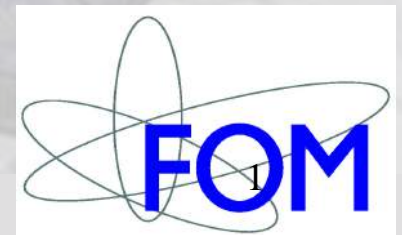
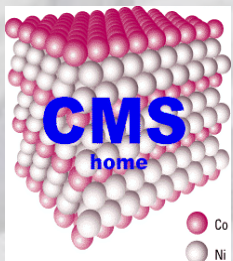


Two-dimensional (2D) materials

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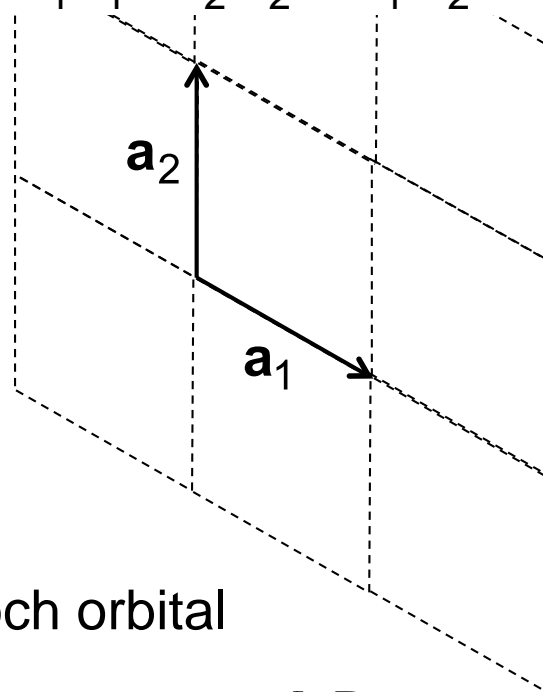
Honeycomb lattices

electronic structure

Real space lattice and Reciprocal lattice

real space lattice

$$\mathbf{R} = n_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + n_2 \mathbf{a}_2; \quad n_1, n_2 = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$



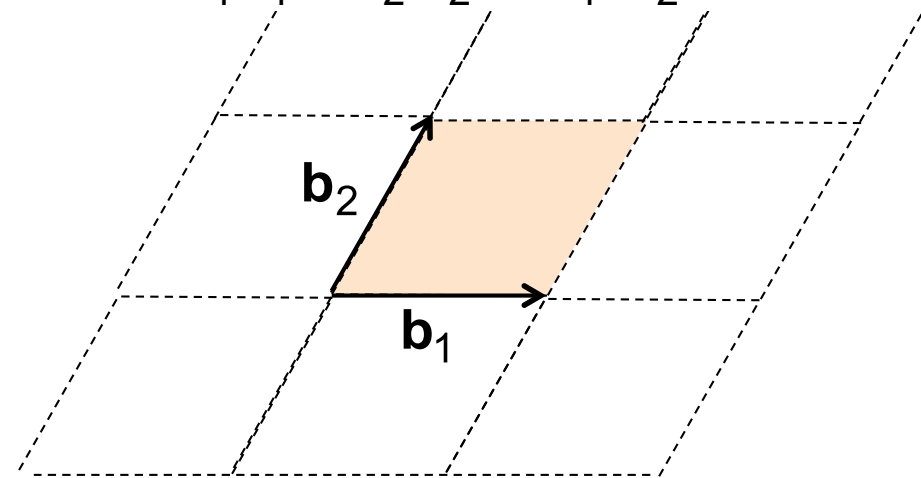
Bloch orbital

$$\chi_{i,\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\mathbf{R}} \underbrace{e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{R}}}_{\text{phase factor}} \phi_i(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R})$$

tedious to calculate
in non-rectangular lattice

reciprocal lattice

$$\mathbf{K} = m_1 \mathbf{b}_1 + m_2 \mathbf{b}_2; \quad m_1, m_2 = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$



where $\mathbf{b}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_j = 2\pi \delta_{i,j}$

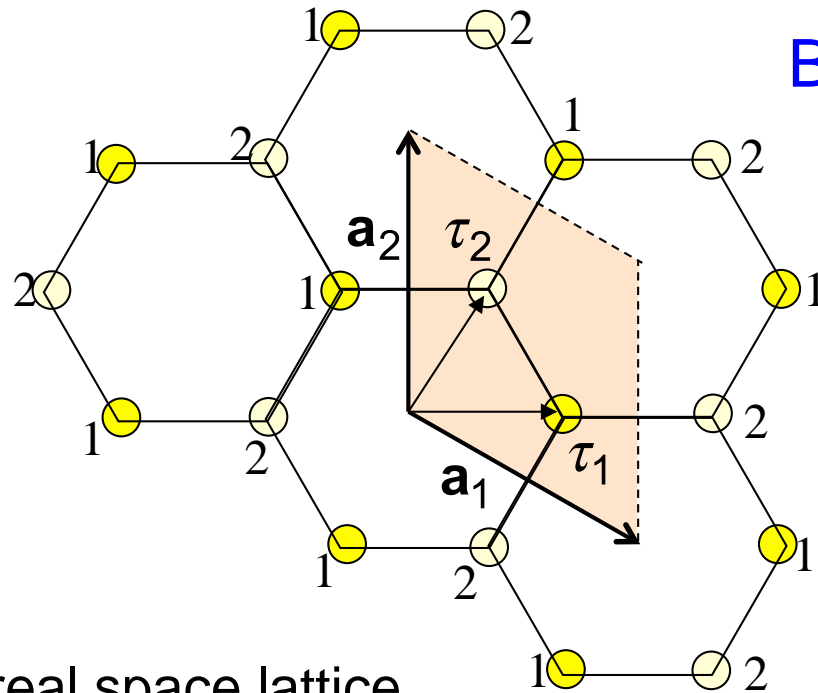
we need $\mathbf{k} = k_1 \mathbf{b}_1 + k_2 \mathbf{b}_2$

then $\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{R} = 2\pi(k_1 n_1 + k_2 n_2)$

becomes easy

reciprocal lattice is observed
in diffraction experiments

Graphene lattice



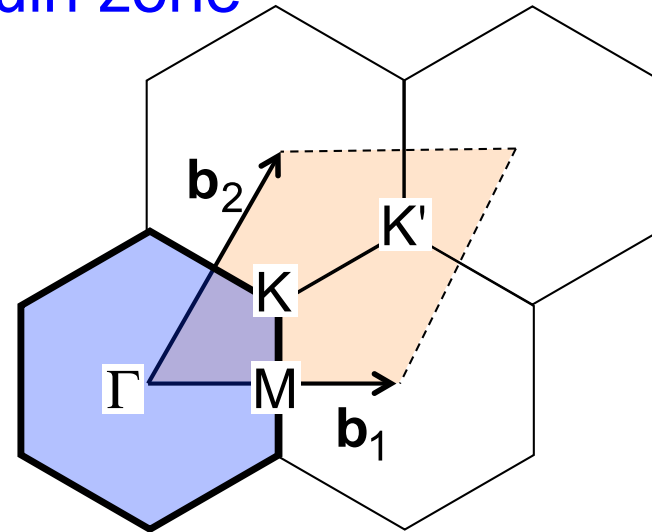
real space lattice

$$\mathbf{a}_1 = a \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right) \quad \mathbf{a}_2 = a (0, 1)$$

carbon atoms in two sublattices

$$\tau_1 = \frac{2}{3} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{1}{3} \mathbf{a}_2 \quad \tau_2 = \frac{1}{3} \mathbf{a}_1 + \frac{2}{3} \mathbf{a}_2$$

