### Advanced Vitreous State - The Physical Properties of Glass



**Passive Optical Properties of Glass** 

Lecture 2:

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### Spectrometers:

• No spectrometer has light sources and detectors that cover the entire range of wavelength, we need two types of spectrometers to fully characterize a glass optical window.



# Spectrometers:

- Most spectrometer consist of three parts:
  - A light source covering the range of interest (infrared, UV etc..)
  - A monochromator to discriminate wavelengths
  - A detector to measure the transmitted intensity through the sample



# UV- Vis - NIR Spectrometers:

 Typically covers a range of wavelength from 180 nm to 3000 nm which include UV, visible and near infrared.

#### LIGHT SOURCE

**Deuterium lamp** are used as light source for the **UV** range.

Tungsten or halogen lamps are used for the visible region.

#### MONOCHROMATOR

Gratings are more efficient, smaller and cheaper than prism.

#### DETECTOR UV-Vis(180-860nm)

Photomultipliers tube (PMT):

#### Charge Coupled Device (CCD): Silicon semiconductor









#### DETECTOR NIR (860-3000nm)

InGaAs: 860-2000nm

PbS: 2000-3000nm



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# FTIR Spectrometers:

•Typically covers the wavelength range from 2  $\mu$ m (2000 nm) to 30  $\mu$ m which includes all molecular vibrations

#### LIGHT SOURCE

**Glow bar:** Black body Radiations (heated coil of **silicon carbide**)

#### INTERFEROMETER

(Not technically a MONOCHROMATOR)

**Pyroelectric Detectors** 

MCT (HgCdTe)

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DETECTOR



highly sensitive for low intensity





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# Reflection spectroscopy.



Important in glass window industry to assess solar reflectance of glass and coatings

# Scattering:



Scattering intensity at variable wavelength can be estimated using an integrating sphere detector.



Complementary measurements of transmittance, diffuse transmittance, reflection and scattering allow to extract the contribution of each effects.

## Refraction

When light propagates into a material, it polarizes the medium:  $n = \sqrt{\mathcal{E}}$ 

This interaction slows down the light to a velocity v < c according to:  $n = \frac{C}{v}$ 

• A consequence of that change in velocity is **refraction** which bends a light ray as it proceeds into a medium of different refractive index.



• The angle of refraction depends on the difference in refractive index between the two mediums according to Snell's law:

$$\sin\theta_1 = \frac{n_2}{n_1}\sin\theta_2$$

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A charge sitting at the interface must feel only one frequency ( $\omega$ ). However the wave propagating in the glass has a lower velocity v<c. This means the distance between two crest ( $\lambda$ ) must be shorter.

$$\lambda_0 = \frac{2\pi c}{\omega}$$
 and  $\lambda = \frac{2\pi v}{\omega}$ 

The only way to achieve this is for the wave to travel at a different angle.

### Total internal reflection

- According to the relationship  $\sin \theta_1 = \frac{n_2}{n_1} \sin \theta_2$  if  $n_2 > n_1$  then  $\theta_1 > \theta_2$
- And as  $\theta_2$  becomes larger,  $\theta_1$  gradually approaches tangency with the boundary.



- At the critical angle  $\theta_c$  the refracted beam reach the surface and  $\theta_1$ =90°
- The value of the critical angle is given by  $\sin \theta_c = \frac{n_1}{n_2}$
- For all angle angle  $\theta_2$  larger than the critical angle  $\theta_c$  all the light is reflected back into the incident medium. This process is known as **total internal reflection**.

## Refractive Index measurement

Refraction angle measurements are the method of choice for accurate determination of refractive index n.



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# Refractive Index measurement

Standard techniques for index characterization in film:



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Optical Window of Glasses:



### Correlation between Quantum and Classic models

### **Classic:**

light=wave electron=particle

frequency  $\omega_0$ 



Absorption occurs when light wave frequency  $\omega_0$  is equal to the resonant frequency of oscillator

### **Quantum:**

light=photon electron=wave

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{8\pi^2 m}{h^2} (E - V)\psi = 0$$



Absorption occurs when photon energy  $h\omega_0$  is equal to the difference between electronic levels  $\Delta E = E_2 - E_1$ 

### Quantum Description of Electrons in Solids

Electrons behave as standing wave and are described by wavefunctions  $\psi$ which are solutions to the Schrodinger equation.  $\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{8\pi^2 m}{h^2} (E - V)\psi = 0$ 



#### Bloch function

### Electronic Band Structure

• On the short wavelength side, light absorption is due to electronic transitions across energy levels in the band structure.



### Transparent solids:





Si 
$$E_g=1.1 \text{ eV}$$



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Semiconductor

# Transparent solids:

- A solid with bandgap  $E_g$  has a cut off wavelength define as  $\lambda_c = hc/E_g$ .
- The solid will absorb photons of wavelength shorter than  $\lambda_c$  (higher energy photons) and be transparent for photons with wavelength longer than  $\lambda_c$  (lower energy photon).



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### Optical window of transparent materials

• Due to bandgap absorption, solids filter out all the visible light with wavelength shorter than  $\lambda_c$  and appear colored.



### Band edge in glass

CRYSTAL





Bloch function  $\Psi(r) \propto e^{ik.r} U(r)$ 

 Electrons: delocalized.

• Density of state: sharp band.

GLASS





 $\alpha_{\rm L}$ : Localization Length  $\alpha_{\rm L} \propto (\xi_{\rm o} - \xi)$  $\Psi(r) \propto \exp(-\alpha_{\rm L} r)$ 

- *Electrons: localized at the top of band.*
- Density of state: spread out.

### Band edge in glass





BAND TAILING IN THE DENSITY OF STATE

OPTICAL ABSORPTION EDGES OF AMORPHOUS SEMICONDUCTORS

# It is the localized states in the sub-bandgap region which are excited during photoinduced processes.

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### Classical and Quantum model of vibrations:

• CLASSICAL



• QUANTUM



- From equation of motion:  $\bar{\upsilon} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{k \left(\frac{1}{m_1} + \frac{1}{m_2}\right)}$
- From Schrodinger's wave equation:

$$E_n = (n + \frac{1}{2})\frac{h}{2\pi}\sqrt{k\left(\frac{1}{m_1} + \frac{1}{m_2}\right)} = (n + \frac{1}{2})h\upsilon$$

### Multiphonon vibrations:

• In solids, many atoms vibrate cooperatively in response to the electric field.



• Due to the large number of atoms there are many many types of vibrational modes, and the solids can absorb infrared light over a wide range of energies (wavelength)

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### Multiphonon edge in glass:



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