

CC-XII: Solid State Physics (32221502)

Credit: 06 (Theory-04, Practical-02) Theory: 60 Hours Practical: 60 Hours

Course Objective

This course introduces the basic concepts and principles required to understand the various properties exhibited by condensed matter, especially solids. It enables the students to appreciate how the interesting and wonderful properties exhibited by matter depend upon its atomic and molecular constituents. The gained knowledge helps to solve problems in solid state physics using relevant mathematical tools. It also communicates the importance of solid-state physics in modern society.

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of the module students should be able to

- Elucidate the concept of lattice, crystals and symmetry operations.
- Understand the elementary lattice dynamics and its influence on the properties of materials.
- Describe the main features of the physics of electrons in solids: origin of energy bands, and their influence electronic behaviour.
- Explain the origin of dia-, para-, and ferro-magnetic properties of solids.
- Explain the origin of the dielectric properties exhibited by solids and the concept of polarizability.
- Understand the basics of phase transitions and the preliminary concept and experiments related to superconductivity in solid.
- In the laboratory students will carry out experiments based on the theory that they have learned to measure the magnetic susceptibility, dielectric constant, trace hysteresis loop. They will also employ to four probe methods to measure electrical conductivity and the hall set up to determine the hall coefficient of a semiconductor.

Unit 1

Crystal Structure: Solids: Amorphous and Crystalline Materials. Lattice Translation Vectors. Lattice with a Basis. Types of Lattices. Unit Cell, Symmetry and Symmetry Elements. Miller Indices. Reciprocal Lattice. Brillouin Zones. Diffraction of X-rays: single crystal and powder method. Bragg's Law, Laue Condition. Ewalds' construction. Atomic and Geometrical Factor. Simple numerical problem on SC, BCC, FCC. **(14 Lectures)**

Unit 2

Elementary Lattice Dynamics: Lattice Vibrations and Phonons: Linear Monoatomic and Diatomic Chains. Acoustical and Optical Phonons. Qualitative Description of the Phonon Spectrum in Solids. Dulong and Petit's Law, Einstein and Debye theories of specific heat of solids. T3law. **(10 Lectures)**

Unit 3

Electrons in Solids: Electrons in metals- Introduction to Drude Model, Density of states (1-D, 2-D, 3-D) (basic idea), Elementary band theory: Kronig Penney model. Band Gap, direct and indirect bandgap. Effective mass, mobility, Hall Effect (Metal and Semiconductor). **(10 Lectures)**

Unit 4

Magnetic Properties of Matter: Dia-, Para-, Ferri- and Ferromagnetic Materials. Classical Langevin Theory of dia- and Para- magnetism. Hund's rule. Weiss's Theory of Ferromagnetism and Ferromagnetic Domains. Curie's law. B-H Curve. soft and hard material and Energy Loss Hysteresis. **(9 Lectures)**

Unit 5

Dielectric Properties of Materials: Polarization. Local Electric Field in solids. Depolarization Field. Electric Susceptibility. Polarizability. Clausius Mossotti Equation. Classical Theory of Electric Polarizability. AC polarizability, Normal and Anomalous Dispersion. Complex Dielectric Constant. Langevin-Debye equation. **(9 Lectures)**

Unit 6

Introduction to basics of phase transitions: Landau theory for ferromagnetic materials (No derivation). **(3 Lectures)**

Superconductivity: Experimental Results. Critical Temperature. Critical magnetic field. Meissner effect. Type I and type II Superconductors, London's Equation and Penetration Depth. Isotope effect. Idea of BCS theory (No derivation). **(5 Lectures)**

References for Theory:

Essential Readings:

1. Introduction to Solid State Physics, Charles Kittel, 8th Ed., 2004, Wiley India Pvt. Ltd.
2. Elements of Solid-State Physics, J.P. Srivastava, 2nd Ed., 2006, Prentice-Hall of India.
3. Introduction to Solids, Leonid V. Azaroff, 2004, Tata Mc-Graw Hill.
4. Solid State Physics, N.W. Ashcroft and N.D. Mermin, 1976, Cengage Learning.
5. Solid-state Physics, H. Ibach and H. Luth, 2009, Springer.

Additional Readings

1. Elementary Solid State Physics, M.Ali Omar, 2006, Pearson
2. Solid State Physics, Rita John, 2014, McGraw Hill
3. Solid State Physics, M.A. Wahab, 2011, Narosa Publications.