

FYS3410 - Vår 2010 (Kondenserte fasers fysikk)

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Based on Introduction to Solid State Physics by Kittel

Course content

- Periodic structures, understanding of diffraction experiment and reciprocal lattice
- Crystal binding, elastic strain and waves
- Imperfections in crystals: point defects and diffusion
- **Crystal vibrations: phonon heat capacity and thermal conductivity**
- Free electron Fermi gas: density of states, Fermi level, and electrical conductivity
- Electrons in periodic potential: energy bands theory classification of metals, semiconductors and insulators
- Semiconductors: band gap, effective masses, charge carrier distributions, doping, pn-junctions
- Metals: Fermi surfaces, temperature dependence of electrical conductivity

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FYS3410 lecture schedule and exams: Spring 2010

M/18/1/2010:	Introduction and motivation. Periodicity and lattices	2h
W/20/1/2010:	Index system for crystal planes. Crystal structures	1h
M/25/1/2010:	Reciprocal space, Laue condition and Ewald construction	2h
W/27/1/2010:	Brillouin Zones. Interpretation of a diffraction experiment	1h
M/01/2/2010:	Crystal binding, elastic strain and waves	2h
W/03/2/2010:	Elastic waves in cubic crystals; defects in crystals	1h
M/08/2/2010:	Defects in crystals; case study - vacancies	2h
W/10/2/2010:	Diffusion	1h
M/15/2/2010:	Crystal vibrations and phonons	2h
W/17/2/2010:	Crystal vibrations and phonons	1h
M/22/2/2010:	Planck distribution and density of states	2h
W/24/2/2010:	Debye model	1h
M/01/3/2010:	Einstein model and general result for density of states	2h
W/03/3/2010:	Thermal conductivity	1h
M/08/3/2010:	Free electron Fermi gas in 1D and 3D – ground state	2h
W/10/3/2010:	Density of states, effect of temperature – FD distribution	1h
M/15/3/2010:	Heat capacity of FEFG	2h
W/17/3/2010:	Repetition	1h
22/3/2010:	Mid-term exam	

M/14/4/2010:	Electrical and thermal conductivity in metals	2h
W/12/4/2010:	Bragg reflection of electron waves at the boundary of BZ	1h
M/19/4/2010:	Energy bands, Kronig - Penny model	2h
W/21/4/2010:	Empty lattice approximation; number of orbitals in a band	1h
M/26/4/2010:	Semiconductors, effective mass method, intrinsic carriers	2h
W/28/4/2010:	Impurity states in semiconductors and carrier statistics	1h
M/03/5/2010:	p-n junctions and heterojunctions	2h
W/05/5/2010:	surface structure, surface states, Schottky contacts	2h
M/10/5/2010:	no lectures	
W/12/5/2010:	no lectures	
W/19/5/2010:	Repetition	2h
W26/5/2010:	Repetition	2h
27-28/5/2010:	Final Exam (sensor: Prof. Arne Nylandsted Larsen at the Aarhus University, Denmark, http://person.au.dk/en/anl@phys.au.dk)	

Lecture 10: Crystal vibrations and phonons

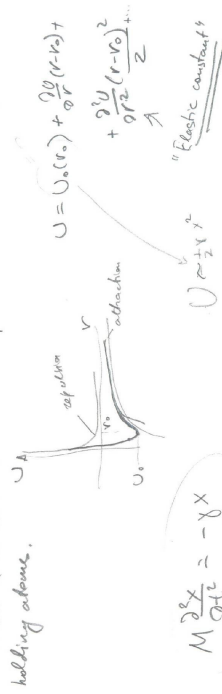
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Lecture 10

So far we neglected the quantized character of lattice vibrations.
 So far we did 3 things concerning "vibrations in crystals"
 (1) Firstly, if we omit "complication" with indexes we have consider a solid with N atoms simply as 3N independent harmonic oscillators. (note factor of "3" comes from 3 different directions atoms oscillate in).

