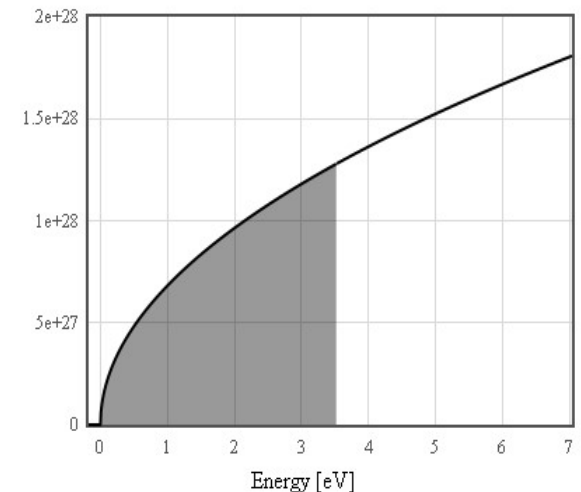
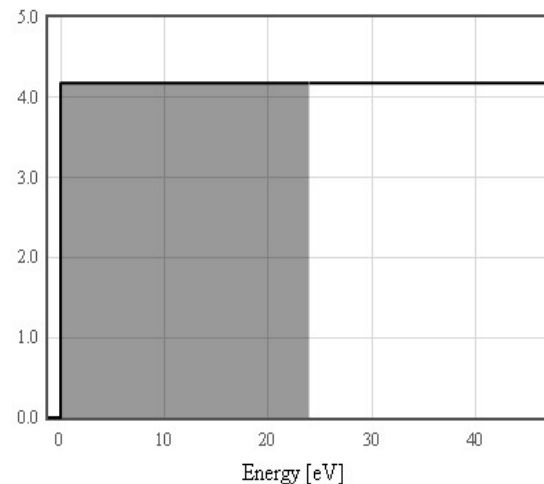
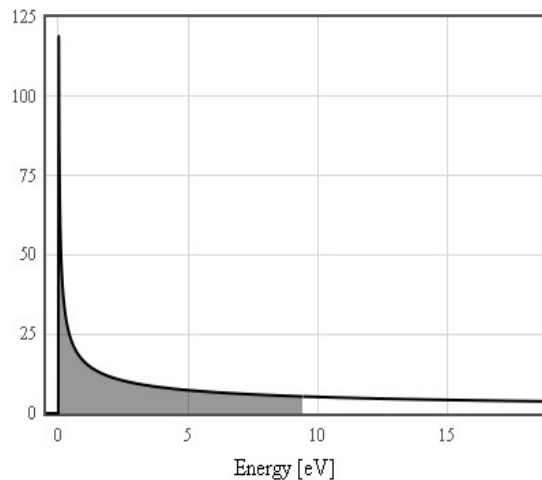


Free electron Fermi gas

$$1 - d \quad D(E) = \sqrt{\frac{2m}{\hbar^2 \pi^2 E}} = \frac{n}{2\sqrt{E_F E}} \quad \text{J}^{-1} \text{m}^{-1}$$

$$2 - d \quad D(E) = \frac{m}{\hbar^2 \pi} = \frac{n}{E_F} \quad \text{J}^{-1} \text{m}^{-2}$$

$$3 - d \quad D(E) = \frac{\pi}{2} \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2 \pi^2} \right)^{3/2} \sqrt{E} = \frac{3n}{2E_F^{3/2}} \sqrt{E} \quad \text{J}^{-1} \text{m}^{-3}$$



Results of the quantization of the Schrödinger equation for free fermions in 1, 2, and 3 dimensions.

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Chemical potential μ $n = \int_{-\infty}^{\mu} D(E) f(E) dE$	$\mu \approx E_F - \frac{\pi^2}{6} (k_B T)^2 \frac{D'(E_F)}{D(E_F)} \quad \text{J}$ $\approx \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2 n^2}{8m} + \frac{2m}{3\hbar^2 n^2} (k_B T)^2 \quad \text{J}$	$\mu = k_B T \ln \left(\exp \left(\frac{E_F}{k_B T} \right) - 1 \right) \quad \text{J}$ $= k_B T \ln \left(\exp \left(\frac{\pi \hbar^2 n}{m k_B T} \right) - 1 \right) \quad \text{J}$	$\mu \approx E_F - \frac{\pi^2}{6} (k_B T)^2 \frac{D'(E_F)}{D(E_F)} \quad \text{J}$ $\approx \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (3\pi^2 n)^{2/3} - \frac{\pi^3 m}{10 \sqrt[3]{3\pi^3 n}} (k_B T)^2 \quad \text{J}$



Arnold
Sommerfeld

Sommerfeld Expansion

We would like to perform integrals of the form

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H(E) f(E) dE$$

Examples:

$$n = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} D(E) f(E) dE \quad u = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} ED(E) f(E) dE$$

Integrate by parts (Partielle Integration)

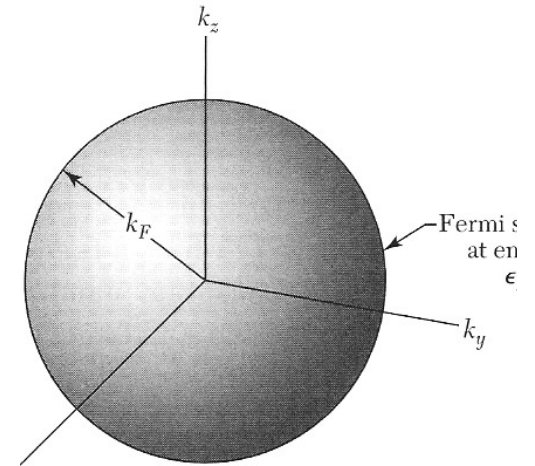
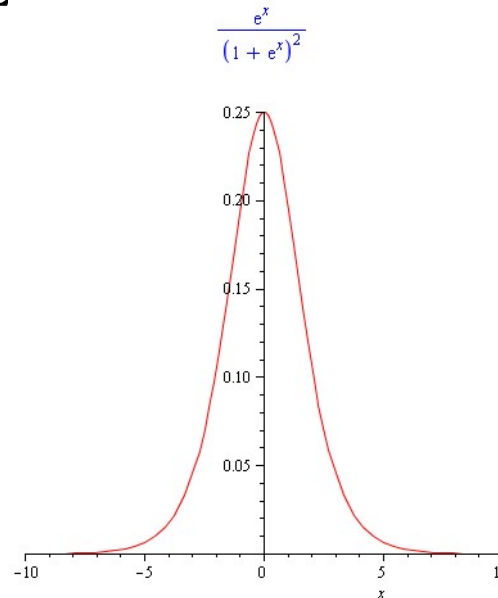
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dK(E)}{dE} f(E) dE = K(\infty) f(\infty) - K(-\infty) f(-\infty) - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} K(E) \frac{df(E)}{dE} dE$$

$$K(E) = \int_{-\infty}^E H(E') dE' \quad H(E) = \frac{dK(E)}{dE}$$

Sommerfeld Expansion

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H(E) f(E) dE = - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} K(E) \frac{df(E)}{dE} dE$$

$$\frac{-df(E)}{dE} = \frac{\frac{1}{k_B T} \exp\left(\frac{E - \mu}{k_B T}\right)}{\left(1 + \exp\left(\frac{E - \mu}{k_B T}\right)\right)^2}$$