Brillouin zone



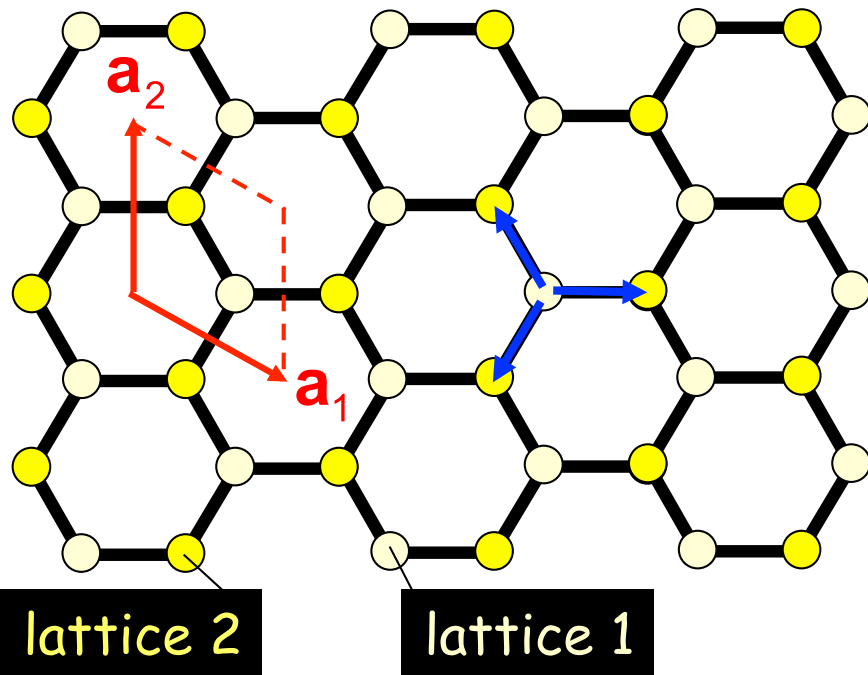
reciprocal lattice

$$\mathbf{b}_1 = \frac{2\pi}{a} \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}, 0 \right) \quad \mathbf{b}_2 = \frac{2\pi}{a} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, 1 \right)$$

special points

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{K} &= \frac{1}{3} \mathbf{b}_1 + \frac{1}{3} \mathbf{b}_2 & \mathbf{K}' &= \frac{2}{3} \mathbf{b}_1 + \frac{2}{3} \mathbf{b}_2 \\ \mathbf{M} &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{b}_1 & \Gamma &= (0, 0) \end{aligned}$$

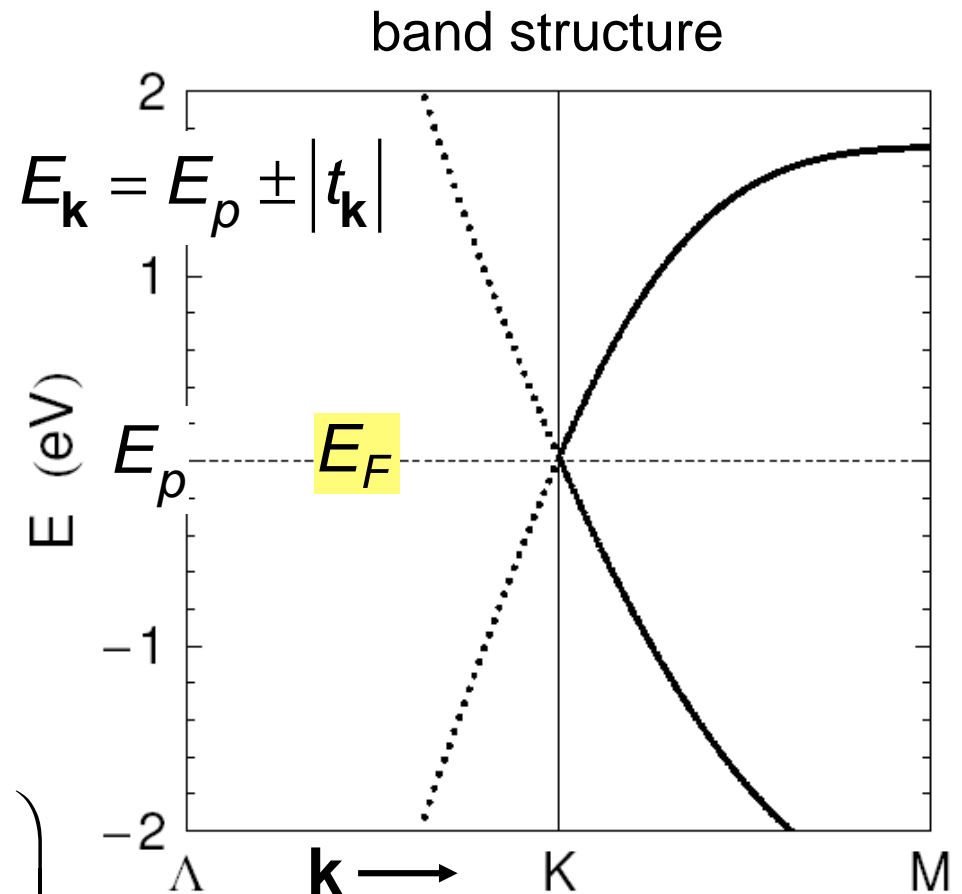
Graphene, a textbook toy model



nearest neighbor tight-binding

$$\begin{pmatrix} E_p & t_{\mathbf{k}} \\ t_{\mathbf{k}}^* & E_p \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{1,\mathbf{k}} \\ c_{2,\mathbf{k}} \end{pmatrix} = E_{\mathbf{k}} \begin{pmatrix} c_{1,\mathbf{k}} \\ c_{2,\mathbf{k}} \end{pmatrix}$$

