

Photonic Crystals \ Electrons

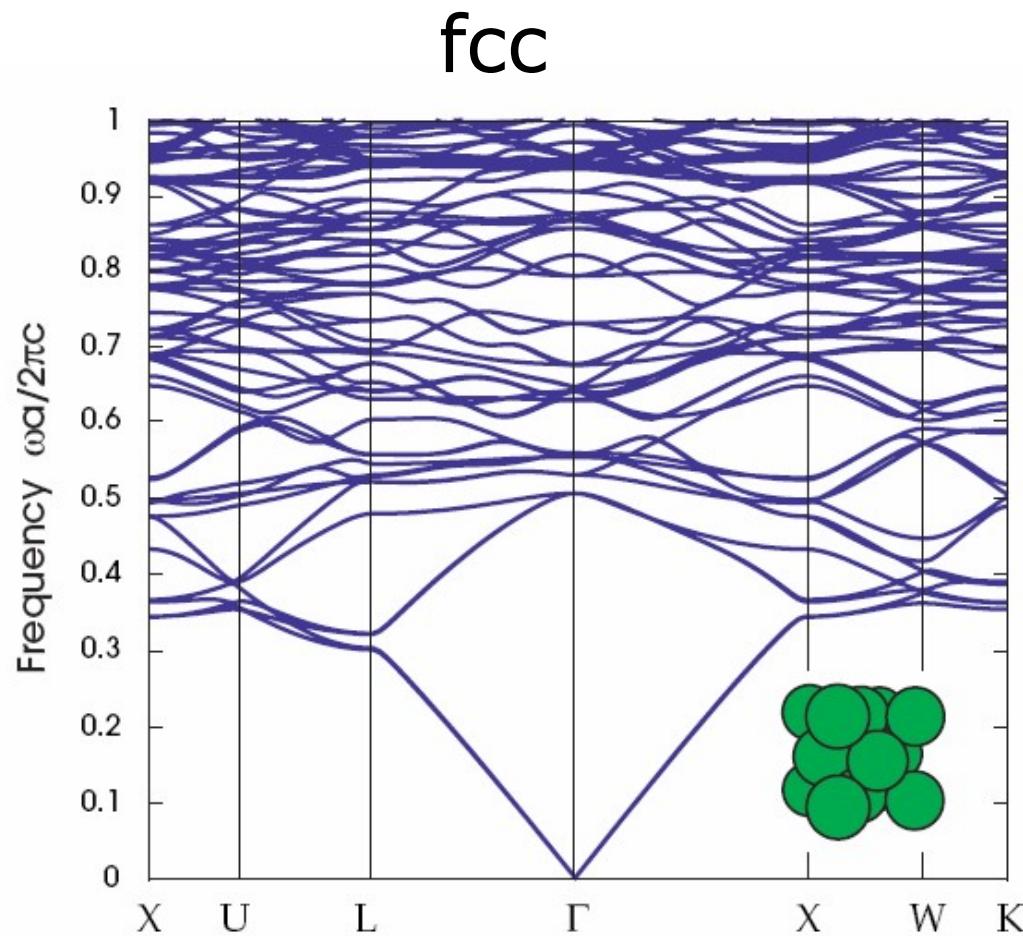


Figure 2: The photonic band structure for the lowest-frequency electromagnetic modes of a face-centered cubic (fcc) lattice of close-packed dielectric spheres ($\epsilon = 13$) in air (inset). Note the *absence* of a complete photonic band gap. The wave vector varies across the irreducible Brillouin zone between the labelled high-symmetry points; see appendix B for a discussion of the Brillouin zone of an fcc lattice.