Expand $K(E)$ around $E = \mu$

$$K(E) \approx K(\mu) + \left. \frac{dK}{dE} \right|_{E=\mu} (E - \mu) + \frac{1}{2} \left. \frac{d^2 K}{dE^2} \right|_{E=\mu} (E - \mu)^2 + \dots$$

Sommerfeld Expansion

$$x = \frac{E - \mu}{k_B T}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^x}{(1 + e^x)^2} dx = 1$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x e^x}{(1 + e^x)^2} dx = 0$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x^2 e^x}{(1 + e^x)^2} dx = \frac{\pi^2}{3}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x^3 e^x}{(1 + e^x)^2} dx = 0$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x^4 e^x}{(1 + e^x)^2} dx = \frac{7\pi^4}{15}$$

Sommerfeld Expansion

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H(E) f(E) dE \approx K(\mu) + \frac{\pi^2}{6} (k_B T)^2 \left. \frac{dH(E)}{dE} \right|_{E=\mu} + \frac{7\pi^4}{360} (k_B T)^4 \left. \frac{d^3 H(E)}{dE^3} \right|_{E=\mu} + \dots$$

$$K(E) = \int_{-\infty}^E H(E') dE' \qquad H(E) = \frac{dK(E)}{dE}$$

Sommerfeld Expansion: chemical potential

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For μ in 3-d:

$$n = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} D(E) f(E) dE$$

$$n = \int_{-\infty}^{\mu} D(E) dE + \frac{\pi^2}{6} (k_B T)^2 D'(E_F) + \dots$$

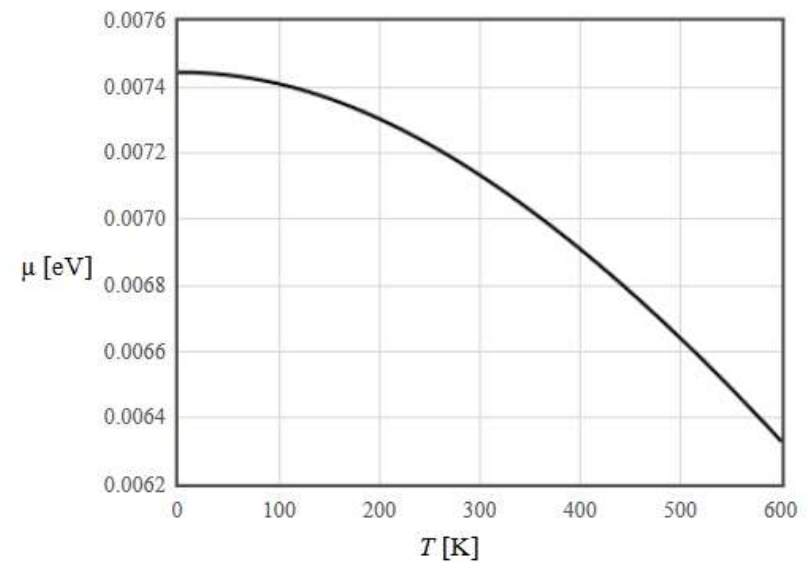
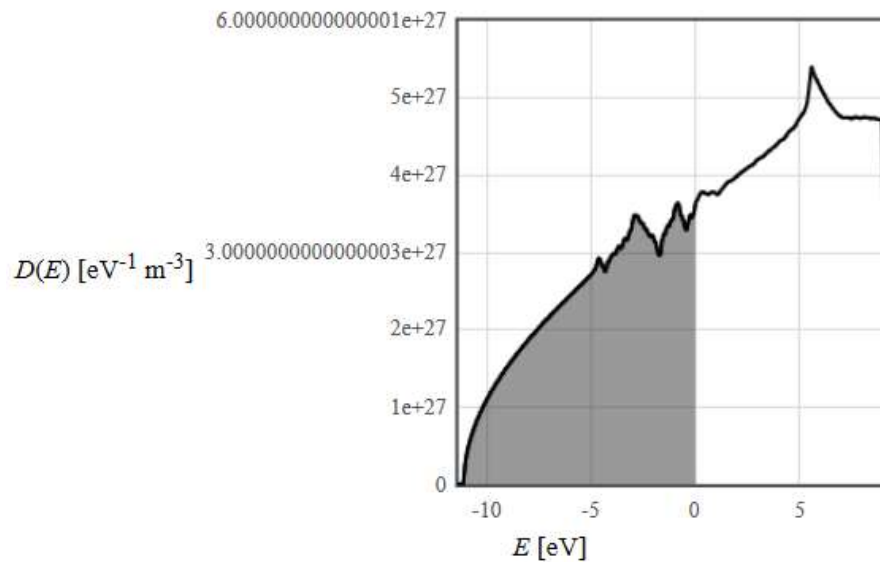


$$K(\mu) = \int_{-\infty}^{\mu} D(E) dE = \int_{-\infty}^{E_F} D(E) dE + \int_{E_F}^{\mu} D(E) dE \approx n + (\mu - E_F) D(E_F)$$

Sommerfeld Expansion: chemical potential

$$n = n + (\mu - E_F) D(E_F) + \frac{\pi^2}{6} (k_B T)^2 D'(E_F)$$

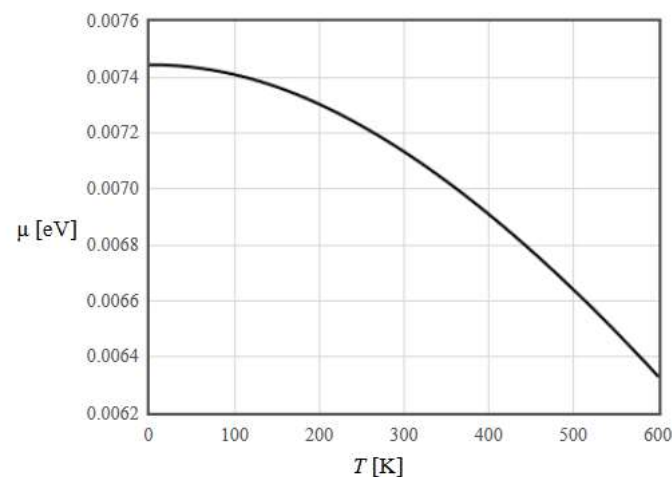
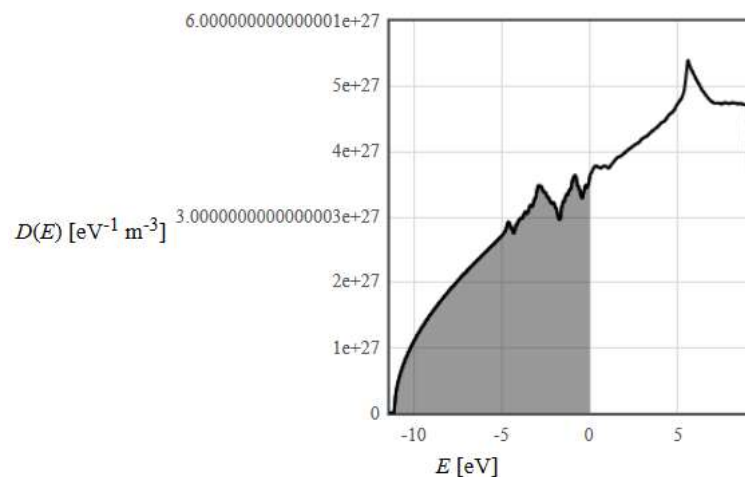
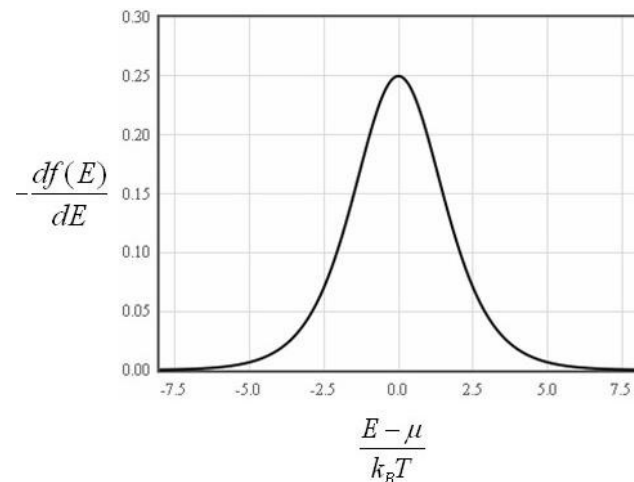
$$\mu \approx E_F - \frac{\pi^2}{6} (k_B T)^2 \frac{D'(E_F)}{D(E_F)}$$



