



Space group

$$\{ R_\alpha | \tau_\alpha + \mathbf{T} \}$$

Point operation

Non-lattice translation

Lattice translation

Consider the translation subgroup:

$$\{ \varepsilon | \mathbf{T} \}$$

$$\mathbf{T} = n_1 \mathbf{T}_1 + n_2 \mathbf{T}_2 + n_3 \mathbf{T}_3 \quad \text{for all integers } n_1, n_2, n_3$$

⇒ Subgroup is Abelian

⇒ Order of the subgroup is infinite

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Reciprocal lattice

Define  $\mathbf{G}_i \cdot \mathbf{T}_j = 2\pi\delta_{ij}$

General reciprocal lattice vector:

$$\mathbf{G} = m_1 \mathbf{G}_1 + m_2 \mathbf{G}_2 + m_3 \mathbf{G}_3$$

Effects of point group operations on lattice translations and reciprocal lattice vectors.

Note that  $\mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{T} = 2\pi N_1$

If  $R_\alpha$  is a point operation of the crystal,  $R_\alpha \mathbf{T} = \mathbf{T}'$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{G} \cdot R_\alpha \mathbf{T} = 2\pi N_2 = R_\alpha^{-1} \mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{T}$$

If  $R_\alpha$  point operations act on the translation vectors of the crystal

$R_\alpha^{-1}$  point operations act on the reciprocal lattice vectors

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Bloch basis functions

$$\Psi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{T}) = e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{T}} \Psi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})$$

Note that  $e^{i(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}) \cdot \mathbf{T}} = e^{i(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{T} + M2\pi)} = e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{T}}$

⇒  $\mathbf{k}$  takes unique values only within the unit cell of the reciprocal lattice

Bloch state  $\Psi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})$  is a basis function for the lattice translation subgroup.

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Note that  $\{R_\alpha | 0\} \mathbf{r} = R_\alpha^{-1} \mathbf{r}$

$$\Rightarrow \{R_\alpha | 0\} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}} u_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot R_\alpha^{-1} \mathbf{r}} u_{\mathbf{k}}(R_\alpha^{-1} \mathbf{r})$$

$$= e^{iR_\alpha \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}} u_{R_\alpha \mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = \Psi_{R_\alpha \mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})$$

defining  $u_{R_\alpha \mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) \equiv u_{\mathbf{k}}(R_\alpha^{-1} \mathbf{r})$

$$\{\mathcal{E} | \mathbf{T}\} \{R_\alpha | 0\} \Psi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = e^{iR_\alpha \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{T}} \Psi_{R_\alpha \mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})$$

→ The symmetry of the wavefunction depends on  $\mathbf{k}$   
 → For each  $\mathbf{k}$ , the spatial point symmetries must be considered.

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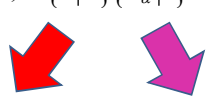
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Effects of group operations on Bloch basis functions (symmorphic case)

$$\{R_\alpha | \mathbf{T}\} \Psi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = \{\mathcal{E} | \mathbf{T}\} \{R_\alpha | 0\} \Psi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = e^{iR_\alpha \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{T}} \Psi_{R_\alpha \mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$= \Psi_{\mathbf{k}}(R_\alpha^{-1} \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{T})$$


If  $R_\alpha \mathbf{k} \neq \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}$ :  
the two wavefunctions are not equal  
but are symmetry related --  
 $e^{iR_\alpha \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{T}} \Psi_{R_\alpha \mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = \Psi_{\mathbf{k}}(R_\alpha^{-1} \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{T})$

If  $R_\alpha \mathbf{k} = \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}$ :  
 $R_\alpha$  is an operation in the  
group of wavevector  $\mathbf{k}$

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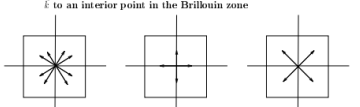
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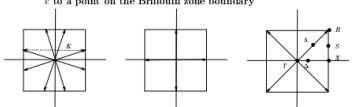
Example  $D_4$

$\vec{k}$  to an interior point in the Brillouin zone



arbitrary  $\vec{k}$  in BZ interior: 8  $\vec{k}$  in star( $\vec{k}$ )  
 symmetrical  $\vec{k}$  in BZ interior: 4  $\vec{k}$  in star( $\vec{k}, C_4$ )  
 symmetrical  $\vec{k}$  in BZ interior: 4  $\vec{k}$  in star( $\vec{k}, C_4, C_2$ )

$\vec{k}$  to a point on the Brillouin zone boundary



arbitrary  $\vec{k}$  in BZ boundary: 4  $\vec{k}$  in star( $\vec{k}, C_4$ )  
 symmetrical  $\vec{k}$  in BZ boundary: 4  $\vec{k}$  in star( $\vec{k}, C_4, C_2$ )  
 symmetrical  $\vec{k}$  in BZ boundary: 4  $\vec{k}$  in star( $\vec{k}, C_4, C_2, C_2', C_2''$ )

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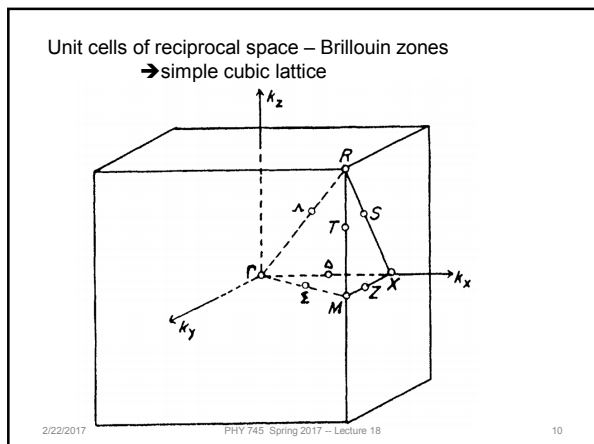
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Example – simple cubic lattice

For  $\mathbf{k} = 0$  ( $\Gamma$ ) group of the wave vector is full  $O_h$  point symmetry

For  $\mathbf{k} = k_x \hat{x}$   $0 < k_x < \frac{\pi}{a}$  ( $\Delta$ ) group of the wave vector has  $C_{4v}$  symmetry

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**$\mathbf{k}=0$  in a cubic crystal**

TABLE I. Characters of small representations of  $\Gamma$ ,  $R$ ,  $H$ .

$\Gamma, R, H$	$E$	$3C_4$	$6C_4$	$6C_2$	$8C_3$	$J$	$3JC_4$	$6JC_4$	$6JC_2$	$8JC_3$
$\Gamma_1$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
$\Gamma_2$	1	1	-1	-1	1	1	1	-1	-1	1
$\Gamma_{12}$	2	2	0	0	-1	2	2	0	0	-1
$\Gamma_{15}'$	3	-1	1	-1	0	3	-1	1	-1	0
$\Gamma_{25}'$	3	-1	-1	1	0	3	-1	-1	1	0
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$\Gamma_2'$	1	1	-1	-1	1	-1	-1	1	1	-1
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$\Gamma_{25}$	3	-1	-1	1	0	-3	1	1	-1	0

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