diamond

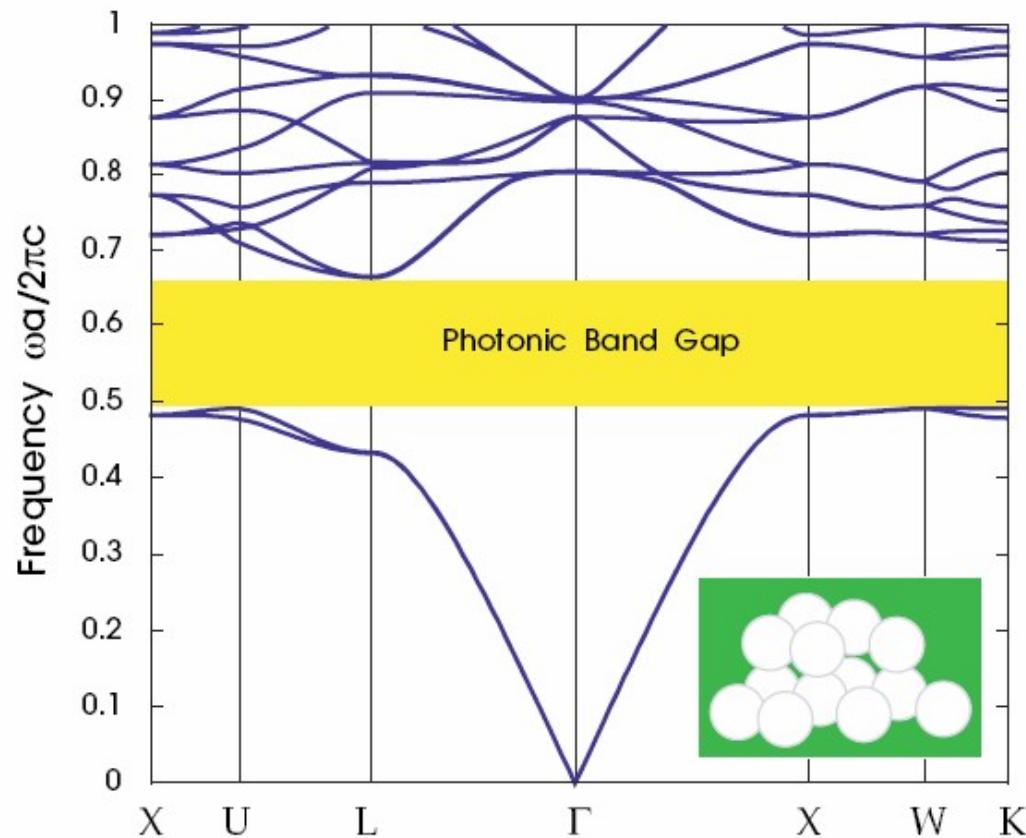


Figure 3: The photonic band structure for the lowest bands of a diamond lattice of air spheres in a high dielectric ($\epsilon = 13$) material (inset). A complete photonic band gap is shown in yellow. The wave vector varies across the irreducible Brillouin zone between the labelled high-symmetry points; see appendix B for a discussion of the Brillouin zone of an fcc lattice.

