

Square potential Wells

How many electrons are in a material?

$$n = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} g(E) f(E, \mu) dE$$

$g(E)$: Density of states (DOS) (two electrons per state)

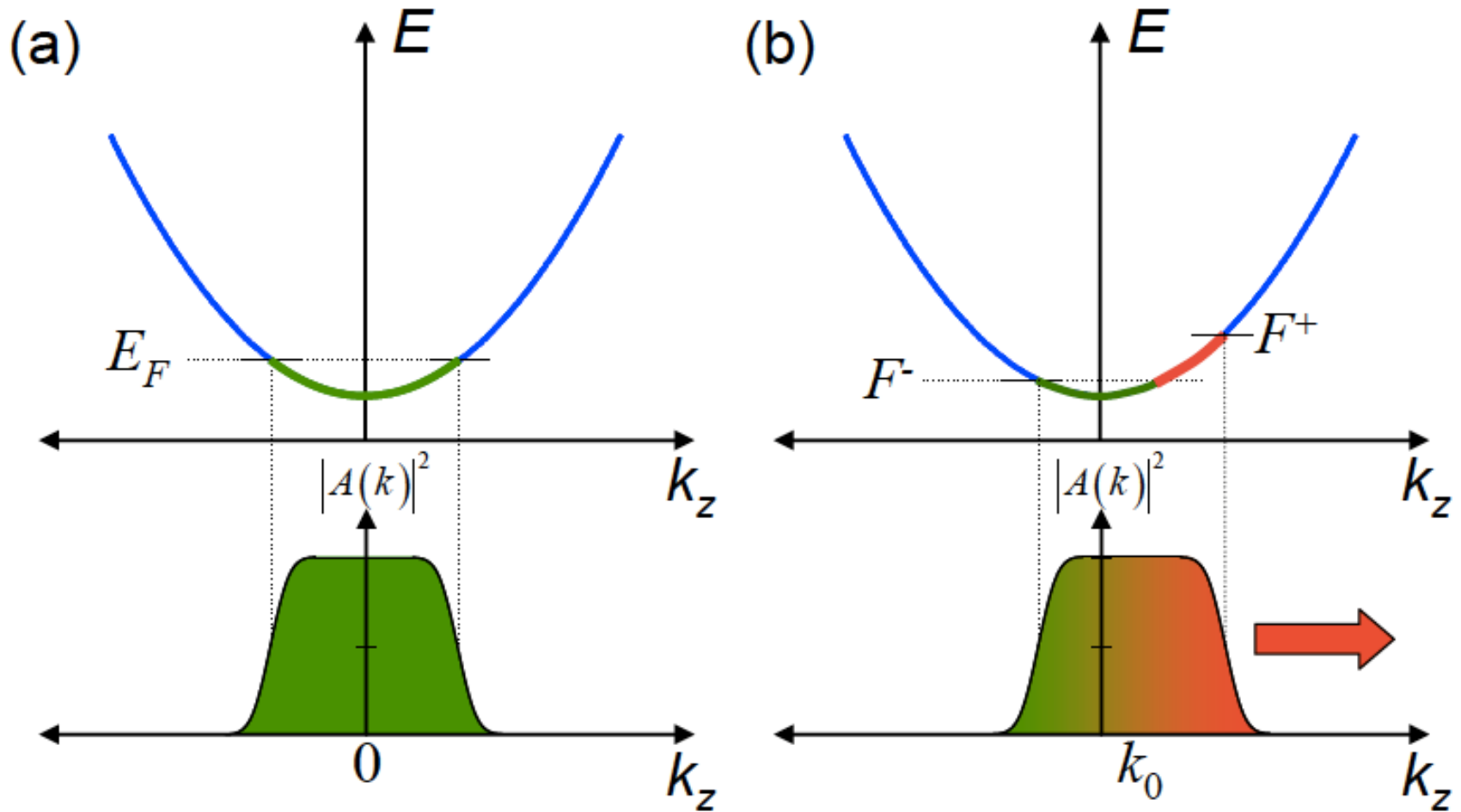
$f(E, \mu)$: Fermi distribution ($\mu = E_f$)

$$f(E, \mu) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp\left[\frac{(E - \mu)}{kT}\right]}$$

