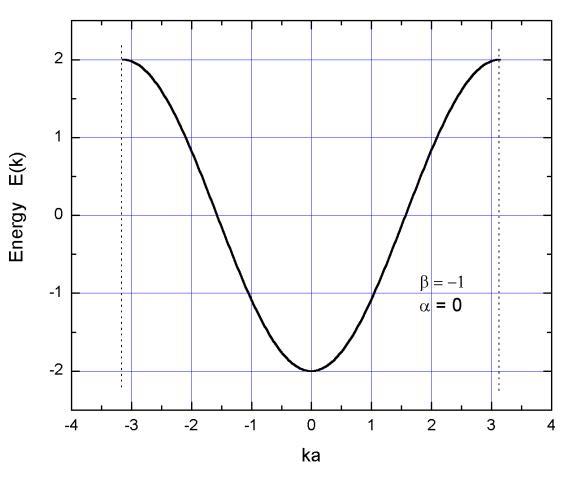
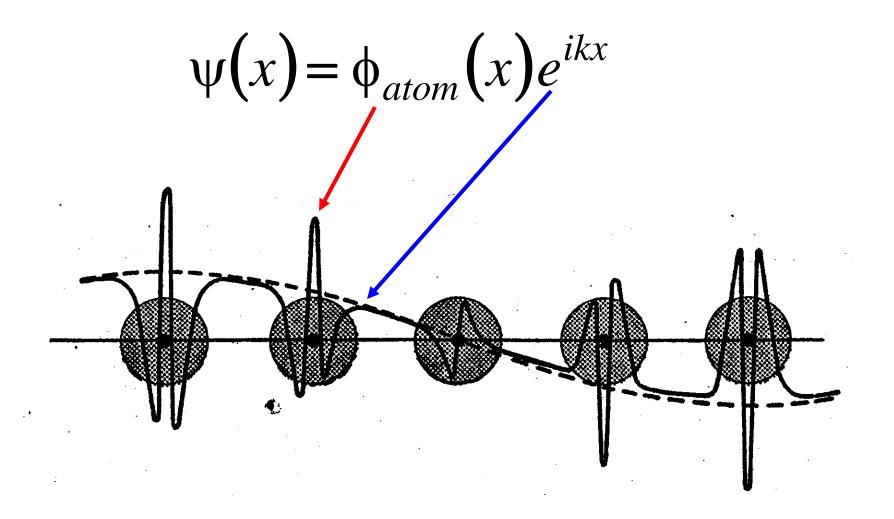
$$E(k) = \alpha + 2\beta \cos(ka) \quad (\beta < 0)$$



ground state energy level of isolated atom:

$$E_1 = \alpha \equiv 0$$



(Ziman, Principles of the Theory of Solids, Fig. 52(c))