# بلورهای فوتونی Photonic Crystals

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🗬 در این فصل خلاصه ای از ویژگیهای اساسی بلورهای فوتونی را مطرح میکنیم. 🔷 برای درک این موضوع، باید مطالبی را بیاموزیم تا فصلهای بعدی را بهتر بفهمیم. برای این منظور، ابتدا خلاصه ای از ساختار باند فوتونی، ویژگیهای برجسته آنها و ادوات و بلورهای فوتونی را نشان می دهیم، 🔷 همچنین مفاهیم اساسی و قوانین بنیادی یا روابط مورد نیاز برای فهم اساسی فیزیکی را با استفاده از تشریح اساسی ساختار باند فوتونی یک بعدی شرح و نمایش میدهیم. 🔷 درحالات دیگر، ساختار نواری را بدون شرح چگونگی بدست آمدنشان، به کار می بریم.

# 2.1 One-Dimensional Photonic Crystal: Band Calculation 2.1.1 Bloch Theorem

- > A 1D periodic multilayer of dielectric films is illustrative;
- Example: A lossless mirror (Bragg reflector) or a quarter-wave plate.
- $\Box$   $a_A$ ,  $a_B$ : thickness of the two layers,
- $\Box \ \varepsilon_A, \ \varepsilon_B$ : dielectric constants,

periodicity of this 1D PC

 $a = a_A + a_B$ 

Fig. 2 .1. 1D stack of A and B films in the z direction. The length of the unit cell  $a=a_A+a_B$  defines the periodicity of this 1D PC.

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# 2.1.1 Bloch Theorem (2)

- $\succ \mu_0$ : the vacuum permeability in our nonmagnetic PC ;( $\mu_r=1$ )
- ➤ the direction of the polarization of E(z) as the x direction and that of B(z) in the y direction.  $B(z) = \mu_0 H(z)$

> Using the scalar symbol for the amplitudes, the electric field satisfies:

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \mathbf{E}(z,t) - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \mathcal{E}(z) \mathbf{E}(z,t) = 0$$
(2.1)

with the *periodic dielectric constant*  $\varepsilon(z)$  defined by

$$\varepsilon(z) = \begin{cases} \varepsilon_A & \text{if } z \text{ is in } A \\ \varepsilon_B & \text{if } z \text{ is in } B \end{cases}$$
(2.2)

> The periodic function  $\varepsilon(z)$  ( - $\infty < z < \infty$ ) is expanded into a Fourier series:

$$\varepsilon(z) = \sum_{p=-\infty}^{\infty} \varepsilon_p \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\frac{2\pi p}{a}z}.$$
(2.3)

Here the basis functions  $\{e^{i\frac{2\pi p}{a}z}\}_{p=-\infty}^{\infty}$  have periodicity of the lattice and

$$\frac{2\pi p}{a}$$
 (p = 0, ±1, ±2, · · · .)

defines the reciprocal lattice "vector".

The Fourier coefficients are given by

$$\varepsilon_p = \frac{1}{a} \int_0^a \mathrm{d}z \varepsilon(z) \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\frac{2\pi p}{a}z},\tag{2.4}$$

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> the pre-factor 1/a being the inverse of the unit cell "volume", over which the integral is made. For our unit cell of

$$\varepsilon(z) = \begin{cases} \varepsilon_A & 0 < z < a_A \\ \varepsilon_B & a_A < z < a \end{cases}$$
(2.5)

(2.4) yields

$$\varepsilon_{p} = \begin{cases} \varepsilon_{A} \frac{a_{A}}{a} + \varepsilon_{B} \frac{a_{B}}{a} & \text{for } p = 0\\ \frac{i}{2\pi p} (\varepsilon_{A} - \varepsilon_{B}) \left( e^{-i\frac{2\pi p}{a}a_{A}} - 1 \right) & \text{for } p \neq 0. \end{cases}$$
(2.6)

We assume the harmonic oscillation in the temporal behavior

$$E(z,t) = e^{-i\omega t} E(z).$$

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> To find the *solutions* of wave equation (2.1), a Bloch form is substituted for E(z), which is given by

$$E(z) = \sum_{p=-\infty}^{\infty} c_p \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}(k+p\frac{2\pi}{a})z}.$$
(2.7)

This is a *plane-wave expansion* (PWE) form of the *PB solution*.

> Inserting (2.3) and (2.7) into (2.1) and putting the *pre-factor* of the plane wave  $e^{i(k+(2\pi p/a))z}$  to *zero*, we find

$$\left(k + \frac{2\pi p}{a}\right)^2 c_p - \sum_{p'=-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right)^2 \varepsilon_{p-p'} c_{p'} = 0 \qquad (p = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \cdots)$$
<sup>(2.8)</sup>

# 2.1.1 Bloch Theorem (5-2)

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(2.1)

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(2.3)

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 (2.7)

secular equation: معادله مشخصه

$$\left(k + \frac{2\pi p}{a}\right)^2 c_p - \sum_{p'=-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right)^2 \varepsilon_{p-p'} c_{p'} = 0 \qquad (p = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \cdots)$$
(2.8)

> These are linear coupled equations for the coefficients  $\cdots$ ,  $c_{-1}$ ,  $c_0$ ,  $c_1$ ,  $c_2$ ,  $\cdots$ 

The solutions exist only when  $\omega$  satisfies the secular equation constructed from the coefficients of the coupled equations:

$$\det \begin{vmatrix} \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ \cdots & (k - \frac{2\pi}{a})^2 - (\frac{\omega}{c})^2 \varepsilon_0 & -(\frac{\omega}{c})^2 \varepsilon_{-1} & -(\frac{\omega}{c})^2 \varepsilon_{-2} & \cdots \\ \cdots & -(\frac{\omega}{c})^2 \varepsilon_1 & (k)^2 - (\frac{\omega}{c})^2 \varepsilon_0 & -(\frac{\omega}{c})^2 \varepsilon_{-1} & \cdots \\ \cdots & -(\frac{\omega}{c})^2 \varepsilon_2 & -(\frac{\omega}{c})^2 \varepsilon_1 & (k + \frac{2\pi}{a})^2 - (\frac{\omega}{c})^2 \varepsilon_0 & \cdots \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \end{vmatrix} = 0$$
(2.9)

We note the regularity of the matrix elements; the diagonal elements are

$$\cdots, \quad \left(k-\frac{4\pi}{a}\right)^2, \quad \left(k-\frac{2\pi}{a}\right)^2, \quad (k)^2, \quad \left(k+\frac{2\pi}{a}\right)^2, \quad \left(k+\frac{4\pi}{a}\right)^2, \quad \cdots$$

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# 2.1.1 Bloch Theorem (7)

> The *Fourier components*  $\{\epsilon_p\}$  of the <u>dielectric function</u>  $\epsilon(z)$  appear in each row in the order

$$\cdots$$
,  $\varepsilon_2$ ,  $\varepsilon_1$ ,  $\varepsilon_0$ ,  $\varepsilon_{-1}$ ,  $\cdots$ 

with  $\varepsilon_0$  present at the diagonal position of the matrix.

> That the solutions of (2.1) could be found in this way is wholly attributed to the Bloch form (2.7) assumed for the solution. It satisfies

$$E(z+a) = e^{ika}E(z), \qquad (2.10)$$

which is the Bloch theorem, to be met by any solution of a periodic system.  $\succ$  It is the wave number k that specifies the Eigen-solutions.

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> The periodicity of the <u>solutions</u> with respect to  $\mathbf{k}$ :

solution for k of (2.8) or (2.9) = for  $k + p(2\pi / a)$  with an integer p

> These two k lead to the same form in (2.7), as seen by renumbering the coefficient  $c_p$ , and to the same eigenvalues for  $\omega$  in (2.9), as seen by using the regularity of the matrix elements.

Since the <u>identical solutions</u> are obtained for the set of <u>wavenumbers</u> k,  $k+(2\pi/a)$ , ..., all possible normal modes of (2.9) are covered by letting k run only over the <u>first Brillouin zone</u> (BZ), which is for the present 1D system a region of k defined by

$$-\frac{\pi}{a} \le k < \frac{\pi}{a}.$$
 (2.11)

For a givenvalue of k in the <u>first BZ</u>, the <u>secular equation</u> (2.9) gives the eigenvalues  $\omega_1, \omega_2, \cdots$ .

 $\succ$  The number of the eigenvalues is fixed by the size of the matrix truncated in the secular equation.