If electrons are described by plane waves then the energies that can occupy are given by

$$E = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} k^2$$

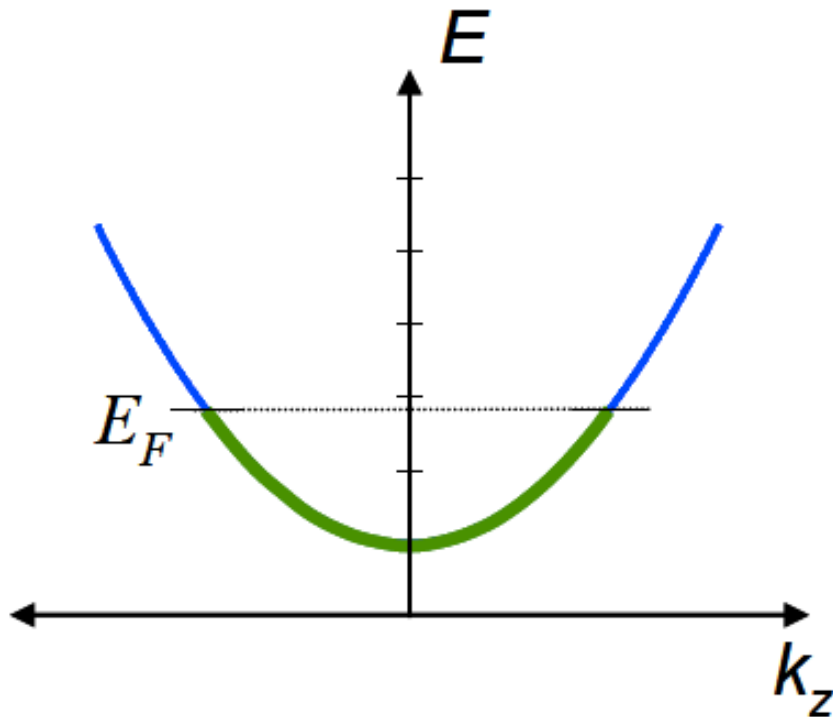
Current flow



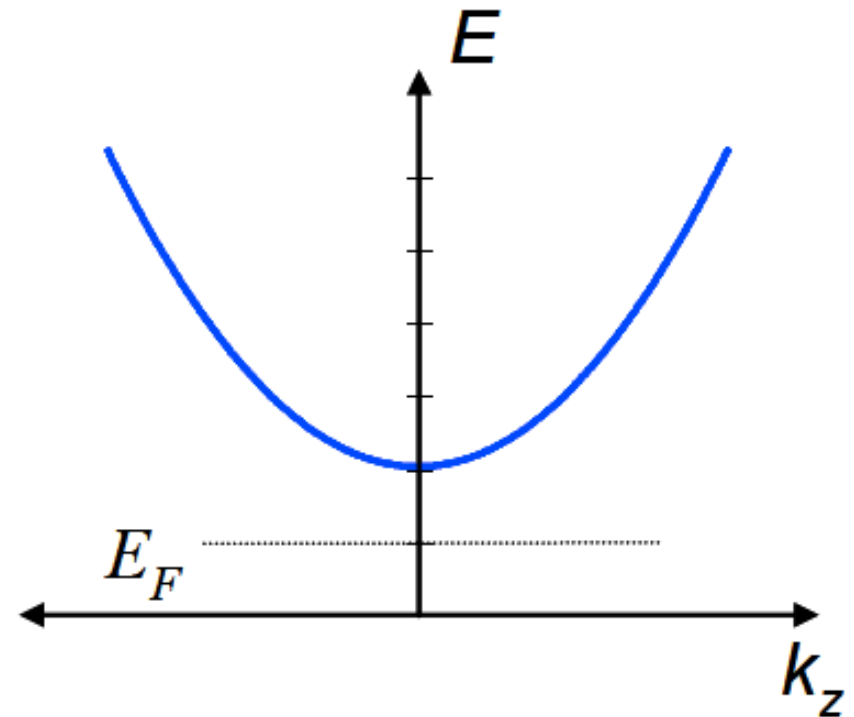
Quasi Fermi levels: F^+ is the energy level when the states with $k_z > 0$ are half full, F^- is the corresponding energy level for states with $k_z < 0$.

