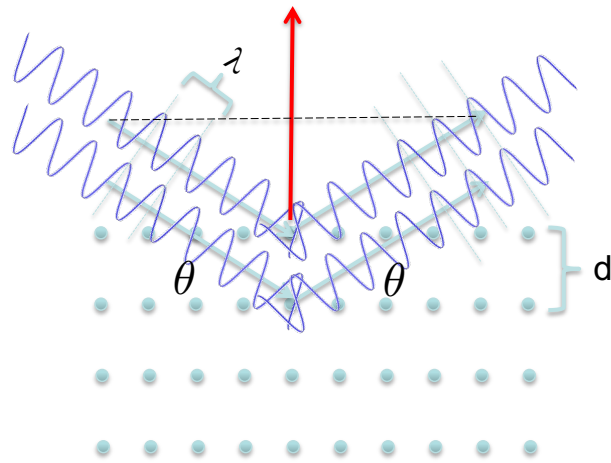


$$E(\mathbf{Q}) \approx N E_e F(\mathbf{Q}) \delta(\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{G})$$

$$I(\mathbf{Q}) \approx N^2 I_e |F(\mathbf{Q})|^2 \delta(\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{G})$$

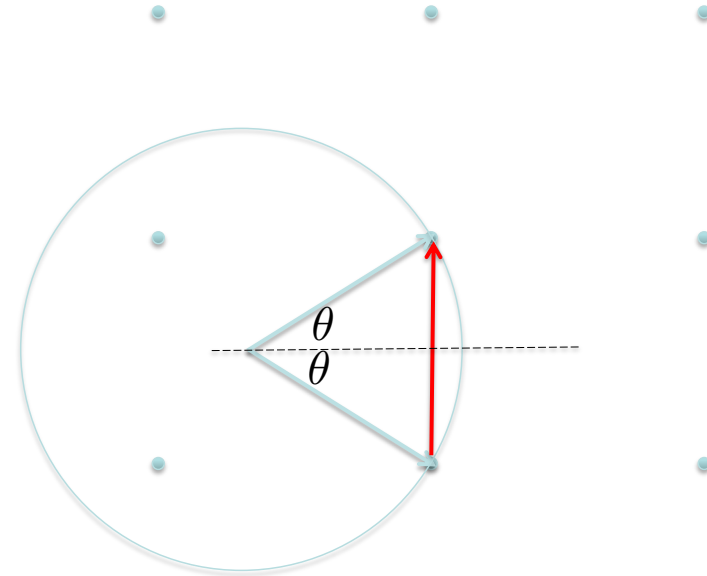
Crystallography