As k varies, each of the eigenvalues changes gradually. As a result, (2.9) gives a set of continuous functions of k,  $\omega_1(k)$ ,  $\omega_2(k)$ ,  $\cdots$ .

> They are the dispersion curves of the PBs, of our 1D system. The subscript n of  $\omega_n(k)$  is usually called a band index.

> (We sometimes use **n** as a superscript as in  $v_g^{(n)}$ , the <u>group velocity</u> of *nth* band.)

≻ For the concrete case of A=Si ( $\epsilon_A$ =12), B=air ( $\epsilon_B$ =1), and  $a_A$ = $a_B$ =a/2, the band structure is given in Fig. 2.2.

# **2.1.1 Bloch Theorem (10)**



# 2.1.1 Bloch Theorem (11)

we necessarily need to treat a larger secular matrix.

□ If we take account of a larger range of integer p in truncating the sum of (2.7), the matrix of the secular equation becomes bigger.  $\Box$  In calculating Fig. 2.2 we have used 11 <u>plane waves</u> (- 5  $\leq$  p  $\leq$  5) in (2.7). \* As the <u>size</u> of the <u>secular</u> determinant <u>increases</u>, so does the <u>number</u> of solutions for  $\omega$  for a fixed k. • With increase of the number of plane waves, the <u>contributions</u> of the shorter waves are incorporated, for the larger the wavenumber  $|\mathbf{k} + (2\pi p/a)|$  is, the shorter becomes the wavelength of exp  $i(k + (2\pi p/a)z)$ . As a result, if we attempt to obtain the **PBS** in a higher frequency range,

\* The actual trend that a PB of higher frequency is better represented by a larger *number of plane waves*, is seen in Fig. 2.3, which shows the calculated band frequency at  $k = \pi/a$  to be improved progressively with the increase of the cutoff size of the secular matrix.

✤ It is important here to understand the PBS of a system in terms of the dispersion relation of photons in the empty lattice.

# 2.1.1 Bloch Theorem (13)



**Fig. 2.3.** Convergence of the band energy as a function of the number of plane waves used in the calculation. The result is given for the 20th band at the BZ edge. The *parameters* used in the <u>band calculation</u> are the *same* as those used in **Fig. 2.2** 

# 2.1.1 Bloch Theorem (13)

> An <u>empty lattice of a PC</u> is a fictitious system which has only the periodicity of that PC but is identical to free space otherwise.

> In an empty lattice, therefore,  $\varepsilon_{\pm 1}$ ,  $\varepsilon_{\pm 2}$ , ... all vanish identically except  $\varepsilon_0 = 1$  in (2.9). The PBS of the <u>empty lattice</u> is obtained by folding the free space dispersion curve  $\omega = ck$  at the edge of the first BZ. > This is because what <u>remains</u> in the secular matrix of (2.9) are solely the diagonal elements

$$(k+2\pi p/a)^2 - (\omega/c)^2.$$

> The empty-lattice test is especially useful in a PC of weak periodicity. See Fig. 2.4 for the PBS of a model system.

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# 2.1.1 Bloch Theorem (14)

Fig. 2.4. Band structure of a 1D photonic crystal of weak periodicity. The straight lines show the dispersion curves of the empty lattice,  $\omega = c |\mathbf{k} + (2\pi p/a)|$ ,  $(p=0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \cdots).$ The band structure with small band gaps is the one calculated for  $a_A = a_B = a/2$  with  $\varepsilon_A = 2$  and  $\varepsilon_{R} = 1$ 



# 2.1.2 Scaling Property of Photonic Band Structure (1)

From (2.1) and (2.8) we can deduce an important *scaling property*.

> We introduce, in place of k and  $\omega$ , the dimensionless wavenumber k' and frequency  $\omega'$ , which are defined by

$$k = k'\left(\frac{2\pi}{a}\right), \qquad \omega = \omega'\left(\frac{2\pi c}{a}\right)$$
 (2.12)

or

$$k' = \frac{ka}{2\pi}, \qquad \omega' = \frac{\omega a}{2\pi c}.$$
(2.13)

 $\Box$  k' : wavenumber of photons <u>measured</u> in units of  $2\pi/a$ 

 $\Box$   $\omega'$ : frequency measured in units of  $2\pi c/a$ 

 $\blacktriangleright$  reciprocal lattice points: (In the new scale of the wavevector,)  $\cdot \cdot$ , -2, -1, 0, 1, 2  $\cdot \cdot$ .

> Thus the <u>first BZ</u> is defined in the k' axis to be -0.5 < k' < 0.5.

 $\Box$  When the secular equation (2.9) is rewritten using k' and  $\omega$ ', the size a can be removed everywhere.

# 2.1.2 Scaling Property of Photonic Band Structure (2)

**\bigstar** To see it, let us return to the <u>Fourier component</u> (2.4). We find

$$\varepsilon_{p} = \frac{1}{a} \int_{0}^{a} dz \varepsilon(z) e^{-i\frac{2\pi p}{a}z}$$

$$= \int_{0}^{1} dz' \varepsilon(az') e^{-i2\pi pz'}$$

$$= \int_{0}^{1} dz' \tilde{\varepsilon}(z') e^{-i2\pi pz'}$$

$$\equiv \tilde{\varepsilon}_{p}$$
(2.14)

$$\tilde{\varepsilon}(z') = \varepsilon(az') \tag{2.15}$$

 $\dot{\epsilon}(z')$  is the <u>dielectric function</u> expressed using the new coordinate z' measured in units of a.

# 2.1.2 Scaling Property of Photonic Band Structure (3)

> The conclusion is that in terms of the <u>dimensionless quantities</u> of k',  $\omega'$  and  $\dot{\epsilon}_{p}$ , (2.8) is transformed to

$$(k'+p)^{2}c_{p} - \sum_{p'} {\omega'}^{2} \tilde{\varepsilon}_{p-p'} c_{p} = 0.$$
(2.16)

- This final result has nothing to do with the periodicity a of the PC under consideration.
- > Therefore, if there are <u>two PCs</u> and their dielectric functions are <u>identical</u> when expressed using the <u>lattice constant</u> a as the unit of length, the PBSs of the <u>two systems</u> are the same, when exhibited using  $\omega'$  as functions of k'.

# 2.1.2 Scaling Property of Photonic Band Structure (4)

✤ For example, two PCs of repeated A and B:

the first having:

$$a = 2 \,\mu m, \ a_A = 0.8 \,\mu m, \ a_B = 1.2 \,\mu m$$

and the second one having:  $a = 1 \text{ mm}, a_A = 0.4 \text{ mm}, a_B = 0.6 \text{ mm},$ 

> Two PCs have the <u>same PBS</u> when expressed using  $\omega'$  and k', if  $\varepsilon_A$  and  $\varepsilon_B$  of the two cases are <u>identical</u>.

> In the scaled units, the dispersion curve  $\omega = ck$  of a free photon gives  $\omega' = 0.5$  at the BZ edge  $k' = \pm 0.5$ .

➢ Because of these scaling properties, PBSs are usually discussed and displayed in these scaled units.

> In the above example, the BZ edge  $\pm 0.5$  corresponds to the wavelength of the PB of the order of microns and millimeters, respectively.

> In two systems having such a huge difference of <u>scales</u>, and hence involving totally different wavelengths of PBs, <u>identical values</u> of dielectric functions are hardly expected.

# **2.2 One-Dimensional Photonic Crystal: (1)** Various Concepts and Characteristic Features of Photonic Bands

In the calculated PBS, several characteristic features of BSs are seen, which are, in fact, common not only in 1D but also in 2D and 3D PCs. Let us again take a look at Fig. 2.2.

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# **2.2 One-Dimensional Photonic Crystal: (2)** Various Concepts and Characteristic Features of Photonic Bands

### **2.2.1 First Band at k** $\approx$ **0**

> The first band, the lowest of all in frequency, has a <u>linear dispersion</u> relation near the center of the BZ.

> In view of the empty-lattice test, this feature is natural; since the state with  $\mathbf{k} \approx$ 0 in the first band has a **wavelength** much longer than the lattice constant. ( $\lambda > \mathbf{a}$ )



### **2.2.2 Photonic Bands for k near the BZ Boundary**

- ✤ In the BZ edge, the dispersion curves are gradually curved.
- At the edge k' = 0.5, the PB state is an equal admixture of  $e^{ikx}$  and  $e^{-ikx}$  and propagates neither to right nor to left by forming a standing wave.
- \* This is why the group velocity  $v_g$  of the photon vanishes there:

$$v_g \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial k} \omega_1(k) = 0$$
 at  $k = 0.5 \frac{\pi}{a}$ . (2.17)

□ Beyond the BG, there is a partner of the standing-wave with  $v_g = 0$  at the BZ edge.

