

**On the Energy Level Crossing**  
**(On the Conical Point Crossing)**

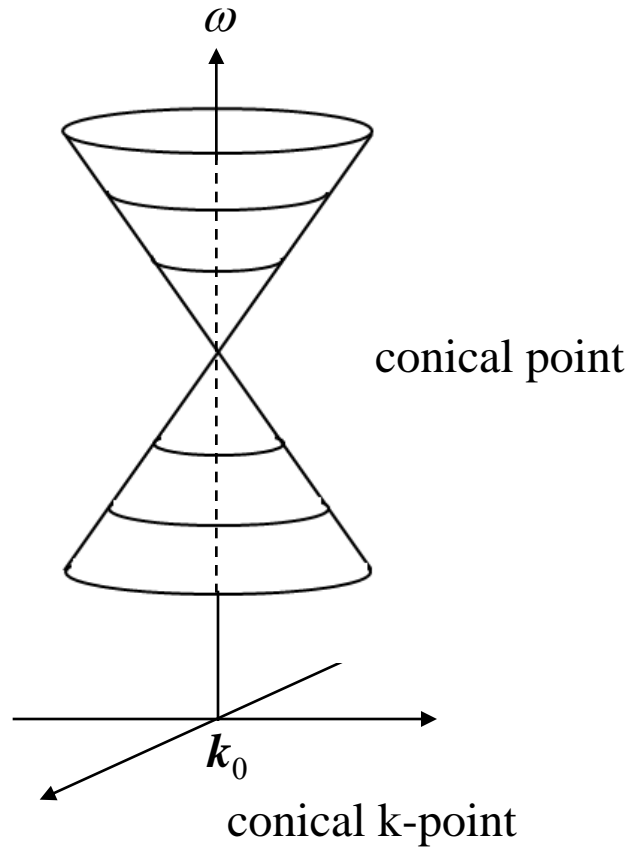
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# The Conical Point Crossing--- a special form of energy level crossing



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## Why now ?

(1) Graphene (hexagonal)

Dirac point-----conical point

(2)  $\text{Lu}_2\text{FeO}_4$  (rhombohedral)

electronic ferroelectrics

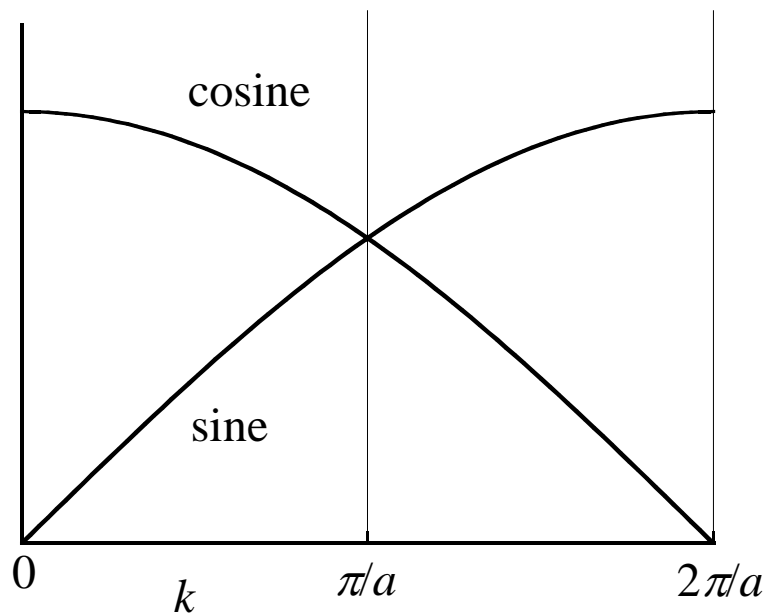
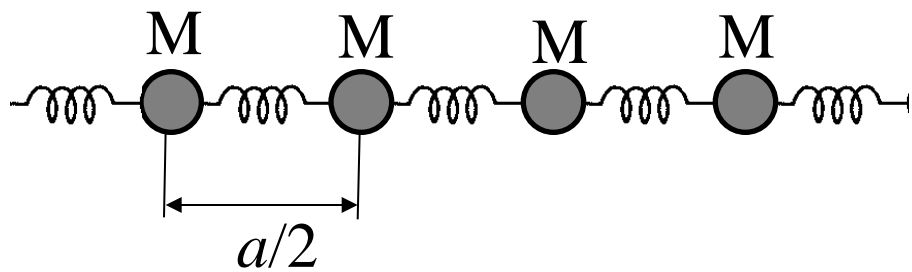
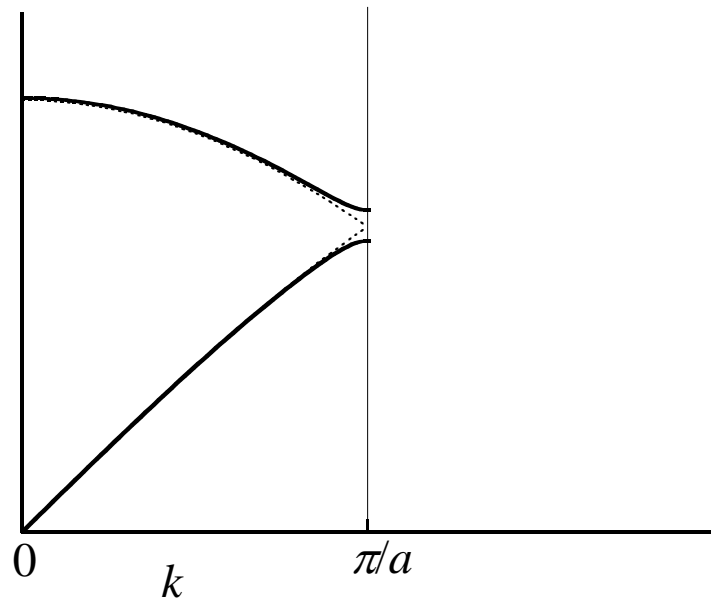
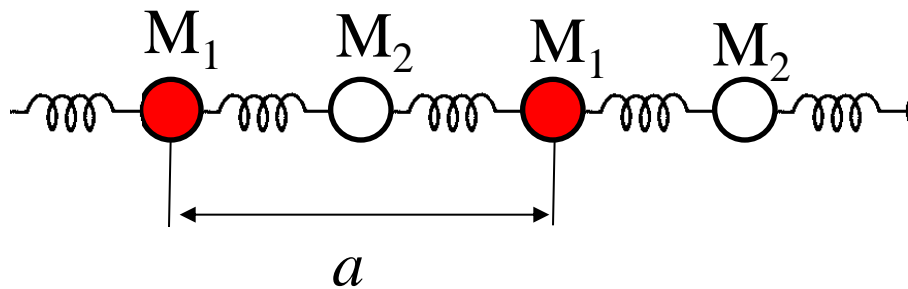
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# I. Simple level crossing

釈迦に説法

# I. The level crossing



# 分散関係

$a$ : 格子定数

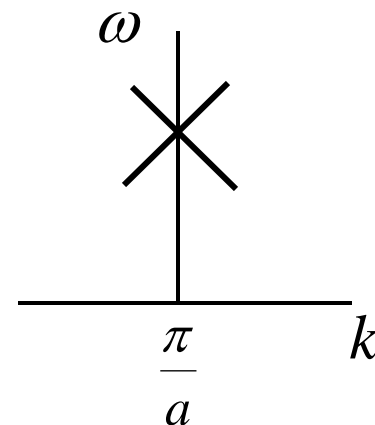
$$\omega^2 = \frac{K}{\mu} \pm K \sqrt{\frac{1}{\mu^2} - \frac{4}{M_1 M_2} \sin^2 \frac{ka}{2}}$$

$$\frac{1}{\mu} = \frac{1}{M_1} + \frac{1}{M_2} : \text{換算質量}$$

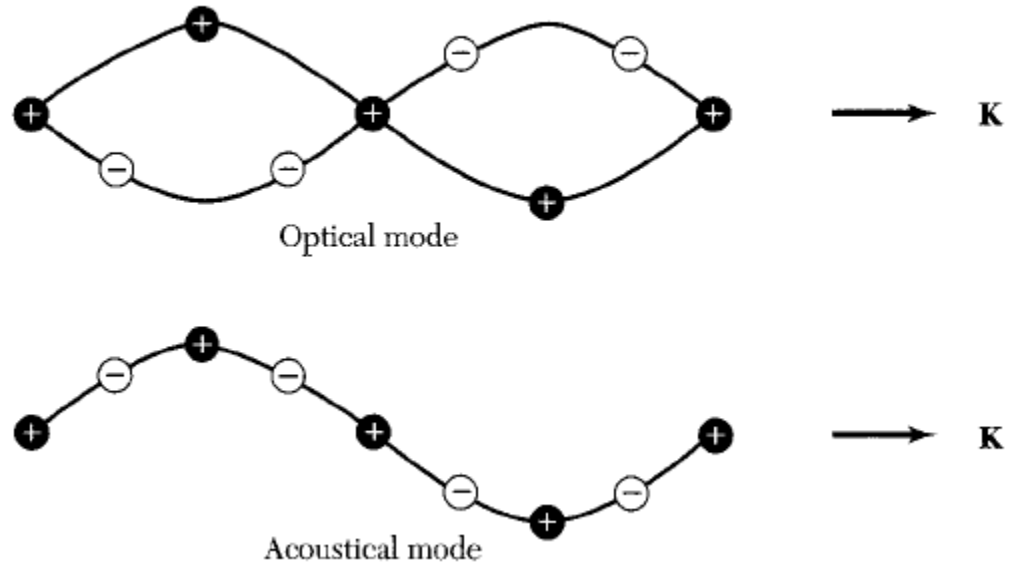
$$= \frac{K}{\mu} \pm K \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{M_1} - \frac{1}{M_2}\right)^2 + \frac{4}{M_1 M_2} \cos^2 \frac{ka}{2}}$$

$M_1 = M_2 = M$  とすると

$$\omega^2 = \frac{2K}{M} \left(1 \pm \cos \frac{ka}{2}\right)$$



# 原子の変位



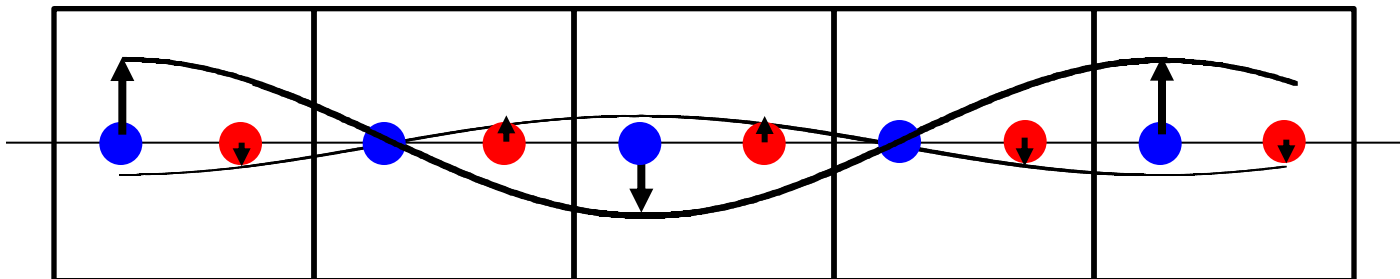
**Figure 10** Transverse optical and transverse acoustical waves in a diatomic linear lattice, illustrated by the particle displacements for the two modes at the same wavelength.

