

Course Code	21PYB102J	Course Name	SEMICONDUCTOR PHYSICS AND COMPUTATIONAL METHODS				Course Category	B	Basic Sciences				L	T	P	C
Pre-requisite Courses	Nil		Co-requisite Courses	Nil		Progressive Courses	Nil									
Course Offering Department		Physics and Nanotechnology				Data Book / Codes/Standards		Nil								

Course Learning Rationale (CLR):	The purpose of learning this course is to:
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Program Outcomes (PO)

CLR-1 :	Introduce band gap and Fermi level in semiconductors and how to compute those properties
CLR-2 :	Explain the concept of carrier transport mechanism in p-n and metal semiconductor junction
CLR-3 :	Provide an insight on semiconductor optical transitions and photovoltaic effect
CLR-4 :	Procure knowledge of electrical and optical measurements in semiconductor and to instigate the concepts of TCAD
CLR-5 :	Develop necessary skills for low dimensional semiconductor material processing and characterization and to introduced the basic of machine learning in image processing
CLR-6 :	Utilize the concepts in semiconductors physics and computational methods for the application in engineering and technology

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Engineering Knowledge	Problem Analysis	Design & Development	Analysis, Design, Research	Modern Tool Usage	Society & Culture	Environment & Sustainability	Ethics	Individual & Team Work	Communication	Project Mgt. & Finance	Life Long Learning
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Course Outcomes (CO):	At the end of this course, learners will be able to:
CO-1 :	Understand and compute energy band in solids and electron occupation probability
CO-2 :	Understand and analyze the working of optoelectronic devices
CO-3 :	Apply the knowledge to the development of new and novel optoelectronic devices
CO-4 :	Understand the working mechanism of electrical and optical measurements and gain the fundamentals of TCAD
CO-5 :	Acquire knowledge of the low dimensional semiconductor material fabrication and characterization and gain insights of the concepts of machine learning
CO-6 :	Apply the concepts of semiconductors physics and computational methods in real time application

Unit-1: ENERGY BANDS IN SOLIDS

18 Hours

Introduction to Classical Free electron theory-Introduction to Quantum Free electron theory-Density of states-Concepts-Energy band in solids-Kronig-Penney model-E-k diagram-Direct and Indirect band gap-Concept of phonons-Concept of Brillouin Zone-Computational determination of Band Structure – Concepts , Eigenvalue equations-Classification of electronic materials-Fermi level-Probability of occupation-Numerical determination of probability of occupation and carrier concentration-Concept of Fermi surface of a metal-Computational determination of Fermi Surface of Cu as example.

Experiments

1. Determination of Hall coefficient of Semiconductor material
2. Determination of Band Gap of semiconductor-Post Office Box method

Unit-2: CARRIER TRANSPORT MECHANISM IN SEMICONDUCTORS

18 Hours

Intrinsic semiconductor-Dependence of Fermi level on carrier-concentration-and temperature in Intrinsic semiconductor-Extrinsic semiconductors-Dependence of Fermi level on carrier-concentration-and temperature in extrinsic semiconductors-Explanation for carrier generation-Explanation for recombination processes -Carrier transport - diffusion and drift current-Continuity equation-p-n junction-Biasing concept in p-n junction-Metal-semiconductor junction -Ohmic contact -Semiconductor materials of interest for optoelectronic devices-Photocurrent in a P-N junction diode- Light emitting diode- Classification of Light emitting diodes-Optoelectronic integrated circuits-Organic light emitting diodes

Experiments

3. Determination of Band Gap of semiconductor-Four probe method
4. Study of I-V characteristics of a light dependent resistor-(LDR)
5. Study of V-I and V-R characteristics , Efficiency of a solar cell

Unit-3: OPTOELECTRONIC PROPERTIES OF SEMICONDUCTORS

18 Hours

Concept of optical transitions in bulk semiconductor- Optical absorption process-Concept of recombination process-Optical recombination process-Explanation for spontaneous emission-Explanation for stimulated emission-Joint density of states in semiconductor-Density of states for photons-Explanation of transition rates-Numerical computation of optical loss-Finite element method to calculate Photon density of states -Basic concepts of Photovoltaic-Photovoltaic effect-Applications of Photovoltaic effect-Determination of efficiency of a PV cell-Computational approach to calculate optical excitations-Example: optical excitation in BN (Boron nitride)

Experiments

6. Characterization of pn junction diode (Forward and reverse bias)
7. Verify Inverse square law of light using a photo cell.

Unit-4: ELECTRICAL AND OPTICAL MEASUREMENTS

18 Hours

Concept of electrical measurements-Two point probe technique-Four point probe technique-linear method-Four point probe technique-Vander Pauw method-Significance of carrier density-Significance of resistivity and Hall mobility-Hot-point probe measurement-Capacitance-voltage measurements-Extraction of parameters in a diode-I-V characteristics of a diode-Introduction of TCAD in basic level- Significance of band gap in semiconductors-Concept of absorption and transmission-Boltzmann Transport Equation-Scattering Mechanisms-Monte Carlo method- Concept only-Example only Monte Carlo Methods for Solution of BTE(Boltzmann equation)

Experiments

8. Determination of electron and hole mobility versus doping concentration using GNU Octave
9. Determination of Fermi function for different temperature using GNU Octave
10. Study of attenuation and propagation characteristic of optical fiber cable using laser source

Unit-5: LOW DIMENSIONAL SEMICONDUCTOR MATERIALS

Density of states in 2D-Density of states in 1D and 0D-Introduction to low dimensional systems-Quantum well-Quantum wire and dots-Introduction to novel low dimensional systems -CNT- properties and synthesis-Applications of CNT-Fabrication technique-CVD-Fabrication technique-PVD-Characterizations techniques for low dimensional systems- Principle of electron microscopy-Scanning electron microscopy-Transmission electron microscopy-Atomic force microscope-Computational and machine learning approach for electron microscopy image processing – Concepts, overview-Example of Graphene

Experiments

11. Plotting and interpretation of I-V characteristics of Diode GNU Octave

12. Determination of lattice parameters using powder XRD

13. Mini Project

Learning Resources	1 J. Singh, "Semiconductor Optoelectronics": Physics and Technology, McGraw-Hill Inc. 1995.	4. A. Yariv and P. Yeh, Photonics: "Optical Electronics in Modern Communications", Oxford University Press, New York 2007.
	2. B. E. A. Saleb and M. C. Teich, "Fundamentals of Photonics", John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 2007.	5. Computational Materials Science: An Introduction by June Gunn Lee, Chapter 7, Page 227- 230 (Quantum Espresso) and Page 300-307 (VASP)
	3. S. M. Sze, "Semiconductor Devices" Physics and Technology, Wiley 2008.	6. Finite Element Method GouriDhatt, Emmanuel Lefrançois, Gilbert Touzot, Wiley Publication, ISBN: 978-1-848-21368-5

	Bloom's Level of Thinking	Continuous Learning Assessment (CLA) - By the Course Faculty				By The CoE	
		Formative CLA-1 Average of unit test (45%)		Life Long Learning CLA-2- Practice (15%)		Summative Final Examination (40% weightage)	
		Theory	Practice	Theory	Practice	Theory	Practice
Level 1	Remember	20	-	-	10	20	-
Level 2	Understand	20	-	-	30	20	-
Level 3	Apply	30	-	-	20	30	-
Level 4	Analyze	30	-	-	40	30	-
Level 5	Evaluate	-	-	-	-	-	-
Level 6	Create	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	100 %		100 %		100 %	

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