

handout w/ Mathematics plot

Forbidden Frequencies (Gaps)

$$\omega = a \sqrt{\frac{c}{2M_{tot}}} \times k = \left(\frac{a}{2}\right) \sqrt{\frac{c}{m_{ave}}} \times k$$

Can skip these derivations:

upper branch

$$k=0 \rightarrow \omega^2 = \frac{c(m_1+m_2) + \sqrt{c^2(m_1+m_2)^2}}{m_1 m_2}$$

$$= 2c \frac{(m_1+m_2)}{m_1 m_2}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{2c}{\mu}} \text{ with } \mu = \left(\frac{1}{m_1} + \frac{1}{m_2}\right)^{-1}$$

$$k = \pi/a \quad (\cos ka = -1)$$

$$\rightarrow \omega^2 = c \left[ \frac{(m_1+m_2) + \sqrt{m_1^2 + 2m_1 m_2 + m_2^2 - 4m_1 m_2}}{m_1 m_2} \right]$$

$$= c \left[ \frac{m_1+m_2 + |(m_1-m_2)|}{m_1 m_2} \right]$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{2c}{m_2}} \text{ if } m_1 > m_2$$

lower branch

$$k = \pi/a \rightarrow \text{same as } \uparrow \text{ except } -|m_1-m_2|$$

$$\text{so } \omega^2 = \boxed{\frac{2c}{m_1}}$$

$$k \approx 0 \quad (\cos ka \approx 1 - \frac{1}{2}k^2 a^2; \quad 1 - \cos ka \approx \frac{1}{2}k^2 a^2)$$

$$\rightarrow \omega^2 = c \left[ \frac{m_1+m_2 - \sqrt{(m_1+m_2)^2 - m_1 m_2 k^2 a^2}}{m_1 m_2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{c(m_1+m_2)}{m_1 m_2} \left[ 1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{m_1 m_2 k^2 a^2}{(m_1+m_2)^2}} \right]$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{c k^2 a^2}{2M_{tot}}} \quad \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_1 m_2 k^2 a^2}{(m_1+m_2)^2} \right]$$

Optical vs Acoustic

To figure out what the difference is, plug in the two equations for  $\omega$  back into the 2 equations of motion.

(Translation: what are the eigenvectors that correspond to the two eigenvalues?)

$$2 \text{ atoms } \begin{cases} \omega^2 m_1 u_s = 2c u_s - c(1 + e^{ika}) v_s \\ \omega^2 m_2 v_s = -c(1 + e^{-ika}) u_s + 2c v_s \end{cases}$$

For simplicity, I'll just consider where  $k=0$

longitudinal branch:  $\omega=0 \rightarrow \begin{cases} 0 = 2c u_s - 2c v_s \\ 0 = -2c u_s + 2c v_s \end{cases} \rightarrow \text{same result } \underline{u_s = v_s}$

2 atoms are in phase!  
 $\begin{matrix} \rightarrow & \rightarrow \\ u & v \end{matrix}$

optical branch:  $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{2c}{\mu}} \rightarrow 2 \frac{c m_1}{\mu} u_s = 2c u_s - 2c v_s$

$$\left( \frac{2c m_1}{\mu} - 2c \right) u_s = -2c v_s \rightarrow \frac{m_1}{m_1 + m_2} u_s = -v_s$$

$$2c u_s + 2c \frac{m_1}{m_2} u_s = 2c u_s - 2c v_s$$

$$\underline{v_s = -\frac{m_1}{m_2} u_s}$$

2 atoms are out of phase!

$$\begin{matrix} \rightarrow & \leftarrow \\ u & v \end{matrix}$$

if ions, get oscillating dipole moment which gives off radiation. That's why optical.