Metal vs Insulator

(a) Metal: partly filled band



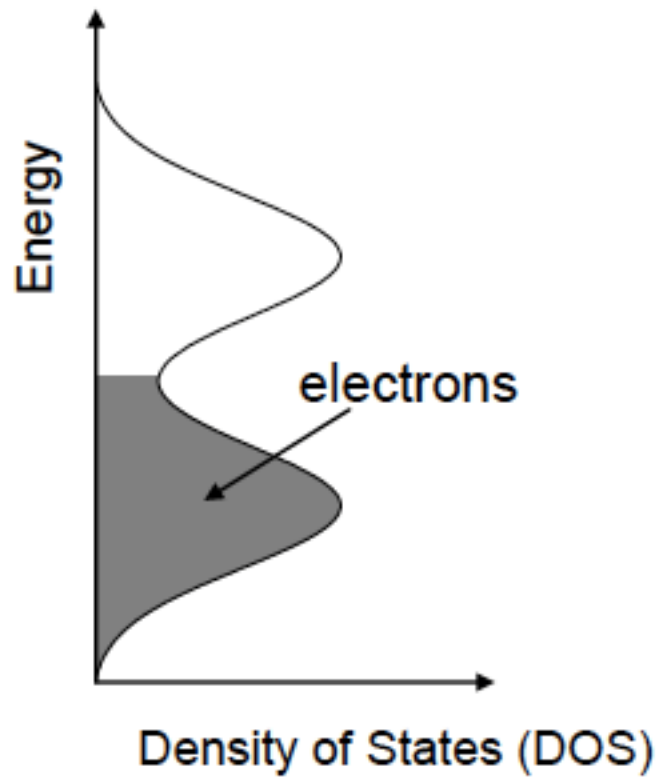
(b) Insulator: empty band



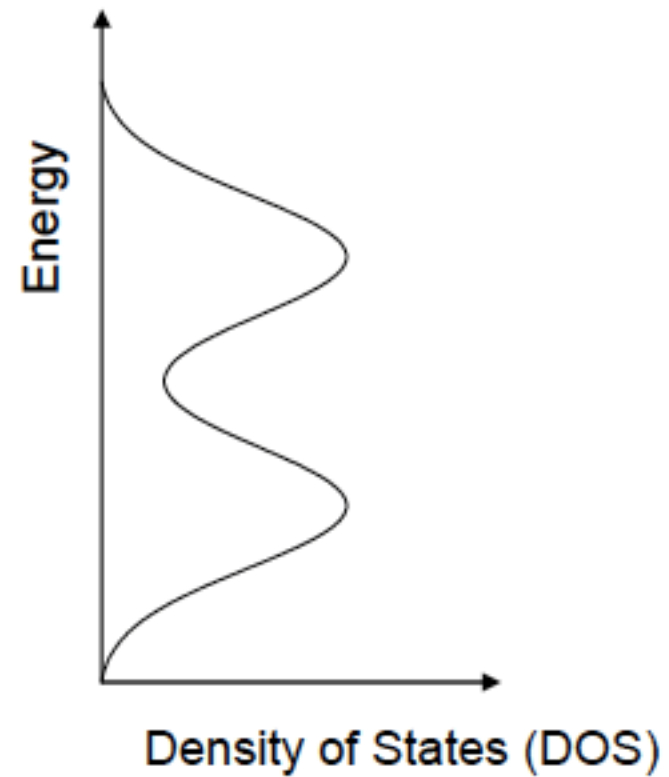
If there are no electrons between $F+$ and $F-$, then the material is an insulator and cannot conduct charge.

