

Guided waves in phononic crystals

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Introduction to phononic crystals and waves in periodic media

Artificial crystals

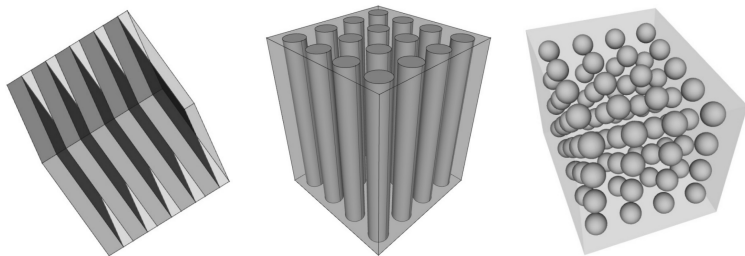


Figure: Artificial crystals for waves with 1D, 2D, or 3D periodicity

- Sonic crystal: matrix is a fluid (e.g., water or air)
- Phononic crystal: matrix is a solid (e.g., steel, silicon, quartz...) [1]
- Inclusions can be void, solid, or fluid

Sonic crystal of cylindrical steel rods in water

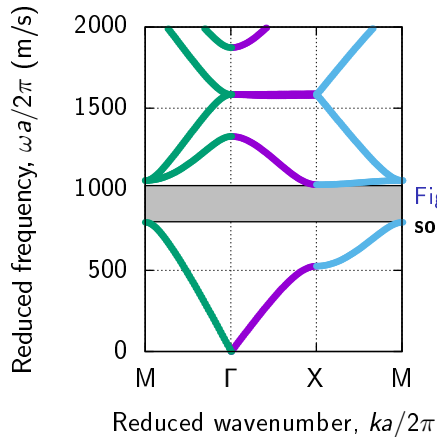
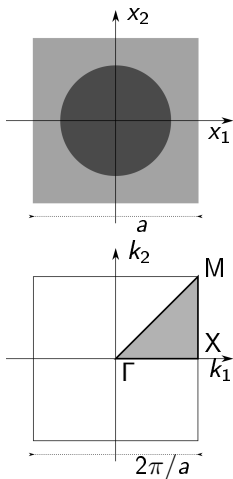


Figure: 2D square-lattice sonic crystal. $d/a = 0.83$

A square-lattice phononic crystal of steel rods in water I

- Pitch: $100\text{ }\mu\text{m}$
- Diameter: $70\text{ }\mu\text{m}$
- Complete band gap:
8-9 MHz
- Plane source emits 1 Pa

A square-lattice phononic crystal of steel rods in water II

A coupled-cavity phononic crystal waveguide

- Coupled-resonator acoustic waveguide
- Works inside complete band gap only
- Complete band gap: 8-9 MHz
- Arc circle source emits 1 Pa

Bravais Lattices, 2D

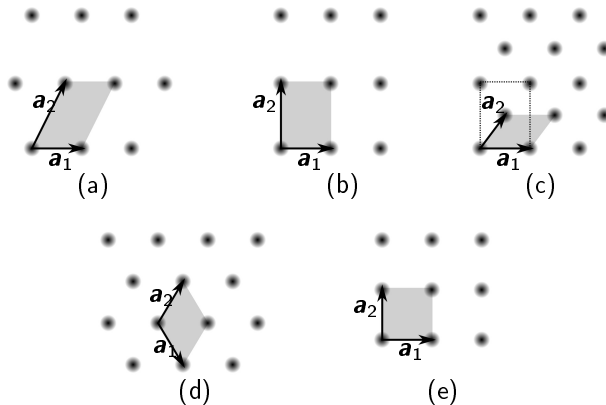


Figure: The five two-dimensional Bravais lattices. (a) Oblique (b) Rectangular (c) Centered rectangular (d) Hexagonal (e) Square. $\mathbf{R} = n_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + n_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + n_3 \mathbf{a}_3$

Bravais lattices, 3D

There are 14 possible Bravais lattices in 3D space: Triclinic, Monoclinic, Orthorhombic, Tetragonal, Rhomboedral, Hexagonal, Cubic.

