Solid State Devices



Section 3 Crystals

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Crystals form the Core Device Material





- Modern solid state devices use all forms these forms of materials
- Focus on Crystals first start with 1D => 2D => 3D
- Transfer concepts of electronic behavior in crystals to other materials





One-dimensional Crystals





There is exactly ONE primitive unit cell in a 1D system

No realistic system is truly 1-D, but

- 1D properties dominate behavior in some material and devices
 - Materials: e.g polymers,
 - Biology: e.g. DNA
 - Devices: e.g. 1D heterostructures (lasers, RTDs)
- Can often be solved analytically, many properties have 2D/3D analogs



Unit cells of a Periodic 2D Lattice





- "Infinitely" extended 2D shown 3D same concepts
- \Rightarrow N_A=6 x 10²³/mol
- ⇒ Can NEVER solve this, even on the largest computer
- ⇒ Simplify to a repeated (small) cell

- Unit cells are *not* unique
- Unit cells can be Primitive or Non-primitive
- Property of ONE CELL defines the property of the solid
- Address every point in the lattice by integer translation of unit vectors

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Bravais Lattice





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Bravais Lattice with a Basis



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Graphene - Bravais Lattice with a Basis



Original image from: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Rhombic_Lattice.svg

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Conversion into a Bravais lattice:

- Combine complex components into a single repeated basis
- Establish basis vectors
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Bravais Lattice with a Basis - in Art







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- Connect to all its neighbors by straight lines
- Draw lines (in 2D) or planes (in 3D) normal to and at the midpoints of connecting lines
- Smallest area/volume enclosed is the Wigner-Seitz primitive cell



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Wigner-Seitz cell is ONE definition of a Unit Cell that always works There are other ways of construction!

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