

$k_F$  is related to  $E_F$  by the

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as the interatomic distance. the Fermi surface would be  $r$  radius.

conduction electrons of the interaction of the electrons makes itself felt only when particular direction coincides with electron wavelength propagation. Brillouin zone structure of the vector of a conduction electron zone to a point on the zone Bragg condition for reflection the particular zone boundary. constant energy must be continuous can discontinuities appear. potential, the constant energy as to their connectivity at the it is convenient to map back the surface that overlap into sheets in the third zone and so Fermi surface, corresponding to when re-mapped. Harrison of doing this mapping and sheets of the Fermi surface various lattice structures with the atom.

given in Fig. 5, which shows Fermi surface of a simple square (Jan, 1960). The reciprocal lattice surface is now a circle and the Brillouin zone as seen in the first sheet or band (i.e., the Fermi surface) unchanged; the Fermi surface has been re-mapped back into the repeated zone scheme and represents the

same information as in (a) but differently displayed; with suitable labelling either is complete and unambiguous. In (c) are shown the first and second bands in the *repeated zone* scheme, which brings out the possible continuous orbits accessible to an electron on any particular sheet (or band) of the Fermi surface. In (d) is shown Harrison's construction for deriving the reduced and repeated zone schemes.

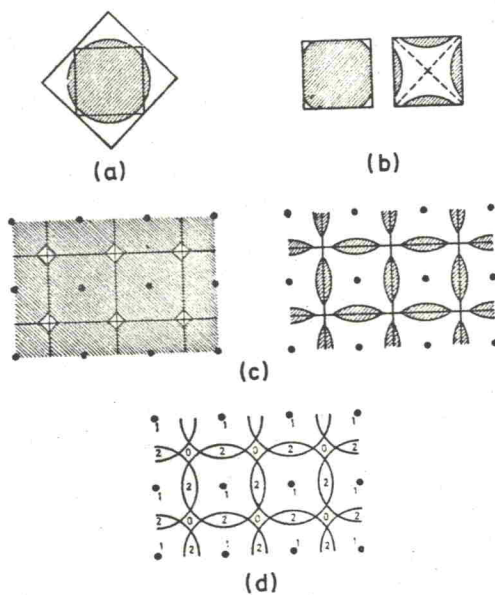


FIG. 5. (a). Fermi surface and first two Brillouin zones in the extended zone scheme. (b). First and second bands in the reduced zone scheme. (c). First and second bands in the repeated zone scheme. (d). Harrison's construction to derive the reduced and repeated zone schemes. (After Jan, 1966.)

In a cubic material the effect of hydrostatic pressure on the Fermi surface can easily be pictured to this degree of approximation. The pressure decreases the volume of the metal in real space and so in  $k$  space increases the volume, *but not the shape*, of the Brillouin zone. The volume of the Fermi sphere is changed in exactly the same proportions as that of the zone and so there is no relative change of Fermi sphere and Brillouin zone. So to this approximation pressure does not alter the relative size of different parts of the Fermi surface; everything scales.

In a hexagonal metal, such as Zn, however, the situation is different. Now pressure has the effect of altering the  $c/a$  ratio of the metal so