Metal vs Insulator

(a) Partly filled = metal

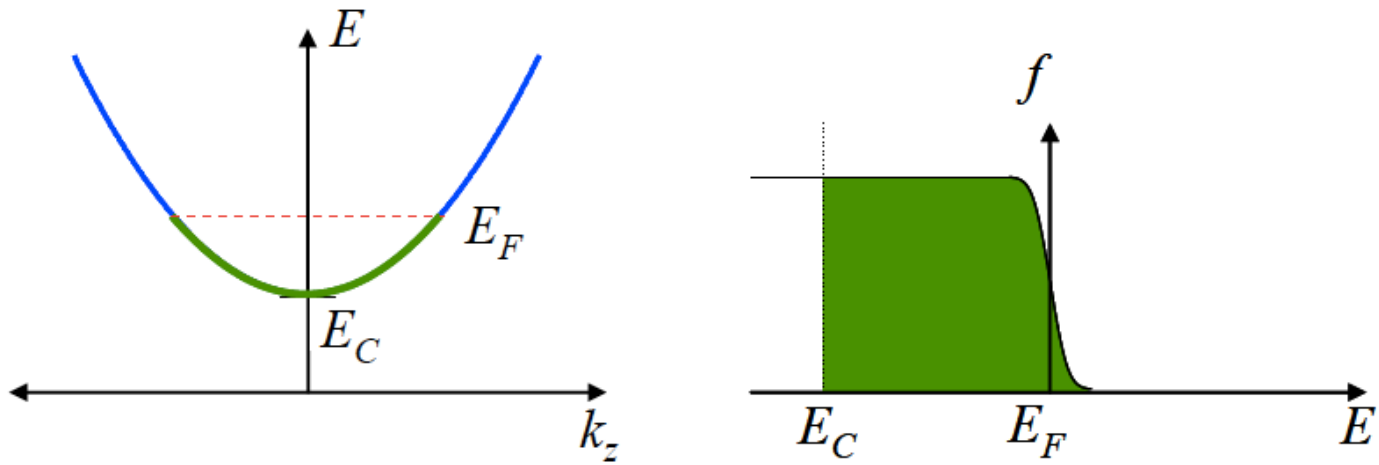


(b) Completely filled or empty
= insulator or semiconductor



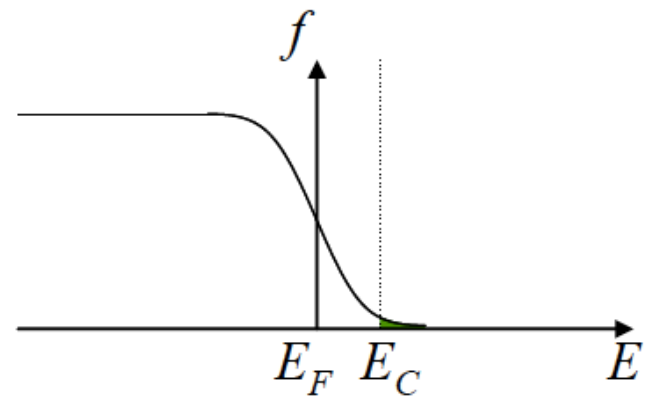
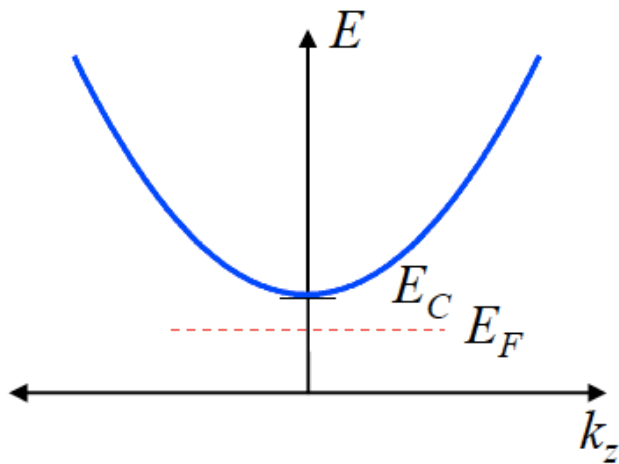
Degenerate case: $E_F - E_C \gg k_B T$

(a) Degenerate limit: $f = u(E_F - E)$



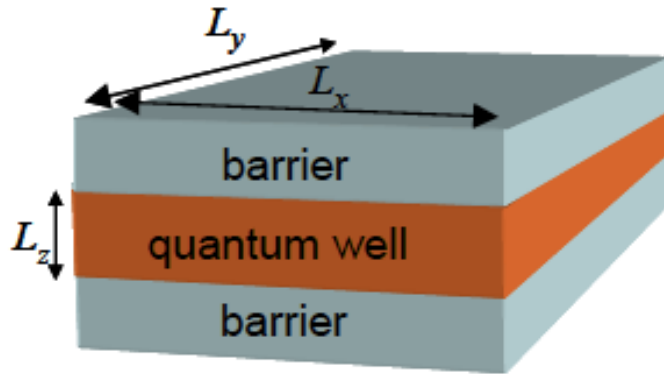
Non-degenerate case: $E_C - E_F \gg k_B T$

(b) Non-degenerate limit: $f = \exp[-(E - E_F)/kT]$

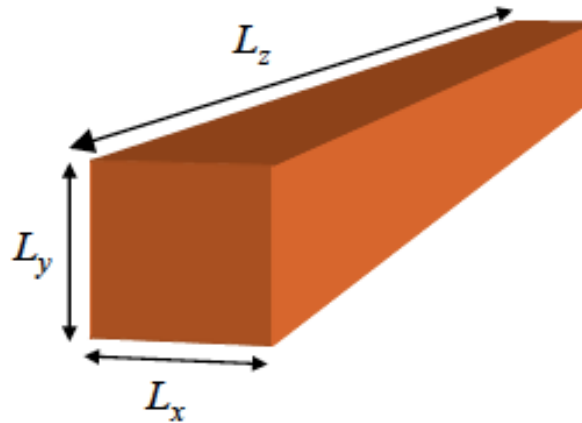


Particle in a “box”