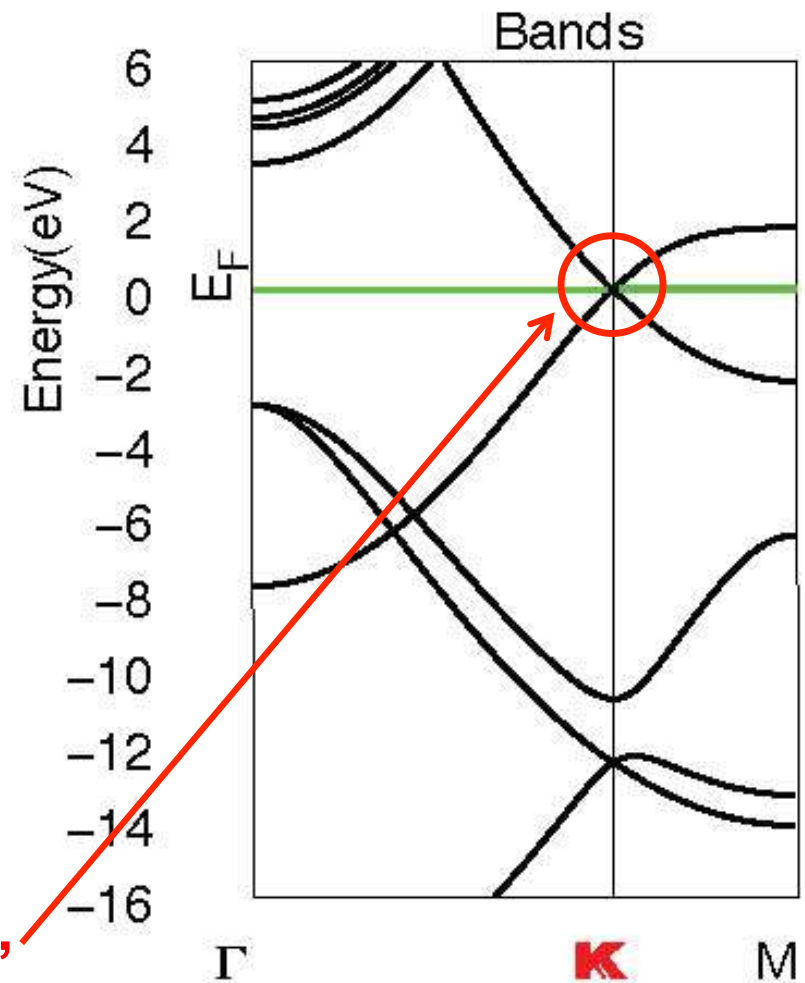
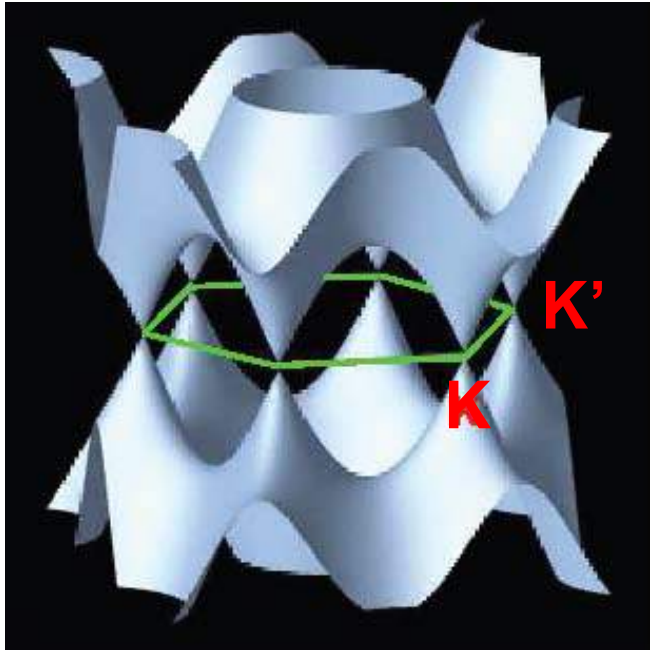
$$t_{\mathbf{k}} = t \left(1 + e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{a}_1} + e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{a}_2} \right)$$



➤ band gap zero at E_F

Graphene full band structure, DFT (LDA)

band structure

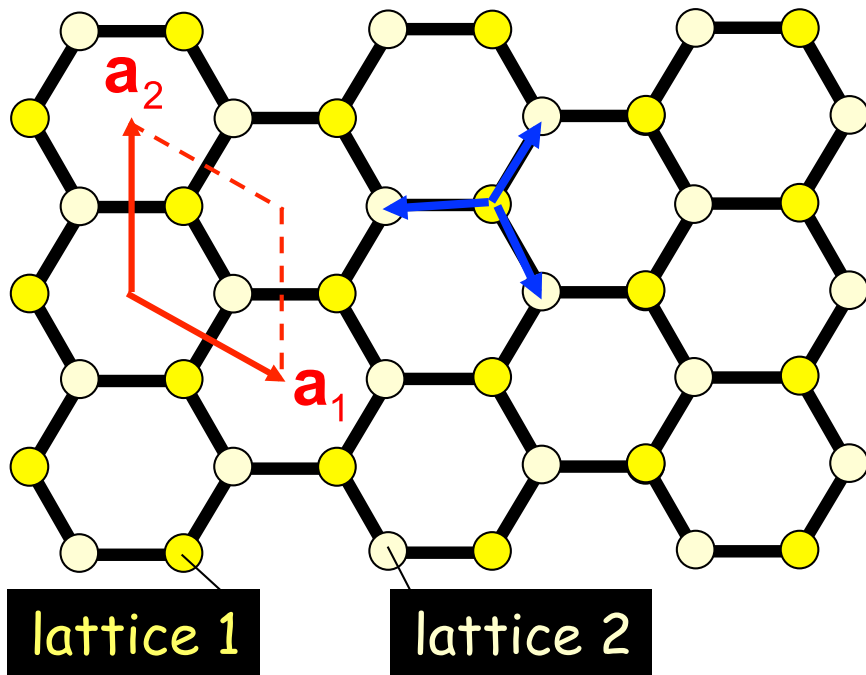


Fermi energy E_F at K, K'

all the "action" is around K, K'

