Objectives

- (1) Understanding how light interacts with macro-properties of materials and their surfaces;
- (2) Understanding the interaction of light-waves at atomic level;
- (3) Energy exchange in light matter interaction, basics of spectroscopy;

Keywords: Material properties, wave-optics, laser, refractive-index.

Course Contents

Quantum Mechanics background: density operator, two level systems, second quantization of electromagnetic fields; Maxwell's Equations and the Dielectric Function: free charge, meaning of susceptibility and polarization response, bound electron polarization, causality & Kramers-Kronig relations; Optical Properties of Solids Liquids, and Gases: molecules, liquids, metals, insulators, semiconductors; Classical Treatment of Light-Matter Interaction: Lorentz oscillator, Drude model, Debye model, calculation of susceptibility and complex refractive index, Sellmeier equations and Abbe number, electronic transitions in atoms, anharmonic classical oscillator model, second order effects, third order effects, molecular rotational/vibrational transitions in molecules, dipole-active and Raman-active modes, phonons in solids, acoustic modes, optical modes, magneto-optic effects; Quantum mechanical description of light matter interaction: time dependent Schrödinger equation, Fermi Golden Rule, Kronig-Penney Model and Energy bands, Band gaps, Excitons, impurities (n- and p-type), Thermal distributions (Bose-Einstein, Fermi-Dirac, Maxwell-Boltzmann)

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