(a) 2-d: Quantum Well



(b) 1-d: Quantum Wire

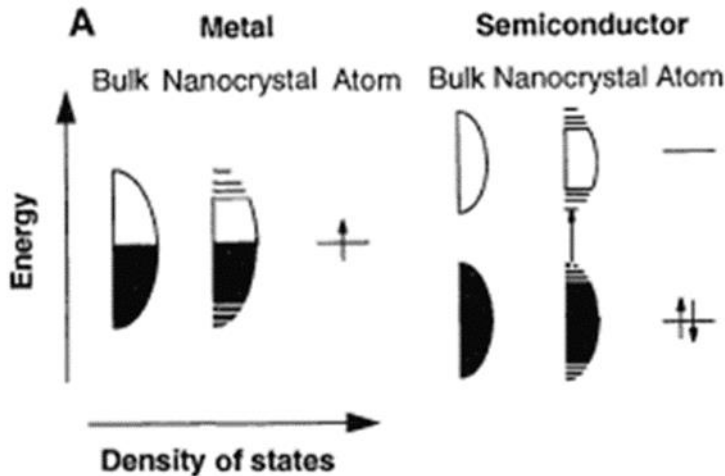


(c) 0-d: Quantum Dot



Confinement: the size in a dimension is equal to the electrons wavelength
Un-confined electrons are assumed as plane waves

Bulk material (3D)



... values are allowed. Each point defines a **state**.

— The minimum distance in any axis between two states is $\Delta k = 2\pi/L$

Volume of the material: $V = L_x L_y L_z$

What is the volume occupied by one state?

$$\Delta k^3 = \Delta k_x \Delta k_y \Delta k_z = 8\pi^3/V$$

How many states do exist in an elementary sphere of radius dk ?

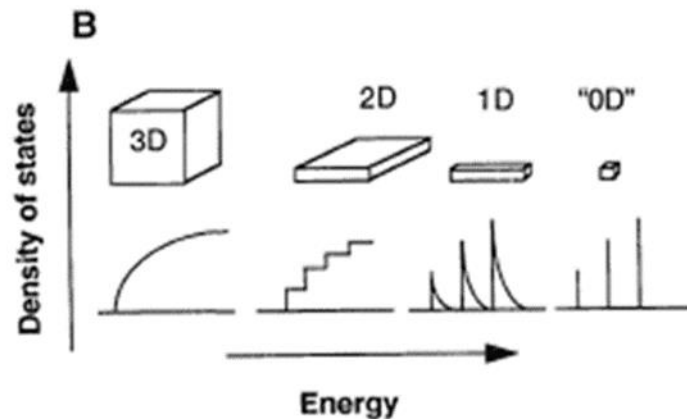
$$dN(k)/(8\pi^3/V) = 4\pi k^2 dk / (8\pi^3/V)$$

For electrons these states must be multiplied by 2 (spin-up, spin-down)

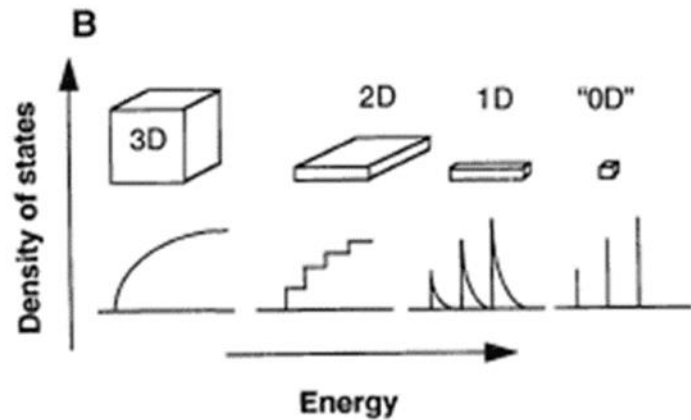
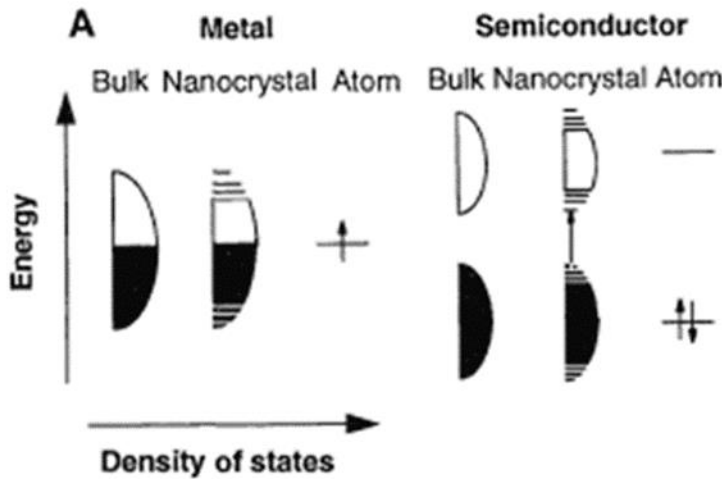
$$\text{but } E = (\hbar/2\pi)^2 k^2 / (2m) \rightarrow k = (2\pi/\hbar) (2mE)^{1/2}$$