graphene is a "zero band gap" semiconductor

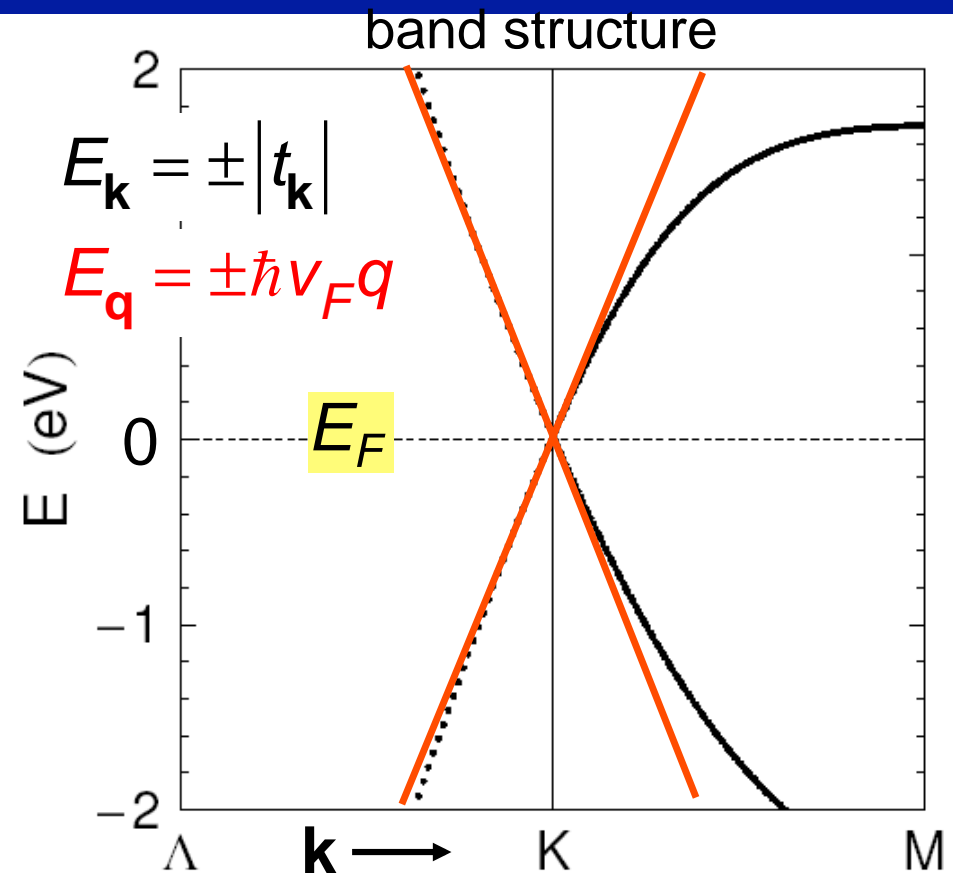
Graphene long wave length approximation



nearest neighbor tight-binding

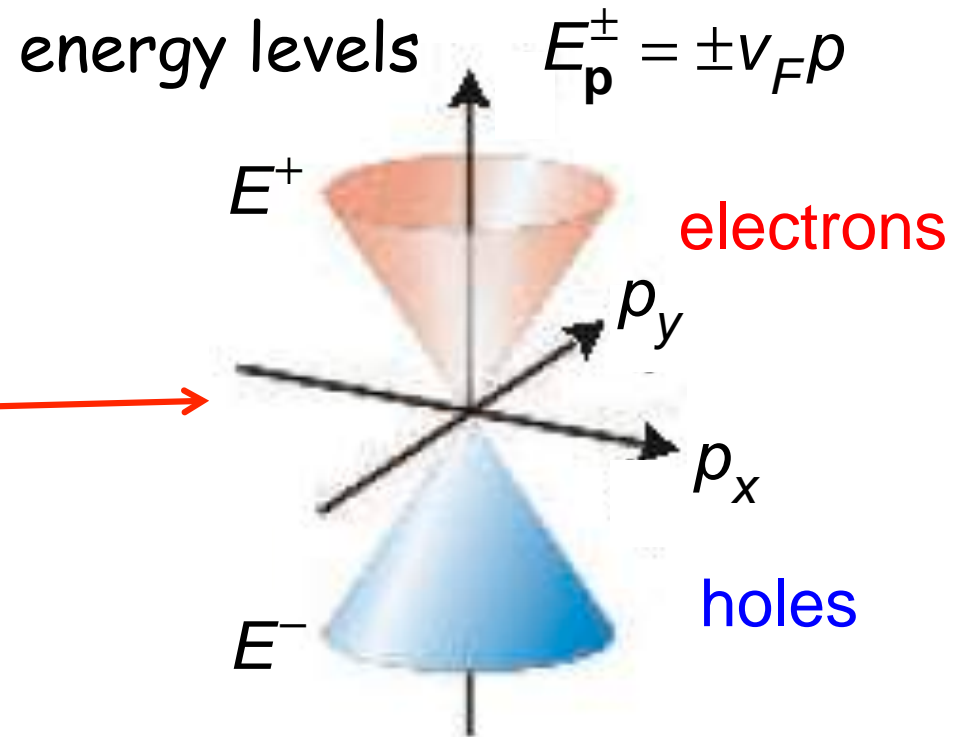
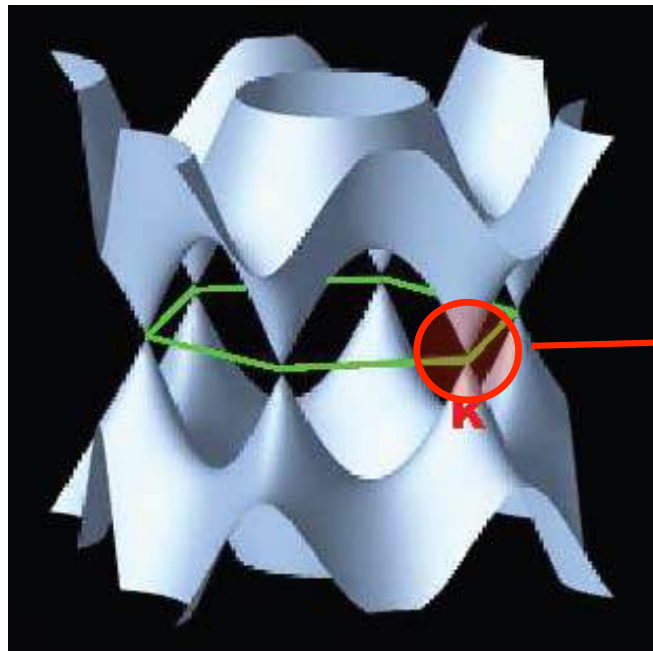
$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & t_{\mathbf{k}} \\ t_{\mathbf{k}}^* & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{1,\mathbf{k}} \\ c_{2,\mathbf{k}} \end{pmatrix} = E_{\mathbf{k}} \begin{pmatrix} c_{1,\mathbf{k}} \\ c_{2,\mathbf{k}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$t_{\mathbf{k}} = t \left(1 + e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{a}_1} + e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{a}_2} \right) \approx \hbar v_F (q_x - iq_y)$$



- linear dispersion close to E_F
- dispersion of ultra-relativistic particle

Graphene long wave length approximation



Fermi energy E_F at \mathbf{K}, \mathbf{K}'

all the "action" is around \mathbf{K}, \mathbf{K}'

$$\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{K} + \mathbf{q} \quad \mathbf{k}' = \mathbf{K}' + \mathbf{q}'$$