C. Kittel: 8<sup>th</sup> Ed. Introduction to Solid State Physics, John Wiley & Sons, Inc (2005).

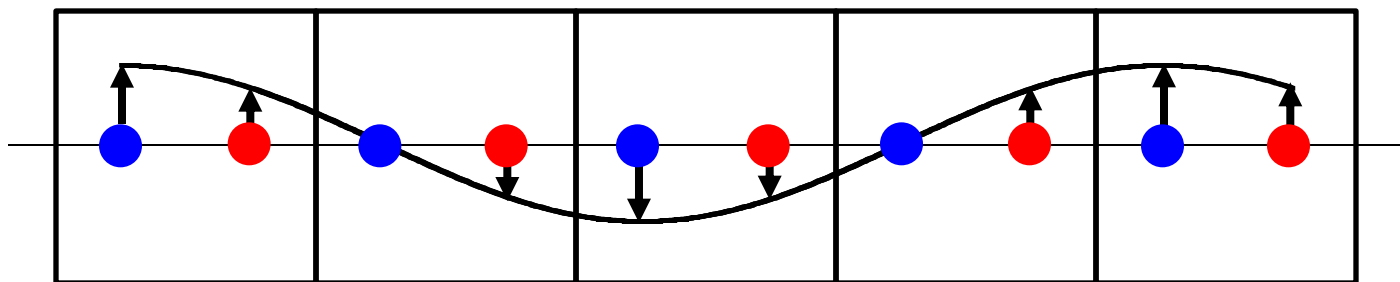
半格子移動した図を考えると、 $M_1=M_2$  (特別の場合) であることがわかる



# 原子の変位



光学的モード



音響的モード

## The Lifshitz invariant

$$p \frac{dq}{dx} - q \frac{dp}{dx}$$

## The Lifshitz condition

The second order transition is prohibited,

when the Lifshitz invariant can be formed. (YI)

when the anti-symmetrized square contains the irreducible representation, to which the vector components belong. (LL)

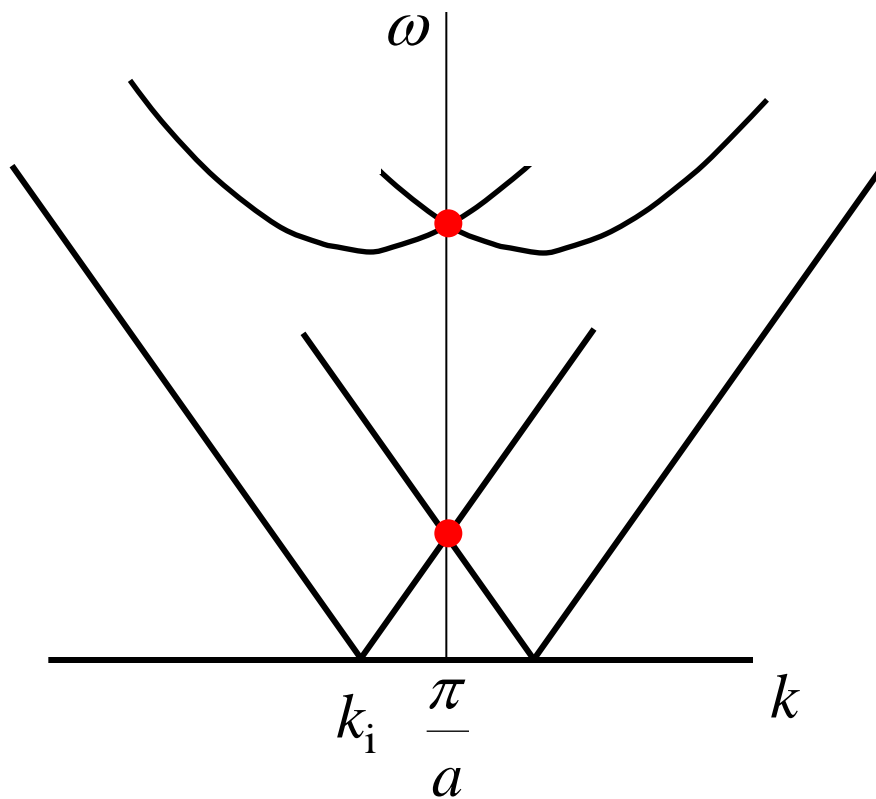
( underlined part ) = the vector representation

Anti-symmetrized square

$$(p_1, q_1), (p_2, q_2)$$

$$p_1 q_2 - p_2 q_1$$

# 分散關係



$r$ : the order parameter

$$p = r \cos kx, \quad q = r \sin kx$$

The Lifshitz (invariant) term =  $2 r^2 k \delta$

$$f = [a (T - T_0) + 2 k \delta + \kappa k^2] r^2 + \dots\dots\dots$$

[.....] を最初に 0 にする  $k$  と 温度

$$k_{\text{inc}} = - \delta / \kappa$$

$$a (T_{\text{inc}} - T_0) = \delta^2 / \kappa > 0$$

The Lifshitz invariant

(Rotation), Screw of the order parameters

Existence of the Lifshitz invariant in the space group

$2_1$ , a, b, c, n

Existence of the Lifshitz invariant in the point group

$C_4(E)$ ,  $D_4(E)$ ,  $C_3(E)$ ,  $D_3(E)$ ,  $C_6(E_1)$ ,  $C_6(E_2)$ ,

$D_6(E_1)$ ,  $D_6(E_2)$ ,  $T(F)$ ,  $O(F_1)$ ,  $O(F_2)$

Optical activity

## II. The hexagonal lattice

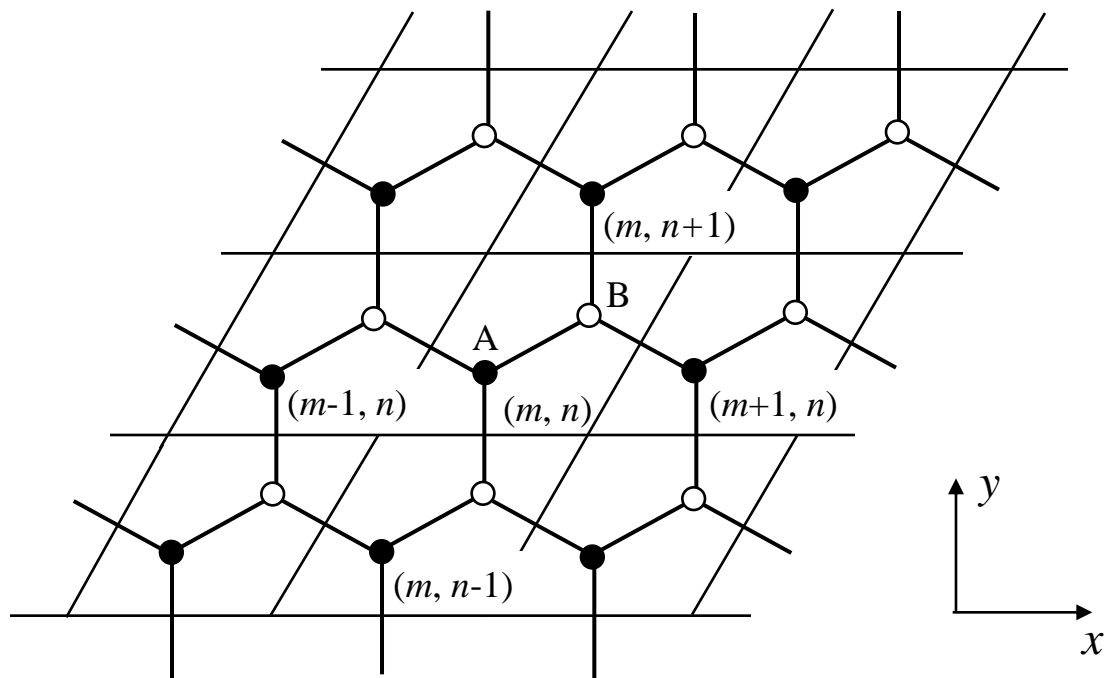


Fig. 2 M. Iwata and Y. Ishibshi



The displacement of A and B atoms in the  $(m, n)$  cell  
( perpendicular to the plane )

$$u_A(m, n) = p \exp [ i(m\theta + n\chi) ]$$

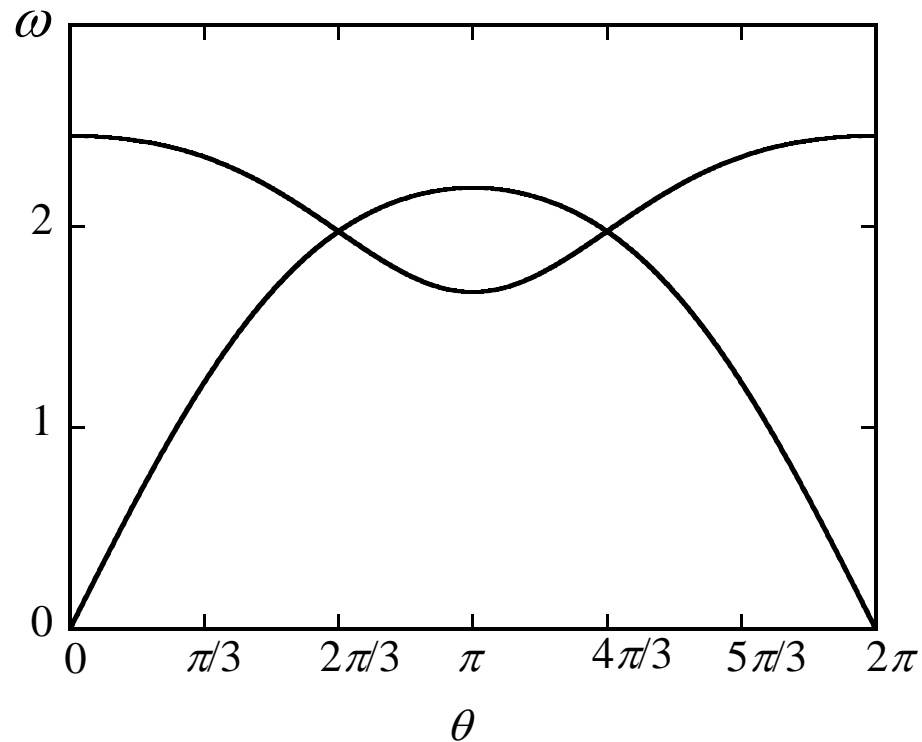
$$u_B(m, n) = q \exp [ i(m\theta + n\chi) ]$$

The dispersion relation

$$\omega^2 = \frac{1}{M} \{ K(3 \pm \sqrt{3 + 2A}) + 2L(3 - A) \}$$

$$A = \cos \theta + \cos \chi + \cos (\theta - \chi).$$

Displacement perpendicular to the plane



$$L = 0$$

$$\theta = 2\chi$$

Symmetric at  $\theta = \pi$  and locally symmetric at  $\theta = 2\pi/3$  .