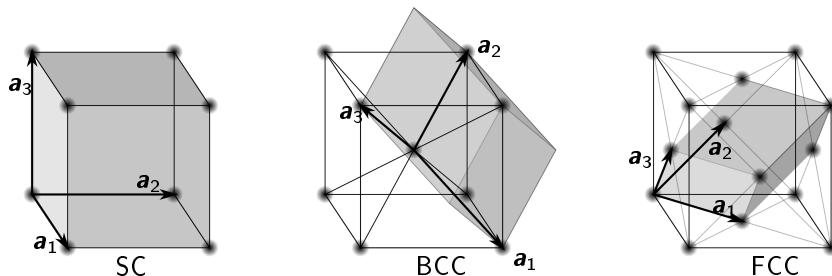


Figure: Three-dimensional cubic Bravais lattices. Simple cubic (SC), body-centered cubic (BCC), and face-centered cubic (FCC) lattices.

Primitive cell

The unit cell is any geometric “box” containing “atoms” arranged in 2- or 3-dimensions. Unit cells stacked periodically form the crystal without leaving any empty space.

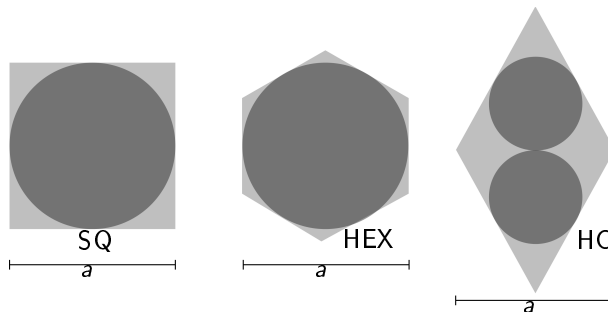


Figure: Wigner-Seitz cells for the square lattice, the hexagonal lattice, and the honeycomb lattice. Close packing condition: inclusions are touching but non-overlapping.

Reciprocal lattice, Brillouin zones

- Reciprocal lattice = Bravais lattice in which the Fourier transform of the wavefield is represented, i.e. $\exp(-i\mathbf{K} \cdot \mathbf{R}) = 1$.
- Reciprocal lattice vectors are $\mathbf{K} = m_1 \mathbf{b}_1 + m_2 \mathbf{b}_2 + m_3 \mathbf{b}_3$ with $\mathbf{b}_j \cdot \mathbf{a}_i = 2\pi \delta_{ij}$.
- First Brillouin zone = Wigner-Seitz cell of the reciprocal lattice.

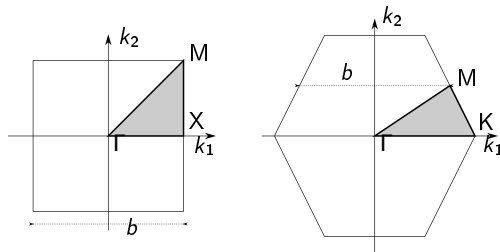


Figure: First Brillouin zones for the square and the hexagonal lattices. $b = 2\pi/a$

Linear chain I

Linear chain of punctual masses m connected by springs: $m \frac{\partial^2 u_n}{\partial t^2} = C(u_{n+1} - u_n) + C(u_{n-1} - u_n)$.

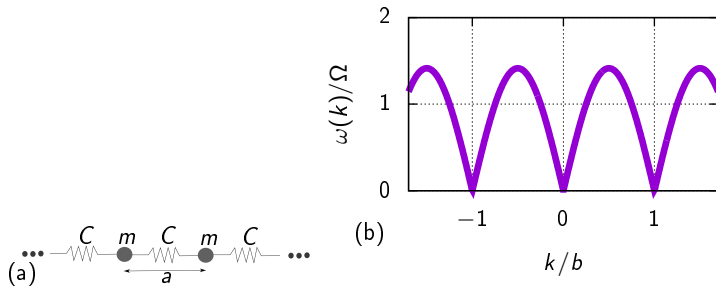


Figure: A linear chain of masses coupled by springs. $\Omega^2 = 2C/m$.

Linear chain II

Discrete Fourier transform (DFT) of the sequence u_n

$$\check{u}(q) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} u_n \exp(2i\pi qn), q \in [-1/2, 1/2],$$

with the inverse formula

$$u_n = \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} dq \check{u}(q) \exp(-2i\pi qn).$$

Taking the DFT of the linear chain equation,

$$m \frac{\partial^2 \check{u}(q)}{\partial t^2} = C(\exp(2i\pi q) + \exp(-2i\pi q) - 2)\check{u}(q) = 2C(\cos(2\pi q) - 1)\check{u}(q).$$

Time-harmonic solutions follow the dispersion relation

$$\omega^2 = \Omega^2(1 - \cos(2\pi q)) = \Omega^2(1 - \cos(ka))$$

with $\Omega^2 = 2C/m$ and $2\pi q = ka$.