### 2.2.3 Tendency of Photon Localization: Dielectric and Air Bands

> To show the difference of the two states at the BZ edges, the intensity of the electric field is plotted in Fig. 2.5.

Example Below the BG (band n = 1) has a <u>higher intensity</u> within the region of <u>higher  $\epsilon$ -value</u>, while the reverse is true for the state <u>above the BG</u>.

✤ In this sense we often call the lower band of the pair a dielectric band

✤ and the higher band an air band, having in mind a periodic repetition of dielectric and air.

> This type of distribution of the electric field is more or less seen in the pair of states at the BZ edge in the <u>higher frequency</u> range, though the contrast gets gradually obscured due to the nodes appearing both in dielectric and air regions.

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# **2.2 One-Dimensional Photonic Crystal: (5)** Various Concepts and Characteristic Features of Photonic Bands

### 2.2.3 Tendency of Photon Localization: Dielectric and Air Bands



**Fig. 2.5.** Squared electric field as a function of z of the states at the BZ edge. The <u>solid curve</u> shows the <u>first band (dielectric band</u>) and the dashed curve shows the second band (air band) for the band structure shown in Fig. 2.2

### 2.2.3 Tendency of Photon Localization: Dielectric and Air Bands

\* The contrasting feature of the two bands stems from the general trend for photons that a higher  $\varepsilon$  induces a stronger localization of photons. To see it, let us return to the wave equation (2.1).

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \mathbf{E}(z,t) - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \varepsilon(z) \mathbf{E}(z,t) = 0$$
(2.1)

♦ For the <u>stationary state</u> of ω, we have  $∂^2/∂t^2 ≈ - ω^2$ . Adding  $(ω/c)^2 E(z)$  on both side of (2.1) then yields

$$-\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}E(z) - \frac{\omega^2}{c^2}(\varepsilon(z) - 1)E(z) = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2}E(z).$$
(2.18)

# **2.2 One-Dimensional Photonic Crystal: (7)** Various Concepts and Characteristic Features of Photonic Bands

### 2.2.3 Tendency of Photon Localization: Dielectric and Air Bands

$$-\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}E(z) - \frac{\omega^2}{c^2}(\varepsilon(z) - 1)E(z) = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2}E(z).$$
<sup>(2.18)</sup>

To compare it with the Schrodinger equation

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}\psi(z) + V(z)\psi(z) = E\psi(z) \quad (2.19)$$

for a particle of mass *m* and <u>energy eigenvalue</u> E in the <u>potential energy</u>  $\bigvee$  By comparison, we see at once that  $-\frac{\omega^2}{2}(\varepsilon(z)-1)$ 

plays the role of the potential V(z) (the dimensions are not of potential, however).

> Therefore we see that a substance with  $\varepsilon$  higher than unity works as an attractive potential relative to <u>free space</u>, by having a negative potential.

# 2.2 One-Dimensional Photonic Crystal: (7) Various Concepts and Characteristic Features of Photonic Bands

### 2.2.3 Tendency of Photon Localization: Dielectric and Air Bands

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> Therefore we see that a substance with  $\varepsilon > 1$  works as an attractive potential relative to <u>free space</u>, by having a negative potential.
#### 2.2 One-Dimensional Photonic Crystal: (8) Various Concepts and Characteristic Features of Photonic Bands

#### 2.2.3 Tendency of Photon Localization: Dielectric and Air Bands

This is why the band having a higher electric-field intensity at A ( $\varepsilon_A = 12$ ) than B ( $\varepsilon_B = 1$ ) is found to have a lower frequency.

 $\Box$  The quantity  $\omega^2/c^2$  plays the role of an energy eigenvalue of the electron.

> Because  $\omega^2/c^2$  is always positive in the photonic case, there cannot be a bound state in an ordinary sense,

 $\succ$  i.e., the *situation* of a photon being *localized* completely in an attractive potential can never be achieved.

 $\Box$  The <u>leakage of photons</u> as an outflow of <u>electromagnetic energy</u> is thus inevitable in the photonic case.

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#### **Table 1. Electron-photon similarity**

	Electron (Schrödinger)	Photon (Maxwell)
Field	$\psi(r,t) = \psi(r) \exp(-i\omega t)$	$\vec{H}(\vec{r},t) = \vec{H}(\vec{r}) \exp(-i\omega t)$
Specific term	V(r)	$ec{E}(ec{r})$
Hermitian operator	$H = \frac{-\hbar^2 \nabla^2}{2m} + V(r)$	$\Theta = \nabla \times \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon(r)} \nabla \times\right)$
Eigenvalue equation	$H\psi = E\psi$	$\Theta \vec{H} = \left(\frac{\omega^2}{c^2}\right) \vec{H}$

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}\psi(z) + V(z)\psi(z) = E\psi(z)$$

$$-\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}E(z) - \frac{\omega^2}{c^2}(\varepsilon(z) - 1)E(z) = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2}E(z).$$

#### **Bragg's mirror**

(a)  $\Lambda$  is the lattice period;

$$\lambda \approx \lambda_{B} = \frac{2n_{0}a}{m}$$

$$\omega = \nu |k| \qquad \Delta \lambda = \frac{\Delta n}{n_0} \lambda_B$$

(b) the reflected intensity indicating the PBG



Examples of 2D-PBG and their first Brillouin's zone:
(a) square cell, (b) triangular and (c) hexagonal; and
(d) definition of the lattice radius r and period a.





#### **Figure 1.6.** Case of index guiding: light-line



Figure 1.9. The dispersion characteristics of optical modes in a periodic medium are widely determined by diffraction processes and optical mode coupling properties



Figure 1.10. Photonic band gap (PBG) and bandwidth of a Bragg reflector



Figure 1.11. Air band and dielectric band at the photonic band edges

 $n_1 \ge n_2$ 



#### Figure 1.13. Donor or acceptor type localized state



**Figure 1.16.** 1D photonic crystal in a **dielectric waveguide**: coupling processes between propagating and counter-propagating waves, and between **waveguided** and **radiated mode** 



**Figure 1.17.** Coupling between waveguided modes of different orders (here with the same even symmetry: the only crossing point where coupling is possible is shown in the circle)



Figure 1.18. Dispersion characteristics of a localized defect or of an optical cavity: there always exist components of the  $\mathbf{k}$  vector located above the light-line



Figure 1.25. Direct and reciprocal triangular lattices. The two so called  $\Gamma M$  and  $\Gamma K$  high symmetry directions of the crystal are shown.

The **first Brillouin zone** is included in the hexagon drawn in the reciprocal lattice. **b** is the module of the **base vector** of the reciprocal lattice.

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# Figure 1.26. Conical surface dispersion of a two-dimensional homogenous medium

> Photons propagate very slowly near the BZ edge due to the <u>slowing down of</u>  $v_g$ .

The slow  $v_g$  is a feature generally observed in the PBS not only in the BZ edge region, but also in the vicinity of the  $\Gamma$  point, as seen in Fig. 2.2.  $\Box At \ k = 0, v_g$  of each of the bands vanishes.



> In 2D and 3D structures, the band repulsion takes place more often than in 1D PCs and makes the band edges appear frequently inside the BZ.

Since the states at band edges have vanishing  $v_g$ , we encounter the feature of small  $v_g$  more often in a 2D or 3D PC than in a simple 1D system.

The density of states (DOS) of photons,  $\rho(\omega)$ , is defined so that the *number* of states N ( $\omega$ ) within the frequency region [ $\omega$ ,  $\omega + \Delta \omega$ ] of an infinitesimally small interval  $\Delta \omega$  is given by

$$N(\omega) = \rho(\omega) \Delta \omega.$$
(2.20)

Since  $k = 2\pi n/L$ , L being the size of the 1D system,

number  $N(\omega) =$  number of the allowed k values within the interval  $\Delta k$  determined by the prescribed allowance  $\Delta \omega$ .