Two zone boundaries

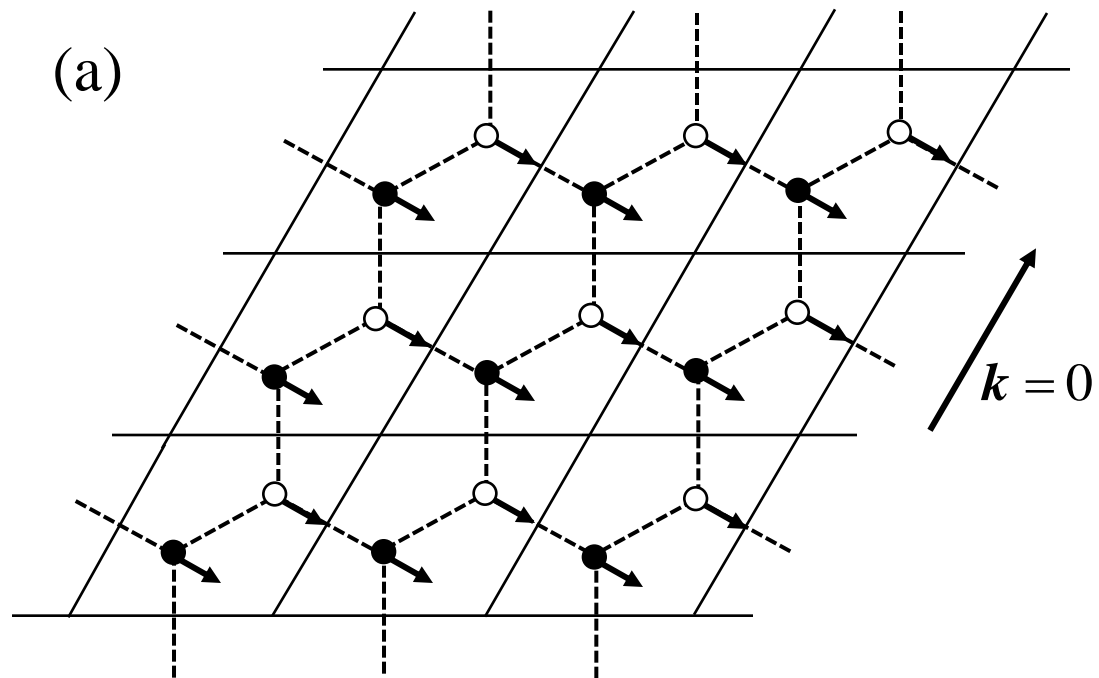


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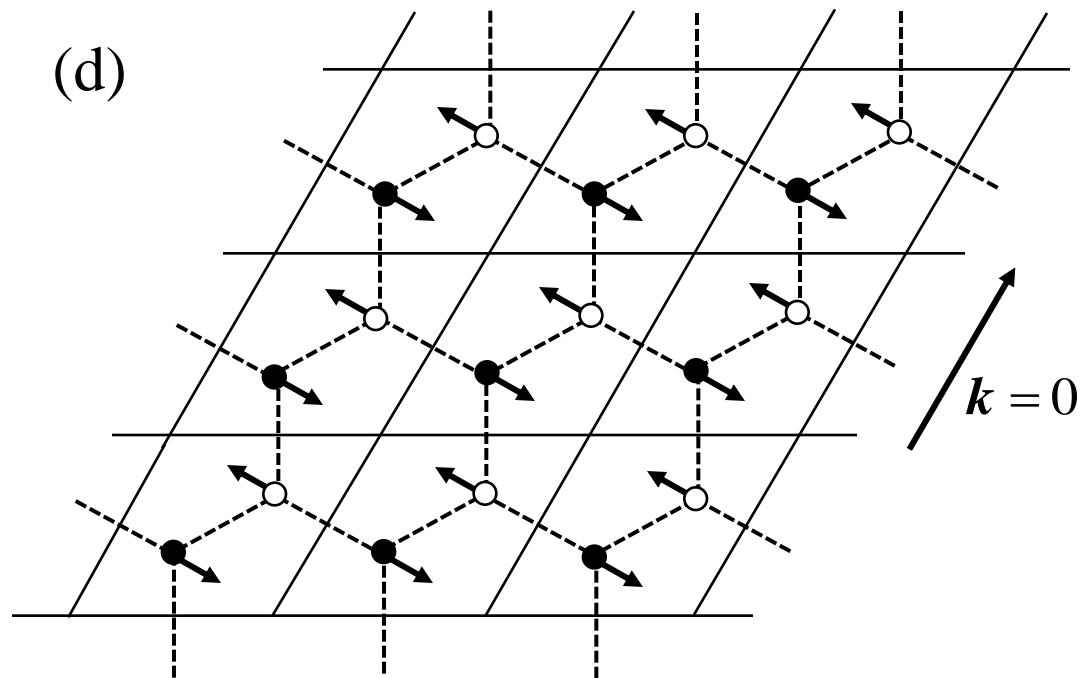


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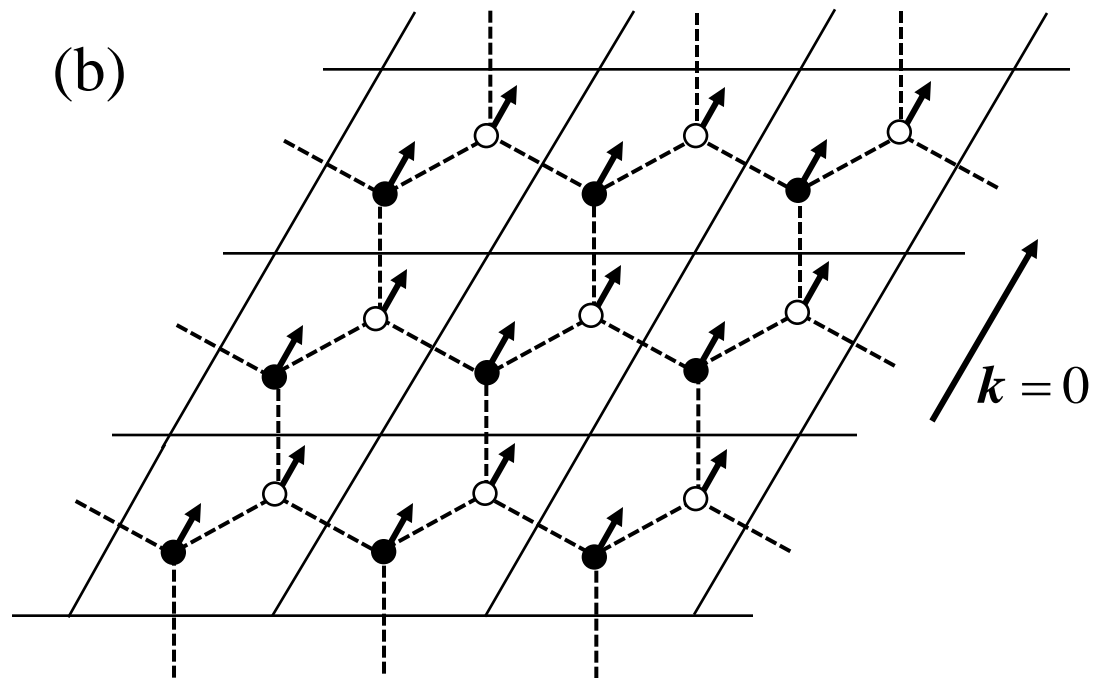