Yablonovite

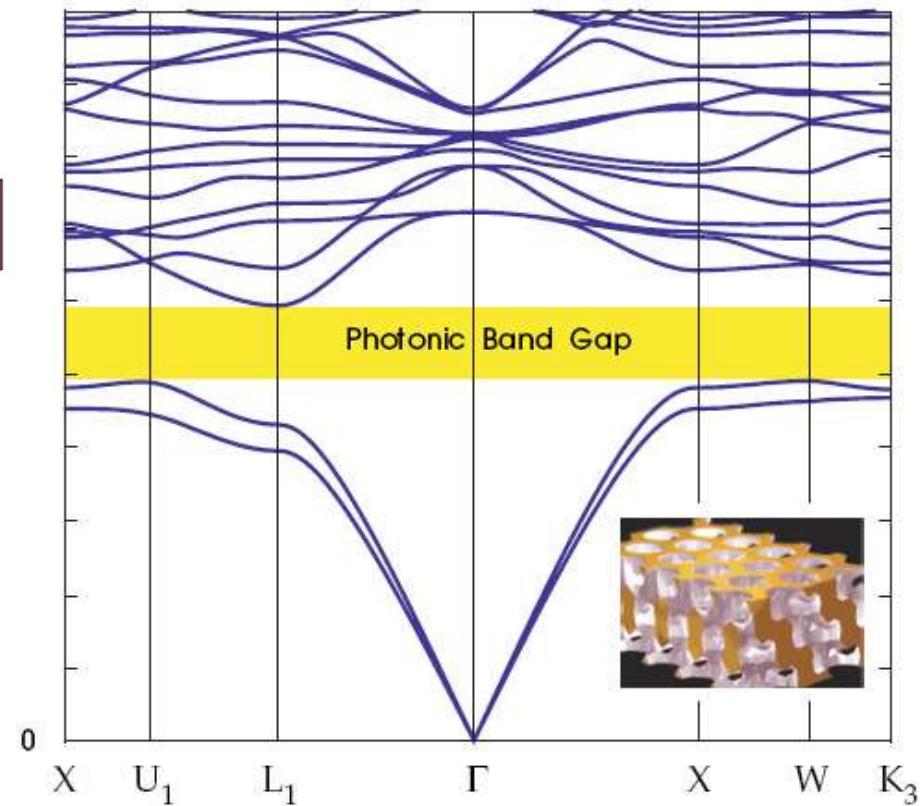
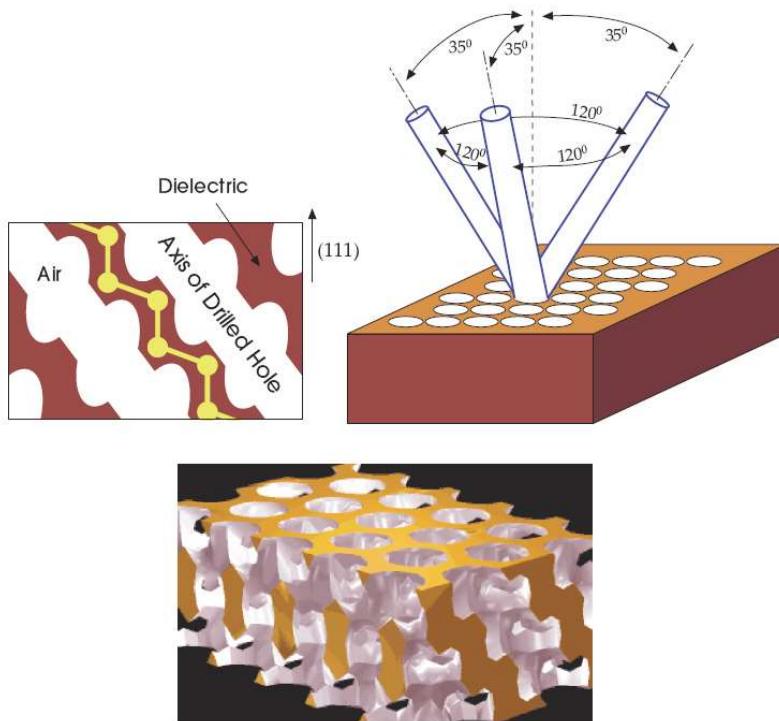


Figure 5: The photonic band structure for the lowest bands of Yablonovite (inset, from figure 4). Wave vectors are shown for a portion of the irreducible Brillouin zone that includes the edges of the complete gap (yellow). A detailed discussion of this band structure can be found in Yablonovitch et al. (1991a).