Aluminum

Sommerfeld Expansion: chemical potential

$$n = - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} K(E) \frac{df(E)}{dE} dE = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{K(E) \exp\left(\frac{E - \mu}{k_B T}\right) dE}{k_B T \left(\exp\left(\frac{E - \mu}{k_B T}\right) + 1 \right)^2}$$



<http://lampx.tugraz.at/~hadley/ss1/materials/thermo/dos2mu.html>

Sommerfeld Expansion: internal energy

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H(E) f(E) dE = K(\mu) + \frac{\pi^2}{6} (k_B T)^2 \left. \frac{dH(E)}{dE} \right|_{E=\mu} + \frac{7\pi^4}{360} (k_B T)^4 \left. \frac{d^3 H(E)}{dE^3} \right|_{E=\mu} + \dots$$

$$u = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} ED(E) f(E) dE$$

$$H(E) = ED(E)$$

$$K(\mu) = \int_{-\infty}^{\mu} ED(E) dE$$

$$\left. \frac{dH}{dE} \right|_{E=\mu} = D(\mu) + \mu \frac{dD(\mu)}{dE} \approx D(E_F) + E_F \frac{dD(E_F)}{dE}$$

$$u = \int_{-\infty}^{\mu} ED(E) dE + \frac{\pi^2}{6} (k_B T)^2 (D(E_F) + E_F D'(E_F))$$

Sommerfeld Expansion: internal energy

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$$u = \int_{-\infty}^{E_F} ED(E)dE + (\mu - E_F)E_F D(E_F) + \frac{\pi^2}{6}(k_B T)^2 (D(E_F) + E_F D'(E_F))$$

$$\mu \approx E_F - \frac{\pi^2}{6}(k_B T)^2 \frac{D'(E_F)}{D(E_F)}$$

$$u = \int_{-\infty}^{E_F} ED(E)dE + (E_F - \frac{\pi^2}{6}(k_B T)^2 \frac{D'(E_F)}{D(E_F)} - E_F)E_F D(E_F) + \frac{\pi^2}{6}(k_B T)^2 (D(E_F) + E_F D'(E_F))$$

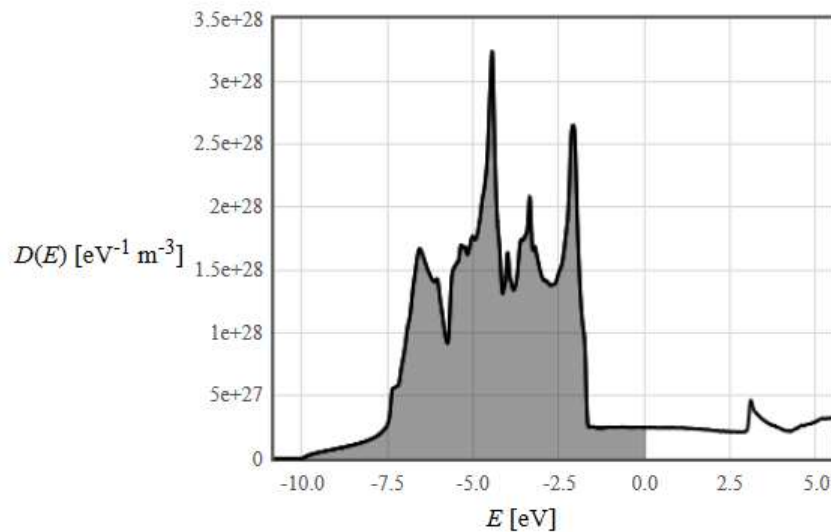
$$u \approx \int_{-\infty}^{E_F} ED(E)dE + \frac{\pi^2}{6}(k_B T)^2 D(E_F)$$

Free electrons: $u \approx \frac{3}{5}nE_F + \frac{\pi^2 D(E_F)}{6}(k_B T)^2 = \frac{\hbar^2}{10m}(\pi^4 3^5 n^5)^{\frac{1}{3}} + \frac{m(3\pi^2 n)^{\frac{1}{3}}}{6\hbar^2}(k_B T)^2 \quad \text{J m}^{-3}$

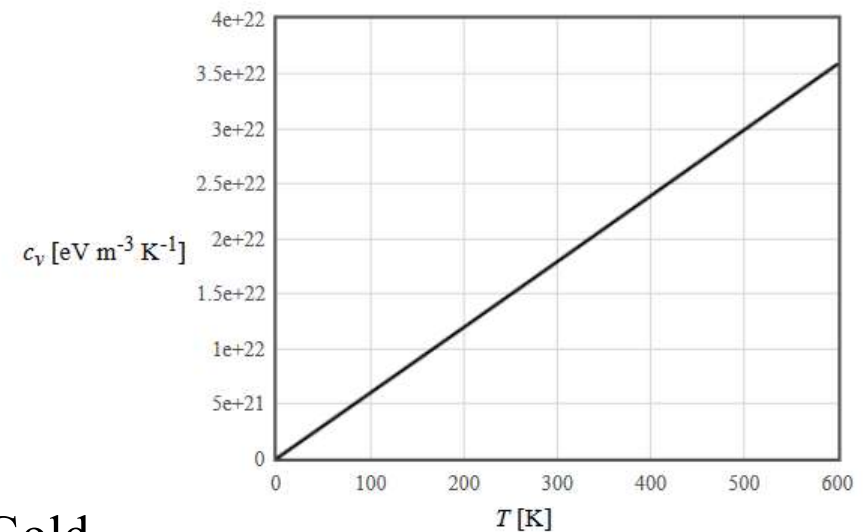
Sommerfeld Expansion: specific heat

$$c_v = \frac{du}{dT} \approx \frac{d}{dT} \left(u(T=0) + \frac{\pi^2}{6} (k_B T)^2 D(E_F) \right) = \frac{\pi^2 D(E_F)}{3} k_B^2 T \quad \text{J K}^{-1} \text{m}^{-3}$$

$$\text{free electrons: } \approx \left(\frac{\pi}{3} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \frac{m n^{\frac{1}{3}}}{\hbar^2} k_B^2 T \quad \text{J K}^{-1} \text{m}^{-3}$$