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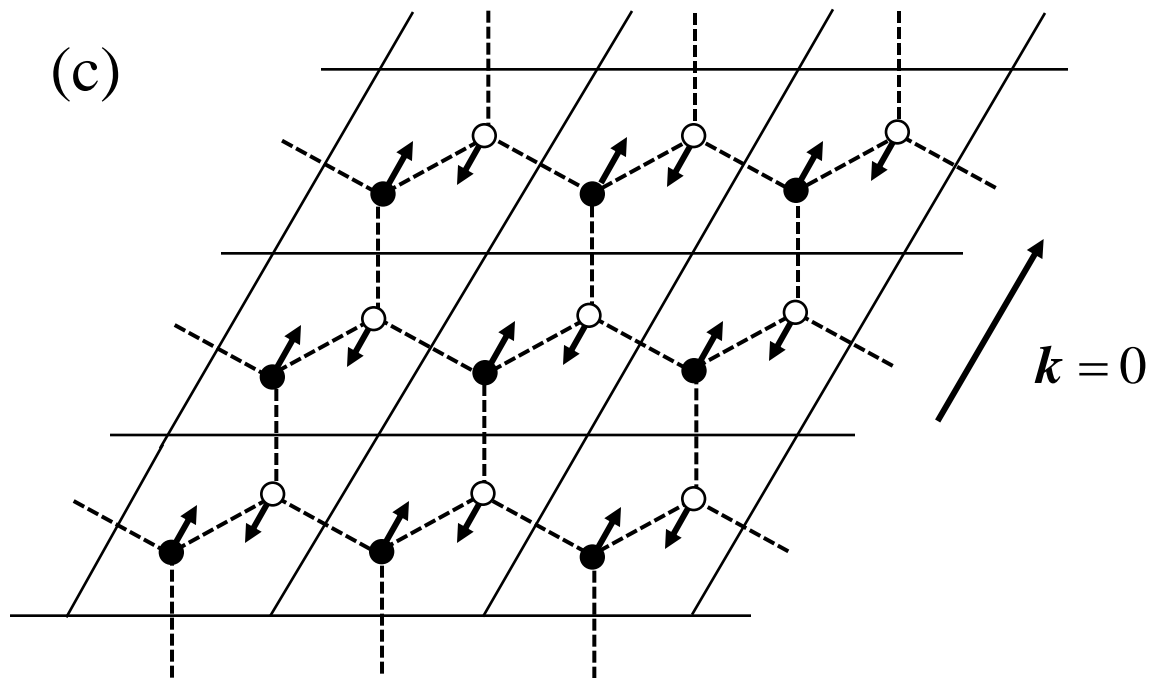
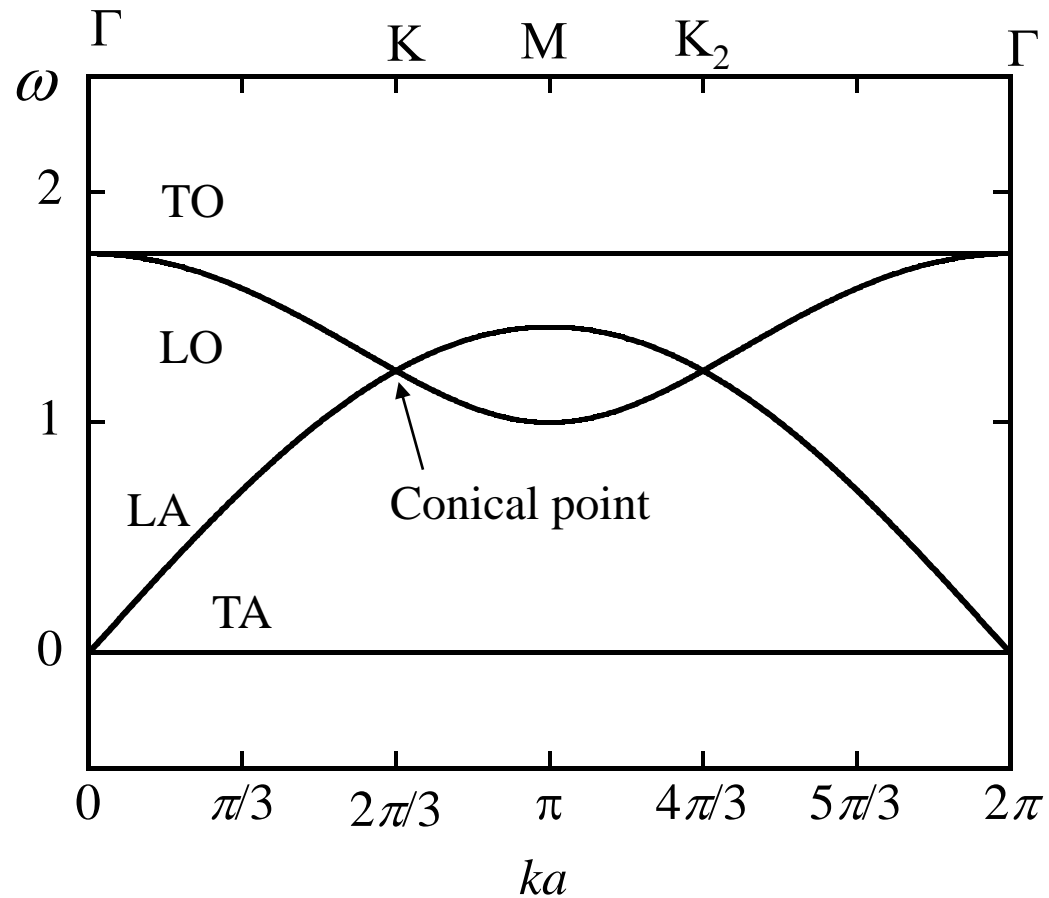


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# Displacement in the plane

$$K_1 \equiv K_3 \quad K_2 \equiv K_4$$



Only with the nearest neighbor interaction

# 2次元交差

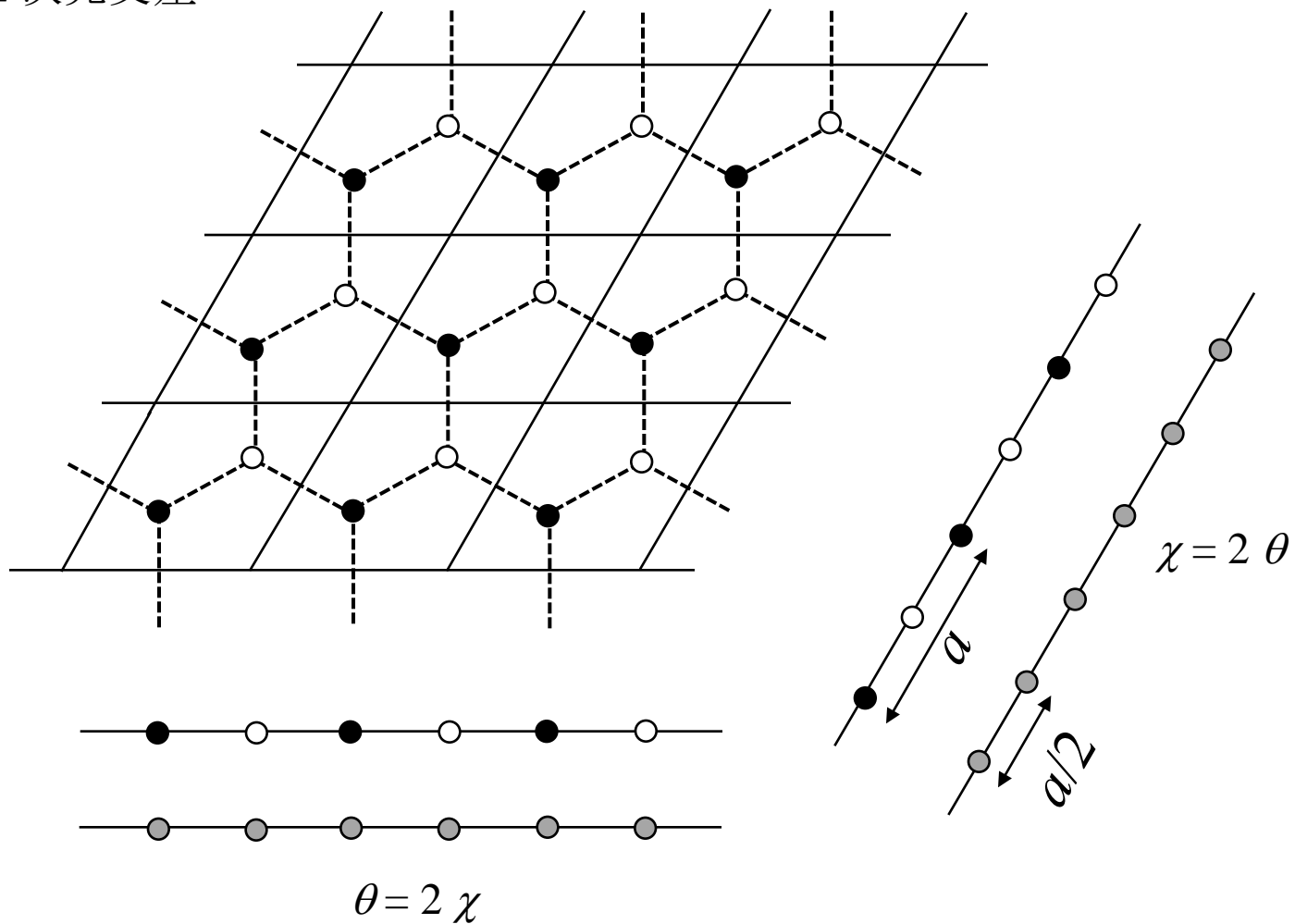


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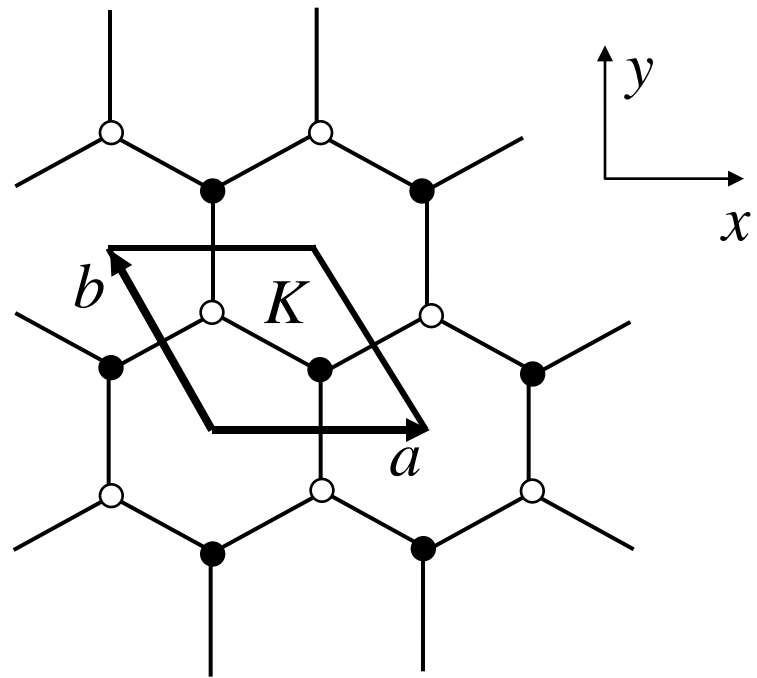