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Woodpile

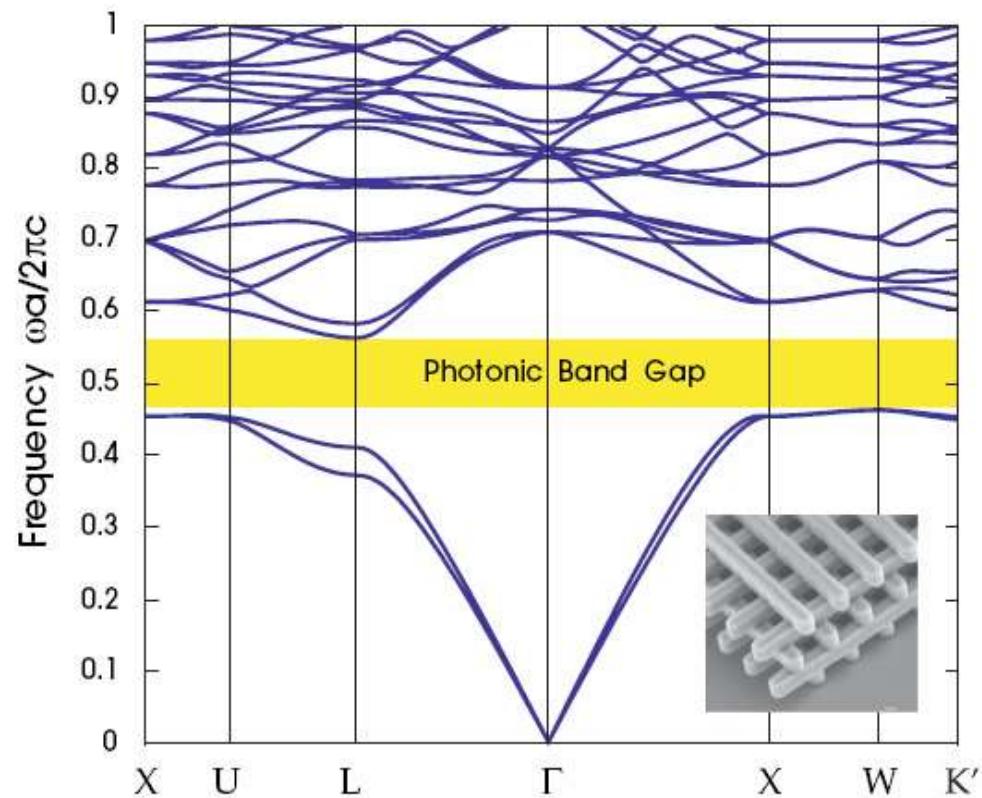