Gold

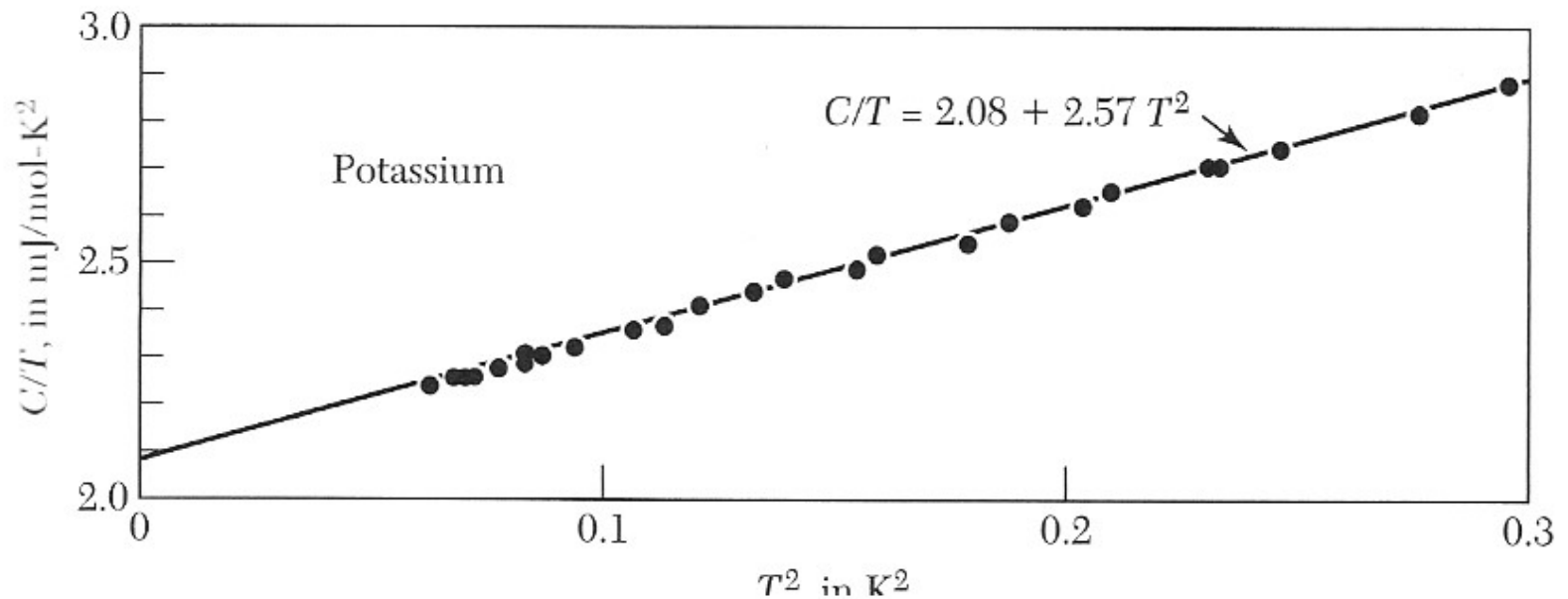


The electronic specific heat is linear in temperature

Electronic specific heat

$$c_{v,electrons} = \frac{du}{dT} \approx \left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \frac{mn^{\frac{1}{3}}}{\hbar^2} k_B^2 T \quad \text{J K}^{-1} \text{m}^{-3}$$

$$c_{v,total} = \underbrace{\gamma T}_{\text{electrons}} + \underbrace{AT^3}_{\text{phonons}}$$



Effective mass

$$C_{v,electrons} = \frac{du}{dT} \approx \left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \frac{mn^{\frac{1}{3}}}{\hbar^2} k_B^2 T \quad \text{J K}^{-1} \text{m}^{-3}$$

$$C_v = \gamma T + AT^3$$

$$\frac{m^*}{m} = \frac{\gamma_{observed}}{\gamma} = \frac{D(E_F)_{observed}}{D(E_F)_{free\ electron}}$$

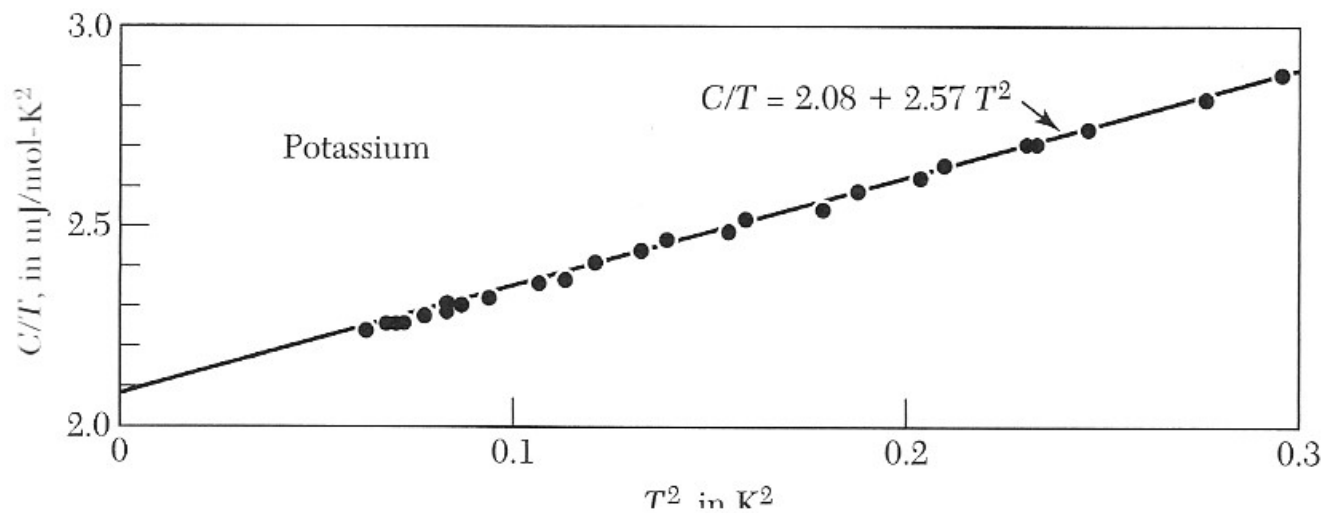


Table 2 Experimental and free electron values of electronic heat capacity constant γ of metals

(From compilations kindly furnished by N. Phillips and N. Pearlman. The thermal effective mass is defined by Eq. (38).)

Li		Be											B	C	N
1.63	0.17														
0.749	0.500														
2.18	0.34														
Na		Mg											Al	Si	P
1.38	1.3												1.35		
1.094	0.992												0.912		
1.26	1.3												1.48		
Observed γ in $\text{mJ mol}^{-1} \text{K}^{-2}$.															
Calculated free electron γ in $\text{mJ mol}^{-1} \text{K}^{-2}$.															
$m_{th}/m = (\text{observed } \gamma)/(\text{free electron } \gamma)$.															
K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn(γ)	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	
2.08	2.9	10.7	3.35	9.26	1.40	9.20	4.98	4.73	7.02	0.695	0.64	0.596		0.19	
1.668	1.511									0.505	0.753	1.025			
1.25	1.9									1.38	0.85	0.58			
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn ^(w)	Sb	
2.41	3.6	10.2	2.80	7.79	2.0	—	3.3	4.9	9.42	0.646	0.688	1.69	1.78	0.11	
1.911	1.790									0.645	0.948	1.233	1.410		
1.26	2.0									1.00	0.73	1.37	1.26		
Cs	Ba	La	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg(α)	Tl	Pb	Bi	
3.20	2.7	10.	2.16	5.9	1.3	2.3	2.4	3.1	6.8	0.729	1.79	1.47	2.98	0.008	
2.238	1.937									0.642	0.952	1.29	1.509		
1.43	1.4									1.14	1.88	1.14	1.97		

from Kittel

Heavy Fermions

$$\frac{m^*}{m} = \frac{\gamma_{observed}}{\gamma}$$

Heavy fermions are materials that have effective masses 100 - 1000 times larger than the value expected from the free-electron theory. Examples are CeCu₆, the UBe₁₃, and CeAl₃. The last two are superconductors.