By the way where this approximation comes from?
 Remember a combination between repulsive and attractive forces holding atoms.


$$U = U_0(r_0) + \frac{20}{r} (r-r_0)^7 + \frac{20}{r^2} (r-r_0)^2 + \dots$$

$$M \frac{\partial^2 x}{\partial t^2} = -\gamma x$$

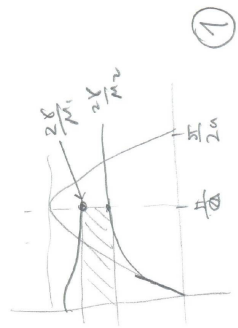
$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma}{M}}$$

harmonic motion with frequency ω

(2) Secondly, we said there could be some correlation between vibrating atoms.

$$\omega = 2 \sqrt{\frac{\gamma}{M}} \left| \sin \frac{k a}{2} \right|$$

ω_1 - two solutions
 ω_2 - two solutions



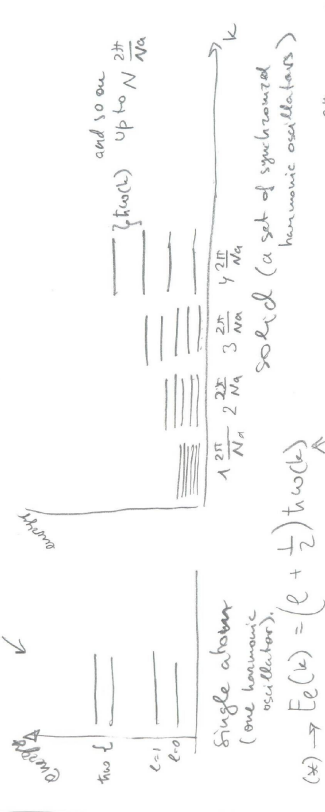
(1)

Coming back to the harmonic oscillator.

The energy levels are quantized with

$$E_l = \left(l + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hbar \omega$$

$$l = 0, 1, \dots, \quad \omega = \sqrt{\frac{F}{m}}$$



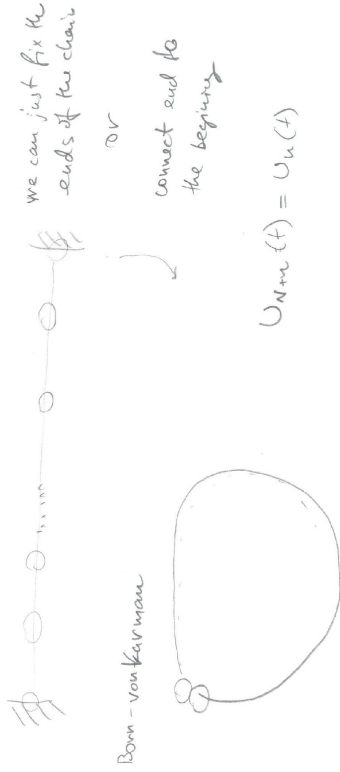
number of k is limited $k = \frac{2\pi}{a} n$ and just as l takes only discrete values so that " k " can be used to "label" different oscillations.

! The combination of k and l describes one vibrational state of a solid.

We can also come up with an alternative view of the whole vibrational spectrum. We have started to look at the vibrational motion of a single atom but for a system of many atoms we have found vibrational modes in which all atoms participate. Still, the Eq(*) formally looks like the energy levels of many harmonic oscillators but these oscillators are not localized on any particular atom, all atoms participate. Often a single excitation of this oscillator spectrum is called a phonon.

(3)

Are there other problems we didn't think of?
 Yes! The chain of atoms (or solid in general) is not infinite.



Born-von Karman restricts the possible k -values for the waves in the crystals.

First of all the longest possible wave for a chain of " N " atoms with a spacing of " a " is restricted to " Na "

More precisely, we have to require

$$U_n(t) = U_0 \exp[i(kna - \omega t)]$$

$$e^{ikNa} = e^{i2\pi(N+1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{ikNa} = 1$$