So the density of states per per unit of energy per electron is

$$g(E)dE = \frac{V}{2\pi^2} \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \right)^{3/2} \sqrt{E} dE$$



2D material



per electron is

minimum distance in any axis between two states is

$$\Delta k = 2\pi/L$$

of the material: $A = L_x L_y$

it is the area occupied by one state?

$$\Delta k_x \Delta k_y = 4\pi^2/A$$

how many states do exist in an elementary area of $ds dk$?

$$ds dk / (4\pi^2/A) = 2\pi k dk / (4\pi^2/A)$$

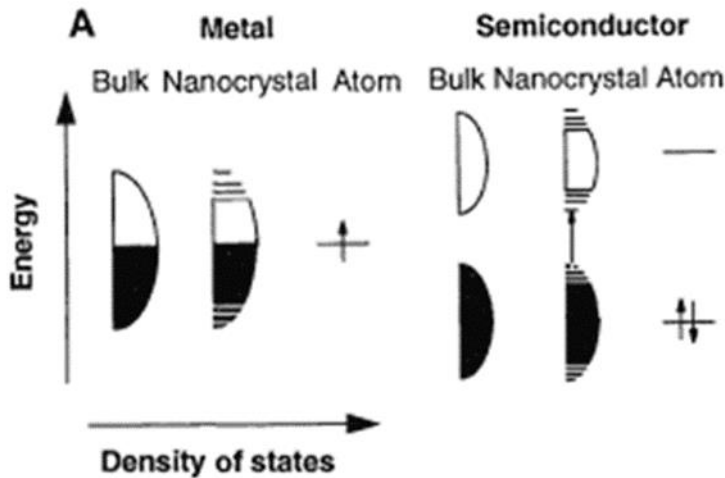
for electrons these states must be multiplied

(spin-up, spin-down)

$$= \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2mL_z^2} n^2 + \frac{\hbar^2 (k_x^2 + k_y^2)}{2m}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\text{energy } g(E) dE = \frac{Am}{\pi \hbar^2} \sum_n u(E - E_n) dE$$

1D material



minimum distance in any axis between two states is $\Delta k = 2\pi/L$

length of the material: $L = L_z$

what is the length occupied by one state?

$2\pi/L_z$

how many states do exist in an elementary length dk ?

$dk / (2\pi/L) = dk / (2\pi/L)$

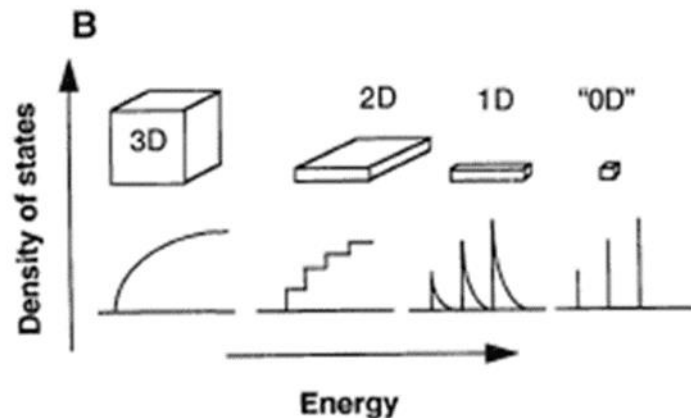
for electrons these states must be multiplied

by 2 (spin-up, spin-down) and by 2 (left, right)

$$E = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2m} \left(\frac{n_x^2}{L_x^2} + \frac{n_y^2}{L_y^2} \right) + \frac{\hbar^2 k_z^2}{2m}, \quad n_x, n_y = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$g(E) dE = \frac{2L}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{m}{2\hbar^2}} \sum_{n_x, n_y} \frac{u(E - E_{n_x, n_y})}{\sqrt{E - E_{n_x, n_y}}} dE$$