Something goes seriously wrong with the free electron model in these materials.

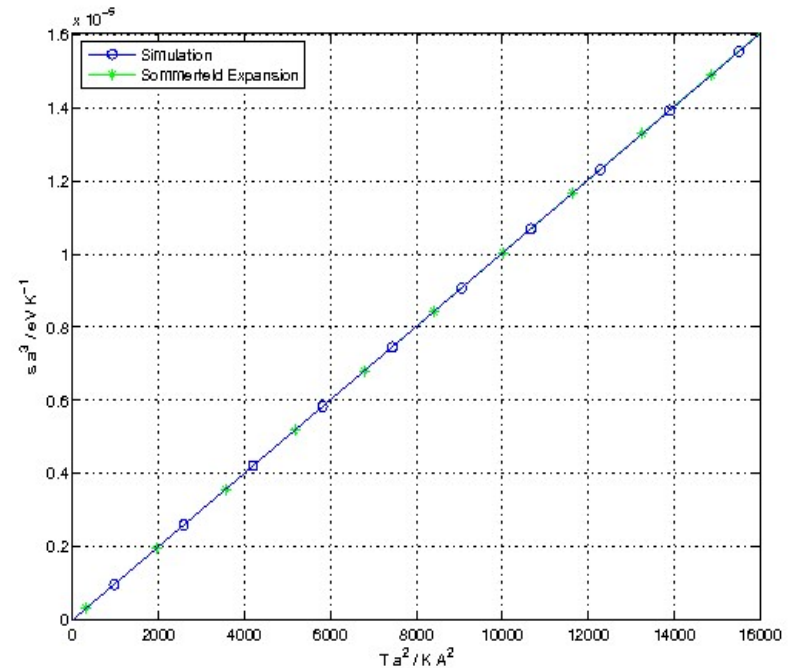
Entropy

$$c_v = \frac{du}{dT} \approx \frac{\pi^2 D(E_F)}{3} k_B^2 T \quad \text{J K}^{-1} \text{m}^{-3}$$

$$\frac{c_v}{T} = \left. \frac{\partial s}{\partial T} \right|_{N,V} \approx \frac{\pi^2 D(E_F)}{3} k_B^2 \quad \text{J K}^{-1} \text{m}^{-3}$$

free electrons: $s \approx \left(\frac{\pi}{3} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \frac{mn^{\frac{1}{3}}}{\hbar^2} k_B^2 T \quad \text{J K}^{-1} \text{m}^{-3}$

Entropy density



Helmholtz free energy

$$s \approx \frac{\pi^2 D(E_F)}{3} k_B^2 T \quad \text{J K}^{-1} \text{m}^{-3}$$

$$\text{free electrons: } \approx \left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \frac{m n^{\frac{1}{3}}}{\hbar^2} k_B^2 T \quad \text{J K}^{-1} \text{m}^{-3}$$

Helmholtz free energy density

$$f = u - Ts \approx \int_{-\infty}^{E_F} E D(E) dE - \frac{\pi^2 D(E_F)}{6} (k_B T)^2 \quad \text{J m}^{-3}$$

$$\text{free electrons: } f \approx \frac{\hbar^2}{10m} \left(\pi^4 3^5 n^5\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} - \frac{m \left(3\pi^2 n\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}}{6\hbar^2} (k_B T)^2 \quad \text{J m}^{-3}$$

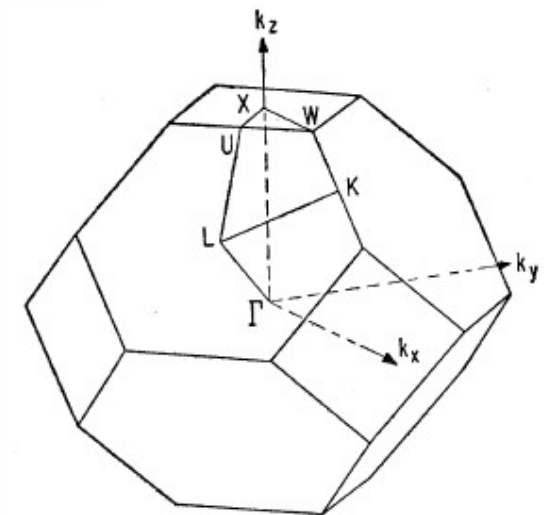
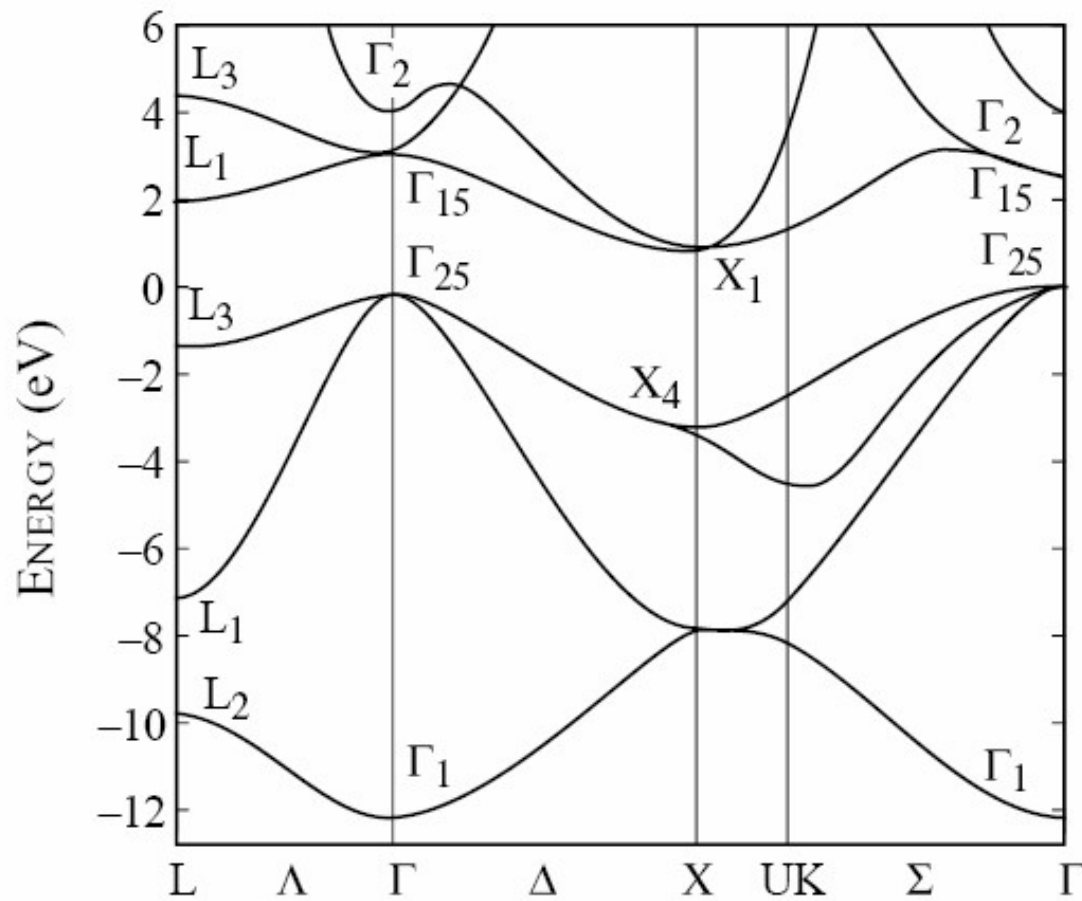
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Fermi energy E_F $n = \int_{-\infty}^{E_F} D(E) dE$	$E_F = \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2 n^2}{8m} \quad \text{J}$	$E_F = \frac{\pi \hbar^2 n}{m} \quad \text{J}$	$E_F = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (3\pi^2 n)^{2/3} \quad \text{J}$
$D(E_F)$	$D(E_F) = \frac{4m}{\pi^2 \hbar^2 n} \quad \text{J}^{-1}\text{m}^{-1}$	$D(E_F) = \frac{m}{\pi \hbar^2} \quad \text{J}^{-1}\text{m}^{-2}$	$D(E_F) = \frac{m(3n)^{1/3}}{4\pi^3 \hbar^2} \quad \text{J}^{-1}\text{m}^{-3}$
$D'(E_F) = \left. \frac{dD}{dE} \right _{E=E_F}$	$D'(E_F) = \frac{-16m^2}{\pi^4 \hbar^4 n^3} \quad \text{J}^{-2}\text{m}^{-1}$	$D'(E_F) = 0 \quad \text{J}^{-2}\text{m}^{-2}$	$D'(E_F) = \frac{m^2}{\hbar^4 \sqrt{3} \pi^3 n} \quad \text{J}^{-2}\text{m}^{-3}$
Chemical potential μ $n = \int_{-\infty}^{\mu} D(E) f(E) dE$	$\mu \approx E_F - \frac{\pi^2}{6} (k_B T)^2 \frac{D'(E_F)}{D(E_F)} \quad \text{J}$ $\approx \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2 n^2}{8m} + \frac{2m}{3\hbar^2 n^2} (k_B T)^2 \quad \text{J}$	$\mu = k_B T \ln \left(\exp \left(\frac{E_F}{k_B T} \right) - 1 \right) \quad \text{J}$ $= k_B T \ln \left(\exp \left(\frac{\pi \hbar^2 n}{m k_B T} \right) - 1 \right) \quad \text{J}$	$\mu \approx E_F - \frac{\pi^2}{6} (k_B T)^2 \frac{D'(E_F)}{D(E_F)} \quad \text{J}$ $\approx \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (3\pi^2 n)^{2/3} - \frac{\pi^3 m}{10 \sqrt{3} \hbar^2} (k_B T)^2 \quad \text{J}$