And also can be excited by external radiation

Review: 1D lattice  $\rightarrow$  1 acoustic  
 2 atoms  $\rightarrow$  1 acoustic + 1 optical branch

guess?  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ N \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{matrix} + \begin{matrix} 2 \\ N-1 \end{matrix}$

(last chapter) 3D lattice  $\rightarrow$  3 acoustic (1 long, 2 transv)

HW 2D lattice  $\rightarrow$  2 acoustic (1 long, 1 transv)

guess 3D lattice?  $\rightarrow$  3 acoustic + 3 optical

Phonon Dispersion

Si

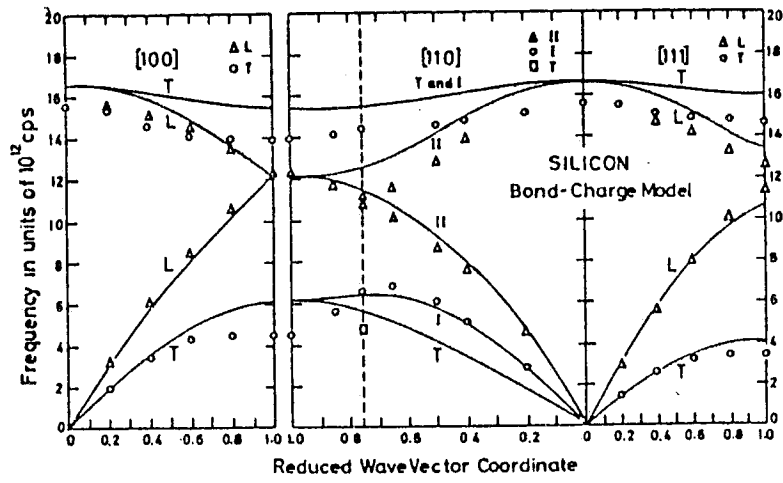
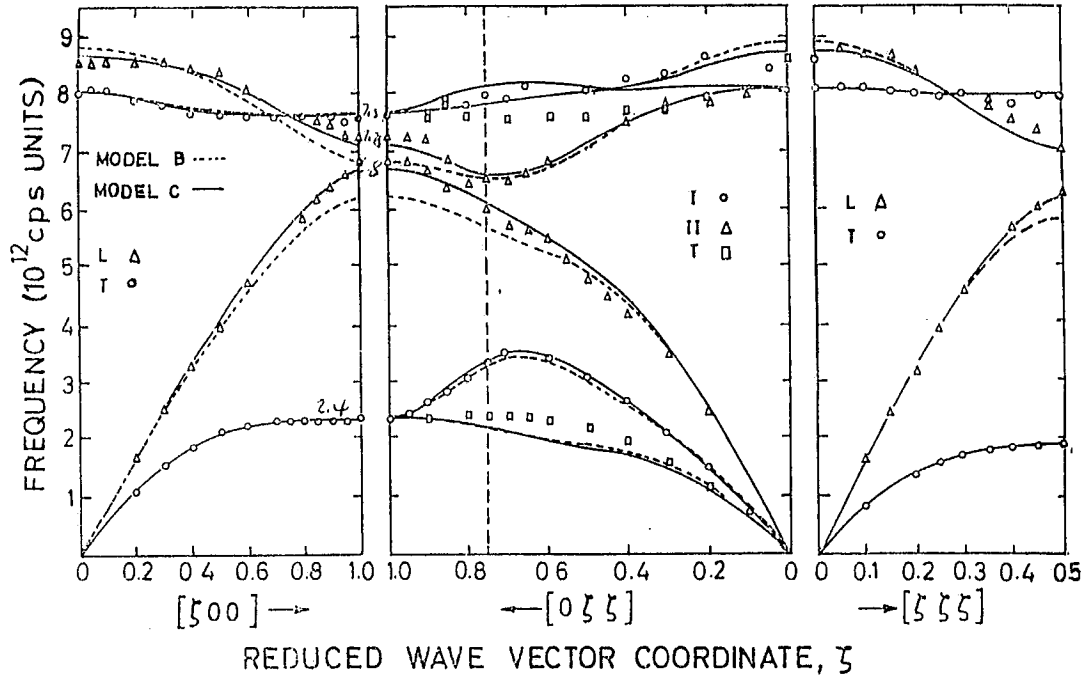
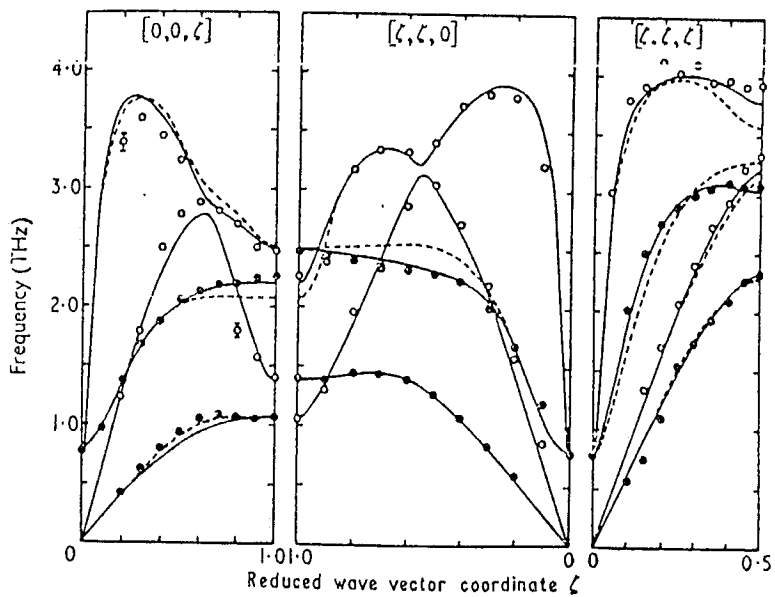