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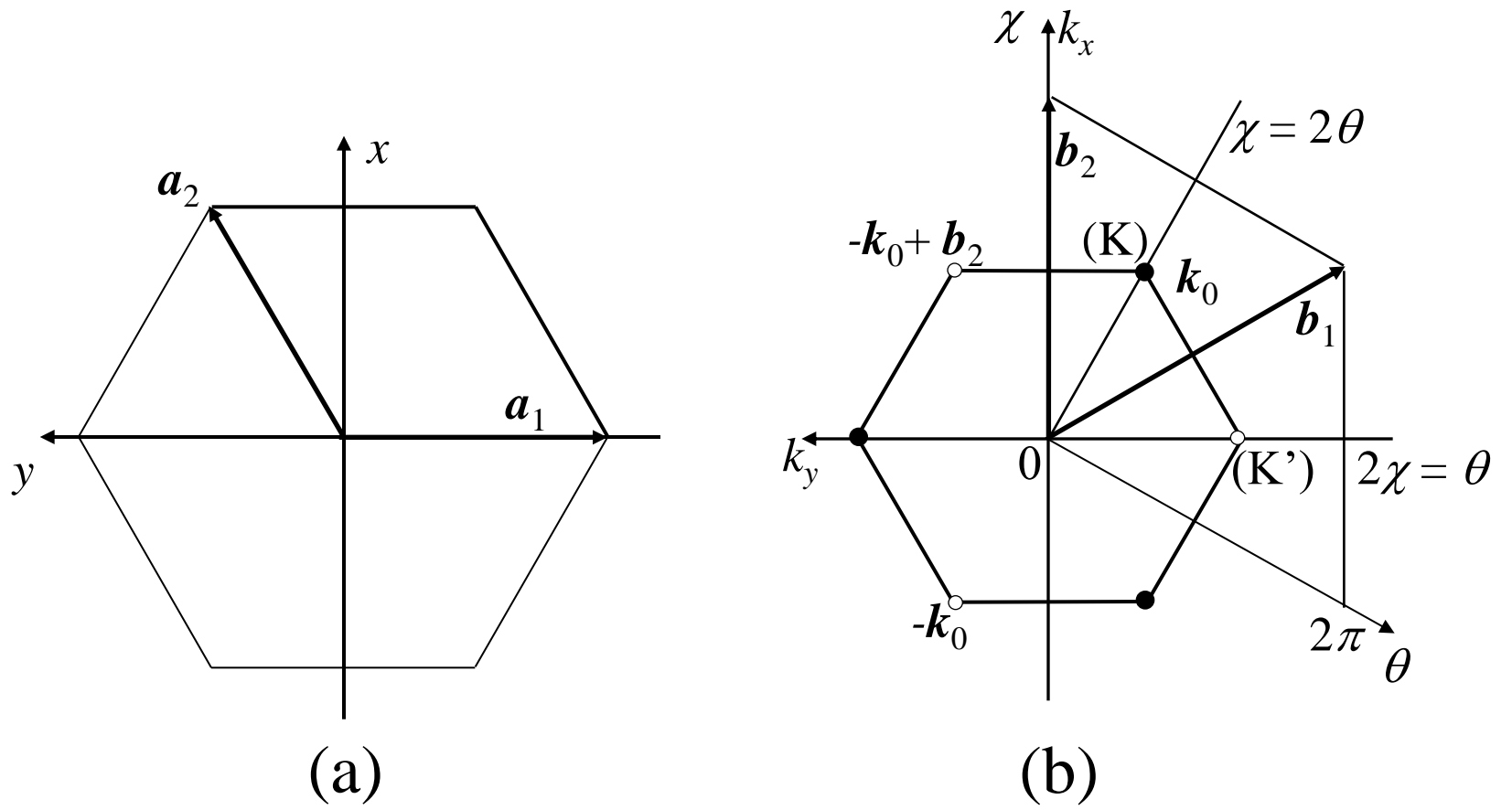


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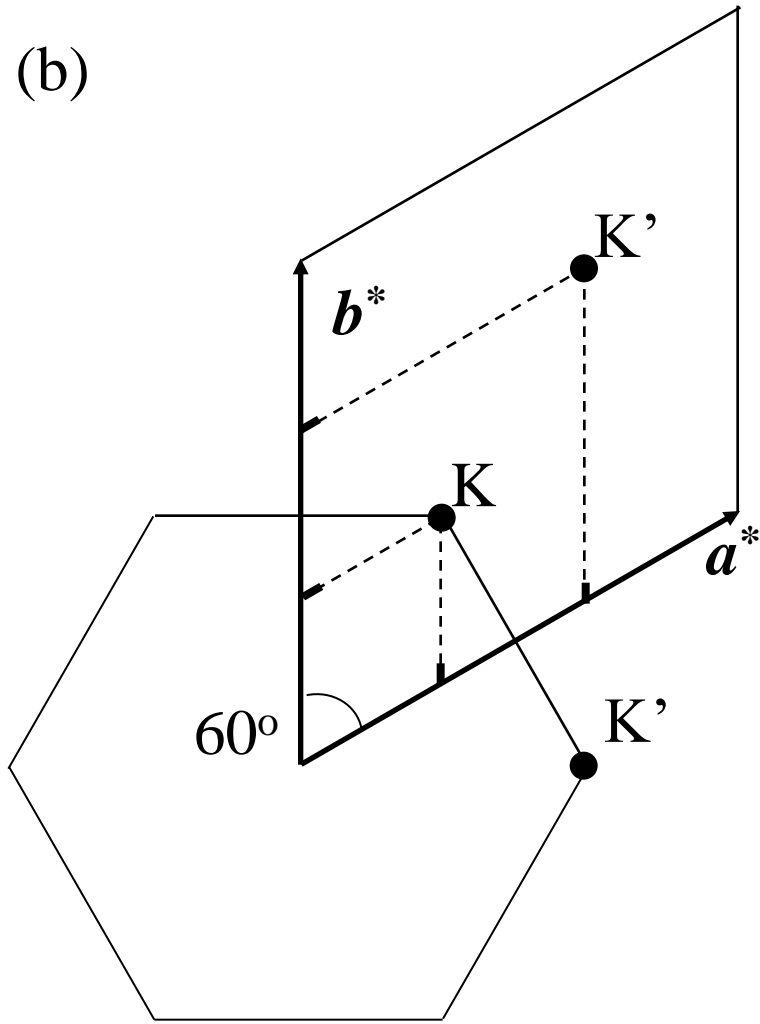


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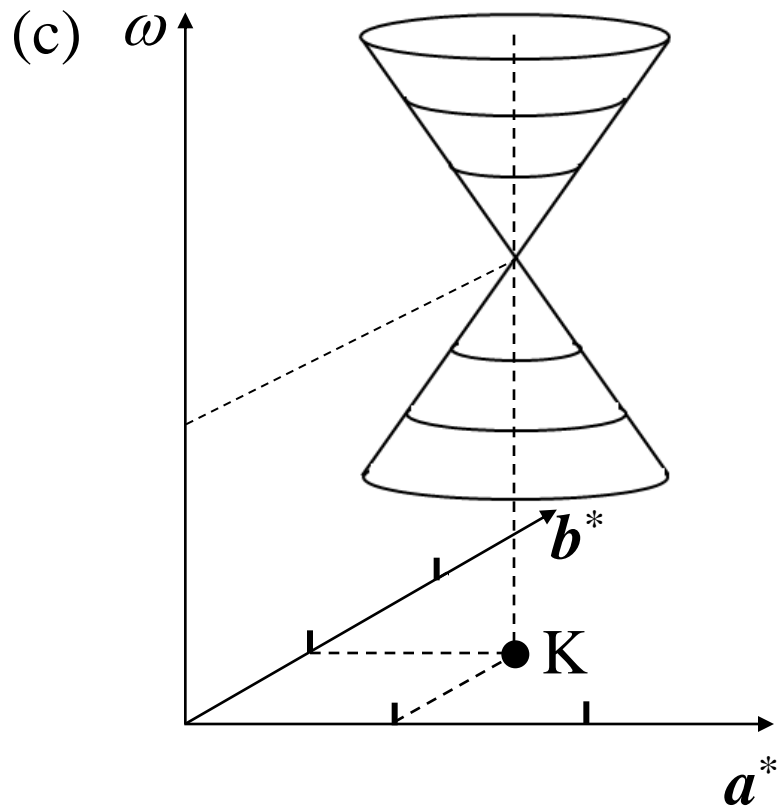
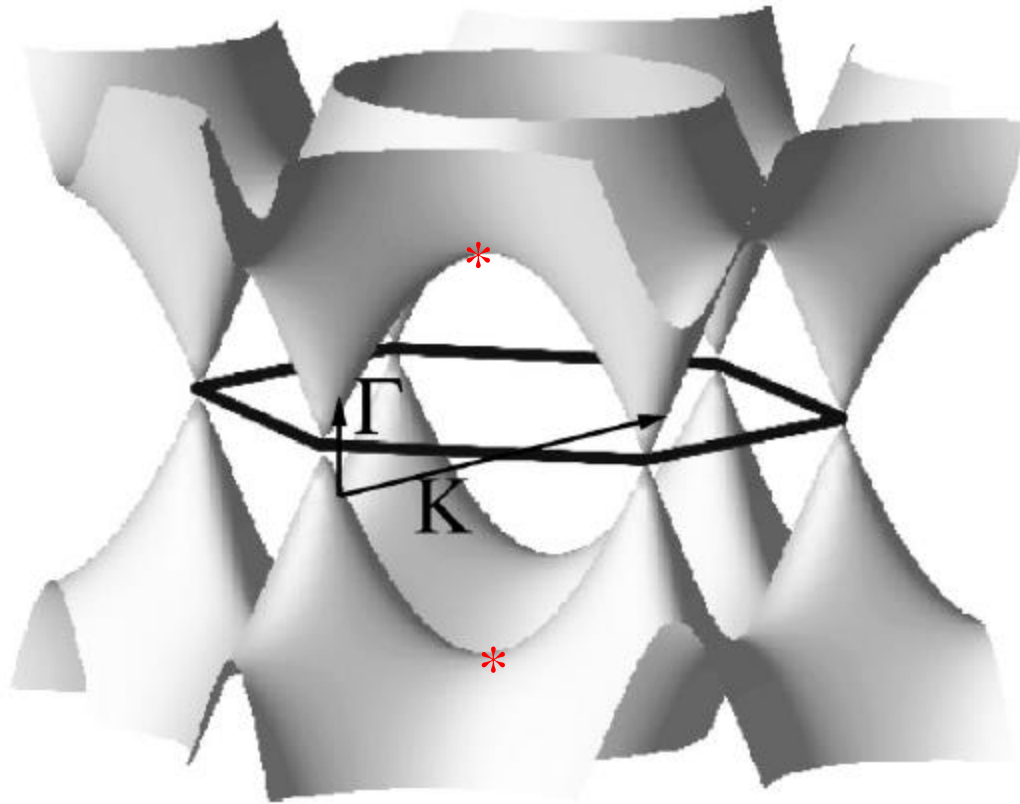


