

MSE 423 Fall 2025 – Week 10

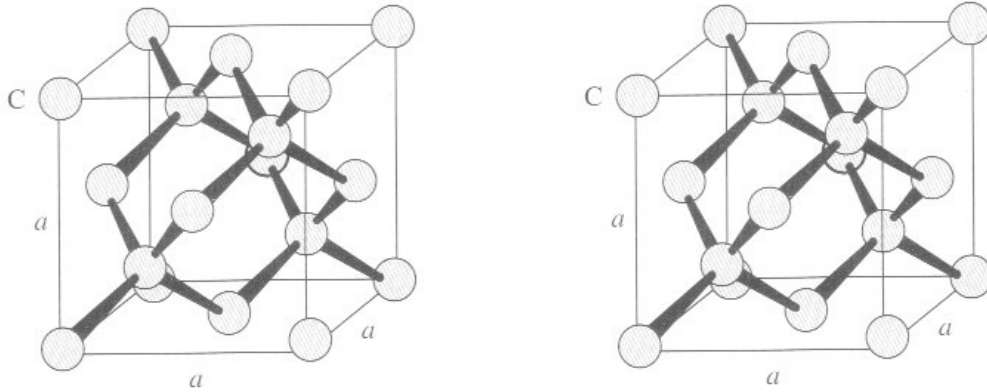


MSE 423 Fundamentals of Solid-state Materials - Nicola Marzari (EPFL, Fall 2025)

Last week

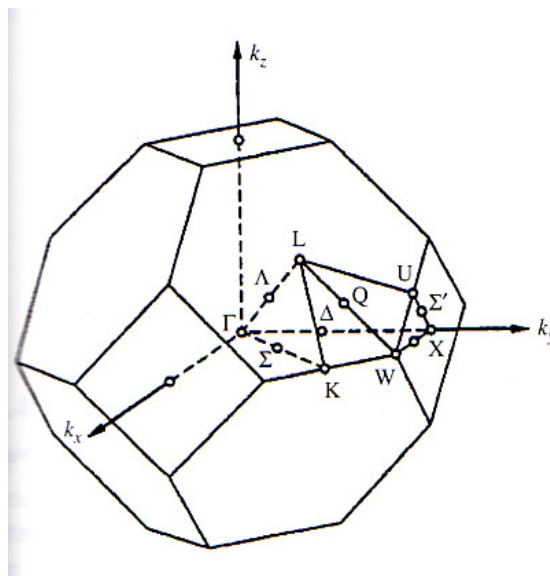
- Direct Bravais lattices (14, in 7 classes (up to 4 types for each))
- Primitive, conventional, and Wigner-Seitz cell
- Reciprocal lattice, and Brillouin zones
- Hamiltonian in a periodic potential, and graphical representation
- Bloch theorem, in two forms
- From k in extended space to 1st BZ + band index

Diamond and Zincblend



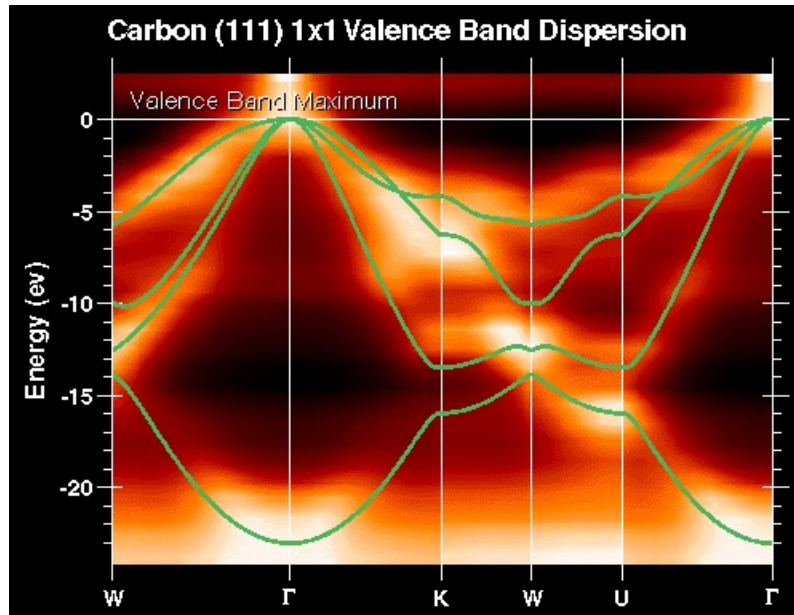
MSE 423 Fundamentals of Solid-state Materials - Nicola Marzari (EPFL, Fall 2025)