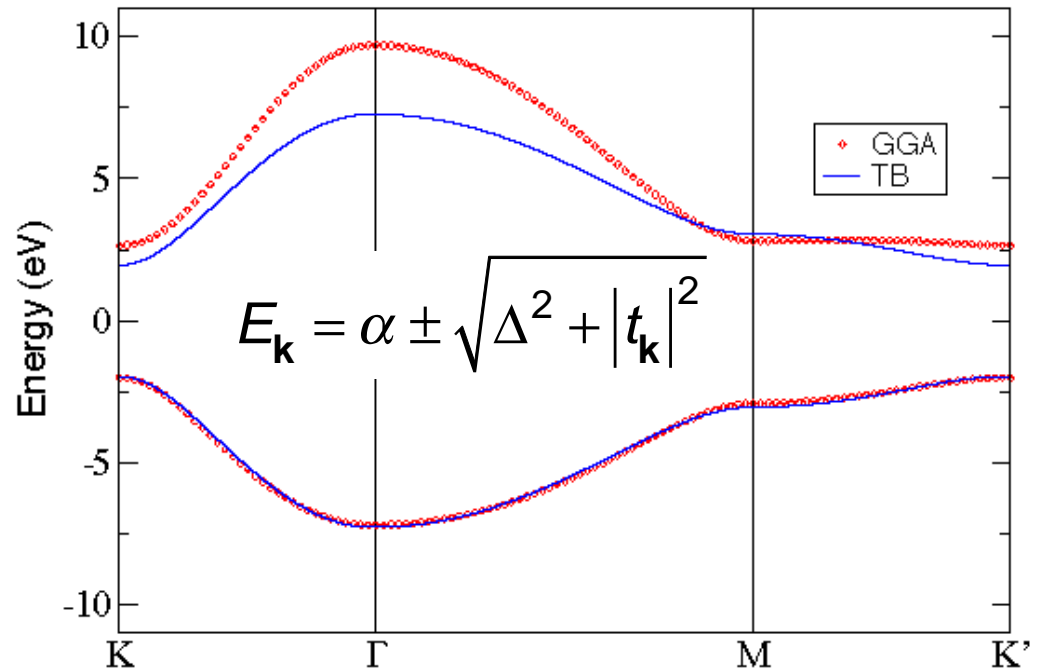
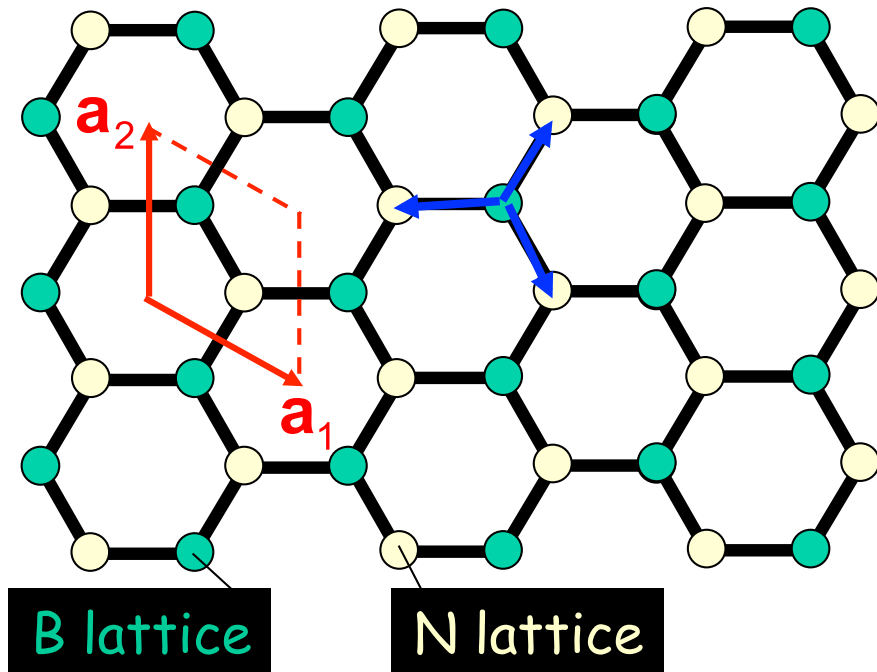
with $qa \ll 1, \quad q'a \ll 1$

"Dirac cones"

define "momenta"

$$\mathbf{p} = \hbar \mathbf{q} \quad \mathbf{p}' = \hbar \mathbf{q}'$$

Hexagonal boron nitride, another textbook material



nearest neighbor tight-binding (Hueckel)

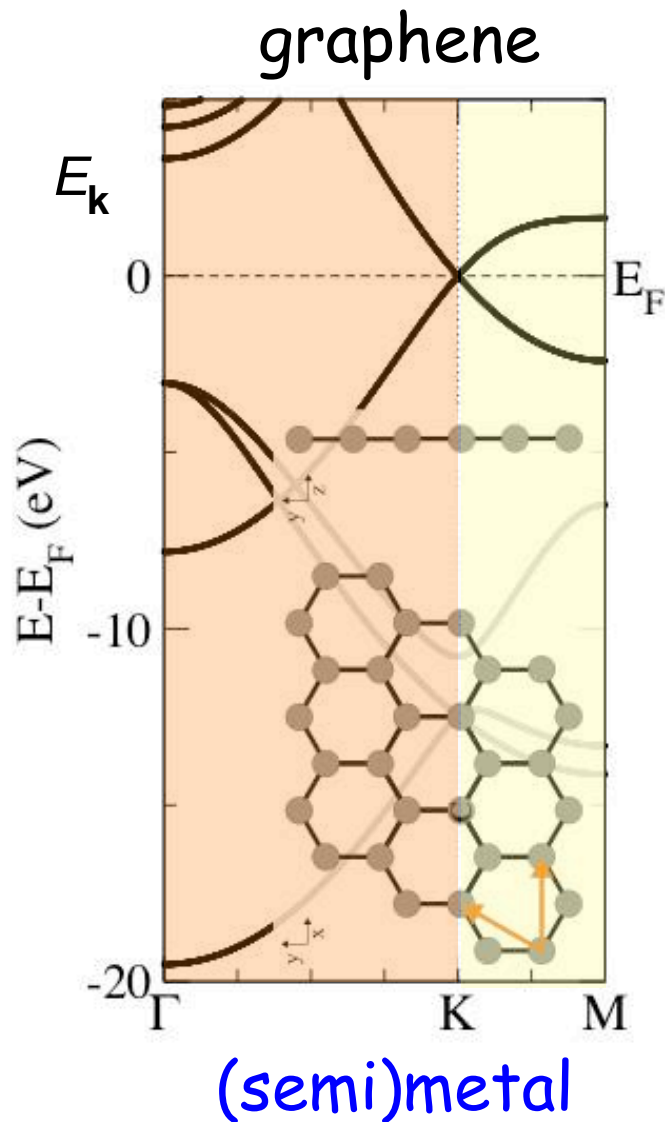
$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha + \Delta & t_{\mathbf{k}} \\ t_{\mathbf{k}}^* & \alpha - \Delta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{B,\mathbf{k}} \\ c_{N,\mathbf{k}} \end{pmatrix} = E_{\mathbf{k}} \begin{pmatrix} c_{B,\mathbf{k}} \\ c_{N,\mathbf{k}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$t_{\mathbf{k}} = t \left(1 + e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{a}_1} + e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{a}_2} \right)$$

$$E_g = 2\Delta \approx 6 \text{ eV}$$

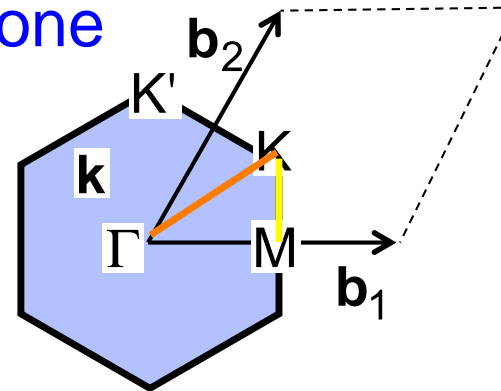
➤ h-BN is an insulator

Honeycomb lattices: DFT(GGA) calculations



How to plot a band structure?