# Bragg



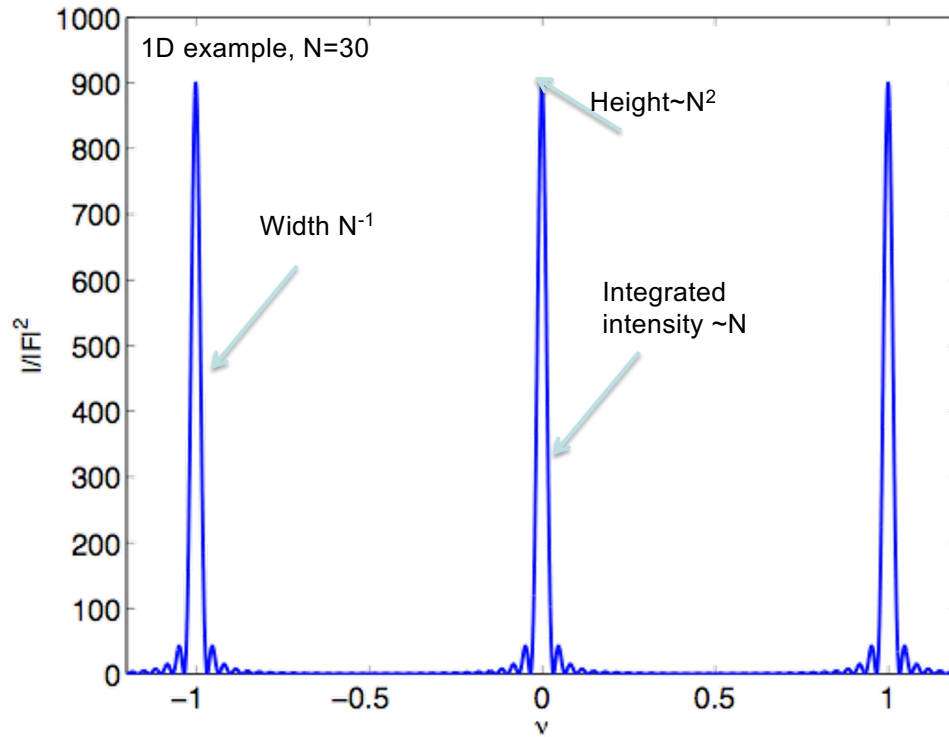
$$\sin \theta = \frac{\lambda}{2d}$$

# Laue/Ewald



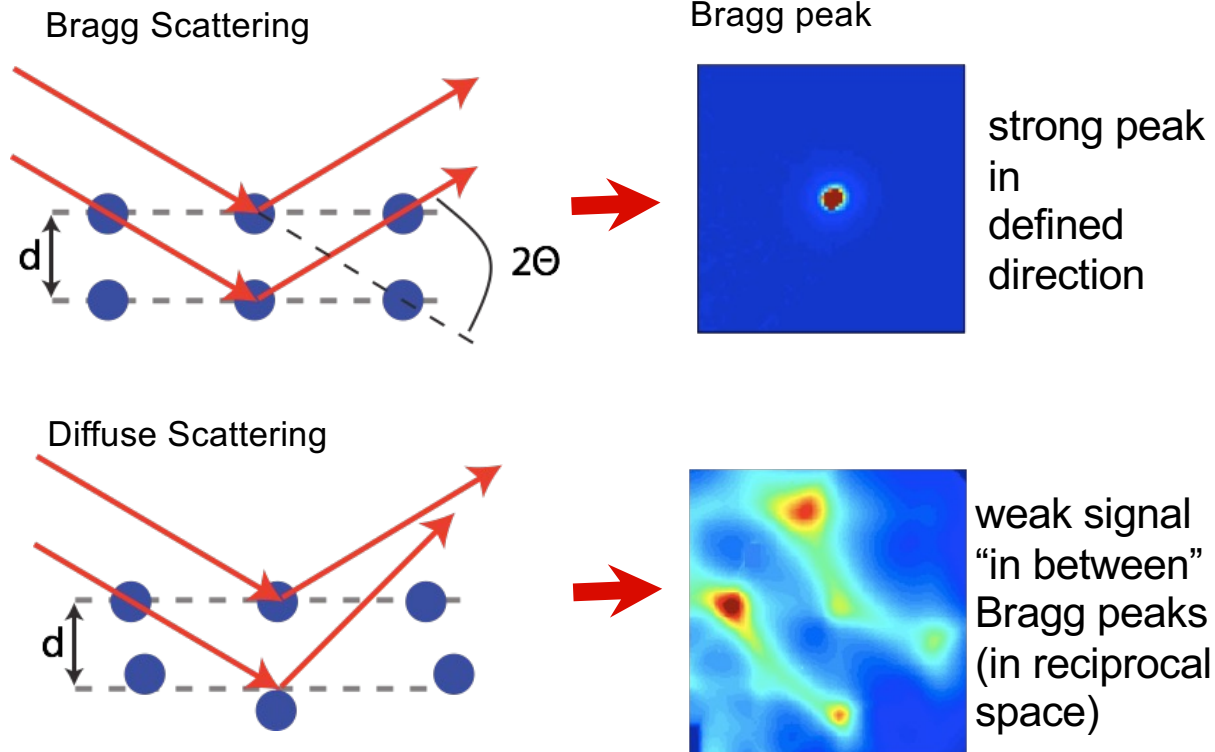
$$\vec{k}_0 + \vec{G}_{hkl} = \vec{k}$$

$$|k| = |k_0| = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}, d = \frac{2\pi}{|G_{hkl}|}$$



What happens on “Bragg”  
as  $N \rightarrow \infty$  ?