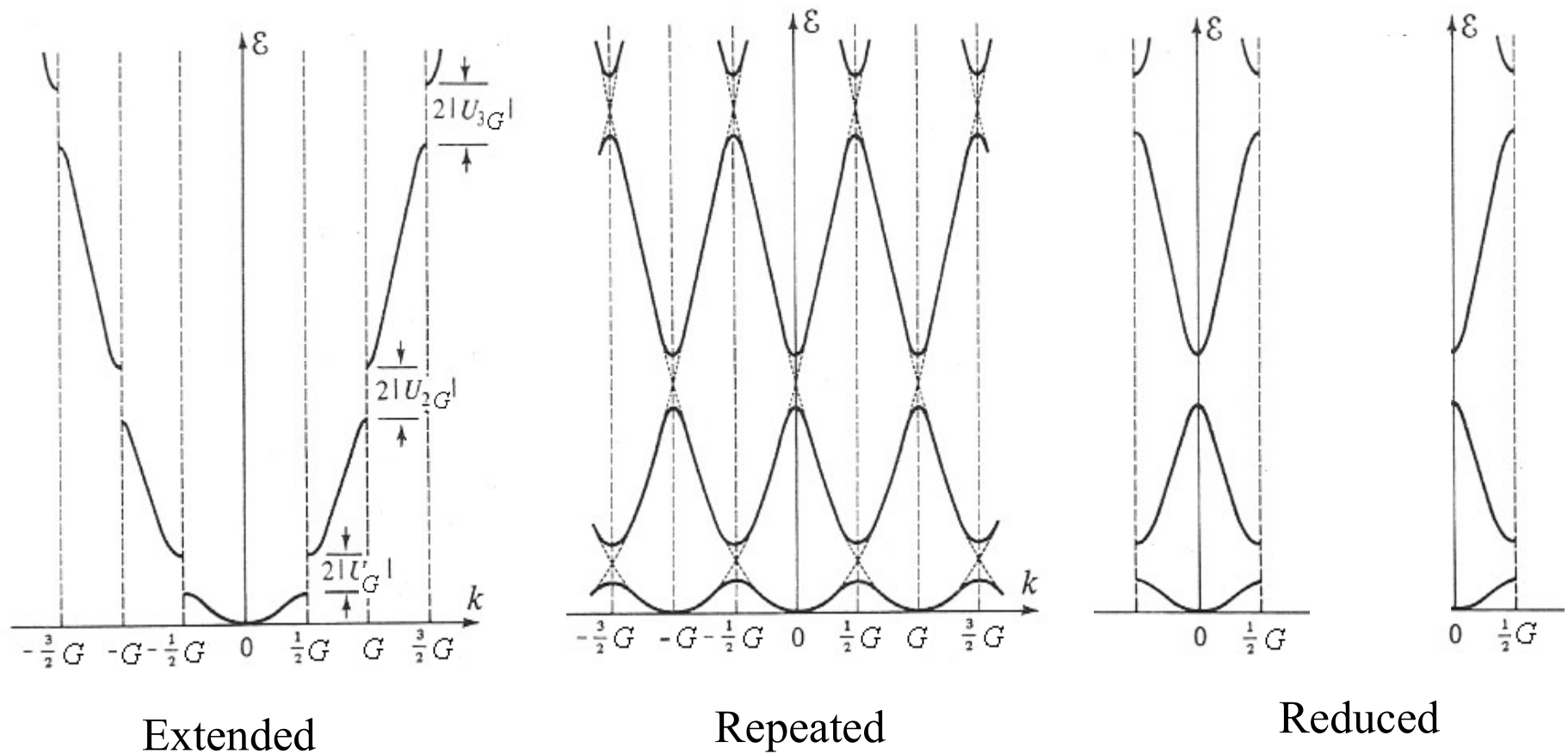
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Calculate the dispersion relation for electrons in a crystal