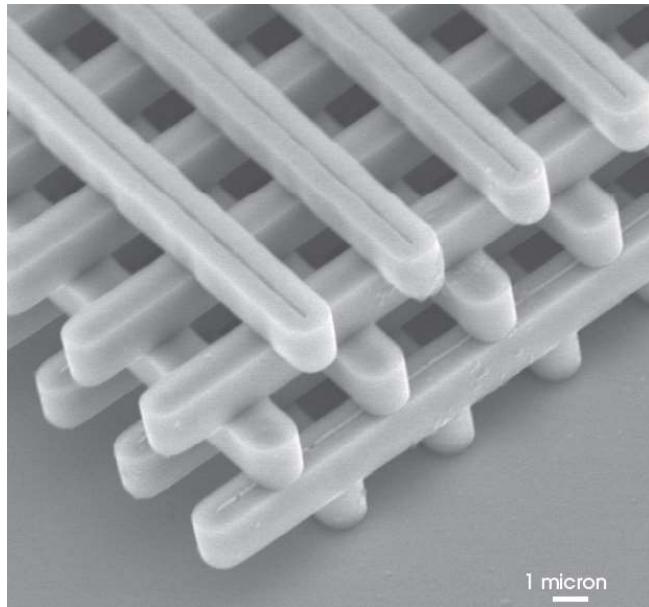
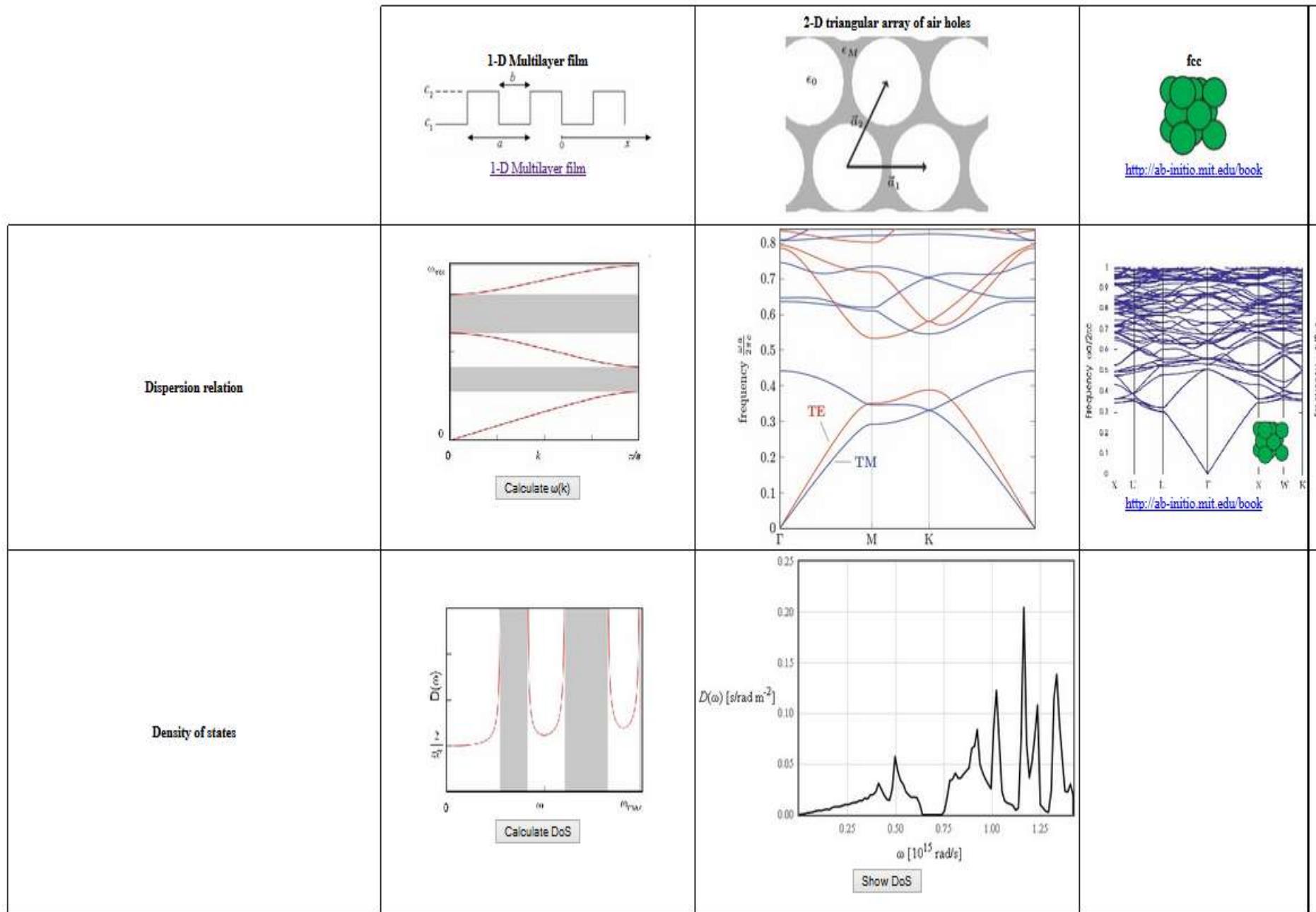