> From Fig. 2.6, (a small part of the dispersion curve of a band  $\omega = \omega_n(k)$ ), we have, for an infinitesimal  $\Delta \omega$ ,

$$\Delta \omega = \frac{\partial}{\partial k} \omega_n(k) \Delta k \qquad \text{i.e.} \qquad \Delta k = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial k} \omega_n(k)\right)^{-1} \Delta \omega. \tag{2.21}$$

#### 2.2.5 Density of States (2)

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**Fig. 2.6.** DOS versus the curvature of photonic bands.

As a band becomes flatter, the number of the states lying in a given range  $\Delta \omega$  increases.

The spacing between the quantized values of k is  $2\pi/L$ .



#### 2.2.5 Density of States (3)

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Dividing  $\Delta k$  by the spacing  $2\pi/L$  of the quantization yields  $N(\omega)$ . Therefore, it follows that

\* The DOS is thus related to the inverse of  $v_g$ ,

> The prefactor 2 of being given to take account of the two polarizations of photons propagating in the z direction of the system shown in Fig. 2.1. > The allowance  $\Delta k$  for a given  $\Delta \omega$  increases with the decrease of the curvature of the dispersion curve.

#### 2.2.5 Density of States (4)

> The feature of enhanced DOS: (group velocity anomaly)

> For example, the <u>emission probability</u> of photons of frequency  $\omega$  from an atom in a PC is proportional to  $\rho(\omega)$  and it is natural to expect an <u>enhanced</u> <u>light emission</u> from the atoms at the frequency of the DOS peaks.

 $\Box$  The suppression of the DOS: by the existence of the region of zero DOS at the frequency regions of PBGs.

□ In the PBG regions we have the zero emission rate of photons from an atom.

□ Control of the light emission rate by designing a PC to meet one demand and another is one of the ultimate goals of the technological application of PCs.

 $\Box$  One reason for the increasing demand for high-quality 2D and 3D systems is that these characteristics of group velocity or DOS manifest themselves much more dramatically in a PC of higher dimension.

# 2.3 Concept of the Light Cone and Example of One-Dimensional Off-Axis Band

✤ Finite PCs, especially those with finite thickness in one direction and infinite extension in the other two directions, are treated repeatedly both theoretically and experimentally.

✤ In such a system, called in this book a slab type PC or simply a slab PC, it is important to consider whether light coming from an outside homogeneous medium can couple to the inside modes through the entrance boundary plane.

✤ If there is a coupling the mode is called a leaky mode because it is not an eigenmode in a strict sense because of its leakage to the outer space through the coupling.

✤ The leakage gives a finite lifetime to the mode.

# 2.3 Concept of the Light Cone and Example of One-Dimensional Off-Axis Band (2)

A mode with wavevector  $\mathbf{k}_1$  and frequency  $\omega_1 = \omega(\mathbf{k}_1)$  of an outside region can be coupled to one with  $\mathbf{k}_2$  and  $\omega_2$  in a PC.

> The spatial dispersion  $\omega_2(k_2)$  is determined by the PBS calculation.

> In this coupling process, the conservation of both energy and  $k_{\parallel}$ , the wavevector component parallel to the surface, is established between the two outside fields, such that

$$\omega_1 = \omega_2 \text{ and } (\mathbf{k}_1)_{\parallel} = (\mathbf{k}_2)_{\parallel}.$$
 (2.23)

□ In a homogeneous substance of uniform refractive index **n** the light cone is literally a cone in the  $(\omega, k_{\parallel})$  space defined by the relation:

$$\omega = \frac{c}{n} |\boldsymbol{k}_{\parallel}|. \tag{2.24}$$

# 2.3 Concept of the Light Cone and Example of One-Dimensional Off-Axis Band (3)

> When the region is air with n = 1 and the x axis is chosen in the direction of  $k_{\parallel}$ , it holds that

wis 
$$\omega = \frac{c}{n} |\mathbf{k}_{\parallel}|.$$
 (2.24)  
 $\omega = ck_x.$  (2.25)

 $\succ$  we often call the light cone as the light line.

> The concept of t he light cone was first introduced as early as 1966 by K. L. Kliewer and R. Fuchs, as a concept used to distinguish the leaky and nonleak'Y modes of a dielectric slab.

> In PCs, this concept was first used in 1982 to examine the photonic modes of a periodic system of finite thickness, a slab PC in the present terminology, by Inoue and Ohtaka.

 $\succ$  The classification between leaky and nonleaky modes is still an important fundamental in the technological application of P Cs, because a PC of practical use is always bounded by surfaces, as in slab-type PCs and PC fibers.

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### 2.3 Concept of the Light Cone and Example of One-Dimensional Off-Axis Band (4)

We take the boundary to be the xy plane, with  $n_1$  for z < 0, and  $n_2$  for z > 0 with  $n_1 > n_2$ .

> The plane of incidence is taken as the xz plane with the incident angle of  $\theta_1$ 



Fig. 2. 7. A schematic drawing of refraction at a boundary

# 2.3 Concept of the Light Cone and Example of One-Dimensional Off-Axis Band (5)

> In Fig. 2.8 we plot two straight lines, one corresponding to a light line (the dispersion relation) in medium 1, and the other in medium 2, respectively, which are expressed as  $\omega = (c / n_1)k_{\parallel}$  with i referred to 1 or 2.

 $\succ$  These lines just correspond to the cases where light propagates in parallel to the plane in the respective media.

> Suppose in medium 1 one mode on the point B has the same energy  $\omega$  as that on A.



**Fig. 2.8.** A schematic drawing of an example explaining the concept of the light line

### 2.3 Concept of the Light Cone and Example of One-Dimensional Off-Axis Band (6)

Since the magnitude of **k** of the mode with the  $\mathbf{k}_{\parallel}$  component is given by  $\omega = (c/n_1)\mathbf{k}$ , the mode is nothing other than one propagating with an angle  $\theta_1$  such that

$$\sin \theta_1 = k_{\parallel} / k = k_x / (c^{-1} n_1 \omega).$$
(2.26)

- Therefore, all modes in the medium are presented on the left-hand side of the line: any light modes do not exist on the right-hand side.
- The same is also true with medium 2. As a consequence, light that is incident on the boundary plane with wand  $k_{\parallel}$  on the left-hand side of medium 2 can go inside medium 2 with the refraction angle  $\theta_2$  given by

$$\sin \theta_2 = k_{\parallel} / k = k_x / (c^{-1} n_2 \omega).$$
(2.27)

### 2.3 Concept of the Light Cone and Example of One-Dimensional Off-Axis Band (7)

- □ On the other hand, light with  $\omega$  and  $k_{\parallel}$  on the right-hand side cannot go inside medium 2, but is totally reflected back into medium 1.
- □ Therefore, from the above two equations the critical condition is given by the light line of medium 2, such that

$$\sin\theta_c = n_2/n_1,\tag{2.28}$$

- □ In the case of total reflection  $\theta > \theta_c$ , there is no wave propagating at large distances from the boundary in medium 2.
- □ However, this does not indicate that the light field vanishes completely in medium 2 for z > 0.
- □ Namely, the evanescent wave can propagate along the boundary plane, the wavevector  $\mathbf{k}_x$  of which is expressed as

$$k_x = (n_1/c)\omega\sin\theta_1 = n_1(2\pi/\lambda)\sin\theta_1.$$
 (2.29)

# 2.3 Concept of the Light Cone and Example of One-Dimensional Off-Axis Band (8)

Those features which discriminate the leaky modes and guided modes are shown in Fig. 2.9. See Sects.
3.4 and 4.3 for leaky modes.

Fig. 2.9. Leaky modes and guided modes. The outside fields are those of plane-wave light in the leaky modes, while they are evanescent light in the guided modes.



# 2.3 Concept of the Light Cone and Example of One-Dimensional Off-Axis Band (9)

Fig. 2.10. The off-axis modes in a 1D multiple-Layer film. Two layers A and B are stacked in the z direction. The *dispersion curves* of the modes of  $k_v = 0$  and polarized in the y direction are plotted as functions of  $k_z$ , the boundary of the grey regions being given by the dispersion curve with  $k_z = 0$  or  $k_z = \pi/a$ . From the points at  $k_x = 0$ , the dispersion curves of the modes of  $k_x = 0$  are drawn on the left band side in the first BZ;  $0 < k_z < \pi/a$ 



# 2.3 Concept of the Light Cone and Example of One-Dimensional Off-Axis Band (10)

- As the simplest case, let us consider the off-axis modes, i.e., the mode with k not perpendicular to the layers or film, in the multiple-layers film described.
- The structure considered here is the same as that shown in Fig. 2.1, except that it is not infinitely long but semi-infinite by the presence of the surface.
- ▶ Let  $k_x$  be the wavevector component parallel to the surface between the semi-infinite 1D PC and *air*.
- > Now the guided mode is specified by  $k_z$  and  $k_x$ .