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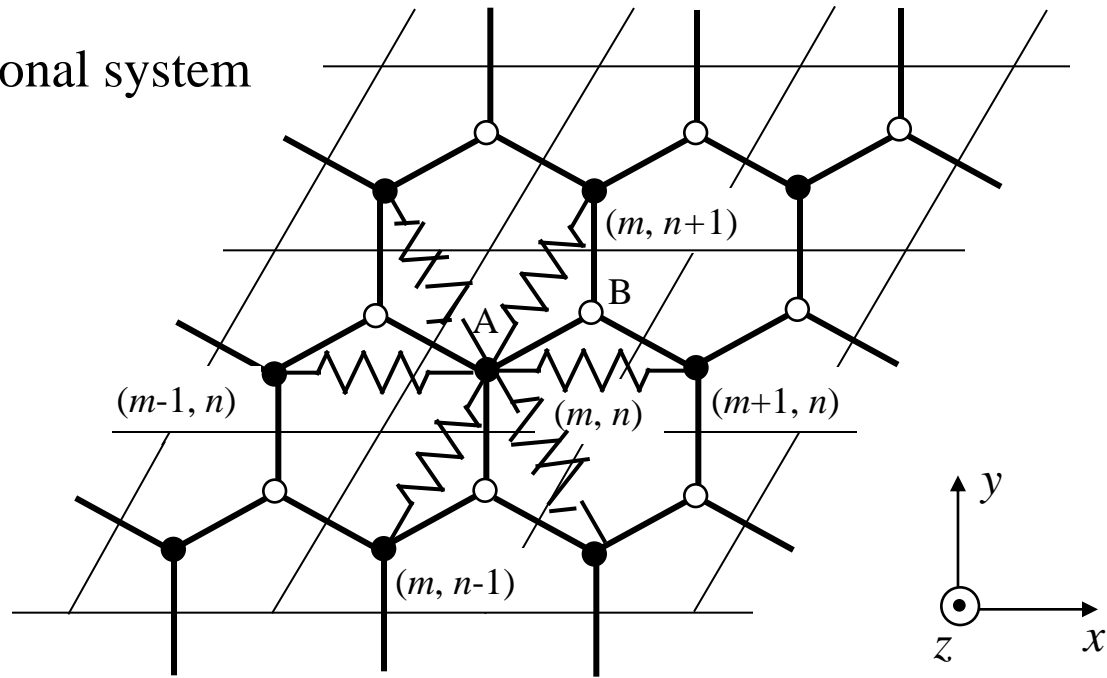
### III. The conical point crossing



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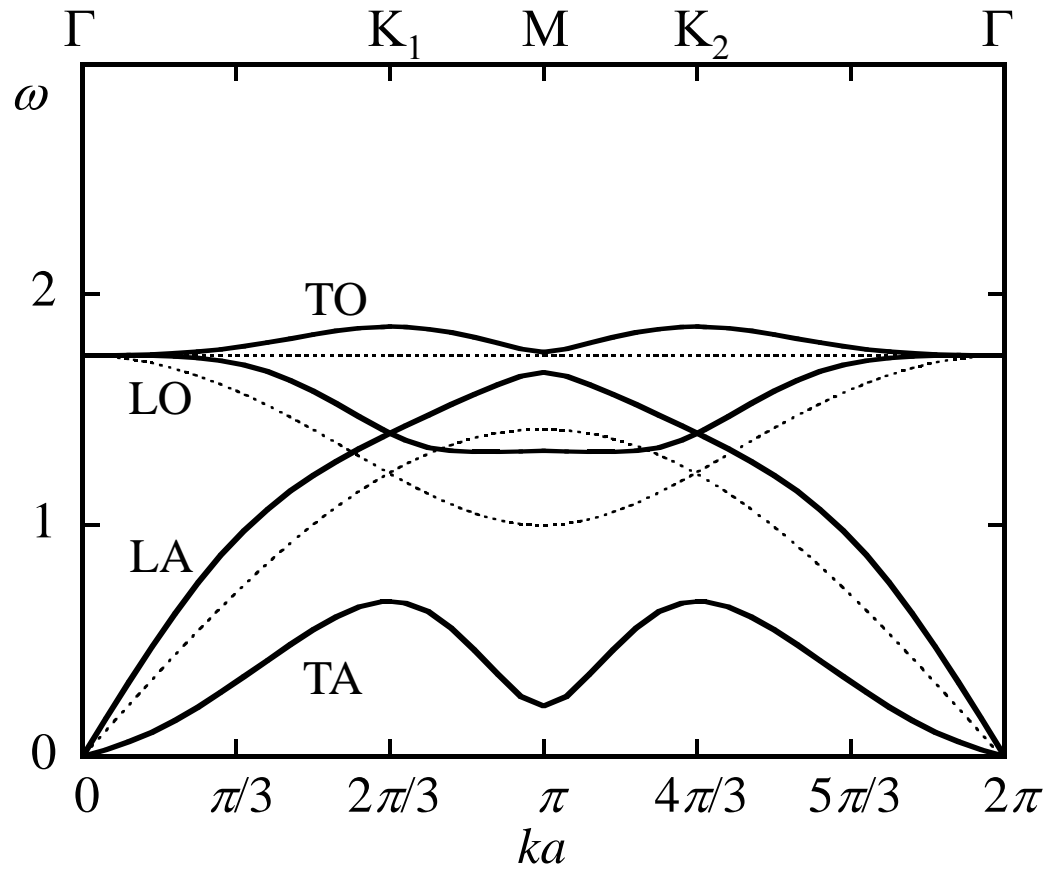
2種類のZone boundaryがあることを示す簡単なモデル

Hexagonal system



$K$ : nn interaction

$L$ : nnn interaction



極大極小の位置に注意

## The conical point crossing

the double degeneracy at 2 *unequal* points K and K'

the small representation is 2-dimensional

$2 \times 2 = 4$ ,      4-dimensional representation  
(the fourfold degeneracy)

no conical point at  $\Gamma$ -point

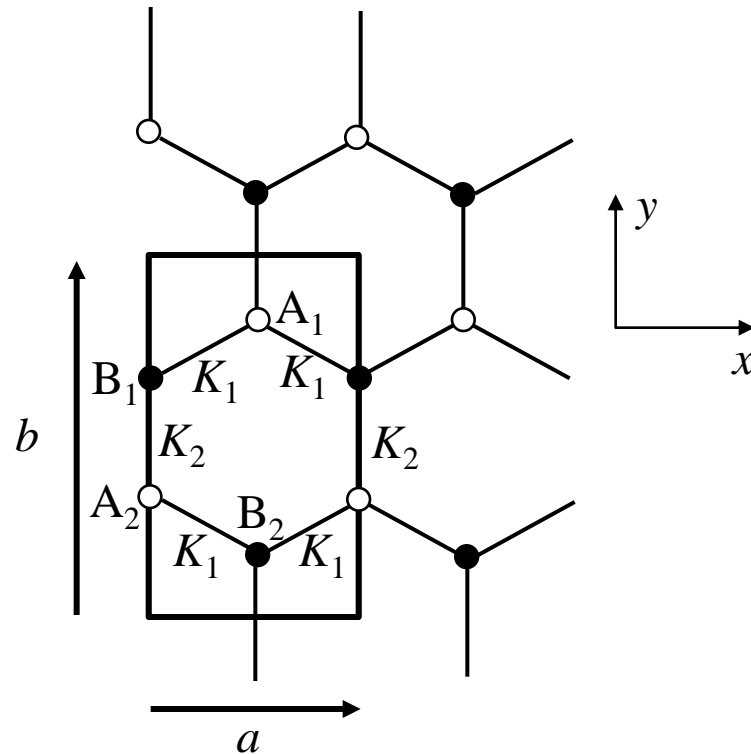
characteristic to the space group  
(the point group up to 3-dimensional)



### III. The conical point crossing in the orthorhombic lattices

相互作用のnetwork と単位胞の形は別物

相互作用のnetwork は結晶系（対称性）を  
反映している



The network of the interaction is topologically the same as in the hexagonal lattice

例 :  $K_2SeO_4$ ,  $K_2SeO_4, \dots$  (improper ferroelastic)

An orthorhombic lattice

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 2K_1 + K_2 - \omega^2 & -K_1(1 + e^{ik_a a}) & 0 & -K_2 e^{ik_b b} \\ -K_1(1 + e^{-ik_a a}) & 2K_1 + K_2 - \omega^2 & -K_2 & 0 \\ 0 & -K_2 & 2K_1 + K_2 - \omega^2 & -K_1(1 + e^{-ik_a a}) \\ -K_2 e^{-ik_b b} & 0 & -K_1(1 + e^{ik_a a}) & 2K_1 + K_2 - \omega^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The eigenvalues are obtained as

$$\omega_i^2 = 2K_1 + K_2 \pm \left[ 4K_1^2 \cos^2 \frac{k_a a}{2} + K_2^2 \pm 4K_1 K_2 \cos \frac{k_a a}{2} \cos \frac{k_b b}{2} \right]^{1/2} \\ (i = 1 \sim 4)$$

At the conical  $k$ -point the [......]  $^{1/2}$ -term in eq. (5) must vanish, i.e.,

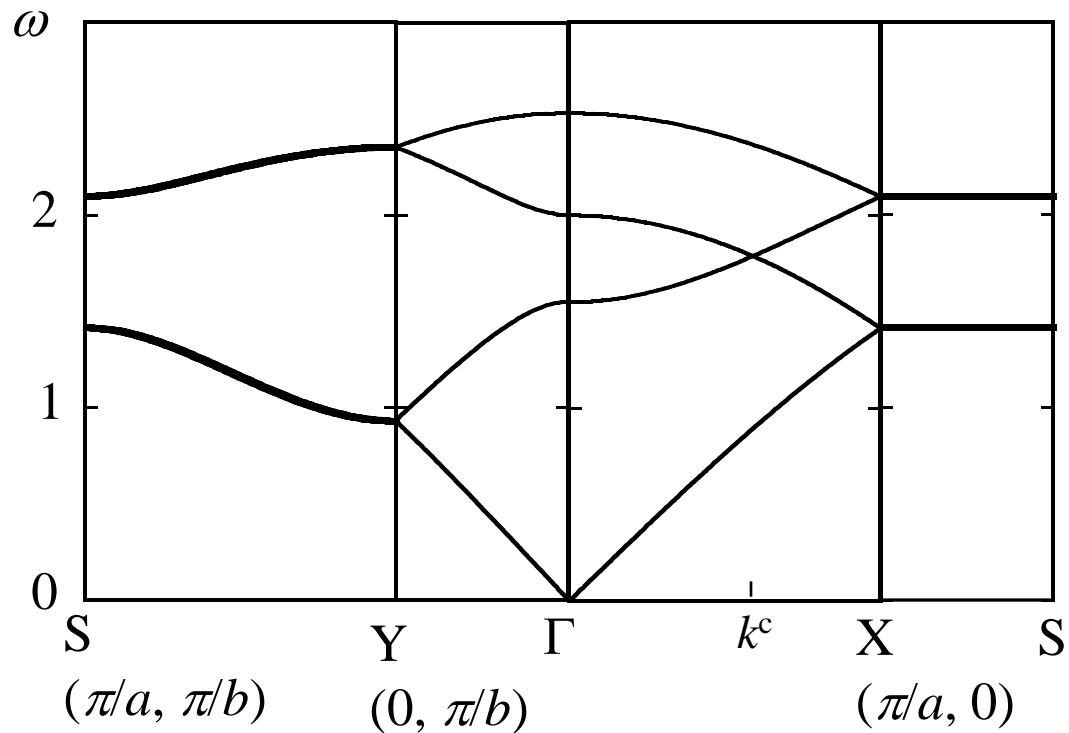
$$4K_1^2 \cos^2 \frac{k_a a}{2} + K_2^2 \pm 4K_1 K_2 \cos \frac{k_a a}{2} \cos \frac{k_b b}{2} = 0.$$