Brillouin zone

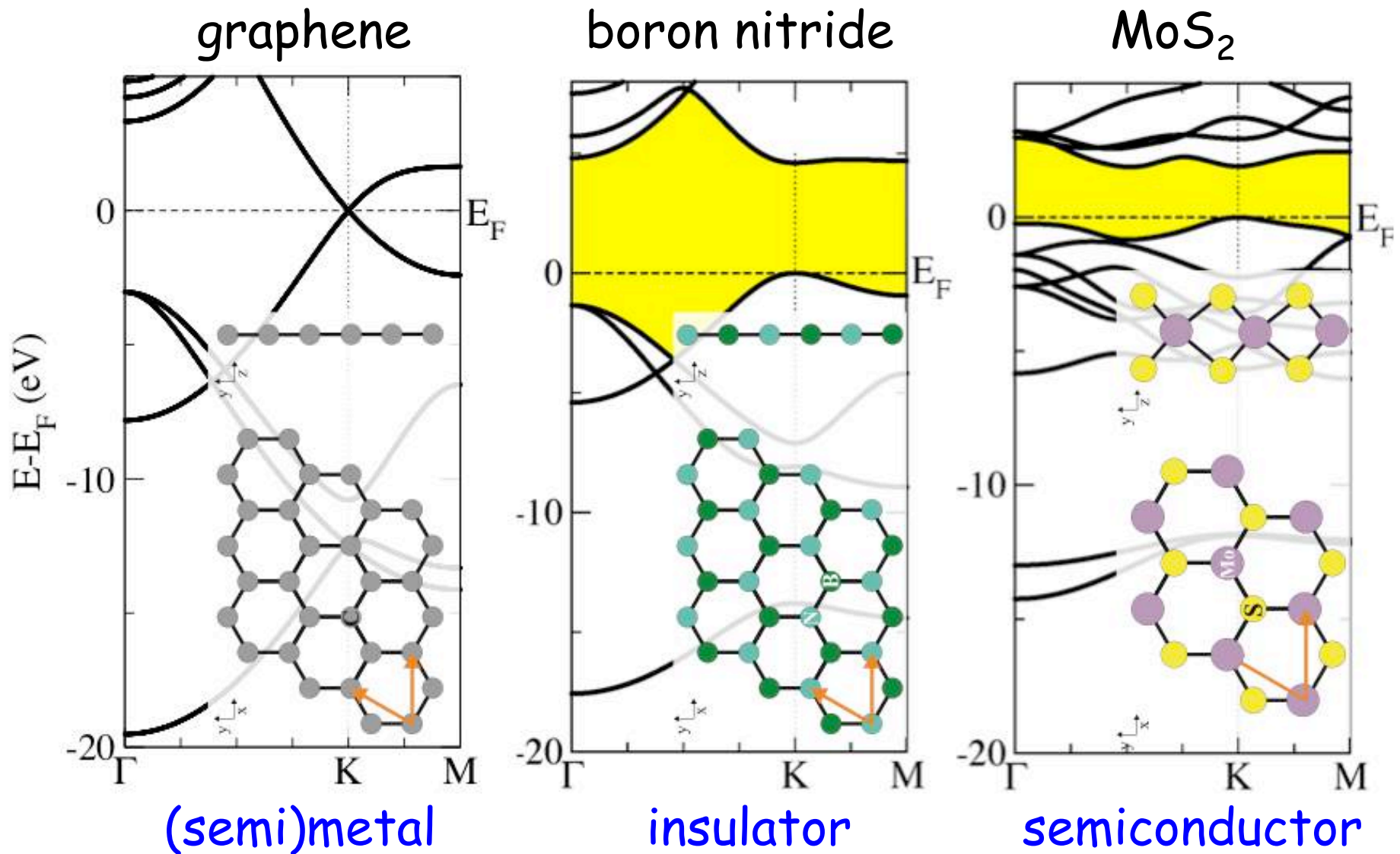


$$\mathbf{k} = k_1 \mathbf{b}_1 + k_2 \mathbf{b}_2$$

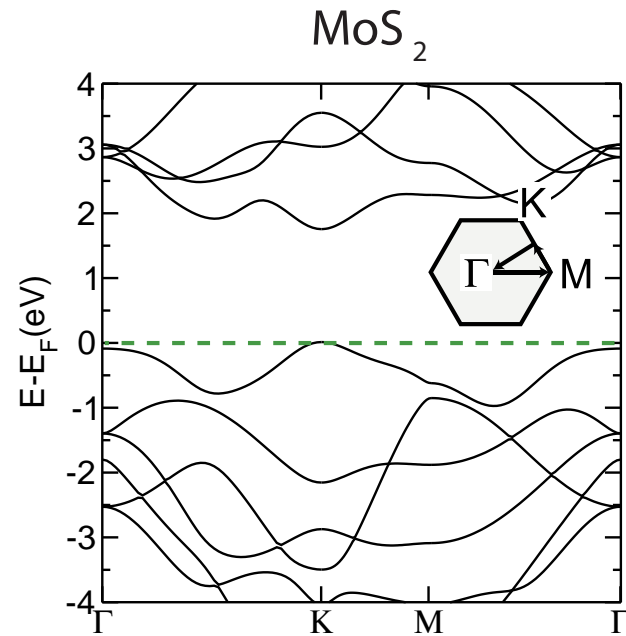
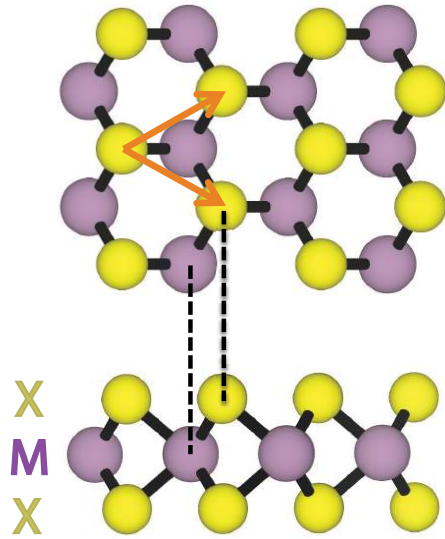
$$\Gamma K : \mathbf{k} = k \mathbf{b}_1 + k \mathbf{b}_2; \quad 0 \leq k \leq \frac{1}{3}$$

$$KM : \mathbf{k} = \left(\frac{1}{3} + k\right) \mathbf{b}_1 + \left(\frac{1}{3} - 2k\right) \mathbf{b}_2; \quad 0 \leq k \leq \frac{1}{6}$$

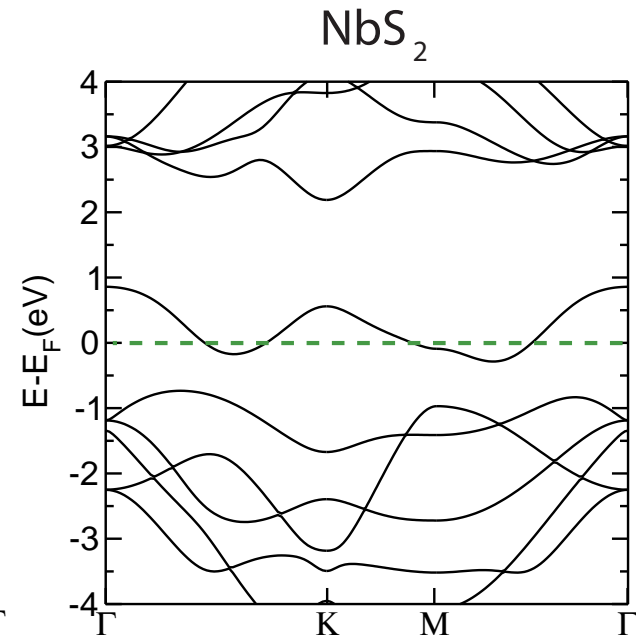
Honeycomb lattices: DFT(GGA) calculations