FIGURE 16. Comparison of Martin's bond charge model calculation with the experimental phonon frequencies in Si. (From Martin, R. M., *Phys. Rev.*, 186, 871, 1969. With permission.)



GaAs



SnTe

FIGURE 15. Dispersion curves for SnTe along the principal symmetry directions. The solid curve represents a 14-parameter shell model fit (modified to include free carrier screening effects). (From Cowley, E. R., *J. Phys. C. Solid State Phys.*, 2, 1916, 1969. With permission.)

guess at 2D 2 atoms/cell?  $\rightarrow$  2 acoustic LA, TA + 2 optical LO, TO

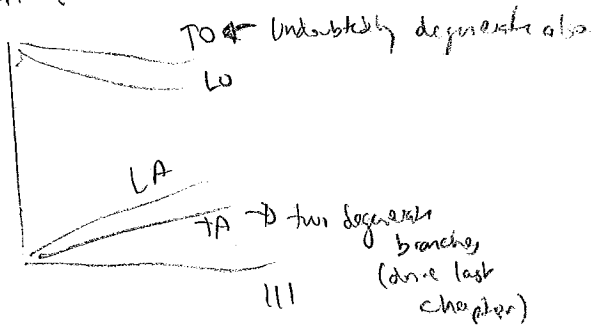
what do these look like?



~~Side note - effect of finite length  $\rightarrow$  avoided gaps  $\rightarrow$  N-N vector  $\rightarrow$  N frequency important side note before QM on next page!~~