# 2.3 Concept of the Light Cone and Example of One-Dimensional Off-Axis Band (11)

- □ In Fig. 2.10 is shown the *dispersion* of the TM (*s-polarized*) *guided modes* of the 1D PC used in Fig. 2.2.
- □ The band structure with  $k_x = 0$  is given on the left as a function of  $k_z$ , which is reproduced from Fig. 2.2.
- □ The shaded regions of the *band structure* on the right show the continuum of bands coming from the freedom of the  $k_z$  values.
- □ For a *multilayer stack* of *finite* thickness, bounded by a surface parallel to the *xy plane*, only the modes below the *light line*, shown by the dashed line in the figure, are true guided modes confined completely inside the PC, while those above the *light line* are actually the leaky modes which can escape from the PC into air.

# 2.4 Band Structures of Two- and Three-Dimensional Photonic Crystals

#### 2.4.1 Examples of Two-Dimensional Photonic Band

- As for PBS in 2D and 3D PCs, many examples will be presented in the subsequent chapters in relation to the concrete samples fabricated.
- $\triangleright$  So, here we show only a few typical examples.
- ➢ First, in Fig. 2.11 we show an example of a 2D PC with the square lattice of dielectric rods of circular cross-section.
- > The first BZ corresponding to this structure is also a square lattice, where there exist two high symmetry points, i.e., X  $(a/\pi, 0)$  and M  $(a/\pi, a/\pi)$ other than the  $\Gamma$  point (0, 0) (for the naming of these special points, see Appendix A).

#### 2.4.1 Examples of Two-Dimensional Photonic Band (2)

- □ The eigenmodes for this structure can be specified by the polarization. That is, those are classified into the E(H)-polarized modes with E(H) parallel to the dielectric cylinders, which are called TM-(TE-) modes, respectively.
- □ It is seen that an ample variety of PBSs manifest themselves in the 2D PC as compared to 1D PCs.
  - □ First, each band belongs to the specific irreducible representation of the relevant point group that depends not only on polarization, but also on the k direction.
- □ For example, if the mirror plane is present for the lattice, the respective bands are classified to even or odd symmetry ones according as E becomes symmetric or anti-symmetric with respect to the mirror plane.
- □ In this case the odd modes, or odd-parity modes *cannot* be *coupled to the external plane wave* at normal incidence for *symmetric reasons*.
- □ This situation is met frequently in 2D and 3D P Cs, although it does not occur in 1D PCs. Those modes are called the "*uncoupled modes*".

#### **2.4.1 Examples of Two-Dimensional Photonic Band (3)**



Fig. 2.11. *Photonic band structure* of a 2D PC of cylinders arrayed in a square lattice: TM bands (left) and TE bands (right). The cylinders of  $\varepsilon = 12$  (Si) are arrayed in a lattice in the air. The ratio of the radius r of cylinders to a is r /a = 0.3. The states  $X_1$  through  $X_5$  at the X point are examined below

#### **2.4.1 Examples of Two-Dimensional Photonic Band (4)**

- □ Second, there exist three PBGs for TM-modes, although the PBG common to both polarized modes does not open in this case.
- □ Third, there are a number of very narrow bands and the  $v_g$ -anomalies occur not only at the zone edge but also in the interior of the first BZ.
- □ The appearance of so many narrow bands can be understood by the empty lattice test.
- □ Figure 2.12 shows the BS of the empty-lattice for  $k_{\parallel}$  along the  $\Gamma$ -X axis, i.e.,  $k_{\parallel} = (k_x, 0)$  as a function of  $k_x$ .
- □ In obtaining it, we drew the dispersion curves for plane-wave light of wavevector  $\mathbf{k}_{\parallel} + \mathbf{h}_{\parallel}$   $\omega = c |\mathbf{k}_{\parallel} + \mathbf{h}_{\parallel}|,$  (2.30)

with  $\mathbf{h}_{\parallel}$  given by

$$\boldsymbol{h}_{\parallel} = \frac{2\pi}{d} (\pm 1, 0), \ \frac{2\pi}{d} (0, \pm 0), \ \frac{2\pi}{d} (\pm 1, \pm 1), \tag{2.31}$$

- $\Box$  etc. and plotted the curves by putting  $\mathbf{k}_{\parallel} = (\mathbf{k}_x, \mathbf{0})$ .
- □ In short, some of them originate from the flat bands in the empty 2D lattice; notice that this is not the case for 1D.

#### 2.4.1 Examples of Two-Dimensional Photonic Band (5)



**Fig. 2.12.** Photonic band structure of empty lattice: (a) 1D photonic crystal and (b) 2D photonic crystal of square lattice ( $\Gamma$ - X) direction

#### 2.4.1 Examples of Two-Dimensional Photonic Band (6)

- Next, the eigenvector of the PB of  $(nk_{\parallel})$  gives the intensity of the electric field,  $|\mathbf{E}_{nk\parallel}(\mathbf{r})|^2$ , associated with that Bloch state.
- ➤ Without specifying the normalization of the eigenvectors, Fig. 2.13 shows the intensity of the electric field  $|\mathbf{E}_{nk\parallel}(\mathbf{r})|^2$  in arbitrary units, for the bands n = 1 and 2 of Fig. 2.11 at the X point of the first BZ.
- We see the typical feature of a dielectric band in the lower band-state X<sub>1</sub>. The air-band characteristic of the X<sub>2</sub> state is less obvious than the dielectric-band feature of X<sub>1</sub>, however.
- As for the band states with higher energy marked by  $X_3$  to  $X_5$ , a similar plot of intensity reveals that the distinction between the dielectric and air bands becomes progressively vague, since the mixing among the increasing number of plane waves of shorter wavelengths comes in.
#### 2.4.1 Examples of Two-Dimensional Photonic Band (7)



**Fig. 2.13.** Plot of intensity  $|\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r})|^2$  of the states  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  of Fig. 2.11 (arbitrary units). The state  $X_1$  (left) has a typical dielectric-band character in (a) and band  $X_2$  (right) shows an air-band character in (b).

#### 2.4.1 Examples of Two-Dimensional Photonic Band (8)

- In Fig. 2.14 is shown another example of a 2D PBS for a triangular lattice of air holes; the 2D BZ corresponding to this structure is shown in Appendix A.
- It is well-known that the PBS for this structure exhibits a 2D PBG, irrespective of polarization, as is seen in Fig. 2.14, if the difference of c: between the background material and air (holes) is large enough; in this example the difference is 12 used for Si against 1.
- Rather unusually, for this structure the gap does not open for E-polarized modes between the lowest (first) and the second-lowest (second) bands, but instead, it does between the higher-energy bands.
- This is because the first and second bands for E-polarized modes are degenerate at the K point [9).
- Note that the notation X and J are sometimes used in the literature {also in this book) in place of M and K, respectively.

#### 2.4.1 Examples of Two-Dimensional Photonic Band (9)



**Fig. 2.14.** An example of 2D photonic band structure with a 2D photonic band gap (a triangular air-hole structure)

#### 2.4.2 Example of Three-Dimensional Photonic Band

- ► In Fig. 2.15 is shown an example of a calculated PBS with a full 3D BG in an inverse diamond lattice structure, which is composed of the respective tetra-bonds consisting of air-rods (diameter R) in the dielectric of  $\varepsilon = 7$ ; R/a = 0.1 is adopted in calculation.
- ➤ The shape of the first BZ corresponding to this structure is the facecentered cubic (fcc) lattice, as shown in Appendix A.
- > There, it is seen that a full BG opens in all directions.

#### **2.4.2 Example of Three-Dimensional Photonic Band (2)**



**Fig. 2.15.** An example of **3D** photonic band structure with the diamond lattice structure (a sample of inverse diamond structure)

#### 2.4.2 Example of Three-Dimensional Photonic Band (3)

- This PBG corresponds to the well-known BG of electron in semiconductors such as GaAs, which also has the same BZ structure of the fcc lattice.
- ✤ As is well known, a BG for GaAs exists between the valence and conduction bands.
- Notice that the two band structures (photonic and electronic) resemble each other in many respects, which arises from the resemblance of the two different wave equations.
- ✤ In particular, the existence of the BG is common between the two. However, the two differ from each other in some respects.
- ✤ For example, in the photon case one can excite any state, while in the electron case one can do so only when the state is not occupied.
- This is because the photon is a boson governed by Bose-Einstein statistics, whereas the electron is a fermion governed by Fermi- Dirac statistics.