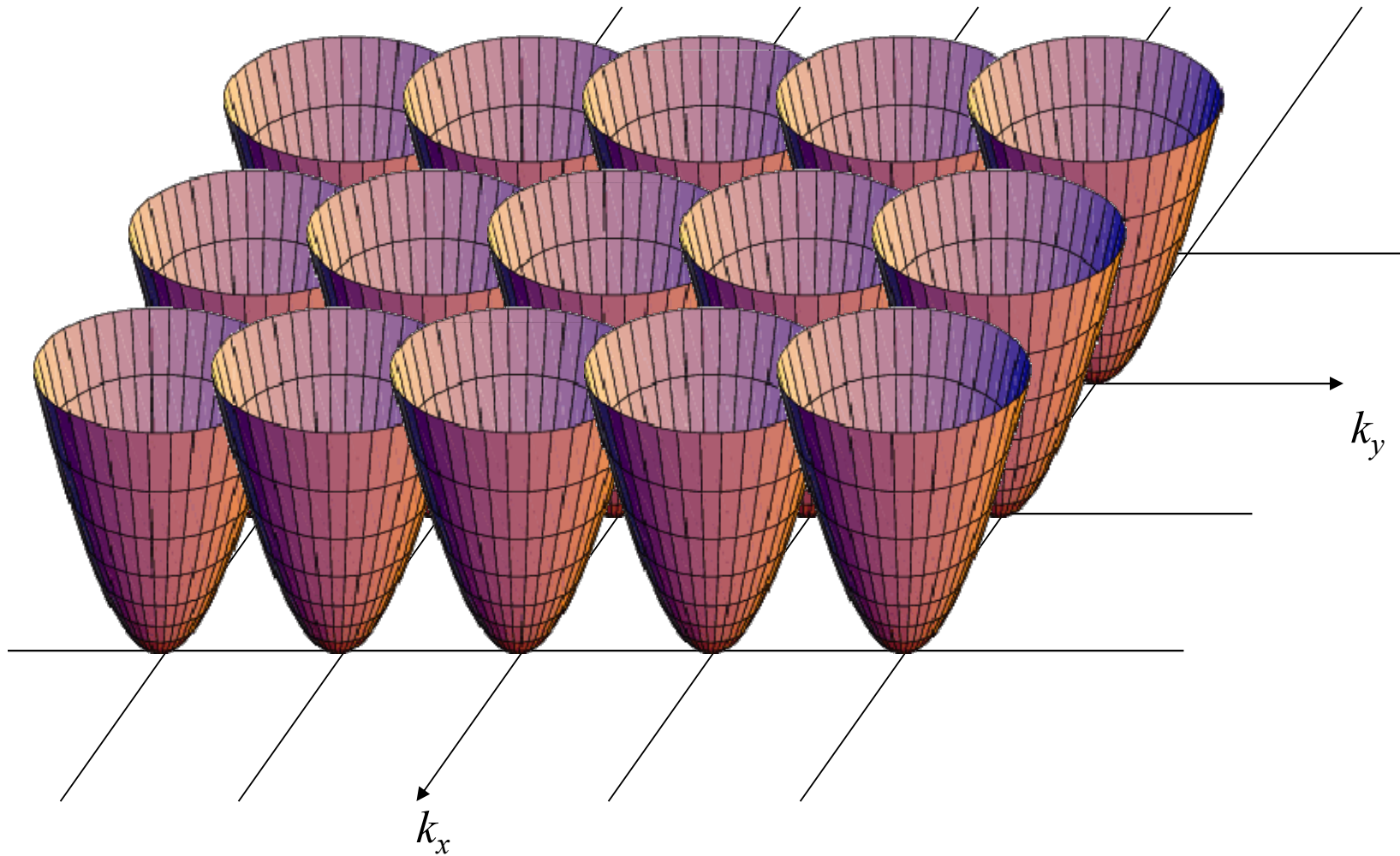
silicon

Empty lattice approximation



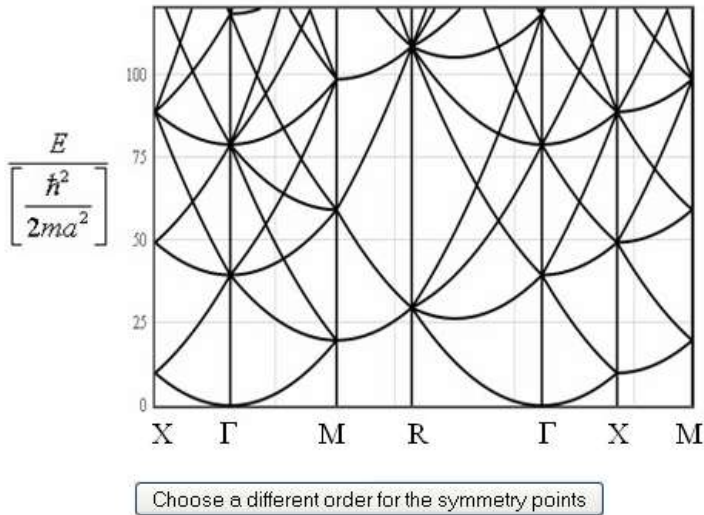
$$\psi_{\vec{k}}(\vec{r}) = e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}} \sum_{\vec{G}} C_{\vec{G}} e^{i\vec{G}\cdot\vec{r}} = e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}} \underbrace{e^{i\vec{G}_0\cdot\vec{r}} e^{-i\vec{G}_0\cdot\vec{r}}}_1 \sum_{\vec{G}} C_{\vec{G}} e^{i\vec{G}\cdot\vec{r}} = e^{i(\vec{k}+\vec{G}_0)\cdot\vec{r}} \sum_{\vec{G}} C_{\vec{G}} e^{i(\vec{G}-\vec{G}_0)\cdot\vec{r}}$$