The dispersion relation around the conical  $k$ -points

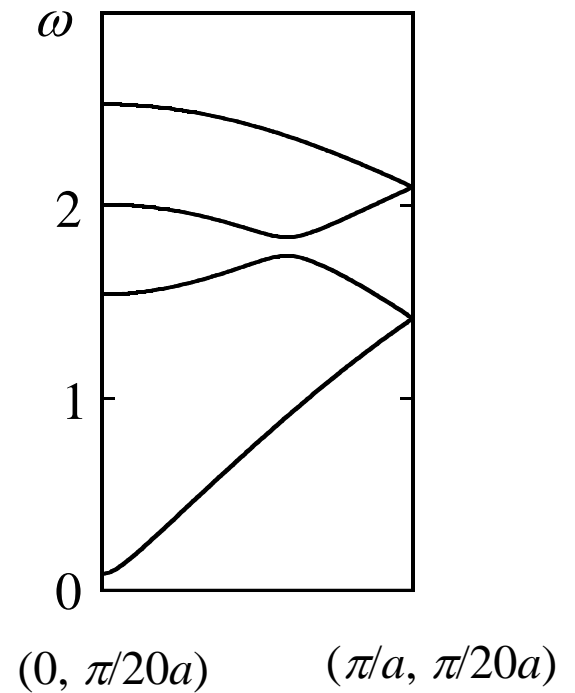
$$\omega^2 = 2K_1 + K_2 \pm \sqrt{\frac{A}{2} \kappa_a^2 + \frac{B}{2} \kappa_b^2 + O(\kappa^4)}$$

$$\kappa_a = k_a - k_a^c, \quad \kappa_b = k_b - k_b^c, \quad \kappa^2 = \kappa_a^2 + \kappa_b^2$$

$$\cos k_b b = 1, \quad \cos \frac{k_a a}{2} = \frac{K_2}{2K_1}$$



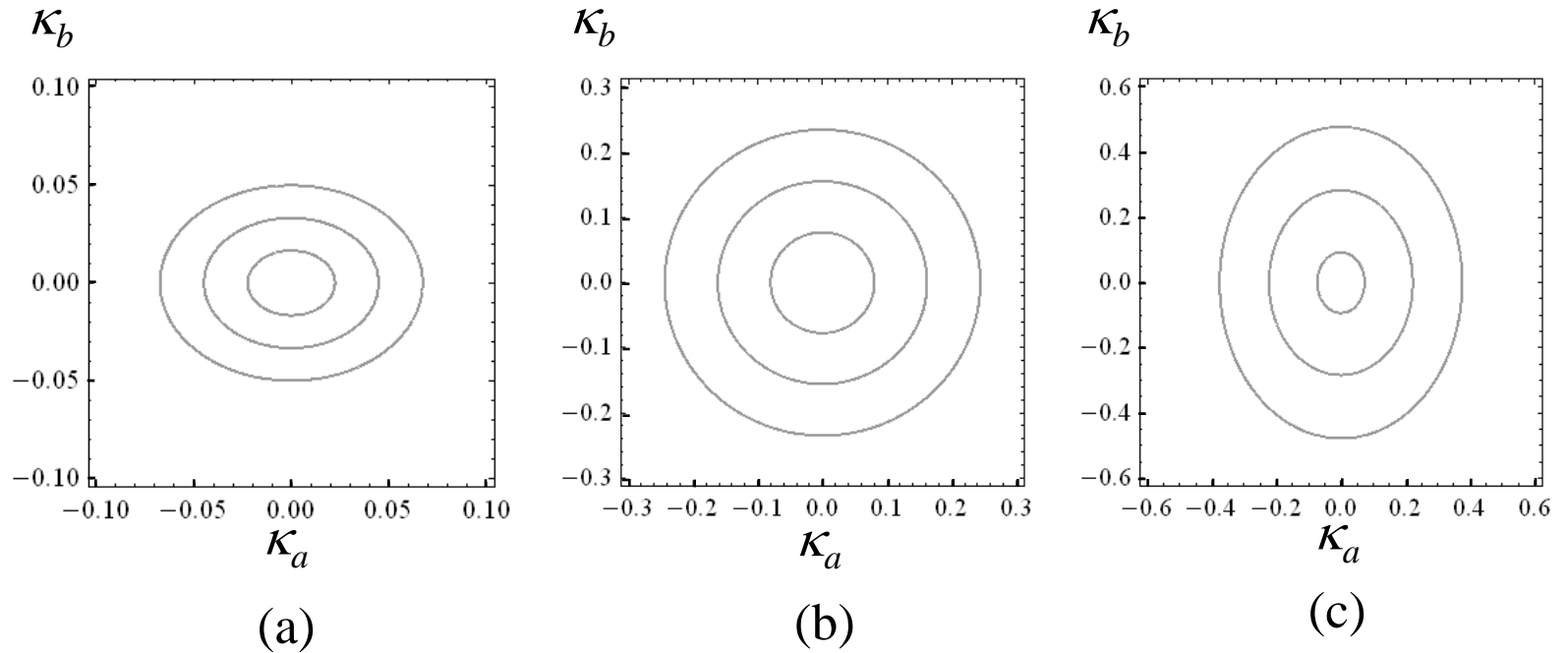
(a)



(b)

The conical point crossing occurs at the general point inside the Brillouin zone !

## Equal-frequency lines on the upper and the lower cones

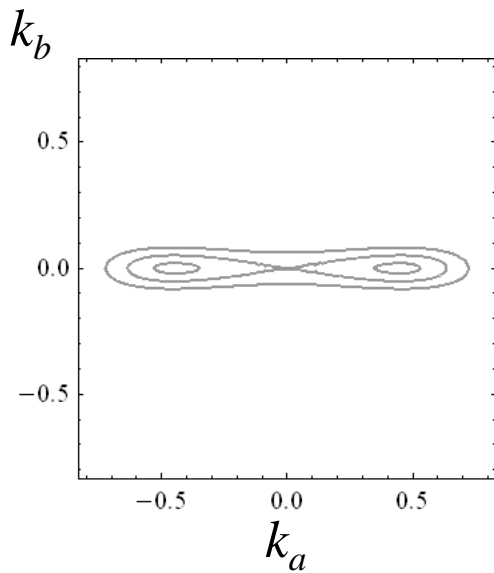


The oblique conical  $k$ -point  
towards the  $\Gamma$  point

$$\cos \theta = 1/2$$

towards the zone boundary

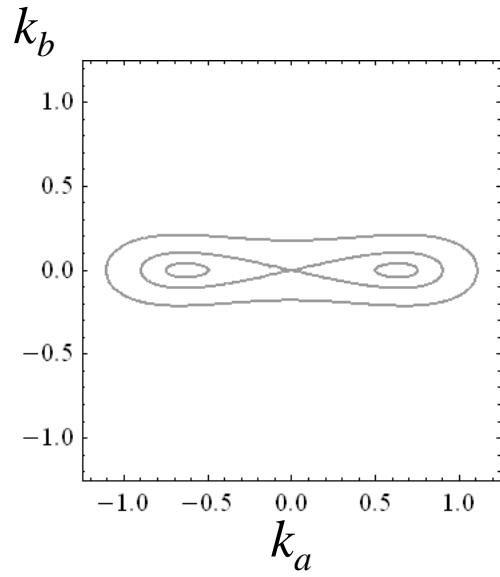
the z. b. in hexagonal lattice



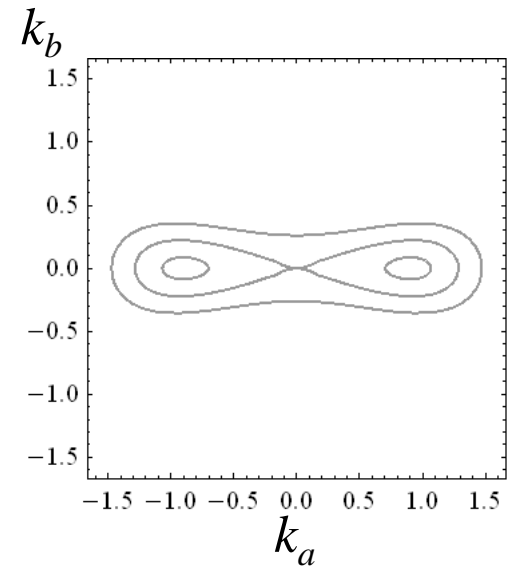
(a)

close to the  $\Gamma$  point

small slope



(b)