- ☐ How can we experimentally get information about individual PBSs corresponding to a sample? We explain very briefly the methods below.
- □ A simple and reliable method is to observe either the transmittance (T) or reflectance (R) spectrum, or both in general, as a function of wavelength over a broad range.
- □ We need to do so with the propagation direction of incident light varied. This can be done by preparing samples with the surface normal directed in several high-symmetry directions such as  $\Gamma$  - K,  $\Gamma$ - M, etc.
- □ Therefore it needs rather a troublesome task.
- □ However, in some simple cases, information about such spectra only for the particular directions may suffice for the purpose.

- \* For wavelengths corresponding to a stop band, T drops very much, whereas R should be unity, since there exist no photon modes inside in that direction for the external light to couple to, causing it to be reflected completely.
- ✤ However, it is important to note that the reverse is not necessarily true.
- In other words, observation that the external light is completely or totally reflected over a wavelength range does not necessarily indicate that the range corresponds to a stop band.
- This is because complete reflection or drastic attenuation of *T* occurs for a range of the uncoupled band, which has already been explained in the preceding section.
- Next, to what extent the incident light can couple to an individual band (coupled band) of a PC depends on the band itself, or the character of the band.

#### 2.5 How to Experimentally Explore the Band Structure (3)

- Finally, in the case of a practical sample T drops considerably even for a coupled band, whenever the quality of the sample under study is not good.
- Also, another problem exists from a practical point of view in that we have to make a measurement by using a sample with finite periods, although the PBS is calculated, with a few exceptions, for an infinitely long sample.
- If the number of periods of the sample is too small, say, 5 or 10, the correspondence of the T-spectrum between the observed and the calculated PBS is not good.
- Except these points, the correspondence is very good between theories and experiments carried out for PCs.
- ➤ This is because the calculated PBS is reliable enough due primarily to t he lack of photon- photon scattering; in contrast the one-electron approximation is often not good in the electronic case because of the existence of electron-electron and electron- phonon (vibration) interactions.

#### **2.6 Defect Modes (1)**

- □ Thus far we have described and discussed a regular or completely periodic PC lattice, i.e., one that can be called a bulk PC.
- □ It is rather easy to technically introduce a defect or disorder to a particular lattice point or place, or thereby.
- □ As a consequence, this kind of defect causes, generally speaking, breakdown of the symmetry that a PC has originally possessed.
- An eigen-mode due to the defect is possible to newly manifest itself in a PBG.
- As an example of the zero- dimensional (0D) or point defect in a 1D and 2D PC of air cylinder or dielectric pillar type, we have only to enlarge or lessen the size (diameter), for example, of only one air cylinder at the particular lattice point, as compared to others, or the surrounding ones; the special case of this is to leave it without any air cylinder.
- Such examples of an enlarged air cylinder and without (missing) air cylinder in a 2D
  PC are schematically shown in Fig. 2.16(a).

## 2.6 Defect Modes (2)



**Fig. 2 .16.** A schematic drawing of examples of the defect modes in a 2D PC. (a) **0D** (point) defect modes (top view) in an array of air holes; the acceptor (upper) and donor (lower) types, and (b) 1D (tine) defect mode in an array of dielectric pillars

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# 2.6 Defect Modes (3)

- Another typical example of a 0D defect in a 1D PC is to make the period at one lattice position different, as compared to the others.
- This kind of 0D defect mode corresponds to an impurity state, either the donor or the acceptor state of electrons in a semiconductor; in the case of a different size of air hole introduced, increasing (decreasing) the hole size that causes decrease (increase) of the dielectric constant there corresponds to an acceptor (donor) state for electrons.
- In the case of PCs, in addition to the above-mentioned 0D defects, 1D and 2D types of defects, i.e., line and plane defects, can also be created, which are also important in controlling light or developing unique devices in optoelectronics.
- As an example of a 1D defect, we create it in a 2D PC of air cylinders or dielectric pillars by leaving a single line of air cylinder imperforated, or introducing a single line of air, as is schematically shown in Fig. 2.16(b).
- One can also create it in a 3D PC, e.g., of air-hole type in such a way that we leave a single line of holes unopened.
- A typical example of a 2D defect is such that one lattice plane is left homogeneous in a 3D PC.

## **2.6 Defect Modes (4)**

- Now, introducing this kind of defect into the bulk PC creates newly an eigenmode or an eigen band called a defect-mode or a defect-band, generally speaking, in a BG: the point-defect modes in a BG correspond to the impurity modes in the electronic case, or in semiconductor.
- ➤ It is noted that the line defect band exhibits a *ω k* dispersion along the direction, which will be repeatedly discussed in later chapters, e.g., in Chaps. 7, 11 and 12.

# 2.7 Common and Fundamental Features of Photonic Band Structure

In Sec. 2.2, based on an example we have already explained several basic features of the 1D PBS. This section is devoted to newly summarize the unique and outstanding features that 2D and 3D PCs generally exhibit. As will be shown in the next section, PCs are very well suited for controlling light, i.e., both the radiation field and light propagation characteristics. This important potential is primarily based on one or two of the following features: 1. Existence of photonic band gap

- 2. Existence of defect or local mode
- 3. Anomalous group velocity
- 4. Remarkable polarization dependence
- 5. Manifestation of peculiar band
- 6. Others

Let us make a survey of each item one by one, taking into account how to utilize those for observing new phenomena and developing PC-based devices.

# 2.7.1 Existence of Photonic Band Gap (1)

- $\succ$  A question arises as to in what cases a full PBG opens.
- There exist rather severe requisites to satisfy for a 3D PC to possess such a PBG. Those are related to the crystalline structure, the difference of the relevant E-values, and the occupation ratio f between two constituted materials. It is generally recognized that the diamond lattice structure is the best in order to obtain a full PBG as well as a wide gap. This is primarily because the shape of the first BZ is close to the sphere (most sphere like) as compared to other structures such as the simple or body-centered cubic one.
- This feature is advantageous to opening a gap between the second- and third-lowest bands. However, this is not the case for the higher bands. In fact, it is known that a full PBG opens for such higher bands in a face-centered cubic lattice [12] and even in the simple cubic lattice [13].
- In Fig. 2.17 is shown the BS. It is remarked that in this case the conditions regarding the contrast of € as well as f are relatively severe, and more importantly, the relative gap width L).wjwo is not large enough, where L). w and wo refer to the width and the center frequency of the gap, respectively.

#### 2.7.1 Existence of Photonic Band Gap (2)



**F ig. 2.17.** Another example of 30 photonic band structure for squareshaped air rods in a simple cubic lattice:  $\varepsilon_b = 13$ ,  $\varepsilon_a = 1$  and f = 0.83, quoted from (13] by courtesy or Professor J. W. Haus

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## 2.7.1 Existence of Photonic Band Gap (3)

In contrast, it is rather easier to design a sample with a 2D PBG. In both 2D and 3D cases, in a given crystal structure there is, as far as the structure is adequate, a trend that as the ratio of  $\in$  A/ E B is larger, a gap is easier to open, where A and B refer to the two constituted materials. Here we mention how the term PBG is used. It is better to use the terminology "PBG" only for the complete BG already defined. However, it is true that in some cases people in this field use this term even for the case where there is no such BG, or for an incomplete BG: in physics we have used the term of "stop band" for the latter case. Therefore, in order to avoid confusion , we will use hereafter in this book the term "a full PBG" only in a strict sense.

# 2.7.1 Existence of Photonic Band Gap (4)

In this connection, it is important to note that the situation for a 2D PC slab (a sort of quasi-3D PC) is substantially different from the 2D case; it differs also from the 3D case. Namely, because of the existence of the socaJJed light cone, already explained in Sect. 2.3, any complete BG should not exist within the 20 slab plane: inside the light cone there are, in principle, continuous extended states (not eigenmodes for the PC slab) for arbitrary wavelength. However, we define a 2D PBG even for this case in such a manner that any guided modes (eigenmodes) of the PC slab are missing over a specific energy range in all 2D directions. This will be presented in more detail in Chap. 6.