MX₂ lattices: DFT(GGA) calculations



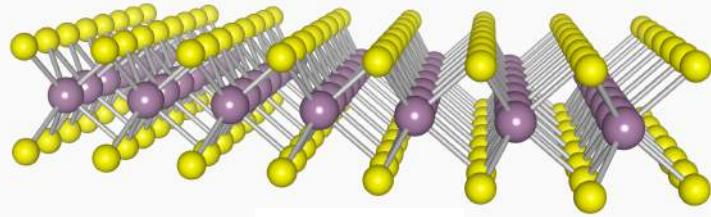
semiconductor



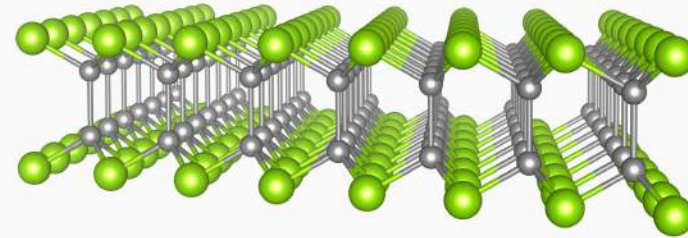
metal

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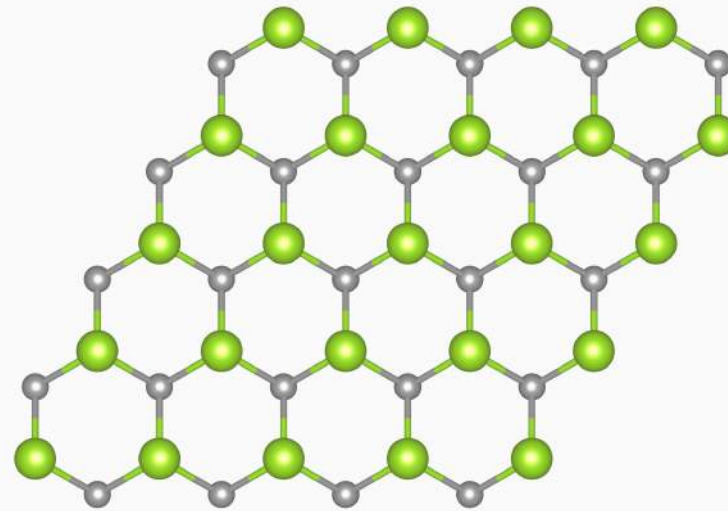
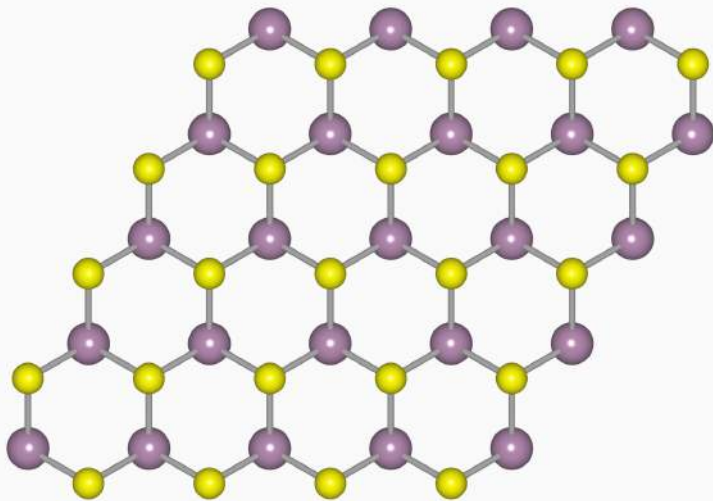
MoS₂ versus GaSe



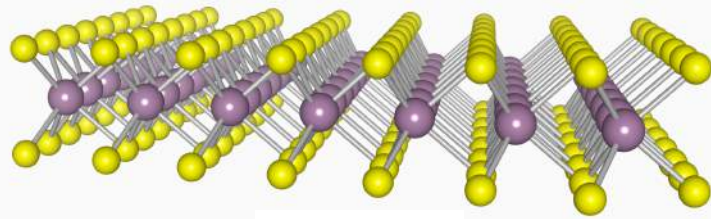
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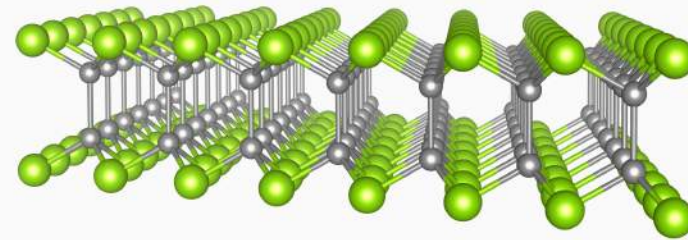
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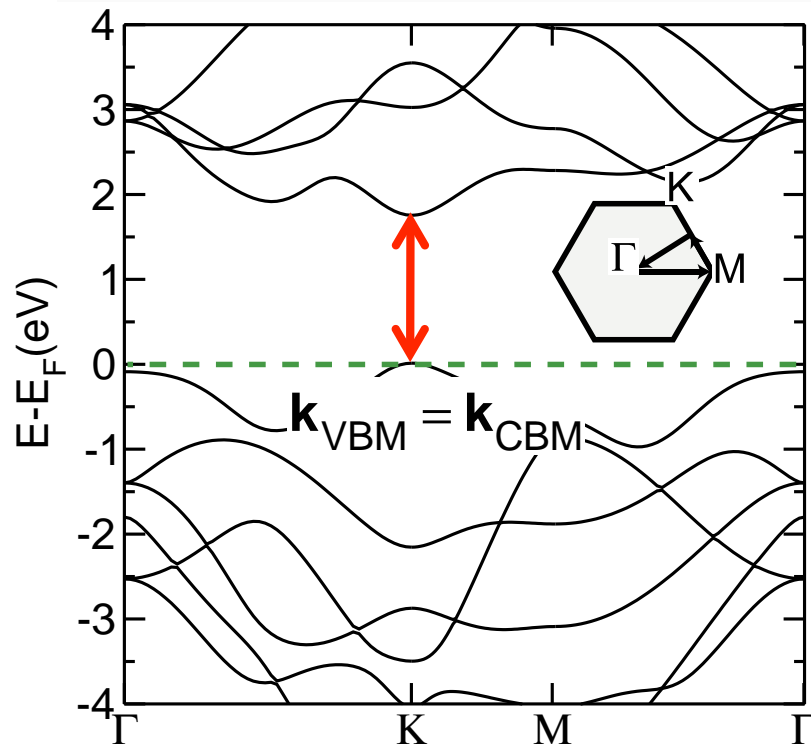
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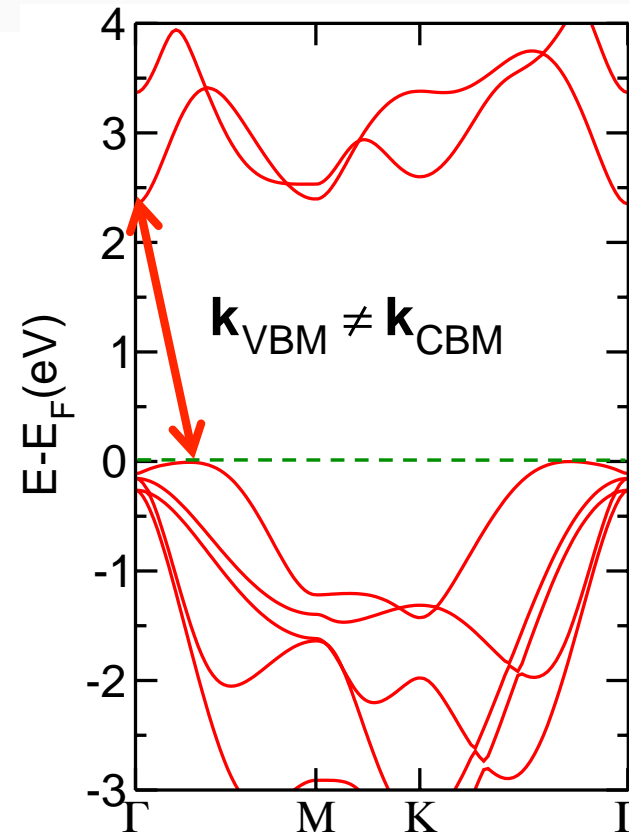
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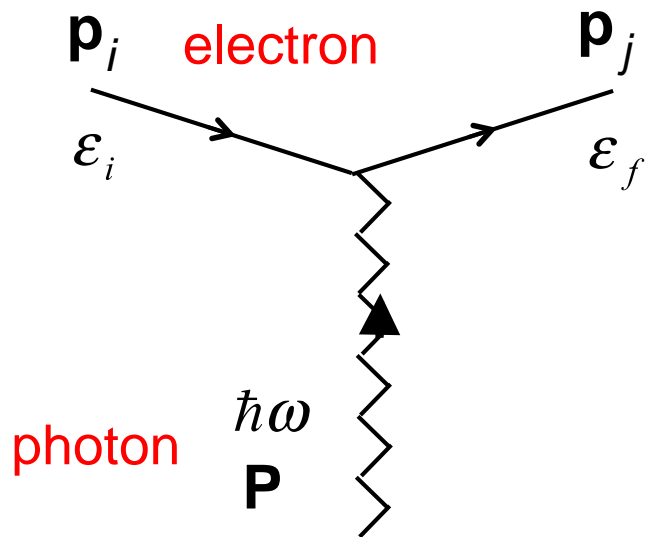