Figure 7: The photonic band structure for the lowest bands of the woodpile structure (inset, from figure 6) with $\epsilon = 13$ logs in air. The irreducible Brillouin zone is larger than that of the fcc lattice described in appendix B, because of reduced symmetry—only a portion is shown, including the edges of the complete photonic band gap (yellow).

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Photonic crystals



Student projects

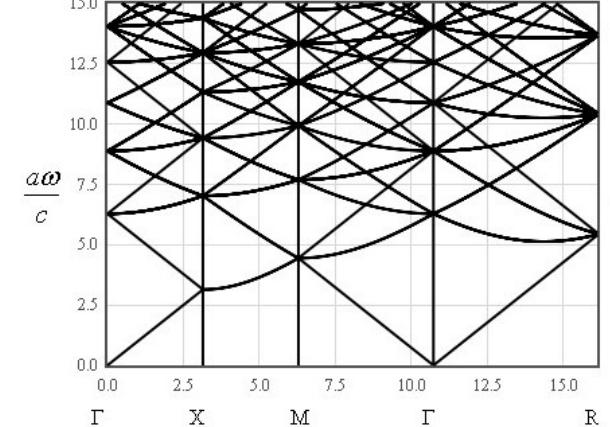
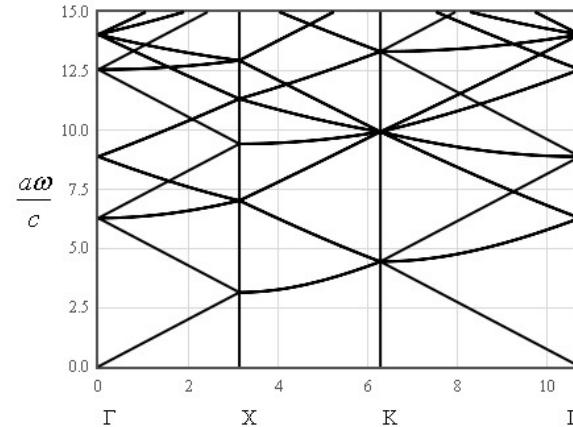
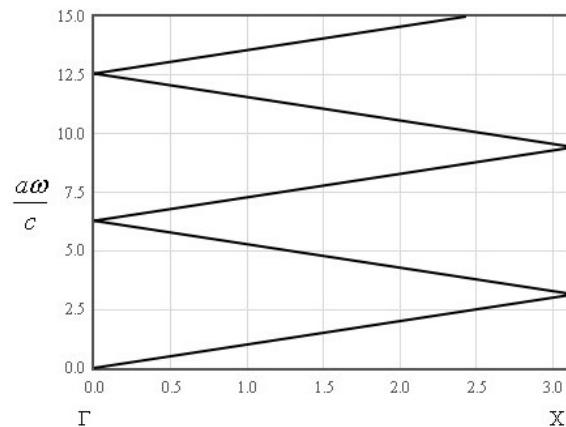
Describe the plane wave method for the web page.

Calculate the band structure and density of states for a photonic crystal.

Help complete the table of the empty lattice approximation

Write a program that calculates the photonic band structure of any 1-D crystal.

Plot the thermodynamic properties of some photonic crystal (you need the density of states)



Electrons

Thermodynamic properties

Free electrons

Fermi surfaces

Band structure calculations

Empty lattice approximation

Plane wave method

Tight binding

Thermodynamic properties of non-interacting fermions

The grand canonical partition function is

$$Z_{gr} = \sum_q \exp\left(\frac{\mu}{k_B T}\right)^{N_q} \exp\left(-\frac{E_q}{k_B T}\right) = \sum_q \exp\left(-\frac{E_q - \mu N_q}{k_B T}\right)$$

Here q sums over the macro states. Only one fermion is allowed per microscopic quantum state.

$$N_q = \sum_i n_{qi} \quad E_q = \sum_i n_{qi} \epsilon_i \quad n_{qi} \in \{0, 1\}$$

n_{qi} are occupation numbers that specify if microstate i is occupied in macrostate q

<http://lamp.tu-graz.ac.at/~hadley/ss2/fermigas/thermo/thermo.php>

Thermodynamic properties of non-interacting fermions

$$Z_{gr} = \sum_q \exp\left(-\frac{E_q - \mu N_q}{k_B T}\right) = \sum_q \exp\left(-\frac{\sum_i n_{qi}(\varepsilon_i - \mu)}{k_B T}\right) = \sum_q \prod_i \exp\left(-\frac{n_{qi}(\varepsilon_i - \mu)}{k_B T}\right)$$

The sum over all possible macrostates can also be written as the sum over all possible microstates.

$$Z_{gr} = \sum_{n_1=0}^1 \sum_{n_2=0}^1 \cdots \sum_{n_j=0}^1 \cdots \prod_i \exp\left(-\frac{n_i(\varepsilon_i - \mu)}{k_B T}\right) = \prod_i \left(\exp\left(-\frac{(\varepsilon_i - \mu)}{k_B T}\right) + 1 \right)$$

Pull the n_i factors through the other sums then write out the sum over 0 and 1.