See Fig 8a & 9b

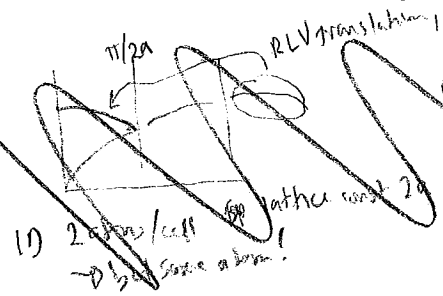
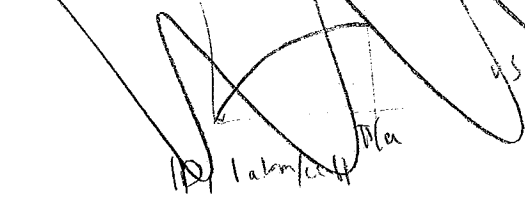
3D, 2 atoms/cell Germanium



hand out w/ Si, GaAs,  $S_nTe$

why GaAs optical split at  $k=0$ ? see next page

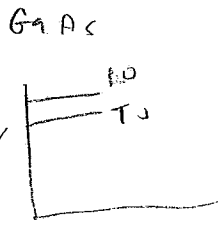
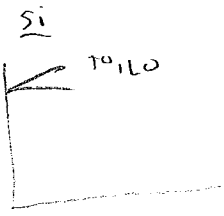
Final note: 2D no folding



looks like  $\Gamma_5$  looks like  $\Gamma_5$  they are the same!

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Physical insight:



split

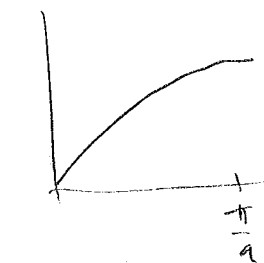


For  $L_0$ , additional contribution to energy from Coulomb

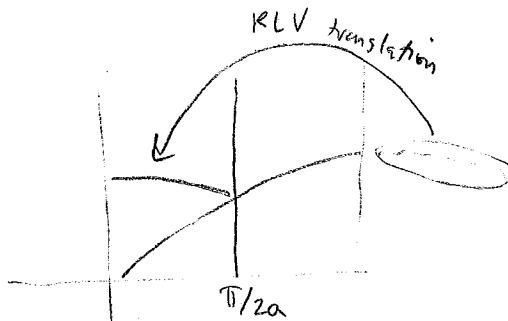
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Fried Note

"Zone Folding"



1D, 1 atom/cell



1D, 2 atoms/cell lattice constant  $2a$   
but same atoms



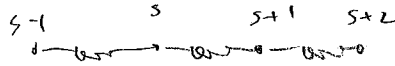
They must be the same!

The RLV translation makes it look

like the curve has been "folded".

HW Problem 6 Set up

Finish length chain. Back to 1 mass only



before  $m \frac{d^2 u_s}{dt^2} = c (u_{s+1} - 2u_s + u_{s-1})$

plane waves  $u \sim e^{i(kx - \omega t)}$

$m(-\omega^2 u_s) = c (e^{ika} u_s + 2u_s + e^{-ika} u_s)$

If finite, then not perfect plane waves! (can't use  $e^{ikx} u_s$  trick)  
(Still look for harmonic dependence in time though)

For eg  $s = 32$

$\frac{m}{c} (\omega^2) u_{32} = (-u_{31} + 2u_{32} - u_{33})$

For  $s = 33$

$\frac{m}{c} (\omega^2) u_{33} = -u_{32} + 2u_{33} - u_{34}$

$s = 34$

$\frac{m}{c} (\omega^2) u_{34} = -u_{33} + 2u_{34} - u_{35}$

Let  $\frac{m\omega^2}{c} = \lambda$

$\lambda \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_{30} \\ \vdots \\ u_{34} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 & 1 & & & \\ & -1 & 2 & 1 & & \\ & & -1 & 2 & 1 & \\ & & & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ & & & & -1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_{30} \\ \vdots \\ u_{34} \end{pmatrix}$

$\lambda = \text{eigenvalues of } \mathcal{D}$

→ There will be 100 different frequencies

→ each freq corresponds to a different oscillation

But what about first row and last row?

Need to make assumptions about body ends.

- Examples: "wrap around" (periodic)
- "fixed"  $u_1 = 0$
- etc.

What do the matrix rows look like?

general rule principle: one frequency per atom (or molecule) But 10 species frequency = miniscule