Brillouin Zone (fcc)



MSE 423 Fundamentals of Solid-state Materials - Nicola Marzari (EPFL, Fall 2025)

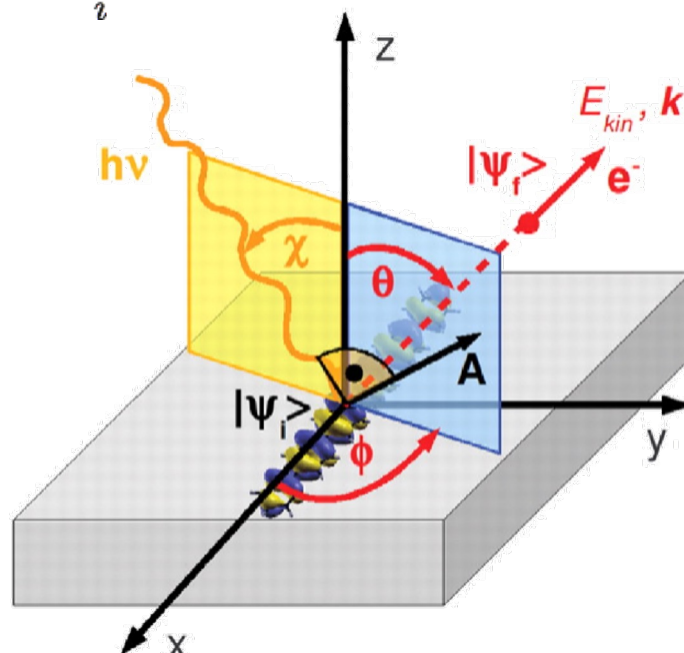
Band Structure of Diamond



MSE 423 Fundamentals of Solid-state Materials - Nicola Marzari (EPFL, Fall 2025)

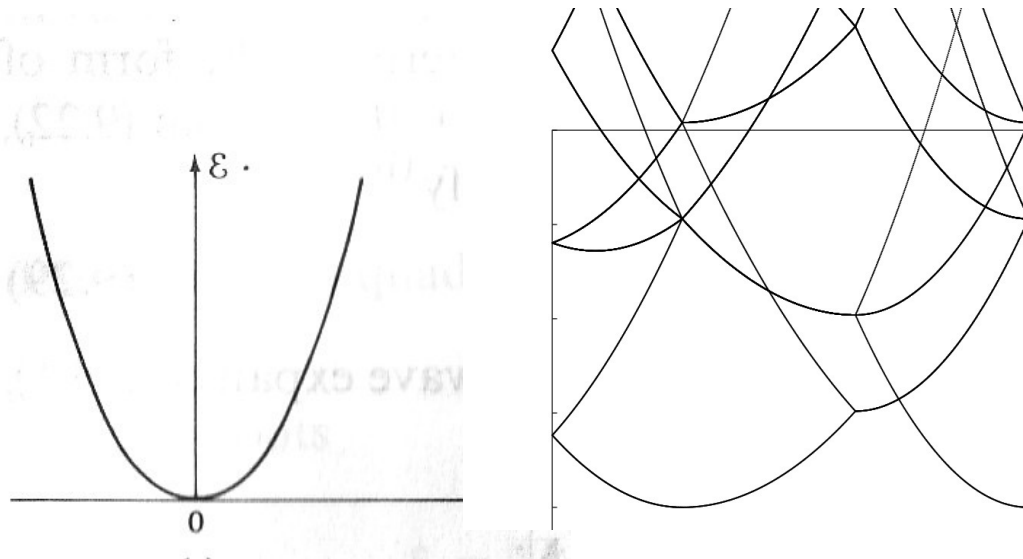
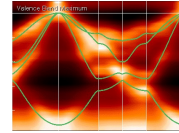
ARPES: Angle resolved photoemission spectroscopy

$$I(\omega) = \sum_i |\langle \varphi_f | \hat{H}_{\text{int}} | \varphi_i \rangle|^2 \delta(\epsilon_f - \epsilon_i - \hbar\omega)$$



MSE 423 Fundamentals of Solid-state Materials - Nicola Marzari (EPFL, Fall 2025)

Why does it look like this?