# X-ray scattering from disordered materials

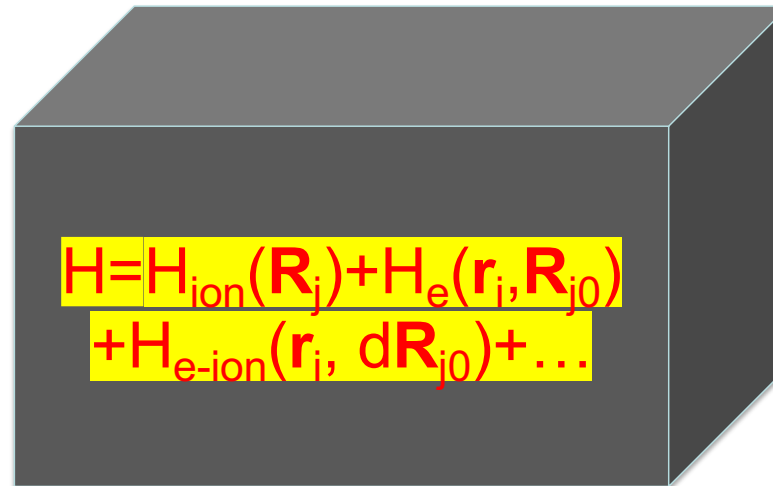


## Recall

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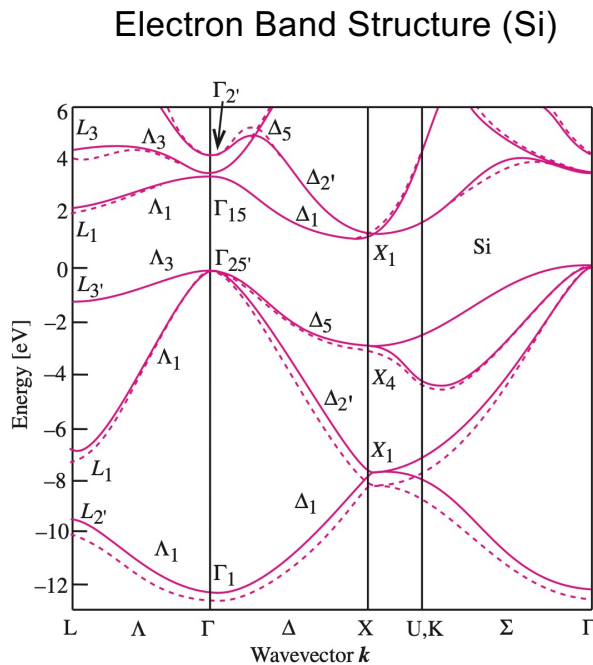
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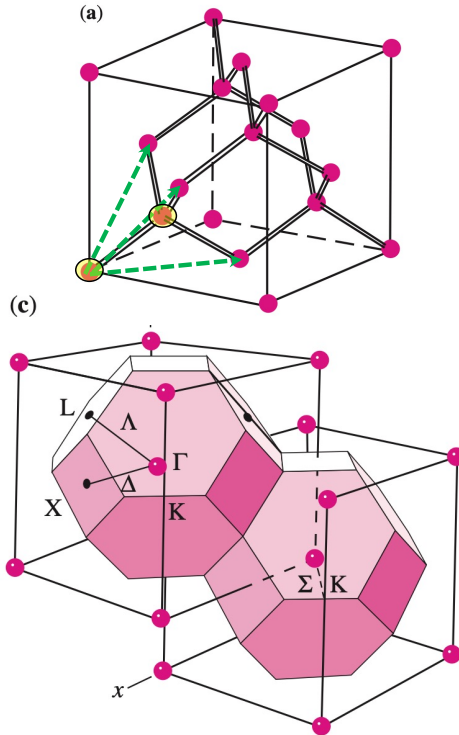
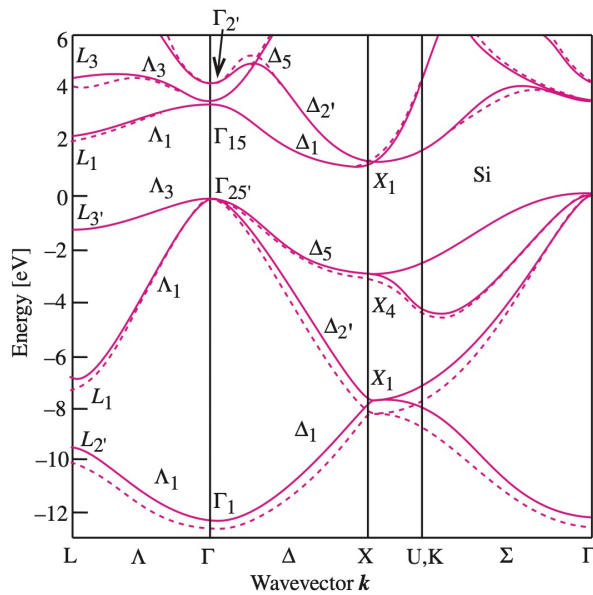
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Cardon & Yu, Fundamental of Semiconductors