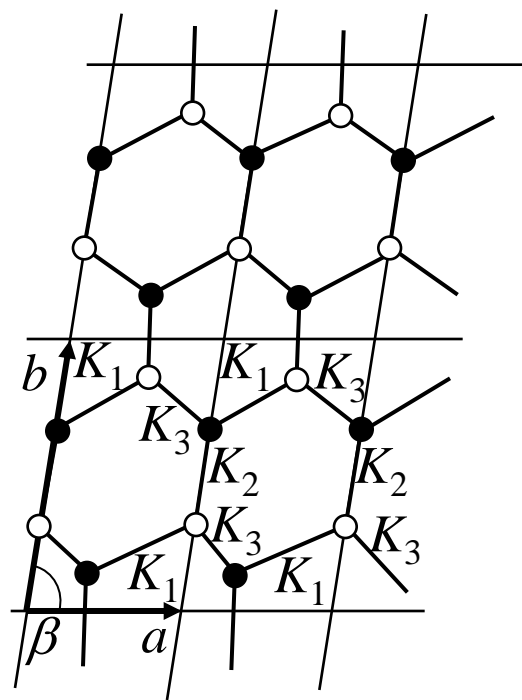


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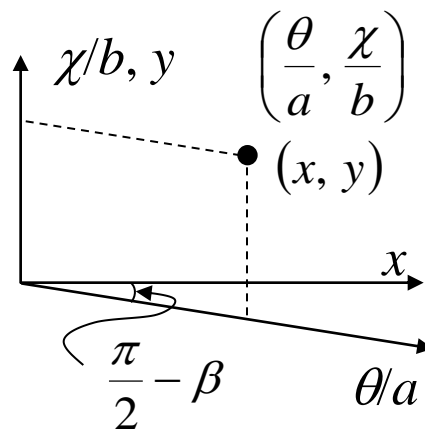
far from the  $\Gamma$  point

## IV. The conical point crossing in the monoclinic lattices





(a)



(b)

A monoclinic lattice

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} K_1 + K_2 + K_3 - \omega^2 & -J & 0 & -K_2 \zeta \\ -J^* & K_1 + K_2 + K_3 - \omega^2 & -K_2 & 0 \\ 0 & -K_2 & K_1 + K_2 + K_3 - \omega^2 & -J \xi^* \\ -K_2 \zeta^* & 0 & -J^* \xi & K_1 + K_2 + K_3 - \omega^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

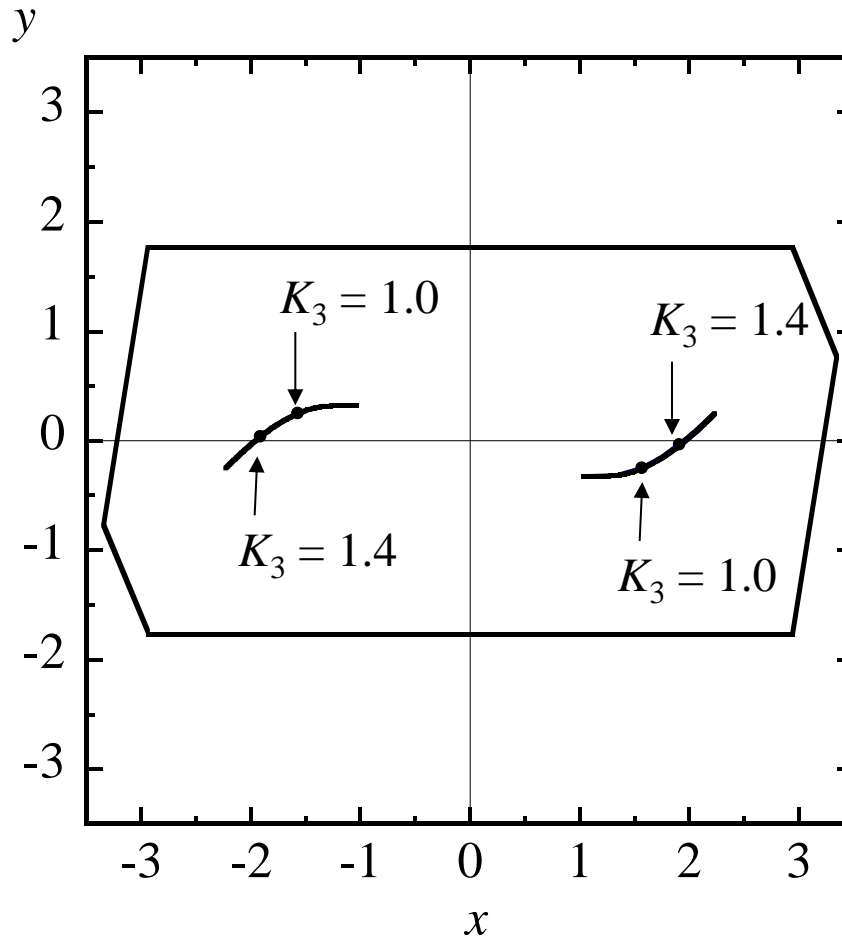
$$\xi = e^{i\theta}, \quad \zeta = e^{i\chi} \quad J = K_1 + K_3 \xi.$$

Then, we obtain four eigen-frequencies as

$$\left( \omega^2 - \omega_0^2 \right)^2 = JJ^* + K_2^2 \pm K_2 \sqrt{2JJ^* + J^{*2} \xi \zeta + J^2 \xi^* \zeta^*}.$$

At the conical  $k$ -point,  $(\theta, \chi)$  is given by

$$\cos \theta^c = \frac{K_2^2 - K_1^2 - K_3^2}{2K_1 K_3}, \quad \cos \chi^c = \frac{(K_1^2 + K_3^2)K_2^2 - (K_1^2 - K_3^2)^2}{2K_1 K_3 K_2^2},$$



The conical point crossing occurs at the general point inside the Brillouin zone !

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## A Primitive Monoclinic Cell

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} K_1 + K_2 + K_3 - \omega^2 & -\left(K_1 + K_3 e^{i\theta}\right) - K_2 e^{i\chi} \\ -\left(K_1 + K_3 e^{-i\theta}\right) - K_2 e^{-i\chi} & K_1 + K_2 + K_3 - \omega^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The eigen-frequencies are given as

$$\omega^2 = K_1 + K_2 + K_3 \pm \sqrt{W},$$

$$W = K_1^2 + K_2^2 + K_3^2 + 2K_1K_2 \cos \chi + 2K_1K_3 \cos \theta + 2K_2K_3 \cos(\chi - \theta).$$

The conical  $k$ -points

$$\cos \theta^c = \frac{K_2^2 - K_1^2 - K_3^2}{2K_1K_3},$$

$$\cos \chi^c = \frac{K_3^2 - K_1^2 - K_2^2}{2K_1K_2},$$

$$\cos(\theta^c - \chi^c) = \frac{K_1^2 - K_2^2 - K_3^2}{2K_2K_3}.$$

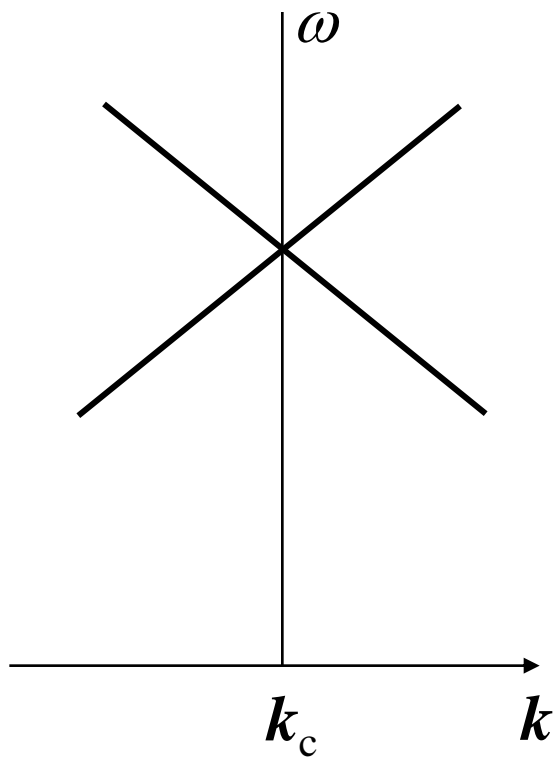
	Monoclinic	Orthorhombic	Hexagonal
	$K_1, K_2, K_3$	$K_1, K_2 = K_3$	$K_1 = K_2 = K_3$
$\cos \theta^c = \frac{K_2^2 - K_1^2 - K_3^2}{2K_1K_3},$		$-\frac{K_1}{2K_2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$
$\cos \chi^c = \frac{K_3^2 - K_1^2 - K_2^2}{2K_1K_2},$		$-\frac{K_1}{2K_2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$
$\cos(\theta^c - \chi^c) = \frac{K_1^2 - K_2^2 - K_3^2}{2K_2K_3}.$		$-\frac{K_1^2 - 2K_2^2}{2K_2^2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$

## Conical point crossing 型縮退の解け方

- \* Robust against the perturbation.
- \* Not resolved at the conical k point, wherever it exists.
- \* The conical k point moves by the perturbation.
- \* When moving towards the zone boundary ( $k_x = \pi/a$ ), flatter along the  $k_y$  axis. The crossing along the  $k_x$  axis remains.
- \* When moving towards the  $\Gamma$  point ( $k_x = 0$ ), flatter along the  $k_x$  axis. The degeneracy is resolved at the  $\Gamma$  point.

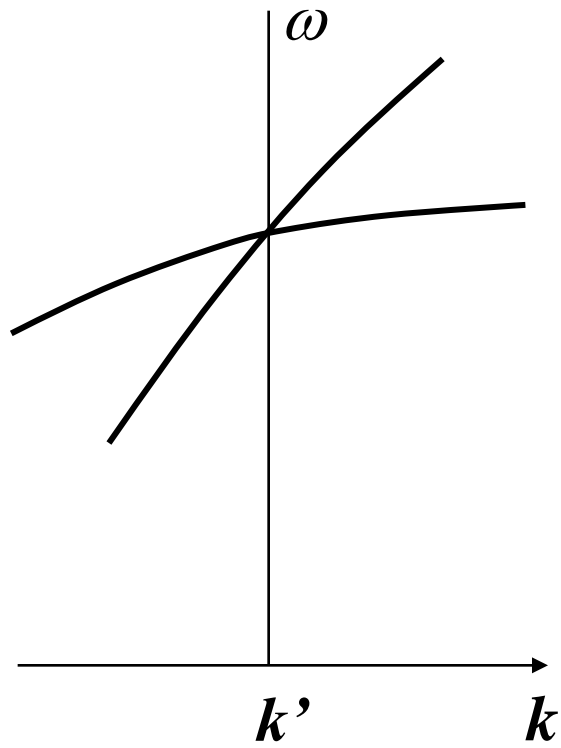
## The methodological comments

1. For the conical point crossing in the hexagonal lattice:  
The group theory is useful (as it should).
2. For the conical point crossing in the orthorhombic and the monoclinic lattices:
  - (1) Models are needed, because the conical point crossing occurs at the **general point** inside the Brillouin zone.
  - (2) Models should be simple and include all substantial symmetry aspects of the lattices.



(a)

Crossing by symmetry.  
Symmetric



(b)

Accidental crossing (degeneracy)  
Asymmetric



**Thank you very much for your attention**