Bilinear chain I

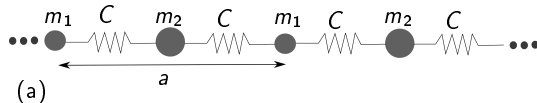


Figure: A bilinear chain of masses coupled by springs.

Linear chain with two types of punctual masses, or two types of atoms:

$$\begin{aligned} m_1 \frac{\partial^2 u_n}{\partial t^2} &= C(v_n - u_n) + C(v_{n-1} - u_n), \\ m_2 \frac{\partial^2 v_n}{\partial t^2} &= C(u_{n+1} - v_n) + C(u_n - v_n). \end{aligned}$$

Taking the DFT, and with $\Omega_1^2 = 2C/m_1$ and $\Omega_2^2 = 2C/m_2$,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 \check{u}(q)}{\partial t^2} &= \frac{\Omega_1^2}{2} (1 + \exp(-2i\pi q)) \check{v}(q) - \Omega_1^2 \check{u}(q), \\ \frac{\partial^2 \check{v}(q)}{\partial t^2} &= \frac{\Omega_2^2}{2} (1 + \exp(2i\pi q)) \check{u}(q) - \Omega_2^2 \check{v}(q). \end{aligned}$$

Bilinear chain II

Time-harmonic solutions are such that

$$(\omega^2 - \Omega_1^2)\check{u}(q) + \frac{\Omega_1^2}{2}(1 + \exp(-2i\pi q))\check{v}(q) = 0,$$

$$(\omega^2 - \Omega_2^2)\check{v}(q) + \frac{\Omega_2^2}{2}(1 + \exp(2i\pi q))\check{u}(q) = 0.$$

These equations are compatible only if the determinant vanishes, leading to the implicit dispersion relation

$$(\omega^2 - \Omega_1^2)(\omega^2 - \Omega_2^2) = \frac{1}{2}\Omega_1^2\Omega_2^2(1 + \cos(ka))$$

Solving for ω as a function of k we obtain the explicit dispersion relation

$$\omega^2 = \frac{1}{2}(\Omega_1^2 + \Omega_2^2) \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\Omega_1^4 + \Omega_2^4 + 2\Omega_1^2\Omega_2^2\cos(ka)}$$

Bilinear chain III

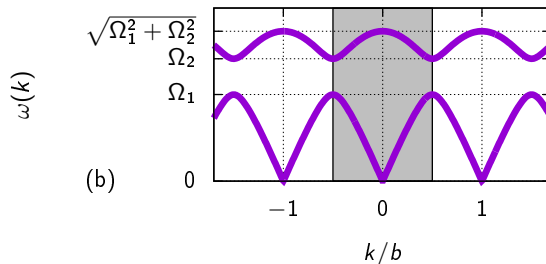


Figure: Band structure

- Band gap for frequencies between Ω_1 and Ω_2 : there are no propagating Bloch waves.
- Same for $\omega > \Omega_2$.

Bilinear chain IV

We can obtain the explicit dispersion relation $k(\omega)$, with $k = k_r + \imath k_i$:

- First band gap, $k_i a = \pm \cosh^{-1} \left(1 - \left(\frac{\omega^2}{\Omega_1^2} - 1 \right) \left(\frac{\omega^2}{\Omega_2^2} - 1 \right) \right)$.
- Above the second band, $k_i a = \pm \cosh^{-1} \left(\left(\frac{\omega^2}{\Omega_1^2} - 1 \right) \left(\frac{\omega^2}{\Omega_2^2} - 1 \right) - 1 \right)$.

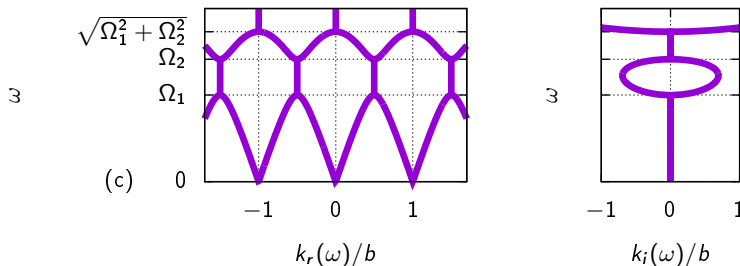


Figure: Complex band structure

Bloch theorem

Helmholtz equation with periodic coefficients: $-\nabla \cdot (c(\mathbf{r}) \nabla u(\mathbf{r})) = \omega^2 u(\mathbf{r})$

Theorem (Bloch)

The eigenmodes of the periodic Helmholtz equation are Bloch waves of the form

$$u(\mathbf{r}) = \exp(-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}) \tilde{u}(\mathbf{r})$$

where $\tilde{u}(\mathbf{r})$ is a periodic function with the same periodicity as the crystal and \mathbf{k} is the Bloch wave vector.