$$2\pi kNa = 2\pi \cdot m$$

$$e^{ikx} = (\cos x + i \sin x)^{20}$$

$$\cos 2\pi = 1$$

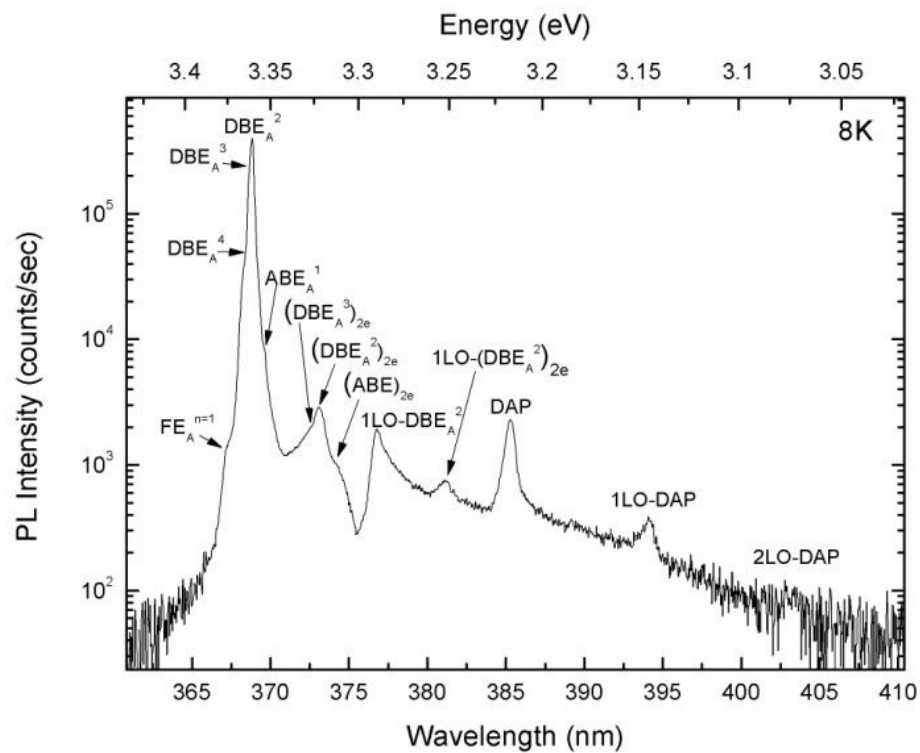
$$k = \frac{2\pi}{Na} \cdot m$$

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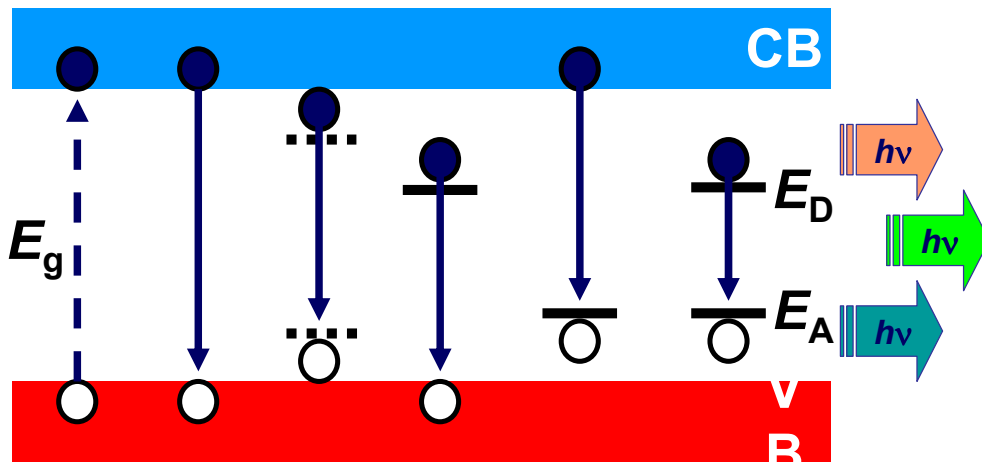
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Photoluminescence



Recombination radiation



**BAND-TO-BAND
RECOMBINATION**

$$h\nu = E_g - nE_p$$

Inelastic Scattering by Phonons

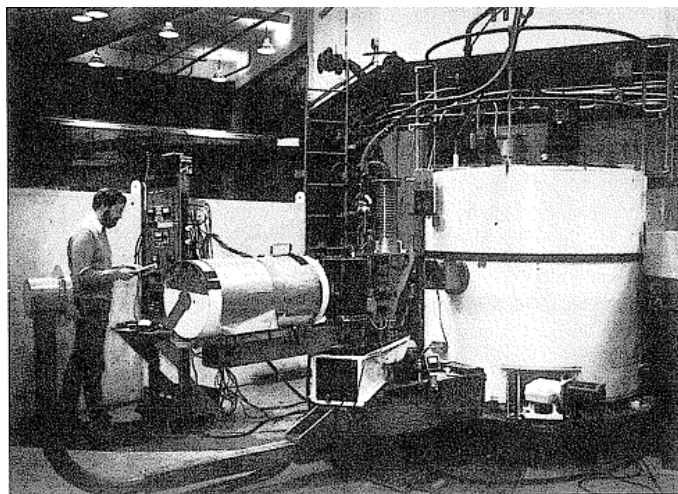
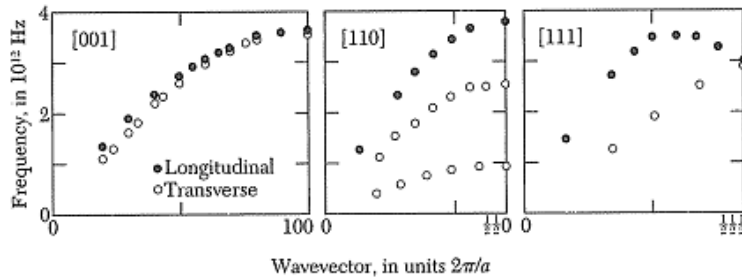
Neutron scattering:

