3.23 Electrical, Optical, and Magnetic Properties of Materials
Fall 2007

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LAST LECTURE !

Last time

- Fermi's golden rule, joint density of states
- Perturbing Hamiltonian, selection rules
- Frequency-dependence of band adsorption in direct or indirect band gap SC. Absorption above the band edge
- Excitons and exciton absorption
- Luminescence: low-carrier density; degeneracy.

Study

- Fox, Optical Properties of Solids, Chap. 7.5, 9.4, 10.4

Exam

- Monday 17, 9am-12noon
- 2 questions on electronics, 1 on optics, 1 on magnetic

Syllabus

- *From particles to waves: the Schrödinger equation*
- *The mechanics of quantum mechanics: operators, expectation values*
- *Measurements and probabilities. The harmonic oscillator.*
- *The hydrogen atom and the periodic table*
- *Periodicity and phonons*
- *Electrons in a lattice: Bloch's theorem*
- *The nearly-free electron model*
- *The tight-binding model. Band structures*
- *Metals, semiconductors and insulators*
- *Intrinsic and extrinsic semiconductors*
- *Transport of heat and electricity*
- *The p-n diode*

Syllabus

- *Electromagnetism in dielectric media*
- *Classic propagation of waves*
- *Optical materials and refractive index*
- *Interband absorption*
- *Excitons and luminescence*
- *Fundamental of ferromagnetic materials*
- *Hysteresis loop and driving energies*
- *Hard materials and permanent magnets*
- *Soft materials: thin films and nanoparticles. Spintronics and GMR*
- *Spin valves, spin switches, and spin tunneling*

Photoluminescence spectroscopy

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Electroluminescence: LED

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Electroluminescence: diode laser

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Diode laser: resonant longitudinal modes

Injection current, threshold gain, slope efficiency

Solid state lasers

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Plasmons

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Plasmonics

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Polarons

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Polarons

Electron Transfer

- **Electron transfer mediated by polar solvent fluctuations.**
- **Tunneling can occur when reactant and product are degenerate**

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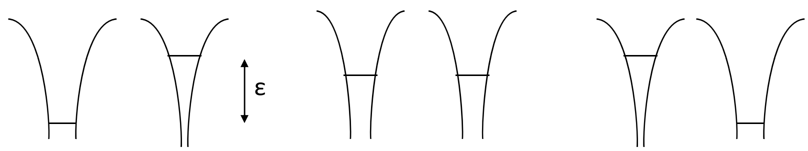

- **$\varepsilon = \varepsilon_{product} - \varepsilon_{reactant}$ is the energy gap or reaction coordinate**

R. A. Marcus, J. Chem. Phys. 43, 679 (1965)
A. Warshel, J. Chem. Phys. 86, 2218 (1982)
D. Chandler, Classical and Quantum Dynamics in Condensed Phase Simulations, pp. 25-49 (1998)

Ferrous-ferric self-exchange

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- ΔG is the free-energy barrier of the reaction
- λ (reorganization energy) is the difference in free energy between product and reactant in the optimum atomic configuration for the reactant

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The colour of gems

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Inelastic light scattering

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