Demonstration: see [2]

One-dimensional sinusoidal grating I

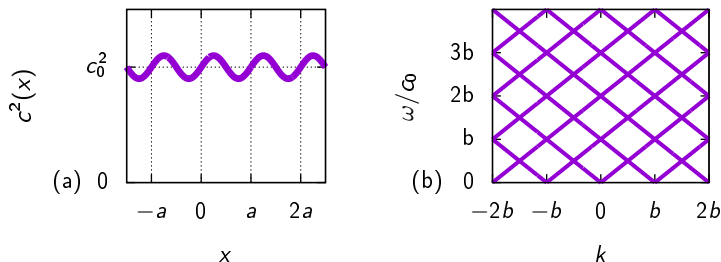


Figure: (a) Sinusoidal modulation. (b) Empty lattice model.

Sinusoidal modulation of the celerity in the 1D wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - c^2(x) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = 0, \quad c^2(x) = c_0^2 + c_1^2 \sin(2\pi x/a)$$

One-dimensional sinusoidal grating II

Bloch waves in the form $u(t, x) = \tilde{u}(x) \exp(i(\omega t - kx))$. Fourier series representation:

$$\tilde{u}(x) = \sum_{p=-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{u}_p \exp(-2i\pi px/a).$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u(t, x)}{\partial t^2} = -\omega^2 \exp(i\omega t) \sum_p \tilde{u}_p \exp(-i(k + pb)x)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u(t, x)}{\partial x^2} = -\exp(i\omega t) \sum_p (k + pb)^2 \tilde{u}_p \exp(-i(k + pb)x).$$

$$(c_0^2(k + pb)^2 - \omega^2)\tilde{u}_p + \frac{c_1^2}{2i}(k + (p + 1)b)^2 \tilde{u}_{p+1} - \frac{c_1^2}{2i}(k + (p - 1)b)^2 \tilde{u}_{p-1} = 0.$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \\ -\frac{c_1^2}{2i}(k - 2b)^2 & c_0^2(k - b)^2 - \omega^2 & \frac{c_1^2}{2i}k^2 & 0 & \ddots \\ 0 & -\frac{c_1^2}{2i}(k - b)^2 & c_0^2k^2 - \omega^2 & \frac{c_1^2}{2i}(k + b)^2 & 0 \\ & 0 & -\frac{c_1^2}{2i}k^2 & c_0^2(k + b)^2 - \omega^2 & \ddots \\ & & 0 & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ \tilde{u}_{-1} \\ \tilde{u}_0 \\ \tilde{u}_1 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = 0.$$

One-dimensional sinusoidal grating III

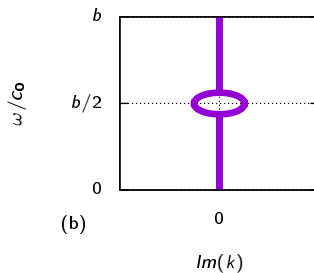
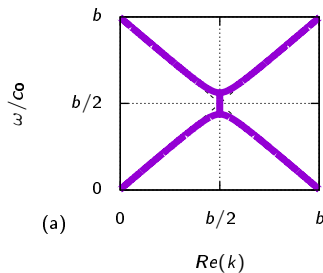


Figure: Complex band structure $k(\omega)$

Around the crossing $\omega = c_0 b/2$ and $k = b/2$:

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_0^2(k-b)^2 - \omega^2 & \frac{c_1^2}{2i} k^2 \\ -\frac{c_1^2}{2i}(k-b)^2 & c_0^2 k^2 - \omega^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{u}_{-1} \\ \tilde{u}_0 \end{pmatrix} = 0,$$

Dispersion relation:
$$(c_0^2(k-b)^2 - \omega^2)(c_0^2 k^2 - \omega^2) - \frac{c_1^4}{4} k^2 (k-b)^2 = 0$$