

Subgroup meeting-09/07  
**Introduction of thermal  
transport**

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# OUTLINE

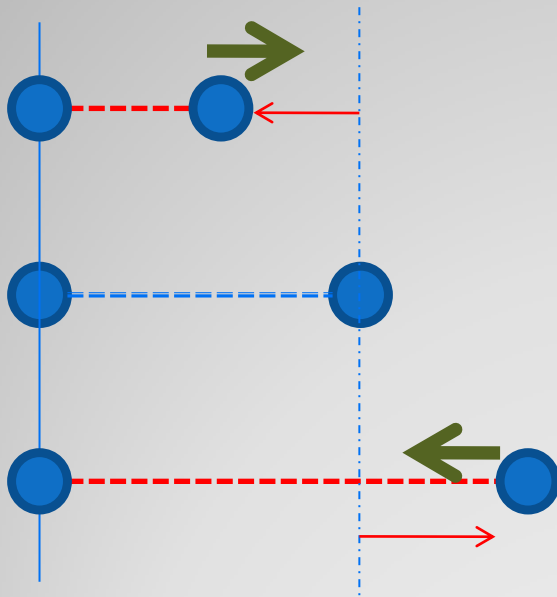
- 2010.08.24
  - brief introduction of thermal conductivity
  - Phonons
  - Debye model
- 2010.09.07
  - Questions
  - K-space and reciprocal space
  - Brillouin zone

# Outline 2010.09.07

- **review questions**
- **K-space**
- **Reciprocal lattice**
- **Brillouin zone**
- **Future work**

# Review questions

- How do atoms oscillate? Hooke's law



壓縮  $|U| = \max$   $K=0$

平衡位置  $U=0$   $K=\max$

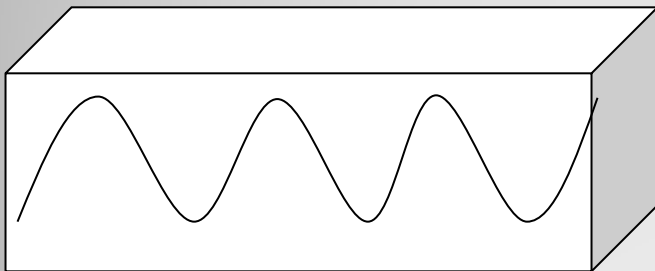
伸長  $|U| = \max$   $K=0$

$$U = - \int kx dx = \frac{1}{2} kx^2$$

# Review questions

- Why the energy of phonon is not continuous?

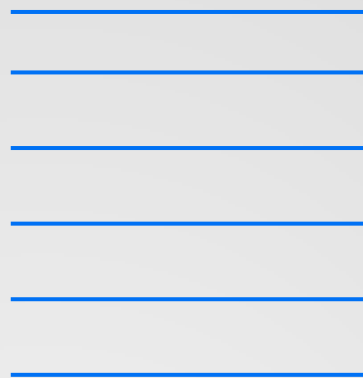
**Wave in a box**



## Energy levels

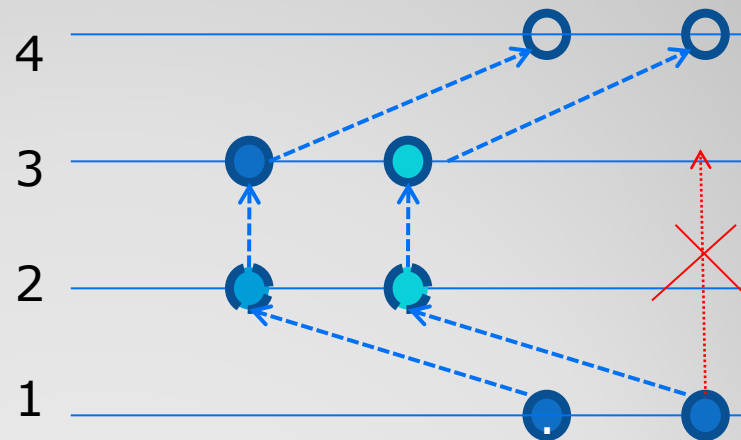
Oscillator

Particle in a box



# Review questions

- Why we can ignore electron effect at specific heat of solid ?
- Electron  $\rightarrow$  fermions obey the exclusion principle