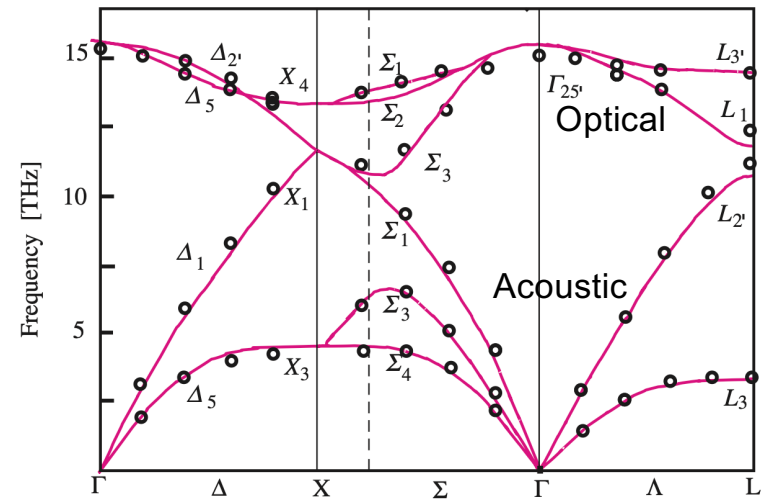
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Electron Band Structure (Si)



Phonon Dispersion (Si)

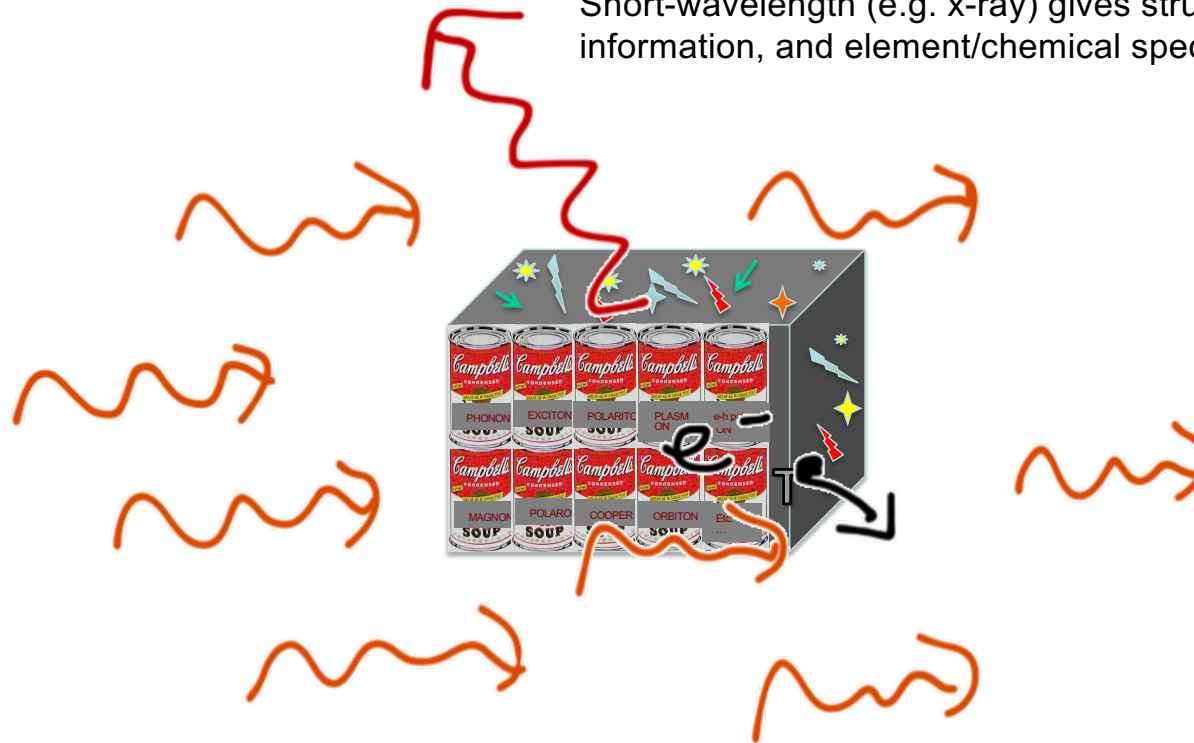


3 acoustic  
 $3n - 3 = 3$  ( $n=2$ ) optical

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# Dynamical Structure Factor