MSE 423 Fundamentals of Solid-state Materials - Nicola Marzari (EPFL, Fall 2025)

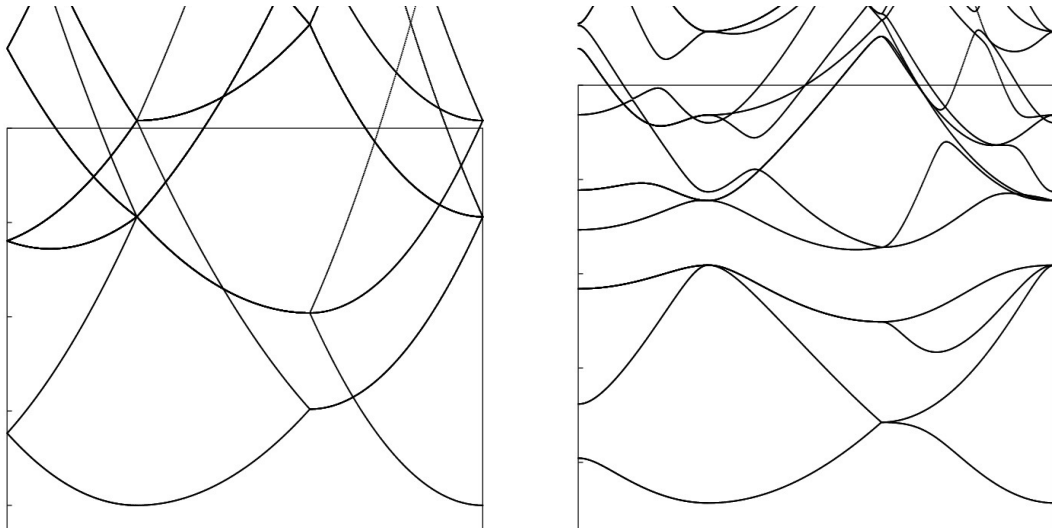
<https://osscar-quantum-mechanics.materialscloud.io/voila/render/index.ipynb>

Section 2: Band Theory of Crystals

1. [Fourier Transforms and Plane-Wave Expansions](#)
2. [Brillouin Zone](#)
3. [Free-Electron Bandstructure](#)
4. [Density of States](#)
5. [Norm-conserving Pseudopotentials](#)

MSE 423 Fundamentals of Solid-state Materials - Nicola Marzari (EPFL, Fall 2025)

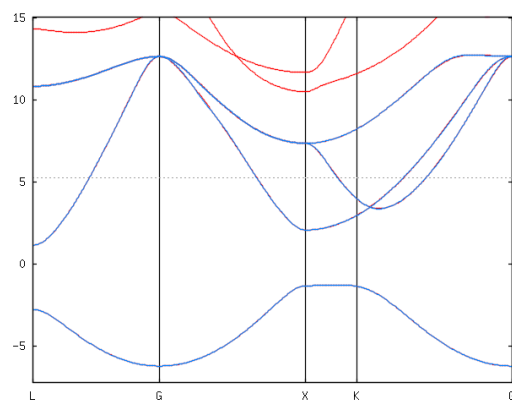
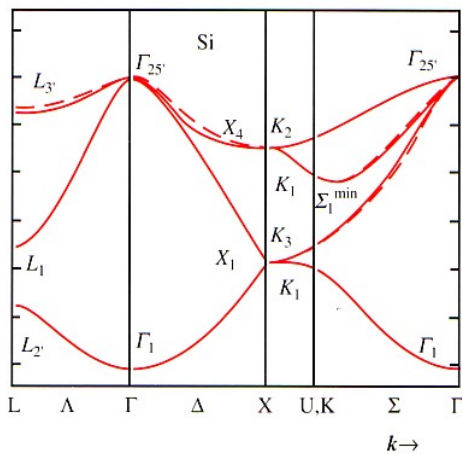
Band Structures: Free Electron Gas, Silicon