Conservation of momentum:

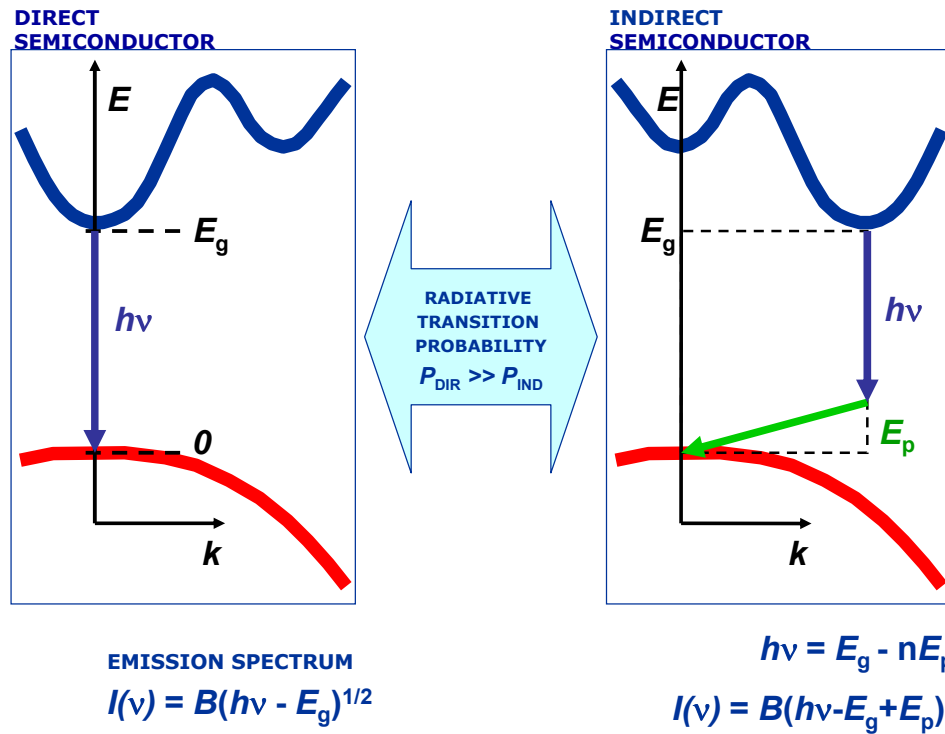
$$\mathbf{k}' \pm \mathbf{K} = \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}$$

Conservation of energy:

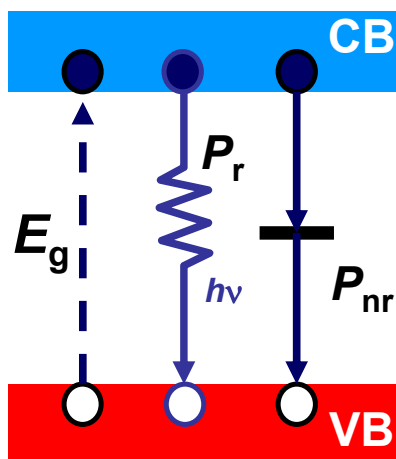
$$\frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2M_n} = \frac{\hbar^2 k'^2}{2M_n} \pm \hbar\omega$$



Radiative transitions



Emission efficiency



COMPETITION OF RADIATIVE AND NONRADIATIVE RECOMBINATION

Quantum Efficiency

$$\eta = P_r / (P_r + P_{nr})$$

P_r - probability of **radiative** transitions

P_{nr} - probability of **nonradiative** transitions

$$\rightarrow P_{nr} = P_{nr0} \exp(-E^*/kT)$$

Thermal Quenching

$$\eta = [1 + C \exp(-E^*/kT)]^{-1}$$

where $C = P_{nr} / P_r = \tau_r / \tau_{nr}$