Energy per electron is



DOS scaling rule

1-d	$\Delta k = \frac{2\pi}{L}$
2-d	$\Delta k^2 = \frac{4\pi^2}{A}$
3-d	$\Delta k^3 = \frac{8\pi^3}{V}$

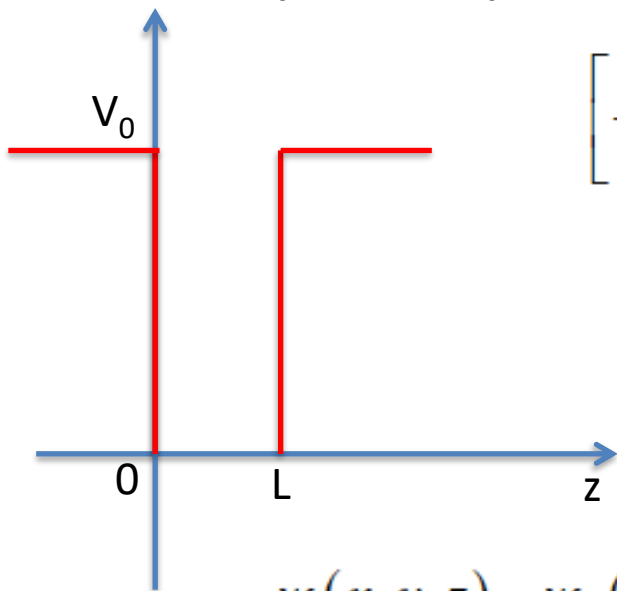
Potential well

$$V_x(x) = 0$$

$$V_y(y) = 0$$

$$V_z(z) = V_0 u(z-L) + V_0 u(-z)$$

$$u(z)=1, z < 0 \text{ else } 0.$$



$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V_x(x) \right] \psi(x, y, z) + \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dy^2} + V_y(y) \right] \psi(x, y, z) + \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dz^2} + V_z(z) \right] \psi(x, y, z) = (E_x + E_y + E_z) \psi(x, y, z)$$

$$\Psi(x, y, z) = \Psi_x(x) \Psi_y(y) \Psi_z(z)$$

$$\psi(x, y, z) = \psi_x(x) \psi_y(y) \psi_z(z) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin\left(n \frac{\pi z}{L}\right) \cdot \exp[ik_x x] \cdot \exp[ik_y y]$$

$$E = E_x + E_y + E_z = \frac{\hbar^2 k_x^2}{2m} + \frac{\hbar^2 k_y^2}{2m} + \frac{n^2 \hbar^2 \pi^2}{2mL^2}$$

...flash back

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \psi(x) = E\psi(x)$$

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} = -\frac{2mE}{\hbar^2} \psi$$

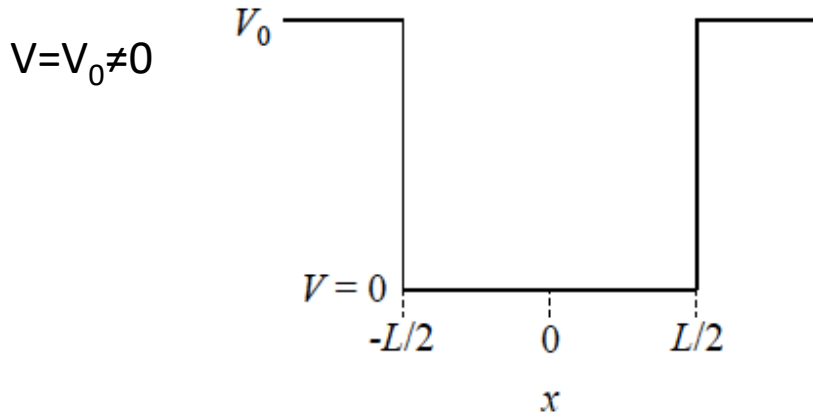
$$\psi(x) = \psi(0) \exp[ikx]$$

$$k = \sqrt{\frac{2mE}{\hbar^2}}$$

Note

¹ Note that, in general, the form of the second order differential equation that is encountered in this section is $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \pm k^2y = 0$. For the (+) sign, the solution is $e^{\pm ikx}$ or $\sin kx$ or $\cos kx$. For the (-) sign, the solution is $e^{\pm kx}$ or $\sinh kx$ or $\cosh kx$. If $y_1(x)$ and $y_2(x)$ represent the two linearly independent solutions, then the general solution is always of the form $y(x) = Ay_1(x) + By_2(x)$, where the constants are chosen to satisfy two boundary conditions. See