MSE 423 Fundamentals of Solid-state Materials - Nicola Marzari (EPFL, Fall 2025)

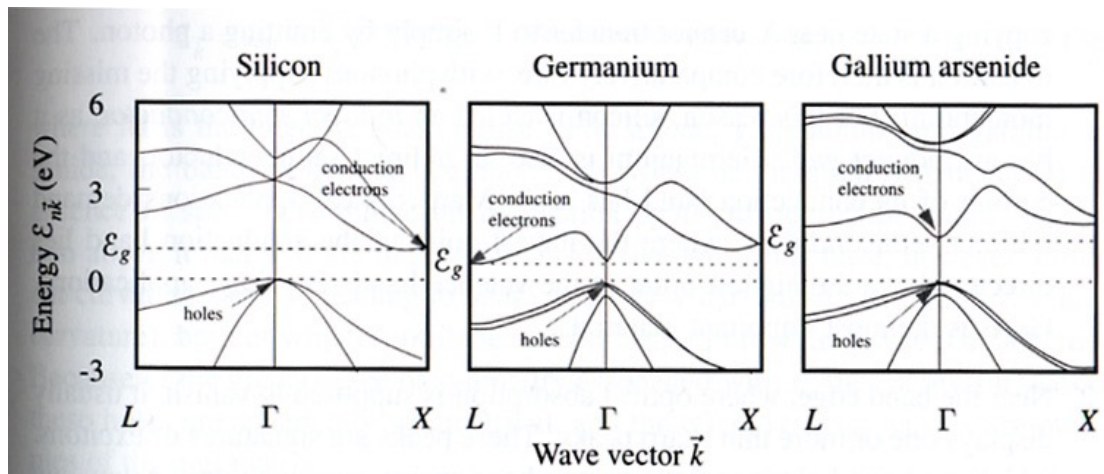
Silicon

Lead



MSE 423 Fundamentals of Solid-state Materials - Nicola Marzari (EPFL, Fall 2025)

Band structure of Si, Ge, GaAs



MSE 423 Fundamentals of Solid-state Materials - Nicola Marzari (EPFL, Fall 2025)

Conduction band minima (in 3d)

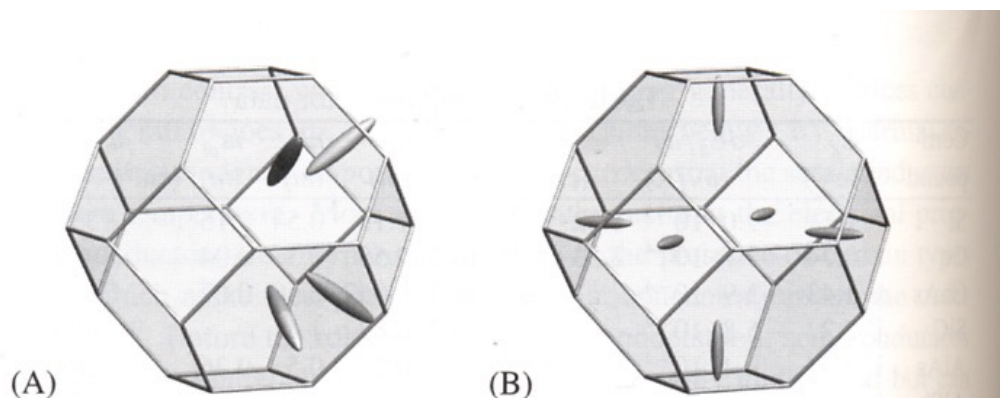
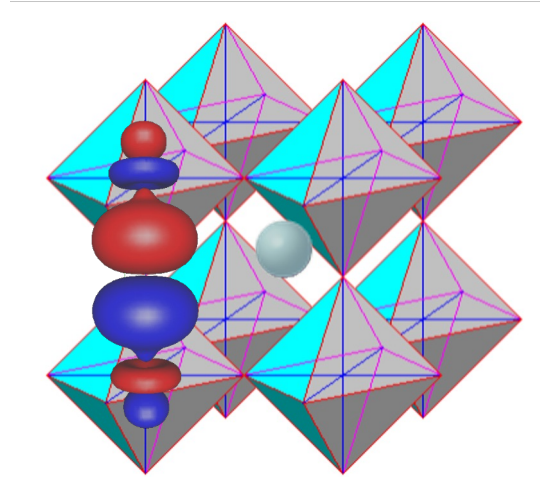
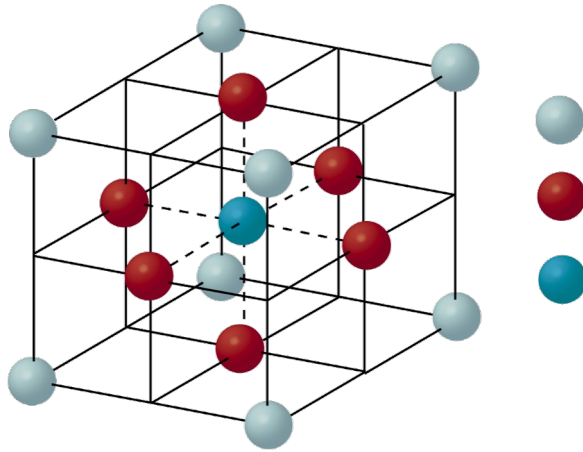


