Advanced topics in condensed matter (ATCOMA) (together with "Experimental Techniques")

(Acronym: PHY-VFATCM)

Lectures on:	Wednesdays, 16:15-17:45
Auditorium:	C9A03 (in person)
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<u>Synopsis</u>

The series of lectures will present advanced topics in condensed matter physics.

It will be complementary to "BM KoMa" (basic module condensed matter).

The course can be taken in parallel with or subsequent to "BM KoMa".

We will introduce each topic with a brief revision of the basics and explore it in depth.

We will cover theoretical concepts as well as experimental methods.

All blocks from "BM KoMa" will be covered, i.e. Block I (structures and their dynamics),

Block II (electrons) and Block III (ordering phenomena and phase transitions, including e.g. magnetism).

The course will be useful for bachelor, master and PhD students.

Selected keywords

- Crystal structures and scattering of X-rays and neutrons
- Lattice dynamics and inelastic scattering of neutrons from phonons
- Determination of electron band structure using photoelectron spectroscopy
- Linear response theory and optical properties
- Ordering phenomena
- Phase transitions

Link at group homepage

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ATCOMA road map for today



Who are we ? (lecturers) Who are you ? (audience) Why study condensed matter ? Length, time, and energy scales Some relevant numbers Table of contents / Block I / II / III Examples Interaction of waves with matter

Why study condensed matter ?

inspired by Steven H. Simon, The Oxford Solid State Basics

- 1) because it is the world around us
- ... why are metals shiny and why do they feel cold ?
- ... why is glass transparent ?
- ... why is rubber soft and stretchy ?
- 2) because it is useful
- ... applications; all sorts of materials; construction; magnetic; electronic; optoelectronic (solar cells, LEDs) ...
- 3) because it is deep and reductionism does not work
- ... new and collective effects / emergent phenomena
 - (phase transitions 1st vs 2nd order; magnetism; superconductivity;...)
- ... see Phil Anderson's argument on "more is different" (inability to reduce everything to the fundamental laws governing the behavior of elementary particles and then deduce from there the behavior of complex condensed matter
- ... this does not even work with the basic (but very fundamental !) appearance of different symmetries in crystals

Condensed matter (co)determines history "Without materials, there is nothing"



Phase diagrams and the melting of ice

17 different crystalline forms of ice known as f(T,p): Differences in ordering and density



- H2O is material with the most known anomalies (Density etc.)
- High melting and evaporation (than other light molecules)
- High heat capacity (important for climate)
- all 3 states found on Earth



https://www.weltderphysik.de/thema/hinter-den-dingen/eis-ist-nicht-gleich-eis/

Crystals: From "Nano" to "Mega"





Gold-Nano-Crystaly (some nm)

Structure determination as a challenge Watari et al., Nature Materials 2011 Schreiber, Nature Materials 2011





Gypsum-Crystals (up to 12 m) CaSO₄·2H₂O Naica-Mine, Mexico

Ultraslow growth rates of giant gypsum crystals A. E. S. Van Driessche et al., PNAS (2011)

galaxy ~ 10^{21} m

Length scales





πάντα ῥεῖ (everything flows)



Time scales

πάντα ῥεῖ (everything flows)





http://ramadan.50megs.com/IGC Temperature.htm

Some relevant numbers

- Length scales ... Angstroems, i.e. 0.1 nm
- ... relevant for inter-atomic distances
- Energy for Angstroem wavelength ... 12 keV (X-rays) ... or 80 meV (neutrons)
- ... relevant for scattering experiments
- Wavelength for 2 eV energy ... 600 nm
- ... relevant for band structure and gap, e.g. for photovoltaics
- Thermal energy near room temperature $k_B T(300 \text{ K}) = 25 \text{ meV}$
- ... relevant for thermal excitations of lattice vibrations, electrons etc
- ... incidentally (and favorably) near that of 1 Å –neutrons, i.e. ... 80 meV

Road map of ATCOMA loosely connected to BM KoMa Sub-themes:

... how to probe the properties of condensed matter?

Block I Structure and dynamics

- how to probe structures
- how to probe dynamics
- some deeper insight into dynamics (non-linearities etc)

Block II Electronic and optical properties ... how to measure the bandstructure ? ... fundamentals of response functions and Kramers-Kronig relationship

Block III Magnetism and other ordering phenomena localized vs itinerant magnetism phase transitions

Block I ... preview

Structures g(r) and their Dynamics G(r,t)

From single atoms to solids

- $S(q) \sim FT[g(r)]$
- Definition and description of crystal structures
- Determination of crystal structures
- Quasi-crystals, liquid crystals and other forms of condensed matter

Condensed matter with dynamics

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- $S(q,\omega) \sim FT[G(r,t)]$
- Lattice vibrations (phonons)
- Diffusion





Structures g(r) and their Dynamics G(r,t)

From single atoms to solids

Distinction by dynamics ?

• S(q) ~ FT[g(r)]

• S(q,ω) ~ FT[G(r,t)]



Block II ... preview

Electronic bandstructure E(k) and photo-excitation in a periodic potential



Observe energy and momentum conservation to resolve bandstructure E(k)



 $M + hv \rightarrow M^+ + e^-$

- X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) hv = 50 ... 5000 eV
- Ultraviolet photoelectron spectroscopy (UPS) hv = 10 ... 50 eV

Angle-resolved photoelectron spectroscopy (ARPES)





$$\boldsymbol{E}_{kin} = h\nu - \phi - |\boldsymbol{E}_{\boldsymbol{B}}|$$



Kinetic Energy (eV)

example: soft x-ray ARPES on Sr₂Ru_{1.x}Ti_xO₄

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Block III ... preview

Magnetic Structures and their Dynamics

From single atoms to solids

- Exchange interactions
- Criteria for stabilizing magnetic order
- Magnetic structures

Condensed matter with dynamics

- Spinwaves (magnons)
- Detection of magnetic excitations





- Wikipedia
- Nanomaterials 2017
- Pradip, PRL 2016

How to address these questions quantitatively?

- Scattering of waves from condensed matter
- ... elastic scattering ... no energy exchange with solid
- ... inelastic scattering ... energy exchange with solid
- ... absorption ... and possibly emission of (other) particle

... diffraction

- ... spectroscopy
- ... spectroscopy



- Need to know cross sections relevant for interaction
- This is what we do today (1st lecture) for elastic scattering

Scattering of X-rays from electrons (classical picture)





Scattering of X-rays from electrons (classical picture)



Amplitude of electron's oscillations

 $d = -\frac{eE_0}{m\omega^2}e^{-i\omega t}$

Electric field radiated by the electron

$$E \propto -\frac{e^2}{mc^2} E_0 e^{-i\omega t}$$

Scattering vector

$$\vec{q} = \vec{k}_{out} - \vec{k}_{in}$$

 $|\vec{q}| = \frac{4\pi}{\lambda} \sin \theta$

Scattering of X-rays from electrons (classical picture)

Calculation on blackboard

Scattering of X-rays from atoms



$$A = r_{e} \int \rho (\underline{r}) e^{i\underline{q} \cdot \underline{r}} d\underline{r}$$



Scattering of X-rays from atoms



Scattering of X-rays vs scattering of neutrons



http://worldsciencereport.blogspot.com/

Ren, Y., Zuo, X., Small Methods 2018, 2, 1800064