Solution in 1D



$$x_0 = -L/2, L/2$$

$$\psi_-(x_0) = \psi_+(x_0)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}\psi_-(x_0) = \frac{d}{dx}\psi_+(x_0)$$

$$\psi(x) = \begin{cases} Ce^{\alpha x} & \text{for } x \leq -L/2 \\ A \cos(kx) + B \sin(kx) & \text{for } -L/2 \leq x \leq L/2 \\ De^{-\alpha x} & \text{for } x \geq L/2 \end{cases}$$

$$\alpha = \sqrt{\frac{2m(V_0 - E)}{\hbar^2}}$$

$$k = \sqrt{\frac{2mE}{\hbar^2}},$$

Calculate A, B, C, and D

Infinite Quantum Well

$$V_0 \rightarrow \infty, a \rightarrow \infty$$

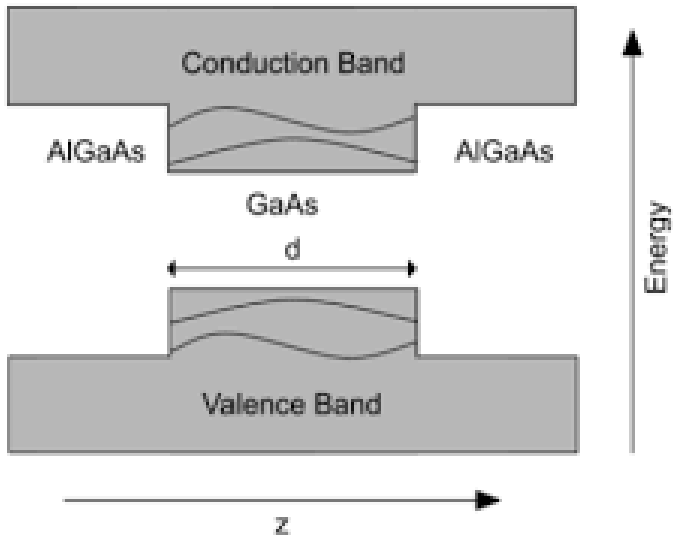
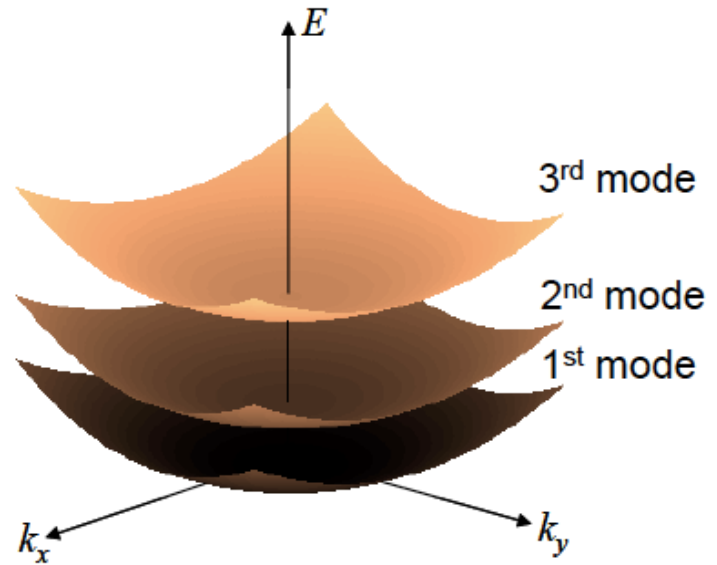
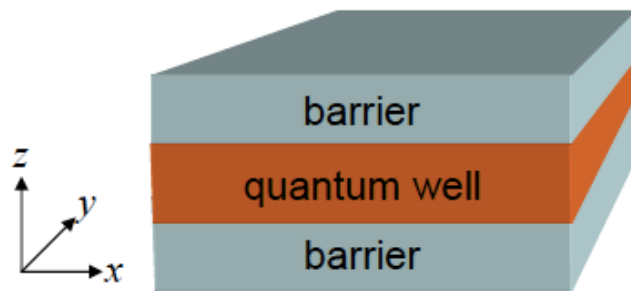
$$\psi(x) = A \sin(k(x + L/2)) \quad \psi=0 \text{ then } kL=n\pi$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |\psi(x)|^2 dx = \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} A^2 \cos^2(n\pi x/L + n\pi/2) dx$$

$$A = \sqrt{2/L}$$

$$E = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2 n^2}{2mL^2}$$

Potential well



The End

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1		Chap.5
2	3.3	4.1, 4.3,4.4, 4.5.1, Chap.8
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