Figure 19.9. (A) The conduction band minima in germanium lie along (111) and straddle the zone boundary, producing four inequivalent pockets of electrons with a highly anisotropic effective mass. (B) In silicon, the conduction band minima lie $8/10$ of the way toward (100) , producing six pockets of electrons, but only three with distinct symmetries.

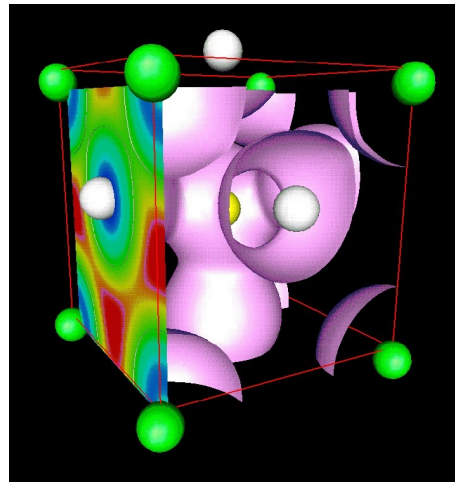
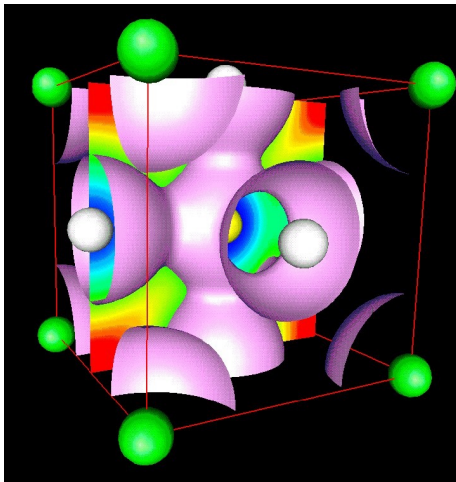
MSE 423 Fundamentals of Solid-state Materials - Nicola Marzari (EPFL, Fall 2025)

Perovskites



MSE 423 Fundamentals of Solid-state Materials - Nicola Marzari (EPFL, Fall 2025)

Ferroelectric perovskites



MSE 423 Fundamentals of Solid-state Materials - Nicola Marzari (EPFL, Fall 2025)