Now we mention briefly a few examples of direct application of a full BG. Fi.rst, unique mirrors for complete reflection without loss can evidently be developed, and in fact, some of those have already been commercially available. Next, it can be utilized for controlling the radiation from matter. For example, an emission from atoms placed inside a PC with a full 3D PBG is inhibited when the photon energy is in an energy range of the PBG. This is because the emission probability is zero, since the DOS for photons within the PBG vanishes; the probability in the radiative process is proportional to the DOS. In order to completely suppress the spontaneous emission from atoms one needs to use a 3D PC with a full 3D PBG.

# 2.7.1 Existence of Photonic Band Gap (5)

On the other hand, whether the probability of the spontaneous emission becomes enhanced or not at the edge of a full 3D PBG as compared to that in the homogeneous case with the same effective refractive index is not clear. First of all, the radiative lifetime of an oscillating electric dipole placed inside a PC depends not only on the DOS per unit volume, but also on a few other factors. Namely, it depends on whether the dipole is placed in the constituent material with the higher or lower dielectric constant, and on the oscillation direction, i.e., the orientation of polarization.

## 2.7.1 Existence of Photonic Band Gap (6)

Furthermore, the probability of the spontaneous emission depends also on in what direction the emission is observed. So, generally speaking, the probability is possible to be enhanced or reduced in the case of a 3D PC. In particular, the probability is expected to be enhanced to some extent around the band edge depending on the case. The same is also true in the case for a 2D BG. In contrast, there exists the case where t he probability should increase in a divergent way at the edge of a BG for a 1D PC. This problem in quantum electrodynamics will be discussed in a bit more detail in Chap. 10. It is important to note that in many cases we can control the radiation field and light propagation properties with use of a 3D PC without such a full PBG, except for some cases including complete suppression of the spontaneous emission described above. For the same reason, 2D PCs also serve for controlling light. Thus, we should be able to develop a variety of devices by using such a PC, irrespective of the 2D or 3D nature.

#### 2.7.2 Existence of Defect or Local Modes (1)

The existence of the defect modes has already been stated in the preceding section, with special emphasis placed on how to create those. Here we discuss the physical property to some extent. By exciting this mode, light can be localized around the defect or the region with disorder. Therefore, the defect mode is localized both energetically and spatially, as stated in Sect. 2.6. In the OD case, where the mode is localized in a small spatial region, the mode does not have a definite wavevector k because of the uncertainty principle concerning k versus r in quantum mechanics. This feature is very similar to that for the impurity state, i.e., the donor or acceptor state, for electrons in a BG, as already described in Sect. 2.6. In contrast to the point-defect (OD) case, the line-defect mode shows a particular dispersion in a BG. Namely, with k1 defined to be the wavevector in the direction along the line defect, the mode frequency *w* varies with kt in the gap.

An example of such a line defect mode in a 2D PC of a triangular array of dielectric pillars in air is shown in Fig. 2.18. The present line-defect is composed of one row of missing pillars along the r - K direction (adopted as the X axis) I so the band structure for the TM-modes with k t parallel to the x axis is shown in Fig. 2.18 with kx used for lkd; the x and y axes are taken within the 2D plane, whereas

the z axis is in the direction of the pillar axis. In Fig. 2.18 the hatched areas are obtained by projecting all the bands wn(kx, ky) in the first BZ onto the w - kx plane, these bands being often called the slab bands in the literature. The dispersion relation of the line-defect bands are shown by the thin curves between the hatched regions.

#### 2.7.2 Existence of Defect or Local Modes (3)

Fig. 2.18. Dispersion feat me of the linedefect modes in a 20 PC of dielectric pillars of c = 12arrayed in the triangular lattice in free space. The electric fields of the defect modes and the projected bands are both polarized in directions of the pillar axis. The thick line is the air lightline w = ck:r:



#### 2.7.2 Existence of Defect or Local Modes (4)

The solid and dotted curves show the even and odd defect modes, with the parity of the defect modes defined according as Ez is symmetric and antisymroetric with respect to the mirror plane (xz plane). The parameters are r /a = 0.3 and c = 12, r being the radius of pillars and a the lattice constant. Needless to say, the defect modes shown here provide the light propagation along the x direction.

#### 2.7.2 Existence of Defect or Local Modes (5)

Let us consider in a bit more detail the significance of localization of the electric (magnetic) field due to the defect or disorder mode. That light without real mass can be localized, e.g., around a particular point in space, just like the case for an electron, is very important from the physical point of view; this phenomenon of light localization should be discriminated from the case where light is confined with use of the specific boundaries such as metal walls. Anyway, the OD defect mode can be utilized, for example, either as an extremely small optical cavity, or as a very narrow band-pass filter. On the other band, the line-defect mode already described is considered to serve as a novel type of waveguide without any propagation loss even at an abruptly bent corner [16, 17]. This type of waveguide, called a PC waveguide, becomes at present very important [18] (see also the literature in Chaps. 11 and 12, where this PC waveguide is discussed in more detail).

#### 2.7.3 Anomalous Group Velocity (1)

Both  $v_g$  and group velocity dispersion (GVD) play an important role in light propagation. Theoretically,  $v_g$  is given by the slope (dw/dk) of a band, where k refers to the magnitude of k in the relevant direction of light propagation; usually, the magnitude of v9 is estimated for the band calculated for an infinitely long or large sample. In general, there appear in a PC a lot of band portions or positions where the band slope is fiat , which makes  $v_g$  anomalous. At the band edge  $v_g$  should become extremely small without fail [19-21]. Such a flat energy position is also encountered at both the maximum and minimum points of the lower and upper bands resulting from an anti-crossing between two bands with the same symmetry, as already described in Sect. 2.2. A photon with such a small v9 at those positions is sometimes called a heavy photon in analogy with the heavy electron (see Sect. 3.6)

## 2.7.3 Anomalous Group Velocity (2)

It is also important to note that very frequently a relatively flat band, i.e., a very small  $v_g$ , is encountered in a 2D and 3D PC [21, 22], as the origin of the flat band was already explained in Sect. 2.2. Moreover, there are many bands where  $v_g$  becomes negative. We call all these anomalous group velocity. That v9 is very small indicates that the electric field strength becomes very large there; the fact that the Poynting vector must be constant everywhere requires that E2 becomes large for a small  $v_g$ . T his fact is very important, since the effective interaction length between light and matter becomes short enough by using such a small  $v_g$ . That is, the radiation signal in many physical phenomena such as second-harmonic generation (SHG) can be very effectively generated from a PC, or equivalently, can be greatly enhanced in a PC sample as compared to a conventional sample with the same length [23-25]. This also makes sense in the case of a laser, because the threshold value of electrical current or finence for pumping can be greatly reduced by utilizing a small v9[26-29].

## 2.7.3 Anomalous Group Velocity (3)

As for the GVD in P Cs, it is very large in general; the line-defect mode already described can be designed to also have a large GVD [30]. This is because the GVD in a PC originating from the periodicity can be artificially altered unlike the GVD in a transparent wavelength region of a material which *is governed by the dispersion of the refractive index, i.e., essentially by* the intrinsic absorption.

Characteristically, in many PCs propagation of light incident from the outside through a sample is markedly influenced or governed by the polarization; of course this property arises from the fact that the PBS under study is polarization-dependent. This property applies generally to all PCs irrespective of the dimension, with t he exception of on-axis light propagation in a lD multilayer film; notice that even in this case the BS for the off axis propagation already described in Sect. 2.3 becomes polarization-dependent. If we focus on only the guided modes, the polarization dependence is par ticula 1.1y remarkable even around the first BG in 2D PCs and 2D PC slabs. In contrast, it is, generally speaking, less remarkable for 3D PCs. This is particularly true with the diamond-lattice structure, as compared to the cases for a simple cubic lattice 113) and a face-centered cubic lattice [31].

#### 2.7.4 Remarkable Polarization Dependence (2)

As a consequence, a tmique polarizer can be developed by utilizing a pair of specific bands for two different polarized light beams with t he same frequency. A simple example is the case that there exists a stop band for one polarized light beam, while there is a band for the other. Even for the case where there are respective bands for two different polarizations, the magnitude of v9 should be generally significantly different from each other, except for an accidental case. Based on this feature, a different kind of polarizer can also be developed for an ultra-fast light pulse. Namely, such a pulse is easily split into two, depending on the polarization, after passing through a thin PC ample 132]. Thus, utilizing time delay together with a gate, one can pick up only a pulse with the desired polarization.