PHYSICAL REVIEW

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Correlations in Space and Time and Born Approximation Scattering in Systems of Interacting Particles

LÉON VAN HOVE  
*Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey*  
(Received March 16, 1954)

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dEd\Omega} = AS(\mathbf{Q}, E)$$

$$S(\mathbf{Q}, E) = \frac{N}{2\pi} \int e^{i\mathbf{Q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \frac{Et}{\hbar} G(\mathbf{r}, t) d^3r dt$$

Related to poles in susceptibility (excitations)

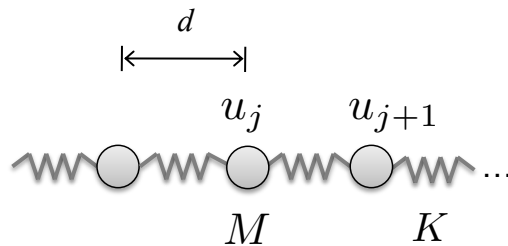
$$G(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{1}{N(2\pi)^3} \sum_{R_j R_l} d^3Q \int e^{-i\mathbf{Q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \langle e^{-i\mathbf{Q}\cdot\mathbf{R}_l(0)} e^{-\mathbf{Q}\cdot\mathbf{j}(t)} \rangle$$

Time and spatial Fourier transform of density-density correlation

$S(\mathbf{Q}, \omega)$  Related to the imaginary part of density-density response function

# Phonons: quantized normal vibrational modes of lattice

## Phonons in 1D



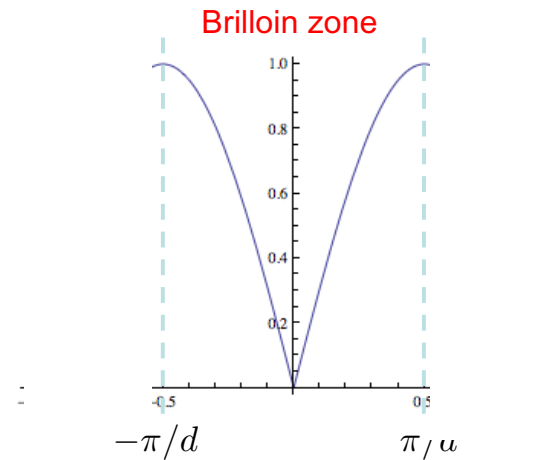
$$M \frac{d^2 u}{dt^2} = K(u_{j+1} - 2u_j + u_{j-1})$$

Propose solutions:  $u_j = \epsilon e^{i(qR_j - \omega t)}$

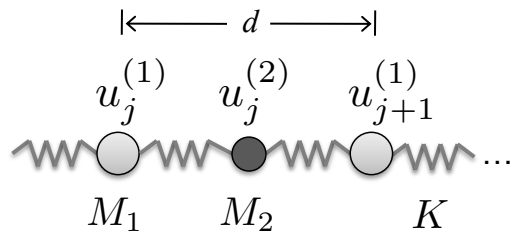
relationship between  $\omega$  and  $\mathbf{q}$ ,  
dispersion relation:

$$\omega = 2\sqrt{\frac{K}{M}} |\sin(qd/2)|$$

$\omega$  linear for  $|q| \ll 1/d$  : acoustic phonons



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Now  $M_1 \neq M_2$

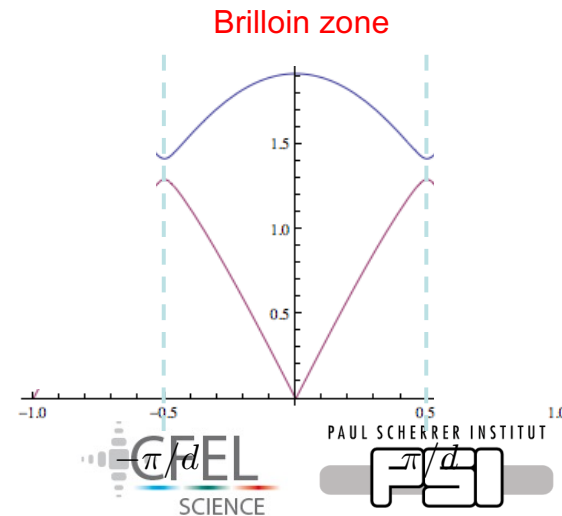
$$M_1 \frac{d^2 u^{(1)}}{dt^2} = K(u_j^{(2)} - 2u_j^{(1)} + u_{j-1}^{(2)})$$