Ferroelectric perovskites

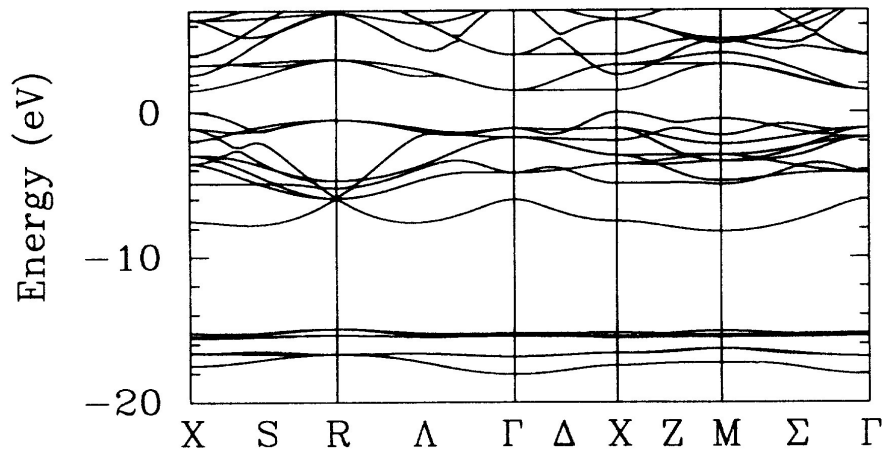
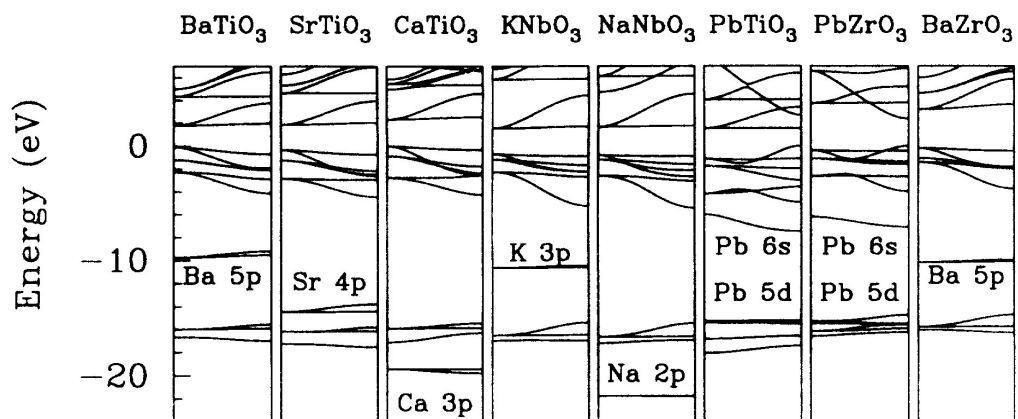


FIG. 3. Band structure of cubic PbTiO_3 for selected high-symmetry directions.

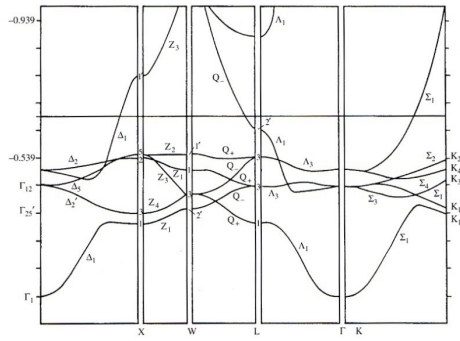
MSE 423 Fundamentals of Solid-state Materials - Nicola Marzari (EPFL, Fall 2025)

Ferroelectric perovskites

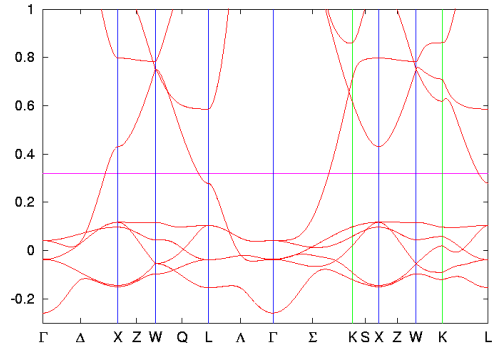


MSE 423 Fundamentals of Solid-state Materials - Nicola Marzari (EPFL, Fall 2025)