Empty lattice approximation

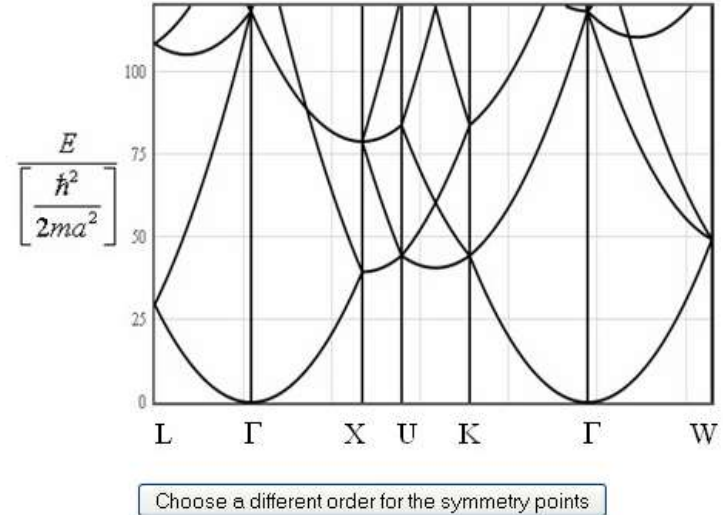


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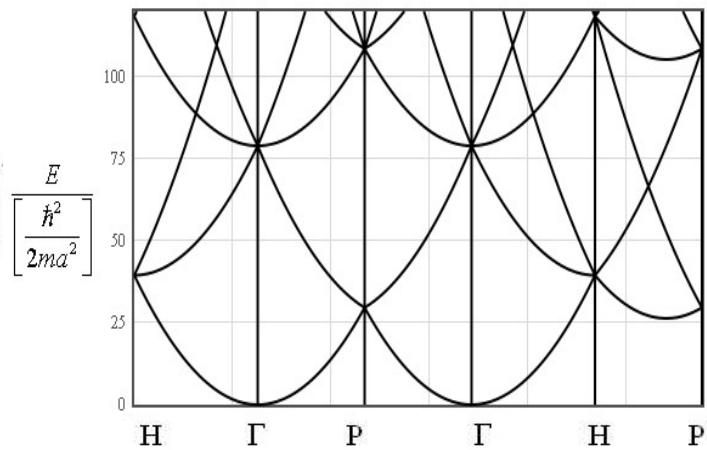
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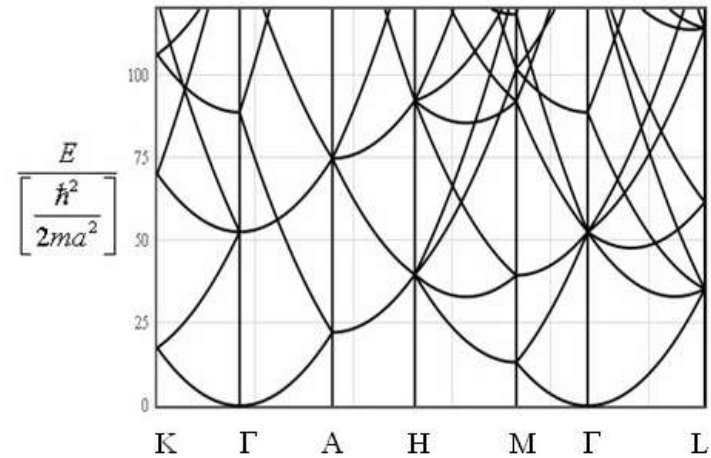
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Body centered cubic

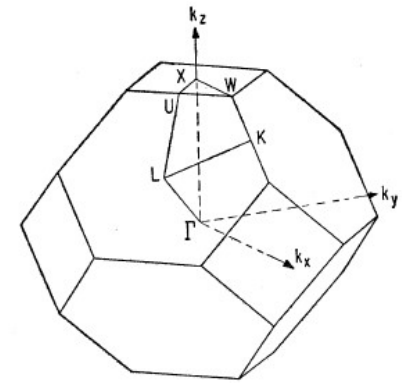


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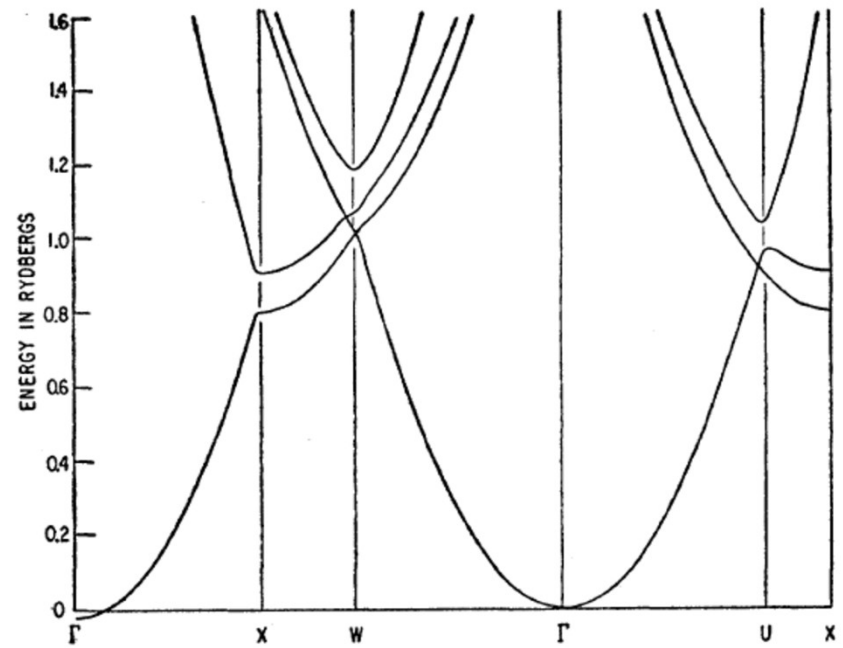
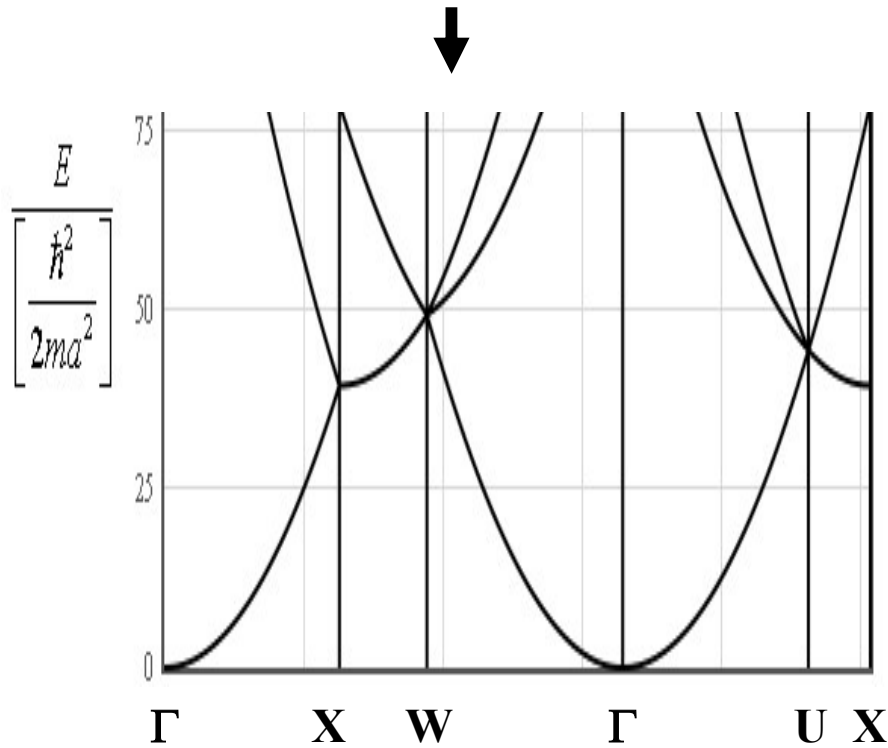


Band Structure of Aluminum

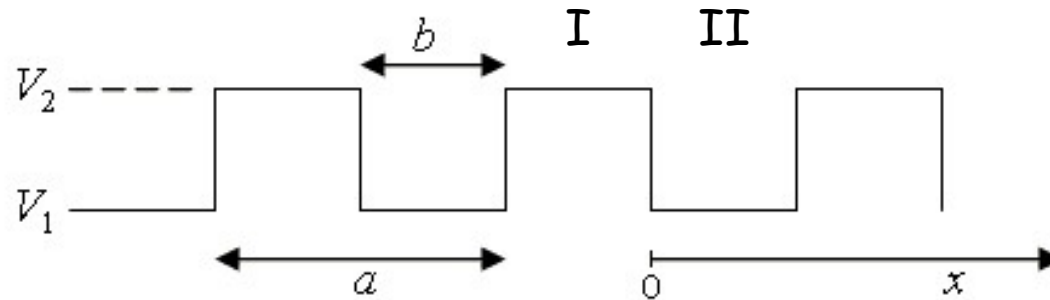
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empty lattice approximation



Kronig-Penney model



$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + V(x)\psi = E\psi$$

Solutions can be found in region I and region II
Match boundary conditions