

Fitting of the effective mass

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Program Flow

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In solid state physics, the effective mass is defined as follows:

$$\frac{1}{m_{\alpha\beta}^*} = \frac{1}{\hbar^2} \frac{d^2 E(\mathbf{k})}{dk_{\alpha} dk_{\beta}} \quad (1)$$

where m^* is effective mass, and $E(k)$ is the band dispersion relation between energy E and k . And the effective mass reflects the band curvature, the flatter of band, the larger effective mass.

In this report, I will fit the effective mass around the Γ point for the semiconductor material CuInSe_2 by taking advantage of least-squares fitting in Python.

Energy E is as follows:

$$E = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_{xy}^*}(k_x^2 + k_y^2) + \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_z^*}(k_z^2) \quad (2)$$

which means that we want to know the value m_{xy}^* and m_z^* by given the value of E and k_x, k_y and k_z .

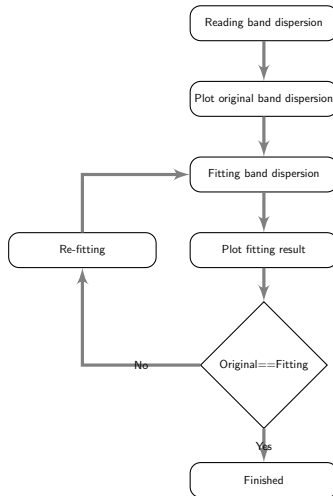


Figure: Flow chart of fitting energy band dispersion

Here are the results from fitting, I compare my fitting results (value inside the parentheses in red color) with the paper [C. Persson, Appl. Phys. Lett. 93, 072106 (2008)], where I find out there are quite similar, so the code is reliable to be used.

Table: Effective mass for CuInSe_2

	c1	v1	v2	v3
m_{xy}	0.08 (0.08)	0.14 (0.13)	0.25 (0.25)	0.27 (0.26)
m_z	0.09 (0.09)	0.66 (0.65)	0.12 (0.12)	0.28 (0.28)

And following figures are the fitting result from v_1 as one example, also with testing results.

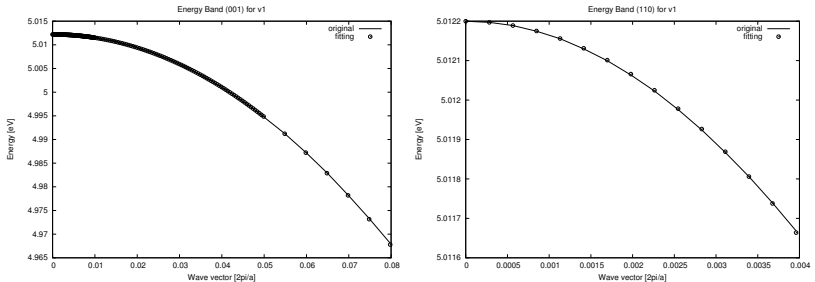


Figure: Fitting results for band v_1

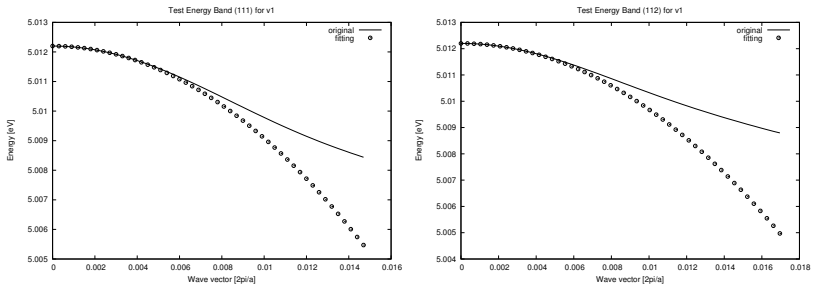


Figure: Testing results for band v1

There are several places I can improve this code, for example, I can creat a graphical user interface to convenient user, or make this code more flexible, or find the maximum valence band index automatically.

Thank you for your time!