- we should consider the contribution of electrons at very low temperature

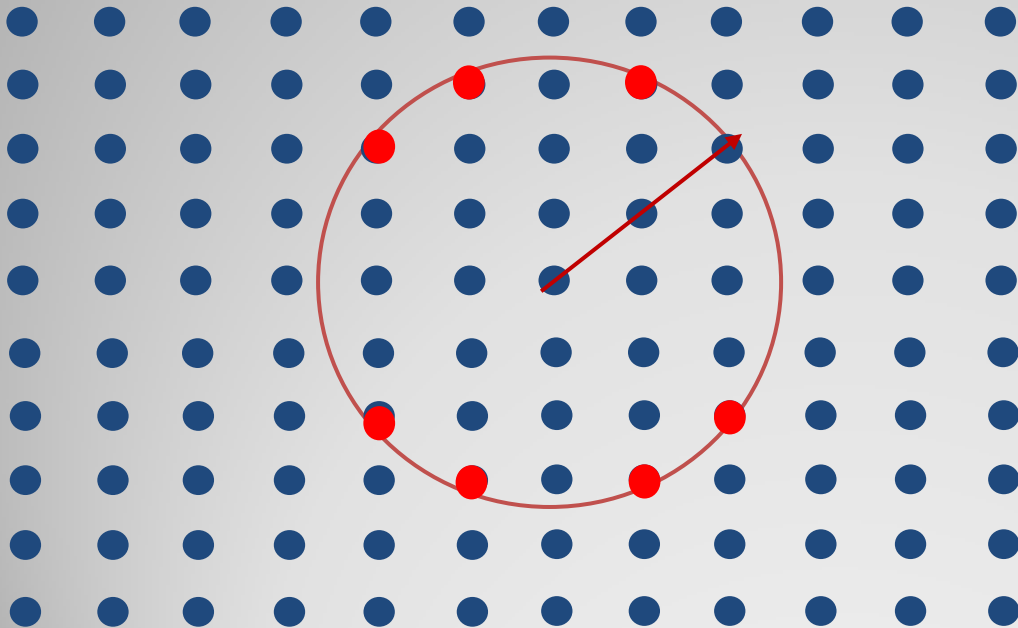
# K-space

**Blue point**

$$K = 0, \pm \frac{2\pi}{L}, \pm \frac{4\pi}{L}, \dots, \pm \frac{2n\pi}{L}$$

**Red circle**

$$K = \left| \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \right| = \left| \frac{\pi}{na} \right|$$



# Reciprocal lattice

## •Definition

$$b_1 = 2\pi \frac{a_2 \times a_3}{a_1 \cdot a_2 \times a_3}, b_2 = 2\pi \frac{a_3 \times a_1}{a_1 \cdot a_2 \times a_3}, b_3 = 2\pi \frac{a_1 \times a_2}{a_1 \cdot a_2 \times a_3}$$

## •Unit

Lattice: length

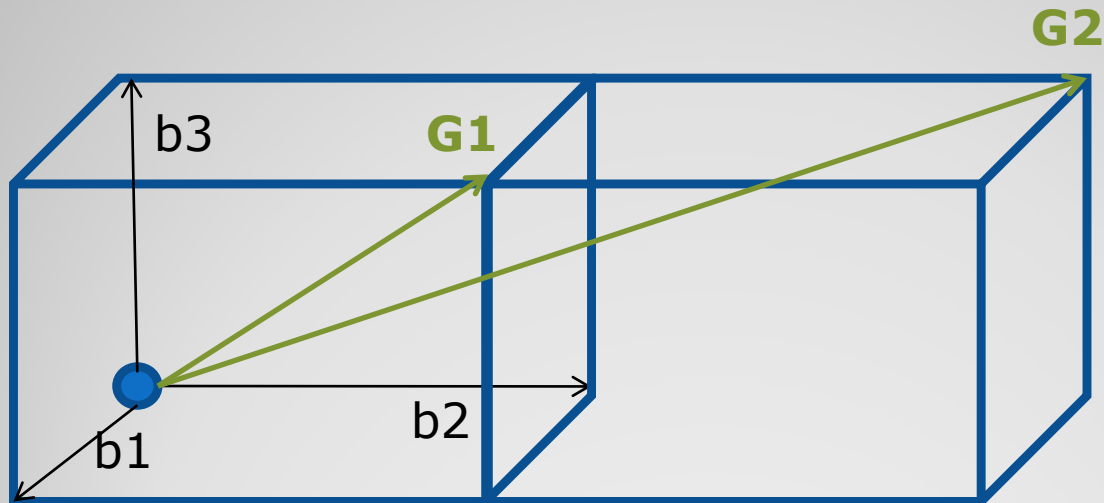
Reciprocal lattice: 1/length



# Reciprocal lattice

- Reciprocal vector

$$\mathbf{G} = v_1 \mathbf{b}_1 + v_2 \mathbf{b}_2 + v_3 \mathbf{b}_3$$



# Reciprocal lattice

- points in reciprocal space can be corresponded with collective vectors pointing from the origin  $\rightarrow \mathbf{G}$
- Common lattices comparison

lattice	Reciprocal lattice	Description
SC	SC	Lattice constant $a$
BCC	FCC	Reciprocal lattice constant $2\pi/a$
FCC	BCC	