Thermodynamic properties of non-interacting fermions

Grand potential: $\Phi = U - TS - \mu N = -k_B T \ln(Z_{gr})$

$$\Phi = -k_B T \sum_i \ln \left(\exp \left(-\frac{(\varepsilon_i - \mu)}{k_B T} \right) + 1 \right)$$

Approximate the sum by an integral over the density of states.

$$\phi = \frac{\Phi}{V} = -k_B T \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} D(E) \ln \left(\exp \left(-\frac{(E - \mu)}{k_B T} \right) + 1 \right) dE$$

Differentiate to find the number density.

$$n = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \mu} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{D(E)}{1 + \exp \left(\frac{E - \mu}{k_B T} \right)} dE$$

Fermi function

Thermodynamic properties

Grand potential density:

$$\phi = -k_B T \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} D(E) \ln \left(\exp \left(-\frac{(E - \mu)}{k_B T} \right) + 1 \right) dE$$

Helmholz free energy density:

$$f = \phi + \mu n = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} D(E) \left(\frac{\mu}{1 + \exp \left(\frac{(E - \mu)}{k_B T} \right)} - k_B T \ln \left(\exp \left(-\frac{(E - \mu)}{k_B T} \right) + 1 \right) \right) dE$$

Entropy density:

$$s = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial T} = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} D(E) \left(\frac{(E - \mu)}{1 + \exp \left(\frac{(E - \mu)}{k_B T} \right)} - k_B T \ln \left(\exp \left(-\frac{(E - \mu)}{k_B T} \right) + 1 \right) \right) dE$$

Thermodynamic properties

Chemical potential
(implicitly defined by):

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

DoS →
 μ

Internal energy density:

$$u = \phi + Ts + \mu n = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{ED(E)}{1 + \exp\left(\frac{(E - \mu)}{k_B T}\right)} dE$$

DoS →
 $u(T)$

Energy spectral density:

$$u(E, T) = \frac{ED(E)}{1 + \exp\left(\frac{(E - \mu)}{k_B T}\right)}$$

DoS →
 $u(E)$

Specific heat:

$$c_v = \frac{\partial u}{\partial T} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{ED(E)(E - \mu) \exp\left(\frac{(E - \mu)}{k_B T}\right)}{k_B T^2 \left(1 + \exp\left(\frac{(E - \mu)}{k_B T}\right)\right)^2} dE$$

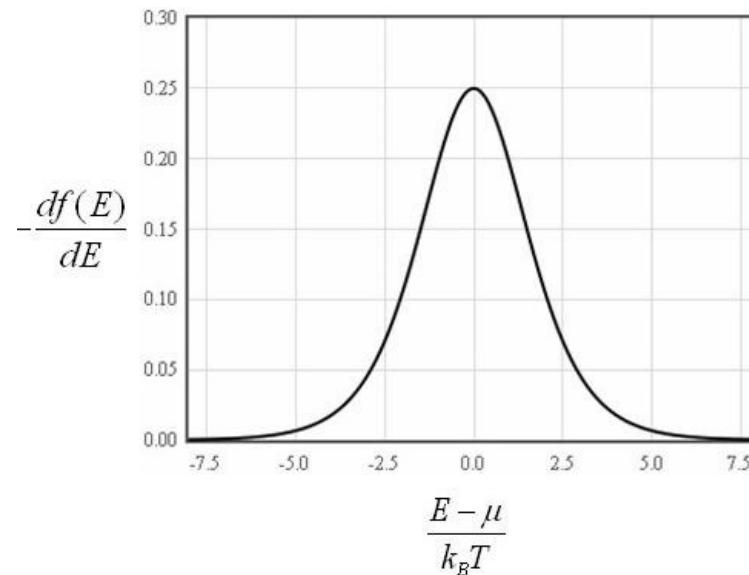
DoS →
 $c_v(T)$

Properties of metals depend mostly on the electron states at the Fermi surface

$$n = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} D(E) f(E) dE = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{D(E) dE}{\exp\left(\frac{E - \mu}{k_B T}\right) + 1}.$$

$$K(E) = \int_{-\infty}^E D(E') dE'.$$

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



Free electron Fermi gas 1-d

$$D(k) = \frac{2}{\pi}$$

$$E = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} \quad k = \sqrt{\frac{2mE}{\hbar^2}}$$

$$dE = \frac{\hbar^2 k}{m} dk$$

$$D(k)dk = D(E)dE$$

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