Copper

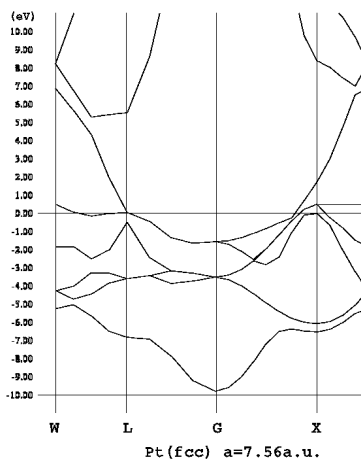


Silver

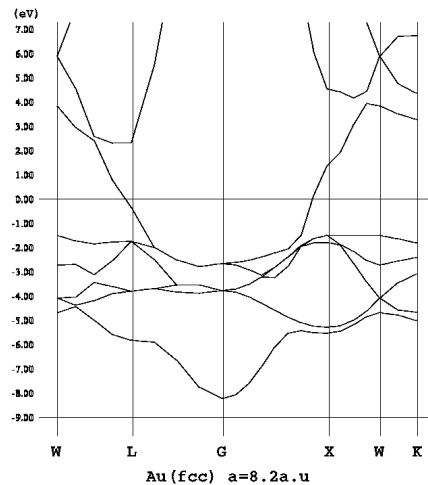


MSE 423 Fundamentals of Solid-state Materials - Nicola Marzari (EPFL, Fall 2025)

Platinum



Gold

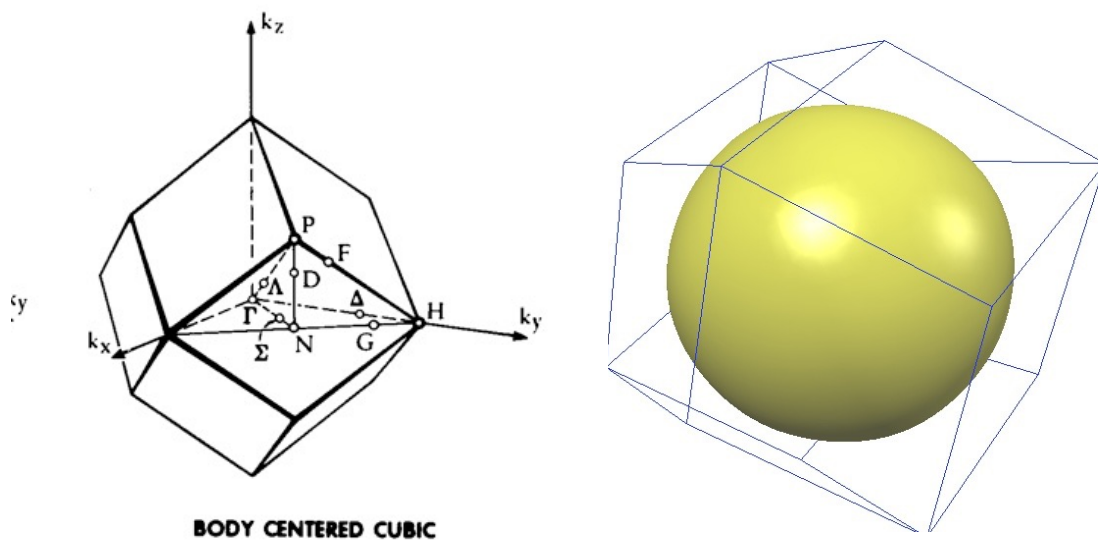


MSE 423 Fundamentals of Solid-state Materials - Nicola Marzari (EPFL, Fall 2025)