# Fourier space

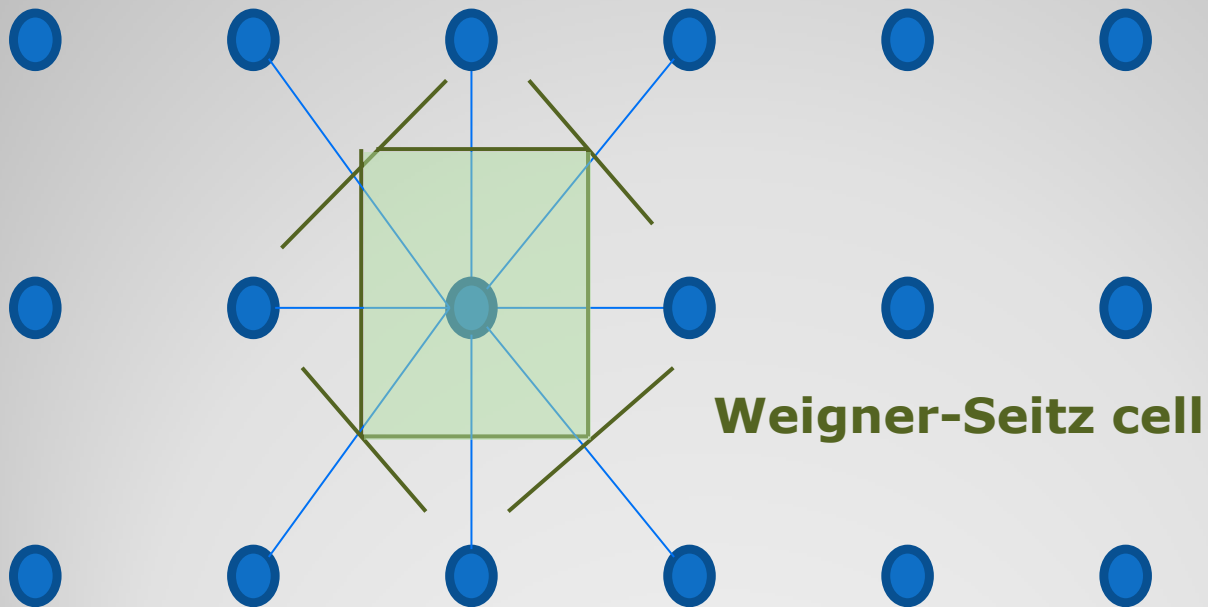
- The unit of the coordinate is (1/length)
- Fourier transform
- points in Fourier space can describe the character of waves
  - **wave constant  $K$**
- Reciprocal lattice points are the correspondence of lattice points in Fourier space
  - **reciprocal lattice vector  $G$**

# Brillouin zone

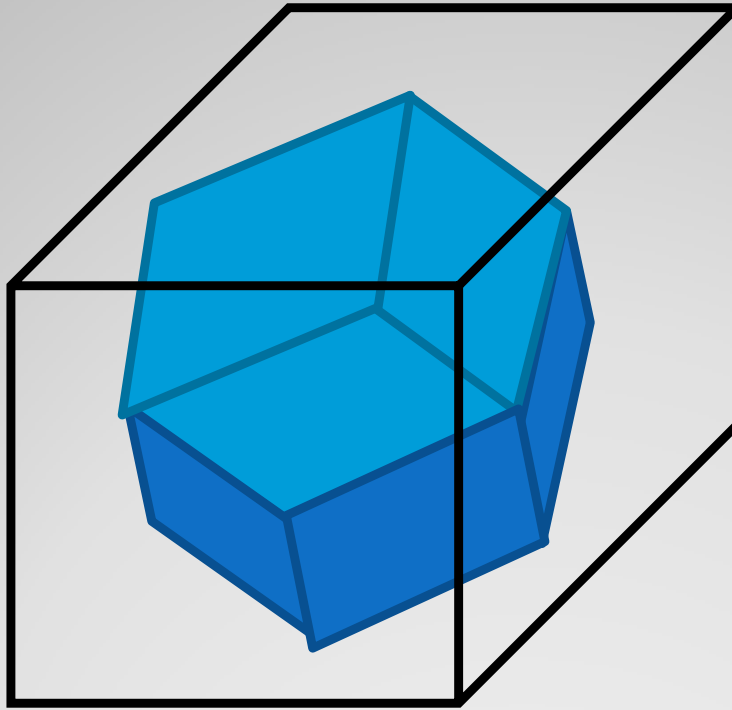
- The Wigner-Seitz cell in reciprocal space
- $K$  can only be valid in First Brillouin zone for elastic wave
- First Brillouin zone  
$$-\pi/a < K < \pi/a$$

# Brillouin zone

- How to get Brillouin zone?



# Brillouin zone



# FUTURE WORK

- 1.The mean free path of phonon
- 2.Thermal conductivity, density, heat capacity and mean free path
- 3.The scale of phonon engineering
- 4.Debye temperature of different material
  
- *The transport of phonons*
- *The thermal effect of electrons*

**Thanks for your  
attention**