$$M_2 \frac{d^2 u^{(2)}}{dt^2} = K(u_{j+1}^{(1)} - 2u_j^{(2)} + u_j^{(1)})$$

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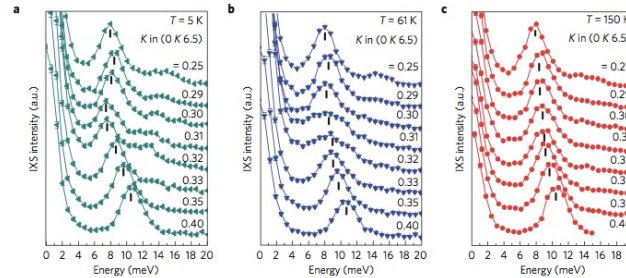
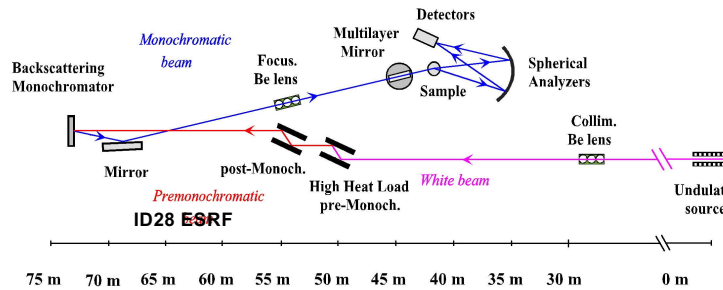
dispersion relation:

Here u is displacement from equilibrium



### Inelastic X-ray Scattering:

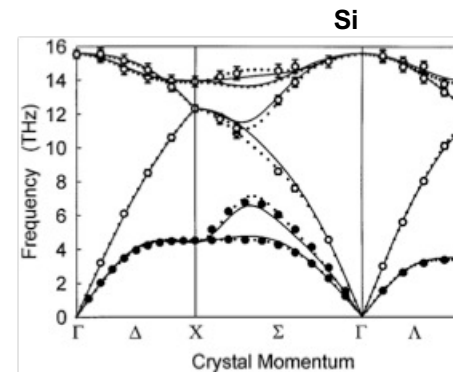
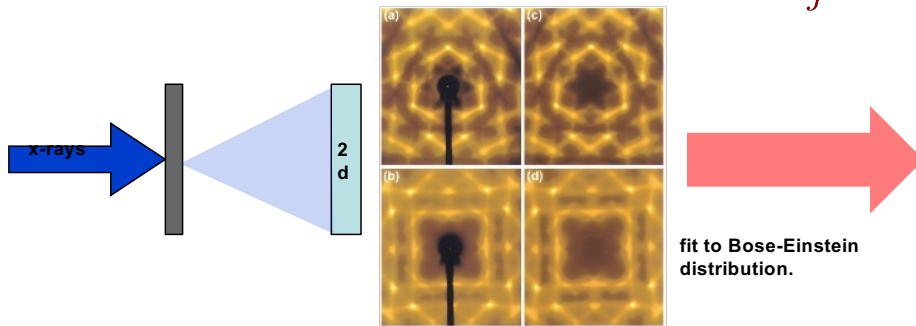
$$S(\vec{Q}, \omega) \propto \sum_j \int dt e^{i\omega t} \langle u_{j,\vec{Q}}(0) u_{j,-\vec{Q}}(t) \rangle \quad \omega = E/\hbar$$



M. Le Tacon et. al, Nat. Phys. 10,52 (2014)

### X-ray Diffuse Scattering:

$$S(\vec{Q}) \propto \sum_j \langle u_{j,\vec{Q}}(0) u_{j,-\vec{Q}}(0) \rangle$$



M. Holt et al., PRL 83 (1999).

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