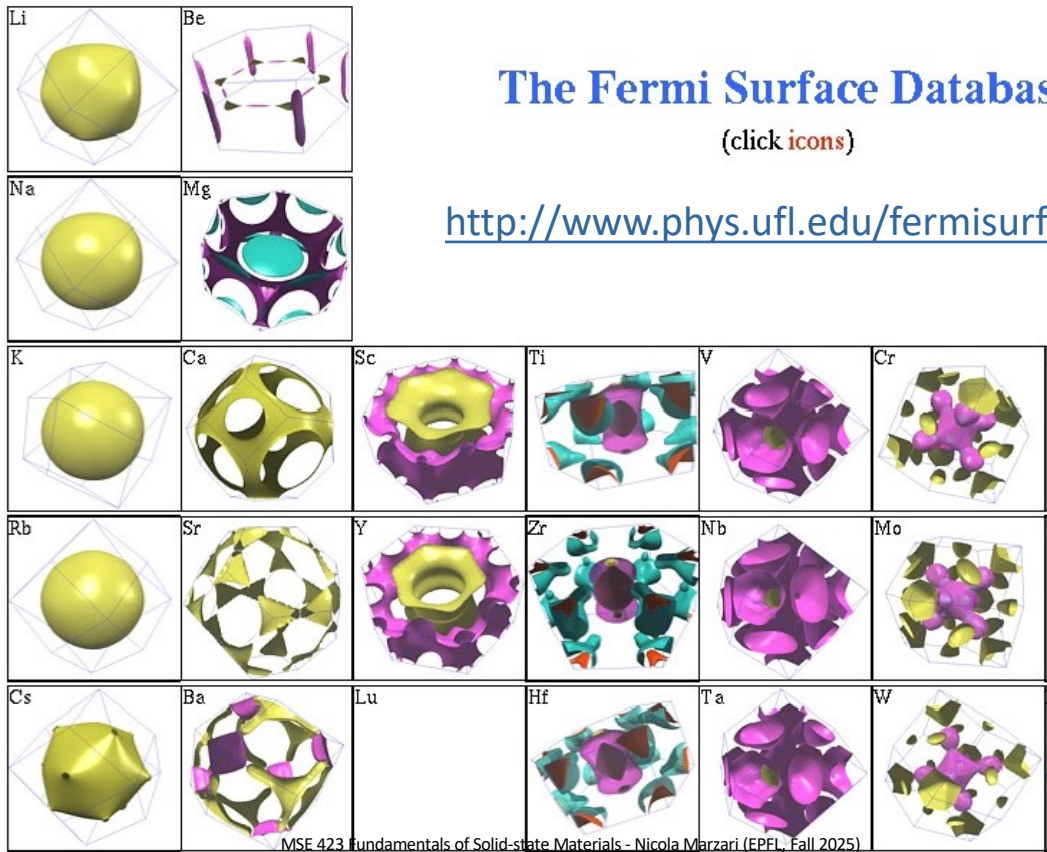
Group velocity, effective mass

MSE 423 Fundamentals of Solid-state Materials - Nicola Marzari (EPFL, Fall 2025)

The Fermi surface



MSE 423 Fundamentals of Solid-state Materials - Nicola Marzari (EPFL, Fall 2025)



The independent-electron gas

- Hamiltonian
- Eigenvalues and eigenfunctions

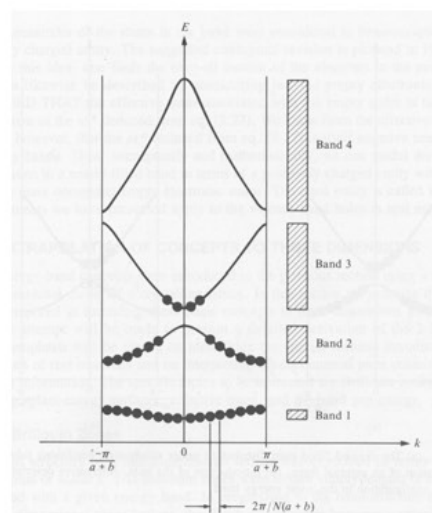
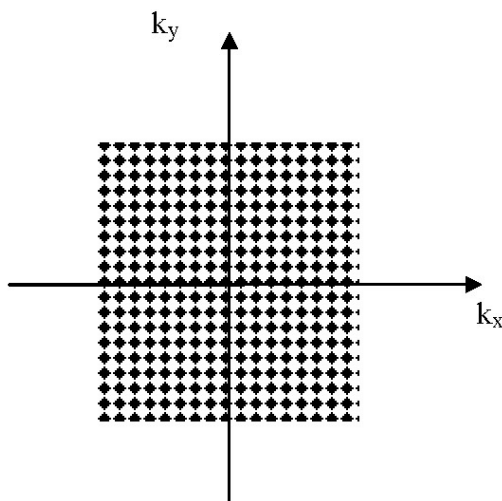
The independent-electron gas

- BvK boundary conditions

MSE 423 Fundamentals of Solid-state Materials - Nicola Marzari (EPFL, Fall 2025)

The independent-electron gas

- Counting the states



MSE 423 Fundamentals of Solid-state Materials - Nicola Marzari (EPFL, Fall 2025)

The independent-electron gas

- Particle density

MSE 423 Fundamentals of Solid-state Materials - Nicola Marzari (EPFL, Fall 2025)

The independent-electron gas

- Energy density

MSE 423 Fundamentals of Solid-state Materials - Nicola Marzari (EPFL, Fall 2025)