

where  $k_F$  is related to  $E_F$  by the equation (7)

where  $a$  is the interatomic distance,  $r_F$  is the Fermi surface radius, and  $r$  is the atomic radius.

For conduction electrons of the metal, the interaction of the electrons with the lattice makes itself felt only when the wave vector in any particular direction coincides with the reciprocal lattice vector. The electron wavelength propagates in the direction of the Brillouin zone structure of the metal. For a conduction electron to be at a point on the zone boundary, the Bragg condition for reflection must be satisfied. If the energy must be continuous, discontinuities appear in the energy bands. In a periodic potential, the constant energy surfaces do not connect at the zone boundaries. It is convenient to map back the Fermi surface that overlap into one continuous surface, corresponding to the Brillouin zone when re-mapped. Harrison's method of doing this mapping and the resulting sheets of the Fermi surface for various lattice structures with the atom.

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

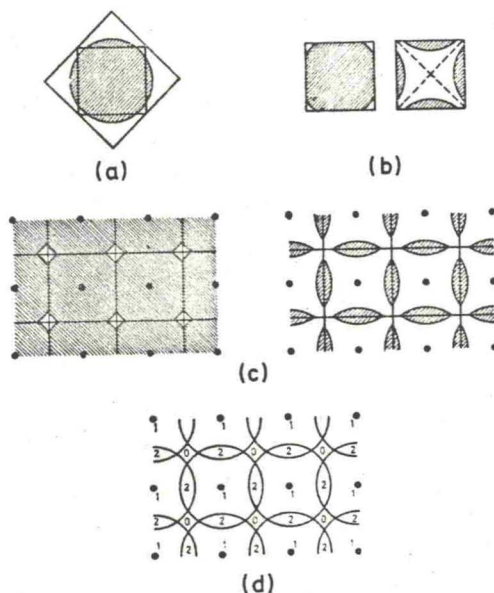


FIG. 5. (a). Fermi surface and first two Brillouin zones in the extended zone scheme. (b). First and second bands in the reduced zone scheme. (c). First and second bands in the repeated zone scheme. (d). Harrison's construction to derive the reduced and repeated zone schemes. (After Jan, 1966.)

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