## 2.7.5 Manifestation of Peculiar Bands (1)

There are a variety of peculiar PBs showing anomalous or singular points [33]. Roughly speaking, such an anomaly is likely to manifest itself in the higher energy region where many bands run. It has already been revealed that well established crystalline optics no longer apply to the case of a PC; it is again remarked that a PC is not a natural crystal, but an artificially fabricated one. Consequently, we need to introduce new crystalline optics or concepts, called "photonic crystal optics" to cover the case of PCs. Let us show the simplest example below to understand this fact. It is well known that all crystals except for quasi-crystals in an optical region are classified into three cases, i.e. , uniform crystalline, uni-axial crystalline, and biaxial crystalline, corresponding, respectively, to

$$\varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon_2 = \varepsilon_3, \quad \varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon_2 \neq \varepsilon_3, \quad \varepsilon_1 \neq \varepsilon_2 \neq \varepsilon_3,$$
 (2.32)

where  $\varepsilon 1$ ,  $\varepsilon 2$ , and  $\varepsilon 3$  refer to the dielectric constants along the optic axes. This classification no longer applies to a PC; for detail, see Sect. 4.7.

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First of all, Snell's law of refraction does not generally apply to the boundary plane between a PC and a normal material. Anyway, propagation characteristics of light at such a singular point are very complicated on one hand, and unique on the other hand. As a result, several peculiar phenomena have already been found, such that t he phenomenon of tri-refringence occurs (34), and  $v_9$  cannot be determined uniquely 133]. From the view point of application, the superprism phenomenon (35] is very important, which manifests itself at a specific equi-energy surface portion of a particular band. There, the propagation direction of light going inside a PC through the interface varies remarkably with small change of wavelength of the incident light. This phenomenon showing anomalously large dispersion of wavelength versus incident angle enables one to develop, in principle. a new type of device of wavelength dispersion with the size much reduced as compared to the conventional ones.

## 2.7.5 Manifestation of Peculiar Bands (3)

Similarly, a phenomenon called super collimation has also been found in a PC (36): a light wave with a finite cross-section can propagate in a PC with the size unchanged, which occurs also at a specific band.

When we formally apply Snell's law for an anomalous band or at wavelengths exhibiting negative  $v_g$ , n becomes negative. Utilizing this sort of band, one can create a superlens (an ideal lens in a sense) [37]. However, in order to implement this kind of lens, v9 must be negative over a wide range of wavelengths for all incident angles. This requisite is very severe, but it is reported that this is still possible (38).

# **2.8 Application of Photonic Crystals (1)**

Because of their unique properties, PCs are very attractive for exploring new physical phenomena and developing novel and important devices in the field of optoelectronics as well. In this survey, we focus rather on the latter. Concerning the latter, some simple passive optical components such as narrow-band filters, unique polarizers and wonderful super-prisms described in the preceding section have already been developed, and some others are expected to be developed one after another from now on and to be commercially available in the near future.

Let us mention some applications below, other than the above-mentioned simple components. First, we describe applications to nonlinear optical phenomena, or the related active components. By utilizing the unique PBS in either 2D or 3D P Cs, the phase-matching (PM) can be easily fulfilled at several wavelengths; it is well known that the PM is very important in nonlinear optical phenomena, particularly in coherent phenomena such as second harmonic generation (SHG).

## **2.8 Application of Photonic Crystals (2)**

Furthermore, a novel type of PM can be expected to be utilized in PCs including 1D in this case [39). That is, an umklapp process can be utilized, since the reciprocal vector q is on the same order in magnitude with the relevant wave-vectors involved in the phenomenon under study; it has already been proved that this process is useful in SHG for a 1D periodic system (1D PC). We describe below the SHG case as an example,

$$\boldsymbol{k}_s = 2\boldsymbol{k}_i \pm \boldsymbol{q}, \qquad \omega_s = 2\omega_i, \tag{2.33}$$

where ki and ks, and  $\omega i$  and  $\omega s$  are the wave-vectors, and angular frequencies of incident (fundamental) and second-harmonic light waves, respectively.

# **2.8 Application of Photonic Crystals (3)**

As for other active components, several kinds of unique 2D PC lasers have been successfully developed. Those are categorized into two types, i.e., one (40] utilizing an ultra-small PC cavity, or a point defect already mentioned in Sect. 2.7.2, and the other [26-28] utilizing a small  $v_g$ . So, some of them may be in practical use soon. The first type of laser has prominent characteristic of being extremely small. The latter type of lasers include a sort of vertically emitted laser excited by an electrical current [27], a 2D laser with a low threshold, and an small size of laser. The same is also true with a light emitter embedded in a PC slab, where the extraction efficiency of light has already been demonstrated to be greatly improved compared to the record obtained thus far (41].
## **2.8 Application of Photonic Crystals (4)**

PC fibers, both of PBG type and refractive-index confined, are also very attractive. The latter type of optical fiber is considered to be an ideal transmission line for light, so it will be in practical use, depending on the case. Independently of the above application, it has been demonstrated that light can be generated over an extremely broad range of wavelengths by illuminating the latter type, Le., with the silica core in the central portion, using an ultra-short, i.e., sub-picosecond light pulse. This phenomenon should be utilized as a white light source for spectroscopic use (42].

## **2.8 Application of Photonic Crystals (5)**

Next, the Smith- Purcell radiation with use of a PC is also attractive and important, because it has the possibility of developing a compact wavelength unable coherent light source in a range from far- to near-infrared; the Smith Purcell effect is such that coherent light is radiated due to interaction between high-speed traveling charged particles and a periodic system such as a grating. It has been predicted theoretically [43] and has already been verified very recently that use of a PC instead of a grating enables one to observe the radiation much more efficiently than the previous cases (44). This topic is treated in Sect. 10.7.

## **2.8 Application of Photonic Crystals (6)**

Finally, we would like to mention one of the most important applications of a PC, i.e., development of ultra-fast and ultra-compact integrated light circuits; such a development is crucially important for future telecommunications. It is considered that such a circuit based on PCs may be developed in the future. For this purpose, there are a few key components to be developed. One is a novel type of light waveguide that is capable of being bent sharply. This can be achieved by utilizing a PC-based waveguide. The PC-based waveguide is constituted of line defect modes in a 2D or 3D PC; in the case of a 2D PC of triangular lattice of air hole type, for example, a line-defect is produced by leaving a single line of air holes imperforated along one of six equivalent r - K directions. Importantly, in the PC-based waveguide the light wave is confined due to the PBG, so that it can be bent sharply without any propagation loss, while light is confined by total reflection in the lateral plane in the conventional dielectric waveguide; in the case of PC-slab waveguides, the vertical confinement of light is achieved by the total reflection. Another is the compact de-multiplexer, but we do not go into details here (see Chaps. 11 and 12).

## **2.8 Application of Photonic Crystals (7)**

From the practical point of view, the planar type of integrated circuit, in particular, made of PC slabs, bas the advantage over the 3D type. This is because it is much easier to fabricate the planar type than a 3D one. So, up until now many investigations have been devoted to this type, both theoretically and experimentally. As a result, it may be possible to finally develop such an ultra-small integrated circuit . The details will be presented also in Chap. 12.

### **Structure PBG** of 2D grating in LiNbO3: A square lattice



### **Structure PBG** of 2D grating in LiNbO3: A triangular lattice





(الف) شمای ساده ای از ساختاربلور فوتونی تیغه ای حفرهای با شبکه مثلثی (شکل بالا) به همراه یاخته واحد آن فضای وارون (شکل پایین). (ب ) ساختار نوار مربوط به بلور تیغه ای شکل (الف) برای قطبش TE (نقاط قرمز) و قطبش TM (نقاط آبی).

# PBG structures of pillar triangular lattice of GaAs, $\varepsilon_0 = 12.6$ in air (TE mode)







Figure 2.2 Simulated photonic band structures for bulk PC with finite height

- (a) Schematic of 2-D PCS triangular lattice structure;
- (b) Simulated photonic band structure of 2-D triangular lattice PCS, the shadow region marked the **PBG**

### PBG structures of pillar triangular lattice of LiNbO<sub>3</sub>, $\varepsilon_0$ = 4.884 in air (TE mode)



#### Evolution PBG width as a function of the ration r/a for: LiNbO<sub>3</sub>, $\varepsilon_0$ = 4.884 and GaAs, $\varepsilon_0$ = 0.46 (TE mode)



### Add and drop filter principle based on photonic crystals



### **Hetero-structure of 2D and 3D photonic crystals**





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