direct semiconductor



indirect semiconductor

optical absorption: first order perturbation



selection rules optical absorption

$$\epsilon_i + \hbar\omega = \epsilon_f \quad \text{conservation of energy}$$

with translation symmetry

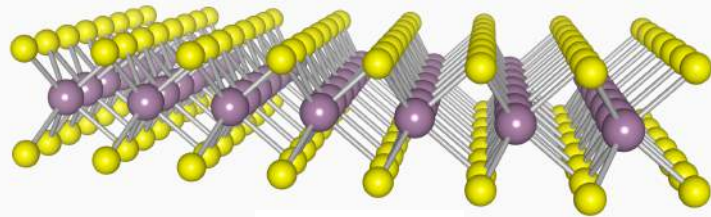
$$\mathbf{p}_i + \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{p}_f \quad \text{conservation of momentum}$$

photon momentum is negligible

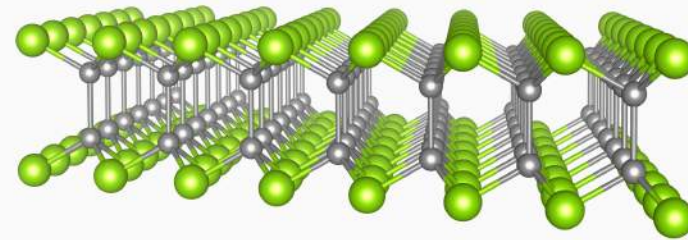
$$\hbar\mathbf{k}_i + \hbar\mathbf{K} = \hbar\mathbf{k}_f \Rightarrow \mathbf{k}_i \approx \mathbf{k}_f$$

only direct transitions (**k**-conserving) are allowed

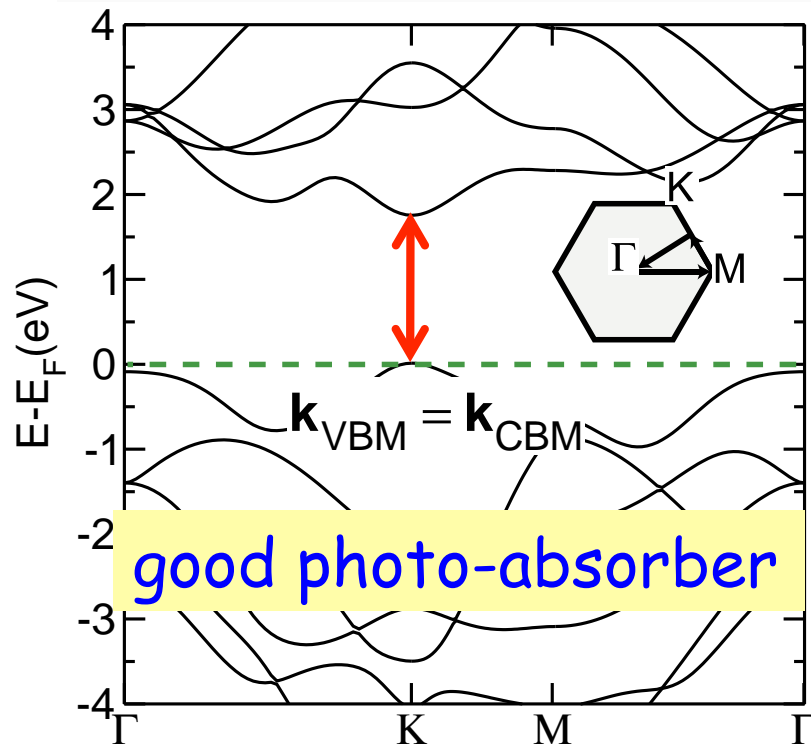
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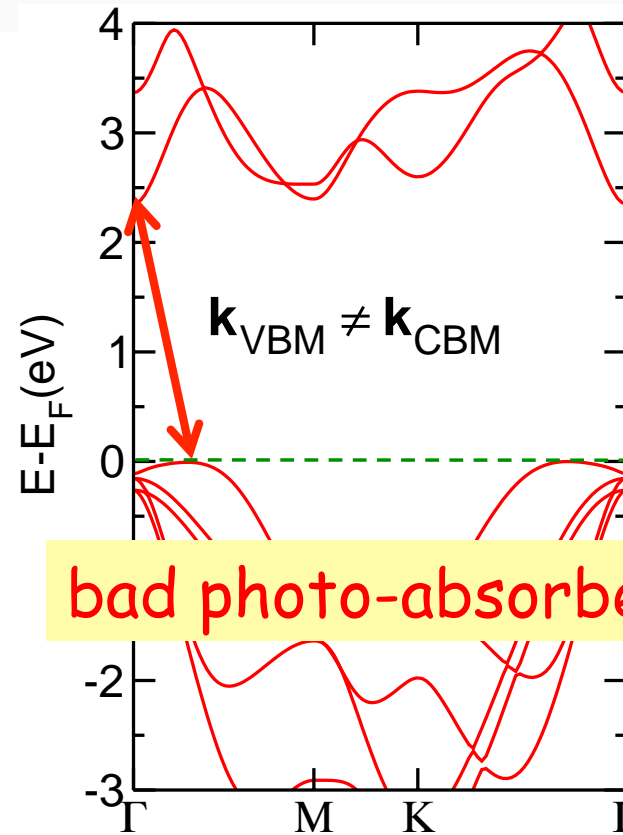
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